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CNO, MCPON tackle important issues

By MCC Julianne Metzger

The top admiral and top enlisted man in the Navy recently released another installment of their Internet video series, "Conversation with a Shipmate."

MC2 Mike DiMestico interviewed Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) on Dec. 19.

The leaders were visiting Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group that is currently supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

With USS Gettysburg (CG 64) alongside the carrier, Greenert and Stevens answered questions that are hot topics among Sailors in the fleets.

The three discussed a wide berth of issues: deployment lengths and budget cuts to uniform updates and advancement exam changes.

DiMestico used CNO's recently released Position Report as a starting point for the interview, questioning what 2014 holds for the Navy.

"We heard you loud and clear when you said presence is our mandate," said DiMestico. "What is the key in 2014 in maintaining that global presence?"

Greenert said the key will be



Photo by MCC Peter Lawlor

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens recently visited with Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) for an all-hands call. Greenert and Stevens spent time with members of their Navy-Marine Corps family to show their support and appreciation for the men and women who serve in the military.

to have rotational forces forward from the east and west coasts; and then he went on to emphasize another important element, 'places.'

Greenert explained that non-rotational forces will

play a much larger role in the future. In Rota, Spain there will be four destroyers by 2016. Singapore will have four littoral combat ships operating forward.

The Navy will also continue

to develop forward deployed naval forces in Japan, as well as the Darwin option, where the Australian government will host marines to be forward deployed.

Greenert said, "These non-

rotational places are really the key to getting the most out of forward deployed forces."

The conversation pivoted to the effects of sequestration on

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'Fighting Tigers' deploy to 4th/5th Fleets

By MC2 Clay Whaley

VP-8 Public Affairs

The "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8 have officially relieved the "Screaming Eagles" of VP-1 as Commander Task Group (CTG) 57.2 and the "Golden Swordsmen" of VP-47 as CTG 47.1.

VP-8's Commanding Officer Cmdr. Todd Libby said, "VP-1 and VP-47 displayed great hospitality and professionalism while welcoming VP-8 to both 4th and 5th Fleet areas of responsibility. Our collective efforts resulted in a highly successful turnover which enabled the Fighting Tigers to continue the excellence of the Screaming Eagles and Golden Swordsmen."

Since relieving VP-1 and VP-47, the Fighting Tigers have flown more than 539 flight hours in support of coordinated operations with U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and the Customs and Border Patrol Agency. In addition to coordinated operations, VP-8 conducts anti-submarine warfare and maritime surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

"VP-8 is excited and prepared for the challenges of a dual-site deployment. I am extremely proud of our Fighting Tigers and all they've accomplished since assuming CTG 57.2 and CTG 47.1," said Cmdr. Derek Adametz, VP-8's executive officer.



Official Navy Photo

A P-3C Orion assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8 taxis to its parking spot at NAS Jacksonville. The squadron recently departed on its scheduled dual-site deployment.

VP-8 participates in CSL Comalapa's 10-year anniversary

By Lt. j.g. Torrey Plum

VP-8

The "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8 recently participated in Cooperative Security Location (CSL) Comalapa, El Salvador's, 10-year anniversary celebration. The celebration featured aircraft static displays from VP-8, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agency and the El Salvador Air Force.

VP-8 Training Officer Lt. Cmdr. Jared Tharp said, "The anniversary celebration provided a great opportunity for VP-8 Sailors to meet their El Salvador counterparts and to enjoy some local food and entertainment."

CSL Comalapa provides critical logistics and infrastructure to support forward deployed U.S. military units participating in Joint Interagency Task



Photos by MA2 Eleazar Valdivia
From left, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission to El Salvador Michael Barkin, U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Mari Carmen Aponte and Cooperative Security Location Comalapa Commanding Officer Cmdr. Odin Klug cut the cake during the 10-year anniversary celebration of the command on Dec. 14.



Photo by Yan Kennon

New Year's baby

Naval Hospital Jacksonville began the New Year with the arrival of the first baby born in 2014. AWO2 Eric McLemore and his wife, Kelsey, celebrated the birth of their first child, a son, born on Jan. 1 at 4:34 a.m. (EST). McLemore is assigned to VP-8 aboard NAS Jacksonville.

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U.S. Navy photo

The Douglas TBD-1 Devastator was the Navy's first widely used carrier-based monoplane. As the new Grumman TBF Avenger entered production, the TBD-1 was the Pacific Fleet's sole torpedo plane for the first part of the war against Japan.



A Douglas TBD-1 Devastator torpedo plane drops a Mark XIII torpedo during exercises in the Pacific on Oct. 20, 1941. This plane, assigned to VT-6, flew from USS Enterprise (CV-6). All three of the plane's crewmen are visible in its cockpit.



On board USS Enterprise (CV-6), an SBD Dauntless scout-bomber and five TBD-1 Devastator torpedo planes prepare to take-off during operations in the south Pacific, May 4, 1942. Note launching officer making arm signals in the lower left-center. Take-offs averaged one every 30 seconds.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

Jan. 9

1861 - Union steamer Star of the West fired on in Charleston Harbor.

1918 - Establishment of Naval Overseas Transportation Service to carry cargo during World War I.

1945 - Carrier aircraft begin two-day attack on Japanese forces in Luzon, Philippines.

Jan. 10

1847 - American naval forces occupy Los Angeles.

1917 - Navy places first production order for aerial photographic equipment.

1934 - VP-10F flies first non-stop formation flight from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor.

Jan. 11

1863 - CSS Alabama sinks USS Hatteras off Galveston, Texas.

1944 - Aircraft from escort carrier USS Block Island (CVE-21) make first aircraft rocket attack on a German submarine in the Atlantic.

1956 - Establishment of first Navy nuclear power school at Submarine Base, New London, Conn.

Jan. 12

1813 - Frigate USS Chesapeake captures British Volunteer.

1848 - Attack on sloop Lexington, San Blas, Mexico.

1953 - Landings tested on board USS Antietam (CV-36), the first angled deck aircraft carrier.

Jan. 13

1964 - USS Manley (DD-940) evacuates 54 American and 36 allied nationals after Zanzibar government is overthrown.

Jan. 14

Jan. 14

1813 - Frigate USS Chesapeake captures British brig Hero.

1863 - Navy General Order 4, Emancipation Proclamation

1943 - In the Navy's first submarine re-supply mission, USS Gudgeon (SS-211) lands six guerrilla fighters with one ton of equipment and supplies on Negros Island, Panay.

Jan. 15

1815 - HMS Endymion, Tenedos and Pomone capture USS President.

1865 - In largest amphibious operation of war, Union forces capture Fort Fisher, Wilmington, North Carolina, by joint amphibious force.

1997 - Navy physician Capt. Jerry Lineger joined the crew of the MIR space station after being launched on Atlantis during Space Shuttle Mission STS-81. Prior to the mission, he trained at the Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia for more than a year.

Life lesson: Clean while no one watches

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

From the Homefront

I am skilled at purging things from cupboards, closets and basements. It's something I learned from my mom, who has never been afraid to set a dumpster below a second-story window and throw out armloads of junk. Mom doesn't even sort through the piles. No, she plays like it's an extreme sport: How many pounds of junk can I throw out the window without letting go of something I need? Mom will even throw out the morning paper and your cereal if you don't read or eat it quick enough. Her Inbox is always empty. Always.

Growing up with this, I developed a low tolerance for clutter. Those reality television shows about hoarders are not entertainment for me; they are a nightmare.

Five years ago, my skills were put to the ultimate test when we moved from a 3,000 square-foot home in Florida to a 1,500 square-foot one in Maine. I literally had to throw out or give away half of our things. And it was liberating. Living with less felt right.

Over time, however, the basement started to fill up again. The boys' closets were stuffed. And one kitchen cabinet door wouldn't close unless the saucepan handles inside were delicately lift-

ed up at an angle and held there until the last second, when the door was latched shut. I have scars on my wrist from this maneuver.

Last week, I couldn't take it anymore. It was time to clean, purge and reclaim space. Naturally, I begged my mom to come up from Virginia to help me with this. Together, we are a formidable force. We can plow through piles like aggressively large lawnmowers that spit out grass clippings and chewed up leaves from the back. We don't rest until there are no more trash bags in the basement and the last load has been hauled off to the dump, recycling or Goodwill.

But Mom couldn't come to help me. I had to face it alone. Oh, sure, I have three sons and a husband to pitch in, but none of them — except maybe, Owen, 11 — share my passion for emptying closets and drawers. In fact, everyone, except Owen, runs away when I bring out the industrial-size trash bags. If Mom is the ultimate organizer and I'm her protege, my husband, Dustin, in particular, is her antithesis. Dustin is a rescuer of things and junk.

Regular readers might remember a column several years ago when I tried

to get rid of Dustin's 4,000 (slight overstatement) coffee mugs at a garage sale. While neighbors and community members browsed our belongings strewn across the front lawn, Dustin followed close behind them and rescued all of his coffee mugs.

"That's not for sale," he said. One by one, he took everything that belonged to him and put it back inside our house. Only, he didn't find places for these rescued objects. He just left them on the floor and the kitchen counter.

You see, Dustin doesn't really want to use those things again. He just wants to have them. It is for this same reason that we own knives that supposedly can cut through tennis shoes. Said knives do not, however, cut through the average tomato, and yet Dustin won't let me throw them out.

So, I did all my cleaning while Dustin was out of town. He would not see the boxes of coffee mugs and utensils leaving our door. He could not rescue anything.

My helper was Owen. Owen and I plowed through bins of old, broken toys and clothes that no one has worn. We purged the basement, the attic, the kitchen cabinets and everyone's closet.

We sorted through winter gear, board games, DVDs and CDs. (Are you tired yet?) And at the end of the week, while the boys were at school, I took a load of filled boxes and bags to Goodwill.

Any good cleaner knows it's important to get rid of the donations before past owners notice. One time, when I was getting rid of a talking puppy from Lindell's closet, it "barked" from the depths of a trash bag in the trunk of the car — and Lindell heard it. "Is that my puppy? Is it in the car? Why would my talking puppy be in the car?"

This time, I rode to Goodwill in silence. There only was the occasional programmed voices coming from the boys' old Star Wars Millennium Falcon. A storm trooper hat made shooting sounds. A toy cash register dinged. I was getting rid of it all.

But when I opened the car door at Goodwill, suddenly it occurred to me: my boys' childhoods were in boxes and bags in the back of the van. Dustin's mugs were at the bottom of a box.

My heart broke a little. Tears came to my eyes. I felt pangs of sadness and guilt.

Then I took a deep breath, steadied my hands, and threw everything out. Because, really, If I don't save us from hoarders, who will?

DoD announces transfer of 3 Guantanamo detainees

American Forces Press Service

The Department of Defense announced Dec. 31 the transfer of Yusef Abbas, Saidullah Khalik and Hajiakbar Abdul Ghuper from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay to the government of Slovakia, according to a DoD news release.

These three detainees are the last ethnic Uighur Chinese nationals to be transferred from the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, the release said. These detainees were subject to release from Guantanamo as a result of a court order issued Oct. 7, 2008, by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and are voluntarily resettling in Slovakia.

As directed by the president's Jan. 22, 2009, executive order, the interagency Guantanamo Review Task Force conducted a comprehensive review of these cases, the release said. As a result of that review, which examined a number of factors, including security issues, these individuals were designated for transfer by unanimous consent among all six agencies on the task force, the release

said.

In accordance with statutory reporting requirements, the administration informed Congress of its intent to transfer these individuals, the release said.

The United States is grateful to the government of Slovakia for this humanitarian gesture and its willingness to support U.S. efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, the release said. The United States coordinated with the government of Slovakia to ensure the transfer took place in accordance with appropriate security and humane treatment measures, the release said.

This transfer and resettlement constitutes a significant milestone in our effort to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel remains grateful to the Defense Department's Special Envoy Paul Lewis, and Department of State Special Envoy Cliff Sloan, for their and their respective teams' many efforts that facilitated this successful transfer, the release said.

Today, 155 detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay, according to the release.

Jaguars player to visit base commissary

From Staff

Jacksonville Jaguars Defensive Back Ryan Davis will visit the NAS Jax Commissary Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to meet military members and their families. Davis will be available for autographs and photos with commissary patrons.

Rendering honors during colors

From Staff

Reminder: Whenever the national anthem is played, all personnel aboard NAS Jacksonville, not in formation, are required to stand at attention and face the national ensign. In the event, the national ensign is not displayed, they shall face the source of the music. When covered, they shall come to attention and salute until the anthem ends. Those in formation, shall come to attention and the formation commander will render salute.

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HSM-74 holds change of command at sea

By MCSN Karl Anderson
USS Harry S. Truman Public Affairs

The "Swamp Foxes" of HSM-74 held a change of command ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), Dec. 21.

Cmdr. Matt Boren relieved Cmdr. Jim Miller, who has commanded HSM-74 since Sept. 29, 2012.

"It's been a great experience," said Miller.

"We've done great things tac-

tically and professionally on this carrier. We won the Battle 'E' award, among several others. We're the only airborne anti-submarine warfare asset and we provide a lot of the recognized maritime picture for the strike group."

Miller said he owes a lot of thanks to the Carrier Air Wing 3, Carrier Strike Group 10, and 1st Combined Destroyer Squadron.

"I would like to thank them

for helping us integrate into a new environment," said Miller.

"We couldn't have come as far as we have without their support, assistance and teaching."

Cmdr. Matt Boren, who previously served as HSM-74's executive officer, took over as commanding officer.

"I feel very lucky that I'm inheriting a squadron that's won the Battle 'E' award," said Boren.

"I've been with the squadron for the last 15 months, including all the workups. We're halfway into deployment and I think everyone knows their battle rhythm and is comfortable with our day-to-day operations. We're deployed to the Arabian Gulf and I couldn't think of a better time to take command. I think the squadron is set up to have continued success."

Boren said he is committed

to staying mission ready, but is looking forward to some well-deserved relaxation.

"I want to make sure we're prepared for deployment. The business at hand is the first priority," said Boren.

"We've worked hard for the last year and a half and our detachments are deployed to different areas. I'm looking forward to reuniting with them for some well-deserved holiday parties and summer picnics."



Photos by MC2 Eric Pastor
Members of the VP-16 First Class Petty Officers Association prepare turkey for VP-16 and VP-46's holiday dinner on Dec. 24.



VP-16 Naval Flight Officer Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Griffin makes his way down the food line during the VP-16 and VP-46 holiday dinner Dec. 24 in Japan. The squadrons are currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

'War Eagles' enjoy holiday banquet

By Lt. j.g.
Christi Morrissey
VP-16 PAO

On Christmas Eve, the 'War Eagles' of VP-16 took a moment from their operational deployment schedule and joined with the 'Grey Knights' of VP-46 for a special holiday dinner. With the hangar decorated in festive cheer, Sailors set down their tools, left their shops, and sat down with one another for a traditional feast.

The Chiefs' Mess provided the meat for the dinner, spending the day baking, frying, and smoking hundreds of pounds of turkeys and ham.

AFCM Ervin Byrd was out in spirit, tending his Orion smoker outside the hangar. "I love getting out and cooking for our Sailors. They've been working hard and deserve a break and a good meal. It's a privilege for me and one I've been looking forward to for a long time," he said.

A W O 2 Joseph Montellese, an acoustic operator for the War Eagles, enjoyed the home-cooked meal, telling friends, "it reminded me of my mom's cook-

ing. Being so far away from home for Christmas is difficult; it's hard to get in the holiday spirit. Seeing the effort people made to put together this event reminded me that, although I am far from relatives, I am surrounded by my own War Eagle family."

VP-16 Commanding Officer Cmdr. William Pennington, Jr. commented on the success of the event. "I'm glad we were able to give our Sailors a respite from the rigors of deployment, even if just for an evening. Tonight was a night that allowed many of our squadron members to reflect on the importance of family, friends, and the many blessings we have received throughout the past year. We close out this holiday season and end the year with many lessons learned and new hopes and goals for the future. 2013 was a great year with many firsts for the Poseidon, the War Eagles and the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community as a whole. We are hoping to make 2014 an even greater one."

Following the dinner, Sailors talked and joked amongst one another as Christmas music played through the hangar. As the evening wound to a close, rumors that Santa has learned of the War Eagles deployment spread through the hangar.

When asked about these rumors, CMDCM Brian Porter stated, "I've been told that our friends with Operation Gratitude and St. Joseph's Church in Jacksonville have been in constant communication with the North Pole, updating Saint Nick on the status of our deployed troops. I guess we'll find out tomorrow whether Santa and his helpers got the memo."

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VR-62 'Nomads' home from PACOM

By AWFCS Mike Wendelin
VR-62 Public Affairs

A detachment from the VR-62 "Nomads" returned to NAS Jacksonville from U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) just in time for Christmas.

While on detachment in PACOM the Nomads lifted a total of 535,805 pounds of equipment and material over the 90-day period. The Nomads also flew 361.4 hours and landed at 18 unique airfields.

VR-62 accomplished this detachment with one C-130T mission aircraft and an average of 22 personnel including flight crew. These crews were comprised of FTS (Full Time Support) and SELRES (Selected Reservists) personnel.

"Although this time of year is generally slow in PACOM, the VR-62 Nomads were on station and ready to airlift any and all materials that can fit into a C-130T Hercules. In addition to completing significant military support missions, we delivered 46 tons of material in support of Operation Damayan - the Philippines typhoon relief mission," said AZCM Karen Quinn, the VR-62 operations master chief.

In addition to supporting relief efforts, Nomads lifted cargo for Carrier Air Wing Five, VRC-30, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five, HSC-25, and Underwater Construction Team Two.

VR-62 Commanding Officer Tony Scarpino added, "Our squadron is prepared to answer all calls in support of our Navy - no matter if it is a disaster of epic proportions or regional instability, Nomads deliver!"

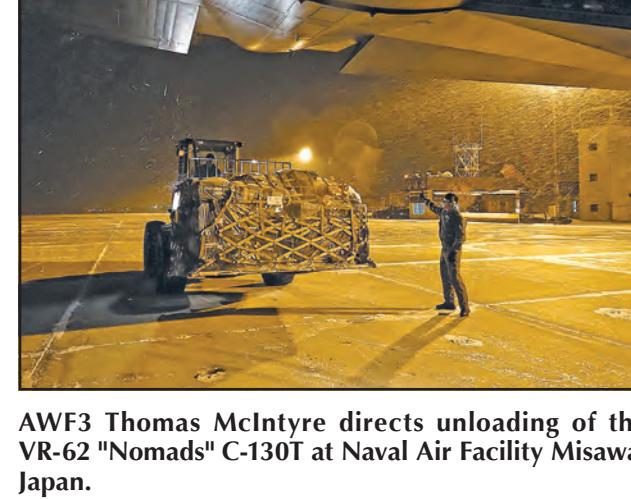
He said VR-62 is now preparing for a U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) detachment in the spring.

Home based at NAS Jacksonville, VR-62 is one of five Navy Reserve C-130T squadrons serving the Navy's high priority logistics needs around the globe.

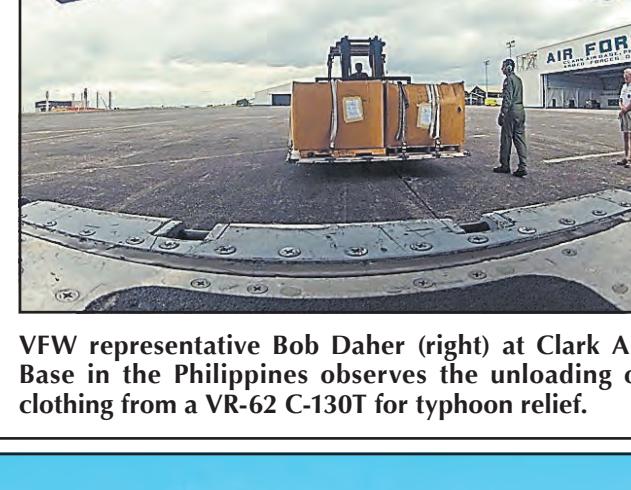
AWF1 Bryan Siefried tightens tie-downs on a cargo container with assistance from ADC Brett Stroman.



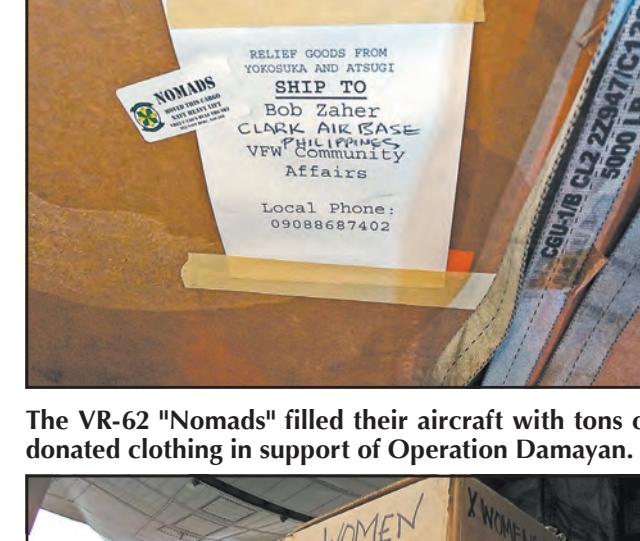
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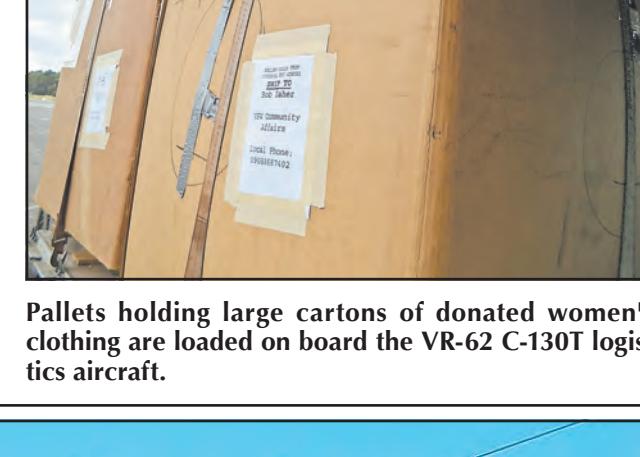
AWF3 Thomas McIntyre directs unloading of the VR-62 "Nomads" C-130T at Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan.



VFW representative Bob Daher (right) at Clark Air Base in the Philippines observes the unloading of clothing from a VR-62 C-130T for typhoon relief.



The VR-62 "Nomads" filled their aircraft with tons of donated clothing in support of Operation Damayan.



Pallets holding large cartons of donated women's clothing are loaded on board the VR-62 C-130T logistics aircraft.

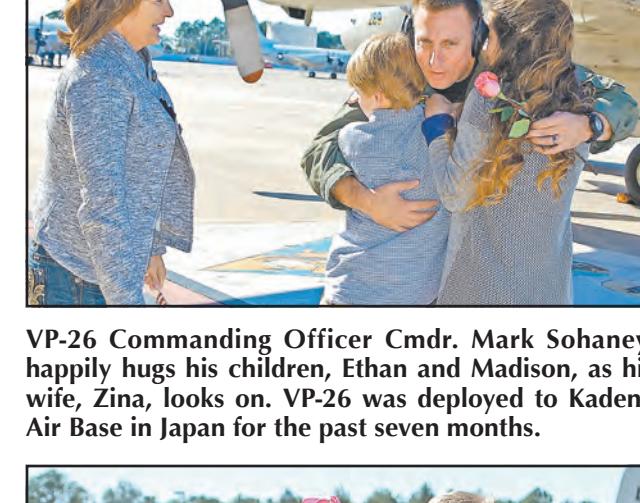


Last VP-26 aircraft comes home

(Above) The last returning VP-26 P-3C Orion aircraft taxis across the NAS Jax tarmac proudly displaying the American flag on Dec. 18. The squadron was deployed to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan for the past seven months.



Joberly Carrillo and sons, David, 8, and AJ, 5, anxiously await the arrival of AWFC Armando Carrillo of VP-26 at the home coming at NAS Jax Hangar 1000.



VP-26 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mark Sohaney, happily hugs his children, Ethan and Madison, as his wife, Zina, looks on. VP-26 was deployed to Kadena Air Base in Japan for the past seven months.



VP-26 Command Master Chief (CMDCM) Walter Taylor checks out a poster his daughter, Lainee, made for his homecoming.

NAVFAC Southeast announces 2013 Employee of the Year awards

From NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast announced its 2013 Employee of the Year awards Dec. 18. Timothy Covey was named Supervisor of the Year and Gerald "Jay" Caddy was named Employee of the Year.

"I am proud to recognize these two outstanding professionals for their work," said NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus when he presented each of them with a Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Covey, the financial management cost accounting director, was recognized as the Supervisor of the Year for his technical knowledge and leadership skills to overcome a vast array of extraordinary challenges faced throughout the year.

He consistently supplied critical and necessary information to his staff for the startup of a new fiscal year, working through an administrative furlough, faced a complex end of year closeout and established the groundwork for the emergency furlough period.

"Tim took it upon himself to improve processes in our cost accounting department saving the government countless man-hours of work and thousands of dollars," said Kiwus.

"He continuously pulled reports providing senior leadership vital information to ensure we maintained compliance during the imposed sequestration," Kiwus continued.

Covey contributes his success to his staff. "They are good people who want to do a good job and are willing to help each other," said Covey. "I am fortunate to work with them."

Caddy, an engineer with the Public Works Department Jacksonville Utilities Department, was recognized as the Employee of the Year and was recognized for his extraordinary technical ability in the development and implementation of several innovative projects to protect the environment while reducing overall energy costs to the U.S. Navy.

"Jay has dedicated many years in developing and implementing several innovative projects to protect our environment while reducing energy costs to the government," said



NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus (right) recognizes employees who have worked for the federal government for 30 years during a ceremony at the NAS Jax Chapel on Dec. 18. A 30-year length of service pin and award certificate were presented to (from left) Waltzie Arenas, Jacquelyn Jackson, Elena Ford, Pamela Smith, Sandra White, Frederick Varn, John McCarthy, Gwen Leeman and James Ray. Also recognized, but not present were Viola Witherspoon and Marsha Vereen.



Photos by Matt Simons

NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus (right) presents Timothy Covey with a Meritorious Civilian Service Award after announcing that Covey was selected as the 2013 Supervisor of the Year. Covey serves as the financial management cost accounting director.



NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus (right) congratulates Gerald Caddy for being named the NAVFAC SE 2013 Civilian Employee of the Year. Caddy, an engineer with the NAS Jacksonville Public Works Department.

Kiwus.

"He was the driving force behind the recent expansion of the wastewater treatment plant reuse system to supply reclaimed water to the golf course irrigation system at Naval Air Station Jacksonville."

This project not only eliminated the discharge of 18,000 pounds of harmful nutrients per year into the St. Johns River, it also precluded the

need to withdraw 37 million gallons of water per year from the Florida aquifer. The second part of the project, which should be completed in 2014, will make the Jacksonville wastewater treatment plant the first "zero discharge" plant in the area.

Caddy also researched the technology, developed the statement of work, gained regulatory approval, coordinated



NAVFAC SE Chief of Acquisitions Renee Comfort is presented with a 35-year length of service pin and certificate by NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus during a ceremony on Dec. 18.



NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus presents letters to Katherine Martin (right) and Sarah Deperi welcoming them to the NAVFAC SE Leadership Development Program on Dec. 18. Also accepted into the program was Timothy Yonce.

with the manufacturer and oversaw the implementation of a new sludge treatment system that will reduce energy consumption by nearly one million kilowatt hours per year and save over \$100,000 annually in energy and operating costs.

"Working these projects has been very fulfilling," said Caddy.

"When I first came here in 1994, I worked on getting the first phase of the reuse system designed, permitted and con-

structed for the Timuquana Country Club for golf course irrigation, but I always wanted to expand it to our station golf course. It took 20 years, but we did it."

Through his hard work NAS Jacksonville has reduced its wastewater discharge to the river while providing a source of irrigation water to the golf course and eliminating the withdrawal of millions of gallons of potable water from the Florida aquifer.

Navy's 2013 Fleet Manager of the Year from NAVFAC Southeast

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast announced Dec. 18 that Transportation Specialist Johnny Washington was selected as the U.S. Navy's 2013 Robert V. Ronick's Fleet Manager of the Year.

Washington was selected from a pool of well-qualified nominees Navy-wide.

"I am very humbled and appreciate receiving this award," said Washington.

"We have a great team at NAVFAC Southeast, our 15 public works departments and the core office in Jacksonville."

The Robert V. Ronick Navy Fleet Manager of the Year Award was named after the Navy fleet manager in Yokosuka, Japan who died in 2003.

This recognition is presented annually to Navy fleet managers who embody the skills, professionalism, and "can-do" attitude required for excellence in fleet management.

"I am proud to recognize Mr. Washington for his work," said NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus when he presented the award during an



Photo by Matt Simons

NAVFAC SE Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Kiwus congratulates Johnny Washington Dec. 18 for being named the Navy's 2013 Robert V. Ronick Fleet Manager of the Year.

all hands meeting.

"Winning a Navy wide award is a real accomplishment and he should be very proud," he added.

Washington is the com-

mand's primary contact for the development, implementation and maintenance of the regions base support vehicle and equipment emergency response plan, his implemen-

tation of plan response strategies designed to address hurricane preparedness and other emergency situations.

"Clearly, the level of importance inherent in these roles,

not only to the mission, but also to service members and their families, speaks volumes about the trust Mr. Washington has earned among Navy leadership," said Kiwus.

Washington demonstrated that he is a natural leader with abilities to assemble teams, effectively communicate mission intent, establish priorities, develop plans, set goals and execute projects in a timely manner with the end result being a product of the highest quality according to the award citation.

Working directly with the Commander Navy Region Southeast staff and the Lean Six Sigma team, Washington developed C-Pool and B-Pool inventory reduction and realignment strategies resulting in cost reduction and projected annual cost savings of \$1.7 million to the command.

"Because of these actions, we will be providing the most fuel-efficient, cost effective vehicles and equipment," said Washington.

"His profound awareness, results-oriented performance and consistent focus on value to the customer and savings to the taxpayer, make him an invaluable member of the team," said Kiwus.

Combined Federal Campaign extended to Jan. 15

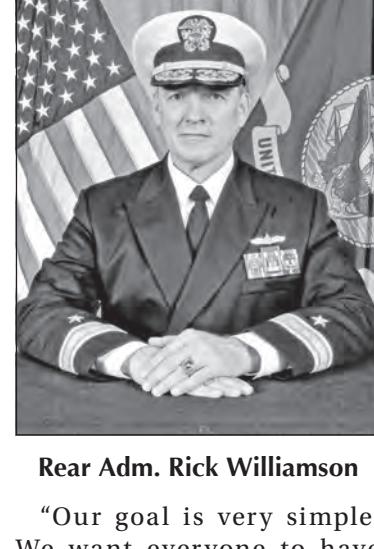
From CNRSE Public Affairs

For more than 50 years, military personnel and government employees have supported their favorite causes through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

In recognition that many CFC events were put on hold or cancelled during the government shutdown, the acting director of the Office of Personnel Management extended the CFC solicitation period from Dec. 15 until Jan. 15.

Rear Adm. Rick Williamson, commander, Navy Region Southeast recently answered some questions about the status of the CFC in the Southeast Region.

- What is your goal for this year's CFC campaign?



Rear Adm. Rick Williamson

"Our goal is very simple. We want everyone to have the opportunity to contribute to charities of their choice through the CFC. For more than 50 years, the CFC has given us the opportunity to join together and help those in need, and to bring about dra-

matic change in the communities that need it most. The objective remains the same, yet this year has been different."

"While we've been faced with unprecedented budget challenges, our commitment to public service and our community is still there."

"Many people say, when times are hard, expect to have a bad campaign. During my 28 years in the Navy, I have found this to be untrue. Each year we've always had good campaigns. I see no reason to expect that the trend will be reversed."

"I think it's a great thing that the campaign has been extended for another month, and with it, I expect that our campaign will be successful."

- Why is the CFC so important to you?

"There are a lot of charities that participate in CFC. If you want to contribute to medical research or disaster relief or programs for the homeless – you can do so through CFC."

"I've always been drawn towards charities supporting education because my parents always put a high value on a quality education. That's the beauty of CFC – the choices are in your hands. You can designate the type of charity you want to support, choose how much and how you want to pay. And through CFC, you are giving back to your community."

- For service members or government employees who haven't yet had the chance to give, what should they do?

"I hope by now everyone has been approached by their CFC key person. The key person has

the catalogs of charities who participate in CFC and the forms you'll need to designate your contribution."

"Your key person can even help you fill out the paperwork. Not only do you have the flexibility to decide to which charity you give, you can also make one lump-sum payment or set up a payroll deduction. And don't forget, your donation is tax deductible. So if you've not heard from your key person, ask your supervisor who it is. And do it soon, as the campaign ends on Jan. 15."

"The smallest donation can go a long way towards improving the lives of many. I hope that each of you will lend your valued support to this worthwhile annual campaign. Together we can continue the success of CFC."

Obama-signed bill provides military pay, bonuses

From American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama signed House Resolution 3304 Dec. 26, which provides pay and bonuses for U.S. service members, enhances counterterrorism efforts overseas, builds security capacities of key U.S. partner-nations, expands efforts to prevent sexual assault and strengthens protections for victims.

Here is the text of the president's statement on the signing of the bill:

Today I have signed into law H.R. 3304, the "National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014." I have signed this annual defense authorization legislation because it will provide pay and bonuses for our service members, enhance counterterrorism initiatives abroad, build the security capacity of key partners, and expand efforts to prevent sexual assault and strengthen protections for victims.

Since taking office, I have repeatedly called upon the Congress to work with my administration to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The continued operation of the facility weakens our national security by draining resources, damaging our relationships with key allies and partners, and emboldening violent extremists.

For the past several years, the Congress has enacted unwarranted and burdensome restrictions that have impeded my ability to transfer detainees from Guantanamo. Earlier this year, I again called upon the Congress to lift these restrictions and, in this bill, the Congress has taken a positive step in that direction. Section 1035 of this Act gives the administration additional flexibility to transfer detainees abroad by easing rigid restrictions that have hindered negotiations with foreign countries and interfered with executive

branch determinations about how and where to transfer detainees. Section 1035 does not, however, eliminate all of the unwarranted limitations on foreign transfers and, in certain circumstances, would violate constitutional separation of powers principles. The executive branch must have the flexibility, among other things, to act swiftly in conducting negotiations with foreign countries regarding the circumstances of detainee transfers. Of course, even in the absence of any statutory restrictions, my administration would transfer a detainee only if the threat the detainee may pose can be sufficiently mitigated and only when consistent with our humane treatment policy. Section 1035 nevertheless represents an improvement over current law and is a welcome step toward closing the facility.

In contrast, sections 1033 and 1034 continue unwise funding restrictions that curtail options available to the

executive branch. Section 1033 renews the bar against using appropriated funds to construct or modify any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any Guantanamo detainee in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense unless authorized by the Congress. Section 1034 renews the bar against using appropriated funds to transfer Guantanamo detainees into the United States for any purpose. I oppose these provisions, as I have in years past, and will continue to work with the Congress to remove these restrictions. The executive branch must have the authority to determine when and where to prosecute Guantanamo detainees, based on the facts and circumstances of each case and our national security interests. For decades,

Republican and Democratic administrations have successfully prosecuted hundreds of terrorists in federal court.

Those prosecutions are a legitimate, effective, and powerful tool in our efforts to protect the nation. Removing that tool from the executive branch does not serve our national security interests. Moreover, section 1034 would, under certain circumstances, violate constitutional separation of powers principles.

The detention facility at Guantanamo continues to impose significant costs on the American people. I am encouraged that this act provides the executive greater flexibility to transfer Guantanamo detainees abroad, and look forward to working with the Congress to take the additional steps needed to close the facility. In the event that the restrictions on the transfer of Guantanamo detainees in sections 1034 and 1035 operate in a manner that violates constitutional separation of powers principles, my administration will implement them in a manner that avoids the constitutional conflict.

Officials announce 2014 military housing allowance rates

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

The 2014 basic allowance for housing rates for service members released today represent an average increase of 5 percent, or up to \$75 to \$80 per month, the Defense Department's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) program manager said.

The new rates will take effect Jan. 1 at a cost of about \$20 billion for the Defense Department program, which will affect nearly 1 million service members, Cheryl Anne Woehr said. The allowance differs by pay grade, location and whether or not service members have dependents.

"How each service member is

impacted is local," Woehr said, explaining that BAH rates are based on the costs of housing for civilians with comparable incomes in 306 areas in the country with significant military populations.

"The program focuses strictly on the rental market and certain types of housing, such as rental prices for townhouses, apartments and single-family homes," Woehr said.

BAH rate adjustments, she said, are based on three factors: data gathered from property managers for existing vacancies in each area, the costs of utilities based on data from the American Community Survey, and renter's insurance costs, based on data collected from

insurance carriers in each state.

BAH rates are routinely reviewed and are adjusted each year to account for fluctuations in rent, utilities and renter's insurance in a given location, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, a Pentagon spokesman.

"BAH is designed to assist service members assigned to permanent duty stations within the United States with acquiring housing comparable to civilians in the same income range at that location," he added.

The largest BAH area increase for 2014 will be in Mobile, Ala., at an average of 14.9 percent, which translates

into about \$1,500 for BAH per month for service members with dependents, compared to \$1,305 per month for 2013. Increases in Honolulu County, Hawaii, and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., follow at 14.7 percent and 14.5 percent, respectively.

The areas with the largest BAH decreases are Sacramento, Calif., where a 7.7 percent BAH reduction translates into \$1,998 monthly for service members with dependents, compared to \$2,132 in 2013. Yuma, Ariz., sees a 6.1 percent decrease in 2014, and BAH

rates will drop by 5.9 percent at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

The BAH rate decreases will apply only to service members

who are newly reporting to those locations. Service members already assigned to an area where BAH decreases in 2014 are "grandfathered" by the program's individual rate protection, and their rate will not go down. In areas where BAH is increasing, service members who already live there will receive the new rate.

"We do want to make sure we're fair to the service members regardless of where in the country they're stationed," Woehr said.

A BAH primer on the Defense Travel Management Office website lays out the data collection process and has a table that links housing types to pay grades, she added.

DLA Aviation forward sites spread cheer with toy drives

By Trinace Johnson
DLA Aviation Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation team members across the United States spread some holiday spirit by participating in annual angel trees and toy drives that help families that are unable to provide gifts to their children during the holiday season.

DLA Aviation employees at Oklahoma City, Warner Robins, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., helped their local communities despite having their budgets shortened earlier this year with government furloughs and shutdowns.

The employees at DLA Aviation at Jacksonville kicked off their 2013 holiday season Nov. 22 with a potluck luncheon and Toys for Tots toy drive. Daniel Ortiz, a staff sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps took delivery of the first donations from Sustainment Specialist Noel Magsakay, Equipment Specialist Terri Wood and the rest of the DLA Aviation Jacksonville team.

"We have been supporting the Salvation Army for several years," said Acquisition Logistics Specialist April Walls, DLA Aviation at Warner Robins.

"I am not sure how many years DLA



Employees at DLA Aviation at Jacksonville kicked off their 2013 holiday season with a potluck luncheon and Toys for Tots Toy Drive in November.

has been involved with the Salvation Army Angel Tree, but this is my third year participating and second year working as a lead."

Last year I was able to get a tour of the warehouse where all the gifts are stored and arranged. It gave me a greater understanding of how important the support we give is to the community," Walls said.

Walls said they adopted 18 children this year, but several offices at Warner Robins participated as groups. "I am not sure how many individual contributors there were within each group," she said.

Additionally, DLA Aviation at Oklahoma City had a 90 percent employee participation rate in its Angel Tree Program according to Director, Procurement Operations Frances

Evans.

"Our social committee donates 50 percent of the funds for our Christmas party to the kids and purchases gifts," Evans said.

She added that the social committee does this in addition to those gifts employees have already purchased.

Evans said she asked her employees if they wanted to help find a charity for Christmas because, "we are so blessed to have our jobs and we should reach out to our community and help."

On the same token, Walls said, "I feel like every child should have a Merry Christmas. Giving makes you feel really good. With everything in the world, we can all get wrapped up in our own lives and forget about those that may not have as much."

"If our contributions help a family in need have a beautiful Christmas then we have accomplished the true meaning of the season," Walls said.

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Photos by MC2 Amanda Cabasos
NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDCM) (AW/SW) Bradley Shepherd reads "Grandma, Grandpa, and Me" to a class of very interested children at the base Child Development Center on Dec. 17.



NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander interacts with youngsters at the Child Development Center during a reading time event on Dec. 17. The event was hosted by Blue Star Families, which promotes literacy for our nation's military children.

Blue Star Families program promotes reading for military children

By MC2 Amanda Cabasos

Staff Writer

Blue Star Families brought the joy of reading to military children by donating nearly 400 new books through the organization's Books on Bases program at the NAS Jacksonville Child Development Center (CDC) Dec. 17.

Blue Star Families Chapter Director Kate Pennington said, "Our goal today is to promote reading and educate military families on the importance of literacy and to inform military families of the multiple programs we offer in the area for both children and spouses. We are sending brand new books home to families to encourage them to read allowed at home. The books were donated by Disney Corporation."

During the event, NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander, his wife, Pam, along with NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker's wife, Teri, and NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMDCM) (AW/SW) Bradley Shepherd read various books to preschoolers before giving

each of the children a book to take home.

Shepherd said, "It was pleasure and a wonderful opportunity to read books to children at the Child Development Center. I recommend this heart-warming experience to anyone. This is the least I can do to support the children of military parents during the holiday season."

Blue Star Families, a nonprofit organization that was created by military families in April 2009, is a program that consists of military families supporting one another through the various challenges of military life, regardless of rank, branch of service or physical location.

Several of the programs the organization offers include, books on bases, Blue

"I think the Blue Star Families is a wonderful program. The books that are donated to children are outstanding. They have a wide-variety of hard covered quality books," she added.

"Literature is real import for children. It is important for them to be exposed to

reading when they are young. We think it is great this program comes to the CDC and reads to our children. The kids

love having different people come into their classroom," said NAS Jax Youth Program Manager Mary Grenier.

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CSL Comalapa celebrates 10-year anniversary

By MA2 (EXW/SW)
Eleazar Valdivia

Special Contributor

Cooperative Security Location (CSL) Comalapa, El Salvador commemorated its 10-year anniversary by hosting a general public visit Dec. 14.

CSL Comalapa began operations in late 2000 although it was not until Nov. 13, 2003 that an official site location was determined and construction started.

CSL Comalapa provides critical logistics, infrastructure, and operational support to forward deployed U.S. and partner aviation assets that participate in Joint Interagency Task Force-South assigned counter-narcotic/illicit trafficking operations and Naval Forces Southern Command-directed humanitarian efforts.

CSL Comalapa has played a vitally important part in protecting the southern approaches to the U.S. and its interests for more than 10 years.

Guests and citizens of the local El Salvadoran community were treated to static displays of aircraft, including the P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, U.S. Customs and Border Protection MQ-9, a Guardian Unmanned Aerial System, El Salvadorian Air Force A-37 Dragonfly and others. Additionally, there was a mix of American and El Salvadorian foods and refreshments that also symbolized the deep and very important relationship that CSL continues to maintain with the local community.

CSL Commanding Officer Cmdr. Odin Klug, talked about the im-



Photo courtesy of VP-8

(From left) AWF1 Leslie Fuqua, AWV2 Esteban Moreno and Lt. James Mardis of VP-8 discuss the P-3C Orion capabilities with an El Salvadoran guest during the 10-year anniversary celebration of Cooperative Security Location Comalapa, El Salvador, on Dec. 14.

tance of having a forward operating air field in El Salvador.

"Over 2,600 missions flown with targets of all shapes and sizes interdicted, seizing or disrupt-

ing tens of thousands of metric tons of contraband narcotics equating to a street value in the billions of dollars," said Klug.

The anniversary ceremony was concluded by a cake cutting with U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Mari Carmen Aponte, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission to El Salvador Michael Barkin, and Klug. The guests also witnessed the final reenlistment of MAC David Shisk, who will transfer

to his final command next summer.

Klug shared a message from Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. Naval Southern Command/Commander U.S. 4th Fleet, who said, "The success of our mission requires you to be ready, skilled, and dedicated. And for a decade, CSL Comalapa has been ready, skilled and dedicated. Well done to all the brave men and women who have and continue to serve aboard CSL

Comalapa!"

CSL Comalapa is under the operational control of U.S. Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet. U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet employ maritime forces in cooperative maritime security operations in order to maintain access enhance interoperability and build enduring partnerships that foster regional security in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.



Photo by MA2 Eleazar Valdivia

Cooperative Security Location Comalapa Commanding Officer Cmdr. Odin Klug gives the oath of reenlistment to MAC David Shisk during his final reenlistment ceremony during the 10-year anniversary celebration of the command on Dec. 14.

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deployment lengths.

"After these next three carrier deployments that will take us through 2014 to 2015 we'll probably migrate to about eight months for our carriers for OPTEMPO length," said Greenert.

Amphibious ready groups will be about seven and a half months, and submarines about six-month deployment lengths, he added.

"We'll be stabilized in a few years," Greenert said. "But it will take those few years to get through this of impact of sequestration."

MCPON spoke on how increasing deployment lengths have affected Sailors and their families.

"Our Sailors and their families never cease to amaze us," said Stevens, citing Sailors' perseverance through increasing deployment lengths.

"We cannot fool ourselves, this has taken a toll and it will continue to take a

toll, this is why we need to take a look at how long and how hard our Sailors are being deployed," said Stevens.

Later in the interview Greenert discussed compensation and how the Navy will deal with budget issues in the coming years. He measures quality of service in two parts - quality of life and quality of work. Quality of life being pay and benefits and quality of work being whether Sailors have adequate training and the parts they need.

Sailors say that where the Navy needs some improvement is in the quality of work," Greenert said.

The Navy has got to do better in: having right kind of leadership in place; getting rid of gaps at sea; having spare parts and training; and having a more predictable schedule. He went on to explain that those needs must be balanced with what the Navy spends on compensation.

"We have to balance how we pay our people with what we need to operate," Greenert said.

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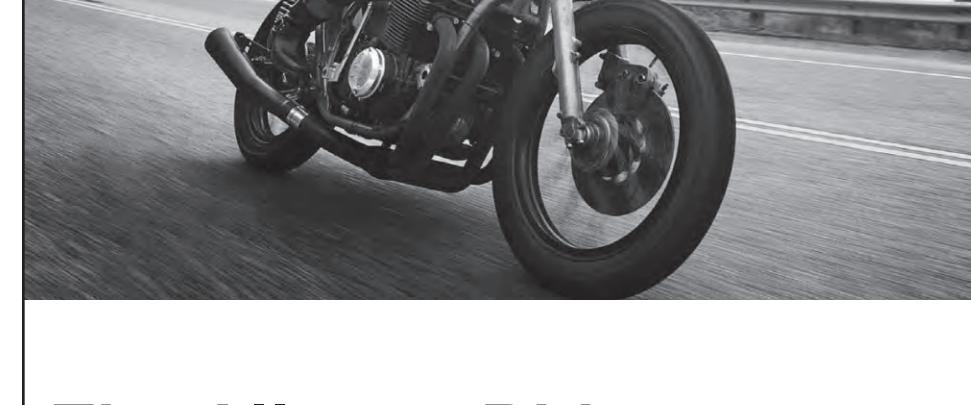
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ations, as well as humanitarian, and search and rescue missions.

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DoD adds synthetic marijuana to random drug testing

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

The Defense Department has expanded its zero tolerance for the use of illicit drugs to include synthetic marijuana, also known as "spice," the director of DoD's drug testing and program policy said Dec. 13.

In an interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel, Army Lt. Col. Tom Martin said that in addition to the broad range of drugs for which the military already randomly tests service members, synthetic marijuana will also be included.

"The message we're getting out now is that when you participate in our random urinalysis program, synthetic marijuana products or synthetic marijuana will now be tested along with our other drugs," he said.

"It's been known in the general population, both in the medical community and various media reports, that synthetic marijuana drug use is a serious health concern."

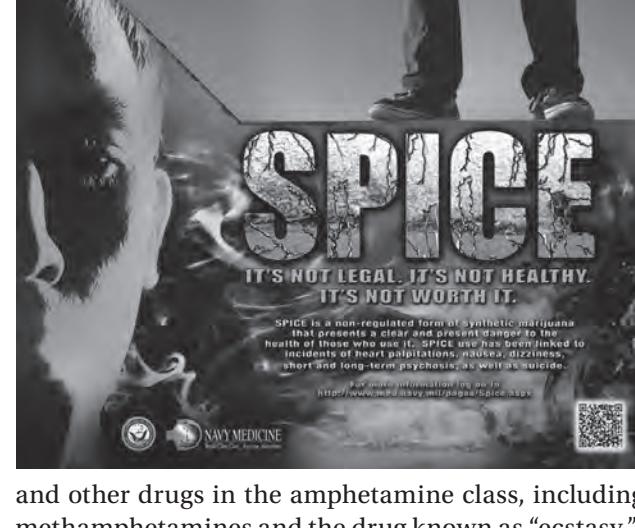
Martin noted that while the military typically has a much lower level of drug use than in society at large, synthetic marijuana "still poses a significant risk to both the safety and readiness of our force."

"Prior to synthetic marijuana being banned," he said, "the department went out and did a random study looking at a sampling of military urine specimens from all the different services to see if synthetic marijuana was being used by our members. At that time, the positive rate, or the number of service members who tested positive, was about 2.5 percent."

To put that in perspective, he said, in 2012 the overall positive rate for all the drugs tested for in the urinalysis program was 0.9 percent.

"In 2012, synthetic marijuana products were banned through legislation," Martin said. "So we went back and did a similar study, and what we found is that the actual numbers went down." However, he added, a high number of service members are using synthetic marijuana.

In addition to testing for synthetic marijuana, Martin said, the military also randomly tests all service members for marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines



and other drugs in the amphetamine class, including methamphetamines and the drug known as "ecstasy."

The test also looks for codeine and morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, Vicodin, and different diazepines, such as Valium and Xanax.

Martin said even deployed troops are subject to random drug testing. "They are still mandated to be tested under the military's random urinalysis program; however, the frequency is determined by the operational tempo," he said.

If a random drug testing detects the presence of illegal drugs, Martin said, troops are subject to punishment under military law guidelines.

"Any service member who tests positive for either an illicit drug or misuse of a prescription drug falls under any actions deemed appropriate under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well actions that are appropriate as deemed by their commander," he said.

With the addition of synthetic marijuana to an already stringent drug testing policy, Martin reiterated the department's commitment to zero tolerance for the abuse of illicit drugs.

"All service members participating in our urinalysis program will be tested for cannabinoids," he said. "And if they do test positive, they will be dealt with according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

VP-5 'Mad Fox of the Week'

**By Lt. j.g.
Taylor Brauns
VP-5 Public Affairs Officer**



As VP-5 continues its busy schedule operating and maintaining the P8-A Poseidon, the squadron is highlighting one outstanding "Mad Fox" each week. This week's spotlight shines on AWO2(NAC/AW) Nathan Smith.

Smith was born in Scottsbluff, Neb. and currently resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Kimberly. His mother, Lt. Col. Debra Smith works as a chief nurse in the United States Air Force. His grandfather served in the Army during the Korean War.

He joined the Navy in 2008. After basic training, he attended Navy Aircrewman School and "A" school in Pensacola, Fla. After graduation, he was assigned to VP-30 to learn the P3-C Orion aircraft. Upon completion of his syllabus in VP-30, he was assigned to the VP-5 "Mad Foxes."

He has deployed to NAS Sigonella, Italy; Djibouti, Africa and Kadena Air Base, Japan and completed the transition to the P8-A Poseidon following his last deployment.

As an electronic warfare operator (EWO) aboard the P8-A Poseidon, Smith

AWO2(NAC/AW)

Nathan Smith is tasked with managing, maintaining, and employing the electronic weapon systems aboard the aircraft.

This includes the radar, IFFI, EO/IR, and ESM systems. He employs all of these systems

to maintain a surface plot for the aircrew and ensure safety of flight.

Smith is the EWO training track manager and is currently in charge of 10 upgraders.

On Nov. 20, he became an EWO P8-A instructor and was previously an instructor

on the P3-C Orion.

"The most rewarding part of my job is seeing everyone in the squadron benefit from the training they are provided and seeing the junior operators get qualified," explained Smith. "In that same light making sure that the correct

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Tuition Assistance temporarily expanded

By Susan Henson
Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) is temporarily expanding the availability of tuition assistance (TA) for Sailors.

CPPD's Virtual Education Center (VEC) will start authorizing command-approved TA requests for classes that have a start date in the second quarter of FY-14, which ends March 31, according to Capt. John Newcomer, CPPD's commanding officer.

"We strongly believe that Sailors who take the initiative to develop personally and professionally through Navy voluntary education programs are better equipped with strong analytical skills and the ability to make informed decisions that benefit their command and the Navy," he said.

TA requests for the FY-14 second quarter will be approved in the order they are received on a "first come, first served" basis for as long as TA funds are available, said Newcomer. TA requests will be authorized up to a total expenditure cap of approximately \$23 million for the second quarter.

The second quarter of each fiscal year historically has the highest demand for TA funding, said Newcomer.

He emphasized that Sailors are responsible to know the status of the TA request before they begin any class. "Sailors must ensure their TA requests are command approved, in the WebTA system, and authorized by the VEC before their class start date. If any of these three criteria aren't met, Sailors should contact the VEC or servicing Navy College Office regarding the status of their TA request before their class begins."

The VEC is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (ET) Monday through Friday. Sailors can reach the VEC by phone at 1-877-838-1659 or 757-492-4684, or DSN at 492-4684. The VEC e-mail address is VEC@navy.mil.

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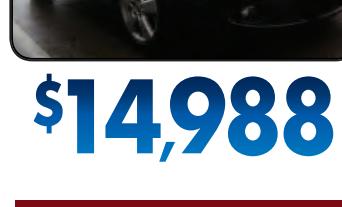
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An MH-60R Seahawk helicopter from the "Spartans" of HSM-70 takes off from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Truxtun (DDG 103) on Dec. 10. Truxtun is conducting its final pre-deployment evaluation with the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group to achieve mission readiness and the ability to work alongside international allies in the execution of the Navy's maritime strategy.



Photo by MCSN Scott Barnes



Photo by MC2 Rob Aylwar



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Go Navy - Beat Army

(From left) Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, U.S. Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert speak on the sidelines before the 114th Army-Navy game, where the Navy Midshipmen defeated the Army Black Knights 34-7. The Dec. 14 win marks the 12th consecutive victory for the Navy in one of football's oldest rivalries.

HSM-74 at work with Truman CSG

BM2 Alejandra Davila-Valadez signals to pilots of an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter, assigned to the "Swamp Foxes" of HSM-74, to shut down their engines Dec. 29 on the flight deck of 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 and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility including the Arabian Gulf.

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Naval Hospital Jacksonville graduates

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer (left) welcomes (from left) Lt. Cmdr. Wendyline Philip-Cyprien, Lt. Johanna Carlson and Lt. Nathaniel Schwartz as the newest graduates of the Uniformed Services University, Graduate School of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia Program. The new graduates carry on a tradition that began in the civil war, where nurses first provided anesthesia to wounded Sailors. These graduates will be the main providers of anesthesia care to U.S. military personnel on the front lines and at shore-based facilities.



Photo by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

Nestlings found

CoStar Grounds Maintenance employee Howard McGonagle (second from left) informs his co-workers, Theresa Silvia (left), Harold Evans, and Mervyn Goggins about a bird's nest in the nearby hedge at NAS Jax Dec. 16. "The minute I heard the baby birds chirping, I stopped trimming the shrub," said McGonagle. "We are not going to trim that bush now because we want to protect the baby birds. It is unusual to find a nest with chicks this time of year."

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"Ask the Doc" is written by Naval Hospital Jacksonville providers from its hospital and five branch health clinics in Florida and Georgia. This column was written by Lt. Cmdr. John Steely, a Family Medicine physician from Naval Branch Health Clinic Key West. If you have a question for a physician, dentist, pharmacist or optometrist that you'd like to see published, please send it to jaxpublicaffairs@med.navy.mil.

151 years ago: U.S. Navy General Order No. 4

From the National Archives & Records Administration

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war.

The proclamation declared, "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

According to the National Archives, although the Emancipation Proclamation did not end slavery in the nation, it captured the hearts and imagination of millions of Americans and fundamentally transformed the character of the war.

Moreover, the Proclamation announced the acceptance of black men into the Union Army and Navy – enabling the liberated to become liberators. By the end of the war, almost 200,000 black soldiers and sailors had fought for the Union and freedom.

Emancipation Proclamation
U.S. Navy General Order No. 4 of 14 January 1863

The following Proclamation of the President is published for the information and government of the officers and others of the Naval Service.

Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a Proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever, free; and persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States, by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such States shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans,) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this Proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons, of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgement of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

By the President:
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Mabus tightens Navy's counter-fraud measures

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

While the Navy already has one of the strongest counter-fraud efforts in the government, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced Dec. 20 new measures to assure contracting integrity and to prevent fraud.

Mabus, who briefed the Pentagon press corps, spoke amid a criminal investigation focused on Glenn Defense Marine Asia (GDMA).

The U.S. Department of Justice is prosecuting the case, which alleges the company overcharged the U.S. Navy for husbanding services throughout Asia. Husbanding is the services ships receive in port and covers everything from removing sewage to providing transportation to resupply.

Some Naval officers have been arrested for their involvement in the scheme and Mabus expects more announcements as a result of the case.

Mabus is proud of the work Navy personnel did in uncovering the plot.

"The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), along with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Defense Contract Audit Agency are doing incredibly impressive work to ferret out the alleged fraud and corruption carried out by GDMA and, yes, allegations against naval personnel, as well," Mabus said.

The investigation has been under way since May 2010.

"Information gathered during this investigation was eventually turned over to government prosecutors and led to the recent charges filed in federal court," Mabus said.

This included charges filed against an NCIS agent.

Throughout the investigation, Mabus repeatedly instructed NCIS agents to take the investigation wherever it led.

"This is a very serious case, and it is a serious issue," he said.

The secretary has spoken with all three- and four-star admirals about the investigation and the changes he is making.

"The conduct and the behavior alleged to have occurred in connection

with this case is absolutely incompatible with the standards we require from our Navy officers and civilians," Mabus said.

"If, as a result of this investigation, criminal prosecutors decide not to pursue criminal charges, but instead refer cases to the Navy for disposition, I'm announcing that those cases will be reviewed and resolved through a consolidated disposition authority."

This authority will be a four-star admiral who will ensure that if allegations are substantiated, individuals will be held appropriately accountable, Mabus said.

Since 2009, Navy has suspended 252 contractors and debarred 400, the secretary said. Still, he said, the service must do more.

Mabus is taking steps following receipt of a report reviewing acquisition strategies for husbanding and similar contracts worldwide.

Experts are examining the husbanding contractor process from end-to-end and will recommend changes to correct deficiencies in those procedures and to provide maximum effective oversight of the process.

When that task is finished, the Navy will issue a revised acquisition strategy that will be used on all husbanding contracts globally.

The Navy will "further standardize requirements, further standardize contract vehicles, further standardize administration and increase oversight of husbanding contracts and contractors," Mabus said.

The Navy will increase the use of firm fixed-price line items and minimize the use and improve the oversight of unpriced line items.

The service also "will remove pay functions to husbanding service providers from ships and provide better guidance on requirements and more contracting support ship COs going overseas," he said.

The Navy will also incorporate standardized requisition processes fleet wide, and the service auditor general will conduct a special audit of husbanding and port services contracts. That report is due in June 2014.

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Uniform changes for female sailors to promote uniformity, fit, functionality

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus announced Dec. 22 plans to evaluate and redesign elements of the female service dress uniform for both officers and enlisted beginning no later than May 2014.

SECNAV approved a proposal by Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran to redesign the Service Dress Blue (SDB) uniform worn by female Sailors E1-E6 and to redesign the female combination cover for E7 and above.

"These changes ensure greater uniformity in our service and ceremonial dress, but more importantly, they send a clear signal that we are one in dress, one in standard and one in team. As you look out across a group of Sailors, you ought to see, not female and male Sailors, but Sailors," said Mabus.

"I asked the Chief of Naval Personnel to present me a plan that balanced the importance for uniformity with cost and functionality - and he did just



Photo by MC1 Elliott Fabrizio

Lt. Heidi Boettger and Chief Yeoman Brianne Denton model a prototype on Dec. 18 for the female combination cover, redesigned to more closely resemble the male version. This prototype includes several modifications from the standard male cover to accommodate a woman's head size and shoulder proportion, and be compatible with standard female hair styles. This version of the cover will undergo further fit evaluations in the spring. The results of that evaluation will determine if any further modifications are needed. The timeline for fleet introduction will begin following the approval of a final design.

that. It's now over to his team to do the necessary testing and get these uniforms rolled out to the Fleet as soon practical."

The new E1-E6 service dress blue female uniform blends uniformity and tradition.

The jumper and Dixie cup,

tailored for female form and functionality, will match the recently redesigned (but not yet issued) male jumper - closely resembling the iconic image of the "Lone Sailor."

Following completion of a fit evaluation on the female jump-

er style uniform and dixie cup, there will be a combined fleet introduction of the new female uniform and the previously approved male redesigned SDB uniform.

The female combination cover for E-7 and above will be redesigned to more closely resemble the male version, but will fit a woman's head in size and proportion.

It was clear in the feedback from the recent test that simply issuing a male cover to females did not result in satisfactory fit or appearance.

Similarly, lessons learned from the fit evaluation will be used to inform the design of the female cover.

New uniform items will be evaluated for fit, comfort and durability.

Fleet introduction will begin following approval of the final design and completion of the manufacturing process.

The final timeline and costs of the new items will be determined following the wear test.

"We are moving out with our plan to test these new uniforms items this spring," said Moran.

"After a thorough testing, ele-

ments of these uniforms will begin to be introduced."

Feedback from a May 2013 uniform survey was instrumental in the development of these changes.

More than 1,000 female officers and enlisted participated in the internal study which looked at level of satisfaction when wearing the male combination cover, Dixie Cup and the winter jumper style uniform.

"Loud and clear we heard their feedback-'don't simply put us in men's uniforms,'" said Moran.

"We are taking the needed time to develop and test uniforms that more closely resemble their male shipmates, but are designed to fit female Sailors."

Uniform officials say that further changes to female uniforms are likely, as the uniform board reviews and deliberates additional ways to improve uniformity and functionality.

For more information on uniforms and uniform policy, visit the Navy Uniform Matters website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/pages/default2.aspx>.



Photos by Morgan Kehnert

Children's holiday bingo

Nearly 300 military members and their families showed up to participate in the annual children's holiday bingo event at Dewey's on Dec. 20. The group played bingo for several hours hoping for the chance to win \$800 worth of gift cards.

Pentagon announces changes to imminent danger pay

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

The Defense Department announced Jan. 3 changes in imminent danger pay (IDP) that will go into effect June 1, DoD spokesman Army Col. Steven Warren told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

"This is a process that began [in 2011]," he said, and "included in-depth threat assessment from the combatant commands. It was made in coordination with the Joint Staff, combatant commands and military services."

Warren noted this policy change was not a budget-driven decision, but part of a routine recertification that "happens every couple of years -- it's an ongoing process."

According to a DoD news release announcing the recertification, the combatant commands conducted in-depth threat assessments for countries within their areas of responsibility.

Following the review, the release stated, it was determined that the imminent threat of physical harm to U.S. military personnel due to civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions is significantly reduced in many countries, resulting in the discontinuation of imminent danger pay in those areas.

Periodic recertification of IDP, according to the news release, ensures that imminent danger designations match the actual conditions of des-

ignated countries so that the department can provide fair entitlements and benefits. The last recertification was completed in 2007.

The DoD news release noted the following areas would no longer be designated as imminent danger areas:

- The nine land areas of East Timor, Haiti, Liberia, Oman, Rwanda, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

- The six land areas and air-space above Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro.

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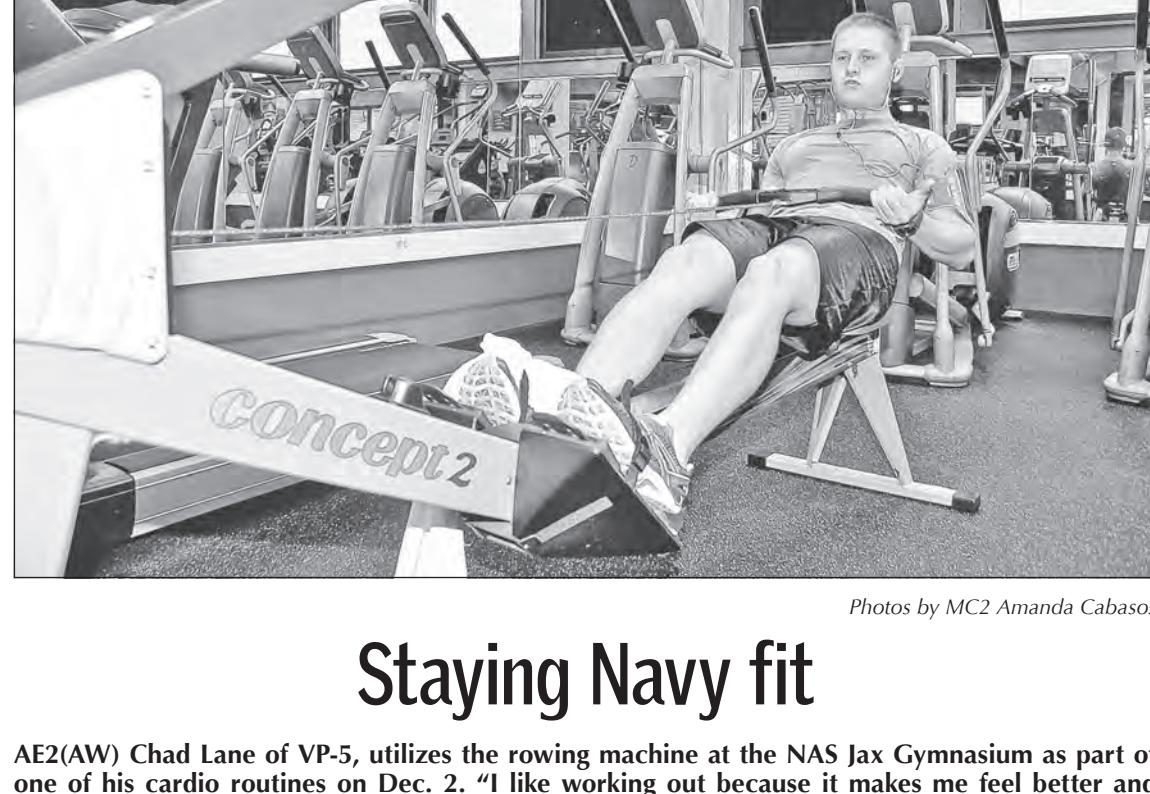
- The water area and air-space above the Persian Gulf.

"Of specific note," Warren said, "imminent danger pay will remain in effect for the following: Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Pakistan, Syria, Yemen and Egypt."

Although 2013 statistics are not currently available, Warren noted that in the year prior, 194,189 personnel received IDP.

"Approximately 50,000 fewer will be receiving imminent danger pay," he said. "In [2012], we spent approximately \$500 million on imminent danger pay. This will result in a reduction of approximately \$100 million."

The benefit provides troops in IDP areas about \$7.50 per day up to the maximum monthly rate of \$225, Warren said.



Photos by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

Staying Navy fit

AE2(AW) Chad Lane of VP-5, utilizes the rowing machine at the NAS Jax Gymnasium as part of one of his cardio routines on Dec. 2. "I like working out because it makes me feel better and gives me more energy," said Lane.

HM3(FMF) Jason Farmer of Naval Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville, performs a power clean exercise at the NAS Jax Gymnasium on Dec 2. Farmer said, "I like coming to the gym because it gives me time to decompress, relieves stress and keeps me in shape."



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I.T.T. Events

Call 542-3318

E-mail them directly at jaxs_nas_mwritt@navy.mil.
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Universal Orlando - \$114 - \$169.50
Orlando Magic - \$11 - \$491
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Jacksonville Symphony - \$27.50
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Armed Forces Vacation Club - www.afvclub.com \$349 - \$369

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Jacksonville Giants Game
Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus
Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.
\$5 per person

Grill & Chill at the Liberty Center
Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.
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NAS Jax Sports

DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the golf course. 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.

Winter Bowling League meeting – Jan. 17

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, and command DoD personnel and DoD contractor personnel assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the NAS Freedom Lanes. 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.

Badminton Doubles League meeting – Jan. 22

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 noon. 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.

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Ultimate Frisbee League meeting – Jan. 29

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 noon. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive five captain's cup points. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

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



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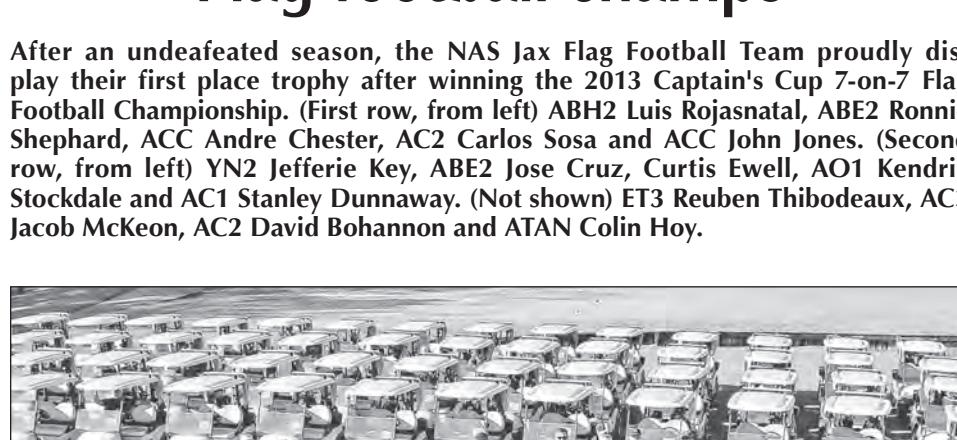


Photo by AE2 Samantha Jones

Flag football champs

After an undefeated season, the NAS Jax Flag Football Team proudly display their first place trophy after winning the 2013 Captain's Cup 7-on-7 Flag Football Championship. (First row, from left) ABH2 Luis Rojasnatal, ABE2 Ronnie Shephard, ACC Andre Chester, AC2 Carlos Sosa and ACC John Jones. (Second row, from left) YN2 Jefferie Key, ABE2 Jose Cruz, Curtis Ewell, AO1 Kendric Stockdale and AC1 Stanley Dunnaway. (Not shown) ET3 Reuben Thibodeaux, AC3 Jacob McKeon, AC2 David Bohannon and ATAN Colin Hoy.



Photo by Shannon Leonard

Santa Sez Golf Tournament

The annual Santa Sez Golf Tournament was held Dec. 20 with 131 golfers participating in the event at the NAS Jax Golf Course. The tournament was sponsored by the University of Phoenix. Neither MWR, nor the U.S. Navy or any other part of the federal government officially endorses any company, sponsor or its products or services.



Photo by Liz Kaszynski

An F-35C Lightning II aircraft piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Chris Tabert, assigned to VFA-101, flies the squadron's first local sortie at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. in Aug. 2013. The F-35C is the carrier variant of the Joint Strike Fighter. VFA-101 serves as the Navy's F-35C Fleet Replacement Squadron, training both aircrew and maintenance personnel to fly and repair the F-35C.

Air Force leader outlines Joint Strike Fighter's value

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

On the day that Lockheed-Martin delivered its 100th F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter to the Air Force, the service's leaders marked the milestone and outlined the aircraft's value.

The F-35 will be delivered to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where it will serve as the first training aircraft for pilots of the fifth-generation fighter.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III called the event "a big deal for the Air Force" during a recent Pentagon news conference.

Welsh discussed the service's need for the Lightning II, a need that became even more acute, he said, after the Defense Department truncated the total buy of F-22 Raptor fighters.

The F-22 was to provide theater-wide air superiority, the general said. But with too few F-22s to provide this umbrella, F-35s must pick up the slack.

"You must have the F-35 to augment the F-22 to do the air superiority fight at the beginning of a high-end conflict in order to survive against the fifth-generation threats we believe will be in the world at that point in time," he said.

Even with upgrades, Welsh said, current air superiority fighters -- F-15 Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons -- cannot survive against a fifth-genera-



Photo by Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning and Air Force Chief of Staff General Mark Welsh III brief the press on the state of the Air Force at the Pentagon on Dec. 13.

tion threat.

"Operationally, it's just a fact," he added. "I am certainly not willing to go to my secretary or the secretary of defense or to the chairman [of the Joint Chiefs of Staff] and say, 'I would recommend that we keep our old equipment and update it, and just accept more losses and count on the incredible ability of our aviators to win the fight anyway.'"

The joint strike fighter program is the most expensive in American military history. The Air Force will fly the F-35A variant, the Navy will fly the F-35C, and the Marine Corps will fly the F-35B. The initial operating capability for the Air Force is set for December 2016.

The program has had growing pains.



Photo by Maj. Karen Roganov

Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Tabert, F-35C instructor pilot flying the F-35C breaks away from formation prior to landing June 22, at Eglin Air Force Base.

Costs have risen, and the flyaway cost for the Air Force version is around \$150 million per aircraft.

But now, the production rate for the aircraft is rising and production costs are dropping, Welsh said. "Since 2011, the program has met milestones consistently," the general said. "We have allies buying into the program and committing to purchasing aircraft, which will keep being more and more of a financial benefit for us over time."

Welsh said now is not the time to cut the joint strike fighter program.

"I don't believe this is a good time to talk about truncating the buy -- capping it at some number," he said. "I think that will put the program at risk of financially costing us even more."

Reduce utility bills with home energy and water evaluation kits

From Staff

If wacky winter weather has played havoc with your electric and water bills, you can reduce future costs by making your home more energy and water efficient. The Jacksonville Public Library (JPL), IEA and the Green Team Project are partnering to offer Do-it-Yourself Home Energy and Water Evaluation Kits and training workshops at the following library locations in 2014:

Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m. - Beaches Branch Library

Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m. - Southeast Regional Library

March 8, 10:30 a.m. - Regency Square Branch Library

April 12, 10:30 a.m. - Mandarin Branch Library

May 17, 10:30 a.m. - Webb Wesconnett Regional Library

June 14, 10:30 a.m. - Highlands Branch Library

The kit tools come in backpacks made from recycled billboard vinyl made locally in Jacksonville. Initially developed several years ago by JEA, the backpack still includes the great energy efficiency measuring tools to help you conserve energy, identify problem areas in your home, and tips on how to fix them. But this year the backpacks also include new water use evaluation tools to find water leaks and estimate your water costs, discover if your faucets and appliances are water efficient, and determine if your outdoor irrigation system is watering effectively.

The Green Team Project is offering one-hour workshops and demonstrations on the proper use of the kits for those interested.

"For the past several years, we've helped people identify ways to make their homes more energy efficient. We're very excited to be able to expand

the backpacks to include water efficiency measurement tools and conservation tips," said Carrie-Lynn Black, Green Team Project Program coordinator. "We hope homeowners will take advantage of these training workshops that are free and open to the public."

The kits will be available for checkout with a JPL library card at each of the workshops. Kits are also available for checkout at any library location throughout the year. In 2013, the backpacks were borrowed more than 2,000 times, and won a Green Initiative Award from the U.S. Green Building Council North Florida for making a significant impact on sustainability in North Florida.

Pre-registration for the workshops is required. Attendance at each workshop is limited to 20 individuals on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information and to register, visit www.greenteamproject.org.

Obama directs review of sexual assault prevention progress

From American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama has instructed Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey to continue their efforts to make substantial improvements to the military's sexual assault prevention and response, including related improvements to the military justice system.

In a statement released Dec. 20 by the White House, Obama said he has directed Hagel and Dempsey to report back to him with a full-scale review of their progress by Dec. 1, 2014.

The president's statement reads as follows:

"Earlier this year I directed Secretary

Hagel, Chairman Dempsey and our entire defense leadership team to step up their game exponentially in preventing and responding to the serious crime of sexual assault in our military."

As Commander in Chief, I've made it clear that these crimes have no place in the greatest military on earth. Since then, our armed forces have moved ahead with a broad range of initiatives, including reforms to the military justice system, improving and expanding prevention programs, and enhancing support for victims. I commend the Pentagon leadership for their hard work on this critical issue of vital importance to our nation.

"Yet, so long as our women and men in uniform face the insider threat of sexual assault, we have an urgent obligation to do more to support victims and hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes, as appropriate under the military justice system. Members of Congress, especially Senators Gillibrand and McCaskill, have rightly called attention to the urgency of eradicating this scourge from our armed forces. As a result, there were a broad range of reforms proposed in this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

The White House and the Department of Defense and other relevant agencies in my Administration will continue to work with Congress to address this corrosive problem, which is a violation of the values our armed forces stand for, destroys trust among our troops, and undermines our readiness.

"Today, I instructed Secretary Hagel and Chairman Dempsey to continue their efforts to make substantial improvements with respect to sexual assault prevention and response, including to the military justice system. I have also directed that they report back to me, with a full-scale review of their progress, by Dec. 1, 2014. If I do not see the kind of progress I expect, then we will consider additional reforms that may be required to eliminate this crime from our military ranks and protect our brave service members who stand guard for us every day at home and around the world."

FFSC offers life skills workshops

From FFSC

The NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Life Skills Education and Support Program is the foremost preventive measure for growth in personal and family issues. All FFSC workshops and classes are free to service members and their families. Pre-registration is required at 542-5745. If special accommodations or handicapped access is required, please notify FFSC upon registration. The following is the schedule for 2014:

- Ombudsman Basic Training - Feb. 3-4 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.), Feb. 5 (8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) May 12-15 (5:30-10 p.m.), Aug. 18-19 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.), Aug. 20 (8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), Nov. 17-20 (5:30-10 p.m.).

- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Separation Workshop (7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) - Feb. 3-7, Feb. 24-28, March 10-14, March 24-28, April 7-11, May 5-9, May 19-23, June 9-13, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 21-25, Aug. 11-15, Aug. 25-29, Sept. 15-19, Oct. 20-24, Nov. 3-7, Dec. 1-5.

- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Retirement Workshop (7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) - Jan. 13-17, Feb. 10-14, March 17-21, April 14-18, May 12-16, June 16-20, July 14-18, Aug. 18-22, Sept. 22-26, Oct. 27-31, Nov. 17-21, Dec. 8-12.

- Federal Employment Workshop (8:30 a.m.-noon) - Jan. 21, Feb. 21, April 1, May 2, June 30, June 30, July 29, Aug. 4, Sept. 2, Oct. 8, Nov. 14, Dec. 22.

- Job Search & Interview Techniques Workshop (8-9:30 a.m.) - Jan. 22, April 2, May 28, July 1, Sept. 3, Nov. 12.

- Resumes & Cover Letters Workshop (9:40 a.m.-noon) - Jan. 22, April 2, May 28, July 1, Sept. 3, Nov. 12.

- Million Dollar Sailor Workshop (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) - Feb. 18-19, April 29-30, Aug. 5-6, Nov. 24-25.

- Command Financial Specialist Training - (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) - July 31.

- Money, Debt and Credit Management Workshop (1-4 p.m.) - Jan. 21, April 1, July 29, Oct. 8.

- Strategies for First-time Home Buyers (1-3:30 p.m.) - March 31, July 30, Oct. 7.

- Strategies for Best Deals in Car Buying (9-10:30 a.m.) - Jan. 24, April 4, July 30, Oct. 17.

- PCS Sponsor Training (1:30-3:30 p.m.) - Jan. 16, Feb. 13, April 3, May 1, July 2, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Nov. 6.

- PCS Smooth Move Workshop (1:30-4 p.m.) - Jan. 9, March 6, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11, Nov. 13.

- Military Spouse 101 Workshop - Jan. 11 (10-11:30 a.m.), April 7 (1-2:30 p.m.), July 29 (10-11:30 a.m.), Oct. 4 (1-2:30 p.m.)

- What About the Kids (9-11 a.m.) - Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8.

- Stress Management 101 Workshop (9-10:30 a.m.) - Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9.

- Extended Stress Management Workshop (8 a.m.-noon) - Jan. 21, 28, May 20, 27, Sept. 23, 30.

- Anger Management Workshop (8 a.m.-noon) - Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 31, April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15.

- Personal Anger Control Group - Jan. 23-Feb. 27 (Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.), March 27 - May 1 (Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.), May 27 - July 8 (Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.-no workshop June 3), July 29 - Sept. 9 (Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.-no workshop Aug. 19), Sept. 25 - Oct. 30 (Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.).

- Individual Communication (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) - Jan. 14, March 19, May 6, July 15, Sept. 9, Nov. 18.

- Parenting with Love & Logic (1-3 p.m.) - Jan. 14, 21, 28; March 4, 11, 18, 25; May 6, 13, 20, 27; July 1, 8, 15, 22; Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 4, 12, 18, 25.

- Active Parenting of Teens (1-4 p.m.) - Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22; June 3, 10, 17, 24; Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

- Expectant Families (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - March 4, June 3, Sept. 16, Dec. 2.

- Tiny Tots Play Group (10 a.m.-noon) - Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; June 10, 24; July 15, 29; Aug. 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16.

- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Orientation (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) - March 13, May 15, July 17, Sept. 4, Nov. 5.

- EFMP Command POC Training (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) - Feb. 6, April 10, June 12, Aug. 14, Oct. 9, Dec. 4.

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

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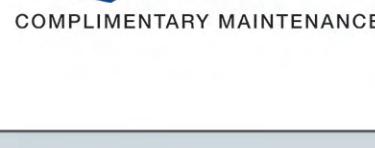
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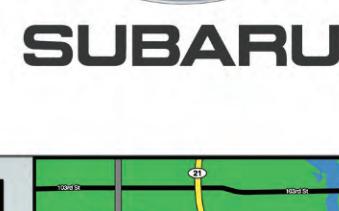
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NASA, Navy team up for capsule recovery

**By Lt. j.g. Mike Strauss, PS1
Robert Long and MC3 Corey
Jones**
Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet Public
Affairs

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8 is training and preparing off the coast of Southern California for NASA's unmanned Exploration Flight Test-One (EFT-1) for the Orion spacecraft, scheduled for early next year.

Orion will travel 3,600 miles above the Earth's surface, more than 15 times farther than the International Space Station, and will ultimately re-enter the atmosphere at a speed of more than 20,000 miles per hour, enduring temperatures up to 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

HSC-8 will embark NASA engineers on two MH-60S Knighthawks to film and monitor the re-entry and recovery of Orion using state of the art debris tracking software and video equipment.

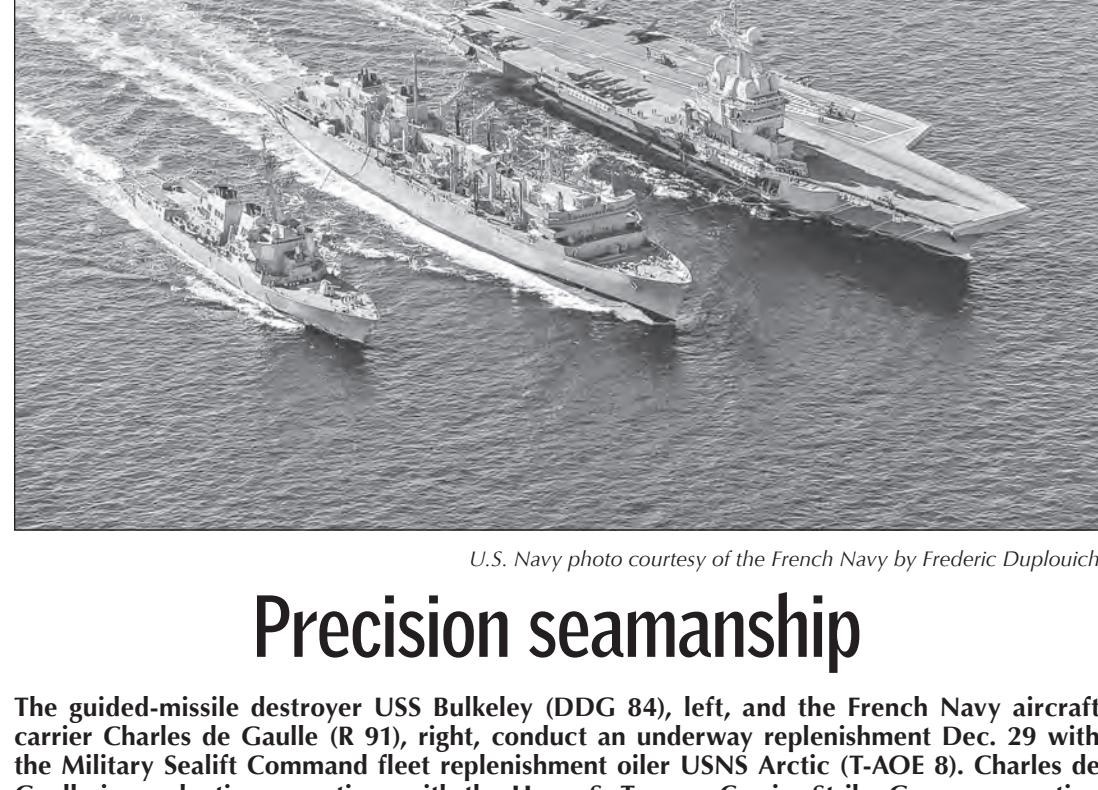
Aside from documenting the initial test phase of this event,



Photo by MCSN Jose L. Hernandez

Two MH-60S Seahawk helicopters assigned to the "Eightballers" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8 will embark NASA engineers to film and monitor the re-entry and recovery of Orion, an unmanned space vehicle.

NASA will use data gathered from the mission to evaluate parachute deployments and debris patterns to refine Orion's design prior to the manned launch.



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of the French Navy by Frederic Duplouich

Precision seamanship

The guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), left, and the French Navy aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle (R 91), right, conduct an underway replenishment Dec. 29 with the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8). Charles de Gaulle is conducting operations with 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.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Bring some holiday cheer

Members of the NAS Jax and NS Mayport Food Service Teams bring some holiday cheer to residents at Heartland Health Care Center in Orange Park by singing Christmas carols on Dec. 19. "We wanted to do something a little different to provide some joy to members of the community," said CSCS Wendell Heyward, who coordinated the event. The group also visited Heartland Health Care Center on Normandy Boulevard in Jacksonville.



CS1(SW/AW) Cecilio Innis of the NAS Jax Flight Line Café gives Joyce Triplett a holiday gift bag during a visit to the Heartland Health Care Center in Orange Park.



CSCM(SW/AW) Paulette Williams of the NS Mayport Galley gives James Morgan a holiday gift bag during a visit to Heartland Health Care Center in Orange Park. Williams, along with members of the NAS Jax Flight Line Café spent the morning caroling and visiting with the residents at the center.

HSC-8's aircraft will launch from San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS San Diego (LPD 22) and assist the crews that will recover the craft into the ship's well-deck.

Cmdr. Derrick Kingsley, HSC-8 commanding officer, said his squadron is honored to be involved in the beginning stages of the next major phase of space exploration and proud to showcase the multi-mission capabilities of the MH-60S Seahawk helicopter.

The "Eightballers" of HSC-8 operate within U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility; their missions include vertical lift, search and rescue, logistics, anti-surface warfare, special operations forces support, and combat search and rescue.

Joint, interagency and international relationships strengthen 3rd Fleet's ability to respond to crises and protect maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies.

Recruiting for all services starts fiscal year on track

American Forces Press Service

All four active services met or exceeded their numerical accession goals for the first month of fiscal year 2014, which began Oct. 1, Defense Department officials announced.

Here are the services' numbers for October:

- Army: 4,210 accessions, 102 percent of its goal of 4,120;
- Navy: 2,155 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 2,155;
- Marine Corps: 2,254 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 2,252; and
- Air Force: 1,770 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 1,764.

The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps exhibited strong retention numbers for the first month of fiscal 2014, officials said.

Four of the six reserve components met or exceeded their accession goals for the first

month of the fiscal year:

- Army National Guard: 4,505 accessions, 118 percent of its goal of 3,828;
- Army Reserve: 2,116 accessions, 96 percent of its goal of 2,203;
- Navy Reserve: 313 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 313;
- Marine Corps Reserve: 803 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 801;
- Air National Guard: 681 accessions, 100 percent of its goal of 681; and
- Air Force Reserve: 470 accessions, 93 percent of its goal of 507.

All reserve components met their attrition goals, or were within the percentage variance allowed by the Defense Department, officials said, noting that attrition data lags behind accession data. Current trends are expected to continue, they added.

Community Calendar

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 Aurora 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@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.

National Naval Officers 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.

COMPASS Spouse-to-Spouse Military Mentoring Program. Helping others help themselves. Call 200-7751 or email: www.gocompass.org

Navy Wives Clubs of America Jax No. 86 meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building 857 (at NAS Jax main gate behind Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society). Not So New Shop open Tuesday and Thursday (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Call 542-1582 for info.

cer through Officer Candidate School. He earned his associate's degree at Columbia College and plans to attend Arizona State University and pursue a bachelor's degree in history. Outside of the squadron, Smith enjoys working around the house and on cars.

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training is presented is always challenging."

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