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HS-11, CVW 1 and USS Theodore Roosevelt conduct integrated training

By MCSA Alex Millar and MCSA Wyatt Anthony
USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1 embarked the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (TR) (CVN 71) to conduct integrated training Sept. 16 through Oct. 9.

The arrival of CVW 1, composed of seven squadrons, 61 aircraft, and about 1,300 personnel, is a huge step forward for TR as the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group prepares for an upcoming deployment in the spring of 2015.

"This is the first major step to getting us back into being a combat-ready carrier, and takes us from basic phase to integrated phase," said Cmdr. Brian Beck, TR's air boss.

"When you're trying to knock the dust off and get back into battle rhythm, sometimes things are a little slow, but everyone here is already in the mindset of success, so we're really progressing a lot quicker than normal," said CVW 1 Command Master Chief James Toczczic.

Managing multiple aviation squadrons on one ship can be a complicated situation, but preparation and motiva-

tion can help smooth the process.

CVW 1 provides all types of air assets, including all series of F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets, EA-18 Growlers, E-2C Hawkeyes and SH-60 Seahawk helicopters for the carrier strike group.

"This has been one of the easiest transitions that I've seen, as far as the air wing coming aboard with the ship's company," said Toczczic.

"It just goes to show the mindset of teamwork that we're already implementing."

Sailors and Marines aboard TR are no longer maneuvering aircraft in a training environment. They are performing as they would on deployment in a combat-ready environment.

"It is a learning curve for my Sailors working the hangar bay because they are no longer training, but working with real squadrons, and overall we are doing really well," said ABHCS Charles Bringuez, the hangar bay leading chief petty officer.

As the days and months slip away and deployment draws closer, CVW 1 will continue to train in preparation for the challenges that lay ahead.

"This is a monumental effort by all," said Beck.



Photo by MC3 Jackie Hart

An explosive ordnance disposal technician is recovered by an HH-60H Seahawk helicopter assigned to the "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 11 during a simulated mine countermeasure exercise as seen from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81). Churchill is conducting group training exercises as part of the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group and CVW 1.

"Everything going on is a top-down, bow-to-stern effort. Being on a carrier is the greatest team sport on the planet, especially bringing the air wing and TR's crews together, all into four-and-a-half acres and making it work. There's nothing that even comes close to this."

The air wing will next come aboard TR for Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMTUEX), an intermediate

level strike group exercise designed to forge the strike group into a cohesive fighting team. COMTUEX qualifies the carrier and its air wing for open ocean operations.

The HS-11 "Dragonslayers" are assigned to CVW 1 and are home based at NAS Jacksonville.

They fly SH-60F and HH-60H Seahawk helicopters.

Air show pilot never stops pushing boundaries



Team Oracle pilot Sean Tucker

Photo by Ron Sellers

By Dick Knapinski
Experimental Aircraft Association

Sean Tucker isn't just talk when he encourages people to push their personal boundaries. He's out there doing it, too.

In fact, his life is all about pushing boundaries - whether it's in the aerobatic box, flying his specially built Oracle Challenger III for Team Oracle - or in his amazing life of adventures that range from mountain climbing to underwater cave diving.

"I love the teamwork, the preparation, the discipline, and truly living in the present," said Tucker, a featured air show performer at the NAS Jax Air Show, Oct. 25-26.

It's a message he's also delivering in his role as chairman of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program.

That program has tallied

some impressive numbers since 1992 with nearly 1.9 million young people introduced to aviation through free demonstration flights and nearly 1 million separate flights flown by 42,000 volunteer EAA-member pilots.

As Young Eagles chairman, Tucker follows in the footsteps of such notable previous chairmen as the late actor Cliff Robertson, Gen. Chuck Yeager, Harrison Ford, and Sully Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles of "Miracle on the Hudson" fame.

Tucker takes it a step further, as he makes sure young people at each of his air show locations experience flight with him during a Young Eagles flight.

"One thing I've learned as an air show performer is that flying inspires people," Tucker said.

"Flight is a wonderful meta-

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FRCSE Vertical Lift Shop exceeds fiscal year goals

By Kaylee LaRocque
Fleet Readiness Center
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Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Vertical Lift Integrated Product Team (IPT) celebrated a milestone Sept. 19 recognizing their 100 percent on-time delivery rate of H-60 helicopters and MQ-8B Fire Scout aircraft back to the fleet during fiscal year 2014.

FRCSE artisans at NAS Jacksonville and Naval Station (NS) Mayport commemorated the achievement with dual cake cutting events as leadership praised the teams for their efforts.

"We have achieved quite a few milestones this year," Vertical Lift IPT Lead Bill Murray told FRCSE employees at NAS Jacksonville. "You

should all be proud of yourselves. At the beginning of each fiscal year, we set a goal of how many aircraft we can service and return to the fleet. The challenge is that we really don't know the condition of the aircraft and if we can truly achieve these numbers.

"Our goal last year was 19 aircraft combined for NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport," continued Murray.

"This year, we actually achieved more than our goal. On the Jacksonville side, we produced 10 aircraft on time. At Mayport, we returned 13 aircraft back to the fleet."

Safety is the top priority of artisans working on these aircraft. "Another milestone is that we've had zero mishaps and lost time due to accidents



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Steve Foster, an aircraft mechanic with Tyonek Manufacturing Group Inc. at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, installs sheer decking to cover hydraulic and electric lines on an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter on Sept. 22.

this fiscal year," Murray added. "Every stage of overhaul or

servicing an aircraft is conducted following strict safety

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This Week in Navy History

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Oct. 16

1885 - Capt. Alfred Thayer Mahan becomes Superintendent of the Naval War College.

1940 - Fifth group of 10 destroyers from the 'Destroyers for Bases' deal turned over to British at Halifax, Canada.

1942 - Carrier aircraft from USS Hornet (CV-8) conduct attacks on Japanese troops on Guadalcanal.

1943 - Navy accepts its first helicopter, a Sikorsky YR-4B (HNS-1) at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Oct. 17

1922 - Lt. Cmdr. Virgil Griffin in Vought VE-7SF makes first takeoff from aircraft carrier USS Langley (CV-1) anchored in York River, Va.

1941 - U-568 torpedoes and damages USS Kearny (DD-432) near Iceland, resulting in 11 killed and 22 injured.

1944 - Naval Forces land Army rangers on islands at the entrance to Leyte Gulf in preparation for landings.

1989 - Following San Francisco earthquake, 24 Navy and Military Sealift Command ships rendered assistance.

Oct. 18

1812 - U.S. sloop of war Wasp captures HM brig Frolic.

1859 - U.S. Marines reach

Harper's Ferry, Va. and assault the arsenal seized by John Brown and his followers.

1867 - USS Ossipee and USS Resaca participate in formal transfer of Alaska to U.S. authority at Sitka and remain to enforce law and order in new territory.

1944 - 3rd Fleet carrier aircraft attack Japanese ships in harbor, as well as land forces around Manila.

1968 - In Operation Sea Lords, the Navy's three major operating forces in Vietnam (TF 115, 116, and 117) are brought together for the first time to stop Vietcong infiltration deep into South Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

Oct. 19

1843 - Capt. Robert Stockton in USS Princeton, the first screw-propelled naval steamer, challenges British merchant ship Great Western to a race near New York, which Princeton won easily.

1915 - Establishment of submarine base at New London, Conn.

1944 - Secretary of Navy orders African American women accepted into Naval Reserve.

1987 - Destruction of an Iranian oil-drilling platform used for military purposes.

Oct. 20

1824 - U.S. schooner Porpoise

captures four pirate ships off Cuba.

1944 - Seventh Fleet lands more than 60,000 Army troops on Leyte, Philippines while Japanese aircraft attack.

1952 - Task Force 77 establishes ECM Hunter/Killer Teams of two ECM-equipped aircraft and an armed escort of four Skyraiders and four Corsairs.

1967 - Operation Coronado VII began in Mekong Delta, Vietnam.

1983 - Due to political strife, USS Independence (CV-59) ordered to Grenada.

Oct. 21

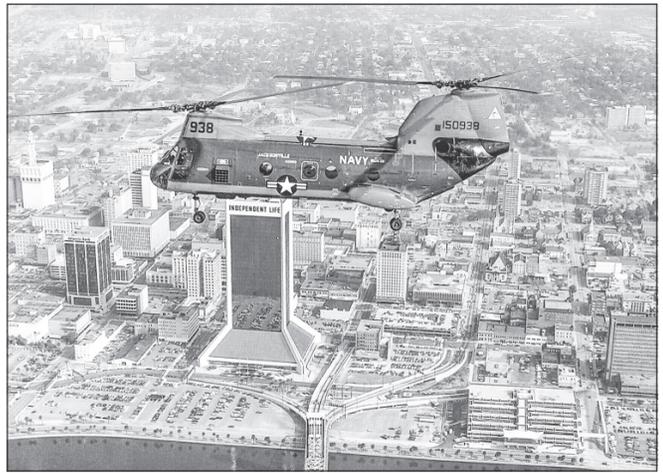
1797 - Launching of USS Constitution at the Hart's Boston shipyard, Boston, Mass. The ship is now the oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy.

1942 - British submarine lands Capt. Jerauld Wright and four Army officers at Cherchel, French North Africa, to meet with a French military delegation to learn the French attitude toward future Allied landings.

Oct. 22

1846 - Lavinia Fanning Watson of Philadelphia christens the sloop-of-war Germantown, the first U.S. Navy ship sponsored by a woman.

1951 - First of seven detona-



U.S. Navy photos

The tandem rotor Boeing HH-46 Sea Knight served NAS Jacksonville as a base utility transport and SAR helicopter. Developed in the late 1950s, four Sea Knights were assigned to NAS Jacksonville until July 1980.



The twin-engine, all-weather Sikorsky UH-3H Sea King provided logistical support along with search and rescue capability to NAS Jacksonville. Introduced to the fleet in 1961, the SH-3 version provided carrier-based anti-submarine warfare protection until it was replaced by the SH-60 Seahawk.

tions, Operation Buster-Jangle nuclear test.

1962 - President John F. Kennedy orders surface block-

ade (quarantine) of Cuba to prevent Soviet offensive weapons from reaching Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Tearing up carpet, finding surprises

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

As a military family, we never lived in one house for more than two years. This is an under-appreciated expense of military life.

Our choices are: (1) rent for 20 years and never have the chance to build equity, (2) buy and sell houses on a regular basis, also without building equity, or (3) live on base.

That last option is becoming increasingly rare. Long waiting lists for base housing mean most families will never get one. Dustin and I have always chosen to buy and sell (and buy and sell, and buy and sell).

This picking-up-and-moving does have its advantages though. Packing up a home is a great motivator to "thoughtfully consider" your husband's shirts with holes in them. By the time we had been married 10 years, we hadn't had the opportunity to be hoarders.

Moving every two years also forces you to unpack quickly. As soon as the movers drop off your boxes, the race to unpack them begins, because you know you'll be loading them again in two years. If you're going to even pretend to enjoy your husband's map of the world, you'd better do it quickly. Also, unpacking the moving boxes fast is genius because then you find the full trash can the movers packed - before it's had a chance to ferment in the garage for six years. More on that in a minute.

When we moved to Maine, it was only supposed to be for two years. Because of this, I said I wanted to live in a "really impractical, small house." It was sort of an experiment: How much space could my family do without?

From The Homefront

So we filled up a storage unit and embraced living on top of one another. Like every move before it, we unpacked at record speed.

I remember digging through boxes in the front yard while my dad broke them down behind me. He was wearing a Transformer mask. I don't remember why.

Almost seven years later, we are still in that impractical, small house.

I did empty our storage unit at year number four. It turned out there was absolutely nothing in it we needed anymore. But we'd left a few unopened boxes in our non-temperature-controlled garage. Dustin found those last month. They contained: (1) trash, (2) old books, and (3) our wedding album. Oops.

All of these things had molded. After lovingly cutting the mold off each wedding picture, Dustin ceremoniously threw out everything else. Besides the pictures, we hadn't missed any of it in seven years anyway.

But our long stay in our home has meant that other strange things have happened. Fire alarm batteries need changing. LED light bulbs burn out. Driveways need repaving. Siding needs to be painted. The roof needs replacing. And, the lovely white carpet that existed when we moved here has turned brown. These are all things that the people who bought our houses had to deal with. Not us. If you're lucky, nothing of significance happens to a house in just two years.

We were dealing with these issues one at a time, with constant trips to Lowe's (for the military discount). Everyone at home improvement stores looks the same: beaten down by their aging homes and proj-

ects. But the most constant reminder of our old house was the white-turned-brown carpeted stairs I walked down every morning.

I was waiting for Dustin to have time to help me pull up the carpet and (fingers crossed) find wood beneath. But then, in a moment of despair one night, I decided to do it myself. We military wives are good at doing things like that by ourselves. As I hammered and scraped, the boys came out of their rooms and wiped their eyes.

"What are you doing?" Owen asked.

"Taking care of the stairs," I said.

"But at 9 o'clock at night?"

"When else?"

I handed Ford some pliers. We peeled back the first square of carpet like we were unwrapping a present. And, ta-dah, there below it was a perfectly good wood stair. It was definitely worn, and it had dry paint splatters on the sides, but it wasn't brown carpet.

I ran my hand across the rough wood and thought about the people - 60 years' worth - who had walked these stairs before us. What were their troubles? Their happiness? Their surprises? It was the first time I had a sense of sharing a home with others throughout the years.

I started thinking about our house as a living thing: a grand old girl. She's stood through all the summers and winters, and teenage boys hitting baseballs onto the roof. Imagine the stories she could tell.

And if she ever tells them about us, I hope it will be about the Transformer's mask and the baseballs - not the giant mess I made of her stairs with the hammer and pliers.

Hey, MoneyChic!

A Sailor Asks: My family is trying to put money into savings each month, but somehow we never make it through the month with money left over. We don't shop beyond basic needs or have expensive tastes, and we do not carry any debt. Where can we make room for savings in our budget?

MoneyChic says: Without knowing your family's spending habits, it is hard to assess your question. However, to generalize, at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, we find that people often tend to spend more money than they realize on food, especially convenience items or eating out. Do your children buy lunch at school? Do you go out for lunch at work? Packing lunches can make for huge savings in your food budget.

What about beverages? Do you or your spouse buy coffee, soda, energy drinks or snacks from vending machines? If these are regular habits, tally up how much you spend each month on these seemingly inexpensive daily treats - you may be shocked at the expense.

Finally, how often do you really go out to eat or get take-out or fast food on those nights when you don't

feel like cooking?

If it is more often than once every couple weeks, you could be spending much more on eating out than you think. If convenience food or drinks are breaking your budget, try changing some habits. Make coffee at home and get a tasty creamer. Buy snacks and beverages in bulk at the commissary and keep these at your desk or at home.

Regularly buy bread and sandwich fixings at the grocery store for easy packed lunches. And finally, keep some dinner staples on hand for quick meals - like pasta and sauce for spaghetti, or rice and some frozen veggies for a quick fried rice. Use a crockpot so that inexpensive meals are waiting for you when you get home. The Internet has a wealth of simple recipe ideas that can help you forgo eating out. The upside to making these changes: they can be much better for your health, too!

I'm glad you are striving to start saving money to protect your family finances. If these tips don't help, we have more that can. For personalized budget assistance, make an appointment with NMCRS at 904-542-3515.

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Dempsey expresses concern Kobani could fall to ISIL

By Terri Moon Cronk
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The northern Syrian city of Kobani, which borders on Turkey, could fall to Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorists, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in an interview broadcast Oct. 13 on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey told Martha Raddatz, the network's chief global affairs correspondent, that despite continued U.S.-led airstrikes to keep ISIL forces at bay, he is concerned the key Kurdish city could fall into ISIL jihadists' hands.

"I am fearful that Kobani will fall," Dempsey said, adding that he has "no doubt" ISIL will conduct horrific atrocities if they have the opportunity to do so.

ISIL is putting pressure on the city's outskirts, and into the city itself, the chairman said. ISIL forces are becoming more adept with the use of electronic devices, he added, and are making themselves harder to find and identify. "They don't fly flags and move around in large convoys the way they did. ... They don't establish headquarters that are visible or identifiable," he said.

Dempsey said he spoke to his Turkish counterpart a couple of days ago about the conditions in Kobani, and he noted that Turkey has forces on the border that will prevent ISIL from making any incursions into their country. "But, of course, ISIL is smart enough not to do that," the general added.

Coalition can do more in Syria

The coalition could do more inside Syria, Dempsey said. And while he has not been asked to set up a no-fly zone there, he added, such an action is a possibility.

"Do I anticipate that there could be circumstances in the future where that would be part of the campaign?" he asked. "Yes."

ISIL forces have changed tactics since the United States began airstrikes, the chairman acknowledged, making targets harder to find and more difficult to

hit. "They know how to maneuver and how to use populations and concealment, so when we get a target, we'll take it," he said.

Baghdad could take indirect fire

ISIL fighters have been trying to overtake Baghdad since they invaded Iraq, Dempsey said, and because the jihadist army is blending into parts of the Sunni population that was disenfranchised under former Iraqi prime minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, the Iraqi capital could come under indirect fire.

"Heretofore, . . . mostly the Iraqis have been successful in keeping ISIL out of range, but I've no doubt there will be days when [ISIL uses] indirect fire into Baghdad," he said.

The chairman said it is critical to keep the Baghdad airport out of ISIL's hands, noting that in a recent and violent clash over Baghdad, the United States called in Apache helicopters to help Iraqi forces.

"The risk of operating in a hostile environment is there constantly," Dempsey said. "This is a case where you're not going to wait till they're climbing over the wall."

No boots on the ground

While President Barack Obama has vowed to the American people that no U.S. boots will be on the ground in the fight against ISIL, the chairman said he doesn't rule out the possibility, as he recently testified on Capitol Hill.

"There will be circumstances when the answer to that question will likely be yes," he said.

"But I haven't encountered one right now. When [the Iraqi forces] are ready to go back on the offensive, my instinct is that will require a different kind of advising and assisting because of the complexity of that fight."

Dempsey emphasized that it takes time to deliver a campaign objective.

"It wasn't so long ago we were talking about the imminent fall of Irbil. It wasn't so long ago when the U.S. Embassy was feeling threatened in Baghdad. None of those are part of the landscape right now," he said.

DLA ramps up support for Ebola response efforts in West Africa

From DLA Public Affairs

Several Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) distribution sites around the globe have been supporting the packaging and movement of critical supplies to the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility, as part of the Department of Defense (DoD) mission to support the U.S. government's Operation United.

In close coordination with the humanitarian assistance staff from AFRICOM, sustainment operations staff from U.S. Army Africa and commercial transportation partners, DLA Distribution Europe, located in Gernersheim, Germany, processed 1,400 cots for air movement to Liberia's capital, Monrovia.

Monrovia is where AFRICOM is supporting the comprehensive U.S. government effort led by the U.S. Agency for International Development, to support the World Health Organization and other international partners to help the governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to contain the outbreak of the Ebola virus.

DLA Distribution Europe has also prepared over 100 pallets of Meals, Ready to Eat, as well as approximately 150 pallets of bottled water, for movement to Liberia and Senegal.

Additionally, the organization's mapping division is fulfilling a requisition for maps of these locations in varying quantities, as requested by the DLA Europe and Africa regional commands.

To the south, DLA Distribution Sigonella, Italy, has shipped 800 cots to Monrovia, and 60 cans of insect repellent to U.S. Army Africa troops.

Support from DLA distribution sites in the United States includes over 200 tents to Monrovia from DLA Distribution Barstow, Calif., while DLA Distribution Susquehanna, Pa., has prepared 20 tents and approximately 550 cots and mosquito netting for shipping.

As a DoD combat support agency, DLA provides the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, other federal agencies, and joint and allied forces with a variety of logistics, acquisition and technical services.

The agency provides nearly 100 percent of the consumable items America's military forces need to operate - from food, fuel and energy, to uniforms, medical supplies, construction and barrier equipment. DLA also supplies more than 85 percent of the military's spare parts.

Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA has about 25,000 employees worldwide and supports more than 2,440 weapon systems.



VP-5 'Mad Foxes' on patrol

A P-8A Poseidon assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 flies by the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during a routine exercise Sept. 26 over the Philippine Sea. The "Mad Foxes" of VP-5 are the Navy's second P-8A squadron to deploy from NAS Jacksonville to the 7th Fleet.

Photo by MCI Joshua Hammond

U.S. military, partners continue airstrikes against ISIL

From U.S. Central Command

U.S. and partner-nation military forces continued to attack Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorists in Syria yesterday and today, using bomber and fighter aircraft to conduct four airstrikes, U.S. Central Command officials reported Oct. 12.

Separately, officials added, U.S. and partner-nation military forces used attack and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct five airstrikes against ISIL in Iraq.

In Syria, an airstrike northwest of Raqqah destroyed an ISIL-held armored vehicle compound. Three airstrikes in Kobani destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL staging area. To conduct these strikes, the U.S. military used bomber and fighter aircraft deployed to the Centcom area of operations.

Fighter aircraft from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates also participated in these airstrikes, Centcom officials said.

In Iraq, an airstrike southwest of Hit destroyed an ISIL armed vehicle, and another airstrike southeast of Hit destroyed an ISIL armored personnel carrier.

An airstrike on an ISIL checkpoint southwest of Kirkuk struck a small ISIL unit, and another strike south of Kirkuk struck a small ISIL unit. An airstrike northwest of Ramadi destroyed an ISIL armored personnel carrier.

To conduct these strikes, the U.S. military used attack and remotely piloted aircraft deployed to the Centcom area of operations. The United Kingdom also participated in these airstrikes, Centcom officials said.

All aircraft exited the strike areas in Syria and Iraq safely, officials added.

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ABH2 Edward Davis, a plane director from the NAS Jax Transient Line Division, signals the C-17 pilots to their parking spot on the ramp near Hangar 116.

RAAF Globemaster takes home first RAN Romeos

Return home is underway for Aussies

By Clark Pierce
Editor

A voluminous Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft landed at NAS Jacksonville Oct. 9 to load two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters assigned to Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 725 Squadron. It represents the beginning of the end for a military sales agreement with the U.S. Navy that includes 24 Seahawks, flight and maintenance training, plus technical and logistics support.

“Our ‘total package’ of acquisition, training and support under the guidance of Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Atlantic (HSMWINGLANT) has been very successful. Now we begin the process of moving our people and our MH-60R (‘Romeo’ variant) helicopters back to our home base at HMAS Albatross,” said RAN 725 Squadron Commanding Officer Cmdr. David Frost.

“This is another milestone for the partnership between 725 Squadron and HSMWINGLANT. Today, this RAAF Globemaster will take back our first Romeo, along with our ‘Bromeo’ maintenance trainer helicopter.”

“When the C-17 arrives at HMAS Albatross next week, about two dozen 725 Squadron maintainers and aircrew will be there to help unload and begin preparing the Romeo for flight trials with RAN surface vessels,” said Frost.

He added that in mid-November, two more in Romeos will be transported to Australia. Also, 725 Squadron Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Todd Glynn will depart for home with about 40 of the remaining squadron members and their families.

The squadron’s final two Romeos and remaining personnel are scheduled to depart for



Like a hungry shark, the C-17 slowly begins to swallow the Seahawk helicopter.



Victor Rolling (left), a fuel truck driver at the base fuel farm, waits for a signal from the RAAF maintainer to turn on the pump.

home in mid-December.

“Our Sailors and families



With main blades and tail rotor secured, the RAN 725 Squadron move crew approach the C-17 loading ramp.



ABH2 Edward Davis and Airfield Facilities Deputy Manager Winston Rogers discuss the placement of ground support equipment for the giant C-17 transport.

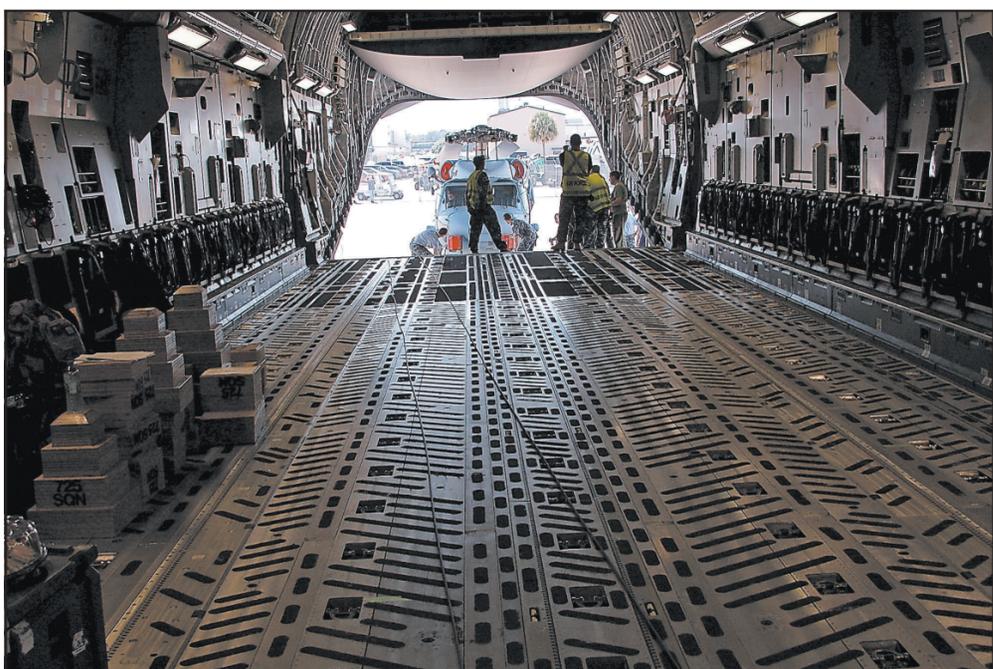
were warmly welcomed at NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport. Your ‘southern hospitality’ is alive and well here – support from the wing, HSM-40 and NAS Jacksonville has been out-

standing,” said Frost.

“We were ‘born’ here Feb. 11, 2013. It’s in our DNA now. In fact, we’re going home with at least 10 children who hold dual citizenships.”



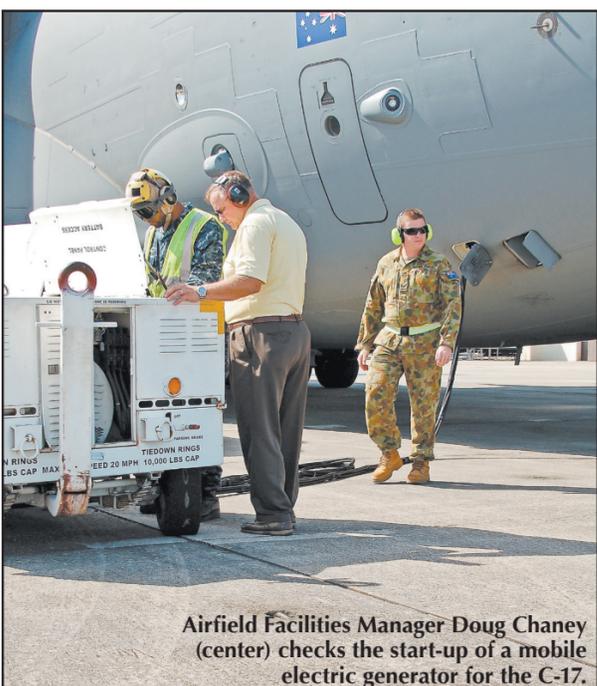
RAAF C-17 Aircraft Captain Nick Tickner says the Globemaster can load three Army Blackhawk helicopters or two Navy Seahawk helicopters. This was his first time transporting the MH-60R variant of the Seahawk.



The RAN 725 Squadron move crew has hooked up cables that will soon pull the helicopter into the C-17 cargo bay.



A Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Boeing C-17 Globemaster approaches the main runway of NAS Jacksonville on Oct. 9. The RAAF flew its first C-17 in 2006. Today, their Globemaster fleet numbers six aircraft.



Airfield Facilities Manager Doug Chaney (center) checks the start-up of a mobile electric generator for the C-17.



RAN Sailors prepare to attach a steering yoke to the helicopter's rear landing gear.



RAAF and RAN maintainers check the ramp of wooden blocks they placed to smooth the helicopter's move on to the aircraft's loading ramp.



When in doubt, check the manual. (From left) Lt. Jakob Kapelt, Warrant Officer ATA Darren Murray and CPO ATA Rod Stuart.

Photos by Clark Pierce



RAN maintainer Leading Seaman ATV Rebecca Hyland controls the brakes during the move.



After some final adjustments, the temporary ramp is ready for the first MH-60R Seahawk.



Photo by MC2 Stacy Laseter

Sailors from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay deploy an oil spill containment boom as part of Navy Region Southeast training exercise aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The training ensured the region's Sailors, civilians and contract workers have the necessary skills to operate boats, equipment and other assets to quickly react to on-water oil spills.

Navy Region Southeast holds oil spill exercise

By MC2(SW/AW/EXW) Stacy Laseter
CNRSE Public Affairs

Representatives from Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) installations with ports completed oil spill response training aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 7-9.

The training ensured the region's Sailors, civilians and contract workers have the necessary skills to operate the boats, equipment and other assets needed to quickly react to on-water oil spills.

"We brought in the port operations officers and their assistants from each of the installations

that we have in the region that have ports, including Key West, Guantanamo Bay, Panama City and Pensacola," said Chris Christoffersen, the CNRSE program director for port operations. "We brought in these personnel to help exercise the spill management team for NAS Jacksonville."

The exercise, which incorporated classroom sessions, on-site training and response actions, utilized the region's emergency response plan.

"For the first time in several years we exercised the on-water drill. We had people from Kings Bay, Mayport and NAS Jacksonville bring

their equipment in and those three bases worked together to manage the on-water drill that we did," Christoffersen said.

The equipment utilized during an oil spill response is standardized throughout the region and has been an essential element to the timeliness of the response to a spill.

"If people were to come from another installation, they would see the same equipment that was on their previous installation," Christoffersen said. "We also standardized the training. While the training they get at their installation to prevent oil spills is tailored to their specific installation, everyone is equally

trained and qualified so they can step right in and operate independently and in the different ports without any trouble at all."

The Navy has the capability to respond to any sized spill. An oil spill is defined as any amount of oil that may leave a sheen across the top of the water. Equipment is strategically positioned at shore locations around the world, as well as onboard Navy ships, to assist when spills enter the water. The Navy routinely exercises response plans and equipment to ensure preparedness.



Photo by Clark Pierce

Navy Birthday guest speaker

Retired Navy Capt. and former NASA Space Shuttle Pilot Jon McBride (left) and his grandson Tyler Smith prepare for a flight in the P-8A Poseidon Flight Simulator Oct. 10 aboard NAS Jacksonville. That evening, McBride was guest speaker at the Navy Birthday Ball.

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Joint base improvement projects announced

From DeCA Public Affairs

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) recently announced the award of a joint construction contract for the new commissary construction, Navy Exchange renovation and new drive-through pharmacy upgrade at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

The construction contract was awarded Sept. 25, for \$36,994,465 to Hoar, LLC from Birmingham, Ala. The construction duration is 724 days, with an estimated completion date of December 2017.

New Commissary: This new facility will greatly enhance the shopping experience for authorized patrons and their families. The completed facility will be 115,776 gross square feet of area, including 49,558 square feet of sales area with eighteen cash registers, eight self-checkouts and with a customer service Kiosk with two checkouts.

Included in the sales area is a complete bakery and deli service for DeCA customers. This project will incorporate the use of extensive sustainable and energy saving design features, including use of high efficiency lamps, ballasts, and lighting controls with daylight sensors.

The project also features Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) fan motors, auto sensor plumbing fixtures, Energy Star-rated equipment, and refrigeration monitoring and control system (RMCS), HVAC systems, lighting, and utility metering.

Navy Exchange Renovation: The work includes the renovation and alteration of approximately 93,000 square feet of the existing NAS Jax Navy Exchange, as well as building to a new 11,365 square foot addition to the east of the existing Exchange.

Site improvements include 250 new parking spaces, sidewalks, and landscaping. Mechanical systems include plumbing, fire protection system and HVAC. Electrical systems to be provided include life safety emergency and fire alarm systems.

Navy Pharmacy Upgrade: The work includes the addition of a new drive-thru service window with three vehicle lanes for the existing NAS Jax Pharmacy; the removal of the existing drive-through window and repair of the wall and a new canopy.

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NAS Jax awards quarters

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IT2 Tranette Harding received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and MASN Patricia Hansen received a letter of commendation from Rear Adm. David Duryea, commander Naval Undersea Warfare Center, at an awards quarters held Oct. 9 at Building 1. From left, NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander, Harding, Hansen, and NAS Jax Command Master Chief CMDM(AW/SW) Teri McIntyre.



AEC Scott Renew reads a historic message from the Chief of Naval Operations during the bell ringing ceremony in honor of the Navy's birthday. "As we celebrate our Navy's 239th birthday, our history and heritage forms our identity, telling us who we are and what we stand for. Our core values of honor, courage, and commitment have been passed down from our founders, who charged the Navy with the solemn duty to serve as the "shield" of the republic."



Photo by Miriam S. Gallet

NAS Jax bell tolling ceremony

NAS Jax Boathouse Leading Chief Petty Officer BMC(SW) David Brown rings the bell as part of the station's 239th Navy Birthday events on Oct. 9. Bell ringing in the Navy serves as a reminder of history, heritage and accomplishments of the naval service, and it is intended to be an enduring tradition of the Navy birthday celebration.



Photo by Yan Kennon

Celebrating Hispanic culture

Capt. John Le Favour (right), Naval Hospital Jacksonville commanding officer and members of the hospital's multi-cultural committee cut the ceremonial cake during the command's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ceremony festivities included displays, ethnic foods and dancing. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

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Sailors assigned to various commands aboard NAS Jax stand and toast the Navy and all those who have contributed in making U.S. Navy the best in the world during the 239th Navy Birthday Ball.

CELEBRATING 239 YEARS AT THE NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL

By MC1(SW/AW) John Smolinski

Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, tenant commands and their guests celebrated the Navy's 239th birthday at the base's River Cove Conference and Catering Center Oct. 10.

Former NASA astronaut and retired Navy Capt. Jon McBride, this year's guest speaker, talked about how his naval career got started through a chance encounter with a man in a blue flight suit with gold wings.

"My last semester at West Virginia University . . . my fraternity brothers and I were sitting around a table in the student union and in walked a guy in a blue flight suit, a Navy pilot," said McBride.

"He came in and asked if anyone was interested in flying with the Navy. I nearly jumped out of my pants . . . you talk about fate, if I wasn't sitting in that room at that particular time in my life, maybe I wouldn't have found the Navy and I wouldn't be here talking to you right now about my experiences in the Navy and as an astronaut."

McBride said that he hasn't been on an active Navy base for more than 10 years and was apprehensive about what changes he might encounter.

"When I got here today and went through a hangar and got to visit with some of the Sailors," said McBride.

'Legends of Basketball' meet Sailors at Navy birthday lunch

By MC1(SW/AW) John Smolinski

National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA) "Legends of Basketball" alumni met with Sailors on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville during a Navy 239th birthday lunch and cake-cutting ceremony at the Flight Line Café Oct. 7.

NBA hall of famers, Artis Gilmore, Robert Parish and Sam Jones, along with WNBA star Tamika Catchings and Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, helped celebrate the Navy's birthday along with NAS Jax Sailors.

"Today's luncheon is one of five events we have planned to celebrate the Navy's 239th birthday," said Capt. Roy Undersander, NAS Jax commanding officer.

"To have four 'Legends of Basketball' along with Mayor Brown here to celebrate our Navy's birthday has been a true pleasure."

Undersander went on to say that this was a worthwhile event as he looked around at the Sailors and Marines enjoying their time interacting with the "Legends of Basketball."

NBA hall-of-fame player Sam "Mr. Clutch" Jones, an all-star for the Boston Celtics, who helped his team win 10 NBA Championships in the 12 years he played throughout the 1950s

"I felt like this is my Navy from 30 years ago. I felt I was back home."

Since April, the Navy Ball committee put in more than 320 man hours, and raising to put together the evening's events.

"The theme of 'thanking those whose serve us' really hits home," said Lt. j.g. Jamie Wallace, chairman of the Navy Ball committee.

"Because of what MWR has done for us, they have mentored us through the entire process; they helped us plan everything, every step of the way."

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander was proud of everyone's efforts in putting the event together.

"The Navy ball is a time for all of us in our Navy family to appreciate those around us who help make our Navy a success," he said.

"Tonight is a culmination of this week's events held aboard the station in celebration of 239 years of naval heritage."

Victor Letourneaut, a retired Marine Master Sgt., shows his support annually by buying tickets to the ball for eight junior hospital corpsmen and their guests.

"This is just my way to pass it along to the younger service members," said Letourneaut.

"As part of being a veteran, it's our responsibility to give back to our young, active duty family and pass along



Photos by By MC1(SW/AW) John Smolinski

Cadets from First Coast High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program presented the colors during NAS Jax 239th Navy Birthday Ball held at the River Cove Conference and Catering Center on Oct. 10.

our knowledge. Knowledge is power."

For HM1 Shelby Mayfield, leading petty officer for nursing services at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Letourneaut's sponsorship shows just how strong the bond is between a Marine and a corpsman.

"We are thankful to retired Master Sgt. for sponsoring our corpsmen, so that they can attend the ball," said Mayfield.

Joshua Robinson, religious program specialist at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, has been in the Navy for almost two years and said he would not be here if it wasn't for his support systems, his family back at home and his chain of command.

"At first, things were hard," said Robinson.

"I wasn't adjusted to Navy life, but my [support systems] encouraged me to hang in there and told me things will get better. I took their advice, and I really like it now."

Robinson's family is not unfamiliar with the armed services, since his father was in the army and his uncle served in the navy.

"They both have told me to stick it out and do 20 years," said Robinson.

"They both did four years, and they told me they wish that they had made it a career, and I am looking at it now like I should."

CNO Adm. Jonathan Greenert said in a news release



NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander and guest speaker, former NASA Astronaut Capt. Jon McBride, cut the cake before passing slices in the Navy tradition.



Former NASA Astronaut and retired Navy Capt. Jon McBride addressed the audience in attendance at the 239th Navy Birthday Ball on Oct. 10.

that this year's birthday theme is about remembering and thanking those who support us.

"We should know that successes that we've achieved, we have not achieved alone," said Greenert.

"We couldn't do what we do unless we have assistance from

our family, from our friends, from our communities, from industry and the organizations that support our Sailors."

According to Naval History and Heritage Command, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Elmo Zumwalt authorized recognition of Oct. 13 as the Navy's birthday in 1972.



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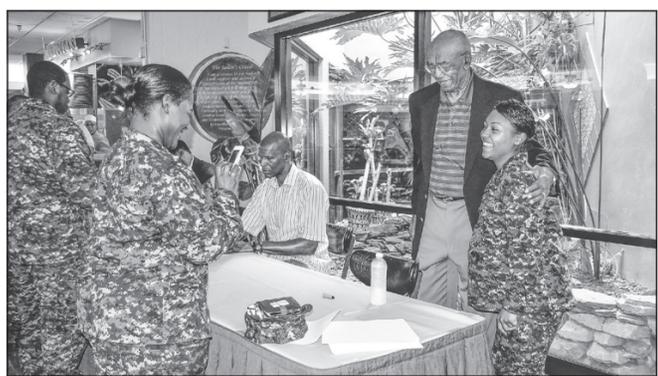
NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander and AN Phillip Riley make the first slice into the Navy's 239th birthday cake at the Flight Line Café during the Oct. 7 visit by the NBA Legends of Basketball. (Front row from left) CSSN Michael Gregory, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, Riley, Undersander, AS3 Jesse Fisher, BM1 Kikia Schuler, (second row from left) AWWAN Jesse Fisher, Robert Parish, Artis Gilmore, Tamika Catchings, and AN Caimen Harmon.

on responsibility, bring honor and pride to help you connect to something. I think the Navy has helped me become a man and choose a career."

NAS Jax Galley "Flight Line Café" opens its doors to all service members, retired personnel, civilian employees and their families for special meals and typically serves more than 300 people.

"The entire staff was quite excited about getting this meal together," said CSCS Devon Knight, leading chief petty officer for NAS Jax Galley and barracks.

"Being a cook in the Navy can be challenging. We do this job every single day, but when we



BM1 Kikia Schuler takes a photo of YNSN Jasmine Sabala who met the former Boston Celtics basketball legend Sam Jones on Oct. 7 at the Flight Line Café. Called "Mr. Clutch" by his peers, Sam Jones was one of the linchpins of the fabulous Boston juggernaut of the 1960s.

get a chance to do something special like the Navy birthday or Thanksgiving - it's really special."



(From left) Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) aircraft mechanics Eddie Toney and Zack Naggiar, along with Jim Diamond, an aircraft mechanic with Tyonek Manufacturing Group Inc., finish installing an oil cooler on an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter at FRCSE on Sept. 22. Two days later, FRCSE completed the required maintenance and delivered the helicopter back to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 11 at NAS Jacksonville. This marks the 10th helicopter the team completed during fiscal year 2014, putting them over their 100 percent completion rate.

(Below) Aircraft mechanic Zack Naggiar gathers his tools after completing work on an oil cooler of an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter at FRCSE.



Aircraft mechanic John Keith rebuilds an SH-60F Seahawk helicopter internal fuel cell at the military depot on Sept. 22. The process involves replacing hoses and valves to the 100-gallon fuel cell as part of the maintenance of the aircraft.



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and environmental regulations.”

Not only did the teams exceed their goals, FRCSE artisans serviced the aircraft with zero discrepancies.

“We returned these aircraft back to the customers on time without any issues or discrepancies because our team members are diligent and take pride in what they do every day,” said Murray.

“They realize the importance of our warfighters having reliable and safe aircraft.”

Both teams saw reductions in maintenance time using Critical Chain Project Management and Continuous Process Improvement initiatives for the H-60 helicopter and MQ-8B Fire Scout platforms. These processes help reduce turn-

around time, increase aircraft throughput and control work in progress (WIP) by developing a standard plan for production.

“We’ve had a very successful year using these processes,” explained Murray. “On the helo side of the house, we’ve had a 47 percent reduction of cycle time, 22 percent increase in throughput production and a 36 percent reduction of WIP. For the Fire Scout, we’ve had a 6 percent reduction of cycle time, 33 percent increase in throughput and a 41 percent reduction of WIP.”

Bill McGorty, FRCSE Vertical Lift deputy IPT lead, praised the team as well. “What you have achieved is the result of your dedication to producing quality work,” he stated. “With all the money you’ve saved reducing the turnaround time, national and foreign countries are knocking on the door to bring work

in. You are the reason we are doing so well producing these helicopters.”

“It’s great to see the amount of effort and quality workmanship this team does every day. As a pilot, I rely on your capabilities to ensure the aircraft are safe and ready for the fleet,” added Vertical Lift Program Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dave Calhoun, who works with Program Manager Air 299 and local squadrons to ensure a smooth transition of the aircraft’s maintenance process.

The vertical lift team has a challenge ahead of them in fiscal year 2015. “Our quotas have increased for next year,” Murray told the team.

“We have a lot of work coming our way. This puts more of a challenge on you, but I know you can do it.”



Photo by Dennis Biela

Sean Tucker performing a Young Eagle Flight over Chicago with familiar wing men.

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phor about freedom and empowering yourself to do something that is extraordinary.”

That extraordinary experience happened to Chicago teen Malik Baker in August, when he was chosen for Sean’s Young Eagles flight prior to the Chicago Air and Water Show. It was the first ride for Baker in any airplane and he got something extra when U.S. Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 jets pulled alongside Tucker’s Oracle two-seat aircraft during the flight over the city and Lake Michigan.

“Look at that!” Tucker exclaimed. “The Navy Blue Angels flying alongside!”

Baker’s life was transformed with the flight, saying, “After today, I can see flying in my future.”

That’s exactly what Tucker wants to happen, whether it’s flying with him or any of the volunteer Young Eagles pilots. It gives an opportunity to show people that pushing boundaries can lead to incredible growth.

“I hope that when people, and especially kids, see that I can take on a new challenge, it inspires them to pursue their own dreams,” he said.

Find out more about Sean Tucker at www.TeamOracle.com and EAA’s Young Eagles program at www.young eagles.org.

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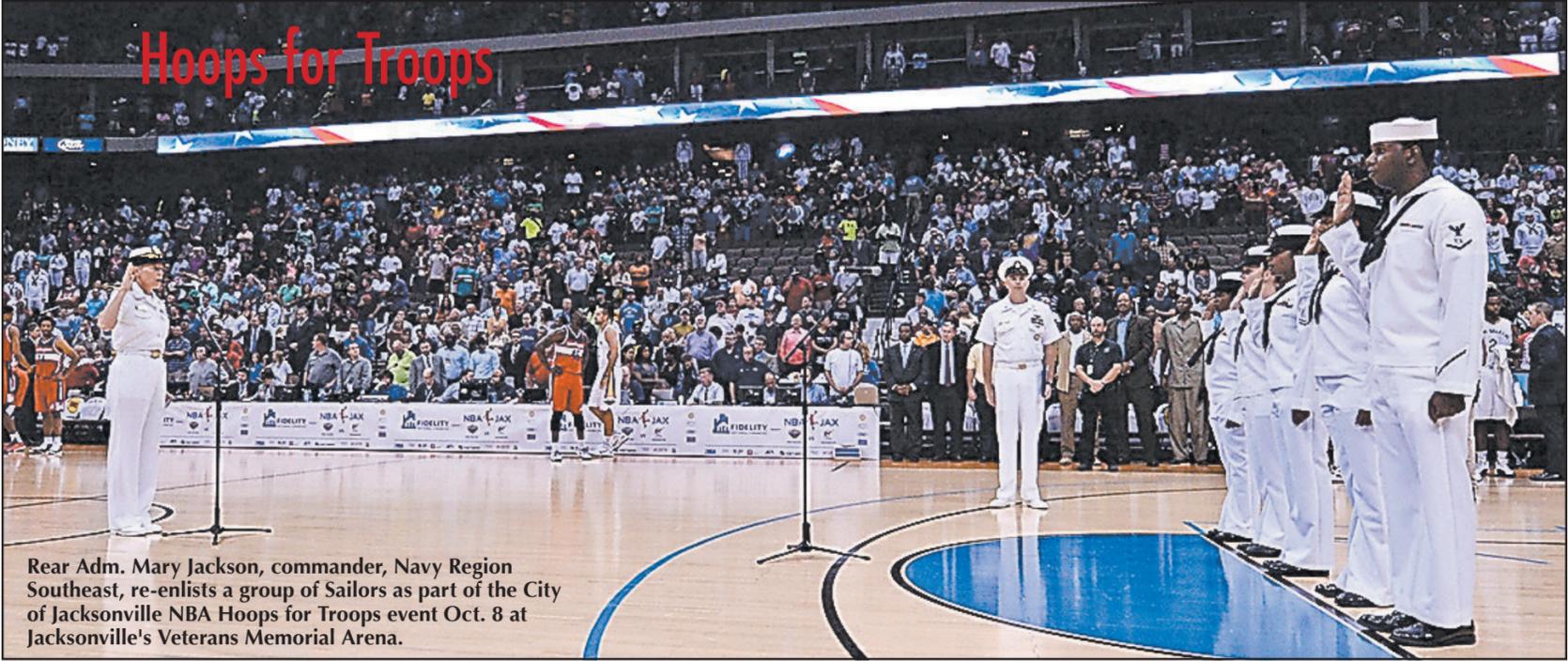
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Rear Adm. Mary Jackson, commander, Navy Region Southeast, re-enlists a group of Sailors as part of the City of Jacksonville NBA Hoops for Troops event Oct. 8 at Jacksonville's Veterans Memorial Arena.

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ABHAN Cynthia Treviño participates in pre-game activities, prior to the NBA Hoops for Troops event on Oct. 8 at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville.



Service members attached to area naval installations display the American flag during the playing of the national anthem, prior to the NBA Hoops for Troops event.



Sailors from area naval installations take a commemorative photo with Rear Adm. Mary Jackson, commander, Navy Region Southeast, after she administered the oath of enlistment.



Navy Band Southeast performed the national anthem as Sailors attached to area naval installations displayed the American flag, prior to the NBA Hoops for Troops event.

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Legal staff training

Region Legal Service Office Southeast (RLSO SE) recently held a three-day command symposium at the NAS Jax Chapel Center. Attendees traveled from Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Guantanamo. Many leaders of the Navy JAG Corps conducted training, including: Deputy Judge Advocate General, and Commander Naval Legal Service Command, Rear Adm. James Crawford; Assistant Judge Advocate General, Capt. Del Crandall; Chief of Staff, Victims Legal Counsel, Capt. Karen Fischer-Anderson; and Director Criminal Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Capt. Robert Crow. The Line Officer Panel included NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander, VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips, and Commander Destroyer Squadron 14 Capt. Ryan Tillotson. "I want to say how much I enjoyed seeing you all and spending time together as a command this week. I have said this before, but I have never looked at this job as a HQ and branch office organization. We are one command, and these last three days together truly reinforced that," said RLSO SE Commanding Officer Gary Sharp.



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the hospital on Oct. 3. Other award recipients included: Lt. Cmdr. Darien Lazaro (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal); Hospitalman William Adamec (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal); Justina Jackson (20 Year Length of Service Award); and HM1 Nsikanete Davis and HM1 Tameka Herron (Letter of Appreciation, commanding office Naval Air Station Jacksonville).

Naval Hospital awards

Capt. William Todd (left), Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville director for surgical services and acting executive officer, presents a Length of Service Award (20 years) to David McKay during an awards ceremony at

Capt. John Le Favour (left), Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville commanding officer, presents the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to HM2 Crystal Graves during an awards ceremony at the hospital on Oct. 10. Other award recipients included: Lt. Christopher Bolen (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal); LS2 Faith Mehari (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal); HM1 Hansley Scott (Letter of Appreciation, commanding officer Navy Medicine Training Support Center); Thomas Clement (30 Year Length of Service Award); HM1 Elizabeth Brown, HM3 Catherine Ricci, and Hospitalman Apprentice Hannah Denman (Letter of Appreciation, officer in charge, Carrier Tactical Support Center Ashore Jacksonville); HM1 Joel Aguillon (NH Jacksonville Senior Sailor of the Year); HM2 John Williams (NH Jacksonville Sailor of the Year); HM3 Affeya Grant (NH Jacksonville Junior Sailor of the Year); and HN Warren Delanozapata (NH Jacksonville Blue Jacket of the Year).



NAVFAC Southeast awards contracts to small businesses

By Earl Bittner

NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

• Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$9.75 million indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract Sept. 30 for concrete paving, asphaltic concrete paving, and incidental related work at Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany, Ga. to Melco-EJS Joint Venture 1, LLC, a small business based in Camilla, Ga.

"This contract will provide Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany with a more efficient means of contracting for concrete and pavement construction and repair projects," said MCLB Albany Director, Installation & Environment Division Frederick Broome Jr. "This tool will greatly improve the base's responsiveness to meeting our tenant command's logistical support missions in support of Marines and other warfighters worldwide."

The work to be performed provides for concrete paving, asphaltic concrete paving, and incidental related work.

• NAVFAC Southeast awarded a \$20 million indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract Sept. 30 for instal-

lation and repair of asphalt and concrete pavement at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Naval Outlying Fields located in Florida and Alabama, and Naval Operations Support Center Tallahassee, to ACE Engineering, Inc., a small business based in La Verne, Calif.

"This contract provides NAVFAC Southeast a tool and the capability to deliver paving services through the year," said NAVFAC Southeast Integrated Product Team Gulf Coast Assistant Operations Officer Cmdr. Troy Hamilton. "Tools like this will allow us to provide a quick response to our supported commanders."

All work on this contract will be performed primarily within the NAVFAC Southeast area of responsibility (AOR) including 70 percent in Florida and 25 percent in Alabama and the remainder in the NAVFAC Southeast AOR. The term of the contract will not exceed 60 months and is expected to be completed by September 2019.

The work to be performed provides for installation and repair of asphalt and concrete paving for roadwork but

is not limited to streets, parking lots, and sidewalks, and bridge or airfield requirements.

• NAVFAC Southeast awarded an \$8 million firm, fixed-price contract Sept. 29 for repairs and renovations of the "A" School Bachelor Enlisted Quarters 315 at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Miss. to Drace Anderson, JV, a small business based in Gulfport, Miss.

"The A-School barracks renovation will improve the quality of life and the readiness of our newest Seabees, Airmen, and Soldiers that complete their training at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport," said NCBC Gulfport Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Odenthal. "The repairs will increase building performance to provide higher occupant comfort, higher energy efficiency, and extend the life of the facility many more years."

The work to be performed provides for interior and exterior repairs and renovations including installation of new insulation, windows, roof, vents, exhausts, flashing, and replacement of the HVAC system, boilers and chiller.

Exterior work includes replacing win-

dows, resealing exterior joints, concrete repair, minor drainage work, and exterior cleaning and painting.

Interior work includes room reconfiguration, replacement of finishes, replacement of tubs and showers with shower surrounds, reconfiguration of handrails and guardrails, replacement and refinishing of doors, new interior signage, and new toilet accessories.

Work is expected to be completed by March 2016.

"It is NAVFAC Southeast's policy to provide as many opportunities as possible to small businesses," said Nelson Smith, NAVFAC Southeast small business deputy. "Small businesses are the engines of job creation and essential to strengthening our national economy."

Each year NAVFAC establishes target goals for Small Business, Small Disadvantaged Business, Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Business, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, and Women-Owned Small Business categories. Smith explained that the maximum practicable utilization of small business concerns is a matter of national interest with both social and economic benefits.

Community Calendar

Military Officers Association of America, N.E. Florida Chapter 18. Membership is open to all officers on active duty or retired from all military services. Call Johnnie Walsh at (904) 282-4650 for MOAA membership info.

Pond workshop Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn pond design, as well as planting and maintenance of ponds. Located at the Duval County Extension Office, 1010 N. McDuff Ave. Pre-register at 904-255-7450.

Walk To End Alzheimer's Nov. 8, at Times-Union Center on Riverwalk. Check-in at 8 a.m. More info at: act.alz.org/Jacksonville or 800-272-3900.

National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Urban League 903 Union Street West Jacksonville. For information, contact Lt. Mark Jean-Pierre at 910-459-6858 or retired Lt. Cmdr. Paul Nix at 542-2518 or paul.nix@navy.mil.
Marine Corps League Det. 059 meets the

first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Five Star Veterans Center at 40 Acme St in Arlington. For information visit <https://mcljacksonville.org/> or call Dwayne Enos (904) 693-0280

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Road. For information, visit www.aao9.com.
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. Go to www.vfwpost5968.org or call 276-5968.

Retired Activities Office (RAO) at NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) needs volunteers to assist military retirees and dependents. Work four hours a day, one day per week. Call 542-5790 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays to volunteer.

Ribbons & Roses, a breast cancer support group at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call 542-7857 for more info.

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

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Navy Wives Clubs of America DID No. 300 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeshore Methodist Church, 2246 Blanding Blvd. Call 272-9489.
Navy Wives Clubs of America No. 86 meets the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. next to the Thrift Store at the NAS Jax Yorktown gate.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 monthly meeting is the first Thursday at 8

p.m., 390 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach. Call 246-6855.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Clay County Chapter 1414, meets at 1:30 p.m. every second Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library, Plainfield off Kingsley. Guests welcome. Call 264-3486 for more info.

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

Retired Enlisted Association meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Hall at 7673 Blanding Blvd. Call 772-8622.

VFW Post 5968 meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 187 Arora Blvd., Orange Park. Call 276-5968.



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Teaching the young about fire safety



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On Oct. 8 during Fire Safety Week, Fire Inspector Angel Ramon (right) of First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services encourages kids from the Youth Activities Center to get a closer look at Firefighter Joey Fields (left) who explained about all the gear that firefighters wear.



Photos by Clark Pierce

Firefighter Eric Johnson talked to youngsters about the ladder truck during the show-and-tell session outside the NAS Jax Child Development Center on Oct. 9 during Fire Prevention Week.

(Left) "Sparky" the fire prevention dog and "Pluggie" the talking fire hydrant discuss home emergency escape plans with preschoolers at NAS Jax Child Development Center.

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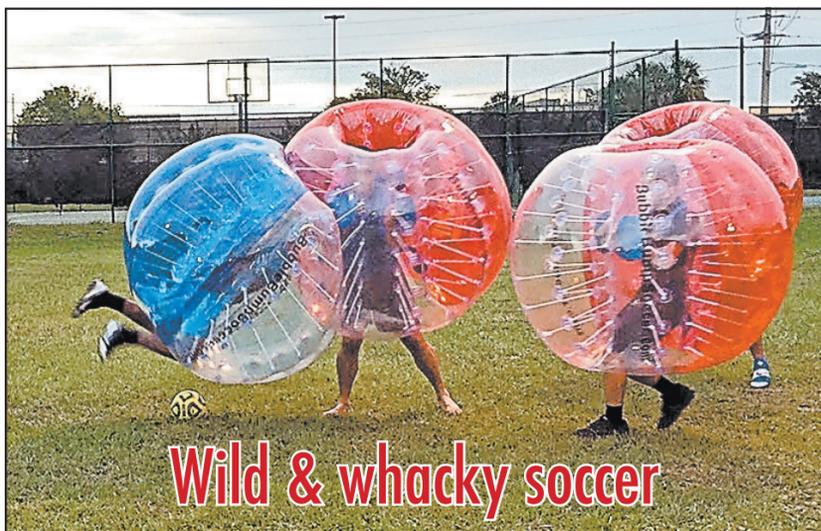
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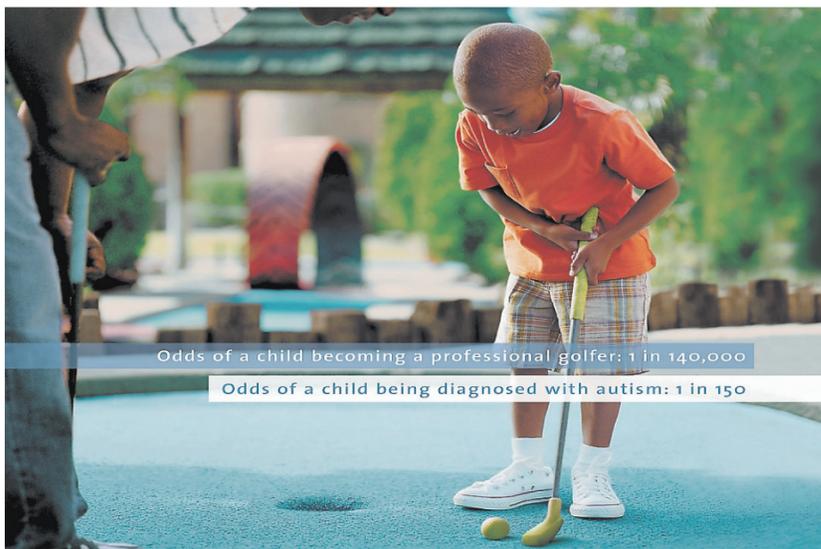
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Wild & whacky soccer

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The MWR Liberty Center conducted a soccer game recently to test the new "Bubble Soccer" equipment at Allegheny Park. Captured flying through the air, (left) PRAR Cedrick Washington of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast clearly loves the new game. Find out more about Liberty Center's special events and activities at www.facebook.com/JaxLiberty.



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Checking out energy conservation ideas

NAS Jax Energy Manager Mike Chmura (right) demonstrates the lighting comparison display on Oct. 8 at the Navy Exchange courtyard to NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander. The display is used to compare the amount of energy consumed and calculate money saved by LED versus candescent compact fluorescent lighting.

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Navy establishes new base in Romania

Rear Adm. Scorby calls NSF crucial NATO component

By MC2 (SW/AW)
Luke Meineke

Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa,
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Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (CNREURAFSWA) established Naval Support Facility (NSF) Deveselu, Romania Oct. 10, during an establishment and assumption of command ceremony on base.

NSF Deveselu, formerly a disused Romanian airfield, is the first Navy base to be established since Naval Station (NS) Everett, Wash. on Nov. 9, 1987.

The installation, scheduled to be operational in 2015, will be part of NATO's overall ballistic missile defense (BMD) system.

Rear Adm. John Scorby, commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, hosted the ceremony.

"This is a historic occasion because ballistic missile threats to the U.S. and our allies are real and growing," Scorby said. "Fortunately, NATO's capabilities and defenses against these threats are also real and growing."

"Naval Support Facility Deveselu will be a crucial component in expanding the effectiveness of NATO's overall ballistic missile defense system," Scorby said. "It will also address the threat posed by short and intermediate range ballistic missiles to U.S., European and Allied personnel and assets throughout the region."

Capt. Bill Garren assumed duties as the first commanding officer of NSF Deveselu.

"It's an honor to be here and have the opportunity to work with this international team of dedicated professional who are building the future of ballistic missile defense in Europe," said Garren. "We have a lot of work ahead of us but our future success rests on the shoulders of this outstanding United States/Romania team. So, we have all we need to excel."

Originally proposed in 2000 by then President George W. Bush, this BMD system, or shield, named the "Aegis Ashore System," is a response by the NATO mili-



Photo by Lt. j.g. Alexander Perrien

Service members deployed to Naval Support Facility (NSF) Deveselu parade the colors on Oct. 10, as local officials and military leaders look on during an establishment and assumption of command ceremony. NSF Deveselu will be part of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) System.

tary alliance to increasing threats posed by the amalgamation of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the Middle East.

Today, the Aegis BMD system is the key component in the Obama administration's plan for a phased deployment of a missile defense umbrella in Europe, which is intended to protect U.S. forces and NATO allies from regional threats.

The first of two proposed bases, NSF Deveselu will utilize both an SM-3 missile interceptor battery platform and an Aegis SPY-1 radar platform. The U.S. government said the SM-3 missiles have no offensive capability and only target incoming ballistic missiles launched by hostile countries.

The land-based BMD system in Romania will be almost identical to that used on Navy Aegis-capable guided-missile destroyers and cruisers. It's designed to detect, track, engage and destroy ballistic missiles in flight.

Also contributing to the BMD system, are the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in Rota, Spain. The forward deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) and USS Ross (DDG 71) are the first of four Aegis BMD warships to be based in Spain to bolster the defense system.

To further the scope and reach of protection of the region's defense, a Navy base, nearly identical to NSF Deveselu,

will be established in Poland.

"No single nation can combat global threats alone," Scorby said. "We must collectively share information, share experiences and work together for regional stability. U.S., NATO, and European allies stand united in maintaining a Europe that is safe, secure and prosperous."

NSF Deveselu sits on about 430 acres. The site will consist of a fire-control radar deckhouse with an associated Aegis command, control and communications suite. Separately, it will house several launch modules containing SM-3 missiles and be manned by about 200 U.S. military personnel, government civilians and support contractors.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

FRCSE guest tours facilities

PRAN LaDrake Bell of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast aviator equipment division (left) discusses the differences between the two types of survival life preserver vests used by squadron aircrews based at NAS Jacksonville with Rear Adm. Paul Sohl, commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, during his visit to the military depot.



AT3 Brandyn Baez of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast avionics division (left) explains how he creates cabling used on the Airborne Low Frequency Sonar system, a primary undersea warfare sensor for the MH-60R multi-mission helicopter, to Rear Adm. Paul Sohl, commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, during his visit to the military depot on Oct. 6.



Photo by AE2(AW) Samantha Jones

Supporting the Navy Ball by hitting golf balls

About 40 teams participated in the 2014 Navy Birthday Golf Tournament hosted by the NAS Jax Navy Ball Committee on October 2. Prizes were awarded for the highest score, longest drive, and closest to the pin.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Keeping Finnish Air Force Hornets flying

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Pneudraulics Mechanic Charlie Brown, right, conducts main fuel control training on the F404-402 engine on Oct. 1 with (from left) Capt. Risto Kaila of the Finnish Air Force Materiel Command, Juha Lehtimaki, an artisan with Patria Aviation and Aki Nurmi, lead components and accessories engineer with Patria Aviation. The Finnish Air Force has been flying F/A-C/D Hornets since 1995 and are looking for new ways to extend the life of the aircraft's engines. They have worked closely with FRCSE artisans to learn benchmark and lean processes implemented here with the F404 engines.



Navy history up close and touchable

AM2(AW) Matthew Larkin of VP-8 explains the restoration of a P-2 aircraft to students from Venetia Elementary School during a Naval Aviation Heritage visit Oct. 8.



Photos by Miriam S. Gallet

NAS Jax AC1(AW/SW) Tibor Polonyi explains how to communicate with pilots in approaching aircraft to Autumn Wolfe, 10, of Venetia Elementary School Oct. 8 during a Naval Aviation Heritage visit as part of station's celebration of the Navy's 239th Birthday.



Photos by Morgan Kehmert

Running for a healthy Navy

Just over 100 competitors competed in the Navy's 239th Birthday 5K Run held on Oct. 8 at Perimeter Road/Antenna Farm.

Retired Navy officer, and now contractor at VP-30, John Metzgar, completed the race first with a time of 17:31.

AS3 Ericka Simpson of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast was the first female runner to cross the finish line with a time of 23:56.



Men's Open Doubles Tennis Tournament Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

Open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians and DoD contractor men. The tournament is held at the Guy Ballou Tennis Courts on the corner of Allegheny Road and Birmingham Road. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Oct. 24.

Women's Open Doubles Tennis Tournament Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

The tournament is open to active duty, retirees, dependents over 18, selective reservists, DoD civilians and DoD contractor women. The tournament is held at the Guy Ballou Tennis Courts on the corner of Allegheny Road and Birmingham Road. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Oct. 24.

Captain's Cup Monster Dash 5k Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m.

The race is free to all authorized gym patrons. Runners earn Captain's Cup points for their commands for participating. Runners can sign up at the NAS Jax Gym or the Fitness Source by the Oct. 24 deadline. The race is held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road before the Antenna Farm. Registration will also be at the race site from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Awards go to the top male and top female runner for age groups: 19 & under; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; and 50 over.

Men's & Women's Turkey Shoot Racquetball Tournament Nov. 17

Open to active duty, selective reservists, dependents over 18, retirees, DoD civilians, and DoD contractors assigned to a command at NAS Jax. Tournament plays in evenings at the base gym Nov. 17 - 21. Call NAS Jax Athletics by Nov. 10 to sign up.

Greybeard Basketball League Meeting Nov. 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians and DoD contractors age 30 and older assigned to a command at NAS Jax. Meet in the first floor conference room at Building 1 at 11:30pm. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive 5 captain's cup points. Attend the meeting to discuss rules and obtain required paperwork.

Intramural Basketball League Meeting Nov. 19 at Noon

Open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, and DoD Contractor personnel assigned to a command at NAS Jax. Meet in the first floor conference room at Building 1 at 11:30pm. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend the meeting will receive 5 captain's cup points. Attend the meeting to discuss rules and obtain required paperwork.

Turkey Trot 5k Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Race is free and open to all authorized gym patrons. Runners can earn Captain's Cup points for their commands by participating. Sign up at the NAS Jax Gym or the Fitness Source by Nov. 14. Race site is Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road, before the Antenna Farm. Register at the race site from 10:30-11:15am. Awards given to the top male and top female runner for age groups: 19 & under; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; and 50 over.

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

NAS Jax Captain's Cup Sports Standings As of Oct. 10

Team	Wins	Losses
Diamond Divas	1	0
Hit it-n-Quit it	1	0
Bad News Babes	0	1
Sweet Heat	0	1

Team	Wins	Losses
NAS Jax	5	0
HS-11	2	0
NAVFAC Sons of Guns	5	1
VP-8	5	1
NAVFAC World War Z	4	2
CNATTU Blue	3	2
NAVFAC Reigning Clays	3	2
NAVFAC Soap Gang	3	3
VP-30 II	3	3
FRCSE Claybusters	2	3
NAVFAC Skeeters	2	3
CNATTU Gold	2	4
VP-30 I	2	4
NAVFAC Lost Birds	1	4
NAVFAC Smoke Wagons	1	4
NAVFAC Sky Busters	1	4

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-30	3	0
AIR OPS	2	0
VP-8	2	0
FRCSE	2	1
NAVFAC	2	1
TPU/PCF	2	2
VR-62	1	1
FACSFAC	0	2
VP-16	0	2
VP-45	0	2
NCTS	0	3

Team	Wins	Losses
NAVHOSP Dirty Birdz	6	0
VP-30 Dirty 30	4	0
VP-8	4	0
FRCSE 900	2	0
FRCSE Honey Badgers	2	0
VR-62	2	1
HSM-72	3	2
CNRSE	2	2
FRCSE Renegades	2	2
NBHC	2	2
CRS-10	2	3
NMC Braves	2	4
VP-45 Pelicans	1	2
FRCSE Rabid Possums	1	3
HSM-74	1	3
NCTS Freqz	1	4
FRCSE Wrecking Crew	0	1
FACSFAC	0	2
VP-16	0	2
CBMU202	0	4

Team	Wins	Losses
HSM-72 Proud Warriors	3	0
NBHC Bad Company	3	0
VP-8 Tigers	3	0
NAS Jax	2	0

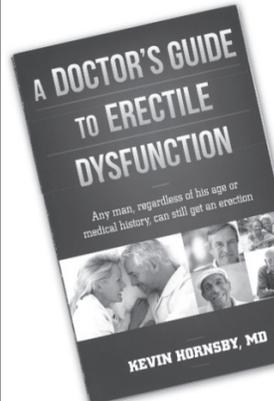
NCTS Jax	2	1
NMC Titans	2	1
VR-62	2	1
FRCSE	1	1
VP-30 Staff	1	1
VR-58	1	1
FACSFAC	1	2
VP-26	1	2
VP-30 ZAWWBS	1	2
VP-62	1	2
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