

Jacksonville honors fallen heroes

From staff

Tri-base Sailors from NAS Jax, NS Mayport and NSB Kings Bay, Ga. participated in several Memorial Day events in Northeast Florida May 27.

Downtown Jacksonville

At the Duval County Veterans Memorial Wall near Everbank Field, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris declared, "The names on the wall behind me are the real heroes here. This is a fantastic Memorial Day tribute to the fallen and we will always remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders and NS Mayport Commanding Officer Capt. Douglas Cochrane, along with other military representatives, participated in wreath laying ceremonies to honor those killed while on active duty.

Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown spoke about the city's unique military makeup and why we should forever honor those who lost their lives while serving.

"On Memorial Day we gather to renew our nation's spirit; to honor those who have invested their lives, not only in our freedom but in the lives of our chil-



A young girl uses a crayon to trace the name of a loved one from the Duval County Veterans Memorial Wall in Jacksonville, prior to the start of the Memorial Day Observance.

Photo by MC2 Marcus Stanley

dren and grandchildren," said Brown.

"In a city like Jacksonville, where nearly a quarter of the population is tied to the mili-

tary, we understand this unlike anywhere else and we honor those men and women not just today, but every day."

During the ceremony, each

military branch dedicated a wreath to those who gave their lives from their respective organizations, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing

of taps.

"It's nice to be invited and that they're honoring my hus-

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Navy Triton unmanned aircraft completes first flight

From Naval Air Systems Command Public Affairs

The Navy's newest unmanned Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft platform, the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), completed its first flight at Palmdale, Calif. May 22, marking the start of tests that will validate the Northrop Grumman-built system for future fleet operations.

During the 80-minute flight in restricted airspace, the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft, controlled by ground-based Navy and Northrop Grumman personnel, reached 20,000 feet altitude.

"This flight represents a significant milestone for the Triton team," said Rear Adm. Mat Winter, who leads the Program Executive Office for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons at Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.

"The work they have done and will continue to do is critical to the future of naval aviation, particularly to our maritime patrol and reconnaissance



Photo by Bob Brown

The Northrop Grumman-built Triton unmanned aircraft system completed its first flight May 22 from the company's manufacturing facility in Palmdale, Calif. The 90-minute flight successfully demonstrated control systems that allow Triton to operate autonomously. Triton is specially designed to fly surveillance missions up to 24 hours at altitudes of more than 10 miles, allowing coverage out to 2,000 nautical miles. The system's advanced suite of sensors can detect and automatically classify different types of ships.

community."

The MQ-4C Triton provides the fleet with a game-changing persistent mari-

time and littoral ISR data collection and dissemination capability, said Winter.

It will be a key component of the Navy's

Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force family of systems.

As an adjunct to the manned P-8A Poseidon, the MQ-4C Triton will be a major part of the military's surveillance strategy for the Asia and Pacific regions. The Triton will fly missions for 24 hours at altitudes greater than 10 miles, allowing the system to monitor 2,000 nautical miles of ocean and littoral areas.

The P-8A Poseidon is the Navy's new multi-mission maritime aircraft that is replacing the P-3C Orion anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

"When operational, the MQ-4C will complement our manned P-8 because it can fly for long periods, transmit its information in real-time to units in the air and on the ground, as well as use fewer resources than previous surveillance aircraft," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group commander, who also witnessed the test flight.

"Triton will bring an unprecedented ISR capability to the warfighter."

Buck added, "The arrival of Triton,

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Hurricane season starts June 1, prepare now



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

NAS Jax Emergency Management Officer Ray Edmond is interviewed by local media to discuss how the installation prepares for the upcoming hurricane season and the collaboration between NAS Jax and surrounding counties.

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

With hurricane season fast approaching on June 1, the NAS Jax Emergency Management Team is busy ensuring station personnel and tenant commands know their disaster plan requirements not only at work, but also at home. Hurricane season runs June 1 through Nov. 30.

"We continually monitor tropical systems watching for signs of development and projected track," said NAS Emergency Management Officer Ray Edmond. "As a tropical storm or hurricane develops and it looks like our area falls into that cone of uncertainty, that's when we begin making those preparations and set our conditions of readiness (COR)."

According to Edmond, it's not just the hurricane force winds that cause destruction, but

tornadoes and flooding due to storm surge that can have leave devastating effects.

Edmond strongly recommends reviewing your home insurance policy because many plans don't cover damage caused by flooding unless you specifically purchase flood insurance.

"Make sure your insurance policy says what you think it says. Many people may have hurricane insurance but that doesn't always cover flooding. Unfortunately, many people have learned this lesson the hard way after their homes were flooded," he said.

The only hurricane on record that hit Jacksonville directly was Hurricane Dora in 1964. It caused substantial damage from wind and flooding. In south Florida, Hurricane Andrew, a category five storm, devastated the area.

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U.S. Navy photos

This North American SNJ-3 Texan (BuNo 6836) was used for intermediate pilot training at NAS Jacksonville in early 1942. Powered by the Pratt & Whitney R-1340-49 Wasp radial engine, it had a maximum speed of 205 mph. The U.S. Navy received 270 SNJ-3 Texans.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

May 30

1814 - Navy gunboats capture three British boats on Lake Ontario near Sandy Creek, N.Y.

May 31

1900 - Sailors and Marines from USS Newark and USS Oregon arrive at Peking, China with other Sailors and Marines from Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan to protect U.S. and foreign diplomatic legations from the Boxers.

1919 - The Navy NC-4 transatlantic mission ends at Plymouth, England.

1944 - USS England (DE-635) sank a record sixth Japanese submarine in 13 days.

June 1

1813 - HMS Shannon captures USS Chesapeake. As Capt. James Lawrence was carried below, he ordered, "Tell the men to fire faster! Don't give up the ship!" These words would live on in naval history.

Oliver Hazard Perry honored his dead friend Lawrence when he had the motto sewn onto his private battle flag flown during the Battle of Lake Erie.

1871 - Rear Adm. Rodgers lands in Korea with a party of Sailors and Marines and captures five forts to secure protection for U.S. citizens after Americans were fired upon and murdered.

1914 - General Order 99 prohibits alcohol on board naval vessels, at navy yards or at naval stations.

1915 - First contract for Navy lighter-than-air aircraft.

1939 - Director of the Naval Research Laboratory, Capt. Hollis Cooley, proposes research in atomic energy for future use in nuclear powered submarine.

1944 - ZP-14 airships complete first crossing of Atlantic by non-rigid lighter-than-air aircraft.

1954 - First test of steam cat-



Training aircraft on the NAS Jacksonville parking ramp, June 21, 1942. Planes closest to the camera are North American SNJ Texan intermediate flight trainers. Those beyond include the Stearman N2S primary flight trainers and the Ryan NR-1 primary flight trainers. By 1942, the station was assigned 85 SNJ-3 Texans, 208 N2S Stearmans and 100 NR-1 Ryans. Through 1943, the airfield averaged two takeoffs and landings every minute of every day.

apult on board USS Hancock (CV-19).

June 2

1861 - USS Perry captures Confederate privateer Savannah.

1941 - First aircraft escort vessel, USS Long Island (ACG-1), commissioned, then reclassified as an auxiliary aircraft carrier (AVC-1) and finally reclassified in 1943 as an escort carrier (CVE-1).

June 3

1785 - Order to sell last ship remaining in Continental Navy, frigate Alliance. No other Navy ships were authorized until 1794.

1898 - Collier Merrimac sunk in channel leading to Santiago, Cuba in unsuccessful attempt to trap Spanish fleet. The crew was captured and later

received the Medal of Honor.

1949 - Wesley Brown becomes the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

1966 - Launch of Gemini 9, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Eugene Cernan. The mission included 45 orbits over three days. Recovery was by USS Wasp (CVS-18).

June 4

1934 - USS Ranger (CV-4), first ship designed from the keel up as a carrier, is commissioned at Norfolk, Va.

1942 - Battle of Midway (June 4-6) begins. During battle, the four Japanese carriers that attacked Pearl Harbor were sunk. This decisive U.S. victory is a turning point in the Pacific war.

1944 - Hunter-killer group

USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60) captures German submarine, U-505.

June 5

1794 - First officers of the U.S. Navy under the United States Constitution are appointed. The first six captains appointed to superintend the construction of new ships were John Barry, Samuel Nicholson, Silas Talbot, Joshua Barney, Richard Dale and Thomas Truxtun.

1917 - The first military unit is sent to Europe, the Naval Aeronautical Detachment, reaches France on board the collier USS Jupiter (AC-3). In 1920, Jupiter was converted and commissioned as USS Langley (CV-1), the Navy's first aircraft carrier.

1945 - Typhoon off Okinawa damages many U.S. Navy ships.

The Tomb of the Unknowns

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

There is no better place to understand the true meaning of Memorial Day than at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns. This is one of the few places in America where "Memorial Day" does not automatically equal "barbecue" and "picnics," or worse, "mattress sale."

The boys and I were able to visit Arlington National Cemetery in April while Dustin was working at the Pentagon. (As an aside, there are spectacular views of the Pentagon and the rest of Washington, D.C., from the cemetery.) I was a little nervous about bringing my youngest, Lindell, because he is seldom quiet or appropriate. But no one — not even a spotlight-loving 6-year-old — can help but feel the solemnity of the rolling green fields dotted with white headstones. They are perfectly spaced in neat rows that seem to ride on the hills like a wave. For one of the first times in Lindell's life, he was speechless.

I've been a military dependent since the day I was born, but this was my first time to see Arlington National Cemetery, too. Like Lindell, I was moved to silence.

Because the cemetery is a major tourist destination, there are parts of the grounds that feel like most other attractions: people enter and exit beside the gift shop, lines form for well-timed trams that move visitors across the 624-acre cemetery, and a tour guide relays facts and information through an intercom on the tram. Yet once you get past these necessary trappings, which keep nearly 4 million yearly visitors moving through the grounds in an orderly fashion, there is silence. And even farther away still, tucked between some of the 8,000 trees — many of which, according to the cemetery's Web site, are more than 200 years old — there is the Tomb of the Unknowns. Here, there is near total silence.

The Tomb of the Unknowns, a white marble sarcophagus, is on a hill that overlooks most of the cemetery and Washington, D.C. Engraved in the marble is: "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God." Directly beneath the sarcophagus lies the remains of an unidentified soldier from WWI who was buried there in 1921. Later, the remains of unidentified soldiers from WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars were laid to rest at the Tomb as well.

Every day of the year, no matter the weath-

er (yes, even during hurricanes), and for all hours of the day, a sentinel from Company E of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment guards the tomb. Despite this regiment already being prestigious (they escort the president), only a select few can volunteer for and be accepted as a Tomb Guard. The sentinel must:

- Be between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet 4 inches tall
- Be in impeccable health and physical condition
- Have a perfect military record
- Memorize and recite seven pages of Arlington National Cemetery history
- Know the exact location of nearly 300 veterans' graves
- Get 95 percent or better on a rigorous exam of facts

Since 1958, only 400 individuals have been awarded the Tomb Guard badge. If you go to see the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknowns, you will see at least three of these soldiers. In a hushed ceremony where you can hear a pin drop (even with a six-year-old by your side), one sentinel is relieved by another while a relief commander oversees them. The ceremony is precise, yet fluid.

Once the new sentinel is in position, he begins his watch. This includes walking in an exact, 90 steps-per-minute cadence, marching 21 steps behind the Tomb, turning, facing east for 21 seconds, turning, facing north for 21 seconds, and then walking 21 steps to the other side. For decades, this same path has been walked every hour of the day and night on a quiet hill in Arlington National Cemetery overlooking our capitol. The cement in front of the Tomb even has worn places where each careful step has been taken — never too far to one side or the other, but always in the exact step of the sentinel before.

Much like Memorial Days that are cluttered with sales and barbecues, Arlington National Cemetery is increasingly encroached upon by a modern, capitalistic world filled with gift shops, trinkets and a "me" attitude.

But on that hill, no matter the weather or the time of day (even as you read this), someone is watching over the Tomb of the Unknowns. They are walking 21 steps, turning, waiting, turning again and walking another 21 steps.

They haven't forgotten. They never will. Every day is Memorial Day for them.

Hey, MoneyChic!

Hey, MoneyChic!

I am thinking about hurricane season and want to know what I should do to prepare financially for the storms to come. Any advice?

MoneyChic sez: Hurricane season is fast approaching and having a plan is a great idea. A question to ask yourself to start your hurricane preparation is will you stay or will you go? If you stay, there are a number of essentials you should plan to purchase ahead of time so you are not fighting the crowd to clear the local grocery store shelves. Purchasing ahead of time also allows you to spread the cost over a few months so it is not depleting your bank account in one month.

- These essentials include:
- Bottled water (it is recommended 3 gallons per person)
 - paper goods (plates, toilet paper, wet wipes)
 - baby items if children are in your household
 - pet supplies if there are animals in your household
 - all of your important documents preferably sealed in a waterproof container (bank account information, social security cards, birth certificates, etc.)
 - flashlights or battery operated lights
 - batteries
 - cash
 - non-perishable food
 - medications (stock up on refills now) and medical supplies
 - a working cell phone and car charger
 - first aid kit
 - gas can filled with gas and a full tank of gas in the car
 - full propane tank if you own a grill to have a way to prepare food if electricity is out

If you leave, it is still a good idea to pack a few essentials. Besides packing clothes and personal items for family members, including pets, it is important to have all of your paper documents with you for safekeeping. The financial cost of leaving the area for a storm will be greater than staying. The main expenses would be gas and hotel costs.

Think about where relatives live and if it would be more cost effective to drive there. No one can predict how long you will need to stay away if a storm makes landfall and damages the area. Locate military bases around the area and utilize their hotels if possible. Another key item to think about when traveling with a pet is which hotel will accept a pet with no additional fee. If you are on the road and need assistance, remember any military aid society or the American Red Cross can help.

It is always a good idea to keep cash on hand when a storm is predicted to hit. You never know when the electricity may go out and backup generators in stores stop working. Would you have the cash to make an essential purchase? Start saving now to be able to supply your family with the items that will keep them safe or help them be safe while evacuating.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help you plan for emergencies. Stop by the office outside the Yorktown Gate or call 542-2832.

Have questions for Hey, MoneyChic? Drop me an e-mail at megan.stolle@nmcrs.org.



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NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville holds change of command

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In a May 24 change of command ceremony, Capt. Duke Heinz relieved Capt. Kevin Head as the commanding officer (CO) of the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville.

The event took place aboard NAS Jacksonville with more than 100 guests in attendance. Twenty musicians from Navy Band Southeast provided music throughout the time-honored ceremony.

Following the invocation by NAS Jacksonville Command Chaplain (Cmdr.) Shannon Skidmore, keynote speaker, Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen, commander of NAVSUP Global Logistics Support, highlighted FLC Jacksonville's achievements under Capt. Head's



Photo by Kari Hansen

Capt. Duke Heinz (right) assumes his position as commanding officer of Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) Jacksonville during the May 24 ceremony at NAS Jacksonville Hangar 117. Outgoing CO Capt. Kevin Head (left) and guest speaker Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen, commander, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support, stand at attention.

command.

Head, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who took the helm of NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville in November 2011, had triumphed in leading some of the command's most

monumental accomplishments in the past 18 months.

In particular, Yuen praised FLC Jacksonville's operational flexibility in supporting the warfighter

through the strengthening of relationships with the Fleet, Allied and Joint Logistics partners, and other leading commands in the area including: Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command; Commander 4th Fleet; Commander Navy Region Southeast; and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

"Capt. Head's team awarded nearly 22,000 contracting actions during Fiscal Year 2012 alone and provided direct contracting support to the leading commands in the area which includes multiple aviation squadrons, ships, and submarines," said Yuen.

Capt. Head is bound for San Diego, where he will be chief of staff for NAVSUP GLS.

As NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville's new CO, Capt. Heinz will lead over 900 military, civilian and contractor personnel pro-

viding premier regional logistics support to 17 sites, 49 fleet units, and two industrial activities in seven Southeastern states and the Caribbean.

"FLC Jacksonville has a rich heritage of strong leadership, outstanding teamwork and outstanding customer support," said Heinz.

"I am extremely honored and excited for the opportunity to lead this absolutely superb team of professionals."

Heinz comes to NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville from Philadelphia, Pa., where he was director of aviation operations at NAVSUP Weapons Systems Support.

Throughout his career, he has served in key leadership positions. At sea, Heinz served as supply officer aboard USS Bergall (SSN 667).

He also served as S-1, S-6, and readiness officer on USS Enterprise (CVN

65) during Operation Desert Fox. Most recently, he was supply officer on board USS Nimitz (CVN 68), deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ashore, Heinz was assigned to NAS Lemoore, Calif.; the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team - Blue Angels; Naval Supply Systems Command; Office of Personnel, Millington, Tenn.; NAVSUP Weapons System Support, Philadelphia, Pa.; and to the staff of Chief of Naval Operations, Programming Division (N80).

NAVSUP Global Logistics Support, provides operational logistics, business and support services to the fleet, shore and industrial commands of the Navy, Coast Guard, Military Sealift Command, and other Joint Allied Forces.

VP-26 preparing for deployment to Japan

By Lt. j.g. Daniel Baker
VP-26 PAO

As the weather gets warmer and the citizens of Jacksonville get ready for summer, the service members and families of VP-26 are hard at work preparing to deploy to Kadena and Misawa Air bases in Japan to conduct multi-mission operations in the Pacific Command area of responsibility (PACOM AOR).

As their Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle (IDRC) comes to a close, every member of Team Trident is dedicated to supporting Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mark Sohaney's assumption of Commander, Task Group 72.2/72.4 and to ensure seamless turn-

overs with both VP-45's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. John Brabazon and VP-10's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Charles Stickney, who will be bringing their squadrons back to NAS Jacksonville. Whether hard at work around the hangar or spending time with families on pre-overseas movement (POM) leave, no minute is wasted.

Recently Team Trident conducted their operational readiness evaluation (ORE), a culmination of the IDRC, which tested the squadron's ability to execute its mission on deployment. ORE is conducted in four phases: (1) Written and verbal examinations of enlisted and officer aircrew members; (2) A

flight phase of at least one tactical mission per crew, evaluating tactical proficiency; (3) A weapon systems trainer phase for each crew; and (4) the conventional weapons technical proficiency inspection (CWTPI), wherein ordnance teams display their ability to load sonobuoys and weapons safely. Team Trident passed with flying colors.

Completion of ORE did not signal a time of rest for Team Trident, however. Until the squadron leaves for the PACOM AOR in late May, a steady operational pace is required in order to optimize the squadron's combat readiness as well as to integrate reserve aircrews and maintenance per-

sonnel from other squadrons, including VP-62, the reserve unit from CPRW-11 at NAS Jacksonville, as well as active duty aircrews from VP-1 and reserve aircrews from VP-69 based out of CPRW-10 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.

Team Trident families are preparing as well. In order to ensure home front readiness, personnel have attended deployment preparation meetings and are currently taking their POM leave. The VP-26 Ombudsmen and Family Support Group in conjunction with the NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, TRICARE health services, and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation provided a squadron-wide pre-deployment informational brief at Dewey's in April.

This combined effort focuses on ensuring squadron members and families receive the support they need before, during and even upon return from deployment.

As the Team Trident's time at home grows short, the opportunity to showcase their abilities, execute the mission and represent the United States throughout the Asia Pacific grows near. VP-26 is ready, excited and proud to cash in on the huge investments of time and hard work while operating across the PACOM AOR during this deployment.

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GMSN Michael Montgomery of Coastal Riverine Squadron Ten, serves as a simulated active shooter against the Auxiliary Security Force Academy students and fires paint rounds down the hall at them as they enter the building.



Auxiliary Security Force academy students take up tactical positions as they exchange gunfire - using paint rounds - with a simulated active shooter at the top of a stairwell.

Auxiliary Security Force academy students endure four weeks of training

By Lt. Kevin Wendt
Staff Writer

Numerous Sailors from NAS Jacksonville volunteered and were selected by their tenant commands to complete training in the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) academy, a four-week course held during the month of May, at the NAS Jax Police Department designed to shape them into an efficient security force for the base.

The Sailors were exposed to specialized training, with each week bringing new challenges. Week one consisted of both classroom and field exercises, with subjects such as use of deadly force, operational risk management, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and base-specific instructions being covered. Subsequent weeks involved a wide array of training ranging from weapons familiarization, the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) or pepper spray, specialized close quarters combat referred to as mechanical advantage control hold (MACH) takedowns, vehicle inspections and tactical team movements.

"We cover a huge range of subjects for these Sailors in a short time, and this training is highly specialized," explained Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jax Police Department. "When people see these Sailors they tend to think that they just guard the gate, but it's so much more than that. To get qualified for ASF, they have to endure some pretty rough training and show an ability to think through a potentially dangerous situation while utilizing all their resources in a responsible manner."

Syrek acknowledged the rigors of the training, and made sure to expose the students to situations that fully tested their decision-making skills. This was most evident when the ASF students engaged in tactical team movements during their last week, being subjected to a simulated exercise at the Navy Gateway Inn and Suites that involved active shooters, clearing rooms of the building, and coordinating their communication skills.

"With the short amount of time we have to train these Sailors, it is imperative that we expose them to many different types of scenarios they could encounter. If a dangerous situation develops that security needs to be there for, I want to make sure that I can rely on every Sailor who passes through the ASF Academy to use their training effectively," Syrek remarked.

The Sailors themselves were excited for the training and being able to serve the base. AS3 Michael Williams of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast stated, "I volunteered to join the ASF course not only because I wanted to learn something new, but because it's very important that our base is fully secure at all times. So many bad things have happened at various bases around the country, and the better we can be at dealing with potential threats, the more confidence I will have that NAS Jax will be fully equipped to complete its missions."

So the next time you pass through the gate of NAS Jax, remember that those "gate guards" are ASF Sailors who are highly trained and fully equipped to protect you from a wide array of threats.

Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jacksonville Police Department (right) guides Auxiliary Security Force academy students through simulated room clearing exercises at the Navy Gateway Inn and Suites during their tactical training phase. "This is an advanced environment for these students to learn in because there are so many rooms to clear. The key skill we want them to develop is to constantly communicate with each other about the situation they see," Syrek commented.



MA1 Victor Garcia, instructor with the NAS Jacksonville Police Department (rear left) instructs AS3 Michael Williams of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, in applying a proper mechanical advantage control hold (MACH) takedown in order to subdue his sparring partner ADAN Rustam Yapparov, with VP-30. "The purpose of the MACH takedown is to use the minimum amount of force necessary in conjunction with a suspect's momentum in order to get them to the ground and cuff them as quickly as possible, thus controlling the situation. It also serves to avoid injury to both the arresting officer and the suspect," explained Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jax Police Department.



Auxiliary Security Force Academy students subdue a simulated active shooter during their tactical movement training at Navy Gateway Inn and Suites.



Auxiliary Security Force Academy students practice spraying their classmates with fake Oleoresin Capsicum (OC). OC is another term for "pepper spray" and the cannisters depicted were filled with lime juice and water. "We are using fake OC today to get the students familiar with concealing, aiming, and spraying real OC if a suspect should attempt to rapidly close a short distance on them," commented Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jacksonville Police Department.



ET3 Derek Mitchem of NAS Jacksonville Air Operations (left) uses a mechanical advantage control hold to subdue an attacker after being sprayed with OC (pepper spray).



ADAN Rustam Yapparov of VP-30 (right) fights his way through the effects of OC (pepper spray) while fending off a simulated attacker with a baton.



AS3 Michael Williams of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (left) utilizes the baton training he received with the Auxiliary Security Force academy to beat back a simulated attacker.

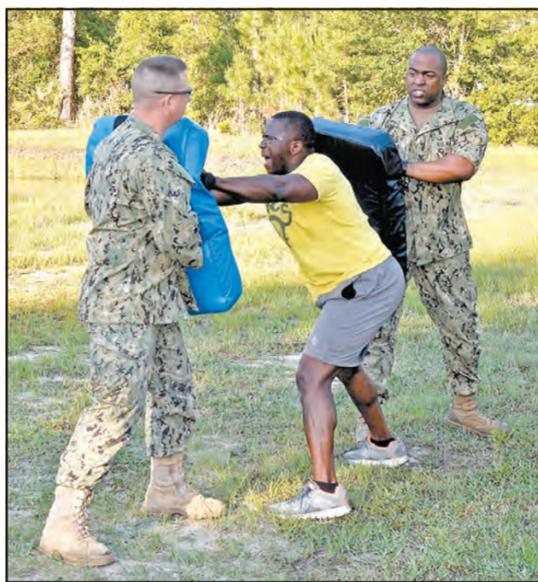
Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jacksonville Police Department (left), instructs Auxiliary Security Force academy students in safety and proper technique during dry fire sling drills, which prepared them for pistol qualifications at the shooting range at NSB Kings Bay, Ga.



Photos by Lt. Kevin Wendt



MA1(EXW) Ronald Hughes, an instructor with the NAS Jacksonville Police Department (left) shoots OC (pepper spray) at ADAN Rustam Yapparov of VP-30. "We spray the students with OC and subject them to that pain so they can learn that they do have the strength to fight through its effects," remarked Hughes.



ET3 Derek Mitchem of NAS Jacksonville Air Operations (center) uses a baton to fend off two attackers while suffering from the effects of OC (pepper spray). "The students are required to not only fight through the effects of OC, but also show they can defend themselves by displaying 15 seconds of quality strikes with their baton," commented Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jax Police Department.



Auxiliary Security Force academy students train in tactical movements at the Navy Gateway Inn and Suites. They wear protective gear to shield themselves from the paint rounds that are fired from their guns, while running through multiple scenarios that involve clearing rooms and subduing a simulated active shooter.



Auxiliary Security Force academy students ADAN Rustam Yapparov of VP-30 (left) and HN Bruce Cundiff of Naval Hospital Jacksonville, conduct a practice vehicle inspection. "The thought we try to drive home with the students is to conduct these inspections as efficiently and painlessly as possible, as we know it can be an inconvenience. We teach them to look for the obvious, and plant inert explosives devices in the cars to raise their awareness on where to inspect," commented Maj. Jerry Syrek, training officer with the NAS Jax Police Department.



Auxiliary Security Force academy students YN2 Joshua Jefferson of Navy Operational Support Center Jax (left) and HN Jason Farmer of Naval Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville, practice inspecting the trunk of a vehicle while keeping alert for simulated narcotics and inert explosive devices.

DLA Information Operations improves infrastructure in Jacksonville

By Cathy Hopkins
DLA Aviation Public Affairs

As part of Defense Logistics Agency Aviation's goals to improve support and productivity for industrial customers, DLA Information Operations continues to improve the computer infrastructure used by DLA Aviation employees in Jacksonville.

DLA Aviation Commander Brig. Gen. Mark Johnson traveled to Jacksonville April 16 to recognize and meet with DLA employees, interface with Navy senior leaders, and learn firsthand about proactive improvements being made prior to Inventory Management and Stock Positioning Spiral 2 software implementation in the first quarter of fiscal 2014.

"We have been working on the transition since January and as of April have moved roughly 90 percent of DLA Aviation employees to the DLA network," said Daniel Hudson, who works in New Cumberland, Pa., as the DLA Information Operations project manager for the Navy Marine Corps Intranet to DLA network transition.

There are approximately 140 end users at DLA Aviation in Jacksonville, made up of government and contractor personnel. Hudson said the transition has been going on since 2008, but recent changes will result in greater productivity by allowing employees access to many systems from one desktop computer, freeing them from the need to have two computers on their desktops and minimizing the number of computers we have to maintain by creating shared work areas to access Navy specific software they need.

Navy employees at Jacksonville transitioned "as is where is" to DLA Aviation when Base Realignment and Closure 2005 was implemented in 2008. Since that time, most users have been primarily operating computers hooked up to Navy Marine Corps Intranet for daily workload, links to Office of Personnel Management, other government websites, and email. DLA computers were primarily used for research activities in DLA Enterprise Business Systems, human resources, and training applications.



Photo by DLA Aviation Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Information Operations has been transitioning employees from the Navy Intranet to DLA network systems since January in preparation for IMSP Spiral 2 fielding in early 2014. The move will allow employees, like John Villanueva, a DLA Aviation equipment specialist, access to more needed business systems on one computer.

Today, almost every DLA Aviation user in Jacksonville has been fully transitioned to the DLA network. The final step of migrating data and reports from shared Navy network drives to DLA shared drives took place the week of May 6, according to Nora Zulich, chief, Planning and Support Division and IMSP Spiral 2 Implementation Team co-lead in Jacksonville. DLA Aviation employees still need access to some Navy systems, like the Navy's Uniform Automated Data Processing System II and Hazardous Material Management Systems, which aren't available on the DLA network.

"We have moved those computers strictly on the Navy intranet off Aviation employees' desktops and placed them in strategically placed kiosks for shared use," said Hudson.

While the computer hardware infrastructure is being improved, DLA Aviation's Business Process Support Directorate is ensuring employees have the latest, most up-to-date training in DLA's Enterprise Business Systems to prepare or in some cases refresh employees on the agency's business systems, as well as changes to the Navy's applications used by DLA employees.

The entire work force has so far been trained in Enterprise Business Systems Basic Navigation (January 2013) and Windows 7 (April 2013). Upcoming training by job role will be conducted for users needing access to Naval Air Systems Command Depot Maintenance Systems and DLA's EBS and Distribution Standard System applications.

DLA Information Operations is making similar improvements for operations at DLA Aviation's industrial support activities in San Diego and Cherry Point while employees there prepare for their scheduled implementation of IMSP Spiral 2 June 3 and during the second quarter of fiscal 2014, respectively.



Photo by Lt. Kevin Wendt

NAS Jacksonville Awards Quarters

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders, right, presents MA3 Alycia Delgado with the Junior Sailor of the Quarter award. Others receiving awards include: Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal – Lt. Cmdr. Luis Holkon Jr.; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals – ET2 Hubert Mills, YN2 Jessica Fobbs, MA2 George Treacy, ABH3 Alexsis LaBrake; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal/2013 Capt. Ney Award – CS1 Marnika Ash, CS1 Joseph Garcia. CS1 Larozzo Shugart, CS2 David Basso, CS2 Ray Johnson Jr., CS2 William Freshwater IV, CS2 David Tiberio, CS2 Nikita Thompson, CS3 Gregory Burke; Sailors of the Quarter – ATAN Collette Landreneau (Blue Jacket of the Quarter), MA3 Alycia Delgado (Junior Sailor of the Quarter), CS2 David Tiberio (Sailor of the Quarter), CS1 Marnika Ash (Senior Sailor of the Quarter).

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NECE trains public health professionals from around the globe

By Lt. Jen Wright
Navy Entomology Center of Excellence

The Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) instructed 55 students from 17 countries as part of the fifth annual Certificate in Emerging Infectious Disease Research (CEIDR) program hosted by the University of Florida, Emerging Pathogens Institute, May 20-24.

The primary aim of this certificate program is to offer world-class graduate education and training to international public health professionals sponsored by organizations such as Department of Defense (DoD) Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response Systems, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, and the Fogarty International Center.

"Training includes lectures, tutorials, field experiences, laboratory exercises, public health demonstrations, and written examinations, with the goal of introducing students to the many facets of studying emerging infectious diseases," said Dr. Gregory Gray, professor at



Lt. Cmdr. Carl Doud of the Navy Entomology Center of Excellence helps international students learn to identify mosquitoes during the University of Florida's fifth annual Certificate in Emerging Infectious Disease Research program.

Photo by Dr. Gregory Gray

University of Florida.

"In addition to the knowledge individual students gain, the Certificate will increase the professional capacities of their organizations and often improve their organization's international relationships."

NECE sent 11 military and civilian personnel to lecture on topics covering tick and mosquito biology, surveillance and control, all of which are critical in ensuring war-fighter readiness.

"One of the best aspects of

this course is we get to bring our equipment and provide critical hands on training," said Lt. James Harwood, NECE entomologist.

"It is extremely rewarding knowing that not only are we teaching public health pro-

professionals but the training we provided will have a global impact."

NECE's involvement in the program is an example of the center's success through numerous collaborations formed with, state, federal, industry and academic organizations.

"Being responsive to our customers, reducing their risk of exposure to insect-borne disease, is our focus," said Cmdr. Eric Hoffman NECE officer-in-charge.

"To be successful, we must take advantage of every opportunity to engage international public health partners, developing lasting and productive professional relationships. The University of Florida's Certificate program affords us such an opportunity, allowing our staff to learn more about disease treatments and control challenges while building partner capacity through training," added Hoffman.

More information on the UF Certificate in Emerging Infectious Disease Research Program can be found at their Web site: <http://egh.php.ufl.edu/certificate/>.



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NMCRS Benefits

VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens (left) presents a check for \$25,000 to NAS Jax Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Director Dave Faraldo as NMCRS President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Abbot looks on following the annual VP-30 Golf Tournament to benefit the society on May 17 at the NAS Jax Golf Course.

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Recently At The Courthouse

From CNRSE

The following cases were recently heard during courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast:

- At a general court-martial convened aboard NAS Pensacola, a hospitalman was found guilty of assault and driving under the influence. The military judge sentenced the accused to 446 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
- At a special court-martial convened aboard NS Mayport, a Fireman was found guilty of larceny. The military judge sentenced the accused to five months confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
- At a special court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, an airman was found guilty of unauthorized absence and wrongfully using oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance. The military judge sentenced the accused to 94 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
- At a special court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, a first class petty officer was found guilty of fraternization and living with a married woman who was not his wife. The military judge sentenced the accused to 45 days hard labor without confinement, 45 days restriction, reduction in rate to E-4, forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- At a general court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, a corporal was found not guilty of com-

mitting indecent conduct.

- At a special court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, a first class petty officer was found guilty of committing indecent conduct. The military judge sentenced the accused to 110 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-3, and a bad conduct discharge.
- At a special court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, a first class petty officer was found guilty of false official statement, larceny, and knowingly executing a scheme to obtain moneys owned by or under the custody or control of a financial institution. The military judge sentenced the accused to 60 days confinement and reduction in rate to E-5.
- At a special court-martial convened aboard NAS Jacksonville, a third class petty officer was found guilty of false official statement, wrongfully using amphetamines, wrongfully possessing amphetamines and methadone, a Schedule II controlled substance, and larceny. The military judge sentenced the accused to one-year confinement, forfeiture of \$1,010 pay per month for 10 months, reduction in rate to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola. Therefore, the location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial. Adjudged sentences may be modified by pre-trial agreement or clemency.



Photo by Clark Pierce

Construction continues at NAS Jacksonville on the facility that will provide operator training for the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system.

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accompanied by two other unmanned systems – the MQ-8B/C Fire Scout and the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System – mark a new chapter in naval aviation.”

The MQ-4C Triton UAS will be based at five locations around the globe. Triton operators will disseminate data in real-time to fleet units to support surface warfare, intelligence operations, strike warfare and search and rescue.

“Our goal is to mature the Triton UAS before supporting the Navy’s maritime ISR mission,” said Capt. Jim Hoke, program manager for the Persistent Maritime UAS office (PMA-262), which oversees the Triton program. “The data we collect the next few years is essential to certify the system for operational use.”

Flight tests will continue in California for the next several months before the team transitions the aircraft to Patuxent River in the fall.

The first of two Triton command centers is under construction at NAS Jacksonville, where the Navy will stand up Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19 on Oct. 1, 2013. VUP-19 will fall under the administrative control of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 11 and initially operate the Triton UAS on reconnaissance missions in the 5th, 6th and 7th fleets, as well as U.S. Fleet Forces Command Atlantic Operations. In 2014, the Navy will activate another Triton squadron, VUP-11, at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. to assume operations in the Pacific.

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 Lt. j.g. Jason Cromwell.

Cromwell is from Chesapeake, Va. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) where he received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He earned his commission through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps and was part of Virginia Tech’s Prestigious Corps of Cadets.

Cromwell is currently

one of the newest naval flight officers (NFO) at VP-5. VP-5 NFOs have been transitioning since the beginning of February through a series of interactive courseware, tabletop device sessions, and partial task trainers. Each training event is designed to incorporate VP-30’s philosophy of “crawl, walk, run” training in regards to the P-8A transition and provides NFOs multiple software interaction opportunities. Recently, NFOs returned to their crews of acoustic and electronic warfare operators for the WTT simulator phase. These simulators offer crews an opportunity to work together, as they will on the plane, facing real

world scenarios.

On tactical P-8A flights two NFOs are part of the crew. Cromwell is the junior NFO known as the co-tactical coordinator. His responsibilities involve communicating on any of the eight radios aboard the aircraft and managing tactical information sent out from the aircraft over either the LINK-11 or LINK-16 network. While transitioning he has also been studying to upgrade to the senior NFO position on the aircraft of tactical coordinator (TACCO). The TACCO manages the tactical aspects of the mission including sonobuoy deployment for submarine prosecution, search patterns during surface warfare, or intel-



Lt. j.g. Jason Cromwell

ligence collection tactics.

“On the P-8A all the tactical operators sit next to one another on a rail,” Cromwell explained. “This is different than the P-3C and allows us to much more easily develop the tactical picture among one another.”

When Cromwell isn’t working hard to learn the new P-8A Poseidon he enjoys playing basketball, riding his motorcycle, working out, and spending time with his German Shepherd “Achilles.”



Photo by Victor Pitts

FRCSE Wins Safety Award

The Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Safety Team received recognition May 20 for their outstanding work in building an award-winning safety program at the industrial, aviation maintenance depot. Their efforts resulted in the command earning the Chief of Naval Operations 2012 Safety Excellence Unit Award for Medium Industrial, Shore Activity. Cmdr. Duane Decker (center left), the FRCSE production officer, presents Peter Gallant (center right), director of the Occupational Safety and Health Department, with a Certificate of Appreciation at the gathering. Also recognized with certificates were Amy Smith (from left), Lori Powell, Andrew Bass, Kelly Gates, Walter Smith and Jeffrey Lockard, and (not pictured) Pete Amendolare, Susan Bedenbaugh, Samuel Greene, and Donald Lamb.

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“We’ve had several other close calls since then – Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999 which triggered major evacuations from the area and Tropical Storm Fay in 2008 which hit Florida four times and spawned numerous tornadoes,” Edmond stated. “So it’s not a question of if we will be hit, it’s more ‘when’ we will be hit.”

Edmond also discussed the five different COR levels. “We will stay in COR Five throughout hurricane season. Each COR level requires commands to conduct specific preparation tasking based on the intensity of the storm and where it is predicted to make landfall,” Edmond stated. “We may also issue an evacuation order or go to essential or critical personnel only. This is where that family preparation comes into play – make sure your family is taken care of

Keep in mind that when we set CORs, everyone outside the base is working on their emergency plans as well and it will be traffic nightmare if many areas of the state are evacuated.”

In the event of a base evacuation, only specific critical personnel would be authorized to stay aboard the station. These include personnel such as firefighters, security personnel and public works representatives. Once the storm passes, they will assess the damage and determine when essential and non-essential personnel can return. This can take weeks or even months depending on the damage.

Military members and civil service employees are also reminded to ensure their data is current in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS). “This is the system the Navy uses in case of disasters to muster it’s personnel all over the world. It will display information regarding the specific

disaster area and personnel can access it from any computer to muster,” said Edmond.

Everyone should also have a family plan in place. This includes have a specific meeting place in case you are separated – one near the home and one outside the neighborhood if you can’t return home. And, have an out-of-state contact – someone everyone in the family knows and knows how to contact. Families should also have an evacuation plan and know what to take

and where to go. A plan should also be made for family pets. If you plan to ride the storm out at home, make sure you have a disaster survival kit.

“The key to hurricane season is being prepared. It doesn’t take long to check your supplies and replenish what you need. And, there is nothing I can stress more than to check your insurance policy. It’s better to make changes ahead of time, than find out after a disaster that you didn’t have enough coverage,” concluded Edmond.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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band," said Jazmin Oliver, whose husband, MA3 Johnny Oliver was killed less than a month ago in Bahrain.

"It's unfortunate that I have to be here for this reason, but it's for great support."

Also in attendance, was American Idol finalist and Jacksonville native, Phil Stacey, who sang the national anthem and other treasured American selections with Navy Band Southeast.

Wreaths were placed in front of the wall for of the two new names etched on the black granite wall. Those names included: Army Sgt. Derek Smith and USMC 2nd Lt. Kim Weller (Vietnam Era).

Jacksonville National Cemetery

A short ceremony was held at Jacksonville National Cemetery, located north of the city, to pay tribute to veterans who served our nation. U.S. Rep. Ander Crenshaw, civilian and military officials listened to keynote speaker Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet, who spoke of how deserving Jacksonville's military families are of a national cemetery for their loved ones to be laid to rest with honor.

"Unlike other holidays, Memorial Day brings Americans together to honor those who have given their last full measure of devotion to our country," said NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Roy Undersander at the cemetery's Memorial Day observance.

"I want to pay my respect and honor to those who have done their duty courageously, who have valiantly served our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Green Cove Springs

Hundreds of military veterans, citizens and civic leaders observed Memorial Day at Historic Spring Park in Green Cove Springs May 27 as part of the 25th River Fest celebration.

Green Cove Springs Mayor Mitch Timberlake said, "It's always a somber honor to recognize our



Photos by MC2 Marcus Stanley
Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet, was the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day Observance at the Duval County Veterans Memorial Wall.



Photo by Clark Pierce
(From left) NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDM)(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Rob Caldwell congratulated each veteran -- including Vietnam veteran Gary Newman -- as they were recognized at the Green Cove Springs Memorial Day celebration.



Peter Church, from First Coast Christian Outreach, delivers the invocation at the Memorial Wall.



Photo by Clark Pierce
The static "Parade of Flags" display outside of Green Cove Springs City Hall honors Clay County residents who were killed in action during wars and armed conflicts.

generation who shed their blood in the fight for freedom - from Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, from Berlin to Baghdad."

NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDM) Brad Shepherd added, "On Memorial Day it is our duty and privilege to reflect on the sacrifices that have been paid for our freedom."

"But liberty must be earned - and each generation must pay its dues. So, let us remember the freedom and peace that's been paid for by American blood. And then, let us pass along to a new generation, their fascinating accounts of honor and courage," he said.

Veterans from each military service, the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, were called from the crowd to receive an American flag, as well as robust applause from those in attendance.

fallen service members, as well as to salute local veterans of our armed forces. When you hear the stories of these men and women, a humble thank-you for their effort in protecting our freedoms just doesn't seem to be enough."

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Rob Caldwell, said it was good to see so many people show support for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Today we pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives to defend our nation," said Caldwell.

"We honor Americans from every



Photo by Clark Pierce
Army veteran Ron Parks points out features of a .50 caliber machine gun mounted in a World War II Jeep to 9-year-old Alex Witt at the May 27 Memorial Day River Fest in Green Cove Springs.



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Aircraft of the Dreamland Squadron from Haller Airpark, south of Green Cove Springs, flew the "missing man" formation in honor of fallen comrades. As the formation passed overhead, one of the aircraft pulled up and flew skyward symbolizing the person who was lost.

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VP-16 'War Eagles' change command

By Lt. j.g. Christi Morrissey
VP-16 Public Affairs

Cmdr. William Pennington relieved Cmdr. Molly Boron as commanding officer of VP-16 May 23 in Hangar 117 at NAS Jacksonville. Capt. Heidi Fleming, executive officer of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, was the guest speaker.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Pennington graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Weapons and Systems Engineering. He was awarded his naval aviator wings of gold in July 1998 and has completed flying tours at NAF Washington D.C., VP-4 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, VP-30 at NAS Jacksonville and VP-40 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.

Additional tours include assignment to Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet staff on board USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19), home ported in Yokosuka, Japan, Naval Personnel Command, and as deputy executive assistant to the Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N88) on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff at the Pentagon. He assumed executive officer duties at VP-16 in May 2012.

He commended the War Eagles' former commanding officer. "I want to congratulate skipper Boron on an impressive tour leading the War Eagle team. Her unmatched commitment to her Sailors and aircrew elevated her command to new heights as she successfully led them through the historic transition to the P-8A," said Pennington.



Photos by MC3 Eric Pastor
VP-16 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Molly Boron salutes Cmdr. William Pennington Jr. as she is relieved during a change of command ceremony on May 23.

Boron took control of the War Eagles in 2012 as they were finishing their last deployment at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The War Eagles are the first operational Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron to transition from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon. Boron's infectious confidence and superb leadership steered the War Eagles through the rigorous transition syllabus and helped overcome unforeseen obstacles encountered in bringing a new type model online. Her guidance and direction result-



Cmdr. Molly Boron and Cmdr. William Pennington Jr. cut a cake after their change of command ceremony.

ed in the squadron receiving outstanding marks during their 'safe for flight' inspection earlier this year.

During the ceremony, Boron imparted some words of wisdom and encouragement to her former squadron.

"President Roosevelt made famous an old African proverb 'Speak softly and carry a big

stick. You will go far,'" stated Boron. "As VP-16 prepares to take the P-8 on deployment at the end of the year, I see them continuing to be the quiet professionals, dutifully learning their trades, honing new skills and capabilities. When those six Poseidons and 12 combat air crews head west, their warfighter skills and hidden power projection will become America's 'big stick' in the Pacific."

Boron joined the War Eagle leadership team in April 2011, serving first as executive officer. She is transferring to PMA-290 in Patuxent River, Md.

Pennington assumes command of VP-16 in the midst of a 12-month inter-deployment readiness cycle preparing to lead the squadron on the first P-8A operational deployment to Kadena Air Base. He is joined by new executive officer Cmdr. Daniel Papp.

Navy Region Southeast prepares for hurricane season

By MC1(SW) Greg Johnson
Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Navy Region Southeast completed participation in the annual hurricane preparedness exercise HURREX/Citadel Gale 2013 on May 23.

The U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Commander, Navy Installations Command exercise tested the region's ability to track, prepare for and respond to hurricanes should they threaten installations in the Southeast.

"In the Southeast Region, it's not a matter of 'if' a hurricane will strike, it's a matter of 'when' and 'where,'" said Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast. "Since last year's HURREX, we have had five named storms impact our region, so it is imperative that we train so we are ready when they strike."

"Each year, this exercise gives us an excellent opportunity to test our skills through authentic, challenging scenarios that go a long way to ensure we are ready in the event of an actual hurricane," Scorby added.

A number of major storms have affected installations throughout the region in recent years. Anyone on board Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in 2005 would remember the damage caused by Katrina. More recently, Hurricane Sandy made landfall just west of NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last year before moving toward the northeast.

During this year's HURREX scenario, the NRSE Crisis Action Team (CAT) tracked two fictitious hurricanes, Kirk and Lay, from the Regional Operations Center at NAS Jacksonville. Kirk crossed over NS Guantanamo Bay and eventually made landfall as a category two hurricane near the Georgia-South Carolina border, and Lay made



Photo by MC1 Greg Johnson
Members of the local media videotape a teleconference between Navy Region Southeast leaders and Fleet Weather Center Norfolk during HURREX/Citadel Gale 2013 at NAS Jacksonville. The U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Commander, Navy Installations Command hurricane preparedness exercise which ran from May 13-23.

landfall as a category four hurricane near NAS Pensacola.

The CAT consists of nearly 50 personnel, each with specific roles ranging from planning and logistics to family support services.

In addition to the CAT, the region also deploys a Contingency Engineering Response Team (CERT)/ Damage Assessment Team (DAT), led by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, which assesses damage after the storm, as well as an Emergency Family Assistance Center, which provides support to families. Throughout HURREX, these teams coordinated their efforts with local authorities and civilian agencies as they would in the event of a real hurricane.

"HURREX is essential training," said Scott Crossley, NRSE regional emergency manager.

"We get lots of tropi-

cal storms, but as often as we get landfall, we still see far too many casualties from people forgetting some of the lessons we've learned in the past. We've learned that too many injuries occur, even with lesser storms, after the storm has passed because people are trying to drive through flooded roads or trying to repair storm damage. By doing these exercises, it helps reinforce the message that this is a real hazard."

During an actual storm, NRSE personnel coordinate with Fleet Weather Center Norfolk to track potential hurricanes and tropical storms from the beginning stages of the weather system.

"We have a very good working relationship with the Fleet Weather Center," Crossley said. "We watch tropical weather year round, but as we approach the hurricane season, we really start watching closely. The public will

start seeing hurricane alerts and warnings from the National Hurricane Center once a tropical storm is established, but for us, we have to see it as soon as it happens so we can get moving. A storm can pop up with little notice."

The Navy classifies storms in terms of Conditions of Readiness (COR), which indicate the proximity of a storm and the likelihood that it will hit a given installation. At the beginning of the hurricane season, each installation is set to COR five. As storms approach, that condition will change at an installation based on when destructive winds are projected to hit. Installations set COR four when onset of destructive force winds is within 72 hours, COR three at 48 hours, COR two at 24 hours and COR one at 12 hours.

Once a storm is projected to make landfall at an installation, the decision must be made to evacuate or shelter in place. That decision is made based on a number of factors related to the intensity of the storm, Crossley said.

"We look at things like the maximum forecasted wind. That's the initial criteria to estimate what the impact will be on people and missions," he said.

"But the thing we are most concerned about, especially for coastal installations, is storm surge and water."

According to Crossley, it is essential for both personnel and dependents to be aware of advisories and instructions as a storm approaches.

"One of the objectives of HURREX for the installations is to ensure that not only the Sailors, but all of the residents on an installation are plugged into the hurricane process," he said. "That means being aware of how to muster if evacuated, which varies from command to command. Also, making sure you have the correct number to call."

In addition, installations will also communicate through their command web pages and social media, so residents can look to these sources for the latest information, Crossley said.

Once a storm passes, the CAT shifts its focus to providing whatever kind of support is needed to get the installation running at full capacity based on reports from the CERT and DAT.

"The first step is a health and welfare check to make sure that everyone is safe and accounted for," Crossley said.

"Step two is initial dam-

age assessment of the installation. We need to ensure we have maintained command and control capability and find out if the installation utilities are still functioning or if they are affected to some degree. We try to start with mission-critical facilities, utilities and fleet support requirements and we go on from there."

According to Crossley, one of the most important things for people to keep in mind about the hurricane process is to be prepared for a storm well before it even happens.

Some important preparations include ensuring important documents are in a safe location, making sure family members have contact information in case of an evacuation, making sure prescription medications are readily available, and ensuring that any special need family members can be properly taken care of, Crossley said.

"We absolutely need to be ready," Crossley said. "It's not a matter of if one of our installations is going to be affected; it's a matter of when."

For more information, visit <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/cnrse/RegionOperationsandServices/OperationsandManagement/EmergencyManagement/index.htm>.

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Midway – the defining battle

From Naval History & Heritage Command

The Japanese Midway attack force was divided three ways. First, the aircraft carriers would approach from the northwest and knock out the islands' defenses. Coming in from the west and southwest, the Japanese 2nd Fleet would invade and capture Midway. Admiral Yamamoto's battleships would remain 300 miles to the west, awaiting the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Thanks to the work of American code breakers, the United States knew Yamamoto's plans in detail by the middle of May – his target, his order of battle and his schedule.

When the battle opened, the U.S. had three carriers waiting in ambush, 200 miles to the east of Midway. The two opposing fleets sent out search planes – the Americans to locate an enemy they knew was there and the Japanese as a matter of ordinary prudence.

Seaplanes from Midway also were looking for the expected enemy fleet. One of the planes spotted the Japanese carrier force at 5:30 a.m. on June 4.

The plane also reported Japanese aircraft heading for the atoll. Marine Corps planes from Midway soon intercepted the enemy formation.

However, the Marines were hopelessly outnumbered and their planes were no match for the Japanese "Zero" fighter planes. They were able to shoot down only a few of the enemy bombers, while suffering great losses themselves.

The torpedo boats and anti-aircraft fire from Midway's guns were somewhat more successful in disrupting the Japanese attack.

A force of 108 Japanese planes hit Midway's two islands at 6:30 a.m. Twenty minutes of bombing and machine-gun fire knocked out some facilities on Eastern Island, but did not disable the airfield there. Sand Island's oil tanks, seaplane hangar and other buildings were set afire.

The commander of the Japanese attack radioed that another air strike was required to soften up Midway's defenses for invasion.

The Japanese carriers fought off several counter-strikes from Midway's torpedo planes and bombers. Faced with overwhelming fighter opposition, these uncoordinated efforts suffered severe losses and hit nothing but seawater.

Meanwhile, a Japanese scout plane spotted the U.S. fleet and reported the presence of a carrier. Japanese commander Nagumo had already begun loading bombs into his second group of planes for another strike on Midway. This news forced him to rethink his strategy. He decided to wait for the planes returning from Midway and re-arm all the planes with torpedoes for an attack on the U.S. ships. He almost had enough time.

Beginning about 9:30 a.m., torpedo planes from the U.S. carriers Hornet, Enterprise and Yorktown made a series of attacks that – despite nearly total losses – made no hits. Then, at 10:25, everything changed.

Three squadrons of dive bombers, two from Enterprise and one from Yorktown, almost simultaneously dove on three of the four Japanese carriers – whose decks were crowded with fully armed and fueled planes. By 10:30 a.m., Akagi, Kaga, and Soryu were ablaze and out of action.

Of the once overwhelming Japanese carrier force, only Hiryu remained operational. Shortly before 11 a.m. she launched 18 of her own dive-bombers.

At about noon, as these planes approached Yorktown, they were intercepted by U.S. fighter planes, which shot down most of the bombers. Seven survived, however, hitting Yorktown with three bombs, stopping her dead in the water.

The Yorktown's crew managed to get their ship underway, as two more groups of torpedo planes and fighters from Hiryu spotted the Yorktown, which they mistook for a second U.S. carrier.

Despite losses to the defending fighters and heavy anti-aircraft fire, the Japanese planes pushed on to deliver a beautifully coordinated torpedo attack. The stricken ship again went dead in the water. Concerned that the severely listing vessel was about to capsize, her captain ordered his crew to abandon ship.

Late on June 4, U.S. carrier planes found and bombed Hiryu, which sank the next day.

Two days later, a Japanese submarine located the Yorktown and the U.S. destroyer Hammann, which was helping the Yorktown return to Pearl Harbor for repairs.

The submarine torpedoed both vessels. The



U.S. Navy photos

Crew of the VP-44 PBV-5A Catalina patrol bomber that found the approaching Japanese fleet's Midway Occupation Force on the morning of June 3, 1942. (Standing from left) AD2 R.J. Derouin, Chief Aviation Radioman Francis Musser, Ensign Hardeman (Copilot), Ensign J. H. Reid (Pilot), and Ensign R.A. Swan (Navigator). (Kneeling from left) AD1 J.F. Gammell (Naval Aviation Pilot), AD3 J. Goovers and AD3 P.A. Fitzpatrick.



Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942. Dense smoke is from fires in her uptakes, caused by a bomb that punctured them and knocked out her boilers.



Repairing bomb damage on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after the carrier was hit by Japanese bombs on 4 June 1942. This hole, about 12 feet in diameter, was caused by a 250 kilogram bomb that exploded on contact with the flight deck. Its explosion killed and injured many men on nearby guns and set fires on the hangar deck.

Hammann sank immediately, and the Yorktown finally sank the following morning.

By the end of the battle, the perseverance, sacrifice and skill of American pilots – plus a great deal of good luck – cost Japan four irreplaceable aircraft carriers. Only one of the three U.S. carriers was sunk.

The Japanese lost 332 of their finest aircraft and more than 200 of their most experienced pilots. Deprived of useful air cover, and after several hours of shocked indecision, Yamamoto called off the Midway operation and retreated.

The Japanese navy never fully recovered from its losses. Six months after it began, the great Japanese Pacific War offensive was over.

From June 1942 to the end of the war three years later, it was the Americans who were on the offense.



Photo by Victor Pitts

FRCSE Hosts Navy League Members

Mike Sikes, the F/A-18 deputy program manager (center, left), points out a Hornet aircraft split apart with the center barrel (shown at right) removed, to members of the Navy League Jacksonville Council during a tour of the tactical aircraft production line at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast on May 21. Artisans are adding flight hours to keep the legacy aircraft flying until its replacement platform, the Joint Strike Fighter, is delivered to the Navy. Following the overhaul, F/A-18 pilot Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Filbey (right, rear) performs the functional test flight and returns the asset to the fleet squadron.



During a visit to the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Wing Shop on May 21, Bob Vermillion (right), an aircraft mechanic, shows members of the Navy League Jacksonville Council a side-by-side comparison of an old and new aluminum spar, one of several internal ribs that brace the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft wing, that FRCSE machinists are manufacturing and mechanics are installing on the legacy strike fighter at the military maintenance depot.

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VA, Vet groups announce initiative to reduce claims backlog

From Department of Veterans Affairs

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion announced a new partnership May 21 to help reduce the compensation claims backlog for veterans.

The effort - called the Fully Developed Claims Community of Practice - is a key part of VA's overall transformation plan to end the backlog in 2015 and process claims within 125 days at 98 percent accuracy, VA officials said.

VA can process fully developed claims in half the time it takes for a traditionally filed claim, officials noted.

"VA prides itself on our ongoing partnership with organizations that represent veterans throughout the claims process," said Undersecretary for Benefits Allison Hickey. "A fully developed claim is the most effective way to ensure a veteran's claim never reaches the backlog and is the basis for this new initiative between VA and what we expect will be an ever-increasing number of veteran service organizations and others who represent veterans at various points of the claims process."

The new initiative "takes a common-sense approach to working smarter to better serve injured and ill veterans," said Barry Jesinoski, Washington Headquarters executive director for Disabled American Veterans.

"DAV is pleased to be working with the VA to help improve the disability



Photo By Glenn Fawcett

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Sen. Barbara Milkulski, flanked by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, addresses the media after hosting a Congressional roundtable discussion on May 22 on the VA claims backlog in Washington, D.C.

compensation system," Jesinoski added. The American Legion has been working with VA since December on its fully developed claims process, said James Koutz, the American Legion's national commander.

"Teams of our experts have already gone to VA regional offices in Denver, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and other cities to help identify best practices for [fully developed claims], and to further train our own service officers," Koutz said.

Claims are considered to be "fully developed" when veterans submit all available supporting evidence, such as private treatment records and notice of federal treatment records, to VA at the time they first file a formal claim and

certify they have no more evidence to submit. This is the information that VA needs to make a determination on a disability claim, VA officials said.

The fully developed claims program supports the sharing of best practices across veteran service organizations that help thousands of veterans each year with their compensation claims, to identify up front all evidence necessary to support a veteran's claim, officials explained. Veterans then certify that they have no additional evidence to submit, and VA can process the claim in half the time it takes for a traditionally filed claim, they added.

Veteran service organizations have long played an integral role in submitting veterans' claims - often with representatives working within VA regional offices. VA has consulted with them throughout the development and implementation of its plan to end the backlog in 2015 to ensure best practices and their unique insights were incorporated, officials said.

The American Legion and DAV are the first to step forward to work with VA on the program, officials added, and that program has led to a much more efficient process.

This is the latest effort in support of the plan to reduce the backlog. Last month, VA announced an initiative to expedite compensation claims decisions for veterans who have waited one year or longer.

On April 19, VA began prioritizing claims decisions for veterans who have

been waiting the longest by providing provisional decisions that allow eligible veterans to begin collecting compensation benefits quickly. With a provisional decision, a veteran has a year to submit additional information to support a claim before the decision becomes final.

On May 15, VA officials announced that the department is mandating overtime for claims processors in its 56 regional benefits offices through the end of fiscal year 2013 to help eliminate the backlog, with continued emphasis on high-priority claims for homeless veterans and those claiming financial hardship, the terminally ill, former prisoners of war, Medal of Honor recipients, and veterans filing fully developed claims.

As of May 17, the paperless claims processing system known as the Veterans Benefits Management System, or VBMS, has been deployed to 46 out of 56 regional office locations, and about 18 percent of VA's current claim inventory is in an electronic format, officials said.

Claims for Wounded Warriors separating from the military for medical reasons will continue to be handled separately and on a priority basis with the Defense Department through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, officials said. On average, they noted, wounded warriors separating through IDES currently receive VA compensation benefits in two months following their separation from service.



Photo by MC3 Eric Pastor

Final Flight For 'War Eagle' Boron

VP-16 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Molly Boron exits a P-8A Poseidon after her final flight with the "War Eagles." She was relieved by Cmdr. William Pennington at a May 23 change of command ceremony.



Photos by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

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During an Ultimate Bike Bonding Rider Course (UBBRC) May 20 aboard NAS Jacksonville, eight student and instructor class participants prepare to perform various exercises as part of the required techniques to receive the UBBRC certification. The partial-day course objectives are to enhance the riders' ability to develop smooth and precise control of their motorcycle as they perform various procedures and techniques.

Troops, families can visit museums free for summer

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

During the busy season of military transfers, adjusting to new communities and registering children for school, more than 2,000 museums across the nation will open their doors, free of charge, to service members and their families as a break from the summer challenges, a Defense Department official said today.

From Memorial Day, May 27, through Labor Day, Sept. 2, all active duty service members, National Guardsmen and reservists and their families can take advantage of this cultural and educational opportunity in all 50 states.

"It's an exciting, inspiring, educational and economical activity for our families to enjoy this summer," said Navy Cmdr. Leslie Hull-Ryde, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

Launching its fourth year in a news conference today at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the 2013 Blue Star Museums Program is a collaboration among the Defense Department, Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts and the museums to give service members and their families a way to spend time together in their local museums.

"After long deployments, rigorous training schedules and very long hours, our time with our families is very limited and extremely precious to us," Hull-Ryde said. "We are so grateful [to have] these programs. This program is an investment in our families."

A record number of museums are participating this year. The program began in 2010 with free access to about 600 museums, while this year's 2,000 is a figure that's still growing, Blue Star Families and NEA officials said.



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Cool off at NAS Freedom Lanes this summer

From MWR

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department is hosting the 80 Days of Summer program through Aug. 31 at NAS Freedom Lanes.

Just in time for summer vacation youth bowlers 17 years and younger can bowl one game for free daily until 5 p.m. all summer long.

This program also includes daily, weekly and grand prize drawings for all patrons. Patrons are entered into the drawings every time a game is bowled.

Daily prize drawings include food, beverages, games of bowling and more.

The weekly drawings are held on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and prizes are sponsored by Comfort Inn Destin, Dave & Buster's, Adventure Landing, Wild Florida Airboats, County Inn & Suites Jacksonville, Old Town Trolley Tours St.

Augustine, LEGOLAND Florida, Fun Spot Attractions, Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Show Orlando, CoCo Key Water Resort Orlando, Clarion Suites Main Gate Orlando, Ramada Main Gate West Orlando, Gatorland, Seraloago Hotel & Suites Main Gate East Orlando, Wonderworks Orlando, Pirates Dinner Adventure Orlando, Inn at Ellis Square Savannah, World Quest Resort Orlando, Wild Adventures Theme Park, La Quinta Inn & Suites Valdosta, Georgia, Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore, Wet n' Wild Orlando and Clarion Inn & Suites Orlando.

The grand prize and runner up drawings are Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Grand prize includes an Orlando family vacation package featuring a two-night stay at World Quest Resort in a two bedroom suite, Sea World admission for two and Sea World's water park Aquatica

admission for two.

First runner-up includes a two-night stay at La Quinta Inn & Suites in Valdosta, Ga and Wild Adventures theme park admission for four.

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The 80 Days of Summer program is open to all authorized MWR patrons. For official rules and more information call 542-3493.

Weekly Prize Drawing Schedule - Two drawings each week, one prize drawing per person.

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June 15

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Wild Fl Airboats (2) sets of one-hour airboat tour and park admission for 2

June 22

Country Inn & Suites Jacksonville 1 night evening of Romance Package
Ghost & Gravestones package for 2 St. Augustine

June 29

LEGOLAND Florida 4 tickets
Fun Spot Attractions SkyCoaster Flight for 2

July 6

(2) Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows for one Orlando
CoCo Key Water Resort in Orlando 2 nights stay

July 13

Clarion Suites Main Gate Orlando 2 nights stay
Dave & Buster's (4), \$20 power cards

July 20

Ramada Main Gate West 2 nights stay
Ghost & Gravestones package for 2 St. Augustine

July 27

Gatorland 4 admission tickets

(2) Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows for one Orlando

August 3

Seralago Hotel & Suites Main Gate East 2 nights stay
Wonderworks Ultimate combo tickets for 4

August 10

Pirates Dinner Adventure for 2
Fun Spot Attractions unlimited play (excludes SkyCoaster) for 2

August 17

Ghost & Gravestones package for 2 St. Augustine
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August 24

Country Inn & Suites Jacksonville 2 nights stay
Dave & Buster's (4), \$20 power cards

August 31

Wild Fl Airboats 1 hour airboat tour, park admission and lunch for 2
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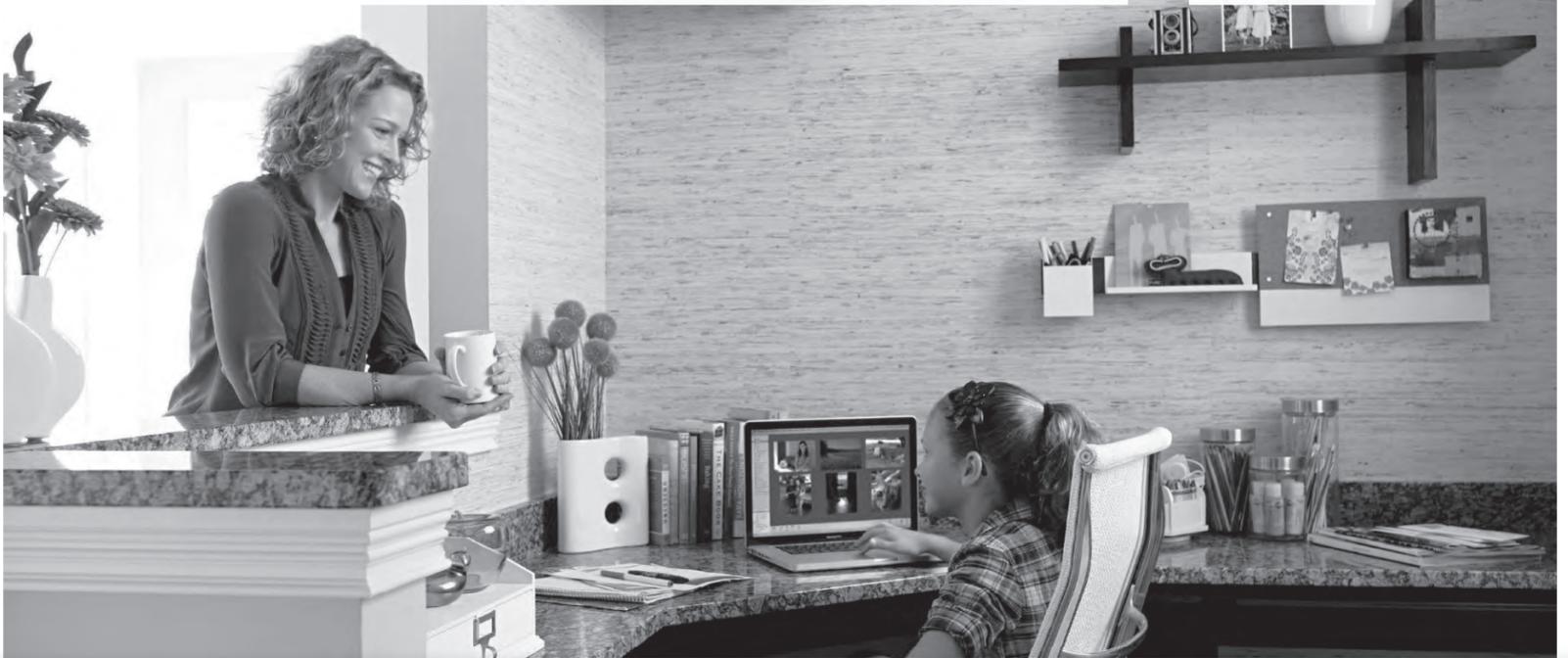
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family pass, Ghost tour \$8 adult, \$4
child

Florida Ecosafaris in St. Cloud -
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child \$25, Zipline safari \$75, Cypress
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St. Augustine Scenic Cruise - June 8,
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June 1 at 9 a.m.

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NAS Jax Sports

• **Captain's Cup Summer Intramural Golf League starts June 12**

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DOD, DOD Contractors and selective reservists. Rosters and entry forms are due May 31. Play begins June 12 at 11:30 a.m. Contact the base gym for rules and required paperwork.

• **Captain's Cup Indoor Volleyball League Meeting June 5**

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DOD, DOD contractors and selective reservists. Meet at noon at Dewey's All Hands Club. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attends will receive 5 Captain's Cup points. The matches play at lunch time.

• **Captain's Cup Badminton Singles League Meeting June 12**

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DOD, DOD contractors and selective reservists. Meet at noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attends will receive 5 Captain's Cup points. The matches play at lunch time.

• **Captain's Cup Greybeard Basketball League Meeting June 19**

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DOD, DOD Contractors and selective reservists, ages 30 and up. Meet at noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attends will receive 5 Captain's Cup points. Attend the meeting to discuss rules and required paperwork.

• **Captain's Cup Intramural Basketball League Meeting June 19**

Open to all NAS Jax active duty, command DOD, DOD Contractors and selective reservists. Meet at noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attends will receive 5 Captain's Cup points. Attend the meeting to discuss rules and required

paperwork.

For more information about any of the sports, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail bill.bonser@navy.mil. Visit the MWR Web site at www.cnic.navy.mil or www.facebook.com nasjaxmwr.

Standings

As of May 24

Intramural Spring Softball

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVHOSP Dirty Birdz	10	2
VP-30	12	3
VP-16 War Eagles	10	3
CRS-10	7	3
CNRSE	9	4
HSM-70	9	4
FRCSE 900	10	5
VP-8	9	6
FRCSE Angry Dolphins	8	6
HSM-72 Proud Warriors	8	6
VP-5 Mad Foxes	6	6
VR-62	6	7
HSM-74 Magnum	3	5
FRCSE Rabid Possums	4	8
NAVY BAND	3	8
NCTS	3	10
NBHC NARWHALS	1	10
HS-11	0	9

Captain's Cup 3-on-3 Sand Volleyball

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVHOSP Smash Bros	6	0
NAVFAC White	5	1
NBHC Trap House	4	1
FRCSE B	5	2
FRCSE A	4	2
NAVFAC Red	4	2
NBHC Tortugas	2	4

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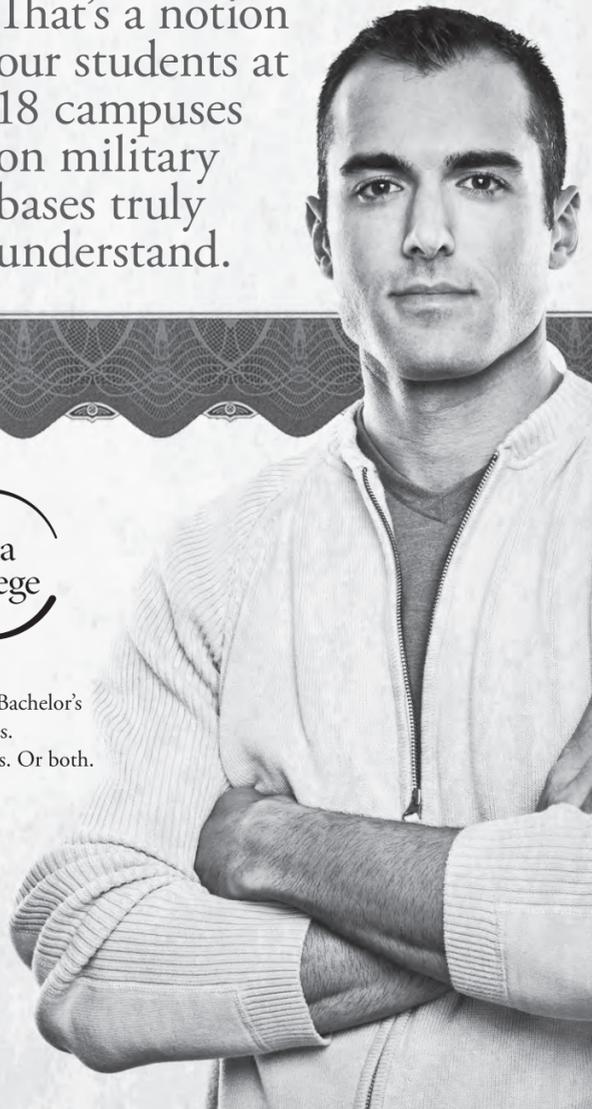


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DOD, VA move ahead with seamless medical record

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

The Defense and Veterans Affairs departments should be able to create a seamless health records system by the end of the year, Undersecretary of Defense Frank Kendall told reporters May 22.

The undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics led a review of the health care records system.

The idea is to create a system in which health care records can move from DOD to VA or other health care providers.

The two departments are building on President Barack Obama's national standards for health care records.

"This will enable records to move more easily between DOD and the VA," Kendall said during a Pentagon news conference.



Frank Kendall
Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

ference.

DOD has been sending electronic medical records to VA for years, the undersecretary noted. Those "read only" records are used by VA to determine eligibility for ben-

efits and disability. But records are also necessary for medical care, he said.

"It's there that we're really trying to improve - the records used by doctors and clinicians," he added. "The first step in that is to get in compliance with the standard data format so it can move in a seamless way. We expect to have integrated, seamless records with the VA by the end of this year."

A separate effort is to modernize the systems used within the Defense Department and VA to provide health care.

"There's no requirement that we use the same software to do that," Kendall said. VA officials elected to modernize using the department's existing Vista system.

"It was a reasonable decision for VA," Kendall said.

"They had a solid base in Vista, had a lot of people trained in it, had the programming in-house, and their physicians were familiar with it."

Veterans Affairs will continue to build for the future on the Vista system, and DOD may use Vista or it may use another software altogether, Kendall said.

"The question is how to provide the best value for our people and the best possible health care for our people," he said.

"The conclusion after the review is the best possible approach taps into the commercial market and brings commercial systems in as candidates, along with Vista-based systems as well."

DOD reached out to industry and received 20 proposals, including three based on Vista.

"We think we have a rich field to pick from, and we can make a best value determination for DOD," the undersecretary said.

Kendall said the next task moving forward is going to be understanding what's affordable, given the budget stream.

"Modernization is probably going to take place . . . in an incremental fashion," he said.

The bottom line for service members is that they will have a single integrated record, Kendall said.

"The record is the data," he said, "and once we have that data in the standardized form and we have converted the data we have now into that architecture, then we're positioned to whatever lies ahead - whatever software we buy, to wherever we move it."



Photos by MC3 Clay Whaley

VP-8 Community Support

Maintenance Control Officer Lt. Grace Lindeke (left) and AWO2 Matt Miller of the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8, construct a fence during a community relations project at The Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary on May 21 to ensure the safety of the animals and guests. The ranch is North Florida's largest wildlife sanctuary and houses tigers, lions, cougars, leopards, bobcat and arctic foxes. They are staffed entirely by volunteers, with all donations benefitting the animals.



AMEAN Trent Eckle of the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" rakes during a community relations project at The Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary on May 21.



Photos courtesy of CNATTU Jax

CNATTU Recognitions

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) recognized two new first class petty officers on May 23. (From left) Jax Commanding Officer Cmdr. Daryl Pierce, AT1(AW/SW) Bryan Young, AWV1(NAC/AW) Wesley Lewis and CNATTU Jax Senior Enlisted Leader ASCM Michael King.



Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Jax Commanding Officer Cmdr. Daryl Pierce (right) and CNATTU Jax Senior Enlisted Leader ASCM(AW) Michael King (left) congratulate their newest master chief petty officer, AFCM(AW/SW) Frank Harbison on May 23.

NAS Jax Sports Standings (Contd. from Pg. 14)

Captain's Cup 3-on-3 Sand Volleyball (contd.)					
Teams	Wins	Losses			
NCTS Blue	2	4	Naval Hospital	7	1
FRCSE C	2	5	HS-11	6	2
NBHC Dig Dugs	1	3	HITRON	5	3
NAVFAC Blue	1	4	VP-30 E's	4	3
NCTS Gold	0	4	NAVFAC	4	4
SERCC	0	4	VP-16 War Eagles	3	3
			VP-30 O's	4	5
			NCTS	2	6
			VP-5 Mad Foxes	2	6
			HSM-74	1	2
			NBHC Twerk Team	3	5
			FACSFAC Jax	1	5
			VR-58	1	5
			VR-62	1	6



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Customers pass six months, 4.5 million mark in downloads of Commissary Rewards Card coupons

By Cherie Huntington
DeCA public affairs specialist

After little more than just six months of service, the Commissary Rewards Card continues winning prominence in customer wallets and purses worldwide.

The card gives customers access to digital coupons redeemable at any of the Defense Commissary Agency's 247 stores.

"Our customers love the Commissary Rewards Card," said Acting Director of Sales Joyce Chandler. "It's hard not to! It saves you time, effort and money, plus reduces the number of paper coupons you have to clip and carry."

More than 600,000 cards have been registered by shoppers, who have downloaded more than 4.5 million coupons so far. That means bigger savings for them, on top of the commissary's usual savings of 30 percent or more.

"We're averaging more than 120 coupons available at any given time," said Marye Carr, DeCA's Rewards Card program manager. "New coupons are loaded almost daily! Our industry partners are stepping up with great coupons on all kinds of items everyone uses every day. If you're not using your card, you could be throwing away significant savings."

One of the first "rewards" being offered by manufac-

turers to Rewards Card users is the posting of two different coupons each week for a free item, Carr said.

The free item coupons remain available for redemption for only one week from the posting date.

A limited number of coupons are available; when the coupon reaches the maximum allowed electronic "clips," the coupon disappears from the website. The free item rewards run through May 26.

Carr said many customers find it handy to print a list of their coupons before making the trip to the commissary to help them keep track of their savings.

"The card provides a new

way to save, in addition to your paper coupons," she said. "Commissary shoppers love coupons, so this is another way to increase buying power."

Using the card is simple. Once patrons pick up a card at their commissary, they visit DeCA's Web site to register it, and then load digital coupons directly to their account.

Then, when the cashier scans the card, the coupons are matched to items purchased, and savings are automatically deducted from the total bill.

Rewards Card digital coupons disappear from your account when they expire. Like paper coupons, they can't be combined with other coupons on the same item, and they

have expiration dates and other redemption terms and conditions.

Overseas, digital coupons will not be accepted for up to six months after expiration, as paper coupons are, because the coupons are instantly available to all customers worldwide.

That means overseas customers don't need extra time to use the coupons.

To learn more about the card or sign up to be notified of updates, including new coupon alerts, go to http://www.commissaries.com/rewards_subscribe.cfm.

A customer service hotline can be reached at 855-829-6219 or through e-mail at commissarysupport@inmar.com.

Navy announces fleet-wide women's uniform survey

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Approximately 16,000 randomly selected female officers and enlisted personnel are being asked to participate in the online survey on the fit, design and durability of Navy uniforms in a fleet-wide survey announced in NAVADMIN 127/13.

Letters were mailed April 30 to participants, notifying them of their selection and providing instructions on accessing and completing the survey. The online survey will be open for approximately

90 days.

The decision to do the fleet-wide survey was made after interviews and focus groups determined that there was a need to gather more feedback on women's uniform concerns and recommendations.

Survey questions address levels of satisfaction with service dress, service and working uniforms and components. The survey will also ask about fit and hip-to-waist ratio of slacks; the comfort of shirt collars; and preference for shirt lining, shoulder stitching and yoke on service uniform shirts.

Teen driving class offered by NAS Jax Safety

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.

If you feel your teen could benefit from this class, sign them up by calling Linda at 542-3082, Cindy at 542-2584 or Kristen at 542-8810.



IA Family Field Games Day
Patriot Grove Park: June 1 10 a.m. - Noon

Calling all IA Families!

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The fun includes:

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- Hula Hoop Contest
- Washer Toss
- Ladder Ball
- Volleyball Toss
- Light Refreshments

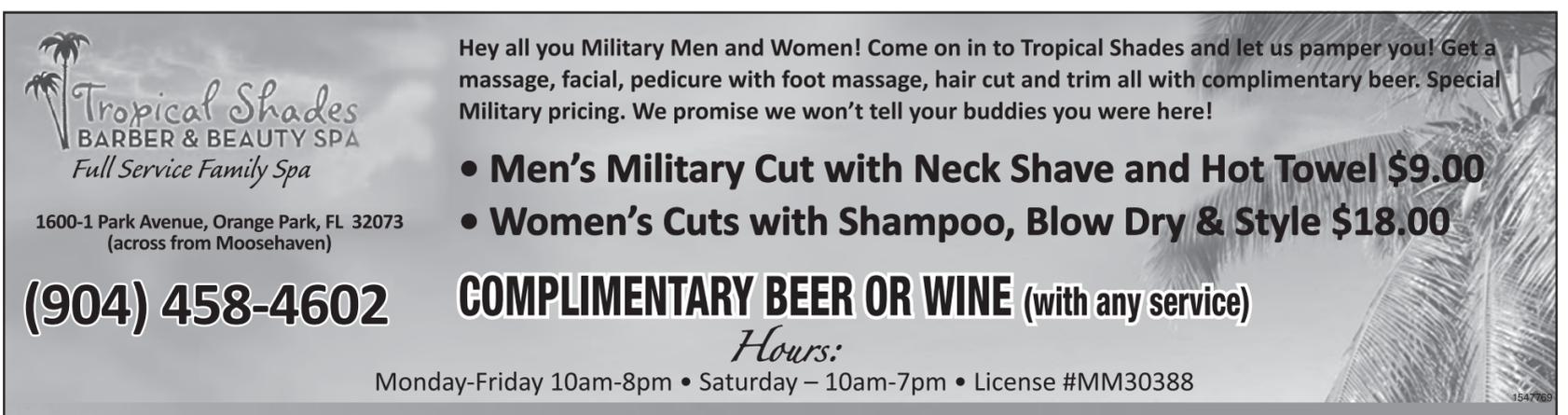
Please RSVP to Bobby Johns at 542-5637 or bobby.johns.ctr@navy.mil if you are interested in attending. An RSVP is required to attend this event.

The Fleet & Family Support Center

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Yellow Water Housing 2012 Water Quality Report

TEST RESULTS TABLE – YELLOW WATER HOUSING							
Stage 1 Disinfection By-Products (TTHMs/HAA5s/Chlorine Residual)							
For chlorine, the level detected is the the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. The range of results is the range of results of all the individual samples collected during the past year.							
For haloacetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations.							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine Residual (ppm)	Monthly 2012	N	2.36	1.56 – 3.2	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	06 & 09/2012	N	18.46	8.62 - 28.29	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	06 & 09/2012	N	7.28	5.07 - 9.48	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
For Chlorine, the Level Detected is the annual average of quarterly averages.							
Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	01 & 08/2012	N	0.23	ND - 0.23	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	08/12	N	0.013	N/A	N/A	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits; epoxy sealants
Fluoride (ppm)	08/12	N	0.43	N/A	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	08/12	N	9.3	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	08-09/11	N	0.036	0 of 30 sites	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	08-09/11	N	3.4	0 of 30 sites	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits



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