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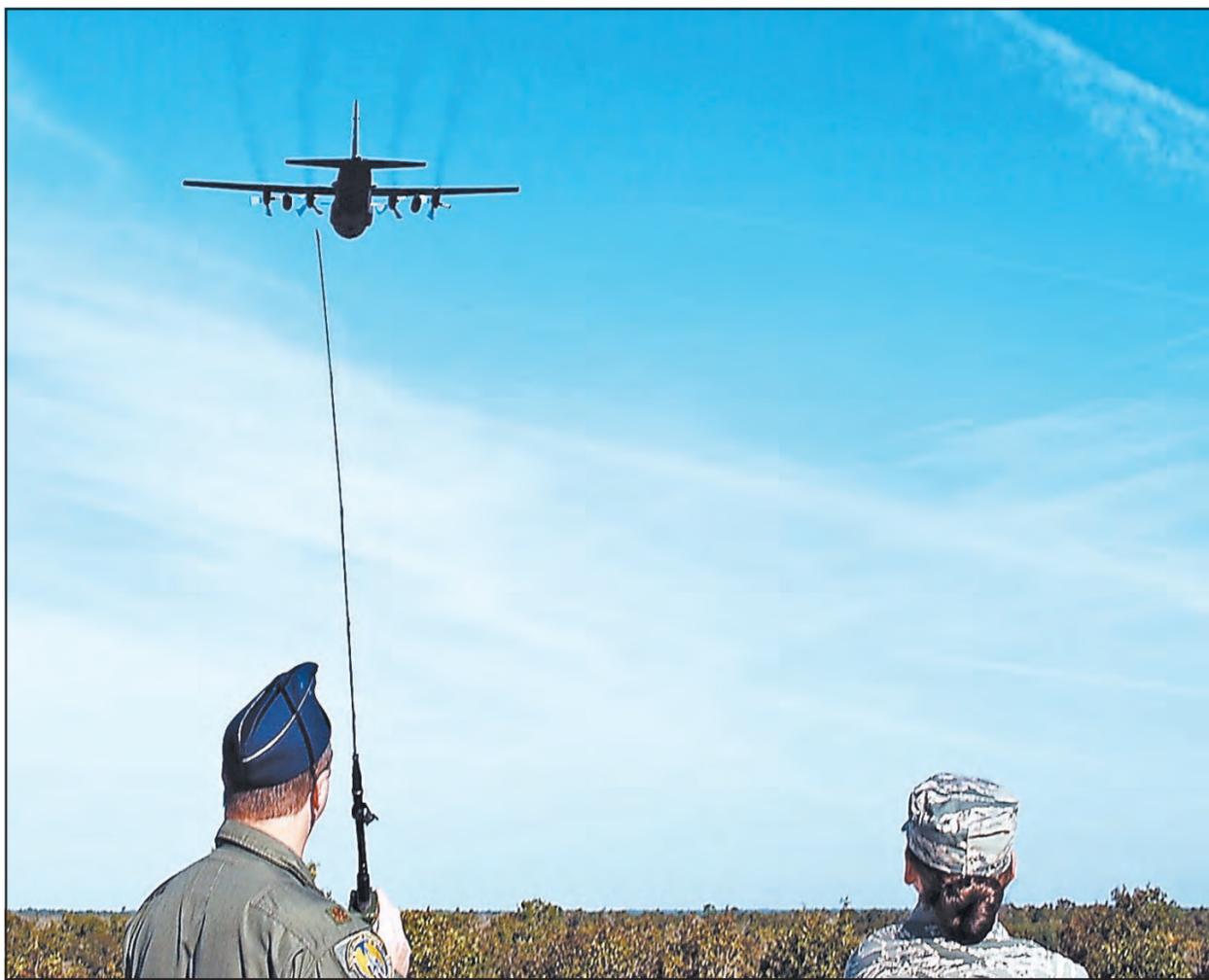
Military bug pros collaborate against mosquitoes

By Clark Pierce
Editor

The Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE) at NAS Jacksonville participated with other military services and public health agencies to evaluate aerial spraying techniques Oct. 29-30 in order to control the mosquito that transmits dengue fever and yellow fever to humans in urban settings.

The research mission was led by the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service-Center for Medical, Agriculture and Veterinary Entomology (USDA-ARS-CMAVE).

"In addition to USDA, we're collaborating with the Air Force 757th Airlift Squadron, and Florida National Guard's



Entomologists Maj. George Lenahan (left) and Maj. Jennifer Remmers communicate by hand-held radio with Air Force C-130H pilots during an evaluation of aerial spraying techniques at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center.

Photo from NECE

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USS Mason, HSM-74 team up for SAREX in Mediterranean Sea



Photo by MC2 Rob Aylward

AWR2 Nathan James and FT3 Douglas O'Neil are hoisted from the sea on Oct. 29 by an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter from the "Swamp Foxes" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74 during a search-and-rescue exercise with the guided-missile destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87). Mason is deployed as part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group supporting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

By MC2 Rob Aylward
Harry S. Truman Carrier
Strike Group Public Affairs

Surface rescue swimmers from guided-missile destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87) and aviation rescue swimmers from the Jacksonville-based Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74 "Swamp Foxes," conducted a combined search-and-rescue (SAR) exercise in the Mediterranean Sea, Oct. 29.

An MH-60R Seahawk helicopter from HSM-74 performed aerial searches and swimmer insertions while a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) from Mason was used to deliver swimmers to recover simulated survivors more than two nautical miles from Mason.

"The goal was to provide a safe, practical and realistic training experience in accordance with our quarterly and annual training requirements that offered the chance to apply our skills in a combined event," said AWR1 Michael Reilly, an

aviation rescue swimmer assigned to HSM 74 embarked aboard Mason.

HSM-74 showcased their SAR capabilities by recovering simulated survivors with a rescue strop and a two-person rescue basket extended from the helicopter hovering more than 50 feet above the sea.

"This was the first time I've seen the rescue basket used outside of training videos or television programming," said Reilly. "It was easy to control and worked well during the event."

Mason's RHIB-based team successfully navigated the choppy water, deployed finned surface rescue swimmers and swam simulated survivors to safety.

"Each team took turns alternating between the roles of survivor or rescuer," said Ensign Timothy McDaniel, a surface rescue swimmer aboard

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Sailor thrives after surviving gunshot wound one year ago

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

A little more than a year ago, AWFAN Brett Parks' life was forever changed in a split second. On that fateful day, Oct. 17, 2012, Parks had just ended his day at VP-30 where he was training to become a flight engineer and headed to his part-time job as a personal trainer. While waiting for his client, he attempted to thwart a robbery and was shot in the abdomen.

Today, after being saved by, as he says, "a series of miracles," Parks is in top physical shape despite losing a kidney, part of his colon, and having his right leg amputated below the knee. His days are spent working with several therapists for his medical conditions, going to doctor's appointments and working out at the NAS Jax Fitness Source to build up his strength.

"I definitely work much harder than I did before the incident because the doctors told me if I hadn't been in such good physical shape, I would certainly have died. That gives me motivation to work as hard as I can and never take a day off. Fitness was instilled in me at a very early age and it all came into play that day I was shot," said Parks, after completing a weightlifting session at the Fitness Source.

"Brett is so inspiring and motivating. He is always here training to better his physical fitness standards



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

AWFAN Brett Parks of VP-30 flips a tire across a concrete area as AWF2 Clint Mason, also of VP-30, spots him during a workout session at the NAS Jax Fitness Source on Oct. 29.

whether it's in the weight room, doing Pilates or yoga. It's just amazing to see what he's accomplished and can do," said NAS Jax Fitness Director Tanya

Henigman.

While he is currently on medical board hold with the Navy, Parks continues to plan for the future. "If I'm found fit for duty, I'll stay in and see what I can do next. The Navy has been great and my command has been very supportive but if they don't need me, I'll do other things," said Parks.

He has written a book about his experiences, called "Training for Life" which hasn't been published yet and has created a non-profit agency called Second Shot Ministries to offer outreach programs such as speaking engagements and benefit those in need.

"There was so much that went on that fateful day. God was truly looking out for me - from the hematoma in my abdomen that helped stop the bleeding to all the doctors being in the right place at the right time. That's just not coincidence. Even when I was in a coma, God was with me the whole time," he explained.

Parks continued, "I'm not here today just live my life by going skydiving, I'm here to live my life for the Lord. And that's why I started Second Shot Ministries so I can help others in need. He's given me a second shot at life. I want to spread the word that I'm alive

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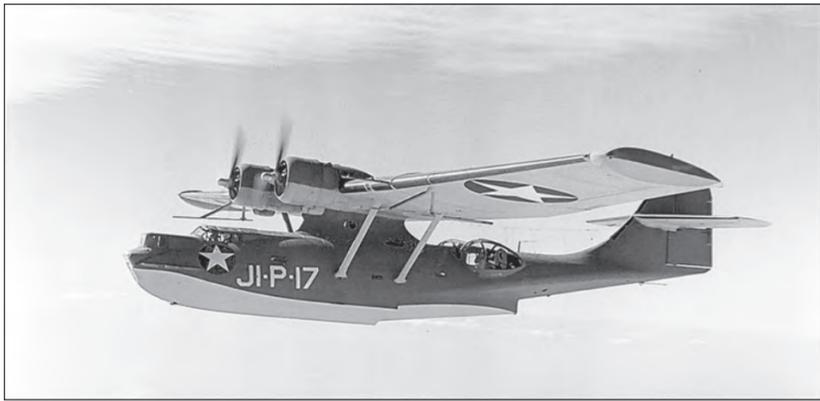
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Looking back to 1944 . . .

The Consolidated PBY Catalina series was the most widely used seaplane (also known as 'flying boat') of World War II. It was used for reconnaissance, anti-submarine warfare, patrol bombing, convoy escorts, search-and-rescue, and cargo transport. The last active military PBYs were not retired from service until the 1980s.

NAS Jacksonville was a major training base for pilots and crew of the Consolidated PBY series of Navy flying boats that could be equipped with depth charges, bombs, torpedoes and machine guns. On this PBY approaching the station's ramp in the St. Johns River, note the stabilizing floats that were retractable in flight to form streamlined wingtips.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

Nov. 7

1861 - Naval forces under Rear Adm. Samuel DuPont capture Port Royal Sound, S.C.

1881 - Naval Advisory Board submits report recommending the new ships in U.S. Navy be constructed of steel instead of iron.

1973 - War Powers Resolution becomes law.

Nov. 8

1861 - Capt. Charles Wilkes seizes two Confederate diplomats from the British steamer Trent, causing an international controversy with Great Britain (known as the Trent Affair).

1942 - In Operation Torch (Allied landings in French Northwest Africa), American forces land at Casablanca. French naval forces attack U.S. Navy ships - resulting in 13 French ships sunk without a loss to the U.S.

1956 - Navy Stratolab balloon (Lt. Cmdrs. Malcolm

Ross and M. Lee Lewis) betters world altitude record soaring to 76,000 feet above Black Hills of S.D. on flight to gather meteorological, cosmic ray and other scientific data.

1975 - More than 100 Sailors and Marines from USS Inchon (LPH-12) and USS Bagley (DE-1069) fight a fire on board a Spanish merchant vessel at Palma.

Nov. 9

1921 - USS Olympia arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France, carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

1950 - Task Force 77 makes first attack on the Yalu River bridges in Korea. In first engagement between MIG-15 and F9F jets (from USS Philippine Sea), Lt. Cmdr. William Amen (VF-111) shoots down a MIG and becomes first Navy pilot to down a jet aircraft.

1956 - Secretary of the Navy proposes the Polaris missile program to the Secretary of Defense.

Nov. 10

1775 - Congress votes to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

1941 - U.S. escorted convoy WS 12, carrying 20,000 British troops to Singapore, sails from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Nov. 11

1870 - Navy expedition to explore the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, southern Mexico, commanded by Capt. Robert Shufeldt, enters the Coatzacoalcos River to begin a survey for possible inter-oceanic canal. Support provided by USS Kansas and USS Mayflower.

1918 - Armistice ends World War I.

1920 - Lenah Higbee becomes the first woman to be awarded the Navy Cross - for her World War I service.

1921 - Washington Naval Conference begins.

1943 - Two Carrier Task Forces strike Japanese shipping at Rabaul, sinking one carrier and damaging other ships. Raid was first use of SB2C Curtiss Helldivers in combat.

1954 - Nov. 11 designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars.

1966 - Launch of Gemini 12, with Cmdr. James Lovell Jr., the command pilot. Mission lasted three days, 22 hours and 34 minutes and included 59 orbits at an altitude of 162.7 nautical miles. Recovery by HS-11 helicopter from USS Wasp (CVS-18).

1981 - Commissioning of first Trident-class nuclear-powered Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN-726).

Nov. 12

1912 - Lt. Theodore Ellyson makes first successful launching of an airplane (A-3) by catapult at the Washington Navy Yard.

1940 - CNO Adm. Stark submits memorandum to Secretary of the Navy on four

plans if U.S. enters war. He favors the fourth, Plan Dog, calling for strong offense in the Atlantic and defense in the Pacific.

1942 - First of the three days of fighting in the Battle of Guadalcanal.

1943 - President Franklin Roosevelt embarks on USS Iowa (BB-61) to go to the Allied conferences at Teheran, Iran, and Cairo, Egypt.

Nov. 13

1776 - Capt. John Paul Jones in Alfred, and with brig Providence, captures British transport Mellish, carrying winter uniforms later used by Washington's troops.

1942 - Loss of light cruiser USS Juneau (CL-52) during Battle of Guadalcanal results in loss of five Sullivan brothers.

1943 - Fifth Fleet carriers begin long-range night bombing attacks on Japanese positions in the Gilberts and Marshall islands in preparation for landings.

1957 - First firing of Regulus II bombardment missile.

Siri sent me off the beaten path

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

Since the ubiquitous integration of GPS into the devices of our everyday lives I have found myself off the beaten path more often.

That seems counterintuitive, doesn't it? With better navigation and a hands-free, robot voice giving step-by-step directions, I should be getting from Point A to Point B more directly. Except, it seems that iPhone's Siri, in particular, has a mind of her own, and I sometimes end up in uncharted territory when I follow her commands.

And I do follow her commands. Dustin does not. Dustin knows better than Siri. He tempts fate by seeing the exit she's told him to take, and then passing it by because "it doesn't seem like the right one."

"Always follow Siri," I tell him. "It doesn't matter what you think. You don't know what Siri knows."

Sometimes Siri can predict traffic. Sometimes she knows about detours. She's like a wizard on the dashboard, and I do not second-guess her. Even when I fear she's sending me off track.

This happened last week when I headed north for a book club event in Houlton, Maine, which, for anyone south of Houlton, basically feels like Canada. Indeed, Houlton is at the very top of the map, and as I drove, I had a distinct feeling of climbing a vertical wall, like my car was literally traveling up the United States and teetering on the top.

Interstate 95 is the main road to Houlton, and I'm no stranger to it. When we lived in Jacksonville, Florida, I used I-95 daily. There, it passes by the Jaguars' stadium and winds through high-rise buildings. When Dustin and I traveled from Jacksonville to our hometowns in Virginia, the directions basically were, "get on I-95, head north for 700 miles, and then get off I-95."

Since moving to Maine, we travel the northeastern part of I-95 on family vacations through Massachusetts, New York City, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

Despite minor differences, in all these areas, I-95 is basically the same. But the stretch of it that runs from Bangor, Maine, to Houlton is so different that it almost deserves another name. Here, the road signs become sparse (except for the moose warnings, of course), and there are no billboards or rest stops. There are very few exits and long stretches of road where there is nothing but pine trees. Indeed, I had a Bill Murray moment from "What About Bob?" when I realized I was totally alone

From the Homefront

on I-95 for about 30 minutes on my way to Houlton last week.

Siri was unusually quiet. She had no instructions to give except, maybe, "keep going north . . . for a very long time." But somewhere around Sherman, Maine, her voice pierced the silence. She wanted me to take the next exit, even though I was still about an hour away from the destination. I was skeptical and a little afraid. But remember, I always follow Siri.

I left I-95 in my rear view mirror and merged onto a long, winding road that seemed even more lonely than the one before. Now, I was terrified. What if I lost my signal and Siri left me stranded on a deserted road in northern Maine?

I held my breath as I drove, but soon, general stores and empty gas stations gave way to hillsides dotted with grand, old homes with attached barns. Cows grazed in the fields. There was no hustle and bustle here. No cars zooming past. No honking, billboards or stop lights. Just quiet. And sometimes it's hard to be quiet. I worried about my schedule — Would I be on time? — and the directions — Where was I? — and yet I kept following Siri.

Then I came around a bend and saw the most spectacular sight: behind the cows and the orange and red autumn leaves, Mt. Katahdin rose in the distance. Clouds hugged the top of the mountain, but sun shone all around the base. I stopped my car in the middle of the road, which didn't matter because there was no one else around.

The tires landed on a pile of cow manure, and the earthy smell filled my nose as I rolled down the window to take a picture. The picture didn't do the vision justice. I moved on.

It's a good thing the world is slower and less crowded up there, because I was a reckless driver peering at the views and snapping pictures at every turn. I was sad when Siri told me to get back on I-95.

I don't know why the GPS sent me off the highway for 45 miles that day. There seemed to be no reason for it. On my way home, I tried to take the detour again, but Siri insisted I use I-95 instead. As I drove, I caught distance glimpses of the hillsides, cows and barns, and for a moment, I was insanely jealous of all those people over there, off the beaten path.



Photo by Clark Pierce

Airfield improvements

(Left) NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander gestures to an aerial photo of the station as he and Rear Adm. Douglas Morton, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic discuss planned improvements for the main runway.

Notice of upcoming NAS Jax power outages

From Public Works

NAS Jacksonville Public Works Department has scheduled three power outages in order to safely perform required maintenance in the high voltage substation serving family housing and the Naval Hospital Jacksonville campus.

Your understanding of the necessity for these power outages is sincerely appreciated because the required maintenance will greatly improve the reliability of the substation equipment and the installation's overall electrical distribution system.

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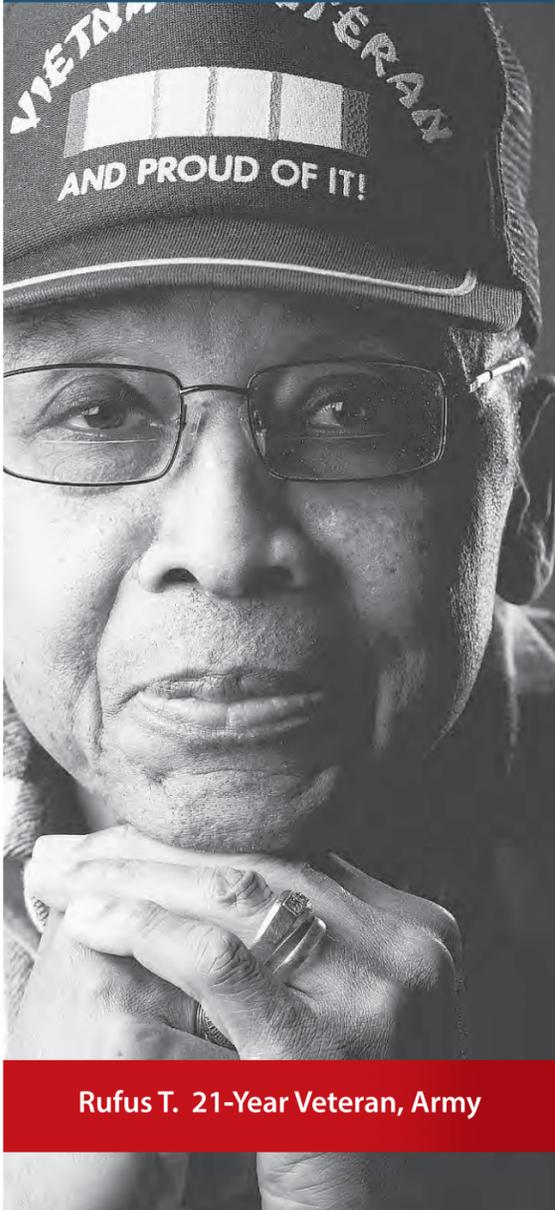
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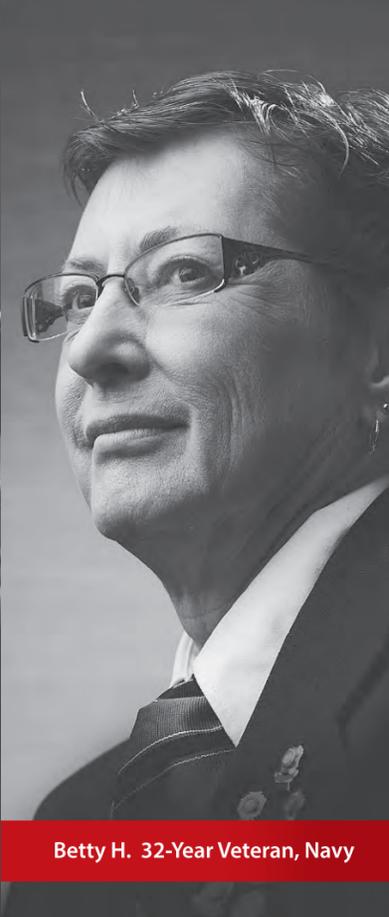
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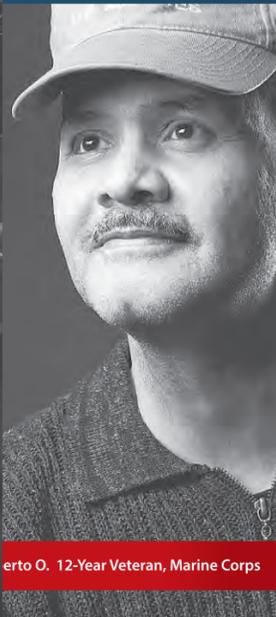
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NAS Jacksonville selects top Sailors for 2013

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

NAS Jacksonville announced its 2013 Sailors of the Year Oct. 25.

AC1(AW) Dax Bonnett of the NAS Jax Air Operations Department has been selected as the 2013 NAS Jax Senior Sailor of the Year.

"I am extremely honored and grateful to be selected. Representing the Sailors of NAS Jax is a huge honor and responsibility that I will not take lightly," said Bonnett.

Bonnett praises his superiors and shipmates for this prestigious recognition. "I would like to thank my senior leadership and mentors within the chief's mess who inspire me every day by setting the standard and by taking care of their Sailors. I would like to give a special thank-you to the professional Sailors of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Division and Operations Department who do the heavy lifting through week-ends and holidays without complaint in support of the mission," he said.

Bonnett, a native of New Orleans, La. is a graduate of Archbishop Shaw High School Class of 1989. After attending the University of Southeastern Louisiana, Bonnett enlisted in the United States Navy on May 5, 1995.

He completed boot camp at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. in July 1995 and then reported to Air Traffic Control "A" School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) in Millington, Tenn. After graduation, he served as an instruction operation station controller on the NATTC pre-commissioning team for NATTC Pensacola, Fla. where he also advanced to third class petty officer.

In June 1997, Bonnett reported on board USS Independence (CV-62) where he qualified as air operation supervisor, CASE I supervisor, PALS final controller and radar final controller at Iwo Jima Air Base. A year later, he cross-decked to USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63). In March 1999, Bonnett reported to NAVSTA Rota, Spain where he qualified as facility watch supervisor. In February 2001, he transferred to NAF Atsugi, Japan where he qualified local control, a qualification previously not earned in 20 years by an American controller. He was also advanced to first class petty officer and qualified as a facility watch supervisor at Iwo Jima Air Base.

In February 2004, Bonnett transferred to NAVSTA Mayport where he qualified as facility watch supervisor. He then reported to NAS Sigonella, Italy before volunteering for an Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment to Anbar Providence, Iraq in February 2009 in support of Operations Iraq Freedom and New Dawn.

He reported to the NAS Jax Air Operations Department in 2010 and was designated facility watch supervisor in



AC1 Dax Bonnett trains AC3 Elisabeth Albrecht on communicating with transient line personnel in the NAS Jax Air Traffic Control Tower, ensuring all aircraft arriving and departing are handled safely.

September 2011. Bonnett was selected as the 2011 and 2012 NAS Jacksonville Air Traffic Controller of the Year and recently earned his bachelor's degree in psychology.

Bonnett is currently focusing his goal on earning chief anchors and to continue mentoring junior Sailors. He also enjoys spending time with his family.

"My advice for aspiring junior Sailors is to stay engaged and seek out the guidance and mentorship of those who have forged the path to success. You still have to do the heaving lifting, but it is much easier when you have the map and don't have to reinvent the wheel," said Bonnett.

MA2 Keith Danalewich of the NAS Jax Security Department is the 2013 NAS Jax Sailor of the Year.

"Being chosen NAS Jax Sailor of the Year is truly an remarkable accomplishment. It gives my subordinates and peers someone to look up to; someone to learn from. It gives my chain of command and mentors throughout the years a pat on the back knowing that all the hard work they have put into me has done something and that they molded their replacement," said Danalewich, a native of Palos Hills, Ill.

Danalewich joined the Navy in 2006. After boot camp and completing Master-at-Arms "A" School, he completed a tour at Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia. After attending Military Working Dog Handler School, he transferred to Yokosuka, Japan and completed an IA deployment to Djibouti, Africa.

He reported to NAS Jax in March 2011 where he currently works as a military working dog handler. "I plan to stay in the Navy and become a kennel master," said Danalewich. In his spare time, he volunteers for Duval County Special Olympics.

Danalewich is grateful to his family and mentors for their continued support. "I would like to thank my parents and brothers for being there for me and my mentors - MAC Benjamin Cook, MA1 Thomas Kelly and MA1 Ronald Hughes who have been behind me the whole time, molding me and shaping me into a better Sailor, master-at-arms and dog handler," he said.

He offers this advice to junior Sailors, "No matter how many hours you put in, how many times you can't see a rhyme or reason for doing something, keep your head high and do things the right way."

AC3 Alexis Ray of the NAS Jax Air Operations Department has been named the 2013 NAS Jax Junior Sailor of the Year.

A native of Anniston, Ala., Ray joined the Navy in March 2011 and graduated from ATC "A" School in September 2011. She reported to the NAS Jax in October 2011 where her primary duties are to monitor aircraft and provide traffic and safety alerts.

"I think it's an honor and a privilege to be selected as Junior Sailor of the Year. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve this accomplishment," said Ray. "I would like to thank God, my

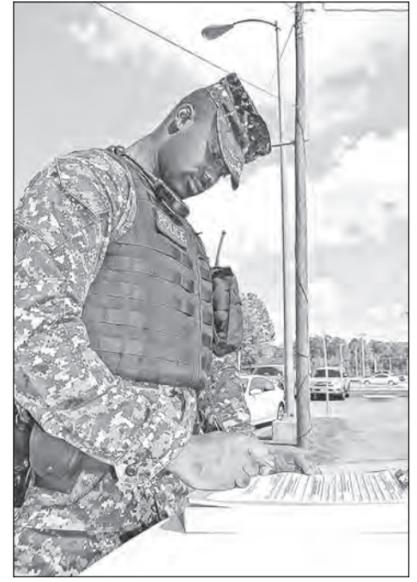


Photo by Kaylee LaRocque
MASN Stephan Moore, a patrolman with the NAS Jax Security Department completes some paperwork after conducting a traffic stop aboard the station.

family and friends who have supported me throughout this year, and last but not least, my fellow shipmates who have given me every opportunity to succeed at achieving my goals.

Ray's future goals are to earn her bachelor's degree in aeronautical science and control tower operator qualification.

When she's not working, Ray spends her time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and the Wounded Warrior Project. She is also president of the new NAS Jax Chapter of Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions.

She offers this advice to her peers, "keep your head up no matter how bad things may seem, and to strive to be the best Sailor you can possibly be."

MASN Stephan Moore of the NAS Jax Security Department is the 2013 NAS Jax Blue Jacket of the Year.

"Being recognized as Blue Jacket of the Year was a major milestone in my career and I've come a long way from when I first joined the Navy. I followed a blueprint that my leading petty officer provided me on how to become a successful Sailor which helps me stay motivated. I feel blessed to be in this

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POWER OUTAGES

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Every outage has been carefully scheduled in order to minimize the impact they will have on operations and the daily lives of our family housing residents.

These short term outages will pay long term dividends not only to the installation, but also to you, the customer.

The power outages are scheduled as follows:

Nov. 16, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Several hospital campus buildings, Youth Activities Center, Child Development Center, All

housing on Mustin Road south of Child Street, excluding Fleet Angel Court and Woodpecker Drive

Nov. 23, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Several hospital campus buildings, Youth Center Gym, Heritage Cottages, All of Patriot Point Housing, including Fleet Angel Court and Woodpecker Drive

Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - All of the buildings affected by the first two outages.

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File photo
MA2 Keith Danalewich, a military working dog handler with the NAS Jax Security Department, trains with his partner, MWD Doly on an obstacle course at the base kennel.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque
AC3 Alexis Ray inputs aircraft designators allowing her to vector aircraft in the area at her station in the NAS Jax Air Operations Radar Room.

SOY

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position," said Moore.

A native of Atlanta, Moore joined the Navy in 2012, attending boot camp at RTC Great Lakes, Ill. "I actually had a good experience in boot camp. I learned a lot of new things about myself. I was mentally and physically tested every day. I learned discipline and to look out for my shipmates," Moore explained.

He reported to NAS Jax in May 2012 where he currently works as a patrolman. In his free time, Moore enjoys working out, playing flag football and

basketball. He plans to reenlist and become a limited duty officer.

"I owe all my success to God who has guided all the great things in my life. I would also like to thank CWO3 Roshell Booker, MACM Ed Santiago, MAC Henderson, MA1 Kelly and MA1 Hughes for their support," said Moore.

Moore also offers this advice to his peers. "Strive to be the best at everything you do in your career. I started off bad with a major hiccup and wanted to give up. I had no hope, but eventually having great mentors to motivate me every day changed my whole attitude and the hard work paid off."

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(From left) Lt. Jen Wright of the Navy Entomology Center for Excellence (NECE), scuba instructor Bob Collins, Hatsume Evans, Lt. Hanayo Arimoto of NECE, Lt. Josh Knapp of the Navy Drug Screen Laboratory Jacksonville and Jonathan Evans prepare for a dive at Blue Grotto.



Divemaster Justin Collins (front) and student Tiffany Mahr give the "I'm okay" sign during a dive session.



Scuba instructor Bob Collins (left) conducts a "Try Scuba" class for Sailors at NAS Jacksonville. The class lets participants get in the water with the equipment to see if it's a sport they are interested in pursuing.

Scuba courses return to base pool

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

After a near year-long suspension of Scuba training at the NAS Jax indoor pool due to renovations, the courses have once again resumed allowing Sailors the opportunity to learn how to dive at a variety of certification levels.

The Scuba Diving program, offered through the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department offers certifications for Junior (10 to 14 yrs old) and Open Water Scuba Divers (15 and up), Nitrox Divers, Advanced Open Water Divers, Rescue Divers, Master Scuba Diver and Pro level Dive-Masters and Instructors.

The courses are taught by Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) IDC Staff Instructor and Master Scuba Diver Trainer Bob Collins, a Navy retiree who spent much of his time conducting hull inspections and training Navy divers.

Collins joined the Navy Reserves in 1969, and was stationed at Mayport as a diver for two years. After a four-year stint on active duty with the Army, he went back into the Naval Reserves for a few years before being asked to join the Navy as a ship's serviceman, although he spent much of the time diving. Collins retired in 1994.

Following retirement, he worked in the log home construction industry. After doing well for a number of years, it faltered due to the declining housing market, so Collins went back to scuba diving.

"My wife and I were on a cruise, and I asked her if I could sign up for a dive trip in Grand Cayman, which turned into several dive trips at the next stops in Cozumel, Belize and Honduras. My enthusiasm was back for an activity I loved. A short time later, I went to an Atlanta area dive shop and took courses to become

a PADI instructor," said Collins.

In 2007, he moved to Jacksonville and later began teaching scuba at a local dive shop. He met the folks at the Navy Rescue Swimmer School and certified several staff members and who helped him become a dive instructor at the base pool.

Despite the indoor pool being closed for nearly a year, Collins has continued to offer Scuba courses to Sailors at the Cecil Field Aquatic Center.

"I love all the improvements to the facility and being back in the NAS Jax pool to teach Scuba again. It's like being back home. I've got people who have been putting off taking the courses because of the gym closure and now they are coming over to sign up," said Collins. "I've been teaching off base, but my heart is here. I'm really happy to be back."

He also stressed some of the highlights of what the program offers.

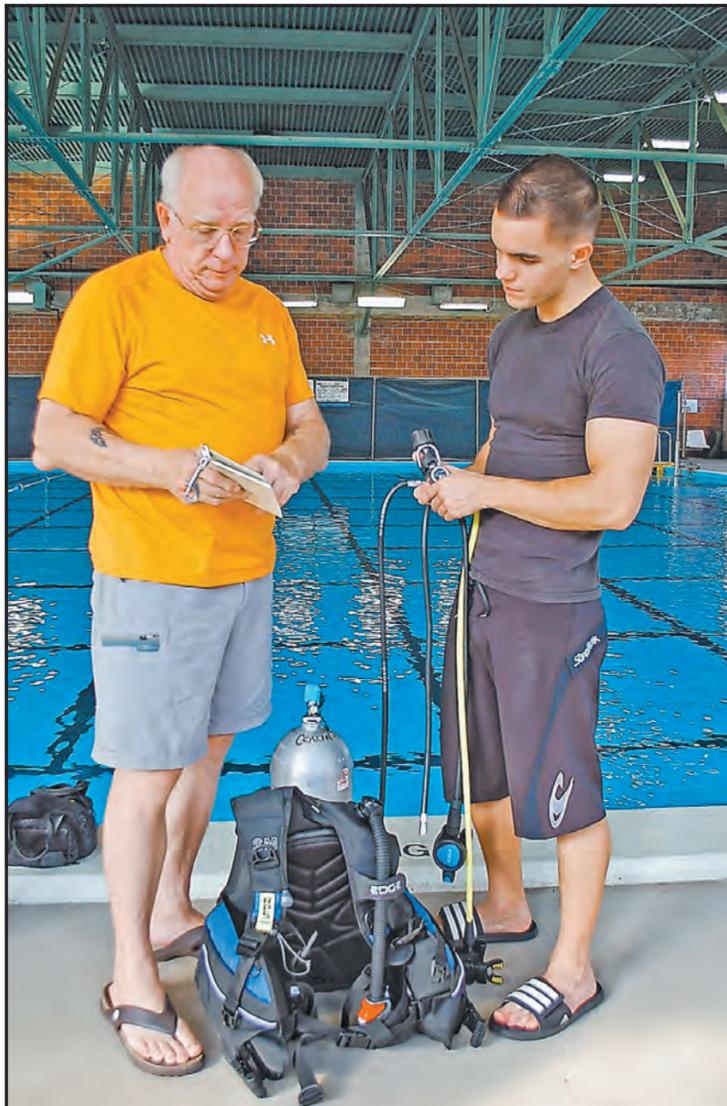
"I think what makes our Scuba courses so popular and makes them work so well, is that we've put together a personal program that works around each Sailor, not where the Sailor has to work around the program," he stated.

"And, we keep the sessions small so students get more one-on-one interaction. This personal approach is what makes us unique and successful. Session times are flexible and held at the convenience of the student."

Collins also works with the Liberty Program, offering single Sailors, a "Try Scuba" experience, to allow them to decide if it's something they want to pursue before spending the money to get certified.

"I know what it's like to be a young person in the Navy, not having a lot of money, and needing something to do that's interesting and exciting," Collins explained.

All equipment is provided free for the "Try Scuba" experiences, however, if a student plans to continue to a certification, they will need to have a mask, fins,



Scuba instructor Bob Collins (left) goes over some steps on how to set up the scuba gear with student AWO3 Mike Hermann of VP-16 during a training session at the base indoor pool on Oct. 31.

snorkel, booties and wetsuit.

"I can advise and help folks get the equipment they'll need. I do provide the BCDs (buoyancy control devices), regulators, tanks and weights in the cost of the course," he said.

"They must also pass a simple swim test, to make sure they are confident in the water. You don't have to



Scuba instructor Bob Collins conducts a "Try Scuba" session with Venus White. "Try Scuba" provides the opportunity to try a class to see if it is a sport you might be interested in trying before making the initial investment.

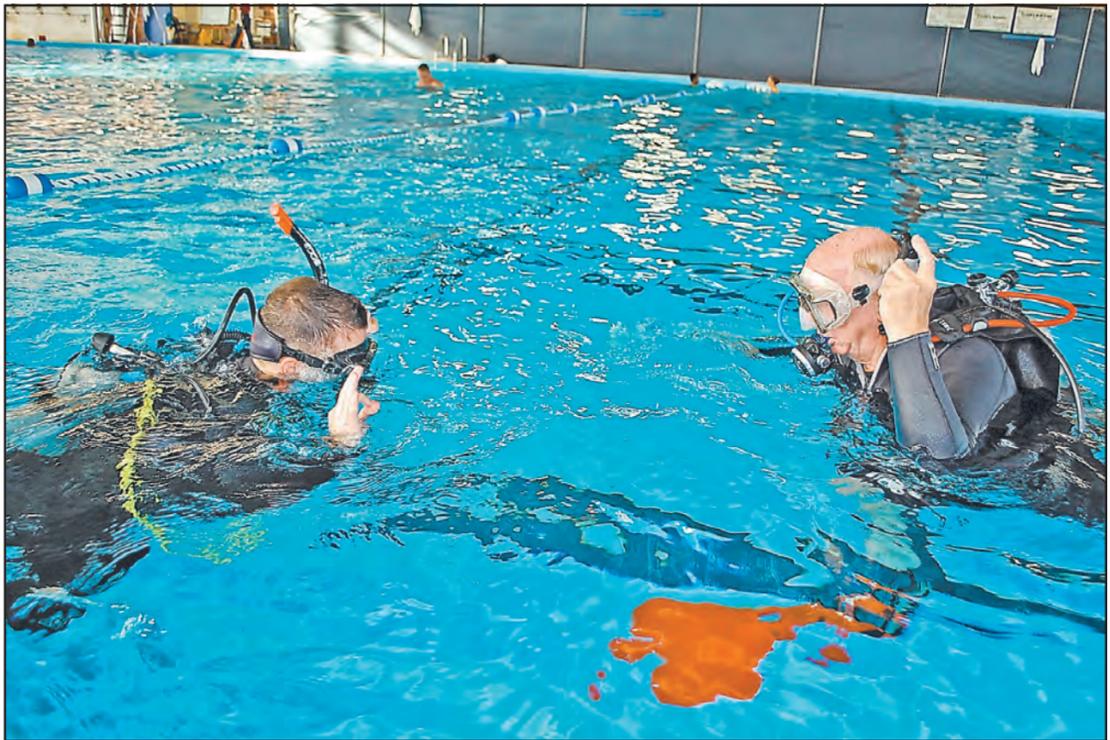


Lt. Tom Fairbanks of USS Maryland (SSBN-738), left, and AWFAN Josh Watts of VP-30 prepare for a dive at Blue Grotto. Most open water testing is conducted at this location.

Photos by Kaylee LaRocque and courtesy of Bob Collins



Scuba student AW03 Mike Herman of VP-16 tests his regulator before a training session in the base indoor pool.



Bob Collins (right), a scuba instructor who teaches courses at NAS Jax through Morale, Welfare and Recreation, helps student AWO3 Mike Herman of VP-16 descend in the base indoor pool during a training session.

SCUBA

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be an Olympic swimmer to be a diver, but you have to be able to swim and be comfortable in the water."

Classes are also offered to all military members, their families, retirees and Department of Defense employees. The knowledge review and pool sessions are normally conducted at the base indoor

pool, with open water sessions held in various springs such as Blue Grotto, Rainbow River or Devils Den in Central Florida. Dive trips are also conducted to West Palm and Disney's Aquarium at Epcot Center.

"I really love Scuba. I was a little worried going under water the first time, but Bob makes it really comfortable. I was really surprised how well everything has gone. I've wanted to do this

for quite some time and learned how convenient the classes were so I signed up," said AWO3 Mike Herman of VP-16, who is working on his open water certification.

"I earned my open water certification recently and absolutely enjoy Scuba diving. Since then, I've gone on a drift dive down Rainbow River. I think it's kind of like getting a license to explore a different planet because most of our Earth is

covered in water so why not discover it," added Lt. Hanayo Arimoto of the Navy Entomology Center of Excellence.

A Scuba Expo will be held Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the base indoor pool to let people get in the water to try the sport, conduct refresher training and sign up for courses.

For more information on Scuba training offered here, call 542-2930 or e-mail scubawithbob@yahoo.com.



Divemaster Kim Stiles (center) helps HM2 Robert Sunday of Naval Hospital Jacksonville and his wife, Tiffany prepare their equipment for an open water certification dive at Blue Grotto.



Photo by MC3 Billy Ho

SN Jonathan Keene (left) and BMSA Jordan Selig clear the flight deck of the guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey (CG 61) after attaching chocks and chains to an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter. The helicopter is assigned to the Swamp Foxes of HSM-74.



Photos by MC2 Rob Aylward

Ensign Timothy McDaniel (front) prepares to enter the water from a rigid-hull inflatable boat during a search-and-rescue exercise with the guided-missile destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87) and the "Swamp Foxes" of HSM-74.

HSM-74

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Mason.

"The swimmers all had an opportunity to experience what the other team has been trained to do and, as a result, gain some appreciation for the role they play in the surface or aviation communities."

Both surface rescue and aviation rescue swimmers go through a similar curriculum in order to earn their respective posts.

"The SAR component at each of our schools is virtually the same," said Reilly. "However, most of the training takes place in a controlled environment like a pool or bay. Training in the Mediterranean Sea was a rare opportunity."

"We all found out first hand today that physical fitness is a top priority when dealing with rescues in a sea state," said McDaniel. "Once fatigue takes hold, it becomes more difficult to remain objective in an emergency."

Given the teams' performances and the benefits of an open-ocean SAR event, Mason and HSM-74 have already begun outlining



AWR2 Nathan James is hoisted from the sea on Oct. 29 in a rescue basket by an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter assigned to the "Swamp Foxes" of HSM-74 during a search-and-rescue exercise with the guided-missile destroyer USS Mason (DDG 87).

plans for the next integrated training exercise.

"We all performed as expected," said Reilly. "Both teams have well-trained swimmers who did their jobs in a professional manner and had a lot of fun doing it."

HSM-74, homeported at NAS Jacksonville, is embarked as part of Carrier Air Wing 3 which is currently deployed as part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group - supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

AWFAN Brett Parks lifts weights as AWF2 Clint Mason spots him at the NAS Jax Fitness Source Oct. 29. Parks, who is still recovering from a gun shot wound after coming to the rescue of a robbery victim in October 2012 spent every weekday training at the facility.

PARKS

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because he let me live. I'm a walking miracle."

He also stresses how supportive his family has been throughout the process. At the time of the shooting, Parks and his wife, Susan, had a toddler son and were expecting their daughter.

"I have a wonderful family and am so very grateful to be here for them. I'm thrilled to be able to play in the backyard with my children. I was feeding my daughter the other day and my son was helping make sure she ate all her food. It was such a great moment," Parks exclaimed happily.

Police arrested a suspect in the shooting who may go to trial in January. "I will probably be testifying in court so I'm not allowed to go to the trial but I do plan to visit him to see if he needs anything because he needs Christ just like I do," Parks said. "He needs to be forgiven. He needs a second chance just like I was given."

In the meantime, Parks continues to set fitness goals and offer motivational talks at churches and high schools. "The next challenge I hope to achieve is to complete a mud run. I just got my 'swim foot' so I can get it wet but haven't been able to run just yet," he said.

But with his ambition and motivation, Parks is sure to be running around NAS Jax in the near future.

To see some of his inspirational messages, find Second Shot Ministry on Facebook.

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CPRW-11 hosts admirals

By Lt. Eric Frank
CPRW-11 PAO

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW-11) hosted Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. David Buss and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Matthew Carter Oct. 23-24.

Their visits were centered around the first P-8A Poseidon deployment and meeting the Sailors who are responsible for bringing the Navy's newest aircraft to initial operational capacity.

The admirals toured the P-8



Photos courtesy of CPRW-11

Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. David Buss (left) greets TACMOBILE Director Cmdr. Glen Pierce as TACMOBILE Deputy Director Lt. Cmdr. Kurt Wilson (center), and CWO5 Joe Chaput, P-8A transition officer, look on during his visit to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Oct. 23-24.

Integrated Training Facility, NAS Jacksonville flight line and Mobile Tactical Operations Center (MTOC) Three during the visit.

The main topics of conversation were centered on work

already been completed to bring the P-8A to its current state, work still needed before the first deployment and during deployment.

Carter spent the afternoon talking to Sailors in order to



Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Matt Carter (center) discusses P-8A Poseidon operations with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Eric Wiese and VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Matt Pottenburgh during his visit to NAS Jacksonville Oct. 23-24.

accurately get a pulse of all maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft (MPRA) squadrons on station.

During Buss' tour of MTOC Three, Sailors explained the cooperative relationship between the P-8A squadrons

and the MTOCs.

CWO5 Joe Chaput stated, "It's an exciting time for the MRPA community and I am very happy to show off all the hard work our Sailors have put into making the P-8A such a formidable weapon platform."

VP-30 Wings Navy's newest naval flight officers

By Lt. William Ross
VP-30 PAO

Capt. Sean Liedman, Prospective Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Sean Liedman and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips awarded naval flight officer (NFO) wings to 13 officers during a ceremony Oct. 25. The following officers were recognized for their achievement: Lt. j.g. Ashley Butner, Ensign Joshua Cohen, Ensign Joshua Curry, Ensign Karmann DeBurkarte, Ensign Stuart Grinch, Ensign Matthew Hutson, Ensign Harry Leshner, Ensign Jared Lochmueller, Ensign Tobias Marczewski, Ensign James Molinari, Ensign Christopher Roberts, Ensign Justin Roberts and Ensign Christina Smith.

Also in attendance was Commanding Officer, 2nd German Air Force Training Squadron Lt. Col. Arne Heitzmann to

witness Marczewski, who is part of a Foreign Exchange program be awarded his wings. The program exposes naval officers from allied nations to standard U.S. naval aviation training.

The recipients completed the Undergraduate Maritime Flight Officer (UMFO) syllabus at VP-30, earning their coveted wings of gold. These newly winged aviators will now enroll in the CAT I Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) syllabus at VP-30. Upon completion of the CAT I syllabus, they will report to operational Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance squadrons to begin their initial sea tours in either Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Whidbey Island, Wash. or Jacksonville.

The NFO training pipeline begins with Aviation Preflight Introduction (API) instruction in Pensacola, Fla. where all aviation officers undergo a classroom syllabus and are taught the



Photo courtesy of VP-30

(Front row, from left) Commanding Officer, 2nd German Air Force Training Squadron Lt. Col. Arne Heitzmann; Ensign Tobias Marczewski; Lt. j.g. Ashley Butner; Ensign Christina Smith; Ensign Joshua Cohen; Ensign Karmann DeBurkarte; Ensign Justin Roberts and VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips. (Back row, from left) Prospective Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Sean Liedman; Ensign Matthew Hutson; Ensign Harry Leshner; Ensign Joshua Curry; Ensign Jared Lochmueller, Ensign Stuart Grinch and Ensign Christopher Roberts.

basics of naval aviation which includes aerodynamics, meteorology and principles of navigation. After completing API, all student NFOs report for primary training at VT-10, co-located at NAS Pensacola. While assigned to VT-10 they transition from a classroom

learning environment to initial airborne flight training in the T-6A Texan II. Upon completion of primary flight training at NAS Pensacola, officers who are selected for the P-3, EP-3 or P-8 training pipeline report to VP-30 for specific aircraft training.

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Memories abound at VP-10 Heritage Day

By Lt. j.g. Charlie Sandford
VP-10 Public Affairs

The VP-10 "Red Lancers" recently had the pleasure of rolling out the red carpet for its Sailors and distinguished alumni at the inaugural Red Lancer Heritage Day celebration. The alumni came from across the United States, and counted Red Lancers from as far back as the 1960s, including a former commanding officer and two command master chiefs.

The day's events provided an invaluable opportunity for current and former Lancers to swap sea stories and other experiences in the squadron.

"This was a great experience for everyone. We were able to showcase our new spaces and interact with our alums, while they were able to see the newest maritime patrol plane in the Navy. They also shared some of their experiences in the P-3C with our junior Sailors," said Cmdr. Charles Stickney, VP-10's commanding officer.

The Lancer alumni kicked off their weekend with a visit to the squadron's new home at NAS Jacksonville Hangar 511. For most of the alumni, this was their first visit to the squadron since VP-10's homeport change in 2009 from NAS Brunswick, Maine.

They were greeted with personal tours of the spaces; a social breakfast with the CO, XO, and CMC; and briefs on VP-10's operations and upcoming transition to the P-8A.

The alumni were then invited to participate in the squadron's safety stand down where the aircrew provided a tour of the familiar P-3 Orion, as well as a look at the P-8A Poseidon. The aircraft tours allowed both current Red Lancers and the visiting alumni the opportunity to check out the newest production aircraft coming into the fleet - that the squadron will be transitioning to in 2015.

Following the aircraft tours, the entire Lancer fam-



Photo courtesy of VP-10

In NAS Jacksonville Hangar 511, members of the VP-10 "Red Lancers" FE Shop gather with alumni during the recent VP-10 Heritage Day.

ily sat down for a barbeque lunch in the squadron hangar. "It was great to have an opportunity to sit down and listen to some of the experiences that the alumni had and compare them to our own", said

AWO2 Marcus Ditch. It was a fitting end to a day that combined tradition, history and safety, while allowing everyone to celebrate 39 years and 240,000 mishap free flight hours.

CSADD can be key to advancement for junior Sailors

From Staff

Joining the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) can be a smart move for career-minded junior Sailors at NAS Jacksonville.

NAS Jax Security Department Senior Enlisted Advisor MACM Edward Santiago said, "CSADD provides opportunities for those with personal issues, such as drinking and smoking cessation, or family concerns, who may feel more comfortable reaching out to a fellow junior Sailor rather than talking with someone in their chain of command."

CSAAD is a peer mentoring program for active and reserve Sailors, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) candidates, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets aimed at promoting good decision-making and leadership development at the most junior levels.

The program exists as a way for junior Sailors to guide their shipmates from making decisions detrimental to their careers, as well as foster an environment of mentoring and support within the enlisted levels.

CSAAD community events include:

- Nov. 22 - Run or Dye 5K needs volunteers to set up/ take down and hand out water.

CSAAD fundraising events include:

- Nov. 16 - Car wash at Buffalo's Café, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Dec. 5 - Bowling event at NAS Jax Freedom Lanes at 2 p.m. Five-player teams.

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Crew members of the 757th Airlift Squadron conduct a post-flight inspection and refueling of their C-130H in preparation for their next sortie over Camp Blanding Joint Training Center on Oct. 30.

Photo by Clark Pierce



This 757th Airlift Squadron C-130H is modified with yellow spray nozzles on both sides of the fuselage.



Photos courtesy of NECE Jax

(From left) Dr. Ken Linthicum, Maj. Jennifer Rennen, Maj. Peter Nunn and Lt. j.g. Matthew Yans discuss the day's plan.

DENGUE

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Camp Blanding Joint Training Center to evaluate aerial techniques of controlling the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in urban settings," said NECE Officer in Charge Capt. Eric Hoffman.

He added, "Reducing adult populations by aerial insecticide application have shown mixed results. However, advances in aerial application technology that deliver smaller droplets may result in an effective control method - to reduce the risk of human disease transmitted by blood-feeding insects while positively impacting readiness and global public health."

Lt. Col. Mark Breidenbaugh, an entomologist with the Air Force aerial spray flight, said "This mission is looking at how to control the dengue vector - a particular mosquito named *Aedes aegypti* - that is found globally in tropical or sub-tropical areas such as Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America," said Breidenbaugh. "We help provide scientific and technical expertise on how to control insects of medical importance. With this specially equipped aircraft, we're developing instructions that deliver pesticides in a safe and environmentally friendly manner."

Maj. Peter Nunn an Army entomologist who is currently stationed at NECE, said "This project is an excellent representation of how valuable collaboration



The Air Force C-130H aerial spraying plane passes in front of the Camp Blanding range control station, where the spinners on the right catch droplets of pesticide material for droplet-size analysis.

between different government organizations can be to the military. Joint field operations like these allow us to leverage outside resources while increasing our ability to protect the deployed war fighter." According to the Florida Department of Health, dengue viruses are related to those that cause West Nile infection and yellow fever. Globally, there are an estimated 50 to 100 million cases per year. Dengue infection is acquired through the bite of certain species of mosquitoes, primarily *Aedes aegypti*, but also *Aedes albopictus* -- both of which are present in Florida.

In 2013, more than 20 people in Florida's Martin County developed dengue symptoms.

Dengue fever is rarely fatal. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, severe headache, eye pain, muscle and joint pain. Symptoms usually lasts 4-7 days. The disease is often diagnosed



A range control station was setup on a roof top in the Camp Blanding urban warfare range so civilian scientists and military entomologists could communicate with the C-130H aircrew and watch preliminary data collection.

incorrectly because the symptoms are similar to influenza and other viruses.

Dengue can largely be prevented by taking personal protective measures against mosquitoes by using insect repellent and staying inside when mosquitoes are biting.

Breidenbaugh explained, "This mosquito is tough to kill because it moves indoors and lives with us - hiding in closets and the folds of clothes. So we're using Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and its urban warfare range to emulate housing targeted by dengue mosquitoes. Specifically, we want to see how pesticides delivered by airplane can penetrate into housing areas and kill these mosquitoes."

Air Force entomologists tested nozzle configurations for different size droplets that were sprayed from the C-130H aircraft.

NECE entomologists handled mosquitoes and gathered pesticide droplets on the ground at Camp Blanding.

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Combat Aircrew 9 travels to Palau to enforce fisheries

By Lt. Dan Baker
VP-26 PAO

The VP-26 "Tridents" recently sent Combat Air Crew Nine (CAC-9) to represent Carrier Task Group 72.2 in the island nation of Palau where they aided Palau's government in assuring fishing activity in their exclusive economic zone and national fisheries complied with international law.

Departing Kadena Air Base and accompanied by their team of maintenance professionals, the crew made the four-hour flight to Palau International Airport, out of which they operated for a week.

The Republic of Palau, a sovereign state, has signed The Compact of Free Association with the United States. The compact established a free and voluntary association between the U.S. and the Republic of Palau, in addition to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Its primary focus is on the issues of military relations and economic assistance. Palau has no independent military and relies on the United States for its defense.

The overarching purpose of the detachment was to support an operation named Kuru Kuru 13 which involved patrolling the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Palau for illegal fishing.

This is imperative to the eco-



Photos courtesy of VP-26

Upon location and identification of vessels of interest in Palau's fishing areas, Combat Air Crew Nine captured photos for submission to local authorities. During the photo session, the No. 1 engine on the P-3C Orion is shut down for loiter, a procedure used to conserve fuel and increase on station time during long flights.

economic well-being of the nation, as fishing is one of their key economic pillars along with tourism and subsistence farming.

During the six-day detachment, CAC-9 flew three flights in support of Kuru Kuru-13, monitoring Palau's fisheries, identifying vessels illegally fishing the nation's EEZ, which is internationally recognized as extending 200 miles out to sea from their coastlines.

The detachment was a resounding success. CAC-9 covered more than 260,000 square miles of ocean, identifying more than 130 vessels via radar, the Automatic

Identification System (AIS), and visual scan. Of the 130 vessels located, 13 were deemed vessels of interest and were turned over to the authorities.

CAC-9 covered both the Northern and Southern EEZ regions as well as portions of the Number One High Seas Pocket, a wide area of the Pacific containing Palau, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, which has been closed to commercial fishing in order to protect migratory species, such as the Pacific tuna.

"Kuru Kuru 13 was a an outstanding opportunity to demonstrate U.S. commitment to maritime security in the region



AWF1 James Farrar of VP-26 salutes the flight station as Aircraft 610 completes backing operations into a parking space after fueling.

and to assist the Republic of Palau in developing its capabilities," said Cmdr. Mark Sohaney, VP-26 commanding officer and commander, Task Group 72.2.

When not flying, detachment personnel were able to mingle with the local culture and explore the beautiful landscape of Palau, which boasts some of the world's most beautiful beaches. Additionally, the presence of a U.S. Navy P-3C aircraft drew the attention of the local community. A static display of the aircraft was scheduled by the U.S. Embassy and tours were provided to interested personnel.

Particular interest came from members of local emergency response crews based at Palau International Airport. The local fire chief explained that, "this tour and visit has been incredibly beneficial to us as an emergency response

team. Getting to view the aircraft at a close distance allows us to provide better assistance in the future in the event of an emergency."

CAC-9 and their maintenance support personnel also took time to become familiar with the law enforcement assets of Palau. Tours were arranged by Lt. Cmdr. Alan Willmore of the Australian Navy, who acts as the military liaison and maritime security adviser to Palau. The U.S. Sailors toured the PSS Remeliik, a Pacific class patrol boat manufactured by Australia and given to 12 different island nations throughout Oceania.

The detachment provided a valuable opportunity to enhance regional maritime security and develop the interoperability between the U.S. Navy and Palau's law enforcement agencies.

SURFLANT force master chief turns over

From Commander, Naval Surface Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet Public Affairs

Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic (SURFLANT) held a Force Master Chief Change of Charge ceremony Oct. 31, at their new Naval Station Norfolk location.

Just one day before officially opening the new SURFLANT headquarters, Force Master Chief (FORCM) FORCM Susan "Suz" Whitman relieved FORCM(SW/AW) James Williams. Williams is set to retire in January after serving the Navy for 30 years.

"It went by fast," said Williams. "It went by very fast and that's an indicator of being somewhere you liked

to be."

Looking back, Williams was very proud of the progress made within the chief's mess and the direction the Navy is headed with the Sailors the Navy is bringing in.

"I love seeing the younger Sailors coming into the Navy today and how awesome they are, how much smarter they are and how bright of a future, not just that they have, but that the Navy has as well. The Navy is going to be 110 percent better as this new generation takes over. It's just been awesome seeing the transition," he said.

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VP-5 'Mad Fox' alumni tour new aircraft during association reunion

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

VP-5 opened its doors to former "Mad Foxes" who were in town Oct. 19 as part of the annual VP-5 Alumni Association reunion.

The former Mad Foxes took the opportunity to share sea stories and tour the Navy's newest Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft asset, the P-8A Poseidon.

The VP-5 Alumni Association started hosting reunions in 1980. Prior to 1980, former members of VPB-135 (which was the squadron's name before it was designated VP-5) met in Seattle, Wash.

With the desire to have a reunion closer to where these Mad Foxes had served, they started the VP-5 Alumni Association and hosted their reunions in Jacksonville.

"The first reunion we had 35 Mad Foxes show up. Today we have 130," explained retired AWC Ernest "Nick" Mulich, who served from 1961-63 with VP-5.

"We always have a good turnout, but



VP-5 Sailors interact with VP-5 Alumni and their families on board the new P-8A Poseidon during a reunion visit to the squadron on Oct. 19.

this year the alumni were very eager to attend the event given the opportunity to tour the P8-A Poseidon."

With the opportunity to tour the P8-A

Poseidon, former Mad Foxes attended the reunion from as far east as Spain and Sweden.

The oldest guest in attendance was

CWO David Williamson, 91, who served in VP-5 from 1959-61 as an chief aviation electrician.

Another former Mad Fox, retired AWC Roger Straley, was the first person to locate the re-entry pod of Astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom, the second American in space.

Former VP-5 Commanding Officer retired Capt. Charles Conley, who served as both executive officer and commanding officer from 1978-79, made the trip down from his home in Lakewood, N.J.

When the Mad Fox Alumni arrived, they were greeted by current squadron members in the hangar. Current Mad Foxes were afforded the opportunity to learn about the rich tradition of VP-5 from those that forged it.

The Mad Foxes then returned the favor and gave the alumni guests and their families a guided tour of the P8-A Poseidon.

After the tour, former Mad Foxes were shown around the squadron spaces and viewed a video showcasing the squadron's history.

Photo courtesy of VP-5



Photos by AE3 Samantha Jones

Training at OLF Whitehouse

Ricardo Traven, Boeing's chief F/A-18E/F Super Hornet test pilot (left) discusses aircraft limitations with NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander, right, NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker (center), and NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDM)(AW/SW) Brad Shepherd during an air show practice session at Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse on Oct. 28.



IC1 Michael Bean (right) explains recent repairs done to the Improved Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System to NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander at Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse.

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First flight of new Fire Scout unmanned 'copter

From Naval Air Systems Command

The Navy's newest variant of the Fire Scout unmanned helicopter completed its first day of test flights Oct. 31 at Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu, Calif.

The MQ-8C Fire Scout took off and flew for seven minutes in restricted airspace to validate the autonomous control systems. The second flight was also flown in a pattern around the airfield, reaching an altitude of 500 feet.

The MQ-8C air vehicle upgrade will provide longer

endurance, range and greater payload capability than the MQ-8B, which is currently operating on board the guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts.

The MQ-8C is a larger air vehicle, has a range of 150 nautical miles and a payload capacity of more than 700 pounds.

"It is a big accomplishment for the integrated government and industry team to fly this air vehicle for the first time," said Capt. Patrick Smith, Fire Scout program manager at Patuxent River, Md. "MQ-8C will require fewer aircraft [than the MQ-8B] to operate at maximum perfor-

mance and will meet the U.S. Africa and Special Operation Commands urgent needs requirement."

The MQ-8Cs will conduct initial shipboard testing on guided missile destroyers (DDG)-class ships but the program is looking into supporting littoral combat ship (LCS) missions. The Navy will continue to use the MQ-8B as it phases in the MQ-8C. Lessons learned from MQ-8B have been applied to MQ-8C variant, Smith said.

Initial operating capability for the MQ-8C is planned for 2016, with a potential for early deployment in 2014.



U.S. Navy photo

An MQ-8C Fire Scout unmanned aerial vehicle takes off from Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu, Calif. The Navy's newest variant of the Fire Scout unmanned helicopter completed its first day of flying Oct. 31 with two flights reaching 500 feet altitude. The MQ-8C air vehicle upgrade will provide longer endurance, range and greater payload capability than the MQ-8B.



Photos by Clark Pierce

North of the NAS Jax air traffic control tower, equipment operators grade acreage to improve storm water drainage near the main runways.

Airfield drainage project moves forward

From Staff

The project to improve storm water drainage from grassy areas between the runways at NAS Jacksonville is proceeding on schedule.

"This project began months ago with construction of fabric form concrete storm water outfalls along the St. Johns River," said Deputy Airfield Facilities Manager Winston Rogers. "Managing storm water collection and discharge is vital to keeping our runways free from flooding. The goal here is to eliminate standing water on the airfield after torrential downpours."

Rogers added that the outfall improvements aid in wildlife control by creating a clean and clear habitat



(From left) NAS Jax Airfield Facilities Deputy Manager Winston Rogers and Mark Barton check the slope of the 33-acre storm water drainage system Oct. 31 near the station's main runway.

that is not attractive to birds, reptiles and small mammals – an important issue in airfield management.

"Now, we're preparing to grade this 33-acre grass section of the airfield so rain water is directed to the existing drains and then flows to an outfall at the river."

Mark Barton, site supervisor with BGCO Inc., explained that his crew uses a "mixer" machine to turn over the grass and dirt.

"This allows the grader to more precisely finish contouring the acreage and direct storm water flow into

the central drain boxes. Upon completion of grading, acreage within 50 feet of the runway will get sod and the rest will be seeded to prevent erosion," said Barton.



CHAPEL-GRAM

November 2013

NAS JAX Base Chapel: 904-542-3051/3052

Duty Chaplain: 904-614-7385

Chapel Services & Times

Catholic Mass: Monday-Thursday @1135; Sunday @0915 (St. Edward)

CCD: Sunday @1115 (Bldg. 749)

RCIA: Sunday @1115 (St. Edward's Conference Rm)

Protestant Service: Sunday @0815 & 1100 (All Saint's)

Protestant Sunday School: Sunday @0945 (Bldg. 749, Classroom 5)

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday @0900 (Bldg. 749, Classroom 4)

Dust to Glory Bible Study: Wednesday @1500 (Bldg. 749, Classroom 4)

Special Services & Events

All Saints Catholic Mass: Friday, November 1 @1135 (St. Edward)

Harvest Fest: Saturday, November 2 @1000 (Chapel Grounds)

Joshua Network: Friday, November 22 @1130 (Khaki & civilian fellow-

Announcements

Club Beyond: We would like to welcome our youth minister, Mr. Alex Perez. Club Beyond is here to provide worship opportunities for middle and high school students. For more information, please contact Mr. Perez at 904-542-5487.

Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO): Provides a program of retreats enabling military members and their families throughout Navy Region Southeast to develop personal and spiritual resources in order to be more successful. Retreats are open to all Active Duty military, Reservists and their families at no cost to themselves or their commands. For more information, please contact the CREDO office at 904-542-3923.

NAS Jax Food Locker: Is available to military families and their dependents. For more information, please contact the base chapel.

NAS Jax Chapel's Women of Faith: Are asking your assistance in an ongoing project. They are collecting "gently used clothing" for those in need. Please bring items that will be delivered to those in need.

Chapel Parking: Vehicles on Mustin Road must be parallel parked.

Harvest Fest: Will be held on Saturday, November 2. Come out for food, fun & games. (Chapel Grounds)

Duty Chaplain: (904) 614-7385



Religious Observances November 2013

1 All Saints' Day (Christian)

2 All Souls' Day (Christian)

3 Diwali (Hindu)

4 Al-Hijira (Muslim)

12 Birth of Baha' u' Iyah (Bahai)

13 Ashura (Muslim)

27 Hanukkah (Jewish)

28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha (Bahai)

Hanukkah (Jewish)

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The annual Monster Dash 5K took place at Perimeter Road on Oct. 31. Runners were dressed up in costumes such as Minnie Mouse, super heroes, and everything in between.



Lt. Cmdr. David Kummings of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax was the first runner to cross the finish line of the Monster Dash 5K with a time of 20:03.

Monster Dash brings out runners

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

It was the perfect day for the NAS Jax Monster Dash Oct. 31 as 132 runners turned out to participate in the 5K run decked out in some of their favorite character costumes. The event was coordinated by the NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR).

Placing first overall and first in the men's 40-44 category was Lt. Cmdr. David Kummings of the Center for Naval Technical Training Unit Jax with a time of 20:03. Sarah Reed of Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Southeast took first in the women's 35-39 category and was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 26:30. Other winners were:

- Men's 19 and under**
First - Jason Kilgore, 20:33
Second - Gavin Baker, 39:54
- Women's 19 and under**
First - None
Second - None
- Men's 20-24**
First - John Prokop, 27:46
Second - Stanley Norton, 30:28
- Women's 20-24**
First - Josephine Tripi, 27:49
Second - Andretia Pinkney, 32:35
- Men's 25-29**
First - Robert Garske, 23:15

Second - Thomas MacIntyre, 25:39
24:41

- Women's 25-29**
First - Brooke Tijerina, 26:00
Second - Elizabeth Lienhart, 27:14
- Men's 30-34**
First - Daniel Sears, 21:35
Second - Allen Mathis, 21:51
- Women's 30-34**
First - Melissa Gomez, 22:13
Second - Christine Doss, 25:43
- Men's 35-39**
First - Joe Kovacocy, 20:41
Second - Doug Herin, 22:20
- Women's 35-39**
Second - Lyr McWatters, 23:59
- Men's 40-44**
Second - Timothy Covey,

- Women's 40-44**
First - Kerry Dawley, 25:55
Second - Katherine Sears
- Men's 45-49**
First - William Powers, 22:32
Second - Brett Tracy, 25:14
- Women's 45-49**
First - Elaine Gallant, 35:20
Second - Sandy Robinson, 36:17
- Men's 50 and up**
First - Steve Damit, 21:58
Second - Stanley Lomax, 26:05
- Women's 50 and up**
First - Gloria Lohman, 27:11
Second - Alice Ciani, 27:15
The next run will be the annual Turkey Trot Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m.



Sarah Reed of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast was the first female runner to cross the finish line with a time of 26:30.

For more information, call 542-3239/3518.

Greybeard Basketball League registration
Open to active duty, DoD Civilians, DoD contractors and selective reservists ages 30 & up assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville.

Intramural Basketball League forming
Open to active duty, DoD civilians, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville.

Turkey Trot 5k - Nov. 15, 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 Nov. 8 deadline. The run will be held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road before the Antenna Farm at 11:30 a.m. Registration will also be held at the race site from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Men and Women's Turkey Shoot Racquetball Tourney - Nov. 18-22
The tournament is open to all authorized active duty, selective reservists, and DoD civilian men and women assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the captain's cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second or third. There will be a separate men and women's division.

3-on-3 Basketball Tourney - Dec. 10
This league is open to active duty, selective reservists, and command DoD and DoD contractors only from NAS Jax. Teams are

comprised of a maximum four players from their respective commands and can enter multiple teams. The tournament will start at 5 p.m. at the NAS Jax Gym. Sign up by Dec. 6.

4-on-4 Flag Football League meeting - Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.
The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD and DoD contractors assigned to a command aboard NAS Jacksonville. The meeting will be held at Dewey's at 11:30 a.m. 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.

Jingle Bell Jog 5k - Dec. 13, 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 Dec. 6 deadline. The run will be held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road before the Antenna Farm at 11:30 a.m. Registration will also be held at the race site from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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

NAS Jax Sports

Standings

As of Nov. 1
Intramural Skeet

Teams	Wins	Losses
CNATTU	3	0
NAVFAC Sons of Guns	3	0
VP-45	3	0
FRCSE Claybusters	2	1
NAVFAC World War Z	2	1
VP-30 I	2	1
VP-30 III	2	1
NAVFAC Duval County Regulators	1	2
NAVFAC Guns' n Roses	1	2
NAVFAC Soap Gang	1	2
VP-16	1	2
NAVFAC Dodge City Gang	0	3
VP-30 II	0	3

Teams	Wins	Losses
VP-30 Dirty 30	10	0
HSM-72	9	1
FRCSE 900	8	2
FRCSE Possums	7	3

NAVHOSP Dirty Birdz	8	4
VP-16 War Eagles	5	4
CNRSE	4	4
VP-45 Smash	5	6
CRS-10	4	6
FRCSE Angry Dolphins	3	7
VR-62 Nomads	1	7
VP-45 Thrash	1	9
NCTS	1	10

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAS Jax	5	0
VP-45 Pelicans	4	0
HSM-72 Warriors	4	1
NOSC	4	1
VR-58	4	1
Naval Hospital	3	1
NMC Titans	3	1
FACSFAC	2	2
HS-11	2	2
VP-10 Red Lancers	2	2
HSM-70 Spartans	2	3
BHHC	2	3
VR-62	2	3
VP-5	2	5
VP-30 JO's	1	3
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Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m.
Perimeter Rd. / Antenna Farm
Pre-register by Nov. 8

Powerlifting Competition
Feb. 8, 2014
7 a.m. at the Fitness Center
\$10 registration fee

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E-mail them directly at jaxs_nas_mwritt@navy.mil.

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Naval Hospital Jax clinicians honored during Business Journal's Health Care Heroes event



By Yan Kennon
Naval Hospital Jacksonville
Public Affairs Senior Writer

Three Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville clinicians were honored during the Jacksonville Business Journal's 10th annual Health Care Heroes event held at University of North Florida Oct. 31.

More than 400 regional health care leaders and clinicians attended the event, which honors Northeast Florida health care professionals who improve health care and save lives.

Of the 118 award nominations, 30 clinicians were recognized from various health care organizations such as Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health and UF Health Jacksonville.

Three awardees (10 percent of all awards) were NH Jacksonville clinicians.

Cmdr. James Keck, NH Jacksonville Family Medicine Residency Program coordinator (education category); Shirley

Harrison, mental health case manager (mental health category); and Capt. Terence McGee, ophthalmologist (accepted by NH Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Christine Sears on his behalf) (surgeon category).

Key event attendees were Dawn Emerick — Northeast Florida Health Planning Council President and Chief Executive Officer and guest speaker, David Sillick — Jacksonville Business Journal President and Publisher, and Jeanine Arant — Comcast Business Strategic Enterprise Account Executive.

"We know that health is not just the responsibility of clinicians — everyone contributes," stated Emerick during her address.

The clinicians selected were also profiled in a special section of the Nov. 1-7 issue of The Jacksonville Business Journal.

Photo by Jacob Sippel

Three Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's clinicians were honored during the Jacksonville Business Journal's 10th annual Health Care Heroes event held at University of North Florida Oct. 31. From left, Cmdr. James Keck, Family Medicine Residency Program director (education); Capt. Terence McGee, ophthalmologist (not pictured, accepted by NH Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Christine Sears on his behalf) (surgeon); and Shirley Harrison, mental health case manager, (mental health). The event, which honors Northeast Florida healthcare professionals who improve healthcare and save lives, was attended by more than 400 regional health care leaders and clinicians.

DEFY team raises awareness

By MC2(AW) Doug Wojciechowski
VP-5

Children with the Department of Defense-sponsored Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) spent Oct. 26, raising drug awareness and handing out promotional items to shoppers outside the NAS Jacksonville Navy Exchange in support of the nationally recognized Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week started as an outpouring of community support after the brutal murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique Camarena in 1985. Citizens residing in agent Camarena's hometown of Calexico, Calif., donned red ribbons and became a voice for the prevention of illegal drugs.

For their awareness event, DEFY students set up an infor-



Photos by MC2(AW) Doug Wojciechowski

During Red Ribbon Week at the NAS Jax Navy Exchange, on Oct. 26 DEFY students talk with a family in hopes of raising drug awareness and to promote the DEFY program. DEFY students handed out Red Ribbon Week items to patrons passing by and also discussed how important it is to live drug free.

mational booth and prepared Red Ribbon Week gift bags that contained red ribbons, rulers, pencils, wristbands, lapel pins and dog tags. Patrons passing by were offered the Red Ribbon Week gift bags and also given a quick history of how influential Red Ribbon Week has been in drug and violence prevention efforts.

"These kids have an inherent zest for life and drive to stand

up and stand out," said AW01 Jason Lankhorst, a DEFY mentor currently assigned to VP-30.

"The group of DEFY kids who participated in the event brought forth their passion for helping others and were determined to be positive role models as they eagerly passed out items in support for Red Ribbon Week."

The DEFY students also used the event as an opportunity



DEFY students and adult mentors gather for a group photo, bringing their monthly event for October to a close. DEFY students set up an informational booth at the NAS Jax Navy Exchange.

to share with the community what the DEFY program's core values and missions are. As they passed out drug awareness material, the children spoke about DEFY phase one summer camp and also about the monthly meetings that incorporate fun and lessons on drug prevention efforts.

"Watching these kids have fun while learning to stay away from drugs brings a great deal

of pride," said AW01 Brett Aasen, one of DEFY's assistant operations program coordinators currently assigned to VP-30.

"To see their excitement means that the program is working well."

The DEFY program continues to hold monthly meetings and events to further strengthen the bond between students, mentors, and the community.



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Dr. Biden, USO join forces to provide warrior care packs

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, joined Senate spouses and White House interns yesterday to help USO volunteers in putting together "warrior care packs" to aid wounded, injured and ill troops in their recovery process.

The event was hosted on the grounds of the vice president's residence, where Biden emphasized the importance of everyone coming together to help wounded service members, citing the Joining Forces campaign she has championed with First Lady Michelle Obama over the last two years.

"This is what is really and truly important - that we're working together to help our troops," she said.

Biden noted the event had



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Marshall Jr.

Dr. Jill Biden, center, spouse of Vice President Joe Biden, loads warrior care packs alongside Senate spouses, United Services Organization volunteers and White House interns for wounded warriors at the vice president's home in Washington, D.C., Oct. 29.

been postponed because of the government shutdown and called the day a way to honor and support military families.

"I'm speaking for them," she said, "and I think God gave us

this day as a gift so we could come out here and pack boxes."

Biden said she and the vice president make every effort to visit and talk with wounded troops. She recalled meeting a

service member named Cedric, who came to a barbecue the Bidens hosted for wounded warriors.

"He got off that bus . . . and he had lost both of his legs, and he had metal legs," she said. "And now he is training for the Paralympics."

"I mean, it was just incredible. And guess what he was training for? Mountain climbing! It was just so incredible. He had such a beautiful spirit, a beautiful smile."

USO President Sloan Gibson, who President Barack Obama nominated Sept. 10 to be the next deputy secretary of veteran's affairs, noted that all of the items being packed were specifically requested by troops.

"We know, because we survey regularly," he said.

"We know what they need, and we make those [things] available to them. When our

troops come off of the line wounded, injured or ill, ... typically they show up with generally nothing more than the uniforms on their backs."

Each warrior care pack included short- and long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, tearaway pants, underwear, socks, shower shoes, fleece blankets and hygiene kits with shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving gel and other toiletries.

Biden said the items are based on requests from wounded warriors, and expressed gratitude to everyone who pitched in to help.

"We have all the items that [were] requested, I think, from wounded warriors and so you are packing exactly what they want," she said. "Once again, thank you for being here, and I truly appreciate it. Our troops truly appreciate it."

MWR and FFSC present 'The With You All The Way!' tour

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Specialist

The NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department and Fleet and Family Support Center hosted "The With You All The Way! USO Tour" featuring motivational speaker and children's author Trevor Romain Oct. 28-31.

Romain, co-founder of The Comfort Crew for Military Kids, visited area elementary schools, along with the NAS Jax and NS Mayport Youth Activities Centers to offer a presentation to help military children cope with deployment, bullying, moving, homework and other stressful issues.

"I am here today to help military kids deal with some of the burdens they have to carry

when a parent is deployed, having to move a lot, making new friends and keeping old friends."

"We partnered with the USO to bring this to military bases and local communities around the world," said Romain.

"We want to provide these kids tools to help one another, feel connected to military kids, learn how to ask for help when needed and how to tell others what is going on in their lives instead of keeping it all in," he continued.

The presentation involves five key points - tell people what is going on in your life, ask for help, keep a journal, exercise and be kind and empathetic.

"We've found that by keeping a journal or drawing

helps bring out what you feel. Exercising or exerting energy also helps," Romain added.

"And when going through a tough time, being kind really helps your self value and may help you realize that sometimes others are worse off than you are."

Romain's presentation consists of a short introduction, video clips from his PBS animated series, music video featuring messages of support from military children around the world and an interactive session.

"We try to bring our message to not only military children, but those who go to school with and are friends of military kids because many times they don't understand how to support them."



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Motivational speaker and children's author Trevor Romain talks about the stresses of military deployments and moving with a group of children at the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center on Oct. 30.

"We try to create a peer-to-peer culture where they can look out and take care of each other," stated Romain.

At the end of the presentations, all military children were given a copy of Romain's Military Empowerment Pack.

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Fourth U.S. astronaut Scott Carpenter laid to rest

By MC1 Scott Buchholz

The United States' fourth astronaut to fly in space and the second to orbit the Earth, U.S. Navy Cmdr. Malcolm Scott Carpenter (retired), was celebrated at his funeral Nov. 2 in St. John's Episcopal Church in Boulder, Colo., with full military honors.

Carpenter, 88, died Oct. 10 at the Denver Hospice following complications from a stroke.

Born in Boulder, Colo., May 1, 1925, the son of research chemist Dr. M. Scott Carpenter and Florence Kelso Noxon Carpenter, he was christened in St. John's and was an active member of the church throughout his youth and life. Carpenter attended the University of Colorado from 1945 to 1949 and received a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering.

Carpenter was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1949 and designated a naval aviator in April 1951. During the Korean War he served with patrol Squadron Six, attended the Navy Test Pilot School at



Scott Carpenter

Patuxent River, Md., in 1954 and was subsequently assigned to the Electronics Test Division of the Naval Air Test Center at Patuxent. From 1957 to 1959 he attended the Navy General Line School and the Navy Air Intelligence School.

"He was exploring an unknown, and that was a way of life with him," said fellow Mercury Astronaut and Senator John Glenn. "He was not only in competition with others, but in competition with himself. Scott's curiosity knew no bounds, that's just who he was."

One of the last two surviving astronauts of America's

original space program, Project Mercury, and the last surviving original member of Mercury Seven, Carpenter was selected for the program April 9, 1959. He underwent intensive training with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), specializing in communication and navigation. He served as backup pilot for Glenn during the preparation for America's first manned orbital space flight in February 1962.

"Scott was entranced by the ideas and concepts and the opportunities of Project Mercury," Glenn said. "We were going to experience space flight for the first time and no one had ever done this before."

Carpenter flew the second American manned orbital flight May 24, 1962. He piloted his Aurora 7 spacecraft through three revolutions of the earth, reaching a maximum altitude of 164 miles. The spacecraft landed in the Atlantic Ocean about 1,000 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral after four hours and 54 minutes of flight time.

Quoting Carpenter from an article in The Rocky Mountain News, NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr., said, "Space flight is transcendent. It is a view of the grand plan of all things that is simply unforgettable."

On leave of absence from NASA, Carpenter participated in the Navy's Man-in-the-Sea Project as an aquanaut in the SeaLab II program off the coast of La Jolla, Calif., in the summer of 1965. During the 45-day experiment, Carpenter spent 30 days living and working on the ocean floor. He was team leader for two of the three 10-man teams of Navy and civilian divers who conducted deep-sea diving activities in a seafloor habitat at a depth of 205 feet.

Carpenter, a dynamic pioneer of modern exploration, earned the unique distinction of being the first human to penetrate both inner and outer space, thereby acquiring the dual titles of astronaut and aquanaut from NASA.

"More than an astronaut, Scott was a tireless explorer, whose thirst for knowledge

and commitment to service lead him to soar to uncharted places above the sky, below the earth, down into the depths of the ocean and deep into our hearts," Bolden said.

In 1967, Carpenter returned to the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems Project as director of aquanaut operations during the SeaLab III experiment.

Upon retirement from the Navy in 1969, after 25 years of service, Carpenter authored several books and founded and served as chief executive officer of Sear Sciences Inc. Working closely with French oceanographer J.Y. Cousteau, he contributed to design improvements in diving instruments, underwater breathing equipment and other underwater devices.

"Scott taught us much and left this world better than he found it," Bolden said.

Carpenter is survived by his wife, Patricia Carpenter, two daughters, four sons, one granddaughter, three step-children and five step-grandchildren.

Apprenticeship trade for MWD handlers on horizon

By Darryl Orrell

Center for Security Forces Public Affairs

The Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) announced Nov. 1, the anticipated release of the first apprenticeship trade for Military Working Dog (MWD) handlers by year's end.

The proposed apprenticeship is currently under review by the Department of Labor (DoL), which is the final step in the approval process. Once approved, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsman will then be able to enroll and work towards earning this unique and specialized certification.

"This new apprenticeship will apply to personnel performing security and law enforcement duties that work with a MWD. Some of the duties a MWD handler performs include patrol, crowd control, security operations, and explosive and drug detection and of course, suspect apprehension," said CENSECFOR Master-at-Arms (MA) Programs manager, Jose Bautista.

A handler is also responsible for the daily care, grooming and general well-being of his or her assigned MWD, which also includes the cleaning and care of the dog's kennel.

Pre-registration credits will be given to personnel who have graduated MA "A" school and/or earned the Navy classification code for dog handler and kennel

master. All of which would count towards the proposed 2,500 hours of practical experience needed to complete the apprenticeship.

"Those who take advantage of these credentialing opportunities will not only enhance their military career and be set apart from their peers; they will also enhance their marketing potential in the civilian workforce when their military service is complete," said Bautista.

Sailor's serving in the MA rating can select from eight available apprenticeship trades that include Police Officer I, Security Specialist, Protective Security Specialist; Master Homeland Security Specialist; Armory Technician; Corrections Officer and on the horizon, Working Dog Handler.

For more information about Navy credentialing opportunities, visit <https://www.cool.navy.mil/index.htm>.

"It could not be any easier for today's Sailors," said Bautista. "A Sailor enrolled in an apprenticeship simply documents his or her military duties while working in his/her rate or occupational specialty and if it's that easy, what Sailor would not want to enhance his or her career?"

The Center for Security Forces provides specialized training to more than 28,000 students each year and has 14 training locations across the U.S. and around the world - Where Training Breeds Confidence.



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MASN Cheri Matlock of the NAS Jax Security Department conducts training with Military Working Dog Pato. MWD handlers will soon be able to complete an apprenticeship for their trade through the Navy.

Free wedding gowns for military brides

From Brides Across America

On Nov. 11-18, Brides Across America will thank our heroes for their service and sacrifice by giving away free wedding gowns to military brides for the annual nationwide event.

"Operation Wedding Gown" is Brides Across America's mission to give away free wedding gowns to military brides on a national effort. Often times military brides find it difficult to plan their "fairy tale" wedding due to deployment, injury and/or economic hardship.

Brides Across America and bridal salons want to roll out the red carpet for our deserving military brides - making their wedding dress dreams come true.

Brides Across America's continued support and commitment has donated over 10,000 gowns to military brides. Featured in PEOPLE magazine, June 24 and Aug. 26 issues, Brides Across America is making a difference-one wedding dress at a time.

"This is our mission to say thank you and support our heroes," said Founder

Heidi Janson.

For more information on how to qualify and register for an event visit www.bridesacrossamerica.com.

In order to qualify, brides or their fiancé must be serving in the military; either currently deployed, have a future deployment, or have been deployed within the last five years to

Iraq, Afghanistan, Middle East, Korea, or Japan.

Brides must pre-register for the event and bring proper identification along with deployment papers on the day of the event.

Brides Across America is a nationwide 501c3 non-profit that provides free wedding gowns to our deserving military brides-making wedding dress dreams come true.

Founded in 2007, Brides Across America and its affiliate salons continue to honor our heroes.

To date, Brides Across America, in collaboration with bridal salons, designers, and individual donations has donated more than 10,000 wedding gowns.



New holiday stress navigation campaign

From Chief of Naval Personnel

With the holiday season approaching, Navy officials announced the launch of its annual holiday stress navigation campaign Nov. 1.

This year's campaign, "Thrive During the Holidays," will provide Sailors and families proactive resources to get ahead of holiday chaos while focusing on building resilience for the New Year.

"For many of us, 'the most wonderful time of the year' is as demanding as it is joyous," said Capt. Kurt Scott, Navy resilience chief.

"Our Sailors and families are operating under more stress and uncertainty than ever this year, and planning for the holidays can be overwhelming. Our annual campaign will address everything from financial preparations to maintaining diet and fitness goals, so that we can help everyone stay in the holiday spirit and position themselves to thrive in the New Year."

Navy Operational Stress Control's 2013 Thrive During the Holidays campaign will include collaboration between Navy's 21st Century Sailor programs and other readiness programs to offer resources on topics such as responsible alcohol use during holiday celebrations; planning and time management; budgeting; incorporat-

ing physical fitness into busy schedules; healthy eating tips; spirituality and relationship fitness; and more.

"Our focus is helping Sailors and families proactively identify these sources of stress before things start to pile up on them, so that they can truly enjoy their holidays and do so responsibly," said Scott.

"Continuing our effort to promote a sense of community, we really have something for everyone this year from families navigating the holidays with a loved one on deployment to helping Navy youths 'Track Santa.'"

Engagement with the North American Aerospace Defense Command's annual "NORAD Tracks Santa" promotion is a new initiative for the OPNAV N171 annual holiday campaign this year, part of an expanded effort to reach out to Navy kids.

The Thrive During the Holidays campaign will continue through early January 2014. Releases can be found on Navy Operational Stress Control's blog, www.navynavstress.com, and the Navy Suicide Prevention website, www.suicide.navy.mil.

Follow Navy Operational Stress Control on Twitter and Facebook @NavStress for the latest updates to help you and your family "Thrive During the Holidays."

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Williams' memorable 30-year Navy career began at Great Lakes, Ill., in 1984. His commands include: USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in Yokosuka, Japan; USS Oldendorf (DD 972) also in Yokosuka; USS Peterson (DD 969) in Norfolk and from there, he cross-decked to USS Austin (LPD 4). He then transferred to shore duty at Navy Recruiting District, Memphis, Tenn., and in September 1994, he was initiated into the chief petty officer ranks.

Upon completing his recruiting tour, he reported to USS Estocin (FFG

15) and then the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic/United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, where he served as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the J3 directorate. In May 2002, he reported aboard USS Nassau (LHA 4). He next reported to USS Mahan (DDG 72) and assumed the duties as Command Master Chief (CMC). His follow-on CMC billet was aboard USS Wasp (LHD 1), before wrapping up his career at SURFLANT.

At the top of his list of accomplishments, he cited the Chief Petty Officer Waterfront Training as one of the programs of which he was most proud.

"Someone could make chief and

receive their initial training at CPO 365 Phase II, but could potentially go years without any additional training, until they go to the senior enlisted academy," explained Williams.

"There was a gap in leadership training and we wanted to bridge that gap. That's why we started it. I had an opportunity to get out from behind my desk and see Sailors on ships," he said, summarizing his career. "It's the best job in the Navy."

Prior to reporting to SURFLANT, Whitman served as the CMC of the Naval Safety Center here. As the new senior enlisted advisor at SURFLANT, Whitman now oversees more than

23,000 Sailors assigned to more than 70 ships and nearly 30 special mission and fleet support units.

"I love Sailors," said Whitman. "It's all about the Sailors. If Sailors are hurting, then something is wrong. I want them to understand they're a part of the team, that without Sailors, those ships wouldn't go anywhere."

Whitman aims to be proactive with a strong emphasis on teamwork.

"My goal here is to let every Sailor know their job is important," said Whitman. "I want them to know, the job they do is a cog in the wheel for SURFLANT's success, that they are part of our success no matter what job it is."



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Chaplain Felder retires

Cmdr. Gerald Felder, former NAS Jax command chaplain (right) is presented the Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal by Cmdr. Gregory McRae, deputy commander, Submarine Squadron Six, during his retirement ceremony at the NAS Jax All Saints' Chapel on Nov. 1. Felder retired from the Navy after serving 25 years of honorable service.



Cmdr. Gerald Felder, former NAS Jax command chaplain, and his wife, Roxane are piped ashore at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony at the NAS Jax base chapel on Nov. 1.

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DoD celebrates Native American Heritage Month

By Army Sgt. 1st Class
Tyrone Marshall Jr.

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department will celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Native Americans and Alaska natives during November in observance of Native American Heritage Month.

November was designated such as month by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. In a joint interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel, Joe Sarcinella, DoD's senior advisor and liaison for Native American Affairs, discussed the department's efforts to recognize Native Americans and their contributions to the country dating back to Revolutionary War.

"DoD is really committed to celebrating all sorts of diversity -- race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation," Sarcinella said. "I really feel that they're leading the charge and November just happens to be that time of

the year when we can focus on Native Americans."

In addition to his senior advisor duties, Sarcinella manages the Native American Lands and Environment Mitigation program, which deals with cleanup of DoD activities on tribal lands and other treaty lands.

"I'm also the lead trainer," he said. "I'm in charge of managing American Indian Cultural Communication Course and the Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Course as well where I go ... instruct DoD personnel ... as how to consult with indigenous people."

Sarcinella said he also leads outreach for tribal people. "I interface with all of the federal departments and agencies on interagency collaboration and working with Native American governments."

Native American Heritage Month "is an opportunity for the department to recognize that contribution and the rich cultures that there are," Sarcinella said. "There are 566

federally recognized tribes throughout the lower 48 [states] and Alaska."

Sarcinella said the theme of this year's observance is: "Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Tradition."

Many people don't realize that the Indian Wars were fought "all the way through the late 1800s," he said. "But actually, [some American Indian] tribes were fighting right alongside colonials during the Revolutionary War."

Many people today, he said, are aware of the important contributions made by the Navaho code talkers' in the Pacific campaign during World War II, and Sarcinella said he believes Native Americans and Alaskan natives now have the highest per capita rate of military service of any ethnic group throughout the U.S. He noted that Native Americans and Alaska natives make up almost 16,000 members of the active force, and that nearly 160,000 others are veterans.

"In 2008, President [George

W.] Bush posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to Woodrow Wilson Keeble, who was a Sisseton Wahpeton tribal member from Lake Traverse Sioux, and that was for his valor during the Korean War," Sarcinella said.

In addition, there are about 6,000 Native American DoD civilian employees.

Native Americans may constitute "a small part of the population, but we contribute a lot," Sarcinella said.

The Defense Department also wants to increase those numbers through outreach.

"The Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity -- they do a lot of outreach with different professional organizations."

Sarcinella also spoke of DoD's outreach efforts with the American Indian Sciences and Engineering Society, and SAIGE -- the Society of American Indian Government Employees.

"University outreach is a big one too," he said. "Reaching

out to different tribal conferences and gatherings, like [the] National Conference of American Indians."

Sarcinella noted that President Barack Obama created the White House Council on Native American Affairs, and DoD submitted its list of goals to increase outreach and partnerships with Native American governments.

"It's a new angle that DoD is taking," he said. "It's not so much consulting with tribes but actually considering creating ongoing relationships with them. It's really an exciting time right now."

Sarcinella said the best thing Native Americans and Alaska natives can do for themselves is "professional development and education."

"Education is a huge priority in Indian Country," he noted. "With that education, and trying to give yourself newer opportunities and develop those skill sets that you have, there's a great amount of opportunity at DoD."

Secretary of state announces public-private veterans partnership

By Cheryl Pellerin

American Forces Press Service

As Veterans Day approaches, Secretary of State John Kerry today announced a new public-private partnership intended to help veterans find international employment opportunities in the private and public sectors.

"The Veterans Innovation Partnership, VIP as we are calling it, is not about just what the State Department can do for veterans, it's really based on the notion that veterans can do a lot for the State Department and that we would be foolish not to try to reach out and harness the talent that exists," Kerry told an audience at the State Department.

Kerry, a Vietnam veteran, said he's always believed that military experience helps vali-

date ways in which those with such experience can project America's force and values abroad.

"Through the VIP we hope to bring together U.S. government agencies and private-sector leaders to seek out those who have served America and who are interested in international issues," Kerry said.

The program will provide veterans with fellowship opportunities at the State Department and other partners in the effort, including USAID, the Overseas Private Investment Corp., and the Millennium Challenge Corp.

Through VIP, Kerry said, veterans get help finding international employment opportunities in the private and public sectors.

"We need more people like Corneal Hunter, who served

with the Army in Operation Desert Storm and in Kosovo and who now brings his understanding of budgeting and management as a budget analyst in the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Service," the secretary said.

Kerry also mentioned Phil Schlatter, executive director of the Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, whose 10-year career at the State Department was preceded by 22 years of military service that gave him experience at command levels and staff levels.

And Joan St. Marie, whose Air Force experience in disaster preparedness, shelter operations and emergency management prepared her for her current role in the department's Bureau of African Affairs.

"I am absolutely convinced

of the enormous talent and capacity that veterans can bring to this department to augment what we try to do on a global basis," Kerry said, "and do so with a unique credibility, a unique ability to validate both the values and the interest that we are trying to represent."

The secretary expressed gratitude for partners who have signed up to work with the VIP program, including the University of Massachusetts in Boston and iRobot, a Bedford, Mass., robot design and manufacturing company founded in 1990 by Massachusetts Institute of Technology roboticists to make practical robots.

Kerry welcomed others from the private sector and civil society who wish to contribute to the VIP initiative.

"The bottom line is pretty simple," he said. "I believe that

those who've worn the uniform and gone through the training and the experience of leadership and partnership in so many different ways ... within our armed services all have shown that they know how to serve in one capacity and through that capacity have developed a capacity to be able to serve yet again on another front."

Kerry said he wants the State Department, USAID and the other VIP partners to welcome every veteran who is interested in the program.

"More than that," he added, "we want to find them, we want to seek them out, and we want to put them back into service for their country, knowing that will make our country stronger and it will make our departments that much more effective."

Community Calendar

Antique Car Show & Live Bluegrass Nov. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cecil Pines Adult Community. More info at 771-8839

Jacksonville Celtic Festival Nov. 16, noon-10 p.m. at the oceanfront SeaWalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. Scottish games and Kids Zone. Go to 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 or Carolyn Magee at (601) 731-7600; e-mail: cpm38@bellsouth.net.

Aviation Boatswains Mates meet every third Thursday at 1 p.m. in the NAS Jax Air Facilities Management Building (666) conference room. For more info, call Doug Chaney at 542-3955.

Orange Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5968 and its Auxiliary located at 187 Arora Blvd. meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. VFW is a non-profit veterans service organization composed of combat veterans and eligible service members from the Active, Guard or Reserve forces. For information on events or membership, go to www.vfwpost5968.org or call 276-5968.

Military Officers Association of America N.E. Florida Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month. Open to active duty and retirees of all military branches. Contact Johnnie Walsh at gmail.com or call 282-4650.

Marine Corps League Detachment 059 meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Southside Golden Corral located at 4250 Southside Blvd. MCL is a nonprofit veterans service organization composed of Marines both active and prior and FMF Corpsmen. For more information, go to mcljacksonville.org or call 693-0280.

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Association meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. Contact CWO3 Lionel Jeffcoat at 594-6908 or lionel.c.jeffcoat@uscg.mil or retired Lt. Cmdr. Paul Nix at 542-2518 or paul.nix@navy.mil.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Road. For information, visit www.aao9.com.

Retired Activities Office at NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center needs volunteers to assist military retirees and dependents. Work three hours a day, one day per week. Call 542-2766 ext. 126 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays to volunteer.

Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club is open to active duty, reserve and retired military, plus, active or retired DoD civilians. Call 778-0805 or email commodore@njyc.org.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 470 Madeira Dr., Orange Park. Service officers available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to help with VA claims, call 269-2945 for an appointment. Bingo every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

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Branch 290 monthly meeting is the first Thursday at 8 p.m., 390 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach. Call 246-6855.

Orange Park Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, Fla. For more information, call 298-1967.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Westside Jacksonville Chapter 1984 meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Murray Hill United Methodist Church, (Fellowship Hall) at 4101 College Street. Call 786-7083.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Clay County Chapter 1414 meets at 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Avenue. Call 276-9415.

Smartphone myPay users beware

From Staff

App stores are offering myPay apps claiming to make your smartphone access easier or more productive. Wrong!

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An application called "MyPay DFAS LES" was initially released on July 13, 2013 as a free application on Google Play Android App Store.

The App provides the user with the ability to control their military pay after the user enters their myPay login information to access their individual account.

Additionally, it provides the ability

for the user to update their security questions to reset their password.

Google Play estimates that between 10,000-50,000 members have already installed this App.

A broader review of mobile App sites disclosed several other myPay related Apps for Android and iPhone devices.

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