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## FFSC kicks off Domestic Violence Awareness month

By Kaylee LaRocque  
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The NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center introduced Domestic Violence Awareness month (October), with a conference for those working with domestic violence victims, at the Orange Park Holiday Inn Sept. 26.

"We host this conference annually to offer domestic violence awareness training for our staff members and the many outside agencies we partner with to provide updated information and share ideas on how to better serve our clients," said NAS Jax Erica Schneider.

The event began with NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker welcoming the group.

"I want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend this very important conference. Our

Fleet and Family Support Center partners with various stakeholders to provide service and aid to our community and also outside the fence line. Some of the agencies, we partner with are the Department of Children and Families, state attorney's office, Hubbard House and Quigley House. This outreach is very important to us to combat domestic violence."

Wanamaker then introduced guest speakers Bill Rousseau and Rod Reder of the National Institute of Crime Prevention (NICP). Both are retired police officers from Tampa, Fla. after nearly 30 years on the job, and are experts in the field of domestic violence. They created NICP in 1999 to help provide domestic abuse and sexual assault training to those who work with victims of these crimes.

"We truly believe in providing quality domestic abuse



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker (right) welcomes participants attending a domestic violence training conference on Sept. 26 after introducing the National Institute of Crime Prevention guest speakers, Bill Rousseau (left), and Rod Reder.

and sexual assault training to build a safer community for all. Our mission is to provide law enforcement, victim advocates, judges, prosecutors, military personnel, and public health workers quality training regarding domestic violence and sexual assault issues

that affect victims' day-to-day lives," said Rousseau.

"Domestic violence is a community problem. Very often the mindset is that domestic violence only involves a woman and it's often kept within the four walls of a house," Reder told the audience.

"There may be children involved but we tend to have a very narrow scope of the effects of domestic violence, therefore we don't understand the gravity of it. What we want to stress today is that a single domestic

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## NAS Jax celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By MC2 Amanda Cabasos  
NAS Jax Public Affairs

NAS Jacksonville celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month during a special luncheon Sept. 24. The event was held at the NAS Jax River Cove Catering and Conference Center and was sponsored by the base Multi-Cultural Awareness Committee.

This year's theme is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor."

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander kicked off the event with the opening remarks. "We are here today to take time to observe the Hispanic Heritage, for many great reasons.



Photo by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

Viva Panama-USA dance performers Andrea Ross and John Murrill, demonstrate a folklore dance from Panama as part of the live entertainment during the Hispanic Heritage Month observance on Sept. 24.

Hispanic Sailors have played a vital role in our Navy's traditions and the execution of the Navy's

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## A message from the commander in chief

From The White House

To the dedicated and hard-working employees of the United States government:

The federal government is America's largest employer, with more than 2 million civilian workers and 1.4 million active duty military who serve in all 50 States and around the world.

But Congress has failed to meet its responsibility to pass a budget before the fiscal year that begins today. And that means much of our government must shut down effective today.

I want you to know that I will keep working to get Congress to reopen the government, restart vital services that the American people depend on, and allow public servants who have been sent home to return to work. At my direction, your agencies should have reached out to you by now about what a shutdown means for our and your families.

Today, I wanted to take a moment to tell you what you mean to me - and to our country.

That begins by saying thank you for the work you do every day - work that is vitally important to our national security and to American families' economic security. You defend our country overseas and ensure that our troops receive the benefits they deserve when they come home. You guard our borders and protect our civil rights. You help small businesses expand and gain new footholds in overseas markets. You guide hundreds of thousands of people each day through the glory of America's national parks and monuments, from Yosemite to the Statue of Liberty. And much more.

You do all this in a political climate that, too often in recent years, has treated you like a punching bag. You have endured three years of a federal pay freeze, harmful sequester cuts, and now, a shutdown of our government. And yet, you persevere, continuing to serve the American people with passion, professionalism, and skill.

None of this is fair to you. And should it continue, it will make it more difficult to keep attracting the kind of driven, patriotic, idealistic Americans to public service that our citizens deserve and that our system of self-government demands.

Public service is noble. Public service is important. And by choosing public service, you carry on a proud tradition at the heart of some of this country's greatest and most lasting achievements. In fact, more than 50 current or former federal employees have received the Nobel Prize for their efforts. It was grants from the Department of Energy that helped businesses unlock new sources of renewable energy, and from the National Science Foundation that helped entrepreneurs like the founders of Google change the world. It is your efforts that will help this country meet the great challenge of our time-rebuilding an economy

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## VFA-101 hosts F-35C rollout ceremony

From Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Navy's first F-35C Lightning II carrier variant aircraft squadron, the "Grim Reapers" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 101, hosted a rollout ceremony for their new aircraft at the squadron's home at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., on Oct. 1.

The rollout ceremony will commemorate the long, storied history of the "Grim Reapers" and the establishment of VFA-101 as the Navy's first F-35C Fleet Replacement Squadron.

The F-35C is a fifth generation fighter, combining advanced stealth with fighter speed and agility, fully fused sensor information, network-enabled operations and advanced sustainment.

Navy leaders, includ-



Photo by Samuel King Jr.

An F-35C Lightning II aircraft piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Chris Tabert, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 101, flies the squadron's first local sortie on Aug. 14. The F-35C is the carrier variant of the Joint Strike Fighter. VFA 101, based at Eglin Air Force Base, serves as the F-35C Fleet Replacement Squadron, training both aircrew and maintenance personnel to fly and repair the F-35C.

ing Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command Adm. Bill Gortney and Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. David Buss, spoke at the ceremony, along

with Lockheed Martin Executive Vice President and General Manager, F-35 Lightning II Program, Lorraine Martin.

VFA-101 received the

Navy's first F-35C June 22, becoming the Navy's first F-35C squadron, and completed its first check flight in the squadron's

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## Oct. 3

1921 - USS Olympia sails for France to bring home the Unknown Soldier from World War I.

1955 - USS Saipan (CVL-48) begins disaster relief at Tampico, Mexico rescuing people and delivering supplies.

1962 - Launch of Mercury 8, piloted by Cmdr. Walter Schirra Jr., orbited Earth in a mission lasting 9 hours and 13 minutes. He made six orbits at an altitude up to 175.8 statute miles at 17,558 mph. Recovery by USS Kearsarge (CVS-33).

## Oct. 4

1821 - Lt. Robert Stockton sails from Boston for Africa to carry out his orders to help stop the international slave trade.

1943 - Aircraft from USS Ranger sink five German ships and damage three in Operation Leader, the only U.S. Navy carrier operation in northern European waters during World War II.

1952 - Task Force 77 aircraft encounter MIG-15 aircraft for the first time.

1976 - USS Jonas Ingram (DD-938) rescues seven survivors of a Finnish motor craft that sank in the Baltic Sea.

1991 - USS Arkansas, USS Sioux, USS Aubrey Fitch and HS-6 rescue personnel on merchant ships in three different rescue operations in the Arabian Sea.

1998 - U.S. and Algerian navies conduct first bilateral exercise since Algerian independence in 1962. It was a

## This Week in Naval History



Photo courtesy of Ron Williamson

## Where were you in 1967?

Florida's Naval Air Reserve Training Unit aboard NAS Jacksonville (NARTU Jax) was one of 18 Naval Air Reserve training units located throughout the nation after World War II. The NARTU Jax recruiting vehicle was a mobile advertisement that increased awareness of the air reserve. The 13 NARTU Jax reserve squadrons included anti-submarine and patrol aircraft, transports, trainers and attack aircraft.

search and rescue operation involving USS Mitscher.

## Oct. 5

1863 - Confederate submarine David seriously damages USS New Ironsides with a spar torpedo off Charleston, S.C.

1913 - Trial of OWL, Navy's first amphibian flying boat.

1957 - Minitrack, a satellite tracking net developed by the Naval Research Laboratory, becomes operational. This network, with stations from Maine to Chile, tracked the Vanguard satellite.

## Oct. 6

1884 - Navy establishes the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. (General Order 325).

1940 - Fourth group of eight U.S. destroyers involved in "Destroyers for Bases" agreement are turned over to British authorities at Halifax, Canada.

1943 - In night Battle of Vella Lavella, three U.S. destroyers attack nine Japanese destroyers to stop evacuation of Japanese troops from Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands.

1958 - USS Seawolf (SSN-

575) completes record submerged run of 60 days, logging over 13,700 nautical miles.

1962 - Commissioning of USS Bainbridge (DLGN-25), first nuclear-powered frigate.

1987 - Destruction of three Iranian small boats.

1997 - NASA Astronaut Cmdr. Wendy Lawrence, returns from mission of STS-86: Shuttle -Mir 7 when Atlantis docked with Mir Space Station.

## Oct. 7

1864 - USS Washusett cap-

tures Confederate raider CSS Florida in harbor of Bahia, Brazil.

1924 - Rigid airship Shenandoah commences transcontinental flight.

1975 - President Gerald Ford signs law allowing admission of women into service academies.

2001 - Operation Enduring Freedom begins with carrier air strikes, and ship and submarine Tomahawk strikes.

## Oct. 8

1812 - Boat party under Lt. Jesse Elliott captures HMS Detroit and Caledonia in Niagara River.

1842 - Commodore Lawrence Kearny in USS Constitution addresses a letter to the Viceroy of China, urging that American merchants in China be granted the same treaty privileges as the British. His negotiations were successful.

1950 - 1st Marine Division embarks at Inchon for landings at Wonsan, Korea.

## Oct. 9

1942 - First three schools for enlisted WAVES open at Stillwater, Okla. (Yeoman), Bloomington, Ind. (Storekeepers), and Madison, Wisc. (Radiomen).

1945 - Parade in New York City honors Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz along with 13 other Navy and Marine Corps Medal of Honor awardees.

1945 - Typhoon hits Okinawa, damaging many Navy ships.

## Words from a grieving widow

By Sarah Smiley, with Theresa Jones  
Special Contributors

## From the Homefront

I regretted last week's column as soon as it was published. In particular, I regretted that I wrote this: "[O]ur spouse's jobs don't become significantly more dangerous just because the U.S. is taking action [in a conflict]." I regretted it because Monday morning, my Navy-wife friend, Theresa, lost her husband, Landon, in a helicopter crash in the Red Sea.

Theresa has a new baby boy, Hunter, born in July, as well as a 6-year-old son, Anthony. Landon was supposed to be home one month ago, but his deployment was extended due to the situation in Syria. In other words, Theresa's husband should have been home on Monday with his new son. Instead, he was dead.

I've changed my mind about how these conflicts affect military families, and I set out to share that with you today. Then I realized it's not my story to tell. So I offered Theresa the

opportunity to share her thoughts with you. What follows are her words, written three days after her husband's death:

*My sweet boys, Anthony and Hunter,*

*I hope you didn't feel my worry as I walked aimlessly around the house after being notified last Sunday morning that there had been a "mishap" in your dad's squadron. I hope you didn't hear my whispers to your visiting grandparents as I told them there had been a crash in their son's squadron, but I did not yet know who was involved.*

*Anthony, I am glad you were off with a friend as I sat at the kitchen counter and checked the time stamp on your father's last e-mail to me. Over and over again I checked, trying to figure out what time it was on that side of the world and how that related to the time of the "incident."*

*Hunter, I am relieved you were napping when the doorbell*

*rang. You didn't hear my shriek.*

*"Why is my doorbell ringing?"*

*Neither of you saw me look out the peephole at the three men standing there in their Navy Service Dress Blues.*

*You didn't hear me wailing "No! No! No!" while my body gave way and crumpled to the floor. Only your grandparents witnessed my guttural screams and sobs as these men told me that your father and his aircraft were missing.*

*Anthony, you slept at your friend's house while a group of adults sat for hours and stared at each other in silence. Hunter, you were comforted by people wanting to hold you when you were fussy — because I just couldn't do it.*

*Neither of you saw me stare at the ceiling for hours as the dark night turned into morning and I held hope that your father would be found.*

*Hunter, you were nursing when those three men came back into our house and I told*

*them they would have to wait until I was done.*

*Neither of you heard one of these men say "The Navy regrets to inform you..."*

*I barely heard them either.*

*Anthony, I'm sorry you were confused about being picked up early from school. You wondered aloud why there were so many flowers and people at home.*

*I want you to know how awful it was to say "yes" when you asked, "Dad is dead isn't he?" To hear your screams of "I want him alive! I want him alive!" was almost more than I could bear.*

*However, I do hope that out of all of this sadness, you got to witness true friendship and love. I hope you saw the strain our friends were under as they did everything in their power to bear our burdens for us.*

*I hope you saw them on the phone, creating lists and organizing the logistical nightmare that ensued, just so I could sit*

*with you and comfort you.*

*I hope you saw the relief on my face when military friends took our car to get new brakes because your dad had asked me to do that in one of his last e-mails.*

*I hope you saw my gratitude when I learned those friends had also put on four new tires for us.*

*My boys, one of you lost your best friend, and one of you never even had the chance to meet him. But please know that your father loves you.*

*His love is coming through all these people who have helped us. No, we will never hear his voice again, but his loving words are coming from those who have called and written. And when all of the help and calls and e-mails go away (because life goes on), you will start to feel his love from me.*

*Because I have enough for all four of us.*

*You can find more information, including ways to help military families who lost loved ones, at [www.Facebook.com/Sarah.is.Smiley](http://www.Facebook.com/Sarah.is.Smiley).*

## Connecting with the past: VP-16 'War Eagles' attend reunion

## From VP-16

The VP-16 Alumni Reunion Association hosted its 16<sup>th</sup> annual reunion Sept. 6, celebrating the squadron's past in a city steeped in historical tradition.

Past and present "War Eagles" gathered in Savannah, Ga. to swap sea stories and reminisce on their memories of 'the nest.'

During a reception dinner, VP-16 Commanding Officer Cmdr. William Pennington, Jr. entertained questions the veterans had regarding the squadron's transition from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon and subsequent inter-deployment readiness cycle.

Other guest speakers included Lt.j.g. Alexandra Miller and Lt. Adam Miller,

Coast Guard officers assigned to sector Jacksonville.

They gave a joint presentation highlighting the role of the Coast Guard in enforcing domestic and international regulations on U.S and foreign flag vessels and the Coast Guard's role in submarine escort duties at NSB Kings Bay, Ga.

Cmdr. Robert Aguilar, nephew of a prior VP-16 aviation ordnanceman, and prospective executive officer on board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) was the keynote speaker.

The VP-16 Alumni Reunion Association boasts a roster of 409 members from the 1950s to present day, consisting of both enlisted Sailors and offi-

cers.

Approximately 100 former War Eagles and family members attended this year's reunion, the senior attendee being Mr. C.W. "Bill" Creel, a Sailor assigned to and in attendance at the designation of VP-16 from VP-741 in February 1953.

VP-16 sensor operator, AWO1 Robert Pillars, attended the dinner along with several of his squadron mates. "The reunion dinner was an enlightening experience, a glimpse into the past of previous VP-16 Sailors," Pillars remarked.

"I feel that every current VP-16 Sailor in attendance truly gained an appreciation for the past experiences, events,

and stories that the reunion members were willing to share. I enjoyed the evening and look forward to the opportunity to participate in similar future events."

"We are your history, but we would like to continue to be involved in your future," William Sherman, president of the VP-16 Reunion Association, remarked to Pennington.

Pennington agreed, stating, "It's important to foster this close relationship with our past. These gentlemen set the standard that all VP-16 War Eagles aspire to, and we are proud to carry on their tradition of excellence."

Next year's reunion will take place Oct. 1-5, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas.



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## Traffic disruption continues

Drainage repairs and road paving will continue to affect traffic flow on Perimeter (Patrol) Road from Swan Road south. Flagmen will be utilized as needed for single-lane road paving. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-November.



Photos by Jacob Sippel

## Hospital Hispanic Heritage

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Christine Sears and Roberto Quinones, NH Jacksonville security manager, cut the ceremonial cake during the command's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Sept. 26. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



HM2 Juan Osorio and HM3 Amelia Lopez dance to traditional Spanish music during Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

## MESSAGE

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where all who work hard can get ahead.

So while the budget fights in Washington are too often partisan, your service to the country must never be. As one of my predecessors, President George H.W. Bush, once said, "There is nothing more fulfilling than to serve your country and your fellow citizens and to do it well. And that is what our system of self-government depends on."

This shutdown was completely preventable. It should not have happened. And the House of Representatives can end it as soon as it follows the Senate's lead, and funds your work in the United States government without trying to attach highly controversial and partisan measures in the process.

Hopefully, we will resolve this quickly. In the meantime, I want you to know - wheth-

er you are a young person who just joined public service because you want to make a difference, or a career employee who has dedicated your life to that pursuit-you and your families remain at the front of my mind. Your agency leaders and I will continue to defend your work at a time when that work has rarely been more important.

We will continue to work with your agencies to keep you and your families apprised and informed of what is happening. And I will continue to do everything in my power to get the House of Representatives to allow our government to reopen as quickly as possible, and make sure you receive the pay that you have earned.

Thank you, again, for your service, your sacrifice, and everything you do every day for this country we love so much.

## Furlough guidance resources

From Staff

If you are in shutdown furlough status, please ensure that your supervisors have good contact information so you can be reached as information becomes available.

You can also take advantage of the following information resources:

- Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

website (<http://www.opm.gov/furlough/>) for most up to date information on the furlough status

- CNIC public website (<http://www.cnic.navy.mil>)
- CNIC Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/NavyInstallations>).

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AWOAN Andy Escobar (left) and AWOAN Joseph Rios of VP-30 show off their aerobic skills by flipping upside down on the Velcro wall during the annual fall Barracks Bash.



Liberty Program Manager Tom Kubalewski (right) presents AN Juan Villota Sanchez of VP-8 with the grand prize of a Kota Longboard. For more information on the longboards, please stop by the Mulberry Cove Marina to try one out.



HM1 Darren Piniero (left) and HN Jake McCardwell from the Naval Hospital play bag toss during the fall Barracks Bash sponsored by the NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

Photos by Shannon Leonard and Morgan Kehmert

# NAS Jax Barracks Bash attracts hundreds

By Shannon Leonard  
MWR Marketing

Hundreds of Sailors and Marines enjoyed a fall afternoon Sept. 26 at the Barracks Bash presented by NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department and the Liberty Program.

The free event featured picnic-style food, T-shirts and prizes that included a gift card to the Navy Exchange, Dewey's gift certificates, a Kota longboard, area restaurant gift certificates, HP Tablet and much more!

"The reason we put on the Barracks Bash is to provide a fun event for our single or unaccompanied active duty military personnel. The two Barracks Bashes we put on each year is the only large event that is specifically for this group of individuals," said

Liberty Program Manager Tom Kubalewski.

"We know most of them are new to the Navy, away from their families for the first time and are still trying to adjust to life in the military. This is a great opportunity for them to get their minds off of work and to have a good time with their fellow Sailors" he added.

Entertainment included music by DJ OJ, a Liberty staff member, who kept the music playing non-stop. Barracks Bashers looking for competitive entertainment could choose from the climbing wall, Velcro wall, rock wall, volleyball, mechanical bull, bag toss and jousting. Mulberry Cove Marina Manager Phil Collins also offered free paddleboard lessons during the event. MWR thanks everyone who participated in or volunteered for this event. Sponsors, GEICO, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Phoenix, VyStar Credit Union and USA Discounters were generous in their support of the Barracks Bash.

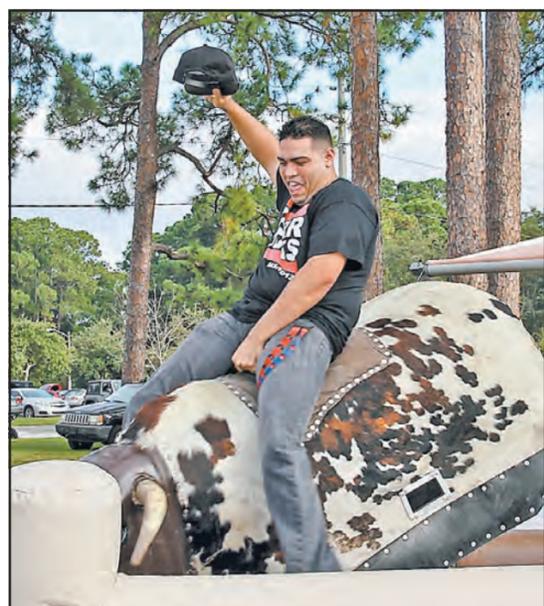
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HN Anders Wolher (left) and HN Devin Kren both of Naval Hospital Jacksonville climb to the top of the 26-foot rock wall during the fall Barracks Bash at NAS Jacksonville on Sept. 26.



Sailors enjoy free hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings during the fall Barracks Bash at NAS Jacksonville on Sept. 26.



HM3 Alex Perez of Naval Hospital Jacksonville rides the mechanical bull at the 2013 Fall Barracks Bash.



Photos by Shannon Leonard

Mike McClamma of the St. Johns Bass Anglers Club gives Talon Sisneroz some expert advice on casting during the fishing clinic at the Mulberry Cove Marina RiverFest.

# MWR RiverFest at Mulberry Cove Marina a fun day

By Shannon Leonard  
MWR Marketing

Cloudy skies and brisk winds did not prevent enthusiastic patrons from enjoying the annual Mulberry Cove Marina RiverFest on Sept. 28.

The event, held on the St. Johns River, was open to all active duty members, reservists, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provided safe boating information and free inspections to attendees.

The St. Johns Bass Anglers Club returned for another year offering free casting clinics to patrons of all ages. Children enjoyed free face painting. Fort George Surf Shop spent the day providing information on surfing lessons, surfboards and gear. Purcell's Motorcycle and Marine World provided an opportunity to checkout two of their recreational vessels. Additional activities included volleyball, bag toss, music, bounce house, door prizes and a cookout.

Phil Collins, MWR marina manger, said, "We wanted to show appreciation to our patrons and showcase what the marina has to offer, this is a great way to get families involved in some of the outdoor activities that the marina has to offer."

NAS Jacksonville MWR thanks the many volunteers and sponsors who made this event a success: VyStar Credit Union, Fort George Island Surf Shop, Purcell's Motorcycle and



Avenicia Regino, a Mulberry Cove Marina staff member, paints a butterfly on Laila Edenfield's face during the third annual Riverfest on Sept. 28.

Marine World and St. John's Bass Anglers Club.

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**Buzz Broughton of St. Johns Bass Anglers Club lends a helping hand to Taylor Bass during the casting clinic.**



Patrons enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs during the Mulberry Cove Marina third annual Riverfest.



Mulberry Cove Marina Manager Phil Collins (left) presents AVCM Eddy Sisneroz of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast a power bait tackle box and a digital fish scale that he won at the RiverFest on Sept. 28.



Justin Long of Purcell's Motorcycle and Marine World (right) discusses the features of a Yamaha SX192 boat with Edy Montoya during the Mulberry Cove Marina RiverFest.

# NECE supports Department of Defense

By Lt. Hanayo Arimoto  
Navy Entomology Center of Excellence

The Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) welcomed aboard Maj. Peter Nunn from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), Aug. 15.

For the next two years, Nunn, a U.S. Army entomologist, is serving as NECE's liaison with WRAIR to increase jointness and readiness for future operations.

"Having Maj. Nunn on-site facilitates project development and coordination providing the opportunity to develop "joint" solutions to control and surveillance capability gaps and shortfalls," said Capt. Eric Hoffman, officer-in-charge, NECE.

"Maj. Nunn's knowledge and background provide an outstanding opportunity for all of us to gain experience in service specific culture, procedures, language and requirements. As a result, our entomologists will be prepared to

effectively function during "joint" contingency and humanitarian/disaster relief operations."

Nunn sees the significance of this collaboration beyond the billet. "Throughout my career I have seen the Navy and Army work jointly and perform numerous missions together," he said.

"This collaboration helps to ensure that the true recipient of our work, the warfighter, is effectively protected from vector-borne diseases and commanders are given vital information to shape a battlefield."

NECE collaborates with many different organizations, but they all share the common goal of protecting the deployed warfighter.

"NECE belongs to a consortium of Navy, Army, Air Force, government, university and industry scientists serving as the military testing and evaluation hub for novel insecticide dispersal equipment, compounds and control tech-

niques reducing the incidence of human disease transmitted by blood feeding insects on the battlefield," said Hoffman.

"The standardization of training and assets between Army and Navy along with ensuring the coordination of research needs and goals will be an added benefit of the Army presence here at NECE," explained Nunn.

"My goal here at NECE is to use my professional expertise as well as Army connections to improve communications, streamline operations, and integrate equipment in a way that adds increased value to the both Navy and Army Entomology alike."

As military operations become increasingly joint, opportunities to work closely with our sister services ensures the command is ready to respond to the ever-changing demands required to protect the warfighter.



Photo by Lt. Jen Wright

Maj. Peter Nunn works with experimental mosquito traps while stationed at the Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) as part of new efforts to increase readiness by having Army and Navy entomologists work side by side over a two-year period.

## 238th Navy Birthday celebration Oct. 13

# Defending America with pride since 1775

### From Naval History & Heritage Command

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on Oct. 13, 1775, by authorizing the procurement, fitting out, manning and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.

The legislation also established a naval committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately 20 warships active at its maximum strength.

After the American War for Independence, Congress sold the surviving ships of the Continental Navy and released the seamen and officers.

The Constitution of the United States, ratified in 1789, empowered Congress "to provide and maintain a navy."

Acting on this authority, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates in 1794, and the War Department administered naval affairs from that year until Congress established the Department of the Navy on April 30, 1798.

Not to be confused with the Navy Birthday or the founding of the Navy Department is Navy Day.

The Navy League sponsored the first national observance of Navy Day in 1922 designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on Oct. 27 in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Elmo Zumwalt authorized recognition of Oct. 13 as the Navy's birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces

and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents.

Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

### Precedence of the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps

The Continental Navy was created before the Continental Marines. On Oct. 13, 1775 Congress enacted the first naval legislation providing for the outfitting of two warships.

This marked the beginning of the Continental Navy, the forerunner of the United States Navy. Almost one month later, Nov. 10, 1775 - and as an extension of that naval legislation - Congress resolved that "two battalions of Marines be raised."

Following the Revolutionary War, both services went into abeyance. When

they were reestablished in the 1790s, the reestablishment of the United States Navy preceded the reestablishment of the Marine Corps.

An order by the Marine Corps Commandant in 1921 designated Nov. 10, 1775 as the birthday of the Marine Corps.

In 1972, CNO Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, with the advice of Director of Naval History Vice Adm. Edwin Hooper, authorized observance of Oct. 13, 1775 as the Navy Birthday.



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# Destructive drinking can kill what you've earned

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Four Sailors shared their personal stories on video recently of how alcohol incidents impacted their careers and the importance of drinking responsibly, a Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) official said Sept. 27.

The first video testimonial was released Aug. 29 and features ET2 Michael Palfrey from Naval Base San Diego answering the question, "What does the phrase 'Keep What You've Earned' mean to you?"

Palfrey reveals the poor decision he made while drinking that adversely impacted his career. He provides advice for others on how to drink responsibly.

"Someone pushed a beer in my face and I said, 'Why not? The night's over,'" said Palfrey, "and the rest was a blur. That moment when the cuffs went on, I just kind of sobered up and went 'This is not real. This did not just happen.'"

Palfrey decided to participate in the "Keep What You've Earned" campaign and share his story so other Sailors can learn from his mistakes. He reminds Sailors that although it may be a one-time thing, irresponsible decisions regarding alcohol can lead to severe career consequences.

"I had all of these things going for me

a year ago, and now they're all gone," Palfrey said. "It's not just the financial costs and where they hit you in the wallet."

Palfrey wound up seeking the help he needed and received tremendous support from his command leadership, including James Queen, command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), Training Center San Diego. Queen supported Palfrey throughout treatment, including referring him to the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program. In the video, Queen says the "Keep What You've Earned" campaign underscores how hard Sailors work to make rank and make their family and their community proud, and that it's not worth it to throw it away for a couple drinks.

Palfrey's story is one of four being released as part of the "Keep What You've Earned" campaign. Each testimonial reminds Sailors of the importance of drinking responsibly and keeping what they've earned.

Watch the video on NADAP's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/NavyNADAP](http://www.youtube.com/user/NavyNADAP).

For more information, materials and resources from NADAP's "Keep What You've Earned" campaign, visit [www.nadap.navy.mil](http://www.nadap.navy.mil).



Photo courtesy of the Flight Line Café

## NAS Jax Flight Line Café joins First Coast Heart Walk

Members of the NAS Jax Flight Line Café, along with their families and friends participated in the 2013 American Heart Walk on Sept. 13 in downtown Jacksonville. This is the third consecutive year the team has been involved in this event to promote awareness and educate others on how to reduce the risk of heart disease and strokes. The annual Heart Walk benefits the American Heart Association.

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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violence event can have a devastating effect on a community.”

“We’ll also discuss effective intervention. Remember you may be the only ones who have the opportunity to prevent a domestic violence incident. The door to assist a victim may close rather quickly especially for those first responders on the scene. They have to do a good job and provide effective intervention because it may be the only chance they get,” he continued.

Reder then recalled an incident that occurred in Tampa, Fla. when he worked for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.

“Several years in Tampa, we had such an event that brought great attention that domestic violence is a community problem. I got a call on my radio stating

there were two dead bodies found in a car on the side of the road. We learned that they were two Tampa homicide detectives. This event affected many people and resulted in changes to policies within the police departments nationwide,” he said.

The audience then watched a video about a convicted criminal named Hank Carr who shot his girlfriend’s 4-year-old son, was arrested and escaped by unlocking his handcuffs while in the backseat of a police car.

He had shot the two Tampa detectives transporting him and later killed a Florida State Trooper who attempted to stop the vehicle he had carjacked. After a hostage standoff in a convenience store, Carr committed suicide.

His girlfriend, Bernice Bowen was later convicted of child neglect and is currently serving a prison sentence. She was also charged with aiding and abetting a criminal after lying to police about the true identity of Carr who had a fake driver’s license in the name of

Bowen’s former husband.

“This is an unfortunate story that affected the Tampa community – four people died that day. So this is why it is so important to intervene in domestic violence cases in the early stages,” said Reder.

Other topics discussed during the training included: understanding the victim and abuser’s behavior, cyber stalking, intimate partner rape, what domestic violence does to kids and injunctions for protection.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized every October to remember those who have died at the hands of a loved one, honor those who have survived domestic violence, recognize the progress made in reducing domestic violence and recommit to end the abuse.

If you or someone you know are in an abusive relationship, call (904) 354-3114.

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# F-35C

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new aircraft Aug. 14, a milestone that reinforced the Navy-industry partnership and represented a step forward in the development of the Navy’s next-generation fighter.

As the F-35C Fleet Replacement Squadron, VFA-101 trains Navy aircrew and maintenance personnel to fly and repair the F-35C.

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of advanced mission systems, stealth technology and supersonic capability across three F-35 variants.

The F-35C will enhance the flexibility, power projection, and strike capabilities of carrier air wings and joint task forces and will complement the capabilities of the F/A-18E/F, which currently serves as the Navy’s premier strike fighter.

By 2025, the Navy’s aircraft carrier-based air wings will consist of a mix of the F-35C, F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, EA-18G Growler, E-2D Hawkeye, Unmanned Carrier Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike air vehicles, MH-60R/S helicopters and Carrier Onboard

Delivery logistics aircraft.

Since June 1942, “Grim Reapers” has served as the nickname for three different squadrons - Fighter Squadron (VF) 10, VF-101 and now Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 101 - flying various aircraft, including the F4F Wildcat, the FG1-D Corsair, the F-4 Phantom, the F-14 Tomcat and currently the F-35C.

The “Grim Reapers” flew combat missions in the Battle of Guadalcanal and the Korean War and at various times since World War II, served as trainers for future naval aviators joining the fleet.

# HISPANIC

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said Undersander.

“There are nearly 50,000 active duty Sailors and 8,500 reservists who identify themselves as Hispanic, including five flag officers and 216 master chiefs,” said Undersander.

“Hispanics have been involved in every aspect of naval operations and they provide unique experiences and perspectives that enhance the cultural understanding of their commands, which leads to greater mission readiness.”

The guest speaker for this year’s event was MACM(SW) Edward Santiago of the NAS Jax Security Department.

“My three brothers and I were raised in the urban neighborhoods of Brooklyn, N.Y. by our single mother. Money was tight and we never had the luxuries that other more fortunate families had. However, we did have the love that was necessary to flourish values and commitment to family and success,” said Santiago. “My mother always said, ‘He is not

richer who the most has, but who the least needs.’ This means someone who is satisfied with a small amount is richer than someone who is always craving more.”

richer who the most has, but who the least needs.’ This means someone who is satisfied with a small amount is richer than someone who is always craving more.”

“I remember going to Puerto Rico every summer to visit my father. My family values were also based on hard work and commitment for success. Nothing was ever just given to us. We had to work for it and I always thrived from that. I used to look forward to getting up at dawn and going with my grandfather to the countryside to pick coffee beans and mangos. We would stay there sometimes for days,” Santiago recalled.

“We often just enjoyed spending time visiting and conversing with family members. This is how many Hispanics get their values - through their experiences with family.”

Santiago continued, “My advice that I give to each and everyone of you is to always maintain the values that your culture has instilled in you and use that to better yourself the best you can. Never stop bettering yourself and pass that on to others.”

“A person who is motivated and hard-working and has honor, courage and commitment to serve, can achieve his or her dreams in the U.S. Navy, regardless



Photos by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

**NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander, right, presents a plaque to MACM(SW) Edward Santiago of the NAS Jax Security Department in appreciation of him serving as guest speaker for the annual Hispanic Heritage Month observance.**

of race, creed, color, or ethnic origin.”

The guests were then treated to a Latin-style buffet that included a variety of traditional dishes from various featured Hispanic nationalities and a short folklore dance program by Viva Panama-USA.

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Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) volunteers display some of the domestic violence awareness ribbons that were recently repainted by Seabee volunteers assigned to CMBU-202 Det Jax. (From left) Ryan O'Donnell, Erica Schneider, Earl Godoy, Jackie Viola and Kevin Montgomery. The ribbons will be displayed until Oct. 31.



Photo courtesy of VP-5

VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Matthew Pottenburgh (left) presented AT2 Thomas Moore with his P-8 Poseidon collateral duty inspector certification during a recent ceremony.

## In Memoriam

By Lt. j.g. Taylor Brauns  
VP-5 PAO

VP-5 is deeply saddened by the tragic passing of one of our finest "Mad Foxes," AT2 Thomas Michael Moore, 30, on Sept. 19. He is survived by his wife, Tara; son, Zachary; and his parents, Dwight Moore and Anna Gribensk.

Moore joined the Navy in 2007 and after Recruit Training and A-School served with VP-30 where became an aviation electronics technician. He also traveled the world with the All U.S. Military Baseball Team in 2008 - earning a Joint Service Achievement Medal from the Secretary of Defense.

Moore became a VP-5 Mad Fox in 2010 and deployed to El Salvador in support of Operation Unified Response, where he provided support after the earthquake in Haiti.

He deployed to Kadena, Japan in May 2012, returning home in December 2012. Moore possessed the most exceptional abilities and traits - leadership, optimism, strong sense of humor, intelligence, drive, passion for his family and the will to win learned on the baseball fields growing up and carried through to his Navy career.

He is deeply missed by his Mad Fox family.

The funeral service for Moore was held on Sept. 30 at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in Durham, N.C.

Following the service, he was laid to rest in Maple Wood Cemetery. A memorial service was held on Oct. 2 at the NAS Jacksonville Base Chapel.

Anyone who would like to send condolences to the family can send them to: Patrol Squadron FIVE, Unit 60163, FPO AA 34099-5902 and they will be forwarded to the family.

# Seabees and FFSC plant purple ribbons

By Clark Pierce  
Editor

The Seabees of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU-202) Detachment Jacksonville joined Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) personnel Sept. 27 to place more than 250 purple ribbons on various thoroughfares around the base to help commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month at NAS Jacksonville.

"The purple ribbon also celebrates that the silence that previously facilitated domestic abuse and violence has been broken," said FFSC Victim Advocate Earl Godoy.

"For more than two decades, the purple ribbon has been the symbol that highlights the issue of domestic abuse - and the commitment of survivors, family members and other concerned persons determined to end domestic



A pallet of freshly painted domestic violence awareness ribbons is placed in a pickup truck by EO2 Jared Michalski of CMBU-202 Det. Jax.

abuse," said FAP Educator Erica Schneider.

She appreciated the time and equipment that CBMU-202 Seabees contribute to the annual project. "We simply couldn't accomplish this every year without their help. The Seabees do great work that always exceeds our expectations."

Godoy was supported by FFSC Counselor Ryan O'Donnell,



FFSC Victim Advocate Earl Godoy plants a domestic violence awareness ribbon on Sept. 27 on Yorktown Avenue near NAS Jax Hangar 511. The domestic violence awareness month theme is "Silence Hides Violence."

FFSC Family Advocacy Program Educator Erica Schneider, FFSC Counselor Jackie Viola and FFSC Counselor Kevin Montgomery.

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# Team Navy Jax rides the wind for charity

By Kaylee LaRocque  
NAS Jax Deputy PAO

It was a windy, rainy Saturday morning Sept. 28 as 28 members of Team Navy Jax gathered with hundreds of other riders at the St. Augustine Airport to participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> Bike MS PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore. This is the ninth consecutive year the team has supported the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, a Combined Federal Campaign-supported charity.

"We have a great team who are dedicated to helping organizations make a difference. We get together monthly for team rides to prepare for this event and participate in several other charity rides throughout the year," said team captain Jerry Dryden. "This year, we raised nearly \$11,000 to benefit the MS Society. We continue to ride for causes that help those in need."

Dryden also praised the team's sponsor for their continuing support. "We greatly appreciate VyStar Credit Union sponsoring us and providing us with these great jersey's and shorts," he said.

Team Navy Jax members arrived before dawn to prep their bicycles, check in and prepare themselves for the challenging but scenic 83-mile ride on day one.

The Saturday portion of the ride, which began at the St. Augustine Airport, took the riders through the back roads of North Florida, across rivers, along the ocean, up bridges and through winding roads to their final destination in Daytona Beach. While some only chose to ride one leg of the race, many spent the night in Daytona and got up the next morning to pedal back to the finish line.

"I am out to ride my bicycle and support finding a cure for MS. I really enjoy being part of this team - they are great about getting out there and supporting causes," said AE1(AW) Dan Flynn of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, who was participating in the ride for the first time.

"This is my first MS ride with Team Navy Jax as well," said Lt. Cmdr. Kris Sanchez of Naval Hospital Jax.

"When I moved to Jacksonville recently, I decided to take up cycling. My first ride with the team was the Tour de Cure in May. I really enjoy the camaraderie of the team."

After hours of pedaling through extremely strong winds and bouts of rainshowers, team members arrived in Daytona to rest and enjoy a special dinner with the other riders.

Day two had them headed back to the St. Augustine Airport to the finish line.

"We are so thrilled to have Team Navy Jax and all the teams to come out and ride 150 or more miles to create a world free of MS. It's all about the fundraisers and the riders who make this event possible for more than 18,000 people affect-



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Team Navy Jax cyclists gather at the starting line for the 27th annual Bike MS PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore on Sept. 28. This is the ninth year, the team has participated in the event to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

ed by this disease in North Florida," said North Florida MS Chapter President Corrina Steiger. "We ride rain or shine and the riders train and conduct fundraising year-round.

For more information on Team Navy Jax and the charity rides they participate in, contact Terry Yamin at [Tdy0409@gmail.com](mailto:Tdy0409@gmail.com). Their next big ride will be the Ride 2 Recovery with wounded warriors in November and the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure in May 2014.

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Kris Sanchez of Team Navy Jax (front) heads to Daytona Beach with hundreds of other cyclists for the Bike MS PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore.



Bike MS PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore volunteer Ginny Steiger checks in Team Navy Jax member Jim Butters early Saturday morning at the St. Augustine Airport.



Glynn Johnson with Team Navy Jax checks his tires before heading to the starting line.



Photo by Miriam S. Gallet  
Team Navy Jax members Steffan Stringfellow (left) and his father, Billy Stringfellow, arrive in Daytona Beach after riding 83 miles from the starting line at St. Augustine Airport.



Team Navy Jax captain Jerry Dryden, front, followed by team member Glynn Johnson leave the starting line at St. Augustine Airport headed for Daytona Beach.



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Team Navy Jax member Jeff Carbiener was the first team member to arrive in Daytona Beach after riding 83 miles.

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# Fire prevention facts

## From the NAS Jax Fire Prevention Division

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Smoke alarms can be battery-operated or electrically hardwired in your home and are available at a variety of price points.

If you have hearing problems, use alarms with flashing strobe lights and vibration.

Test smoke alarms every month. Replace batteries once a year, even if alarms are hard-wired.

Test your smoke alarms at night to see if your child will wake up and respond to the alarm. Children sleep more deeply and may not wake up. If your child does not wake up to the alarm, try an alarm where you can program your voice to alert them.

Mount smoke alarms high on the walls or ceilings since smoke rises. Ceiling-mounted alarms should be installed at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall. Wall-mounted alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.

Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years, or sooner if they don't respond properly.

Consider installing both ionization alarms, which are better at sensing flaming fires, and photoelectric alarms, which are better at sensing slow, smoky fires, or dual sensor alarms.

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and injuries. Unattended cooking is by far the leading cause of cooking fires.

Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.

Don't use the oven or stovetop if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.

Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or boiling food. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.



File photo  
Firefighter/EMT Christopher Hicks looks on as "Pluggie" the talking fire hydrant entertains children at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center during Fire Prevention Week in 2011.

# NAS Jax recognizes Fire Prevention Week

## From NAS Jax Fire Prevention Division

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the "Great Chicago Fire" when a two-day blaze killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings Oct. 8-9, 1871.

That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. In October, the National Fire Protection Association highlights the importance of fire safety education.

This year's theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires," focuses on proper cooking techniques and safety concerns in the kitchen.

The following is the NAS Jax Fire Prevention Week schedule of events:

**Oct. 5 - 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** - Daily open house

at base fire stations.

**Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Fire Prevention table display with fire safety materials, red fire hats, fire apparatus, Pluggie the talking fire hydrant at the Navy Exchange Courtyard.

**Oct. 7-12** - Unannounced fire evacuation drills.

**Oct. 8, 4 p.m.** - Fire inspectors, Pluggie the talking fire hydrant and fire apparatus at the NAS Jax Youth Center, Building 2069.

**Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.** - Fire inspectors and Pluggie the talking fire hydrant visit the Children's Ward and Pediatrics Clinic at the Naval Hospital, Building H2080.

**Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.** - Fire Inspectors and Pluggie the talking fire hydrant at the Child Development Center, Building 2070.



File photo  
Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog (Firefighter Charles Campos) visits with 2-year-old Emily Charpentier in 2012 at the NAS Jax Navy Exchange as part of Fire Prevention Week.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

## Proclamation signing

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander signs a proclamation signifying that Fire Prevention Week will be observed at NAS Jacksonville Oct. 6-12 as base firefighters and paramedics look on Sept. 27. This year's theme is "Preventing Kitchen Fires."

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# Cartoonists visit NAS Jax



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Editorial Cartoonist/Caricaturist Rob Smith Jr. creates a caricature of AWO3 Justin Bilbrey of VP-5 during a USO-sponsored visit of cartoonists to the NAS Jax Navy Exchange on Sept. 25. The group, who are members of the National Cartoonists Society, included: Smith, Jeff Bacon (Broadside/Greenside), Chip Bok (editorial cartoonist/caricaturist), Paul Fell (cartoonist/caricaturist), Bill Hinds (creator of Buzz Beamer/Cleats/Tank McNamara), Eddie Pittman (creator of Phineas and Ferb), Sam Viviano (MAD Magazine) and Steve Moore (In the Bleachers). "This is pretty cool and it was really interesting to meet the cartoonists and see what they do," said Bilbrey.



HM3 Kristoffer Nuernberg of HSM-72 and his spouse, Adam Mutchler proudly show off their caricatures drawn by Caroonist/Caricaturist Paul Fell at the NAS Jax Navy Exchange on Sept. 25.



NAS Jax Navy Exchange patrons stop to visit with and have their caricatures created by members of the National Cartoonists Society on Sept. 25.

# NEX gives back to customers

By Kristine Sturkie  
Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) announced Sept. 27 that it has made some changes to its second "Navy Blue Holiday" celebration.

The Navy Blue Holiday is a time to celebrate the NEX's unique connection to the Navy and Navy families, emphasize Navy values and to give back to deserving NEX customers.

"This year, our Navy Blue Holiday is going to be even bigger and better," said retired Rear Adm. Robert Bianchi, chief executive officer, NEXCOM. "We are very excited to bring our customers more savings, quality and value, and most importantly, say 'thank you' for being a loyal NEX customer."

The Navy Blue Holiday season will kick off on the Navy's 238th birthday, Oct. 13. The kick off includes one of the largest single customer giveaways ever. NEXCOM has partnered with its vendor community to give away 1,000 NEX \$100 gift cards. Customers can enter for the drawing beginning Oct. 9 at their local NEX or online at [www.myNavyExchange.com](http://www.myNavyExchange.com).

"We are excited to be able to give away \$100,000 in NEX gift cards to our customers," said Bianchi. "I know

there are many other shopping options available. We are thrilled to be able to thank our customers for their support throughout the years. It is our honor to give back, because our mission is our customers."

One thing that hasn't changed is that customers will continue to find a great selection of items in all price ranges including prestige brands, national mass brands and private brands at excellent savings - plus, no sales tax on NEX purchases. Throughout the holiday season, the NEX will offer even more savings and promotions so customers can save even more.

NEXCOM will once again offer special pricing on the most popular gifts, through its web store for Sailors and Marines at sea prior to Thanksgiving. From Nov. 24 - 27, afloat personnel will be able to take advantage of a sale designed just for them.

"Once again, we tailored the items for sale to be those that appeal most to Sailors and Marines at sea," said Bianchi. "They will find electronics, video games, outerwear and holiday gifts that can be sent home to loved ones."

Afloat Sailors and Marines can also sign up to win one of the \$100 NEX gift cards to be given away.



Photos by Clark Pierce

(From right) NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander congratulates the top-three winners in the Navy Lodge Jacksonville Lamp Shade Art Contest. First place, Anita Herrera; second place, Sandra Jones; third place, Michael Sides.

## Navy Lodge celebrates hospitality week

From Staff



Navy Lodge Jacksonville celebrated National Hospitality Week, Sept. 23 - 27, to show appreciation for the work that housekeeping, front desk and maintenance teams do every day to exceed guest expectations.

"We are excited to celebrate this year's National Hospitality Week," said Melanie Peters, Navy Lodge Jacksonville general manager. "Our team works so hard throughout the year to make sure our guests have a clean and comfortable stay here."

She is a 16-year associate of Navy Lodge - with five of those years at NAS Jacksonville.

"Our team is dedicated to providing premier service for our guests. Every single team member has taken professional courses to attain the highest certifications for their job -and that's reflected in everything they provide our guests," said Peters.

"This year's celebration included a potluck awards luncheon that also featured a Lamp Shade Art Contest that was judged by our base CO," added Peters.

"We also had friendly, hospitality style competitions that tested our

(From left) Navy Lodge Jacksonville General Manager Melanie Peters welcomes NEX Jax General Manager Marsha Brooks and NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander to her team's celebration of National Hospitality Week.

housekeeping and guest service skills - and to keep each day fun."

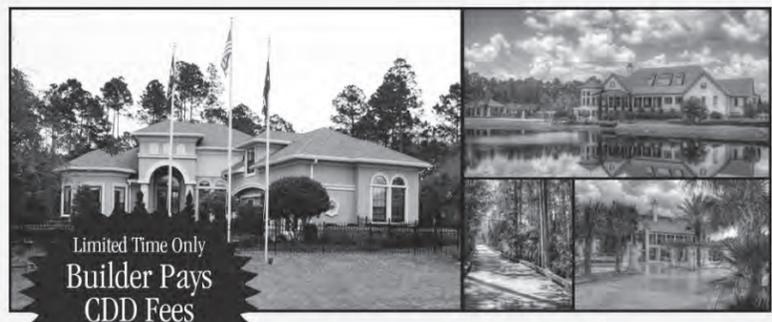
NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander told the 25-member team, "You know that hospitality is much more than just an attractive facility - it also takes a team-oriented staff like yours to operate the property at its true potential. And everything that I hear about our Navy Lodge is overwhelmingly positive and complementary. So, there's really nothing more for me to say than 'keep up the good work and keep delighting your guests.'"

Undersander was impressed by the art contest. "There are some very talented and creative people who work here. The lamp shade artists came up with a number of unexpected, but interesting subject matter. Thanks for inviting me to be part of hospitality week."

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# Civil Engineer Corps officer retires at 25 years

By Earl Bittner  
NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Capt. Alan Watt, a Naval Reserve Civil Engineer Corps and Seabees Combat Warfare Officer, celebrated his retirement with family, friends and former shipmates in a formal ceremony Sept. 13 at NAS Jacksonville.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus served as host and guest speaker. Kiwus said he first met Watt at a small Marine Corps base in Djibouti, Africa more than ten years ago. He said he has talked with many people who served with Watt over the years and they all say similar things - that Watt is a very smart man of defining integrity.

"You stand out as a very capable officer," said Kiwus. "You have a very deep knowledge of many subjects including, of course, engineering, construction, equipment, contracting and all things, a Seabee!"

Kiwus told everyone that Watt is



Photo by Matt Simons

**Capt. Alan Watt, a Naval Reserve Civil Engineer Corps and Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, delivered remarks at his retirement ceremony and celebrated 25 years of service with family, friends and former shipmates on Sept. 13 at NAS Jacksonville.**

known as a straight shooter and for not being shy. People do not have to wonder where they stand with him nor do they have to question where he stands on an issue; people know Watt will tell it like

it is.

Watt graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1975 but did not enter service with the Naval Reserve Civil Engineer Corps until May 1988. His first duty assignment was as the Assistant Administration Officer for the Ninth Reserve Naval Construction Regiment in Dallas, Texas.

Watt's career took him to many places. After serving in Dallas, tours followed in Jacksonville, Atlanta, Tampa, Djibouti, Baghdad, Qatar and several other locations, ever increasing in responsibilities before he finished his career serving as Vice Commander for the Twenty-fifth Naval Construction Regiment in Gulfport, Miss.

"I've had a wonderful career, even though I got a very late start," said Watt. "I wouldn't trade my career or deployments for anything, I had a blast! I got to travel the world and see countries I never dreamed I would see."

Watt also paid tribute to his wife of 38 years and his two grown sons during

the ceremony. He reminded everyone that the toughest job in the Navy is that of Navy wife.

He commented that he had opportunities to do things no other officer had the opportunity to do during his career. He was able to be a part of the team building a new nation in Iraq. He was excited to share that he was in the room working issues with General Abizade' and Ambassador Bremer's staff.

Early in his Navy career, Watt was gathered in an auditorium with the other members of the command waiting on the comments to come from a new skipper. The new commander walked into the room, wrote the following words on the blackboard and walked out.

"Do the right thing and take care of your people."

Watt said the words struck him and have stuck with him and he has tried to live by them his whole career. "Pretty good advice, don't you think?" said Watt.

# Military lodging opens door to year-round getaways

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

If you're mourning the end of summer - and with it, the annual vacation season - take heart that military lodging facilities remain open for business, offering year-round escapes at a fraction of the cost of commercial hotels.

The Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation program features comfortable cabins as well as camping hours at Torii Station Army Base on Okinawa's Yomitan Peninsula. U.S. Army photo

Now might be the perfect time for qualified fun seekers to use their military, retiree or Defense Department identification cards to book lodging at one of hundreds of military-owned accommodations all over the world.

The facilities range from standard hotel rooms on military installations to campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks to luxury armed forces recreation centers in Garmisch, Germany; Honolulu; Seoul, South Korea; and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Generally speaking, each service, including the Coast Guard, runs its own lodging program for official travelers and offers up empty rooms on a space-

available basis to leisure travelers from every branch. They also operate facilities geared specifically for recreational guests.

Every service runs its own reservation system, and rules about who can stay in the facilities vary slightly among them. But for those willing to do a little homework, military lodging can open doors to affordable year-round getaways.

Susan Langless, who oversees the Navy's lodging facilities, said they typically save guests about 40 percent compared to civilian hotels.

Those looking for "big city" vacations can check into Navy Lodge hotels in the Seattle and San Francisco areas, as well as San Diego and New York, she said.

However, travelers longing for a relaxing beach getaway can visit one of Navy Lodge's beach destinations.

For a Gulf Coast vacation, for example, they can check out a Navy Lodge in Gulfport, Miss., or Pensacola, Fla.

Meanwhile, the Navy Getaways program features accommodations at 49 sites around the globe. That includes more than 2,600 recreational vehicle spots, tent sites, cottages, cabins, townhomes and resort-style vacation rentals. Among them is Navy Getaways Pacific

Beach Resort and Conference Center in Washington, offering three-, four- and five-bedroom cottages, hotel suites, an RV spot and campground.

Not only are these facilities affordable, Langless said, but they also are "great places to stay and relax."

Many of the military accommodations are considered "best-kept secrets" by their guests

For example, the Army morale, welfare and recreation program features the popular Seward Military Resort on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, reported Debbie Martin, the Army's chief of hospitality programs.

Guests can choose from a variety of accommodations as they enjoy world-class fishing, spectacular glaciers, and abundance of wildlife and recreational opportunities galore.

Also, in addition to the luxurious Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Center in Honolulu, the Army operates the Pililaau Army Recreation Center on Oahu's Leeward Coast and the Kilauea Military Camp mountain resort on

Hawaii's Big Island.

Bob Vogt, division director for Army Installation and Management Command's soldier and community recreation division, said he is particularly fond of the cabins Army MWR operates on Torii Station Army Base in Okinawa.

He described the Torii Beach location as "one of the most beautiful beachfront locations anywhere in the world."

Within the continental United States, the Army MWR program manages Lake of the Ozarks Recreation Area in Missouri, which features lakefront cabins and motel rooms, along with boat and jet ski rentals.

"America's Army and other eligible patrons should use Army Lodging, because it provides them with conveniently located, high-quality lodging and hospitality services at an affordable price," Vogt said.

The Marines Corps' network of recreational facilities includes vil-

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## Sailors to participate in community events

(Above) Members of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 11 First Class Petty Officers Association (FCPOA) and Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) recently got together for a meet and greet. The CPRW-11 JEA was recently formed to foster camaraderie and to support Sailors E-5 and below. The FCPOA and JEA are already planning to work together on future community relations events.

(At right) AWO1 Kimberly Rodriguez talks with Command Career Counselor AWO1 Raul Gomez about possible Navy career options during the meet and greet.



# CSS conducts insider threat, workplace violence training

By MCC(AW/SW)  
Shawn Graham

Center for Service Support  
Public Affairs

Center for Service Support (CSS) and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) conducted insider threat and workplace violence training Sept. 26.

According to SECNAVINST 5510.37 insider threats are people with authorized access, who use that access, wittingly or unwittingly, to harm national security interests or national security through unauthorized disclosure, data modification, espionage, terrorism, or kinetic actions resulting in loss or degradation of resources or capabilities.

Special Agent Michael Szabunia, assigned to Naval Station Newport (NWPT) said understanding insider threats and workplace violence is important and that everyone should be trained to spot the warning signs of potential offenders.

"With insider threats and workplace violence there is lot of planning and behavior indicators," said Szabunia. "It's important to learn from incidents like the recent Washington Navy Yard shooting and the Ft. Hood shooting involving former Army Maj. Nidal Hasan."

Hasan, a former U.S. Army medical corps officer fatal-

ly shot 13 people and injured more than 30 others in the Fort Hood mass shooting Nov. 5, 2009. A jury convicted him of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted murder. Hasan was subsequently sentenced to death.

Szabunia said some of the warning signs of potential offenders include: a pattern of intimidating, harassment, signs of substance abuse, sudden or marked changes in behavior or appearance, frequent disputes over disciplinary actions, termination, uncharacteristic isolation from co-workers and obsessive fascination with incidents of workplace violence.

According to the Bureau of

Justice Statistics an estimated 1.7 million workers are victims of workplace violence.

"Our goal is to help prevent these horrific crimes," said Szubania. "It's important that everyone recognize these paths to violence. We must understand the indicators of potential offenders and be willing to report it. This behavior is sometimes very apparent and should not be ignored."

Pat Mclean, CSS executive director said the NCIS training was helpful and relevant in the wake of the recent attacks in this country and abroad.

"If you look at all the incidents that have happened over the past few weeks, it's important to understand and identify potential threats posed to our Sailors and Department of Defense (DoD) employees," said McLean. "We must be aware of these indicators whether at work or in our personal lives. Our team must be engaged with events taking place around them."

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the Fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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las, cabanas and cottages at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The Del Mar Beach Resort, near Camp Pendleton, Calif., is a luxury oceanfront resort spanning pristine beaches and spectacular views of the Pacific, and a host of other amenities.

Travelers also might want to check out the Big Bear Recreational Facility, a hidden retreat in the heart of the San Bernardino Mountains. Run by the Marine Corps, it offers affordable camping and lodging facilities for active duty, retired military personnel, reservists, DOD employees and their authorized family members.

In addition to hotels on many Air Force bases, Air Force Personnel Center's services directorate features more than two dozen recreational areas worldwide.

Ramstein Inns on Ramstein Air Base in Germany is directly across the street from the passenger terminal, and at the front door to many of Germany's most popular destinations.

The Nellis Inn on Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., is convenient gateway to the Las Vegas attractions. Peterson Air Force Base's inn provides easy access to Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Rocky Mountains.

Members interested in visiting the mid-Atlantic coast can check out the Fort Fisher Air Force Recreational Area in Kure Beach, N.C., which provides visitors easy access

to the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean, Paige Hughes of the Air Force services directorate reported.

Those who prefer the mountains and canyons of the western United States can visit Farish Air Force Recreation Area outside Colorado Springs, Colo., or Fort Tuthill Air Force Recreation Area near Flagstaff, Ariz., with easy access to the Grand Canyon.

Those stationed in the Pacific can enjoy recreational areas in Hawaii, Okuma Air Force Recreation Area on Okinawa, Japan, and Tama Air Force Recreation Area on the main island north of Tokyo.

Visitors traveling with a recreational vehicle have even more options

available, Hughes said. With more than 60 family camps to choose from, they can find facilities near San Antonio, Charleston, S.C., and other popular cities, or close to Florida Panhandle beaches.

Even travelers familiar with the Defense Department's vast network of accommodations might forget to explore those offered by the Coast Guard.

Those facilities include the Petaluma Lake RV Park, on a small lake in California's Sonoma County. U.S. Coast Guard Station Marathon offers four cottages in the heart of the Florida Keys.

And to the northeast, the Coast Guard offers summertime lodging at a former lifeboat station on Cuttyhunk Island, Mass.,

now converted into a house with two apartments.

"Look at MWR recreational lodging opportunities when planning your vacation," Vogt advises military travelers.

"All services offer low-cost options from campsites, cabins to small lodges. "It's a poten-

tial cost saving to you and your family - and it allows MWR to continue to offer reduced rates on programs and services at locations across the U.S. and in overseas locations."

For more details about recreational lodging options, visit the service morale, welfare and rec-

reation websites or the Defense Department's lodging website.

### Related Sites

Department of Defense Lodging <http://www.dod-lodging.net/info.aspx>.

Armed Forces Recreation Centers <http://www.armymwr.com/travel/recreation-centers/>.

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# Naval Hospital and Florida's oldest medical society hold annual meeting

By Yan Kennon  
NH Jacksonville Public Affairs  
Senior Writer

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville hosted the annual Duval County Medical Society (DCMS) and Navy dinner meeting at the NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club Sept. 26.

During her keynote address to more than 100 DCMS physicians and healthcare professionals, NH Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer explained the importance of caring for our service members — our nation's heroes — and their families.

"We must ensure the medical readiness of our sailors and Marines 24/7 and 365 so they can return to their ships, their planes and helicopters, their submarines and battle-

fields around the world. At the same time, we exist to ease the minds of those Sailors and Marines by taking care of their families while they are out doing their jobs."

Shaffer also discussed how Medical Home Port is reducing illness, injury and hospitalization of military personnel and their families through a coordinated, whole-person approach to preventive, routine and urgent care.

During the event, NH Jacksonville Family Practice Clinic Manager Dalia Cavazos was awarded the NH Jacksonville Circle of Excellence Award for outstanding service to the medical staff.

Civilian staff members, from various NH Jacksonville departments, were nominated for the award and were voted on by the command's medical staff.



Photos by Jacob Sippel

Capt. Gayle Shaffer, Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville commanding officer, addresses the audience as the keynote speaker during the annual Duval County Medical Society (DCMS) and Navy dinner meeting at NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club. During her address to more than 100 DCMS physicians and healthcare professionals, Shaffer explained NH Jacksonville's role in healing our nation's heroes and their families.

Cavazos, a six-year family practice manager, was recognized for her hard work, dedication and willingness to help others.

NH Jacksonville is a part of a \$6 billion global network with a team of 64,000 active duty, reserve and civilian persons worldwide who directly care for 1 million people. That number increases to 10 million when the care by providers in the TRICARE network is added — that included many of the DCMS physicians at the annual event.

The DCMS and Navy dinner meeting underscores the role



Cmdr. Kenneth Terhaar (right), head of radiology at Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville, presents Family Practice Clinic Manager Dalia Cavazos with the command's Circle of Excellence Award Sept. 26 for outstanding service to the medical staff during the annual Duval County Medical Society (DCMS) and Navy dinner meeting at NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club. The DCMS and Navy dinner meeting underscores the role of community collaborations in ensuring the best patient care to active duty, retirees and families.

igious medical society — was the first medical society in Florida, and serves as the voice for organized medicine in Duval County. It is a non-profit, voluntary professional association of more than 2,000 physicians dedicated to the health of Jacksonville and the surrounding community.

## E-mail access to health care teams: Medical Home Port Online

By Jeanne Casey  
NH Jacksonville Deputy Public Affairs Officer

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville —its hospital and branch health clinics —offers multiple ways for patients and their care teams to connect. Patients with a primary care manager (PCM) at the hospital or any of the branch health clinics can use a secure e-mail service called Medical Home Port Online (also known as RelayHealth).

Patients can use this system to e-mail their care team for non-urgent issues, request lab results and medication refills, and request appointments. Because Medical Home Port Online is for non-urgent issues, it can take up to three business days for the team to reply to patient e-mails. The system is secure and confidential, with no cost.

To sign up for Medical Home Port Online, go to [www.relayhealth.com](http://www.relayhealth.com) or the command website at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax). Patients need to know the name of their PCM to sign up. For technical help, call RelayHealth at 866-RELAY-ME (866-735-2963). Patients can also sign up at their care team's front desk.

And, as always, hospital and branch health clinic care teams are available by telephone during clinic hours, and nurse advice is available after-hours.

At the hospital, patients call the appointment line at 542-4677 or 800-529-4677, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Patients with a referral from their PCM to a specialty clinic at the hospital can call the

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## Flu vaccine now available at Naval Hospital Jacksonville and branch health clinics

By Yan Kennon  
NH Jacksonville Public Affairs Senior Writer

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville and its branch health clinics are now providing annual influenza (flu) vaccine to service members, retirees and families.

The flu vaccine is required for all active duty military personnel, selected reserves and healthcare workers, and is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyone age six months and older. It's the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

According to CDC, seasonal epidemics of influenza occur every year in the U.S., usually between October and April.

"Everyone age six months and older should get an annual influenza vaccine," said NH Jacksonville Director of Public Health Capt. Joseph McQuade. "Immunization is the primary means of reducing seasonal influenza illness and its complications. Vaccine protects both the individual and the community as a whole, by reducing and preventing the spread of the disease."

Influenza is a virus that infects the nose, throat, windpipe and lungs. It is highly contagious, spreading from



Photo by Jacob Sippel

HN Dominick Torres administers an annual influenza (flu) vaccine to Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's Command Master Chief Bennora Simmons on Sept. 23 at the hospital immunizations clinic.

person to person by coughing, shaking hands, sneezing or talking closely with another person.

Typical flu symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, congestion, cough, runny nose and difficulty breathing. Flu can lead to more severe infections like pneumonia — especially in the elderly and those who may have an impaired immune system. H1N1 flu virus has similar symptoms, sometimes also including vomiting and diarrhea, and can cause severe infections in younger patients, pregnant women and children.

NH Jacksonville offers two kinds of flu vaccine. Flu mist — an intranasal vaccine that is squirted into

the nose — can be given to healthy patients ages two to 49. The injectable vaccine (flu shot) is given to pregnant moms, diabetic patients, asthmatics and anyone with a chronic medical condition such as emphysema.

The shot is safe for pregnant women at any time during pregnancy. Since babies aren't able to get the vaccine until age six months, mom is baby's best protection. Breastfeeding also helps protect babies, thanks to the protective flu antibodies that appear in mom's milk about two weeks after immunization.

At the hospital, patients can walk-in for flu vaccine Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naval Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville is conducting shot exercises for tenant commands. Patients can walk-in for flu vaccine after Oct. 21, Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other important immunizations include human papillomavirus (HPV), pneumococcal and the entire spectrum of childhood vaccines. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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Special Stars Bowling League for families with special needs children.

All ages welcome! Ramps available for the non-ambulatory as well as bumpers for beginners. Runs for 10 weeks at a cost of \$7 per week, shoes are included.

Mondays:

All you can bowl for \$5, 4 - 6 pm.

Wednesdays: All you can bowl for \$5.95,



Photo by Shannon Leonard

**80 Days of Summer winner**

NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker, right, presents Tom Lewnes with the grand prize package for the 80 Days of Summer program at NAS Freedom Lanes Sept. 27. Lewnes won an Orlando family vacation package with two admissions to SeaWorld, two admissions to Aquatica and a two-night stay at World Quest Resort. Neither MWR, nor the U.S. Navy or any other part of the federal government officially endorses any company, sponsor or its products or services.

4 - 10 pm.

Thursdays: Free bowling for Active Duty 11 am - 1 pm.

Saturdays: Family Extreme Bowling \$8, 4 - 6 pm, Party Extreme \$10, 8 pm - midnight (up to 2 hours of play). Shoes Included.

Monthly Handicap Single Tournament: Oct. 19, 1 - 4 pm. \$20 per person, registration begins at noon.

Scratch Sweeper: Oct. 26, 1-4 pm. \$30 entry fee, check in starts at noon.

\*Please note, the specials do not include shoes unless stated otherwise\*

**Fitness & Aquatics**

Call 542-2930

Indoor Swimming Pool

Lap swim hours, Monday - Friday 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4:30-7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Swim Fall Sessions At the Indoor Pool

Session 1 Oct. 14-24

Session 2 Oct 28 - Nov 7 \$40 military, \$45 DoD

Monster Dash 5K

Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m.

Perimeter Rd. / Antenna Farm Pre-register by Oct. 18

Fourth Annual Zumba Party

Oct. 23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fitness Center Outdoor Pavilion

Barktoberfest

Oct. 26, 9 a.m.

Veterinary Treatment Facility Bldg. 537 Free 2-mile walk/run with the dogs!

**I.T.I. Events**

Call 542-3318

E-mail them directly at jaxs\_nas\_mwright@navy.mil.

Jacksonville Zoo Spooktacular \$9.

Universal Halloween Horror Nights:

Sunday - Thursday \$42.25, Friday \$53, Saturday \$74.25

Halloween Horror Nights visits ITT on Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by to win great prizes!

Pandemic Haunted Attractions - San Jose Blvd in Mandarin, tickets on sale at ITT!

Haunting of School House 4 - \$18

Waves of Honor Special: Seaworld Orlando Adult \$46.50, Child \$42.25. Busch Gardens Tampa Adult \$45, Child \$40.50.

Jacksonville Jaguars: Section 147 Bud Zone, \$70. Jags shuttle bus \$12.

Thrasher Horne Center for the Arts 2013 - 2014 Season: Tickets now available!

The Artist Series - Broadway in Jax 2013 - 2014 Season: Tickets available now!

- Mamma Mia! Oct. 19, 2013, 8 pm, \$60.50.

- Celtic Thunder: Nov. 10, 2013, 7 pm, \$80.

- Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus: Jan. 17 & 18, 2014, \$51.

- War Horse: Feb. 22, 2014, 8 pm, \$68.50.

- Memphis: Mar. 22, 2014, 8 pm, \$65.

- Million Dollar Quartet: Apr. 26, 2014, 8 pm, \$65.

- The D\* Word: Oct. 4 - Oct. 25, 2014, \$43.75 - \$46.

Disney World Orlando Armed Forces Salute ticket FL (Expires Sept.27,2014)

4 day Hopper ticket- \$166

4 day 1 park per day and water park ticket-\$166

4 day Hopper and Water park combo ticket- \$194

Gatorbowl \$35

Capital One Bowl \$98

Russell Athletic Bowl \$78

Soul Food Festival

Special \$20

General Admission \$32

Preferred \$42

VIP \$65

**The Vault Liberty Recreation Center**

Trips, activities and costs may be restricted to E1-E6 single or unaccompanied active duty members. Call 542-1335 for information.

Paintball Trip

Oct. 5 at 9 a.m.

GTF in Yulee

Navy Birthday 5K

Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Perimeter Rd./Antenna Farm

HabiJax ReStore Volunteer Trip

Oct. 12 at 8 a.m.

**NAS Jax Golf Club**

Golf course info: 542-3249

Mulligan's info: 542-2936

Military Appreciation Days

\$18 per person, includes cart & green fees

Oct. 8 & 22 for active duty

Oct. 10 & 24 for retirees, DoD personnel and their guests

Monday & Tuesday

Play 18-holes for \$20, Cart and green fee included.

Open to military, DoD and guests. Not applicable on holidays.

Monday - Friday

Play 18 holes with cart for \$16 after 1:30 p.m.

**Mulberry Cove Marina**

Call 542-3260.

Free Kayak & Canoe Rental Every Thursday for active duty

Free Stand-up Paddle Board Lessons Every Thursday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Skipper "B" Classes

\$150 at the Mulberry Cove Marina Oct. 19, 20, 26 & 27

Auto Skills Center

Call 542-3227

22 work bays, wheel balancing, tool checkout, paint booth and welding! ASE certified mechanic onsite!

**Youth Activities Center**

Call 778-9772

Family Fitness Center hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bring your child to work out with you!

Movie Under the Stars

Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Featuring Monster's University Patriot's Grove

**Flying Club**

Call 777-8549

Private Pilot Ground School

Oct. 7 - Nov. 20

\$500 per person

**NAS Jax Sports**

place. There will be a separate men and women's division. The matches will be played at the Guy Ballou Tennis Complex. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Oct. 4.

**Greybeard Basketball League meeting - Oct. 9**

The league is open to active duty, DoD civilians, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville age 30 & up. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Dewey's. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive five captain's cup points. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

**Intramural Basketball League meeting - Oct. 9**

The league is open to active duty, DoD civilians, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The meeting will be held at noon at Dewey's. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive

five captain's cup points. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

**Monster Dash 5K - Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m.**

The run is free and open to all authorized gym patrons. Runners will earn captain's cup points for their commands for participating. Runners can sign up at the NAS Jax Gym or Fitness Source prior to the Oct. 18 deadline. The run will be held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road. Registration will also be held at the run site from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For more information, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or email bill.bonser@navy.mil.

**Hot Shot of the Week**

**From the NAS Jacksonville Golf Club**

Thomas Richardson shot a hole-in-one Sept. 22 on Blue No. 7, 166 yard, par 3. He used a TaylorMade 7 iron with a TaylorMade ball.

**Check Us Out Online: www.jaxairnews.com**

**Same-sex medical benefits explained**

From TRICARE

**Marriage**

Spouses, including same-sex spouses, of service members (active duty, retired or Guard/Reserve) are eligible for TRICARE.

When you get married, bring your new spouse to a uniformed service identification (ID) card office to register him or her in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). You'll need the following documents to add your spouse to DEERS. All documents must be originals or certified copies.

- Marriage certificate
- Spouse birth certificate
- Spouse Social Security card
- Spouse photo ID

In the following scenarios, getting married will cause TRICARE benefits to end:

- Surviving (widowed) spouse remarries
- Former spouse remarries
- Adult child enrolled in TRICARE Young Adult gets married
- Spouse & Family Health Care Options Depending on where you live, and who you are, your

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# DOD spells out closure contingency plan guidance

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

DOD officials issued guidance to the force Sept. 27 in the event appropriations lapse Oct. 1 and a government shutdown results.

Officials emphasize they still hope Congress can avoid that but say it is prudent to take such steps.

The eight-page document gives basic guidance to commanders and directors on how to handle everything from personnel matters to contracts to medical concerns.

Even if the government runs out of money, military

personnel will report to work as normal. This includes active duty personnel and reserve component personnel on active Guard or reserve status.

DOD can also maintain police, fire and emergency medical protection. These activities – and some others – are labeled as excepted and protected from stoppage. Non-excepted activities must generally stop.

In the event of a funding lapse, DOD civilians who support excepted activities – military operations, emergency services, or other designated activities – would be directed to continue working.

For pay purposes, military personnel will be paid retroactively once the appropriation is passed or the

continuing resolution signed. DOD-excepted service personnel will also receive retroactive pay.

Non-excepted DOD civilians will be placed on emergency, no-notice, non-pay furloughs. They would be required to report to work on Oct. 1 to receive their furlough notice. Civilians on emergency furloughs would be paid retroactively only if a law is enacted providing authority to pay them.

Training and travel of military and civilian employees would be disrupted unless it was connected to an excepted activity, officials said.

Those on travel would have to return to their duty stations in an orderly fashion.

# Carter details security reviews in Navy Yard aftermath

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

The Pentagon and the Navy are reviewing security procedures worldwide in the wake of last week's tragic shootings at the Washington Navy Yard, Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Sept. 26, with the aim of enhancing prevention of and response to any future such incidents.

Carter offered his sympathies to everyone affected "by this deplorable act of violence."

"The Department of Defense is a family. And when a family member's taken from us, it affects us all," he said in a briefing to Pentagon reporters.

"So to those who are grieving, on behalf of the entire department family, please know that our thoughts and our prayers and our strength are with you."

The deputy secretary said the department is "determined to learn from this tragedy and to take decisive action to prevent such a tragedy from happening again."

Carter continued, "The bottom line is, we need to know how an employee was able to bring a weapon and ammunition onto a DOD installation, and how warning flags were

either missed, ignored, or not addressed in a timely manner."

The deputy secretary briefed reporters on the two reviews, along with a third examination that will be conducted by an independent panel. Carter said former assistant secretary of defense for homeland security Paul Stockton and former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, retired Navy Adm. Eric Olson, have agreed to lead the independent review.

Together, Carter said, the efforts will analyze physical security measures at U.S. military installations, security clearance processing procedures and emergency response plans.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has approved two recommendations tightening security management within Navy chains of command. Carter noted the Navy, DOD and independent reviews will all feed into a larger, White-House-led look at physical security and emergency response across government.

"We want to look at the whole system and the whole family of incidents that occur," Carter said.

Defense Secretary Chuck

Hagel ordered the three department reviews, Carter said.

Hagel's "guidance was clear," Carter said. "The independent panel is to arrive at its own conclusions and make its own recommendations."

Stockton and Olson are uniquely suited to identifying security shortcomings, Carter said. Stockton, he said, brings knowledge from his work leading the department's internal review and response to the Fort Hood shootings in 2009. And, Carter said, Olson's "deep knowledge of special operations and intelligence communities, [and] his personal experience evaluating and developing physical security plans, will all be invaluable."

Together, the efforts are intended to be comprehensive, complementary and mutually reinforcing, Carter said. The department's internal review will be led by Mike Vickers, undersecretary of defense for intelligence, Carter said.

The department's synthesized findings will be in Hagel's hands by Dec. 20, Carter said. Then at Hagel's direction, he added, "the department will take appropriate actions after carefully considering all of

the recommendations put forward."

In examining security clearance procedures, the department's internal review will seek to point out "what steps we can take to tighten the standards and procedures for granting and renewing security clearances for DOD employees and contract personnel," Carter said.

Millions of Americans in this and other departments hold clearances, he said, and overall government-wide handling of security clearances will be one focus of the White House's study.

"There are many contractors who are central to the accomplishment of the mission of this department," Carter said.

"And they, like our government employees, both civilian and military, all three of those populations contribute to the defense mission, and they're all part of the review."

Carter echoed Hagel's remarks last week: "Where there are gaps, we'll close them. Where there are inadequacies, we will address them. And where there are failures, we will correct them. That process is underway. We owe nothing less to the vic-

tims, their families, and every member of the Department of Defense community."

In response to a question, Carter noted that the alleged shooter's previous record of firearms incidents was "something that jumped out at me" in reports following last week's incident in which a Navy contractor shot dead 12 civilians working at the Washington Navy Yard.

Carter said he and Hagel are concerned at the existence of such "evidence that there was behavior well before the Washington Navy Yard incident, which had it been spotted and understood to be indicative of this possibility might have led to an intervention that would have prevented [the shootings]."

Carter added, "That's exactly the kind of thing that we need to look at in the review - exactly."

As a reminder, the Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC) continues to provide services to those affected by the shooting - military, civilians, contractors, and their families - at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) and the Washington Navy Yard (WNY). Call 1-855-677-1755.

# Three Jacksonville area contractors awarded \$16.4 million for work at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded three contracts totaling \$16.4 million to three separate Jacksonville area contractors for work at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NS GTMO), Cuba. The majority of the work will provide repairs from Hurricane Sandy.

"After suffering significant damage to the base, I am glad to see some of the money coming in to repair some of the infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Sandy last year," said NS GTMO Commanding Officer Capt. John Nettleton.

"The planned marina repairs and refurbishment will greatly benefit the service members and residents who serve in this isolated duty station."

The largest of the three awards is a \$10.3 million task order for waterfront repairs that are necessary due to damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. This contract was awarded Sept. 25 to Harry Pepper & Associates Inc., of Jacksonville.

Work to be performed provides for repairs to the Guantanamo Bay public marina, public beaches, and restoration of the recreational dive park. Work also includes floating fuel pier replacement, repair/replacement of the boat ramp, repairs to damaged walls and roofs,

demolition of old and construction of new cabanas.

The dive area work includes a two-way ramp access with wave protection and a new elevated paved training area. Work also includes a new elevated training area, vehicle access and parking with wave run up and erosion protection.

Work for the waterfront projects are expected to be completed by January 2015.

"These projects are a huge win in improving the quality of life for all community members residing in this remote location," said NS GTMO Public Works Officer Cmdr. Ron Jenkins.

"Many of these waterfront areas have

been closed due to Hurricane Sandy damage for nearly one year. Base residents will be excited to see these areas repaired and open for use once again."

A second task order in the amount of \$2.5 million was awarded Sept. 22 to Islands Mechanical Contractor, of Middleburg. Work for this task order includes replacement of the chiller in Building 2504, installation of backup power generators to Buildings 2509 and 1445, and replacement of the guard tower windows.

The third task order was awarded Sept. 19 to Ratcliff Construction, Inc., of Orange Park, in the amount of \$3.5

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Photo by Jacob Sippel

**Family Medicine Red Team Nurse Claudine Chandler shows AT3 Farrel Jennings how to log onto Medical Home Port Online secure email. Patients can sign up for Medical Home Port Online at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/navalhospitaljax](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/navalhospitaljax) or [www.relayhealth.com](http://www.relayhealth.com) to communicate with their care team via e-mail.**

# SAME SEX BENEFITS

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spouse's options will vary.

- TRICARE Prime
- TRICARE Standard and Extra
- U.S. Family Health Plan
- TRICARE Standard Overseas
- TRICARE For Life

Active duty spouses may also qualify to enroll in one of these Prime options with their active duty sponsors:

- TRICARE Prime Remote
- TRICARE Prime Overseas
- TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas

Some of these health plan options require you to enroll by submitting an enrollment application.

## Dental Coverage

Yes, you can enroll in one of two dental insurance plans. These dental plans

are separate from TRICARE's health benefit and do require a separate enrollment.

- TRICARE Dental Program: Available to all active duty and National Guard/Reserve family members.

- TRICARE Retiree Dental Program: Available for family members of retired service members.

## Prescriptions

TRICARE provides a robust pharmacy benefit.

## Costs

Your health care costs are based on who you are and which health plan option you are using.

## Retroactive Coverage for Same-Sex Spouses

Same-sex spouses may be added to existing coverage to begin on June 26, 2013 or their eligibility date in DEERS,

whichever is later.

To enroll in a Prime Option TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, TRICARE Prime Overseas or TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas, applications must be received no later than Dec. 31, 2013. After that, regular enrollment deadlines will apply. Retroactive enrollment for a Prime Option is limited to same-sex spouses of active duty service members rank E-4 and below. All others may enroll using the existing 20<sup>th</sup> of the month rule.

If your spouse does not enroll in a Prime Option, he or she can file a claim under TRICARE Standard if eligibility is established for care received: On or after June 26, 2013 — if married before June 26, 2013, or back to the date of eligibility in DEERS—if married after June 26, 2013.

# HOME PORT

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appointment line, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) After-hours nurse advice is available —via the appointment line —on evenings, weekends and holidays.

At Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville, patients call 546-7094/7095, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. For after-hours nurse advice, call the command appointment line at 542-4677 or 800-529-4677 on evenings, weekends and holidays.

These communication options are a few of the features of Medical Home Port —the Navy's approach to the nationwide "medical home" model of quality care. Medical Home Port places the patient at the center of a collaborative team of caregivers — from doctors to nurses and case managers — led by the PCM. The

patient and teamwork together for a coordinated, whole- person approach to health —to meet the patient's preventive, routine and urgent care needs.

"We're strengthening the patient-provider relationship —in an environment where both staff and patients PCS and deploy —with team-based care," said Capt. Troy Borema, a family medicine physician.

"Patients' secure e-mail access to their team is one aspect of that care."

The hospital has six teams: Family Medicine (green, red, white and yellow teams), Internal Medicine blue team and Pediatrics purple team. Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville (Primary Care) has one team: silver team.

To meet the PCMs on each team, click on "Medical Home Port" on the command website at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/navalhospitaljax](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/navalhospitaljax).

To purchase TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve retroactively, applications must be received no later than Dec. 31, 2013.

After that date, regular enrollment rules will apply.

Monthly premiums for TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve will be prorated back to the effective date of coverage (no earlier than June 26, 2013).

To purchase the TRICARE Dental Program or TRICARE Retiree Dental Program retroactively, applications must be received no later than Dec. 31, 2013.

After that date, regular enrollment rules will apply.

Monthly premiums will be prorated back to the effective date of coverage (no earlier than June 26, 2013).

## New ship at NS Mayport

Patrol Craft USS Shamal (PC 13) approaches the pier at its new homeport of Naval Station Mayport on Sept. 21. The 13th Cyclone class patrol ship, Shamal was laid down Sept. 23, 1994 by Bollinger Shipyards in Lockport, Louisiana and commissioned on Jan. 27, 1996.



Photo by QM1 David Ratcliffe

# Plans finalized for Cutlass Express 2013

By MCSN Luis Chavez Jr.  
Navy Public Affairs Support  
Element-East Detachment Europe

Cutlass Express, one of four major U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet exercises in Africa, is designed to improve maritime safety and security in East Africa while building maritime relationships.

The exercise is scheduled for Nov. 11-18 in operating areas surrounding Seychelles, Djibouti, Tanzania and Kenya.

Participating African countries in this planning conference included Djibouti, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Seychelles, Mauritius, Mozambique and Tanzania Yemen.

"This exercise is a great opportunity to build camaraderie, improve communication systems and to improve maritime safety and security within the East African nations," said Capt. Guy Jackson, exercise director for Cutlass Express.

"I would like this exercise to achieve individual goals of each East African nation and continue to strengthen the partnerships we share in Africa."

Events during Cutlass Express include a variety of scenarios to improve the abilities of the African nation to deter piracy, counter illicit trafficking and environmental issues such as illegal fishing.

"The common goal of Cutlass Express from my perspec-

tive is to foster relationships between countries in order to stop any economical and environmental problems that a lot of African nations face," said Djibouti navy Lt. Gouled Osman Moussa.

During the conference, participating African nations practiced using maritime domain awareness software, to better monitor vessels and potential suspicious activities.

"The technology we are working with will now give

our country the opportunity to communicate and share information to other nations in order for us, as a nation, to fight a common threat such as piracy," said Moussa.

Cutlass Express is a U.S. Africa Command-sponsored exercise focusing on addressing common maritime issues through the sharing of information and the coordination among East African nations.

## Fleet and Family Support Center offers life skills workshops

From FFSC

Your NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Life Skills Education and Support Program is the foremost preventive measure for growth in personal and family issues.

All FFSC workshops and classes are free to service members and their families. Pre-registration is required at 542-5745.

If special accommodations or handicapped access is required, please notify FFSC upon registration. The following is the schedule for 2013:

- Ombudsman Basic Training - Nov. 12-15 (5:30-10 p.m.)
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Separation Workshop (7:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.) - Oct. 7-11, Oct. 21-25, Nov. 4-8, Dec. 2-6.
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Retirement Workshop (7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) - Oct. 28-Nov. 1, Nov. 18-22, Dec. 16-20.
- Federal Employment Workshop (9 a.m.-noon) - Oct. 17, Nov. 27,

Dec. 11. (Noon-3 p.m.) - July 2.

- Job Search & Interview Techniques Workshop (8-9:30 a.m.) - Nov. 25.

- Resumes & Cover Letters Workshop (9:40 a.m.-noon) - Nov. 25.

- Million Dollar Sailor Workshop (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) - Nov. 13-14.

- Command Financial Specialist Training - (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) - Dec. 9-13.

- Money, Debt and Credit Management Workshop (8-11 a.m.) - Oct. 15.

- Strategies for Best Deals in Car Buying (9-10:30 a.m.) - Nov. 26.

- PCS Sponsor Training (1:30-3 p.m.) - Oct. 10, Dec. 12.

- PCS Smooth Move Workshop (1:30-4 p.m.) - Nov. 14.

- Military Spouse 101 Workshop - Nov. 21 (5-6:30 p.m.)

- What About the Kids (9-11 a.m.) - Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9.

- Stress Management 101 Workshop (9-10:30 a.m.) - Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 10.

- Extended Stress Management

Workshop (8 a.m.-noon) - Oct. 15 & 29.

- Anger Management Workshop (8 a.m.-noon) - Oct. 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 17.

- Personal Anger Control Group - Oct. 8 - Nov. 12 (2-4 p.m.)

- Individual Communication (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) - Nov. 19.

- Parenting with Love & Logic (1-3 p.m.) - Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26.

- Active Parenting of Teens (1-4 p.m.) - Oct. 9, 16, 23.

- Power 2 Change, Women's Support Group (9:30-11 a.m.) - Every Wednesday

- Expectant Families (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Dec. 3.

- Tiny Tots Play Group (10 a.m.-noon) - Oct. 15, 29; Nov. 12, 16; Dec. 10, 17.

- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Orientation (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) - Nov. 7.

- EFMP Command POC Training (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) - Oct. 3, Dec. 5.

- To register for any of the above workshops call 542-5745.

## Jaguars tickets available at USO

From the USO

The Greater Jax Area USO has tickets available at the NAS Jax and NS Mayport USO for \$15 each, cash transactions only. Tickets are available the following days and times:

Game Date	Opponent	Time	Sale Date
Oct. 20	San Diego	1 p.m.	Now
Nov. 17	Arizona	1 p.m.	Nov. 4
Dec. 5	Houston	8:25 p.m.	Nov. 25
Dec. 15	Buffalo	1 p.m.	Dec. 2
Dec. 22	Tennessee	1 p.m.	Dec. 9

**Guidelines:**

- Price is \$15 per ticket (cash only) - All active duty including Florida National Guard and Reservists on current active duty orders and dependents are eligible to purchase/use these tickets.

- Military personnel with authorized dependents may buy a maximum of four tickets if member and dependents equals four. If you have less than four you may only purchase total for family. Spouses may purchase tickets for military personnel, but dependent children are not authorized to represent the service member/spouse to purchase tickets. Larger families desiring to purchase in excess of four tickets must be approved by the USO director.

- Single service members may purchase a maximum of two tickets, one for their use and one for a guest. No exceptions.

- For deployable commands, a request for a "block of game day tickets" may be requested by CO/XO/CMC only to the executive director. These blocks may be approved for commands either deploying or returning during the season. Requests, with justification, must be sent to Mike O'Brien at [mobrien@usojax.com](mailto:mobrien@usojax.com).

- Anyone caught purchasing excess tickets or reselling tickets will be prohibited from buying any more tickets for the entire season.

- No over the phone transactions, tickets are first come, first served. For more information, call 778-2821.

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million. This project will provide for the repair of damage to roofs and building envelopes caused by Hurricane Sandy.

The following five buildings will be repaired by this task order: Building AV-640, Building 260, Building 776, Building 1662 Gold Hill Galley, Building 717. Building 1678 will have the windows and flashing repaired and East Caravella will have soffits repaired.



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## Community Calendar

The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women is hosting a Women Up Forum Oct. 10 from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Lynwood Roberts Room at the City Hall Atrium, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville. For more information and to RSVP, call 630-1618.

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is Oct. 12 at 8:30 a.m. Check in is 8 a.m. To register, go to [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).

Aviation Boatswains Mates Association Jax Chapter Fall Jam & Campout is Oct. 10-13 at Grassy Pond Recreation Area in Lake Park, Ga. For reservations, call (229) 559-5840.

Navy Supply Corps Foundation Jacksonville Charity Golf Tournament is Oct. 25 at Eagle Harbor Golf Course with 9 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up as team or individual by Oct. 21. Contact Lt. Cmdr. Doug Murphy at [douglas.r.murphy@navy.mil](mailto:douglas.r.murphy@navy.mil).

Second Indianhead Division Association Florida Division Reunion is Oct. 18-29 at Titusville, Fla. Call 561-742-5379 or email [2ida.mail@charter.net](mailto:2ida.mail@charter.net).

Documentary film, "Commitment to Honor," premieres Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. at Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A South on Anastasia Island. Presented by the Veterans Council of St. Johns County and produced by the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville. Keynote speaker is retired Army Col. Mike Prendergast, executive director of the Florida Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Tallahassee. Jacksonville Celtic Festival Nov. 16

from noon-10 p.m. at the oceanfront SeaWalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. Scottish games and Kids Zone. Go to [www.jaxcelticfest.com](http://www.jaxcelticfest.com).

VP-8 Alumni Association will hold their 2014 reunion in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 6-9.

Contact Dick Scotti at (636) 949-0570; e-mail: [navy9crew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:navy9crew@sbcglobal.net) or Carolyn Magee at (601) 731-7600; e-mail: [cpr38@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpr38@bellsouth.net).

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