

Historic first: F-35B lands on USS Wasp

Launching era of increased Navy-Marine Corps sea-based capabilities in Indo-Pacific

From Amphibious Force 7th Fleet Public Affairs

A detachment of F-35B Lightning II's with Fighter Attack Squadron 121 (VMFA-121) arrived aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) March 5, marking the first time the aircraft has deployed aboard a U.S. Navy ship and with a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in the Indo-Pacific.

The F-35B, assigned under the Okinawa-based 31st MEU, will provide a robust set of sea-based capabilities that will enhance Navy-Marine Corps expeditionary operations. The aircraft is equally capable of conducting precision strikes inland, supporting Marines inserted ashore or



Photo by MC3 Michael Molina

An F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 touches down on the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), marking the first time the aircraft has deployed aboard a U.S. Navy ship and with a Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Indo-Asian-Pacific region.

providing air defense for the Expeditionary Strike Group. "Pairing F-35B Lightning II's with the Wasp represents one of the most significant leaps in warfighting capability for the

Navy-Marine Corps team in our lifetime," said Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 7. "This 5th generation stealth jet is extremely versatile and will greatly enhance and expand our operational capabilities."

VMFA-121 pilots are scheduled to conduct a series of qualification flights on Wasp over a multi-day period. Following qualifications, the F-35B's and 2,300 Marines that make up the 31st MEU will deploy aboard ships of the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) for follow-on operations in the Indo-Pacific region as part of a routine patrol to strengthen regional alliances, provide rapid-

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Photo by Reggie Jarrett

NCC Eugenia Ortiz (left) with Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Executive Department/Command Career Counselor (CCC) Division talks with a Sailor about her naval career options March 8. The division was awarded the Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2017. The Navywide award recognizes commands whose Career Information Program is highly effective and meets benchmarks in junior enlisted retention and attrition. This is the third consecutive year the division has won this award.

CCC wins Retention Excellence Award third year in a row

By Reggie Jarrett
Editor Jax Air News

The Executive Department/Command Career Counselor (CCC) for Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville earned the Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2017. The award recognizes commands whose Career Information Program is highly effective and meets benchmarks in retention and attrition.

It is the third consecutive year that NAS Jacksonville has won the Navywide award.

Leading the CCC division are NCC Eugenia Ortiz and NCC Edwin Perezavila.

Ortiz attributes the command's success to teamwork. "We work together very well," she said.

"Caring about what you do makes it easier to do your job well."

CCC works with Sailors of all levels to help them decide what career options are best for them, but it is usually first term Sailors who need more guidance because they are more often undecided about reenlisting. "They don't know yet if they want to stay in the Navy or not," Ortiz said. "Whether they want to stay or go, I like to help them reach their goals."

In addition to reenlistments, CCC helps Sailors with retirements, questions about the G.I. Bill, tuition assistance, transitioning out of the Navy and more.

"Whatever the Sailors goals are, we sit down with them and we go over their

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Photos by Clifford Davis

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast sheet metal worker Josh Brown shows the etchings performed on the facility's new fiber laser cutter on a part template. What used to require two machines can now be done on the laser cutter.

New machine at FRCSE cuts metal with laser focus

By Clifford Davis
Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Public Affairs

It's not quite a lightsaber, but the sheet metal mechanics who operate Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's (FRCSE) new fiber laser cutting machine are well on their way to becoming the Jedi of their trade.

The laser cutter gives the Navy aviation mainte-



Sheet metal mechanic John Montgomery watches the progress of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's new fiber laser cutter on the machine's monitor.

nance, repair and overhaul facility an efficient additional way to cut thin metals, like aluminum, that make up such a large part of its workload.

"Ninety-percent of what we cut is aluminum," said sheet metal mechanic John Montgomery.

"But it can also cut cold-rolled steel, stainless steel and titanium."

Though the machine is capable of cutting quickly - up to 1,000 parts per hour - it's also accurate.

"The cut quality is really good," sheet metal

mechanic Andrew Green said.

"The fiber laser cut quality is better than our old laser cutter."

The usual margin of error on a part is 0.030 inches. The fiber laser cutter can cut down to 0.001 inches.

In addition, the machine also works well with some of FRCSE's other milling processes. Chemical milling was introduced by the facility's materials lab in 2015.

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This Week in Navy History

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1923 - The training of nucleus crews for the rigid airships Shenandoah (ZR-1) and Los Angeles (ZR-3) begins at NAS Lakehurst, N.J. under Captain Anton Heinan, a lighter-than-air expert, formerly with the German Navy.

1943 - Numbered fleet system established.

1947 - Ensign John Lee becomes first African-American officer commissioned in regular Navy. He was assigned to USS Kearsage.

1957 - Airship ZPG-2 lands at NAS Key West after its 11-day, non-stop flight across the Atlantic.

1966 - Establishment of River Squadron Five in Vietnam.

March 16

1911 - Hulk of USS Maine is sunk at sea in deep water with full military honors.

1945 - Iwo Jima declared secure.

1966 - Launch of Gemini 8. Former naval aviator Neil Armstrong flew on this mission that completed seven orbits in 10 hours and 41 minutes at an altitude of 161 nautical miles. Recovery was by USS Leonard F. Mason (DD-852).

March 17

1898 - USS Holland (SS-1), first practical submarine, launched.

1911 - Lt. John Rodgers, who became Naval Aviator No. 2, reported to the Wright Company at Dayton, Ohio, for instruction in flying.

1920 - To overcome an acute shortage of pilots, a change in the flight training program was approved that separated the heavier-than-air (seaplane) and the

lighter-than-air (dirigible) courses. It also reduced the overall training period from nine to six months for the duration of the shortage.

1942 - U.S. Naval Forces Europe established to plan joint operations with British.

1958 - Navy Vanguard rocket launches a 3.25 pound satellite from Cape Canaveral - the the second U.S. satellite successfully placed in Earth orbit. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev derided it as the "grapefruit satellite."

1959 - USS Skate (SSN-578) surfaces at North Pole.

March 18

1945 -U.S. carriers begin three-month Okinawa Campaign by destroying aircraft on Kyushu, Japan.

1974 - Navy sent to sweep mines from Suez Canal.

March 19

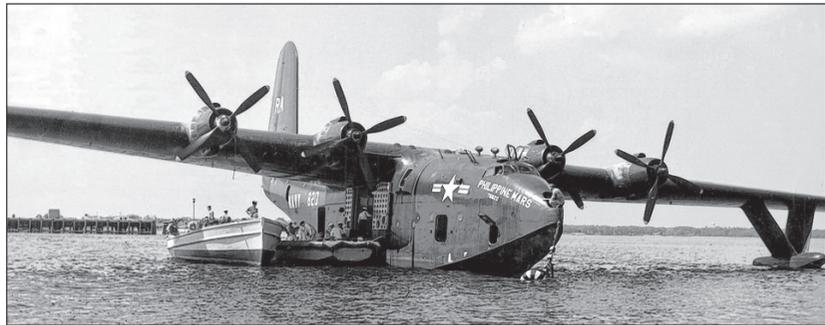
1898 - USS Oregon departs San Francisco for 14,000-mile trip around South America to join U.S. Squadron off Cuba.

1917 - Navy Department authorizes enrollment of women in Naval Reserve with ratings of yeoman, radio electrician, or other essential ratings.

1918 - A formation of Navy flying boats, on long range reconnaissance off the German coast, was attacked by German seaplanes. Ensign Stephan Potter shot down one of the attackers and was officially credited as the first American naval aviator to shoot down an enemy seaplane.

1942 - SecNav gives command of Seabees to Civil Engineering Corps.

2003 - Operation Iraqi Freedom begins



U.S. Navy photo

Looking back to June 15, 1950 . . .

Navy midshipmen prepare to board the JRM-1 "Philippine Mars" moored in the St. Johns River at NAS Jacksonville. One of six JRM-1 cargo aircraft built by Martin, the massive flying boat had a wingspan of 200 feet and was powered by four 3,000-horsepower Pratt & Whitney R-4360 Wasp 28-cylinder four-row "corn cob" radial engines. Delivered to the Navy in 1947, the aircraft could be configured to carry 133 troops on its two cargo decks. Sold for scrap in 1959, four JRM-1s were converted to "water bombers" and used to fight forest fires in British Columbia, Canada.

with Tomahawk strikes from Navy ships and submarines.

March 20

1833 - Cmdr. David Geisinger, of sloop-of-war USS Peacock, negotiates first commercial treaty with King of Siam.

1922 - The collier USS Jupiter (AC-3) is re-commissioned as USS Langley (CV-1), the Navy's first aircraft carrier.

1939 - Naval Research Lab recommends financing research program to obtain power from uranium.

2003 - U.S. continues Operation Iraqi Freedom by launching cruise missiles from Navy ships in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

March 21

1917 - Loretta Walsh becomes first

woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as Chief Yeoman.

1919 - Navy installs and tests Sperry gyrocompass, in first instance of test of aircraft gyrocompass.

1930 - The Martin XT5M-1, is the first dive bomber designed to deliver a 1,000-pound bomb.

1945 - Bureau of Aeronautics initiates rocket-powered surface-to-air guided missile development by awarding contract to Fairchild.

1957 - An A3D-1 Skywarrior, piloted by Cmdr. Dale Cox Jr., broke two transcontinental speed records; one for the round trip from Los Angeles, Calif., to New York, N.Y., in 9 hours 31 minutes and the other for the east to west flight in 5 hours 12 minutes.

Losing sleep over Daylight Savings Time

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

You'd think, after being married to a Navy guy for so many years, I'd know military time jargon by now. But when my husband, Francis, tells me he's got a dentist appointment at "sixteen-thirty," I start counting on my fingers and mumbling, "Subtract two . . ."

Although I did manage to memorize Francis' social security number (it's seared into my psyche like a tattoo), I've never been one of those military spouses who internalized acronyms and military idioms. To this day, I still get confused.

Last Sunday, Daylight Savings Time (DST) began, which further complicates time-telling for military folks. DST sounds simple — sets the clocks forward one hour in March and back one hour in November to take advantage of early daylight.

We pronounce "spring forward, and fall back" as if we're reading from a rudimentary Dick and Jane book, but in reality, calculating time in different parts of the world is a mind-boggling task when you take into account time zones, local time, universal time,

solar time, longitude, and the tilt of the Earth's axis.

To start, only 48 of the 50 states recognize DST. Hawaii, Arizona, and the US's tropical territories don't change clocks. However, Navajo Americans on native reservations in Arizona use DST. Go figure.

Most industrialized nations recognize DST, but the majority of the world's population do not, since China, India and most countries in Africa never change clocks. Conversely, Argentina, Chile, Iceland, Singapore, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Turkey and Northern Cyprus use DST year-round.

Add to that quagmire the 25 time zones across the world, each one based on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Greenwich, England, a suburb of London, happens to be zero degrees longitude and has a royal observatory that tracks the position of the sun.

Noon GMT is when the sun is directly over the Greenwich meridian, but since the Earth's rotational variables cause discrepancies, GMT noon is the annual average of those times.

Meat & Potatoes of Life

Struggling to wrap your brain around GMT? Don't bother, because Coordinated Universal Time (which, for reasons too complicated to explain here, is abbreviated as "UTC" rather than "CUT") has replaced GMT as the primary standard for world time. UTC is more precise than GMT (although it is criticized for including "leap seconds" — don't ask) and has been recognized since 1960 as the true basis from which all time is calculated.

GMT and UTC start with Z or Zulu time zone, with 12 zones to the east, and 12 to the west, ending at the International Date Line in the Pacific Ocean. For every time zone east of Zulu, an hour is added. For every time zone west of Zulu, an hour is subtracted.

But brace yourself, because in the zones on either side of the International Date Line, time is exactly the same, only one day apart. Which means that if there were two different boats floating on either side of the International Date Line within sight of each other, it can be noon on Monday in one boat, and noon on Tuesday in the other.

BOOM

If your brain hasn't exploded by now, consider that the U.S. military uses a 24-hour scale for local time zones, using DST where recognized (ex., 3:30 pm = 1530), but uses a 24-hour scale for Zulu time for operational communications across time zones.

For example, the time to begin an airstrike might be communicated as 1850Z, which is 6:50 pm UTC. Which, by the way, is 1:50 pm Eastern Standard Time, unless it is Daylight Savings Time, which will make it 12:50 pm Eastern Standard Time.

Make sense? I didn't think so.

So, if you are stationed in Germany which recognizes DST, and your spouse is on a ship somewhere off the coast of Japan, which doesn't recognize DST, and you agree to call each other at exactly 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, then what time should you make the call?

I have no flipping clue. I would recommend calling every five minutes until someone picks up. Or just send an email.

There is only one thing I know for certain: we lost an hour of sleep on Sunday.



Photos by MC1 Brian Reynolds

NCC Brian Shelton and NCCS Yenier Ramirez raise the Golden Anchor Retention Excellence pennant in front of Commander, Navy Region Southeast headquarters.



Region earns Golden Anchor

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) (front row, second from left), and the CNRSE retention team gather for a group photo before raising the Golden Anchor Retention Excellence pennant March 9. Golden Anchor Retention Excellence awards are given to select commands by the Department of the Navy for sustaining superior levels of military retention.



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'Fighting Tigers' complete successful detachment in Singapore

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Patrol Squadron 8 Public Affairs

Maintenance and aircrew personnel assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 completed a successful detachment to Singapore Feb. 20-27 in support of bilateral training and regional partnerships. The detachment deployed to Paya Lebar Airbase in an effort to further ties with the nation of Singapore and demonstrate the P-8A's unique capabilities.

The P-8A Poseidon is the Navy's newest maritime, patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, a multi-mission capable replacement aircraft for the legacy P-3C Orion, designed to improve an operator's ability to conduct anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence and surveillance. VP-8's maintenance and flight crew demonstrated these capabilities during the detachment, logging more than 40 flight hours in support of 7th Fleet missions.



Photo by Lt. j. g. Nathan Byam-Mooney

The "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron 8 chop onions at Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen during a community relations event on their recent detachment to Singapore.

here has shown the P-8A's versatility," explained Mission Commander Lt. Zach Sipes.

"With one plane, we were able to take the required maintenance gear, a full crew, as well as maintenance personnel to fix any problems we might encounter, and carry out our mission in another country."

On their day off, members of the flight crew and maintenance personnel volunteered their time at the Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen. Willing Hearts, an Asian Pacific Breweries Foundation, is staffed on a volunteer basis and relies solely on local volunteers to support their operation.



Photo by Lt. Zachary Sipes

Lt. j.g. Nate Byam-Mooney (left) and Lt. Kevin Roy, assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8, prepare a P-8A Poseidon for departure out of Paya Lebar Airfield. VP-8 is currently forward deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations conducting missions and providing maritime domain awareness to supported units throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

The Fighting Tigers were able to supplement the workforce on a day in which the soup kitchen experiences its highest demand of patrons. The Sailors assisted staff in washing dishes and preparing the day's take-

away meals for less fortunate locals.

"It felt great to give back to a country that has welcomed us so openly this week," said Aircraft Commander Lt. Kevin Roy.



Photo by MC2 Jakoeb Vandahlen

VP-5 showcases P-8A Poseidon capabilities

Lt. Fan Yang (left) a tactical coordinator assigned to the "Mad Foxes" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, demonstrates the systems onboard a P-8A Poseidon aircraft to members of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces March 1. VP-5, detached from Commander, Task Force (CTF) 67 to CTF 57, are supporting missions in U.S. 5th Fleet to demonstrate cross-combatant command interoperability, deter potential adversaries and to provide large-scale intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection.

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MA2 Calvin Green of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Security Department plays tug-o-war with Military Working Dog (MWD) Baba, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, during a training session at the MWD obstacle course.

Military Working Dog teams form unique bond

By Hannah Simmons
Staff Writer

It has been said that a dog is a man's best friend. Whether dogs live in a home with a family or live to find intruders and explosives, dogs live to please their owner. A dog might be trained to search for drugs or explosive devices, but when the owner takes a ball out of his or her pocket, the dog is ready to play.

A Military Working Dog (MWD) team consists of dogs and dog handlers. Each dog is paired with a handler and together they work to keep people safe from bomb threats, search for drugs in vehicles and other areas and attack intruders when needed.

There are currently seven K-9s on the MWD team aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax). The oldest is a 9-year-old Labrador Retriever named Joker who works with his handler, MA2 Matthew Pellegrino. MA2 Calvin Green handles Baba, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, and is currently training a 2-year-old German Shepherd named Dixi. MA1 David Smith is partnered with 6-year-old Freddy. MA2 Robert Muccino is the handler for 5-year-old Belgian Malinois Bruno. MA1 James Bearden handles a two-year-old Belgian Malinois named Fredo.

Bearden and Fredo were just recently command certified.

Last year, Green travelled to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas for three months taking part in the initial dog training process at the Department of Defense (DoD) Dog Training School. According to Green, the experience has helped improve the productivity and knowledge of the entire NAS Jax MWD team.

"Training dogs requires



MA2 Calvin Green (left) apprehends MA1 James Bearden, who acts as an intruder during a training session Feb. 27, while Military Working Dog Baba waits for his next command.



MA1 James Bearden and Military Working Dog Fredo conduct a search for explosives in a hangar aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 1. Fredo's job is to detect any alerting scents.

consistency and patience," said Green. "When a dog has correctly followed orders, it's important to reward the dog. Dogs love to hear when they've done a good job."

When the NAS Jax MWD team receives a new dog, Bearden decides which dog and handler would form a good team.

"Each dog is different in how he or she works and handles problems and each handler is different," Bearden said, "It's all about finding that meshing point where the handler and the dog can mesh together and work as a team. This only comes with spending time together and building a bond."

The team trains together and pass testing requirements to become command certified by the base commanding officer. The dog and the handler go through a series of detection

trials. The dog must respond correctly in all settings of the course. The K-9 must find all materials hidden, whether those materials are drugs or explosives depending on the area in which the dog is to be certified.

Patrol training requires the dogs to be able to take down a suspect. Once a dog team is certified, they work on the installation during vehicle inspections, as well as providing humanitarian aid within the community and assisting local law enforcement agencies.

Bearden said within the last three months, the NAS Jax MWD Team has supported six United States Secret Service missions. The MWD Teams are also required to deploy around the world in support of DoD requirements.

The MWD Teams also spend



MA1 James Bearden (right) assists MA2 Calvin Green with his protection gear in preparation for a training exercise with the military working dogs. The suit protects the handler from dog bites as the team conducts training sessions to take down "suspects."



MA2 Matthew Pellegrino instructs Military Working Dog Joker to sit during a routine obedience training session.

time participating in community service events by showcasing the dog's abilities to local school groups both on and off the station.

The K-9s are recruited from special breeders overseas, as well as the breeding program located at the DoD Dog Training School at Lackland Air Force Base. Once the puppies are old enough to be weaned off of their mothers, they are fostered out and brought back when they are six-months-old. The dogs are assigned to handlers and receive obedience training. The K-9s are taught how to search buildings, intruder detection skills, attack phases, and stand-off phases. After initial training, the dogs are separated into explosive certification training and drug certification training. Once they are certified, they are sent out to a Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Army base. The DoD Dog Training School is a joint effort between the military branches of the United States.

All dogs are required to participate in daily training to detect probable causes. During a drug search, the MWD must

be properly certified in order to respond correctly. An incorrect response could violate an individual's right to privacy.

Each dog is trained to conduct patrol work and use their senses to detect an intruder. The main way a handler can tell if a dog senses an intruder is when it exhibits a change in behavior.

Bearden said, "From working so closely together, I'm able to read subtle changes in Fredo's body. Whether it is his tail moving a different direction, his ears changing position, or an alter in his body pattern."

The change in behavior shows the handler that the dog is ready to move forward and work towards the targeted source.

The K-9 wears a correction collar to tell let them know that they are not following the desired outcome. Along with the use of verbal cues and undesirable behavior is able to train his or her dog.

Today, there are approximately 300 certified dogs and handlers in the U.S. Navy. All dogs are considered petty offi-



MA1 James Bearden guides Military Working Dog Fredo down the ladder of an obstacle course aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 27.



Military Working Dog Fredo runs down a ladder on the dog training obstacle course, with his handler MA1 James Bearden at his side, aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 27.

Photos by Hannah Simmons



MA2 Robert Muccino hides explosive materials for a building search as part of a routine military working dog training aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 1. This training ensures the dogs are able to detect the materials in case of a bomb threat.



Military Working Dog Fredo correctly detects the hidden explosive material and alerts handler MA1 James Bearden during a training session.



Military Working Dog Baba prepares to chase down an intruder during a training session aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 27.



MA2 Robert Muccino spends time with Military Working Dog Hero after a successful explosives search in a hangar aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 1. Hero holds a toy in his mouth which was a reward for correctly detecting hidden explosive materials.

DOGS

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cers in the U.S. Navy. When the handler advances a rank, the dog advances one rank higher because handlers are taught to respect their dogs.

Handlers will not have the same dog throughout his or her career, but each bond that is made is one of a kind.

"After spending day after day with your dog, you form a special relationship that is unbreakable," Bearden said. "We can't bring our dogs with us when we retire or move to a different base. When a dog receives a new handler, it takes a while for them to learn each other and become a team. I remember each of the dogs I have worked with, and will never forget them."

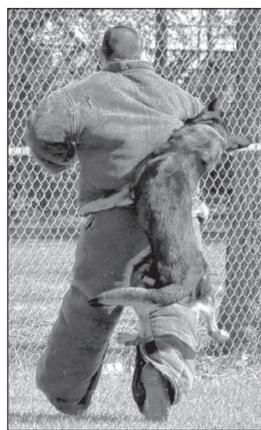


Military Working Dog Fredo eagerly waits for his handler to reward him for correctly following orders during a training exercise aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 27.



NJROTC visit

NJROTC students from Mooresville, North Carolina climb aboard a P-8A Poseidon during their visit to Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville March 9. In addition to touring Patrol Squadron 16, the students also took a ride on a River Patrol Boat at the NAS Jacksonville marina and they watched a Military Working Dog demonstration.



Baba, a Military Working Dog, takes down a fleeing suspect during a demonstration for NJROTC students from Mooresville, North Carolina, March 9. The students visited Naval Station Mayport March 8 and then toured Naval Air Station Jacksonville the next day.



NJROTC students from Mooresville, North Carolina, got up close to Military Working Dog Baba and his handler MA2 Calvin Green.



Photos by Reggie Jarrett

Lt. Lucas Skalski of Patrol Squadron 16 shows students NJROTC students from Mooresville, North Carolina around the cockpit of a P-8A Poseidon during their visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 9.



Sukaina Maadir (left), 18, takes the helm of a St. Johns River Patrol Boat under the watchful eye of EM3 Leon Matthews during her high school's NJROTC unit's visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 9. The 42 students from Mooresville High School in Mooresville, North Carolina spent the day visiting various facilities on the station. "I had so much fun driving the boat," Maadir said. "I'm just sorry I got everyone wet."

Annual retiree seminar coming in April

From the NAS Jax Retired Activities Office

The Naval Air Station Jacksonville Retired Activities Office Retiree Seminar will be held.

April 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at

Dewey's All Hands Club.

This event is for military retirees from all branches of service, Reserve personnel, spouses and surviving spouses.

Topics will cover grey area retirees' pay, Social Security benefits, Survivor Benefit

Plan, long term care insurance, VA benefits, 2018 TRICARE updates, retiree dental insurance, reverse mortgages, and assisted living.

Please RSVP to IAXS_NAS_RAO2@navy.mil or call 542-5745.



NAVFAC Southeast answers the call at military ball

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast military, civilian employees and guests gathered at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, March 3, for the 2018 NAVFAC Southeast Seabee Ball.

The ball highlighted the Seabees 76th birthday, 151st anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) and 176th anniversary of NAVFAC.

NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick Garin opened the celebration by recognizing and welcoming distinguished guests, retired military, the Seabees of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (202 Detachment Jacksonville and NAVFAC Southeast military and civilians along with the many friends and family members who attended the ball.

NAVFAC Assistant Commander for Acquisition Cindy Readal was the guest speaker for the ball. Deteriorating weather conditions in Washington D.C. prevented her from attending the event, so a video was provided of her speech that was played during the event.

"The diversity of the workforce remains our true strength," said Readal.

"With over 19,000 civilians, 1,600 officers and 11,000 active and reserve Seabees around the world, working together as one team to deliver products and services to the Navy, Marine Corps, the Joint Force, and Department of Defense supported commanders at over 100 locations around the globe."

"The Naval Construction Force is a vital component of the U.S. maritime strategy as demonstrated by their global contributions to military operations at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels by providing support across the full range of military operations on five continents."

The theme for this year's ball was "Contingency Operations: We Answer the Call," wherein Readal acknowledged the tremendous accomplishments of CBMU-202, Public Works Departments, and Contingency Engineering Response Teams, that provided disaster relief and recovery efforts to areas devastated by hurricanes.

"It's clear that NAVFAC Southeast has



The Color Guard from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 Detachment Jacksonville, presents the colors during opening ceremonies of the 2018 Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Seabee Ball March 3 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The presentation of colors is a traditional ceremony presenting the American flag before an event.

Photos by Jeffrey Hamlin

been put to the test with contingency operations and disaster recovery, and has magnificently demonstrated impressive response capabilities."

Over the past several years, NAVFAC Southeast has seen many devastating storms. Hurricane Matthew ravaged the southeast in 2016 followed by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

These four major hurricanes caused \$370 billion in damage in the U.S. and over \$600 million in damages to over 1,500 Navy facilities, and caused the evacuation of over 1,000 U.S. government personnel and their families.

"Although NAVFAC is not new to natural disasters, it is NAVFAC Southeast that has clearly demonstrated the ability to 'answer the call' when it comes to contingency operations and disaster recovery, and has shown all of NAVFAC how to do it right," said Readal.

The incredible teamwork of the Seabees, civilians, CEC officers and its contractor partners allowed for the effective planning and response actions to mitigate the impacts of these storms on fourteen different Navy and Marine Corps installations.

Readal commended the team for their exceptional performance and asked anyone in the audience who participated in disaster recovery efforts to stand and be recognized.

In addition to the guest speaker,



From left, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Operations Officer Capt. John Anderson, EOCR Gerardo Aaron Perales-Medina, retired NAVFAC employee Robin McCarthy, and NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick Garin cut the ceremonial cake at the 2018 NAVFAC Southeast Seabee Ball.

events at the ball included a photo display representing work by the team over the past year, a traditional cake-cutting ceremony recognizing the oldest and youngest Seabee, singing of "The Song of the Seabees," and concluded with an evening of dancing.

The Seabees, founded by Rear Adm. Ben Moreell in 1942, rose to fame during

World War II when the Navy's construction battalions or "CBs" provided combat support for the allied war effort.

They assisted in constructing an artificial harbor at Normandy after D-Day, supported Marines on Iwo Jima and transformed countless islands and outposts into workable bases for the allied march to victory.

Lactation suite grand opening

Capt. David Collins, Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville commanding officer, joined by active duty moms and moms-to-be, lactation nurses, and the Baby Friendly team, cuts the ceremonial ribbon celebrating the grand opening of the lactation suite at Naval Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville. The mobile lactation suite (for breastfeeding moms) is the first of its kind in Navy Medicine. The hospital also offers comfortable spaces to breastfeed and pump, including a "Milky Way" room in the Pediatrics Clinic. NH Jacksonville was the first hospital on Florida's First Coast to earn the prestigious Baby Friendly designation from World Health Organization and UNICEF. Expecting and new moms and dads can sign up for a variety of free classes by calling 904-542-BABY (-2229). The hospital also offers private birthing suites, nitrous oxide as an option for laboring moms, skin-to-skin care for cesarean section births, nurse childbirth educators and lactation consultants.



Photo by Jacob Sippel

Rear Adm. Bolivar speaks to Girls, Inc.

By MC1 Brian Reynolds
Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Navy Region Southeast, provided remarks as the keynote speaker during the second annual Women of Vision Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by Girl's Inc., at the WJCT television studio March 8.

The luncheon helped raise awareness regarding the challenges affecting at-risk girls throughout the Jacksonville and Duval County areas.

During her speech, Bolivar praised the work that the Girls Inc. nonprofit organization has done to empower young females to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

"You are part of a program that is focused on helping girls," said Bolivar. "You are helping girls avoid risky behaviors, graduate from high school and have the best success of stepping into their own power to achieve their goals and dreams."

Robin Rose, the CEO of Girls Inc., emphasized the importance of her organization's mission, and the impact that the organization has on both the local and national level.

"Girls Inc. is the game changer for so many girls here in Jacksonville and at the 85



Photos by MC1 Brian Reynolds

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Navy Region Southeast, speaks to attendees at the second annual Women of Vision Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by Girls Inc., at the WJCT television studio March 8. The luncheon helped raise awareness of the challenges at-risk girls face throughout the Jacksonville and Duval County areas.

affiliates within the United States and in Canada. We give them the hope, confidence, and the knowledge and skills to beat the odds, and to overcome any obstacle in their lives that could derail them from achieving the life they want

to claim for themselves," said Rose.

Bolivar used her experience as a female leader to advise the girls in attendance.

"As young people, it is so important to become leaders in your own lives,"

Bolivar said. "What I'm saying is, if any of us cannot become powerful leaders in our own lives first, then how can we ever think we can lead other people and organizations successfully? Being involved with Girls Inc., you already have a good start."

Bolivar also emphasized the importance of mentorship in molding these at-risk girls to become strong, smart and bold.

"It is so important to invest in a girl's future," said Bolivar. "When one makes that investment, the rewards can go beyond your wildest dreams."

Emphasizing the importance of strong leadership, Bolivar said, "Each one of you here can be a leader. You can be that leader with self-awareness, passion and purpose. It is a choice that only you can make. As females, we have definitely contributed to making this country a better place to be."

The network of Girl's Inc. nonprofit organizations serves girls 6-10 years old in more than 1,400 cities across the United States and Canada.

Its research-based programming is delivered by trained professionals who focus on the development of the whole girl, supporting, mentoring and guiding girls in an affirming pro-girl environment.

New shingles vaccine available at Naval Hospital Jacksonville



Photo by Jacob Sippel

HM3 Luis Echevarria draws up the shingles vaccine. Almost one out of every three people in the U.S. will develop shingles during their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Healthy adults, age 50 and up, should get the new vaccine even if they've had shingles, received the old vaccine or aren't sure if they've had chickenpox.

By Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

The Immunization Clinics at Naval Hospital Jacksonville (its hospital and branch health clinics) now offer a new shingles vaccine to patients.

Almost one out of every three people in the U.S. will develop shingles during their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Healthy adults, age 50 and up, should get the new vaccine even if they've had shingles, received the old vaccine or aren't sure if they've had chickenpox.

Shingles is a painful rash that usually develops on one side of the body, often the face or torso. It consists of blisters that typically scab over in seven to 10 days, and clear up within two to four weeks.

Some people develop long-lasting pain for months, or even years, after the rash goes away.

The new shingles vaccine is the vaccine preferred by the CDC and was licensed by the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration in 2017.

It's two doses, two to six months apart, given as a shot in the upper arm. The new vaccine provides strong protection (more than 90 percent effective) against shingles and its complications.

Most people who develop shingles have only one episode during their lifetime; however, a second or even a third episode can occur.

There is a greater risk of getting shingles for some people.

This includes people who have medical conditions that keep immune systems from working properly (such as certain cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, or human immunodeficiency virus) or take immunosuppressive drugs, such as steroids after organ transplants.

For more information, stop by or call the Immunizations Clinic at 904-542-7810 (hospital) or 904-546-7050 (Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville - active duty), or visit CDC at www.cdc.gov/shingles.

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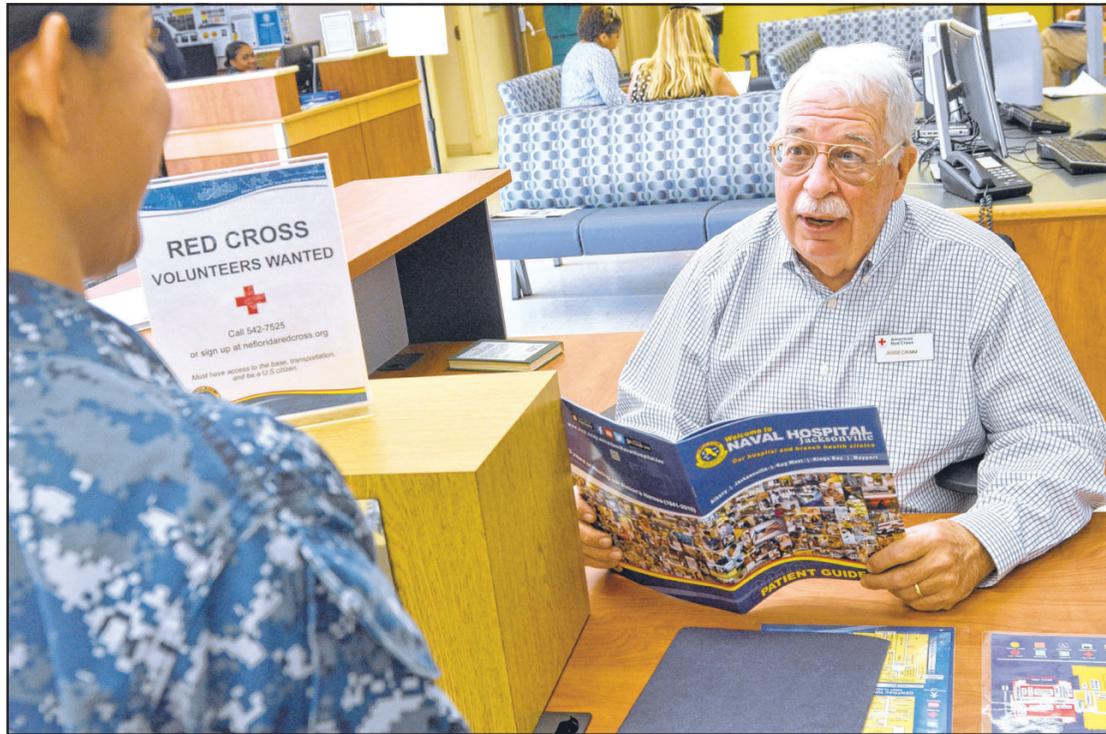


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Jesse Crimm, an American Red Cross volunteer at Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's information desk, helps a patient find her way. At NH Jacksonville, American Red Cross volunteers contribute about 900 volunteer hours each month, and over 11,000 hours annually.

NH Jax recognizes American Red Cross Month

From Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

Every year since World War II, every president has designated March as Red Cross Month, recognizing the help received by people across the country and around the world. At Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville, American Red Cross volunteers contribute about 900 volunteer hours each month, and over 11,000 hours annually.

"Our American Red Cross volunteers are essential to our Navy and Marine Corps team, and they reflect the best of our nation's spirit," said Capt. David Collins, NH Jacksonville commanding officer. "They unselfishly dedicate a large amount of time to our patients and staff, and they do so with kindness and compassion."

The American Red Cross provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans, and families – at

home and around the world.

The Northeast Florida Chapter, founded in 1914, serves 17 counties.

At any given time, NH Jacksonville American Red Cross volunteers can be found counseling patients on personal and family issues, helping with plans and arrangements for emergency or convalescent leave, getting background information from patients for use by medical staff in

diagnosis and treatment, providing for the reception and comfort of relatives of the seriously ill or serving as NH Jacksonville ambassadors — lifting the spirits of patients, visitors and staff.

To find out about volunteering, call the Northeast Florida Chapter at 904-358-8091 or NH Jacksonville's American Red Cross at 904-542-7525, or go online to www.redcross.org.

CCC

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career history and we find out what their goals are," Ortiz said. "Then we help them create a timeline as a guide to help them get there."

CCC only has a staff of five people in their office, but they are assisted by divisional/departmental counselors. "Each command has their own command career counselor," Ortiz said.

The additional support helps CCC assist our Sailors

make the best career decisions for them.

"It is easy to work when you have a good support system like we have here at NAS Jacksonville," Ortiz said. "From the divisional career counselors all the way up the chain of command to the Captain, there are a bunch of good folks at this command."

Winning awards is not what drives the staff at CCC to excellence. "I take pride in making sure our Sailors get the best help that we can give them," Perezavila said.

F-35B

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response capability and advance the 'Up-Gunned ESG' concept.

The 'Up-gunned ESG' is a U.S. Pacific-fleet initiated concept that aims to provide lethality and survivability to a traditional three-ship amphibious ready group by integrating multi-mission surface combatants and F-35B into amphibious operations. By adding these enabling capabilities, the amphibious force can more effectively defend against adversarial threats in the undersea, surface and air domains, as well provide offensive firepower to strike from the sea.

The 31st MEU is the only forward-deployed MEU in the region. The F-35B serves as one airframe within a multitude of air capabilities of the MEU's Air Combat Element. Air, ground and logistics forces make up the MEU's Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), a composite of capabilities that allow the MEU, in partnership with Navy amphibious ships, to conduct a wide-range of missions from crisis response to disaster relief.

"This is a historic deployment," said Col. Tye Wallace, 31st MEU commanding officer. "The F-35B is the most capable aircraft ever to support a Marine rifleman on the ground. It brings a range of new capabilities to the MEU that make us a more lethal and effective Marine Air-Ground Task Force."

Multi-mission guided-missile destroyers USS Dewey (DDG 105), with embarked Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 35 "Magicians," and USS Sterett (DDG 104), with embarked Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 49 "Scorpions," are scheduled to support a range of operations and training with the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group for varying stretches during the patrol.

The arrival of the F-35B culminates testing and shipboard structural modifications on Wasp that began in 2013. Wasp completed an overhaul in 2017 and subsequently departed Norfolk to forward-deploy



Photo by MC3 Michael Molina

ABHC John Jacob directs an F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), marking the first time the aircraft has deployed aboard a U.S. Navy ship and with a Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Indo-Pacific.

to Sasebo, Japan, as part of a Department of Defense effort to place the most advanced capabilities in the Indo-Pacific.

"Deployment of the versatile F-35B enhances the full range of Expeditionary Strike Group capabilities with one of the world's most technologically-advanced air warfare platforms," said Capt. Colby Howard, Wasp commanding officer. "With the specific upgrades Wasp has received, the Navy Marine Corps team in the Pacific is better positioned than ever before to support our commitment to the security of Japan and the Region."

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John Montgomery, a Fleet Readiness Center Southeast sheet metal mechanic, removes excess metal from the facility's new fiber laser cutter after it machined the desired pieces.

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The process uses a chemical bath to eat away a desired portion of metal. However, any scratches already in the metal can be exacerbated by the chemicals.

"On our old machine, the material moved and the cutting head was fixed," said sheet metal mechanic Josh Brown. "That would sometimes cause scratches as the material was moved."

"On this machine, the material stays stationary and the cutting head moves."

The Amada Fiber Laser is also capable of varying its cutting depth.

"Now we can include the etching in with the program for the part and do the cutting and etching without ever taking it off the machine," Brown said.

Though there's always a learning curve with new technology, the laser cutter is already proving its worth to the men who operate it.

"I know this can handle anything we throw at it," Montgomery said.

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NAS Jax takes second, third in tourneys

By Reggie Jarrett
Editor Jax Air News

The Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville Flyers men's basketball team took second place in their first season playing in the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference (SEMAC).

The team also finished third in the March Madness Basketball Tournament held at Naval Station (NS) Mayport March 10-11.

In the SEMAC, The Flyers lost to Duke Field 72-60 in the conference playoffs in Montgomery, Alabama. Hurlburt Field Air Base finished first in the conference and Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB) placed third.

"The competition in the league was very good," said



Courtesy photo
The Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville basketball team took second place in the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference and also took third place in the March Madness Tournament held at Naval Station Mayport.

NAS Jacksonville Command Master Chief and Flyers Head Coach Jeffery Waters. "I wouldn't say we had the best

team, but we had the best organized team in the league. I think the cohesiveness of our team was huge."

Despite the team's success, Waters said there were some difficulties playing in the league for the first time. "There were a lot of lessons we learned from this season. We didn't know some of the rules of the SEMAC and we had problems with game scheduling. Despite all that, we were able to come in second in a league that has been around a long time."

Player availability was another problem for Waters this season. The hardest thing we had to deal with was the Sailor's schedules," he said. "Trying to keep a team together with deploying squadrons and people coming and going, that was the biggest coaching challenge."

With player availability a question mark, Waters had

to call on players that had not received a lot of playing time to step up. "Role players became key players," he said. "The players enjoyed being out there with each other and that was the key to our success."

Even with all the challenges, the Flyers came through for a second place finish. "I am very proud of the team," Waters said. "They did a wonderful job all season."

In the March Madness Tournament, the Flyers took third place. The team finished first in the all-military tournament last year.

The Flyers did have a some additional satisfaction in the March Madness Tournament by beating Hurlburt Field AFB, the team that won the SEMAC league, by 26 points.

Greybeard softball league forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DOD civilians, DOD Contractors, military dependent spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville and Retirees age 30 and up. The games are played at lunch time on Tuesdays. All interested personnel should contact the NAS Jax Sports Department to receive a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due March 16.

Intramural softball league forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DOD civilians, DOD Contractors, Dependent spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville and Retirees. The games are played in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All interested personnel should contact the NAS Jax Sports Department to receive a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due March 16.

Women's softball league meeting forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DOD civilians, DOD Contractors, Dependents at NAS Jacksonville and Retirees. The games are played in the evenings. All interested personnel should contact the NAS Jax Sports Department to receive a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due March 16.

Men's singles tennis tournament - March 26

The tournament is open to active duty, selective reservists, dependent spouses, DoD civilians, and DoD contractor men assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The tournament starts at 5 p.m. and will be held at the Guy Ballou Tennis Courts on the corner of Allegheny Road and Birmingham Road. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the captain's cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second or third. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by March 23.

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NAS Jax Sports

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

Standings

As of March 9
Badminton Doubles

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-30 C	6	0
NAVFAC Clear	5	1
NAVFAC Turtles	5	1
NAS Jax Holy Rollers	4	2
NAVFAC Flying Gravity	4	2
TPU/PCF Shuttle Roosters	3	2
NAVFAC 2 fly or not 2 fly	3	3
TPU/PCF Watch the Birdies	1	4
NAVFAC Ray Ban Shades	1	5
CNATTU Old School	0	5
TPU/PCF Lockem Up	0	5

Intramural Winter Basketball

Team	Wins	Losses
NAVHOSP B	7	0
VP-16	8	2
FRC Blue	6	2
VR-58/VR-62	6	2
NMC/NAVY RESERVE	7	3
NAVHOSP (2)	6	3

VP-62/NAVSUP FLCJ	5	3
VP-30	4	4
HSM-60	3	5
VP-10	3	5
VUP-19	2	7
HITRON	1	7
HSM-70	1	7
TPU/PCF	0	9

Winter Golf

Teams	Wins	Losses
MPRWS	4	0
HSM-70 Team 1	4	1
HSM-70 Team 2	4	1
CNATTU	3	2
GEMD	3	2
FACSFAC Blue	2	3
FACSFAC Gold	1	3
FRCSE 600	1	4
FRCSE Alfs	0	5
HITRON	0	5

Skeet

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVFAC Moskeeters	5	0
FRCSE Shooters	5	1
FLCJ Orange Crush	4	1
NAVFAC Sons of Guns	4	1
TPU/PCF Dusters	4	1
VP-45	4	1
NAVFAC Gulf Coast Shooters	3	2
VP-10 Irv's Gun Club	3	2
VP-30	3	2
CNATTU Skeet Happens	2	3
NAVFAC PDHC 4 Life	2	3
VUP-19 (1)	2	3
NAS Jax Buffs	1	4
TPU/PCF Shotguns & Roses	1	4
FRCSE Tailgaters	1	5
FACSFAC	0	5
VUP-19 (2)	0	5



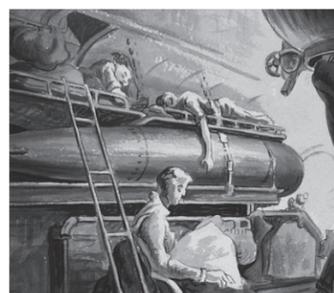
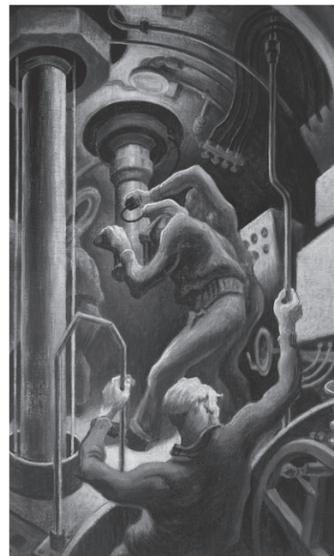
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 March 15: Reserved - \$28. Children 12 & Under Reserved - \$10. General Admission - \$17. Children 12 & Under General Admission - Free.
 Disney On Ice - Veteran's Memorial Arena
 March 16-18: \$18.50
 UF vs. FSU Baseball at the Baseball Grounds of Jax (Home of the Jax Jumbo Shrimp)
 March 27: \$18.
 Clay County Fair - Green Cove Springs Fair Grounds
 March 29 - April 7: Adult \$7. Child/Senior: \$5. Wristbands \$15.
 Comedy Club of Jax (11000 Beach Blvd.)
 Open Mic Night every first Thursday: \$8
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 - The 85 South Show: March 25, \$25.
 2017 - 2018 Broadway Series Shows
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Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:
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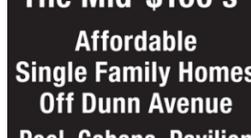
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