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Navy Region Southeast Change of Command is today

From Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Rick Williamson will relieve Rear Adm. John "Jack" Scorby Jr. as commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) during a ceremony aboard NAS Jacksonville at 9 a.m., Aug. 29.

The ceremony will mark an end to Scorby's leadership of the command that supports and guides 17 installations throughout the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with the men and women, military and civilians, who are heart of the Southeast Region," Scorby said. "It is their dedication and professionalism which I will miss more than anything else."

Scorby has commanded CNRSE since August 2011. Under his leadership, Navy Region Southeast reduced energy consumption by 17 percent in the past two years. His commitment to meet the Navy's energy efficiency goals was pivotal to more than 100 projects, valued at over \$80 million, being launched within the Southeast Region. Under Scorby's leadership,



Rear Adm. Rick Williamson



Rear Adm. John "Jack" Scorby Jr.

Navy Region Southeast has solidified its position as a leader in energy conservation.

Scorby also aggressively pursued compatible land use strategies, that included the Navy's wind turbine impact analysis study that developed a nationally supported legislative outreach effort and ensured safer air operation areas and mutual co-existence with wind farm developers. His efforts

resulted in the first-ever memorandum of agreement between the Navy and wind farm developers in Texas.

In efforts to streamline processes and make the Region a more efficient organization, Scorby implemented the Contract Advisory Board that reviewed more than 1,000 contracts valued at more than \$76 million, significantly

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File Photo

Retired Cmdr. Alfred Taddeo admires the meticulously restored Vought F4U Corsair on display at the 2008 NAS Jax Air Show. After his rotation with the original Blue Angels, he was assigned to a Corsair squadron on board USS Coral Sea.

Last of the 'First Blues' passes away

By Ron Williamson
NAS Jax Safety Officer/Base Historian

Retired Navy Cmdr. Alfred "Al" Taddeo, last surviving original Blue Angels team member, passed away Aug. 16 at a care facility in Newport Coast, Calif. at the age of 94. His wife, Joan, was by his side.

Taddeo was born in Portland, Ore. in

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Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Members of the first Royal Australian Navy 725 Squadron MH-60R Romeo helicopter aircrew gather in their new spaces at Hangar 1122 at NAS Jax. The squadron has been training with HSM-40 at NS Mayport and will receive their first two helicopters in December. (From left) Lt. Mark Flowerdew, Lt. Cmdr. Nigel Rowan, Lt. Cmdr. Todd Glynn, Lt. Cmdr. Peter Talbot, Petty Officer Nathan Minett and Petty Officer Glenn Watson.

Australian Navy squadron moves into hangar space at NAS Jax

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 725 Squadron achieved another milestone Aug. 22 as they celebrated moving into their official hangar spaces in Building 1122 at NAS Jacksonville. The squadron is currently undergoing training aboard the station and at HSM-40 based at NS Mayport to qualify maintainers and aircrew on the new MH-60R "Romeo" helicopter.

The training is part of a foreign military sales agreement with the U.S. Navy for 24 MH-60R helicopters. It includes a "total package" of training, technical and logistics support.

The first RAN 725 Squadron aircrew were certified to fly the MH-60R Romeo Aug. 16 after five months of training with HSM-40. When coupled with the list of accomplishments made by the maintainers at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) since April, the squadron is now working side-by-side with their counterparts at HSM-70 and HSM-72 learning all aspects of the new helicopters.

"We continue to have a significant amount of training to do to meet our goals and be prepared for the delivery of our first two Romeo aircraft in December. We just qualified our first aircrew and will now conduct on-the-job (OJT) training with our counterparts at NAS Jacksonville," said 725 Squadron Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Todd Glynn, RAN.

"Today is a bit of a housewarming party. We recently moved into our hangar and the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of our squadron in the Royal Navy

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Photos by AWR3 Michael Sherman

An HH-60H Seahawk helicopter assigned to the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" prepares to land as a storm front approaches the drop zone during static-line paratroop training with the Army National Guard 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

'Dragonslayers' provide lift to Army National Guard

From staff

Aircrew from the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" based at NAS Jacksonville flew two HH-60H Seahawk helicopters to support static-line paratroop training Aug. 16-17 for the 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) - an Army National Guard unit headquartered at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center.

Keystone Airport, located 10 miles southeast of the city of Starke, was the drop zone (DZ) for the static-line paratroop exercise that involved two paratroopers at a time jumping from the Navy helicopters flying at an altitude of about 1,200 feet.

HS-11 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Ryan Keys said, "Army paratroopers jump from a variety of aircraft, including C-130 and C-17 transports. However, jumping from helicopters like the CH-47, CH-53 or our HH-60H, is not very common - except with



Four Army National Guard Special Forces paratroopers approach the drop zone at Keystone Airport.

Special Forces, where they are utilized almost exclusively to hit the DZ."

Each of the Dragonslayer helicopters operated with two pilots and two aircrew, in addition to a National Guard Jumpmaster.

Jumpmasters make sure every paratrooper is proficient in airborne operational techniques.

The static line is a fixed cord attached to the aircraft that opens parachutes automatically.

The two-day training exercise involved more than 60 paratroopers from the Camp Blanding-based battalion.

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U.S. Navy photo

Flying the Grumman F9F Panther, the Blue Angels performed for the last time on the east coast at NAS Jacksonville in 1950 – because the squadron was ordered to transition to a war footing due to the beginning of the Korean Conflict. They were redesignated as the VF-191 "Satan's Kittens." Lt. Cmdr. Johnny Magda was the only member of the Blue Angels who died during the Korean War. His plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile while on combat patrol.



Photo by MCSN Brandon Morris

An S-3B Viking of the VS-32 "Maulers" waits for an F/A-18F Super Hornet to vacate the catapult on board the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) in 2007 in the Persian Gulf. Sea Control Squadron 32 was established in 1950 at NAS Norfolk, Va. In 1973, the Maulers moved to NAS Cecil Field. When Cecil Field closed in 1999, the squadron moved to NAS Jacksonville. VS-32 was disestablished in September 2008.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

Aug. 29

1861 - U.S. squadron captures forts at Hatteras Inlet, N.C.

1862 - Union gunboat Pittsburgh supports Army troops in landing at Eunice, Ark.

1915 - Navy salvage divers raise F-4, the first U.S. submarine sunk by accident.

1916 - Congress passes act for expansion of Navy but most ships not completed until after World War I.

1964 - USS Boxer and two LSDs arrive off coast of Hispaniola to give medical aid to Haiti and Dominican Republic that were badly damaged by Hurricane Cleo.

Aug. 30

1913 - Navy tests Sperry gyroscopic stabilizer (automatic pilot).

1929 - Near New London, Conn., 26 officers and men test Momsen lung to exit submerged

USS S-4 1961 - Two Cuban frigates fire on a Naval Reserve aircraft on a training mission over international waters.

Aug. 31

1842 - Congress replaces the Board of Navy Commissioners (a group of senior officers who oversaw naval technical affairs) with the five technical Bureaus, ancestors of the Systems Commands. One of the 1842 bureaus, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, continues to serve under its original name.

1943 - Commissioning of USS Harmon (DE-678), first Navy ship named for an African-American Sailor.

1944 - Carrier task group begins three-day attack on Iwo Jima and Bonin Islands.

1962 - Last flight of Navy airship takes place at NAS Lakehurst, N.J.

Sept. 1

1781 - French fleet traps British fleet at Yorktown, Va.

1814 - USS Wasp captures HMS Avon.

1925 - Cmdr. John Rodgers and crew of four flying PN-9 run out of fuel on first San Francisco to Hawaii flight. Landing at sea, they rigged a sail and set sail for Hawaii.

1941 - U.S. assumes responsibility for trans-Atlantic convoys from Argentina, Canada to the meridian of Iceland.

1942 - First Seabee unit to serve in a combat area, 6th Naval Construction Battalion, arrives on Guadalcanal.

1945 - USS Benevolence (AH-13) evacuates civilian internees from two internment camps near Tokyo, Japan.

Sept. 2

1918 - Navy ships and crews assist earthquake victims of Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan.

1940 - Destroyer-for-Bases agreement between U.S. and United Kingdom.

1944 - USS Finback (SS-230) rescues Lt. j.g. George Bush (USNR) of VT-51, shot down while attacking Chichi Jima.

1945 - Japan signs surrender documents on board USS Missouri (BB-63) at anchor in Tokyo Bay. Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz signs for the U.S. In other ceremonies, Japanese forces on Palau Islands, Truk, and on Pagan Island and Rota in the Marianas surrender.

Sept. 3

1782 - As a token of gratitude for French aid during American Revolution, the U.S. gives America (first ship-of-the-line built by U.S.) to France to replace a French ship lost in Boston. 1783 - Signing of Treaty of Paris ends American Revolution.

1885 - First classes at U.S. Naval War College begin.

1925 - Crash of rigid airship Shenandoah near Byesville, Ohio.

1944 - First combat employ-

ment of a missile guided by radio and television takes place when Navy drone Liberator, controlled by Ensign James Simpson in a PV, flew to attack German submarine pens on Helgoland Island.

1945 - Japanese surrender Wake Island in ceremony on board USS Levy (DE-162).

Sept. 4

1941 - German submarine U-652 attacks USS Greer, which was tracking the submarine southeast of Iceland. Greer was not damaged, but drops depth charges, damaging U-652.

1954 - Icebreakers, USS Burton Island (AGB-1) and USCG Northwind, complete first transit of Northwest passage through McClure Strait.

1954 - P2V from VP-19 shot down by Soviet aircraft near Swatow, China.

1960 - USS Bushnell and Penguin begin relief operations in Marathon, Fla., after Hurricane Donna.

A bird in the house is worth two in the nest

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

I had a deal with the mother robin who made a nest outside our kitchen window for the last four years. It included things like, "I'll stop judging your parenting if you stop judging mine," and "Mind your own business; I've got three birds — I mean, kids — in here, okay? And they don't eat worms."

It also included me rescuing baby birds from the jaws of Sparky, our 2-year-old Brittany Spaniel, who loves to hunt. I did this once, famously, while former MLB pinch-hitter, Matt Stairs, was visiting Dinner with the Smileys.

While Stairs and the children watched, an MLB Bloopers DVD, I had a life-or-death situation on my hands in the backyard. No one in the living room ever knew anything was amiss.

My agreement with the mother bird, however, never included anything about her brood being allowed inside our house.

The robin, by the way, must be a fertile little thing, because she has several clutches in one summer. From June to late August she slaves over different sets of eggs.

She always uses the same nest, in the same location, and I have a front-row seat from my kitchen table. At least three times a summer, I grieve as her fuzzy, grey-headed babies leave. (Oh, how she must hate me when she looks in the window and sees my brood still there!)

This year, though, it seemed like it might be a dud. I never heard the familiar chirps of the chicks, nor did I see their spiky feathers sticking up over the edges of the nest. I didn't even see the mother going maniacally back and forth with worms hanging from her mouth.

Last week, I found out why: the mother robin had herself an only child.

One lonely little bird poked his head from the nest and then he stood up and took a look around. This is always my cue that the birds, or bird, will soon fledge. Usually, I lock Sparky inside the house so he won't nab the baby before it's had a chance.

But last week, my mother-in-law, named Robin, oddly enough, was visiting from Seattle and I forgot to give her the lowdown on my relationship with the birds. I told her that a baby was going to fly soon, but I forgot to mention that we should leave Sparky inside. Oops.

From the Homefront

When I was upstairs brushing my hair, I heard a horrible fuss outside. The mother bird was squawking and swooping between the trees. Sparky's dog tags jingled, and his claws gripped the wooden deck.

I knew he had gotten a bird.

Before I could even put down my brush, I heard Robin — the person, not the bird — screaming from downstairs, "Sparky got a bird and brought it inside the house! There's a bird inside the house!"

I ran downstairs and found Sparky standing over a teeny, shivering bird on our living room floor. He couldn't have been more proud. With an open-mouth grin and a tail that moved his entire backside, he seemed to be saying, "Look, I got your dinner!"

I knew the bird wasn't hurt because Sparky holds them with a characteristic "soft mouth." He never intends to eat them.

They are "gifts" for me, his mom, if you will. But I had seen the mess these birds make on my back porch, and it was just a matter of time before this one pooped on the carpet.

My mother-in-law was still screaming. She wanted Ford, 12, to catch the bird in a sheet and take it outside.

Meanwhile, Ford and his younger brothers had locked themselves in my bedroom. It was just me, the baby bird, one happy dog, and a frantic Robin (the person, not the bird).

I got a towel, scooped up the bird and walked to the back porch. Sparky's tail stopped wagging as he followed. "Um, you aren't going to just let that one go, are you?" he seemed to be saying.

I put the bird in the grass and shooed Sparky back into the house. Then I stood on the deck and shook my finger at the mother.

"Did you have to let it fly while my door was open?" I asked her.

"Your timing is lousy, you know. You nearly gave my mother-in-law a heart attack. And the children! Next time, wait until I'm ready, okay?"

The mother swiveled her head in that pretentious, unblinking way birds do.

I sighed and went back inside.

When I looked out the door later, the mother and the baby were gone.

Already, I couldn't wait to see her again next year.

Prevention of discrimination and sexual harassment

A message from NAS Jacksonville
Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander

As the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, I am fully committed to Equal Opportunity for all Military and Civilian employees



Capt. Roy Undersander

of this command, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, or national origin.

All leaders, managers, and supervisors have an obligation to work towards an environment of mutual respect.

My desires and goals are to provide a workplace that promotes equal opportunity for every member of this

command. Our success depends upon a genuine willingness to provide an environment responsive to the need for professional growth and acknowledgement of an individual's dignity and self-worth.

Discrimination in any form, including sexual harassment, erodes morale, unit cohesiveness and is detrimental to mission readiness. Integral to my goal of providing Equal Opportunity for all personnel is the requirement for leaders to take appropriate action on any form of discrimination, including sexual harassment, that is brought to their attention.

All personnel are encouraged to use the Informal Resolution System (IRS) to resolve discrimination complaints. Supervisors must ensure military and civilian personnel understand the importance of reporting such allegations. I will not tolerate any form of reprisal.

Personnel engaging in discrimination/sexual harassment or reprisal will be subjected to Non-

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VP-30 welcomes new commanding officer

By Lt. William Ross
VP-30 Public Affairs Officer

VP-30 began a new chapter in its long and storied history Aug. 15 with a change of command ceremony honoring skipper Capt. Mark Stevens and welcoming new Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips. Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, was in attendance as a member of the official party to honor both men.

Stevens' tenure at the VP-30 "Pro's Nest" coincided with exciting and sweeping change across the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) - with the transition from the Navy's steadfast Lockheed P-3C Orion to the new Boeing P-8A Poseidon.

His 25 months of leadership at the Pro's Nest saw the arrival of the first P-8A to NAS Jacksonville and VP-30 in March of 2012, along with a growing cadre of highly qualified P-8A instructors as part of the Poseidon Fleet Integration Team, as well as the full transition of two operational VP squadrons from the P-3 to the P-8.

All this activity took place while providing aircraft-specific training for naval



Photos courtesy of VP-30
New VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips (right) salutes Rear Adm. Matthew Carter (left), commander, Patrol Reconnaissance Group, as he assumes command Aug. 15.

aviators, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrew on both P-3 and P-8 aircraft.

As VP-30's role evolved to meet the dynamic needs of the MPRF it maintained its reputation for excellence in training and safety. In July 2013, under the command of Stevens, the Pro's of VP-30 surpassed 466,000 Class A mishap-free flight hours - a naval aviation record - and received its second consecutive Safety "S" Award.

Phillips returns to VP-30 after serving as a Fleet Replacement and Weapons and Tactics Unit instructor pilot in 1997.

His previous tour was as International



With P-8A and P-3C aircraft in the background, Capt. Curtis Phillips addresses the audience as the new commanding officer of VP-30.

Security Assistance Force, Force Generation Team chief, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Casteau, Belgium.

Phillips holds aircraft qualifications in both the Orion and Poseidon - and assumes command of the Navy's largest Fleet Replacement Squadron at the height of the P-8 transition.

The "War Eagles" of VP-16 and the "Mad Foxes" of VP-5 are now finished with their P-8 transition training at VP-30. Soon, VP-16 will be prepping for

the Navy's first Poseidon operational deployment.

At the same time, VP-30 welcomes the "Pelicans" of VP-45 as the third operational fleet squadron to make the transition to the new aircraft.

With the growing challenges associated with the transition of the MPRF to its first new aircraft in more than 50 years, the Pro's Nest of VP-30 looks forward to sustaining their superb record of production and safety under Phillips' leadership.



Photo by Victor Pitts

FRCSE employee earns Vision Award

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. John Kemna (left) examines the Environmental Control System (ECS) in a compartment on an F/A-18 aircraft with Jorge Hernandez (center) as Ralph Brown, Command Vision Award program coordinator looks on, Aug. 14. Hernandez received a Vision Award for his idea to leave the ECS in place while reorienting the bleed air leak detection transponder. His innovative idea reduced manhours to 47 percent.



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DEFY mentor HM2(FMF) Joe Patty of Naval Hospital Jacksonville, leads the campers to breakfast at YMCA Camp McConnell following morning colors.

Military youths experience DEFY camp

By MC2(AW)
Doug Wojciechowski

More than 100 Department of Defense dependent children and 27 active duty personnel departed NAS Jacksonville on Aug. 4 and traveled to YMCA Camp McConnell in Micanopy, Fla. for a six-day, five-night, residential camp to complete phase one of the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program hosted by VP-30.

The camp offered activities such as rock climbing, swimming, horseback riding and team-building games.

All were geared toward making smarter life decisions and building self-sufficiency.

While at camp, the youth also gathered in the camp classroom to learn the importance of saying "no" to drugs, as well as learning the consequences and health-related side effects of using both illegal and legal drugs.

Approximately 18 hours of classroom lessons were taught by the volunteer adult mentors who spent all week with the youth providing guidance and leadership.

"It was great to see the children so involved in the lessons," said YN3 Allan Trahan, an adult mentor assigned to VP-5.

"Teaching topics like these to the children can be quite a challenge, but the outcome was very inspiring."

Outside of the classroom and in between free playtime, each of the ten teams worked on an anti-drug themed skit or performance.

All of the children and adult mentors came together to compile a script and scenes to perform during parents' night Aug. 8 at Camp DEFY.

"The excitement the kids show on their faces when they see all the parents there to watch the skits is just amazing to witness," said AE2 Chris Phillips, an adult mentor assigned to Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

"I will definitely try to be a mentor at next year's camp



DEFY mentor HN John Holland leads campers over the "Swamp Bridge" during a nature trail hike at YMCA Camp McConnell.

because this experience was like no other. To see the changes the kids make within themselves and the challenges they overcome is very humbling."

VP-30 has sponsored the Jacksonville community DEFY program for 16 years and plans to remain an influential anchor to the program for years to come.

Mentors will meet with the children over the course of the year to continue educating on illegal substances and provide guidance when needed.

"During my time in the Navy, I haven't seen such an impactful volunteer program for local youth and military communi-

ty," said AWOSC Ron Ramberg, Jacksonville's local DEFY program coordinator.

"Seeing the youth enrolled in DEFY mature and grow over the yearlong program, and even watching the adult mentors learn more about themselves as a leader is extremely rewarding."

DEFY program is to provide character development training, positive role model mentoring and community outreach for youths ages 9 to 12.

The goal is to provide youth with the character, leadership, and confidence needed to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens.



PS2(SW) Nathan Miranda (top, second from left), of Navy Region Southeast, watches as his team completes the assigned worksheet for their team-building exercise.



DEFY (Drug Education For Youth) campers and mentors gather around the flag pole on the last day of camp.



DEFY camper Brooke Lankhorst is pleased with her choice of horse as she prepares to start the horseback riding activity.



DEFY camper Delainee Bushey uses her upper body strength to navigate her way up the 40-foot rock climbing wall at YMCA Camp McConnell.



DEFY mentors, AWO1(NAC/AW) Brett Aasen (front left), HN John Holland (front right), PR2(AW) Terrell Manigault (rear left), and AWO1(NAC/AW) Gerry Boysen, demonstrate one of the camp's team-building exercises – the four-man push up.



DEFY camper Cole Adam smiles as he begins placing rubber bands for his tie-dye camp shirt.



Mentor YN2 Luis Mojica (far right), assigned to Navy Region Southeast, instructs youth on the negative side effects of illegal drug use.



DEFY mentor AD2(AW) Megan Kehoe, of VP-30, helps two DEFY campers design and decorate their team flag.



DEFY camper Clayton Wright prepares to return a serve on the tennis court during one of the camp's free play and sports activities periods.



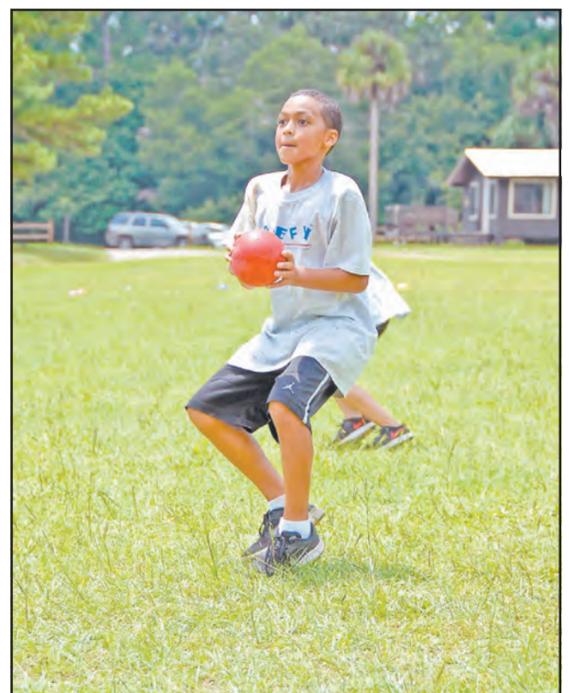
Corey Goddard Jr. nears the finish of his swim test on the first pool day of DEFY camp at YMCA Camp McConnell.



DEFY camper Lauren Ramberg prepares to kick a football as part of a confidence-boosting activity on the athletic field at YMCA Camp McConnell.

**Photos by
MC2(AW) Doug
Wojciechowski**

R.J. Ward watches his opponents carefully while playing Sprout Ball, a camp favorite that closely resembles a never-ending dodgeball game.



'Fighting Tigers' renovate Little League baseball field

By MC2 Clay Whaley
VP-8 Public Affairs

Sixteen Sailors assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8 assisted the Bradford Parents Athletic Association (BPAA) in the renovation of a little league baseball field and support equipment in Starke, Fla.

During the event, VP-8 volunteers painted and renovated the dugouts, repaired two picnic tables, installed foul ball netting, hung bulletin boards and connected rain gutters onto a concession stand.

"Being a part of the Navy and specifically part of VP-8 - it's important for us to get out and become involved in the community," said AWO1 Nathaniel Graham. "It's important for us to be known not only for fighting spirit, but also our volunteer spirit," he added.

BPAA operates three divisions of little league baseball, focused on the ideals of teamwork and sportsmanship. Continued parent, volunteer and local donator support has allowed all interested youth to learn the game of baseball without



VP-8 Sailors repair a picnic table during a parent and coach volunteer work day at a Little League baseball field in Starke, Fla., on Aug. 3.

Photos by MC2 Clay Whaley



VP-8 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Todd Libby measures wood to build a batting practice area at a Little League baseball field in Starke, Fla., as part of a volunteer community relations project on Aug. 3.

the concern of cost.

"The Navy's contribution today will extend decades," said Tricia Cook, board treasurer for BPAA. "I hope VP-8 realizes that what they did today will carry on for generations to come, and we couldn't have done it without them," she added.

VP-8 assists VP-46 with aircraft transfer

By Lt. j.g. Torrey Plum
VP-8 PAO

On July 11, a crew from the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8 departed NAS Jacksonville for Atsugi, Japan. Led by Lt. Drew Gaston, the crew of nine was tasked with a seven-day mission involving three aircraft transfers - they were to deliver an aircraft to VP-46 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. reposition a VP-46 aircraft to Nippon Hikouki (NIPPI) depot maintenance facility in Atsugi, and accept an aircraft from NIPPI to be utilized by the Fighting Tigers.

One might say that in standard P-3 fashion, the seven-day evolution took 29 days. Following an uneventful first two legs of the trip, Gaston and crew attempted a functional check flight on aircraft 158215. The crew discovered a propeller malfunction, which ultimately necessitated replacement of the entire engine; after replacement

of the engine, the crew discovered an oxygen leak. Despite their best effort, NIPPI did not have parts on hand for either fix, and the crew spent more than three weeks waiting in Japan.

Although several maintenance issues plagued the crew and resulted in a stay that was longer than anticipated, the crew made good use of their time off by taking in the sights of Japan.

They visited the historical island of Iwo To (formerly known as Iwo Jima); took in the Daibutsu, the most famous Buddha statue in Japan; shopped in the Tokyo area districts of Ginza and Shibuya; and took in breathtaking views from the top of the Tokyo Tower and Mount Fuji.

At night they immersed themselves in the lights and sounds of the big city and explored new and exciting culinary delights.

The crew and aircraft 215 returned to NAS Jacksonville Aug. 10.



Photos courtesy of HSM-72

HSM-72 hosts submarine Sailors

AWR2 Jason Rodriguez of the HSM-72 "Proud Warriors" discusses the MH-60R Romeo helicopter's submarine counter-tactics with officers from USS Georgia (SSGN-729) during their recent visit to the squadron.



Lt. Sean Castle of HSM-72 shows USS Georgia Executive Officer Cmdr. John Dye some of the capabilities of the MH-60R Romeo helicopter in the cockpit.

Continue to serve through conversion

By MC2 Andrea Perez
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Conversion programs allow Sailors from all walks of life to make a major job change and continue their Navy careers, officials said Aug. 21. Several Continuum of Service (CoS) conversion programs that apply to eligible officer and enlisted Sailors who are currently serving on active duty or in the Reserves are outlined in NAVADMIN 198/13.

To date, thousands of Sailors have converted to different ratings, allowing the Navy to keep Sailors who are committed to a career in the Navy.

According to a new conversion status report on the Active Duty Conversions web page at www.npc.navy.mil, more than half of active duty conversion requests in 2013 have already been approved.

Applications for conversion can be submitted by detailers, command career counselors (CCCs) or anyone

with prior access to Fleet-RIDE through the new Career Waypoint (C-WAY) information technology system. A NAVPERS 5239/8 (SAAR Addendum) is required to access C-WAY.

Active-duty enlisted Sailors, in conjunction with reenlistment applications submitted via the C-WAY-Reenlistment process, can voluntarily request to change their rating.

Reserve Sailors, working with their CCC, can view and apply for a rating conversion through C-WAY-Conversion.

Active-duty and Reserve officers interested in conversion can request a voluntary designator change. Requests for Reserve designator changes are considered continuously, while requests for AC designator changes are decided by a lateral transfer board twice a year.

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NAS Jax Housing Director Mike Herbert (left) and Diana Heintz, community manager of Balfour Beatty Communities (right) present a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant to Petty Officer Teresa Adams for filling out the annual CEL survey to provide feedback on housing issues.

Navy housing gears up for annual survey

From CNIC Navy Housing Office

From Sigonella to Sasebo, Whidbey Island to Jacksonville, and everywhere in between, Commander, Navy Installations Command's Navy Housing Office and its privatized housing partners are gearing up for their annual resident satisfaction survey (RSS).

The annual survey, which is mailed to residents of military housing at the end of August, asks residents to provide feedback and thoughts regarding their Navy Housing experience.

The RSS measures all aspects of customer satisfaction with Navy Housing, including our staff services, the condition of the homes and barracks, and other provided amenities such as loaner furnishings and the use of housing community centers.

A comment card accompanies the surveys, and residents are encouraged to mention particular issues and request follow-up as a way to seek resolution of these issues.

"Navy Housing is a customer-focused organization, and hearing from our customers is critical for us to understand and meet their needs," said Cindy Mogan, Navy Housing RSS project manager.

"We encourage everyone who receives an RSS to take the time to complete and send it in. It's an easy way to give us important and anonymous feedback on how we're doing."

The RSS is also used to target funding for facility and amenity improvements. "Our residents play a vital role in improving the services and facilities we provide," said William Pearson, acting Navy Housing program director. "RSS results assist housing professionals to prioritize projects that best meet service members' needs."

Service members living in family housing will receive their surveys late August, early September depending on location.

The survey must be returned by Oct. 21.

The family housing survey can be filled out and returned by mail or electronically on the survey website.

Service members living in unaccompanied housing (bachelor quarters) will receive their surveys by mail the second week of Sept. and must be returned by Nov. 12. This survey is available by mail only.

Clay County Veterans Services Office has relocated

From the Clay County Veterans Service Office

Part of Clay County's heritage is the county's strong ties to the military dating back to the early 1800s. Today, there are over 24,000 veterans who call Clay County home. These veterans represent service to our nation from World War II through the current conflicts as well as decades of service during peacetime.

The Clay County Veterans Service Office is staffed with a full time veterans service officer and a part time veterans program assistant; both available and eager to assist veterans and/or fam-

ily members with filing claims and/or other related needs. The office is now located on the second floor of the Clay County Administration Building at 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Fla.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The former Veterans Service Office at 1565 CR 315 has been closed. To make an appointment, call (904) 269-6326.

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Cmdr. Wade Rindy (second from right), vice president of Navy Supply Corps Foundation-Jacksonville Chapter, and Lt. j.g. Shelby Green (second from left) present school supplies to a very grateful principal, Jeff Royal (left), and assistant principal, Iviza Cruickschank-Greene (right).

Supply corps community partners with local school

By Lt. j.g. Shelby Green
NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville
Corporate Communications

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation-Jacksonville Chapter (NSCFJ) and the NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville command worked jointly to raise funds and organize a school supplies donation drive during July and early August.

The combined efforts of these organizations raised approximately \$450 worth of school supplies for donation to Hyde Grove Elementary School (HGES).

HGES is a Title I school that receives special assistance through the federal government. The program works to assist schools with high numbers of children from low-income families to ensure they receive the necessary resources to meet state academic standards. Each of the students participate in the free lunch program and the Blessings in a Backpack program, that gives the children a backpack filled with food to take home on the week-

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Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Royal Australian Navy 725 Squadron Commanding Officer Cmdr. David Frost, left, and SN Clark Chancellor cut a cake to celebrate the squadron's move into their new spaces at Hangar 1122 on Aug. 22.

RAN

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is Aug. 27, so we are celebrating with a 'clear lower deck' or as the U.S. Navy calls it, an all hands call," he continued.

According to Glynn, 52 members of the squadron are currently stationed at NAS Jacksonville with the following 56 members arriving throughout next year.

"We expect to have four aircraft by February which will allow us to build our experience flying alongside our U.S. Navy brethren. They have more experience flying these aircraft and that's why our project office recommended we remain here to work through any issues and grow the organizations' experience quickly," Glynn stated.

By the end of 2014, 725 Squadron will be outfitted with seven MH-60R Romeo helicopters before returning home in December 2014 to HMAS Albatross, the only naval air station in Australia. They will then take on the role of training the RAN's 816 Squadron members on the Romeo as they transition to the new aircraft from the S-70B-2, an international variant of the SH-60 Seahawk. 816 Squadron will continue supporting the Australian fleet, serving on board RAN frigates and destroyers.

"We are currently building a new facility with the same equipment the U.S. Navy utilizes, however, we are combining the maintenance and aircrew training facilities under one roof," said Glynn, who also highlighted what a great opportunity it is for squadron members to train here and experience life in another country.

"I think this is fantastic to be able to come here to train on helicopters next to another country's defense force.

"I think it is fantastic to be able to come here to train on helicopters next to another country's defense force.

We've completed three months of training at CNATTU and have another four months of OJT on the shop floor with the squadrons here. They've been very accommodating and helpful. This is something completely new for us and while challenging, it's been great," said CPO Aviation Technician Aircraft Jamie Craig of 725 Squadron.

"I love Jacksonville and being able to come to Florida. This aircraft is similar to the one I was working on in Australia but there are a lot more modifications; it's much newer and shinier. I can't wait until we get our new Romeos," added Able Seaman Celeste Bowie, a RAN airframe/mechanic for the past seven years.

During the all hands call, 725 Squadron Commanding Officer Cmdr. David Frost, RAN, praised his troops for their accomplishments and stressed the importance of forging ahead to prepare for the arrival of their new aircraft. He also recognized several squadron members by presenting service awards and letters of appreciation from the Greater Area Jacksonville USO for participating in a recent community service event.

Frost and SN Clark Chancellor, the youngest member of the squadron, concluded the ceremony by cutting a cake adorned with the squadron's emblem, a winged gauntlet.

Originally commissioned in the Royal Navy in 1943, 725 Squadron became a RAN Fleet Air Arm Squadron in January 1958 operating fixed wing aircraft. De-commissioned in 1961, it was re-commissioned again in 1962 as an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) helicopter training squadron serving until 1975.

The squadron will be re-commissioned in early 2015 and again assume the role of providing aircrew and maintainers trained in operating ASW helicopters.

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In August 1946, Blue Angels Lt. Alfred "Al" Taddeo, Lt. Maurice "Wick" Wickendoll, Lt. Cmdr. R.M. "Butch" Voris, Lt. Mel Cassidy, and Lt. j.g. Ross Robinson flew to the Grumman factory at Bethpage, N.Y. to bring home their new F8F Bearcat fighters. Compared to the F6F Hellcat, the Bearcat was smaller, lighter, had a full plexiglass canopy and turned a 4-blade propeller. They would fly the Bearcat until 1949.

TADDEO

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June 1919 and grew up there. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and went through flight training and received his wings at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.

His first assignment was to fly F4F Wildcats off the light carrier USS Nassau in the Aleutian Islands Campaign. Taddeo was then transferred to the VF-10 "Grim Reapers," along with then Lt. "Butch" Voris. That assignment would eventually lead him to an initial spot with the Blue Angel team.

He had been in the first Battle of the Philippine Sea and remembered a Japanese pilot who followed the American planes back in the confusion of night where he tried to land on an American carrier. He would go on to survive World War II, shooting down three Japanese aircraft -- which earned him two Distinguished Flying Crosses along with numerous air medals.

Following the war, Taddeo was assigned to Opa-locka (NAS Miami) with the Naval Air Operational Training Command as an instructor pilot. He was called up from there to join the Blue Angels and reported to NAS Jacksonville June 14, 1946. The next day, the Blue Angels gave their first public performance at the dedication of Craig Field in Jacksonville.

Taddeo was initially assigned as a spare pilot for the team. But a pilot was removed from the team the very next day, so he was eventually assigned left pilot (No. 3 plane) with the team flying in every show for the rest of the 1946 season.

Taddeo continued to fly with the team until June 1947. During his tour with the Blue Angels, Taddeo broke through the "marriage barrier" that Voris had established for any pilot to be a member of the team. He was the first to ask for, and finally receive, permission to marry.

When his tour ended, he took command of a fighter squadron on board USS Coral Sea, flying the F4U Corsair. He later returned to NAS Jacksonville as commanding officer of VF-43, served in the Pentagon and served as commanding officer of VA-52 and VF-144.

"The attack squadron command was

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Scorby's next assignment will be as Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia, and as Commander, Maritime Air Forces, Naples, Italy.

Williamson is reporting from his current position as Commander, Navy Region Midwest, a position he has held since June 2011.

His early sea assignments included tours in USS Dewey (DDG 45), USS Briscoe (DD 977), USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and executive officer aboard USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60).

He commanded USS Simpson (FFG 56) during NATO's Standing Naval Forces Atlantic 2004 deployment to the United States, the first such visit by NATO to the United States after 9/11. Under his command, Simpson won two Battle "E" awards.

Ashore, his assignments included tours in Washington, D.C., as the

strange for me" said Taddeo.

"I had always been a fighter pilot."

When he left the Navy after 21 years of service in 1963, he had 350 carrier landings with about half on straight carrier flight decks versus the angled flight decks of the carriers today.

When he retired, Taddeo became a successful businessman, starting as a salesman at a car dealership in San Diego. He and his brother bought several car dealerships up and down the California coast.

Taddeo and his wife, Joan, were invited to NAS Jacksonville as the 2008, 2010 and 2011 NAS Jax Air Show VIP guests. During the station's 2011 air show, a recognition ceremony was held to celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation, by honoring individuals who had received Distinguished Flying Crosses.

Taddeo was honored for his two Distinguished Flying Crosses, one received on April 21, 1944 and the other on June 28, 1944.

Plans were already in the works to have them as VIP guests for the 2012 air show, before the show was cancelled. Always gracious in his visits, he was also a favorite of the media for his interviews. As someone who would take the time to meet anyone who wanted a chance to talk with him, he especially enjoyed talking with the active duty Sailors and children.

Not only was Taddeo a great Navy pilot and officer, he had a wonderful sense of humor and was a loving family man.

He would tell anyone who would listen how much he learned and appreciated his time with the U.S. Navy and particularly as one of the early founding pilots of the Blue Angels.

"Everyone knew the Blue Angels wherever I went and mentioned the team," he would say. "When the Blue Angels season was cancelled because of sequestration in 2013, he was devastated," said Joan recently.

This was the first time in the history of the team that a season had been cancelled. But that very first team is now finally back together, probably retelling long forgotten stories. Taddeo loved NAS Jacksonville, promoted the station and the U.S. Navy as often as he could, and will be sorely missed.

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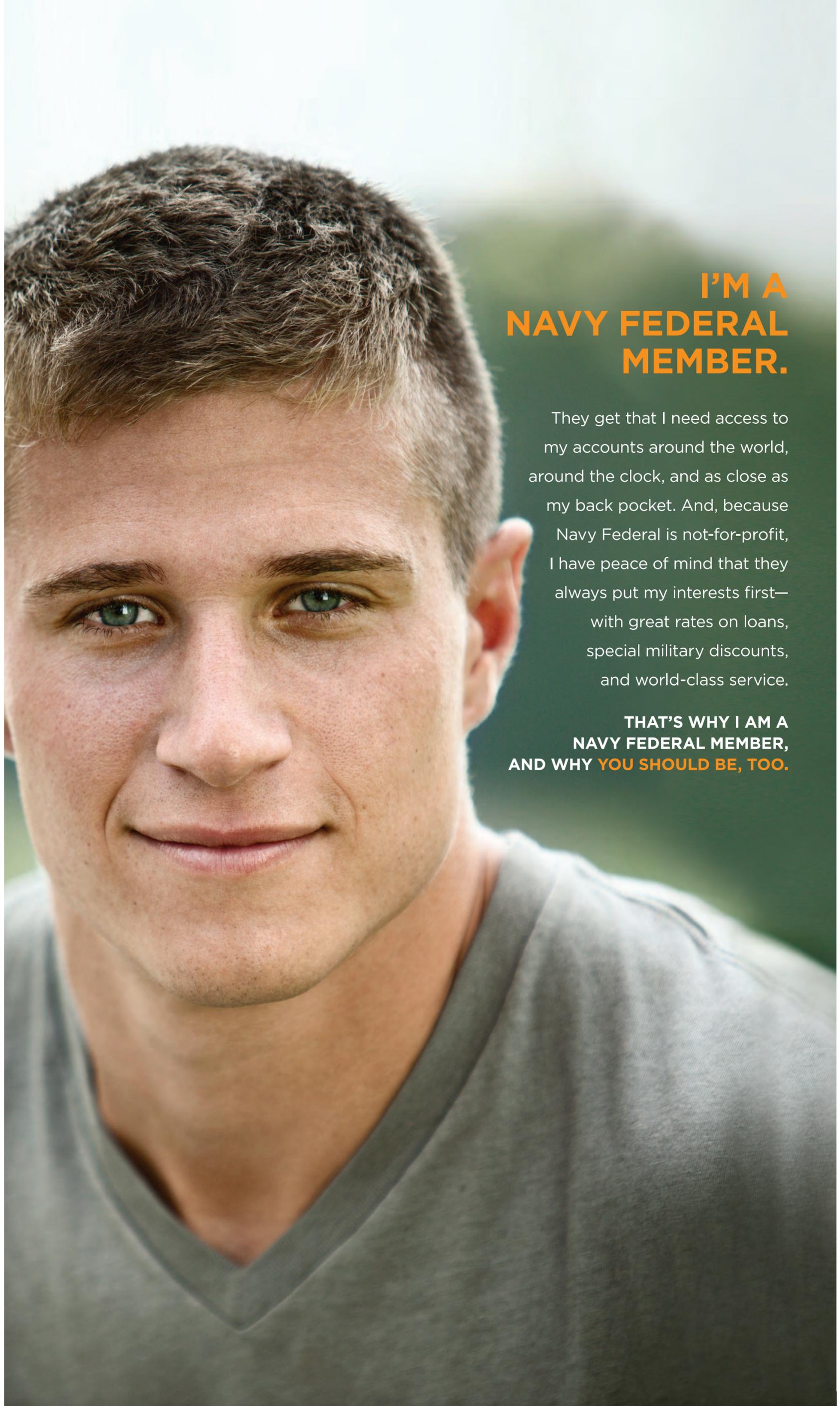
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executive assistant to Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC), and returning for a second CNIC tour as Deputy Director of Plans and Policy. Additionally, he served as a lead examiner of both the Steam and Gas Turbine Branches at the Propulsion Examination Board at Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

In May 2006, Williamson served as the executive officer of the Command Leadership School in Newport, R.I. From 2008 to 2011, he served as the commanding officer of Naval Base San Diego. During this tour, Naval Base San Diego was selected as the 2010 Presidential Installation Excellence Award and the 2011 Presidential Green Government Award.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Williamson is a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

He earned a Master of Business Administration from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1990 and is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.



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Navy/Marine Corps team testing F-35B Lightning II aboard USS Wasp

By MCSN Michael Forbes
USS Wasp Public Affairs

Two F-35B Lightning II jets (BF-01 and BF-05) touched down on board the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) Aug. 12, kicking off week of Development Testing II (DT-II) where Wasp Sailors and Integrated Test Force (ITF) team members will test and further validate the F-35B.

DT-II is the second of three test phases encompassing numerous milestone events including the first night operation at sea – as well as the first launch and recovery of the F-35B at sea by a U.K. test pilot.

The F-35 Lightning II is the next generation strike aircraft for the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, as well as eight international partners. The jet combines advanced stealth with fighter speed and agility, fully fused sensor information, network-enabled operations and advanced sustainment.

Wasp is testing the F-35B, which has short takeoff/vertical landing (STOVL) capability, enabling it to operate from a wider range of ships and in support of expeditionary operations.

"It's a significant milestone for the F-35 program," said Capt. Erik Etz, director, Test & Evaluation F-35 Naval Variants. "The ability to operate at night is critical and so certainly the testing we're doing here will provide a significant amount of data so we can clear the envelope and clear the aircraft to operate day and night, when the Marine Corps takes the F-35B to initial operating capability in 2015."

Wasp and the ITF completed a major milestone when Lt. Col. C. R. Clift launched from the flight deck and landed safely, marking the first successful night launch and recovery of the F-35B at sea.

The pilots were pleased with the progress that the first night landings at sea represent. "It all went extremely well," said Clift. "We conducted eight successful launches and landings, so we're on target and quickly gaining experience with F-35B night operations at sea."

Launch and recoveries filled the first, second and third days at sea – creating smooth, synchronized daytime operations. Wasp flight deck crew members were trained in advance of DT-II to prepare them for F-35B operations at sea, ensuring all those involved



Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin by Andy Wolfe
An F-35B Lightning II aircraft prepares for take off from the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) during the second at-sea F-35 developmental test event. The F-35B is the Marine Corps variant of the joint strike fighter and is undergoing testing aboard Wasp.

were ready to support DT-II.

"The crew itself has spent quite a bit of time up at Patuxent River working with the F-35B understanding how the aircraft operates," said Capt. Brian Teets, Wasp's commanding officer. "What we've been able to bring is a consistent platform to the F-35B to support their testing. It's the same ship with the same capabilities, providing consistency and stability as a reliable test platform. Employing a consistent test platform allows the team to find ways to optimize this new aircraft in the Marine Air Combat Element."

U.K. Squadron Leader Jim Schofield, a Royal Air Force pilot, became the first international pilot to conduct sea-based launch and landing in the F-35B. "It's exciting to see the integration of this new plane with the amphibious assault ships," said Schofield. "After a year leading up to this evolution, it's awesome to get here and start. And the crew has been especially accommodating and efficient at running these tests smoothly."

The historical milestones were not lost on Wasp crew members, but for most it was "business as usual," focusing on safety and effectiveness during flight operations at sea. ABH1 Ashley Geary gave the signal to launch BF-05 for the first night flight operations. "We worked with the test team at Pax River for a week, learning about the F-35B and its operations," said Geary. "They took our suggestions on flight deck procedures, ensuring we were one team working together towards a successful mission."

The F-35 Lightning II is scheduled to replace 13 different legacy aircraft in the current U.S. defense inventory. Sea trials for the Navy's F-35C aircraft carrier variant are scheduled at the end of 2014.

Naval museums and heritage sites return to normal hours

From Naval History and Heritage Command Public Affairs

Navy museums that cut their hours as a result of the federal furlough have returned to their normal operating hours.

Additionally, the Navy's archives and Navy Department Library, located on the Washington Navy Yard, reopened Aug. 26, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) officials announced. The following Navy museums were affected by closing Mondays and have resumed normal hours:

- National Museum of the U.S. Navy (Washington, D.C.);
- National Naval Aviation Museum (Pensacola, Fla.);
- Great Lakes Naval Museum (Great Lakes, Ill.);
- Hampton Roads Naval Museum (Norfolk, Va.);
- U.S. Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus (Groton, Conn.);
- U.S. Navy Seabee Museum (Port Hueneme, Calif.);
- Naval Museum Northwest (Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Wash.);
- U.S. Naval War College Museum (Newport, R.I.);
- U.S. Naval Academy Museum (Annapolis, Md.);
- The Naval Museum Northwest (Puget Sound Naval Museum, Bremerton, Wash.) was closed on Fridays and is back to its normal hours.

Before planning a visit, check the museums' respective websites for hours of operation.

NHHC, which operates the Navy's museums, the Department of the Navy Library, and Navy Archives, has also returned to normal public access hours, although access to many of its holdings remain limited due to ongoing remediation efforts.

In 2012, NHHC and Washington Navy Yard Public Works collaborated on a major archival storage facility renovation project for buildings 108 and 44. The ongoing project will result in accommodating 12,000 cubic feet of paper, microform and digital media storage space with new environmental controls. Additionally, refurbishment of the archives spaces and mold decontamination started earlier this year, and the work will continue into next year.

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Photos by Lt. Kevin Wendt

New park landscaping

Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 continue work on the new park at Langley Street and Saratoga Avenue at NAS Jacksonville. The new park is located on the grounds of the former Atlantic Fleet Air Photographic Laboratory which housed Heavy Photographic Squadron (VAP-62) and Light Photographic Squadron (VFP-62) in the 1960's. Both squadron's played a significant role during the Cuban Missile Crisis by taking, processing and printing photos of Cuba.



A group of Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 put down mulch after planting Sago palms and other bushes in a new park being built in the former location of the Atlantic Fleet Air Photographic Laboratory at the corner of Langley Street and Saratoga Avenue.

The project is expected to be completed in early October.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Cabal retires after 25 years

ADCS(NAC/AW) Manny Cabal of the NAS Jax Executive/Environmental Departments is piped ashore as his sideboys salute him during his retirement ceremony on Aug. 23 at the VP-30 auditorium. Cabal retired from the U.S. Navy after 25 years of dedicated service.

ACCS(AW/SW) Keven Sloan of the NAS Jax Air Operations Department (left), and CSCS(SW) Wendell Heyward of the Flight Line Café (right), present ADCS(NAC/AW) Manny Cabal of the NAS Jax Executive/Environmental Departments with his shadowbox representing significant aspects of his 25 years as a Sailor in the U.S. Navy during his retirement ceremony held Aug. 23.



Photo courtesy of CPRW-11

Newly commissioned Ensign Quincey Durham of Mobile Tactical Operations Center Three (MTOC)-3 (right) proudly displays his commissioning letter with Lt. Ron Williams, former officer in charge of MTOC-3 and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Eric Wiese looks on during the commissioning ceremony on Aug. 2.

Petty officer commissioned to Ensign

By Lt. Eric Frank
Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven

AWO1(NAC/AW) Quincey Durham of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW-11) was commissioned as an ensign during a ceremony at VP-30, Aug. 2.

Numerous family members, co-workers and friends attended the event. CPRW-11 Commodore Capt. Eric Wiese was the guest speaker.

During the traditional ceremony, Durham's first class petty officer insignia was officially retired before he was given the administration of oath by Lt. Ron Williams, former officer in charge of Mobile Tactical Operations Center Three (MTOC-3).

Durham was then presented his ensign shoulder boards and cover by his mother, Darlene Durham and his daughter, Madisyn Durham.

Durham, a native of Lubbock, Texas, joined the Navy June 26, 2000. He then completed Aircrew Candidate School and AW 'A' School in Pensacola, Fla. His duty assignments include Fleet Replacement Squadron training at VP-30, VP-46 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. and CPRW-11 as part of MTOC-3. His first assignment as an ensign is to USS George Washington (CVN-73).

"I'm grateful to be a part of the Navy for all of the opportunities I have had. Taking care of Sailors is my number one priority and I am looking forward to keeping this tradition alive as a commissioned officer," he said.

"I'm also eternally grateful to my family for supporting me along the way and for everything that I've had to endure through my life because it's made me who I am today."

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NAS Jax Sports

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Fall Kickball League forming

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**Fall Bowling League meeting -
Sept. 6**

The league is open to active duty, selective
reservists, and command DoD personnel
and DoD contractor personnel assigned
to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The
meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at NAS
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athletic officer or designated representative
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**Intramural Skeet Shooting
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Barrezueta	0	1
Bradshaw	0	1
Ngo	0	1
Brown	0	2

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PSD	6	3
CNATTU Gold	5	4
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VP-30	4	4
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More photos from HS-11 and Army National Guard



Photos by AWR3 Michael Sherman

Personnel from the 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) relax in the Keystone Airport staging area for paradrops from HH-60H Seahawk helicopters assigned to the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" at NAS Jacksonville.



Members of the Army National Guard 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) gather for a safety briefing on Aug. 16 at Keystone Airport.



An Army National Guard Jumpmaster and four Special Forces soldiers approach an HH-60H Seahawk helicopter of HS-11 for paratroop training.



View of the Keystone Airport drop zone from 1,200 feet. Constructed in 1942, the airfield was used as a U.S. Army Air Corps training base until the end of World War II.



HS-11 Seahawk pilot Lt. Austin Lee is ready to take four Army National Guard Special Forces soldiers to an altitude of 1,200 feet above the drop zone.



HS-11 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Ryan Keys (left) observes a safety briefing where Army National Guard Jumpmasters double-check parachutes and other gear for airborne troops taking part in a paratroop on Aug. 16 at Keystone Airport.



With two Army National Guard Jumpmasters, four paratroopers and a Navy helicopter crew chief – the HH-60H cabin can get cramped on its way to the DZ.



Low clouds below 1,200 feet partially obscure the DZ as Army National Guard Special Forces soldiers prepare for their paratroop exercise.



HS-11 Executive Officer Cmdr. Tim Kinsella (center) answers questions about the HH-60H platform before loading special forces personnel for paratroop training.



Navy crew chief AWR1 Thomas Nutzmann (center) and Army National Guard Jumpmasters return to the loading zone to embark four more paratroopers during an Aug. 17 paratroop training at Keystone Airport.



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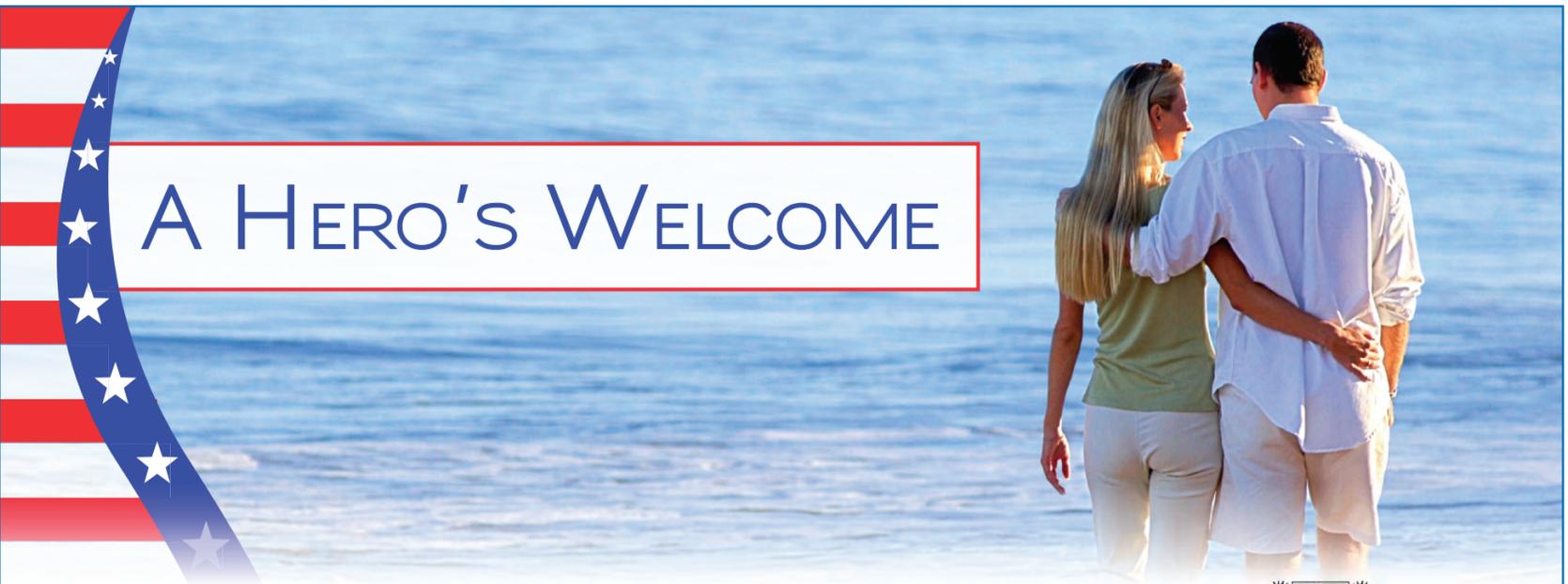
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Welcoming CPO Selectees

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander welcomes a group of chief petty officer selectees from Navy Information Operations Command Georgia at Fort Gordon, Ga., who visited the station on Aug. 21 to get some insight of the command.

Free breast care symposium provides answers to Northeast Florida women

From Staff

The sixth annual Pink Ribbon Symposium will be held at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center (283 College Drive, Orange Park 32085) on Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Founded by Drs. Cynthia Anderson and Linda Sylvester, the event is presented by ICON Oncology at Orange Park Cancer Center and F.R.O.G. (Florida Radiation Oncology Group).

Important up-to-date information about breast cancer prevention, early detection and treatment options, the side effects of treatment, and survivorship will be discussed.

Plus, it will offer good health and wellness topics, along with a keynote presentation entitled, "Laughter is the Best Medicine" and an "Meet the Experts" session, which will allow guests to ask questions of local doctors. More than 500 attend this free symposium annually.

This year's special guests are two regional female comedians, Gwen Templeton and Roz McCoy, who will headline the event and offer insight into how laughter can ease pain and help the cancer journey in an up-close and personal way.

Guests will be treated to a healthy continental breakfast. Topics include

an update on breast cancer research, genetics, caregivers, stress relief, caring for your body, health, nutrition and exercise.

Everyone is invited to the expo, where up to 60 local and national businesses will showcase their services to help cancer patients and their families.

Guests will learn how to care for their body, how sleep can affect cancer treatment, and how best to deal with relationships.

The schedule is as follows:

8-9 a.m. - Exhibits & Continental Breakfast

9-9:25 a.m. - Opening Remarks

9:40-10:30 a.m. - Session 1 - Meet the Experts (latest updates on radiology, medical oncology, surgical oncology, reconstruction, etc.), Caring for Our Bodies (nutrition, exercise, family genetics, coping with emotional stress, sexuality, etc.)

10:30-11 a.m. - Exhibits/Intermission (Silent Auction closes at 11 a.m.)

11 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. - Session 2 - Meet the Experts, Caring for Our Bodies

12:05-12:30 p.m. - Guest Speakers: Laughter is the Best Medicine

12:30-12:40 p.m. - Closing Remarks

For more information, call 838-2950 or e-mail pinkribbonsymposium@gmail.com.

Perinatal mood and anxiety disorder more common than you may realize

By Xiomara Lemmey

NBHC Mayport PMAD Support Counselor

According to the World Health Organization, depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide — with an estimated 350 million affected — and is one of many symptoms that could indicate a form of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMAD) in women.

PMAD can occur during pregnancy and up to the first year postpartum. Other disorders associated with PMAD include panic, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and postpartum psychosis. PMAD affects women of all ages, race, culture and financial status.

Studies have shown that approximately 10-20 percent of women experience depression either during pregnancy or in the first 12 months postpartum, yet less than 25 percent of Obstetrics (OB) and Gynecology (GYN) patients have had their diagnoses recognized.

Despite the health risks and complications associated with maternal depression, pregnant women and new mothers experiencing depression often do not get the treatment they need due to fear of discussing mental health concerns with their primary care providers.

Military families are often faced with increased stressors and challenges due to frequent deployments, career decisions and family migration due to new duty assignments.

To an expectant mother, it can be extremely overwhelming and may have a direct impact on her partner as well — presenting the feelings of being overwhelmed, confused, angry and afraid.

protect the well being of the mother, baby and entire family.

If left untreated, PMAD can affect the mother-child bond, the child's physical and emotional health, and long-term behavior.

Common symptoms of PMAD can include feelings of loneliness, sadness and helplessness; difficulty bonding with baby; anxiety, panic or excessive worry; fear of being left alone with baby; thoughts of hurting yourself or those around you; frequent mood swings or crying; lack of interest in life or a previous history of depression, postpartum depression or anxiety. Delays in treatment can relate to a significantly longer duration of PMAD.

Many military moms, and some dads, are accustomed to being the sole caregiver and are not used to asking for help. It is vital for parents to know that resources are available to them at any time.

Social support is essential to assure the mental health of women, children and their families during pregnancy and postpartum. Social support networks include family, friends, peer groups and faith communities.

Active-duty service members should contact their primary health care provider for assistance with counseling services and or treatment for depression or anxiety disorders.

Dependent family members should call the Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) appointment line at 904-542-4677 or 800-529-4677, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After-hours nurse advice is available — via the appointment line — on evenings, weekends and holidays.



Photos by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

Feds Feed Families donations

(From left) AWV2(NAC/AW) James Laney and ATAN Joel Smith both of the NAS Jax Chapel pick up food items from various buildings aboard NAS Jax for the Feds Feeds Families program on Aug. 23. Feds Feeds Families is a campaign led by the United States Department of Agriculture intended to help those in need.



Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Integrated Product Team (IPT) Gulf Coast Deputy IPT Leader William Kilpatrick (left) thanked ATAN Joel Smith (center) and AWV2(NAC/AW) James Laney (right) for stopping by to pick up donations for the annual Feds Feeds Family food drive. Food banks across the nation are facing severe shortages of non-perishable food items, just

as summer has begun and children are left without school supplied nutrition programs. Each year NAVFAC Southeast employees join in to help the NAS Jacksonville Chapel meet the national goal. NAVFAC Southeast employees in Jacksonville have donated nearly 800 pounds of food so far this month for the annual food drive that runs through the end of August.

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ends.

School supply items raised from the donation drive included backpacks, pencils, crayons, T-shirts, etc., and were delivered to an appreciative Principal Jeff Royal, and Assistant Principal Iviza Cruickschank-Greene in time to be distributed on the first day of school on August 19.

"Thank you so much for helping our children," said Cruickschank-Greene. "We are very grateful and appreciate the community support!"

In addition to delivering the school supplies, NSCFJ Vice President Cmdr. Wade Rindy signed an agreement to become sponsorship partners in order to support the school in a variety of other forms.

"The NSCFJ is excited about our partnership with HGES," said Rindy. "We look forward to giving back to the school, such as participating in the school's book of the month program, supplying treats or other forms of recognition to the school's students of the month, as well as participating in future school beautification projects

and food drives. We will also be mentoring and tutoring the students and acting as guest speakers at planned events."

"Our children need role models," said Royal. "Something as simple as sitting to talk with them during lunch time makes a huge impact ... it is amazing to see how a single conversation can change a child's life ... we are very excited about our future with NSCFJ."

NAS Jacksonville School Liaison Dawn Mills was also in attendance and was instrumental in facilitating the partnership. She will encourage other commands on the base to assist in the volunteer opportunities available at the school. She also spoke of organizing field trips for the students to visit the base in order to be exposed to life outside of the school.

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CPO Selectees participate in beach run

AWVC(Sel) Corey Stevenson, center, is cheered on by fellow selectees during the annual Tijuana Flats 5-Mile Beach Run at Jacksonville Beach on Aug. 24. Stevenson broke his leg one day before the results were released, but continually makes every effort to be involved at every level of the CPO 365 Phase II process. He finished the run with time of 1:18.



Photo by Miranda Shepherd

A group of chief petty officer selectees from NAS Jacksonville and tenant commands are cheered on to the finish line during the annual Tijuana Flats 5-Mile Beach Run Aug. 24.

HUD, VA announce more funds to help homeless veterans

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced Aug. 21, the second round of HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) funding to local public housing agencies across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The \$7.8 million in added funding will provide housing and clinical services for 1,120 currently homeless veterans.

In May of this year, the two agencies announced \$60 million in HUD-VASH vouchers.

The supportive housing assistance announced Aug. 21 is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program that combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. Since 2008, a total of 58,140 vouchers have been awarded and 43,371 formerly homeless veterans are currently in homes of their own because of HUD-VASH.

"Our nation's veterans have sacrificed and given up so much for our freedom," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "These vouchers are helping America end veterans' homelessness one veteran at a time until we see not one veteran living on the street. I look forward to continue working with Secretary Shinseki and the Department of Veterans Affairs to target assistance to our homeless veterans."

"These HUD-VASH vouchers are a vital tool in our effort to provide these brave men and women with the earned care and benefits that help them live productive, meaningful lives," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki.

"So long as a single veteran lives on our streets, we have work to do. But with the continued support of President Obama, Congress and our community partners, we will end homelessness among veterans."

DOD facilities gear up to issue ID cards to same-sex spouses

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

DOD facilities are gearing up to issue identification cards to same-sex spouses beginning Sept. 3, Pentagon officials said Aug. 20.

"All spousal and family benefits, including ID cards, will be made available no later than Sept. 3, 2013," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen.

The Supreme Court decision to overturn portions of the Defense of Marriage Act made it possible for the department to recognize same-sex marriages.

"The department will make the same benefits available to all military spouses, regardless of sexual orientation, as long as service member-sponsors provide a valid marriage certificate from a jurisdiction - including those overseas - that recognizes same-sex marriage," Christensen said.

Entitlements such as basic allowance for housing and family separation allowance are retroactive to the date of the Supreme Court's decision - June 26, 2013.

HUD-VASH is a critical part of the Obama Administration's commitment to end Veteran and long-term chronic homelessness by 2015. "Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness," serves as a roadmap for how the federal government will work with state and local communities to confront the root causes of homelessness, especially among former servicemen and women. HUD's annual "point in time" estimate of the number of homeless persons and families for 2012 found that veteran homelessness fell by 7.2 percent, or 4,876 people, since January 2011, and by 17.2 percent since January 2009. On a single night in January 2012, 62,619 veterans were homeless.

The grants announced today are part of \$75 million appropriated this year to support the housing needs of homeless veterans. Local public housing authorities provide rental assistance to homeless veterans while nearby VA medical centers offer supportive services and case management. This is the second round of the 2013 HUD-VASH funding. HUD expects to announce more HUD-VASH funding this year.

VA medical centers work closely with homeless veterans then refer them to public housing agencies for these vouchers, based upon a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of the homelessness and the need for longer-term, more-intensive support to obtain and maintain permanent housing.

The HUD-VASH program includes both the rental assistance the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that VA medical center staff provides.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico.

For service members married after that date, the entitlements will be paid from the date of the marriage.

TRICARE - the military health care program - is tied to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. TRICARE will be available to same-sex spouses beginning Sept. 3, 2013.

There are 15 countries that recognize same-sex marriage. In the United States, 13 states and the District of Columbia recognize same-sex marriages.

Many U.S. service members live in jurisdictions that do not recognize same-sex marriages.

As operational requirements permit, commanders may allow military personnel in same-sex relationships up to 10 days of non-chargeable leave for the purpose of traveling to a jurisdiction that allows same-sex couples to be married if they are stationed more than 100 miles from one of those areas.

"Personnel stationed within the continental United States may receive up to seven days non-chargeable leave and those stationed at overseas assignments may receive up to 10 days non-chargeable leave," Christensen said.



Photo by MC2 Kathryn Macdonald

Blue Angels continue training

The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, flies in a delta formation over the Gulf of Mexico during a training flight on Aug. 14. While the Blue Angels' 2013 air show season has been canceled due to sequestration, the pilots fly sorties to maintain proficiency in the F/A-18 Hornet.



Photo by MC1 Eric Rowley

The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, crew chiefs strap pilots into their jets on Aug. 22 prior to performing pilot proficiency training flights in the sky over Pensacola. While the Blue Angels' 2013 air show season was canceled due to sequestration, the pilots fly sorties to maintain proficiency in the F/A-18 Hornet and C-130 Hercules.

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