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Naval Hospital Jacksonville physician named pediatrician of the year

By Yan Kennon

Public Affairs Senior Writer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville

The American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Uniformed Services Chapter West announced Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Love, a Naval Hospital Jacksonville pediatrician, as its 2018 Pediatrician of the Year Nov. 4, during its 2018 AAP National Conference and Exhibition.

The annual award is given to an early-career uniformed pediatrician from each service (Army, Navy, Air Force), and from each chapter of the Uniformed Services section of AAP (East and West).

More than 11,000 pediatricians and healthcare professionals attended the four-day event in Orlando.

Love received his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.



Photo by Jacob Sippel

Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Love, a Naval Hospital Jacksonville pediatrician, interviews an adolescent patient at the hospital's Pediatrics Clinic. Love was recently selected as 2018 Pediatrician of the Year by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Uniformed Services Chapter West.



Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Capt. Michael Connor listens for the countdown from children from the NAS Jax Child Development Center before lighting the USO Giving Tree at the Navy Exchange.

USO Giving Tree benefits military children

From Staff

The Naval Air Station Jax (NAS Jax) Navy Exchange (NEX) in partnership with the Greater Jacksonville Area USO held its 13th annual lighting of the USO Giving Tree Nov. 19.

The tree, located in the NEX main store, offers a way for patrons to help a military child, who is a little less fortunate, have something special for Christmas.

NEX General Manager Marsha Brooks welcomed store patrons and children from the NAS Jax Child Development Center who participated in the event by singing Christmas carols.

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor thanked the NEX and USO for serving the community during the holiday season.

"This is a great community tradition to help those military families who might need something a little extra this Christmas," said Connor.

As the children gave the official countdown, Connor performed the ceremonially lighting of the tree.

NEX customers can select an ornament with a child's wishes off the tree, and return gift purchases with the wish list tag to the NAS Jax USO (at the main gate) no later than Dec. 14. The USO wraps and delivers all the presents.

The USO works with base tenant command master chiefs to com-



Children from the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Child Development Center excitedly greet Santa Claus as he makes his way into the Navy Exchange during the annual USO Giving Tree event.



Santa listens attentively as Natalie Araujo tells him her gift wishes at the USO Giving Tree event Nov. 19.

pile a list of children from NAS Jacksonville families who they felt could benefit from the giving tree.

"This is one of our favorite events of the year," said Brooks.

"Each ornament on the tree



Navy Exchange (NEX) General Manager Marsha Brooks welcomes children from the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Child Development Center and introduces NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor during the annual USO Giving Tree event at the NEX Nov. 19.

Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

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Don't stand in line TSA precheck open to military, DoD civilians

By Jim Garamone

Defense.gov

Service members are trusted to defend the nation, surely they can be trusted when boarding a plane.

This is the thinking of the Transportation Security Administration, which is pushing to ensure that service members and DOD civilians know they can use the TSA Precheck program.

"Service members are already enrolled in TSA Precheck, but many do not know they are," TSA Administrator David Pekoske said in a recent interview. Pekoske, a retired Coast Guard vice admiral, wants all those eligible to use this free program.

Smart Security

All service members of all components of the armed forces and students at the armed forces' service academies are automatically enrolled in TSA Precheck. Their DOD ID numbers - a 10-digit number that should be on the back of your Common Access Card - serve as their Known Traveler Numbers.

Civilian employees must opt into the program using milConnect website. Their DOD ID number is also their KTN.

Again, there is no cost for military members or civilians. For the general public that enrolls in the program, the cost is \$85.

"This is a real benefit for being a member of the armed forces, and it is good for us from a security perspective," Petoske said.

To obtain their positions, service members and DOD civilians undergo background checks, and most have security clearances. They are trusted to carry weapons in defense of the United States or to safeguard America's secrets. So the TSA decided that there was no need for them to take off their shoes and belts at a checkpoint to get on an aircraft.

Using TSA Precheck

All travelers must add their DOD ID number to their Defense Travel System profiles to access TSA Precheck while on official travel, but eligible service members and civilians can also use it on personal travel, Pekoske said.

"If you go on any airline website, when you are making flight reservations, there is a box for the KTN and that is where they put their DOD number in," he said. "Once you put the number in - especially if you are a regular flier on that airline - every time you make a reservation, or a reservation is made by the DOD travel service for you, they will automatically pick up that number."

"The effort makes sense from an agency perspective and it is also a way to say thanks to members of the military and the civilian members of DOD and the Department of Homeland Security who sacrifice so much," the administrator said. "It's a really good program and it provides a direct benefit to those who keep us free."

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THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

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Nov. 29

1775 - Capt. John Manley in schooner Lee captures British ordnance ship Nancy with large quantity of munitions.
 1890 - First Army-Navy football game is won by Navy 24 - 0.
 1929 - Cmdr. Richard Byrd makes first flight over South Pole.
 1944 - USS Archerfish (SS-311) sinks Japanese carrier Shinano, the world's largest warship sunk by any submarine during World War II.

Nov. 30

1942 - In Battle of Tassafaronga, the last major naval action in Solomons, the U.S. force prevents Japanese attempt to resupply the Japanese troops on Guadalcanal. Six U.S. ships are damaged in the action.

Dec. 1

1842 - Execution of three crewmembers of USS Somers for mutiny; Midshipman Philip Spencer, Boatswain Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small.
 1921 - In first flight of a Navy airship filled with helium, Blimp C-7 piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Ralph Wood left Norfolk, Va. for Washington, D.C.
 1959 - Bureau of Ordnance (BUORD) merges with Bureau of Aeronautics (BUAER) to form the Bureau of Naval Weapons (BUWEPS).

Dec. 2

1775 - Congress orders first officers commissions printed.
 1908 - Rear Adm. William Cowles submits report, prepared by Lt. George

Sweet, recommending purchase of aircraft suitable for operating from naval ships on scouting and observation missions to Secretary of the Navy.
 1941 - First Naval Armed Guard detachment (seven men under a coxswain) of World War II reports to Liberty ship, SS Dunboyne.
 1944 - Two-day destroyer Battle of Ormoc Bay begins.
 1965 - USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) and USS Bainbridge (DLGN-25) become first nuclear-powered task unit used in combat operations with launch of air strikes near Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

Dec. 3

1775 - Lt. John Paul Jones raises the Grand Union flag on USS Alfred. It was the First American flag raised over American naval vessel.
 1940 - President Franklin Roosevelt embarks on cruiser USS Tuscaloosa (CA-37) to inspect bases acquired from Great Britain under Destroyer-for Bases agreement.
 1983 - Two F-14 Tomcats flying over Lebanon were fired upon.

Dec. 4

1918 - President Woodrow Wilson sails in USS George Washington for Paris Peace Conference.
 1943 - Aircraft from USS Lexington (CV-16) and USS Independence (CVL-22) attack Kwajalein Atoll, sinking four Japanese ships and damaging five others. Only three U.S. ships suffered damage.
 1944 - USS Flasher (SS-249) sinks Japanese destroyer Kishinami and damages a merchant ship in South China Sea. Flasher is only U.S. submarine to sink



Courtesy photo

REMEMBERING OCT. 8, 1947

As many as 200 Sailors on special detail from Naval Air Station Jacksonville pile sandbags against a retaining wall, which had been washed away by high tides generated by a tropical storm, in order to prevent further damage to homes along the beach front. The men worked day and night to repair the damaged wall. The storm made landfall near Kings Bay, Georgia, and it spawned a tornado in Jacksonville, which injured 13 people and left 40 homeless.

more than 100,000 tons of enemy shipwreck in World War II.
 1965 - Launch of Gemini 7 piloted by Cmdr. James Lovell. This flight consisted of 206 orbits at an altitude of 327 km, lasting 13 days and 18 hours. Recovery by HS-11 helicopters from USS Wasp (CVS-18).
 1983 - Aircraft from USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) and USS Independence (CV-62) launch strike against anti-air-

craft positions in Lebanon that fired on U.S. aircraft. Two U.S. Navy planes shot down.
Dec. 5
 1843 - Launching of USS Michigan - the Navy's first prefabricated, iron-hulled warship at Erie, Penn.
 1941 - USS Lexington (CV-2) sails with Task Force 12 to ferry Marine Corps aircraft to Midway Island - leaving no aircraft carriers at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Navy Lodge locations offer discount this holiday season

From NEXCOM Public Affairs

At the Navy Lodge, "We Believe!" in holiday specials! Guests who reserve a room now through Jan. 2, 2019, at select locations will receive 20 percent off their stay. Reservations need to be made online at navy-lodge.com or dodlodging.com to receive the discount.
 "The Navy Lodge Program wants to give back to our guests who sacrifice so much for us by offering an even greater savings," said Mike Bockelman, vice president, Navy Exchange Service Command, Director, Navy Lodge Program and DoD Reservation Center. "By giving 20 percent off their stay, I hope our guests have the opportunity to visit with loved ones or have loved ones visit them this holiday season. From the Navy Lodge family to yours, happy holidays."
 Navy Lodges participating in the holiday promotion include Annapolis, Bethesda and Patuxent River, Maryland; Fort Worth and Corpus Christi, Texas; Lemoore, El Centro, Port Hueneme, Moffett Field and Monterey, California; Great Lakes, Illinois; Fallon, Nevada; Memphis, Tennessee; Gulfport, Mississippi; Washington, D.C.; New London, Connecticut; New York, New York; Newport, Rhode Island; Everett and Whidbey Island, Washington; Pensacola, Mayport and Jacksonville, Florida; Kings Bay, Georgia; and Norfolk and Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia.
 Guests will find oversized guest rooms and family suites along with lobby that promotes a fun and social atmosphere that fits the busy lifestyle of today's service members and their families. On site amenities include vending machines, laundry area and workout room as well as children's outside play area at many locations. Navy Lodges also offer guests free Wi-Fi, breakfast and weekly manager's reception. Every Navy Lodge is handicapped accessible. As an added convenience, dogs and cats up to 70 pounds in weight can stay at most Navy Lodges when traveling with its owner. Guests need to contact the specific Navy Lodge regarding pet policies.

Thanksgiving, interrupted

By Lisa Smith Molinari

And so it begins.
 No sooner did use my thumbnail to scrape a dribble of turkey gravy off my sweater, than — WHOMP! — the Christmas hoopla hit me like a freight train.
 On Thanksgiving Day, it was perfectly acceptable, nay encouraged, to laze around all day in a tryptophan-induced haze, gorging myself on the day's feast while watching football and glancing noncommittally at a puzzle.
 But then, less than 12 hours later, a starter pistol was fired, officially signaling the 2018 Holiday Rat Race.
 Quite suddenly, and beyond my will, I am expected to run around with a purpose, when all I want to do is nibble leftover pie and play Banangrams with our kids.
 This frenzy begins earlier every year, with "Black Friday" now so diluted with early shopping deals, it has become "Grey November." Nowadays, Christmas commercials, moving window displays, and pyramids of fruitcakes and candy canes show up right after Halloween.
 The turkey carcass hasn't even been tossed before elves appear on shelves, bell ringers with red kettles show up at storefronts, and Bing Crosby croons Mele Kalikimaka.
 Thanksgiving, an event commemorating the blessings of harvest and fellowship is overlooked, lost in the cranberry sauce, squished into one lousy day. (Well, less than a day if you planned to make the Doorbuster Deal at Macy's.)
 The prim Pilgrims and drab turkeys don't stand a chance against the glitter, glam and consumerism of the Christmas season.
 Must we accept this new normal?
 Did our culture shift? Is it beyond our control?
 Can't we delay the frenzy for a day or two? Why are we in such a rush to hit malls and department stores, which have become Caligula-era Coliseums where otherwise mild-mannered citizens use shopping carts like crashing chariots in an epic battle to get that last Fitbit Alta?
 Why don't we savor a few more

MEAT & POTATOES OF LIFE

days before the annual hemorrhage of our wallets, when we fall prey to pressures to buy a gift for every Tom, Dick, Harry and school janitor?
 Why not delay the inevitable guilt that comes when we buy something for ourselves when we were supposed to be shopping for Aunt Gertrude?
 Can't we all agree to wait a bit longer, before our neighbors attempt to turn the street into the Las Vegas Strip by wrapping their houses in more twinkle lights than the Andromeda Galaxy, lining their sidewalks with plastic candy canes, and adorning their front yards with giant blow up snow globes?
 Shouldn't we rest up before throngs of kids we don't recognize, but who claim to be from our neighborhoods, and who won't take "no" for an answer, show up on our doorsteps asking us to buy rolls of wrapping paper, tubs of cookie dough, tins of caramel corn, cans of ham, jars of scented candles, kitchen gadgets, poinsettias and wreaths?
 Soon, our mailboxes will be stuffed with piles of holiday cards containing three-page update letters chronicling every significant and insignificant event in the lives of people - and pets - we haven't seen in years.
 We will soon have to juggle multiple invites to family holiday parties, school holiday parties, work holiday parties, neighborhood holiday parties, cookie exchanges, secret Santa gift exchanges, elementary school holiday choral concerts, high school holiday drama productions, and middle school holiday band concerts

(ear plugs not included). So why not relax and enjoy the weekend?
 Shouldn't we nibble turkey leftovers for two more days, before our bodies begin their slow transformation from reasonably unhealthy to alarming levels of egg-nog-triggered-cholesterol and Christmas-cookie-induced diabetes?
 Personally, I'd like to put off the rapid expansion of my thighs for as long as possible, for fear that they will cause so much friction I'll spontaneously combust if I walk too fast in my favorite corduroys.
 Can't we all just agree to savor Thanksgiving weekend, for the love of Santa?!

With such a short time left before the chaos begins, let's use this time to preemptively rest, relax, and brace for the inevitable holiday onslaught we all know is just around the corner.
 Take heed, take stock, take two days. And don't call anyone in the morning.

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Nix retires following 45 years of civil service

From Staff

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) personnel will bid farewell to Unaccompanied Housing (UH) Manager Beverly Nix during her retirement ceremony after 45 years of civil service, at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center Nov. 30.

Nix, a native of Jacksonville, began her career here after high school as an employee with the Navy Exchange (NEX) in March 1973. Her first full-time civil service job was at the Officer's Club. "At that time, the enlisted, chiefs and officers all had their own clubs under the same roof," she said. "After they decided to consolidate the clubs, I worked at the consolidated package store as the inventory management clerk." She continued to apply for jobs as they became available working in payroll and personnel and in the financial screening unit for Special Services which is now Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Beverly Nix

"When a clerical supervisor position opened up at the Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ), I applied and worked there in that capacity for several years before taking over as BOQ manager in 1987," said Nix.

She has worked in her current position since 2005, overseeing the daily operations of

10 civilian employees and 16 military members, who cater to 1,640 Sailors residing in 838 rooms. This includes checking residents in/out, conducting room and ground inspections, handling any room issues, and coordinating special events.

Under her leadership, the barracks saw major upgrades during a \$2 million renovation project of Building 846 and she has been involved with the initial plans of a \$15 million renovation project of Building 822, scheduled for completion in 2019.

Some of the highlights of her career include collaborating with retired CWO5 Kathy Wiseman, former NAS Jax food service officer, to implement the first "Grab-to-Go" Breakfast program in UH; overseeing the installation of the first of its kind UH Sports Court and a NEX Micro-Market to benefit residents. Under her leadership, UH has earned the prestigious Christopher Edward Lee and Associations,

Inc. A-List Platinum Award for twice and the Crystal Award for five consecutive years for outstanding customer service.

According to Nix, leaving her job is going to be extremely difficult. "I really love my job here and love our residents. I treat them, and I want my staff to treat them, the way that we would want to be treated," she said.

"I know a lot of the E1-E3s would rather live out in town, but I try to make them feel comfortable here. I remember going to a conference years ago and a hotel CEO talked about how he strives to make his staff his main customers so they would better take care of the exterior customers. So that's what I've based my career on - taking care of my staff so they will take care of our residents - and it's really worked. I'm so thankful to them for their respect and I will really miss the camaraderie."

After 45 years, Nix has worked for more than 20 NAS

Jax commanding officers, numerous military housing directors and one civilian housing director - Mike Herbert, who has since retired. "That was a big change but it was wonderful working with him," she said fondly.

"I will also miss the outpouring of trust; the trust that the leadership has had in me to do my job and the faith my staff has had knowing that I'll take care of them," said Nix.

"And of course, the residents. I'm thankful for all the opportunities that were given to me here. This is such a fantastic place to work as long as you don't just 'do' your job. I tell my staff all the time to always do more than what your job requires."

In her next life chapter, Nix says she will enjoy not being on a schedule and plans to put a trailer on her land in Georgia to "chill-out" and enjoy planting flowers. She also plans to travel within the U.S. with her husband and friends.

'Mad Foxes' compete in chief's chili cook-off challenge

By Lt. Ridgely Riggs
VP-5 Public Affairs

The Chiefs' Mess of Patrol Squadron 5 kicked off this year's chili cook-off challenge Nov. 15, making it the second iteration of what is sure to be a new annual "Mad Fox" tradition.

The overcast and cool autumn day set the perfect atmosphere as the prospective chefs brought their prized chilis to be sampled by scores of Sailors across Hangar 511.

Overall, the event was a great success, with 85 bowls purchased and the chili stores exhausted.

Though many of the stews were masterfully crafted, one pulled through above the rest.

Congratulations to ADCS Christian Desiderio for winning the cook-off. For his efforts, he was presented with a chili-bowl trophy and now holds the bragging rights for best Mad Fox chili.

"A cook-off is a great addition to any fine Navy day," said contender AWOC Donald Laga. Though he didn't win, he said, "the important thing is that we fed a multitude of hungry Sailors and raised over \$350 for the command holiday party."



Hungry Patrol Squadron 5 "Mad Foxes" line up to enjoy pots of savory chili during a Chiefs' Mess chili cook-off challenge Nov. 15.

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Awardees recognized at Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day

By Demi M. Cruz
MWR Marketing

The annual Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day took place Nov. 14 at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Chapel. NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss recognized the awardees and also the achievement of the NAS Jax Navy Lodging Program as a whole for receiving the coveted Admiral Zumwalt 5-star Accreditation for 2018.

This day is meant to recognize the achievements and excellence of the employees from Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS) and Navy Getaways programs worldwide. NAS Jax had two runner-ups from NGIS and three winners from Navy Getaways for 2018.

NGIS Housekeeper of the Year runner-up is Myrna Watts and Trainer of the Year runner-up is Anthony Williams.

The Navy Getaways winners are Housekeeper of the Year Mariapaz Castillo, Associate of the Year Judith Saflor and Manager of the Year John Houdek.

In honor of their hard work, NGIS and Navy Getaways management hosted a Vegas-themed celebration where employees of the Navy Lodging Program played a variety of games, including bingo, hot sauce roulette, cards and karaoke for the chance to win tickets. Tickets were used to enter the drawing for prizes which included Jacksonville Jaguars memorabilia, a large phone dry bag, a Smokey Joe charcoal grill and more.

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Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Navy Gateway Inn and Suites and Navy Getaways staff members, along with employees from Navy Region Southeast and Morale, Welfare and Recreation who assist with the Navy Lodging Program, gather for a group photo with the Adm. Zumwalt 5-star Accreditation plaque during the Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day at the NAS Jax Chapel.



(From left) Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director John Bushick, Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss and Navy Gateway Inns & Suites General Manager/Heritage Cottages Manager John Houdek cut into the cake at the Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day Nov. 14 at the NAS Jax Chapel. This year, Navy Gateway Inns & Suites had two runner-ups and Navy Getaways had three winners from the station.

Photos by Demi M. Cruz



Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss awards a plaque to Mariapaz Castillo, Navy Getaways Housekeeper of the Year 2018, at the Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day Nov. 14 at the NAS Jax Chapel.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss presents a check for \$1,500 to the Navy Getaways Associate of the Year Judith Saflor at the Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day Nov. 14 at the base chapel.



Employees of Navy Gateway Inn and Suites and Navy Getaways play games and Las Vegas-themed activities during the Navy Lodging Program Employee Appreciation Day Nov. 14 at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Chapel.



Runners take off from the start line during the Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 16. More than 115 runners participated in the annual event.

NAS Jax holds Turkey Trot

By Demi M. Cruz
MWR Marketing

More than 115 Naval Air Station Jacksonville personnel gathered together as Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness hosted a Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K at the antenna farm Nov. 16.

Commands earned points toward the Captain's Cup for running and were awarded extra points for placing in the top three of their gender/age category. The first male overall was ET1 Alex Clappsy of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax, with a time of 18:53 and the first female overall was Sarah Reed, a Department of Defense civilian from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, with a time of 21:36.

After the run, participants had the chance to enter the sandbag throw contest. The male and female who threw a sandbag the furthest each won a free frozen turkey. Representatives from First Command were on-site encouraging runners while dressed as pilgrims and a giant turkey.

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Runners display their Turkey Trot costumes during the 5K event aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville.



Department of Defense civilian Sarah Reed from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, runs to finish line with a time of 21:36 for the Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 16.



A giant turkey gives ET1 Alex Clappsy of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax a high-five as he crosses the finish line. Clappsy was the first male overall with a time of 18:53.

Photos by
Demi M. Cruz



AWO1 Chris Cortopassi of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax, tosses a sandbag an impressive 26 feet for the sandbag throw at the Turkey Trot 5K, winning a free frozen turkey.



Kari Burnett was the female winner of the sandbag toss, reaching 15 feet just before the awards ceremony at the Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 16 at the Antenna Farm.



Lauren and Owen Allemang get ready to participate in the Captain's Cup Turkey Trot 5K run Nov. 16 at the Antenna Farm.



Photos by MC1 Jerome Johnson

AT1 Shaun Stephens, assigned to Fighting Tigers of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8, teaches fire safety during the 2018 VP-8 Safety Fair Nov. 20 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

VP-8 hosts safety fair and turkey burn

By Lt. Nate Byam-Mooney
VP-8 PAO

Prior to parting ways for the Thanksgiving holiday, the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 conducted a squadron-wide operations stand down to focus on safety. VP-8 Safety Officer Lt. Cmdr. Mike Brammer and his team hosted the day's events.

In lieu of a traditional pre-Thanksgiving safety stand down filled with PowerPoint presentations, the Tigers mixed things up with a safety fair. Each of the squadron's shops, from maintenance and aircrew, to combat support, took the initiative to present a safety topic of their choosing. Topics ranged from driving and gun

safety, to motorcycle safety and Turkey Safety101. Those not presenting had the opportunity to walk the fair and learn from their peers.

Holiday-related safety topics were plentiful throughout the fair. AWO2 Walker Weatherly and AWO2 Austin Swanson, representing the Command Services Department, led a discussion on road trip preparation.

"Many of our Fighting Tigers are traveling home for the holiday season," said AWO2 Swanson. "Our goal today was to highlight some safety concerns on the road for Sailors to consider while planning their trip home."

In addition to road trip safety, the Fighting Tigers also gave

Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 Command Master Chief Timothy Hardin (right) and volunteers from the VP-8 Wardroom, Chief's Mess, and First Class Petty Officer's Association serve food to fellow shipmates during a squadron Turkey Burn. VP-8 is currently undergoing deployment readiness workups, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to U.S. 7th Fleet.

interactive presentations on distracted driving, drunk driving, and general holiday safety.

Following the safety fair, VP-8 hosted their annual Turkey Burn in the hangar. The squadron and members of the Tiger Support Group (TSG), enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal with fried turkeys, courtesy of the VP-8 Chief's Mess. The side dishes were prepared and served by members of the wardroom, while the TSG prepared desserts for the meal.

"Before our Sailors head home to celebrate Thanksgiving with their fami-



IS2 Shea Duarte-Whalen (center) assigned to the Fighting Tigers of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8, teaches gun safety to squadron members during the 2018 VP-8 Safety Fair Nov. 20 at Hangar 511.

lies, we wanted to remind them of the family and support they have here with the Navy and the squadron. Today was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate family and team unity," said VP-8 Commanding Officer

Cmdr. Zac Stang.

The Jacksonville-based Fighting Tigers are currently undergoing deployment readiness workups, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to 7th Fleet.

Safety Stand Down packs the house

By Reggie Jarrett
Editor, Jax Air News

It was a standing room only at Dewey's for the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Safety Stand Down Nov. 16.

Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss and Occupational Health and Safety Manager Ron Williamson each addressed the crowd to encourage smart and safe decisions over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Williamson also noted the top 10 safety issues for Christmas, which included trees catching on fire, electric shock from decorating and burning wrapping paper in the fireplace.

The main speaker for the event was stand-up comedian Steve Verret, who has worked with Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno and Bill Maher at famous comedy clubs like the Improv in Hollywood, California during his 25 years in the business.

Verret said he got into speaking about



Photos by Reggie Jarrett

Stand-up comedian Steve Verret spoke at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Safety Stand Down at Dewey's Nov. 16.

safety during his early years as a comedian.

"I had a side job teaching traffic safety," he said.

"About 20 years ago, I put the two



Naval Air Station Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Brian Weiss addresses the crowd for the Safety Stand Down.

together where I combined comedy with safety. The comedy makes people enjoy it more, they are listening more and they retain the information more."

Verret now speaks mainly to mili-

tary audiences on safety issues. He estimates he has spoken to more than 500,000 service members on over 300 military bases.

"I know that stand downs can be pretty boring, so it makes a huge difference when they announce a comedian is speaking," he said.

"You can see the smiles on their faces and they have so much fun."

He used comedy and interactive events to emphasize the dangers of drinking and driving, always wearing safety belts and never driving while distracted during his speech at Dewey's.

"I love my job," he said. "I love helping those people who serve our country and keeping them safe."

Verret encourages people to contact him at his website is comedysafety.com.

"People can email me with any questions," he said.

"My phone number is on there also. I invite any military personnel to contact me at any time. I love talking to them."

FFSC employee volunteers during emergency

By Julie M. Lucas
NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs Office

After Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 storm, devastated the Florida Panhandle, a Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center employee volunteered to assist. Personal financial manager and financial educator John Baker, a retired Navy chief petty officer had experience working with emergency situations.

When the email went out for volunteers to assist with the relief efforts for Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City, he didn't hesitate.

"I already had my bags packed and I was ready to go," Baker said. "When I was in the Navy we assisted with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, so I knew what I was getting myself into."

"With Katrina there was heavy flooding, but when we arrived in Panama City, it looked like a huge tornado had sat over the city for hours," Baker said.

According to Baker, when they arrived just six days after the storm hit, the base had just reopened and still had no drinkable water and no local food options. The team, consisting of five Family Readiness personnel from Navy Region Southeast and Navy Maintenance Construction Battalion Gulfport along with chaplains and legal personnel from NAS Whiting Field and NAS Pensacola, stayed in the Navy Gateway Inn and Suites aboard NSA Panama City. NGIS was also housing displaced base personnel and their pets.

"We arrived to Panama City five days before FEMA were fully operational to assist people," he said. "This was very eye opening for me and after 24 years of being away from home this was the first time my family didn't ask when I was coming home."

Baker and the rest of the team got to work offering counseling, support, and supplies for those who needed assis-

tance. With the power unreliable and spotty cell tower service, the team passed along emergency information to base employees, many of which are civilians.

"Lessons that I heard many say over and over again, is that they wished they would have left. Not a single person said to me, 'I'm glad I rode it out,'" Baker said. "So, I can't stress enough to have a plan, such as what to do in case you have to evacuate. This needs to be done days out, not hours. If you don't have a plan, you don't have a choice."

Additionally Baker's words of advice included keeping an inventory of household items, up-to-date insurance, and making a video of property. He recommends keeping medical records, prescriptions, and important documents in a bag.

Baker's assistance to 408 individuals at the Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC) during the three weeks he spent in Panama City wasn't limited to financial informa-



Courtesy photo

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center employee John Baker gives advice to service members at Naval Support Activity Panama City, Florida, following Hurricane Michael. Baker was a part of an Emergency Family Assistance Center team that assisted 408 individuals with financial information.

tion. He unloaded trucks, passed out supplies and numerous other emergency relief items.

"John proved himself to be a valuable member of NSA Panama City EFAC by striving to make a difference every day," said Navy Region Southeast Regional Family Emergency Response Manager Kandi Debus. "John's commit-

ment to our Sailors, civilians and their families were evident in his desire to not only identify resources, but connect families to appropriate on-time resources."

When Baker is asked if he has had enough of working in a stressful atmosphere, he quickly responded with, "My bags aren't unpacked, so I'll go where I'm needed."

Blended Retirement System enrollment period ends Dec. 31

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Navy issued a reminder to Sailors eligible to opt-in to the Blended Retirement System (BRS) that the BRS enrollment period ends Dec. 31, in NAVADMIN 280/18, released Nov. 20.

Sailors can enroll in BRS via MyPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>. Opt-in eligible Sailors who decide not to enroll in BRS will remain in the current "legacy" retirement system.

Command leaders are responsible for ensuring opt-in eligible service members are prepared to make an informed financial decision prior to the closure of the opt-in window. Once a Sailor elects to enroll in BRS that decision is permanent.

NAVADMIN 280/18 provides instructions for command career counselors or

command pay and personnel administrators to generate a BRS Eligibility report from Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) for their command. This report can help commands in reaching out to their eligible Sailors, to ensure they have the information they need to make their decision.

According to the NAVADMIN, not all Sailors who have opted into BRS are making contributions to their Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) account, so they are not receiving government matching funds. Sailors are encouraged to talk with their command financial specialist or a financial counselor to review their budget options to maximize their TSP contributions.

Sailors can find complete BRS information on the Department of Defense BRS web page at <https://militarypay.defense.gov/blendedretirement/>.



Photos by Toiete Jackson
AEC Jose Gonzalez serves some side dishes to AMAR Nicholas McCutcheon during the annual Khakisgiving event at Nov. 15 at Hangar 1000 aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville Nov. 13.



Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Jacksonville Officer in Charge Cmdr. Mike Polito serves deserts to Sailors during the annual Chief Petty Officers' Khakisgiving meal at Hangar 1000 Nov. 13. The chiefs cooked numerous turkeys with all the fixings to show their appreciation to their junior Sailors.

Galley staff works hard to bring 'taste of home' to NAS Jax for the holidays

By Reggie Jarrett
Editor, Jax Air News

Thanksgiving dinner is an important part of the year for Americans, but the day takes on added significance for Sailors who are far from home.

"Everyone here is working hard to make sure that the Thanksgiving meal is a big success and that everyone is happy," said CS2 Austin Smith.

An estimated 350 people attended the holiday meal at the Flight Line Café aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

"It is our duty and our opportunity to give them a taste of home and boost their morale," said CWO4 Benny Brockington. "We take care of those Sailors who are far away from home."

Serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal to their fellow Sailors was a labor of love for the culinary specialists.

"It means a lot to me, because I know some people are not fortunate enough to make it home for the holidays," Smith said. "So, it's good to make a good home-cooked meal for people who can't make it back home."

The meal consisted of traditional Thanksgiving fare of roast turkey and steamship round beef served at carving stations, stuffing plus ham, cranberry sauce, shrimp cocktail, green bean casserole, yams, corn on the cob, macaroni and cheese, and pies and cakes for dessert.

Joining the active duty Sailors, were many retirees for whom returning to the galley is a annual event.

"It is a tradition for



Photos by Reggie Jarrett
CS2 Victoria Artis carefully garnishes a potato in the Flight Line Café kitchen Nov. 21. The galley served an estimated 350 meals to Sailors and retirees on Thanksgiving Day.



CS2 Victoria Artis shows off a potato she garnished for Thanksgiving meal at the Flight Line Café.



CS2 Mia Jenkins cuts strawberries in the Flight Line Café kitchen Nov. 21 in preparation for the Thanksgiving meal.

many retirees to come here and have their Thanksgiving dinner and reunite with their military family," Brockington said. "A lot of people look forward to being back in the galley and the camaraderie of being part of this organization."

For Brockington and the other members of his

CS2 Austin Smith uncovers turkeys in preparation for the Thanksgiving Day meal at the Flight Line Café aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

staff, the Sailors and galley patrons are an extension of their family.



112,000 pounds of Thanksgiving turkey meets Navy tradition

By Debbie Dortch
NAVSUP Public Affairs

For more than 100 years, the Navy has included roast turkey in its Thanksgiving menu.

This year, culinary specialists (CSs) across the globe prepared an estimated 112,000 pounds of roast turkey, 21,000 pounds of stuffing, 27,100 pounds of mashed potatoes, 18,500 pounds of sweet potatoes, 5,400 pounds of cranberry sauce, and 2,300 gallons of gravy for the fall holiday.

In 1905, the USS Raleigh's Thanksgiving menu listed: creamed asparagus bouillon; celery; creamed potatoes, young onions a la hollandaise, steamed cabbage and white sauce; oyster dressing; cranberry sauce; assorted nuts; and — of course — roast turkey.

No feast would be complete without dessert. In 1905, pumpkin pie, mince pie, and fruit cake topped off the holiday meal.

This year, the Navy estimates 7,800 assorted pies, including pumpkin and apple, were provided to Sailors.

Today, there are about 330,000 Navy active duty personnel and 3,100 mobilized Reservists serving in the U.S. Navy.

There are about 8,600 CSs serving our Navy today. CSs receive extensive training in culinary arts, hotel management and other areas within the hospitality industry.

They provide food service catering and hospitality services for admirals, senior government executives, and within the White House Mess for the president of the United States.

This rating is responsible for all aspects of the dining (shipboard mess decks) and shore duty living areas.

"CSs feed on average more than 88 million wholesome and nutritious meals per year, ensuring the Navy's fighting forces operate at peak performance and are ready to respond to threats worldwide," said Naval Supply Systems Command Navy Food Service Director Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Wodele.

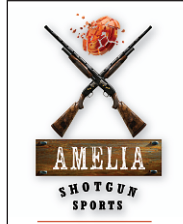
"Nothing impacts Sailors on a day-to-day basis more than the food CSs prepare for them."



CS2 Lakisha Reese checks on the cookies in the bake shop of the Flight Line Café kitchen Nov. 21 as they prepare for Thanksgiving meal.

And that is what makes Thanksgiving so important.

"It's all about family. People can bring their families here and just have a good time," he said. "We let them know that they are part of this family and we are going to take care of them."



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AC2 Giovanni Ocasio



AC2 Danny Ocasio

SAPR SPOTLIGHT

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

The Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program staff would like to recognize two SAPR victim advocates (VAs). AC2 Danny Ocasio and AC2 Giovanni Ocasio, both of NAS Jax Air Operations, joined the SAPR team in 2016 and have continuously proven themselves to be exceptional SAPR VAs. Although they have the same last name and rates, they are not related.

The two have been intricate parts of the SAPR program since completing the course together in 2016. They both demonstrate a strong passion for the program and a genuine desire to help others. From the 40-hour SAPR VA course to the field, they have remained dedicated, compassionate and driven. Their willingness to serve in this collateral capacity defines exceptionalism, honor and service.

In addition to his primary responsibilities with Air Ops, Danny is also the NAS Jax Morale Welfare and Recreation vice president and a SAPR VA. He became a part of the SAPR team

because, "I wanted to do something outside of work that helps someone," he said. His involvement with the program has exceeded the primary duties of a victim advocate.

Danny continues to volunteer his time to assist with projects and events whenever possible.

Giovanny has expressed being honored to serve as a SAPR VA and has never passed up a chance to assist with the SAPR program. He is caring and compassionate to everyone and ensures that each survivor and their family's needs are being met or exceeded by providing them with quality support, professionalism engagement and unwavering service. He is being recognized for being dedicated to the program and going above and beyond the duties of a SAPR VA.

For more information on becoming a SAPR VA, please call, (904) 542-5745.

If you are a victim of sexual assault and need assistance or have questions, please call the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-995-5247 or (904) 910-9075/ (904) 239-9291. You may also speak with the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator by dialing (904) 548-7789.

NAS Kingsville to receive significant airfield lighting repairs

From NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$31 million contract Nov. 19 to CRP Contracting, a small business out of Columbus, Ohio, for airfield lighting repairs at Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville, Texas.

The project will upgrade the airfield's antiquated system to include installation of new energy efficient guidance signs, replacement of wind cones, new runway approach lighting with energy efficient fixtures, and repairs to the airfield's taxiway lighting and signage.

"This project has been a long time coming and these repairs are vital to ensure the safety of our student pilots," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Erik Spitzer.

"I am very pleased that our airfield lighting issues will soon be resolved."

The contract completion date is anticipated for August 2020.

NAS Kingsville is the home to Training Air Wing 2, which consists of two jet training squadrons, responsible for training intermediate student naval aviators for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and international allies.

The current airfield lighting system is unreliable, outdated and directly impacts the training of over 140 Navy and Marine Corps combat aviators each year.

Failure to modernize the airfield lighting systems would result in frequent and costly failures that would shut down one or more runways, directly impacting training schedules and overall fleet readiness.

"This is a significant mission enabler," said NAS Kingsville Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr. Steven Parks.

"These airfield upgrades will not only be energy efficient and cost saving for the Navy, but it will also significantly enhance NAS Kingsville's mission to train our nation's combat pilots in a safe environment."

Additional work includes repairs to electrical, current lighting regulators, primary transformers, lighting arrestors, switchgear, interior lighting and receptacles; temperature and humidity regulating equipment; emergency generators, fuel storage and containment, and all underground electric conduit and cabling.

Small businesses play a vital role in the American economy - employing half of our country's workforce, creating nearly two out of every three new American jobs, and often being the source of the next great American innovation. NAVFAC Southeast strives to meet its goals and build on its successes by providing contract opportunities to these businesses.

"NAVFAC Southeast invests in small businesses to support our national defense," said Cory Iselin, NAVFAC Southeast assistant deputy director for small business.

"Small businesses fuel the American dream, which grows the local and federal economies that ultimately strengthen the warfighter."

Iselin explained that small businesses provide construction, professional and supported services expertise that support the Navy's mission and the men and women in uniform.

It is through strong policy and sound business processes that NAVFAC is able to develop capabilities based strategies that consider program risks, cost, schedule and technical requirements that help meet the expectations of supported commanders while supporting public policy objectives.

U.S. Navy ships train with Western Hemisphere partners

From U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

In support of U.S. Southern Command's (USSOUTHCOM) Enduring Promise Initiative, the USS Somerset (LPD 25) and the USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) will conduct interoperability and partnership exercises in Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

Somerset has approximately 300 U.S. Marines and Sailors with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Peru that will conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training with Peruvian naval forces.

Wayne E. Meyer will conduct an interoperability and information sharing exercise with the Ecuadorian Navy to increase capacity in countering illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. After the exercise is complete, the Wayne E. Meyer will navigate to Chile with the Somerset to participate in celebrations of the Chilean Navy's 200th anniversary and EXPONAVAL 2018.

EXPONAVAL 2018, is the 11th Chilean International Naval & Maritime Exhibition and Congress for Latin

America. It will take place Dec. 4-7 at Base Aeronaval Concon, Valparaiso in Chile. Sponsored by the Chilean Ministry of Defense and the Chilean Navy, it is the major naval exhibition for Latin America on the Pacific coast. The four-day event comprises an exhibition, conference, senior staff delegations and visiting warships and will focus exclusively on naval defense and maritime security issues and equipment procurement. Eight-two nations from across the globe have been invited to attend the event.

The Enduring Promise initiative reaffirms U.S. Southern Command's longstanding commitment to the nations of the Western Hemisphere with a series of operations, activities and events to increase partner nation capacity and build interoperability.

Southern Command's engagement in the region reflects the United States' enduring promise of friendship, partnership and solidarity with the Americas.

We are united in our shared responsibility as defenders of the Inter-American values of human rights, freedom, respect for the rule of law and com-

mitment to peace.

For more information, visit www.public.navy.mil/comusnavso-c4f, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NAVSOUS4thflt, or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/navso4thflt.

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Note: Plan details and rates for the 2019 plan year will be available in fall 2018.

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For more information, visit TRICAREbenefits.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Volunteers are needed for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Jacksonville Memory Gardens in Orange Park, Florida Dec. 15 at noon. To volunteer, please go to: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/41943/Overview/?relatedId=0>.
- National Naval Officers Association meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Urban League 903 Union Street West Jacksonville. For information, contact Paul Nix at 542-2518 or paul.nix@navy.mil.
- 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. Contact Chris McCloskey (904) 347-1447 or Amy Johnson (904) 303-9437.
- Orange Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5968 and its Auxiliary located at 187 Aurora Boulevard. meets 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 (904) 276-5968.
- National Association for Retired Federal Employees, Orange Park Chapter, meets at the Orange Park library on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding summer months) at 1:30 p.m. Featured are guest speakers from local, state and federal agencies. For more information, call Linda Fleming at 838-7617.
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 38 Service Officers available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 470 Madeira Dr., Orange Park. Call 269-2945 or email: davchapter38@comcast.net. www.davchapter38.com
- HandsOn Jacksonville seeks active duty military and veterans to lead volunteer efforts that address pressing community issues. Training is ongoing. Contact Tanja Goulet at 904-332-6767 or tanja@handsonjacksonville.org
- COMPASS Spouse-to-Spouse Military Mentoring Program. Helping others help themselves. Visit www.gocompass.org for more info.
- 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. the third Tuesday of each month at the Orange Park Library. Contact Marilyn Hollowood at (904) 264-3486 for more information.
- 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 at 4101 College Street. Contact Richard Carroll at (904) 786-7083.
- Fleet Reserve Association First Coast Branch 91. General

- Assembly meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 5391 Collins Road, Jax 32244. www.FRA91.org or call 269-7436.
- Association of Aviation Ordnancemen meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Center, 5391 Collins Road. For information, visit www.aao9.com.
- Retired Activities Office at NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center needs volunteers to assist military retirees and dependents. Work 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.
- Clay County Veterans Services Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clay County Administration Building at 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs. For an appointment, call 904-269-6326.
- Military Caregivers Peer-to-Peer Forum. Share practical information based on your personal experiences. Meet every last Thursday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Fleet and Family Support Center. Call 542-5745.

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Nease High School's NJROTC drill team placed first in the armed basic category at the Mandarin Drill Meet Nov. 17.

Nease NJROTC victorious at Mandarin Drill Meet, qualifies for Florida-Georgia Championships

By Capt. Scott LaRochelle
Nease High School NJROTC

Nease High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) varsity drill team dominated across the board in personnel inspection, academics, drill and athletics to take home the championship at the Mandarin High School NJROTC sanctioned drill meet Nov. 17 in Jacksonville – marking the sixth consecutive year of taking home top honors.

Nease beat out 11 other NJROTC units from northern Florida and Georgia.

With the victory, Nease has secured its slot in the Area 12 Drill Championships to be held

in Douglas, Georgia on March 2, 2019 where they attempt to defend their title as four-time defending Area-12 Drill Champions.

In addition to claiming the overall trophy, Nease picked up 10 of 13 first place trophies for personnel inspection, academics, overall athletics, push-ups, sit-ups, 16x100 relay, 8x220 relay, overall drill, armed basic and armed exhibition.

"We're on a mission (this year) to return to Navy Nationals," said Cadet Battalion Commander Erin Sass.

"We performed well today, but the best is hopefully yet to come."

Several cadets took home



Nease High School's NJROTC team celebrates winning its sixth consecutive Mandarin Drill Meet championship Nov. 17.



Nease High School NJROTC Battalion Commander Erin Sass and Executive Officer Troy Barber receive the overall championship trophy at the Mandarin Drill Meet Nov. 17.



Nease NJROTC cadets Teagen Pettit and Thomas Olinger (second overall in female and male sit-ups) receive the first place team sit-ups trophy at the Mandarin Drill Meet Nov. 17.

individual medals for exceptional performance. Chris Oliver and Sass took first place in male and female push-ups; Teagen Pettit took second place in female push-ups and sit-ups; Thomas Olinger finished second in male sit-ups; and Abigail Vidler and Hayden Rowe placed third in female and male push-

ups. "We're in this for the long haul," said Cadet Battalion Master Chief Peyton Gustafson. "We've got seven freshmen on the team this year, a fresh attitude, and a no-nonsense work ethic – I expect us to be even better at our next competition." Nease will similarly attempt

to claim its sixth title in a row at Terry Parker's Sanctioned Drill Meet Dec. 15.

Other top schools in the competition were Clay High School in second place, First Coast High School in third, Coffee County High School in fourth place, and Ridgeview High School in fifth.

Holiday mail-by dates quickly approaching

By Debbie Dortch
NAVSUP Public Affairs

Holiday shoppers are reminded that the 2018 mailing deadlines for holiday cards, letters, and packages going to friends and family serving in our military.

All dates released by Naval Supply Systems Command, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, Military Postal Service Agency, and Joint Military Postal Activity are as follows:

- For mail addressed to/from:
 - APO/FPO/DPO AE zips 090-092 and 094-098 (except 093); AA zips 340; AP zips 962-966
 - Priority Mail Express Military Service: Dec. 17
 - First-Class and Priority Mail (letters, cards and packages): Dec. 11
- APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093
 - Priority Mail Express Military Service: N/A (Not available for 093 ZIPs)
 - First-Class and Priority Mail (letters, cards and packages): Dec. 4
- Domestic Mail (For Ships in Port and Personnel on

Shore Duty in the U.S. mailing to U.S. destinations-not including APO/FPO)

- First-Class Mail: Dec. 20
 - Priority Mail: Dec. 20
 - Priority Express Mail: Dec. 22
- International First-Class Packages and Priority Mail addressed to Africa and Central and South America should be mailed no later than Dec 1.
- International First-Class Packages and Priority Mail addressed to Asia/Pacific Rim; Australia/New Zealand; Canada; Caribbean; Mexico, Europe; and the Middle East should be mailed no later than Dec. 8.
- All classes of mail addressed to FPO addresses must contain the New Navy Standardized Address format, which includes ship or mobile unit number, (or PSC number for ashore FPOs), virtual or actual mail box number, and five-digit ZIP code to ensure delivery. Mail not addressed correctly could be returned to sender as undeliverable.
- Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) is available from selected military post offices. If mailing to an APO/FPO/DPO address, check with your local

post office to determine if PMEMS service is available and specific delivery service standards.

Space Available Mail (SAM) refers to parcels mailed to APO/FPO addresses at parcel post rates first transported domestically by surface, then to overseas destinations by air on a space available basis.

It is recommended customers check with local civilian or military post offices for information regarding size restrictions and customs declaration form requirements. Customers are advised mailing restrictions apply and some items cannot be mailed. Examples of non-mailable items are: alcohol, switchblade knives, pornography, controlled substances, and explosive or incendiary devices. If in doubt, contact your local civilian or military post office.

As a final note, customers should ensure articles are packaged properly for mailing and packages do not display markings related to any type of hazardous material, such as bleach, alcohol, or cleaning fluids. Parcels found by U.S. Postal Service with such markings or labels on the outside of the box will not be processed.

Need stocking stuffers? Try your commissary for fast, discounted holiday gift items

By Kathy Milley
DeCA Corporate Communications

If you're planning several trips to the commissary over the next few weeks to shop for holiday meals here's a pro-tip: While there you can check one more thing off your holiday "to-do" list – shopping for stocking stuffers, a task typically saved for the last-minute rush.

"Filling Christmas stockings can be hard on your wallet and cost you lots of time going from store to store," said Tracie Russ, the Defense Commissary Agency's sales director. "Your commissary is an especially good place to pick up practical and unique stocking stuffer gifts. It will not only save you time during this extra busy season, it will also save you money."

Consider these great stocking stuffer ideas straight from your commissary aisles:

- Commissary gift cards
- International candies and chocolates
- Fresh or dried fruit
- A favorite gum or mint
- Gourmet spices, rubs or barbecue sauces
- Basting brushes and barbecue skewers
- Markers, pens or pads
- Sponges
- Hot chocolate or instant latte
- Hand sanitizer
- Body wash or scrub, lotions, shampoos, conditioners or antiperspirants with a bath sponge
- Batteries

- Lip balm
- Bags of seeds or nuts
- Flavor enhancers for water
- Flavored syrup for coffee
- International or gourmet coffee or tea
- Scented candles or a flashlight
- Meat sticks or beef jerky
- Unique jams or jellies
- Socks or shoe water repellent
- Baby bottle brushes, diapers and wipes
- Tape, glue, scissors and sticky notes
- Pet toys and treats
- Decorative cupcake liners, cookie cutters, measuring spoons and unusual flavoring extracts
- Honey

- S'mores and trail mix fixings
 - Popcorn and popcorn salt
- "Forget the panic over last-minute stocking stuffer shopping," said Russ. "There are lots of items on the commissary aisles you can pick up while you do your grocery shopping. You will save time and money filling those stockings with gifts that family and friends will need and enjoy."

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GIVING TREE

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represents a child who may need a little extra for Christmas. We host this event each year to give back to our community."

Santa Claus also stopped by to greet the children and listen to their Christmas wishes.

For more information on the Giving Tree, visit NEX Personalized Services or contact the USO at 778-2821.



Golfers competing in the 15th Annual Turkey Trot Killer Scramble Golf Tournament gather on the stairs of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Golf Clubhouse Nov. 21.



Photos by Reggie Jarrett
Before the start of the Turkey Trot Killer Scramble Golf Tournament, Joe Carreiro (left), director of golf for the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Golf Course, presented J. Eric Howells with a certificate denoting his 10 years of service to Commander, Navy Installations Command.

Golfers hit the links for Turkey Trot tourney

By Reggie Jarrett
Editor, Jax Air News

In addition to the turkey dinners and the Black Friday sales, 48 golfers aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville participated in another Thanksgiving tradition, the 15th annual Turkey Trot Killer Scramble Golf Tournament.

Active duty service members, Department of Defense personnel, retirees and their civilian guests were all eligible to participate in the Nov. 21 event.

The tournament gets its name Killer Scramble from the format of play that is used.

"In a killer scramble, the players reduce their score for every birdie they make on a hole," said Joe Carreiro, director of golf at the NAS Jacksonville

Golf Course. "So, the lowest they can score on a hole is a zero or a one."

The entry fee of \$50 (\$60 for civilians) included 18 holes of golf, range balls, a prize purse and a post-golf lunch. One of the prizes was a gift certificate for golf shop merchandise at the NAS Jacksonville golf course pro shop.

The golfers played the red and white courses to make up the 18-hole tournament.

"It's always a good time," Carreiro said. "We always have a nice turnout and I think everyone enjoys themselves."

Winners of this year's Turkey Trot tournament were Dallas Milam, Mike Enzenbacher, Anthony Graham and Quin Thorn.



Paul Millan watches his tee shot from the first tee during the Turkey Trot Killer Scramble Golf Tournament at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Golf Course Nov. 21. Millan was one of 48 golfers to compete in the annual tournament.

NAS JAX SPORTS

4 On 4 Flag Football League Meeting – Dec. 5

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. The meeting will be held at the NAS Jax Gymnasium in the conference room upstairs outside the women's locker room at 11:30 a.m. Commands having their athletic officer or designated representative

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

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament – Dec. 10

The tournament is open to active duty, selective reservists, dependent spouses, DOD civilians, and DOD contractors assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. The tournament starts at 5 p.m. and will

be held at the NAS Jax Gymnasium. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the Captain's Cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second or third place. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Dec. 7.

Jingle Bell Jog 5K – Dec. 14

The race is free and open to all authorized gym patrons. Runners will earn captain's cup points for their commands for participating. Runners are encouraged to wear a costume for the race. The race will

be held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road at the Antenna Farm at 11:30 a.m. Registration will be held at the race site from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Awards will be given to the top male and top female runner for age groups: 17 & under; 18-23; 24-29; 30-39; 40-49; 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.

My PCS checklist - Taking stress out of PCS

By Cmdr. Erik Wells
Sea Warrior Program Public Affairs

The latest upgrade to MyNavy Portal (MNP) includes a checklist to guide Sailors and their families through their next Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. My PCS Checklist allows Sailors to easily create their own personalized move checklist, and can be found in the Assignment, Leave, and Travel section of MNP under the Career and Life Events drop down menu.

There is no question that PCS moves are challenging, whether it is a single Sailor heading across country or a family moving overseas. The process of relocating can be a source of personal, financial and family stress and it requires a great deal of logistical planning.

My PCS Checklist makes the process better. Sailors can now create their own personalized checklist by using an intuitive, web-based program, to guide them through the PCS process and help eliminate unneces-

sary stress.

"Creating the checklist is easy," said Capt. Chris Harris, director, distribution management division, Navy Personnel Command. "Sailors answer a few questions in the online checklist, starting with their official detachment date, which automatically generates a personalized, step-by-step checklist that calculates the number of days to complete each item until their move from their current command. Sailors can print out their checklist at work or email it to a spouse, parent or anyone with whom they want to share the information."

The checklist is broken down into four categories – shipping household goods, family move, money and Sailor administration. Based on the detachment date selected, the checklist outlines necessary activities, due dates and includes tips and sources of support for each category.

The program includes a taskbar that indicates how far along Sailors are in completing their activities and they will receive alerts to remind them to complete

the tasks to stay on their PCS timeline.

"MyNavy Portal addresses one of the major issues Sailors face when managing their careers – they have to use too many websites to complete routine tasks for managing their careers," said Dave Driegert, PMW 240 assistant program manager, Single Point of Entry for MNP. "My PCS Checklist is the newest tool for Sailors and joins other recently-available applications like MyRecord Web 1.0 and electronic Personnel Action Request (ePAR)/1306. MNP is growing all the time. In the months ahead, Sailors will be able to access an increasing number of new features and tools."

Sailors should work with their command pay and personnel administrator if they have any questions concerning PCS policies and procedures. They may also contact MyNavy Career Center 24/7 at askmnc@navy.mil, or toll-free at 833-330-MNCC (6622).

In addition to PCS information, MNP provides Sailors links to other webpages and resources – all in one convenient location.

FFSC offers life skills workshops

From FFSC

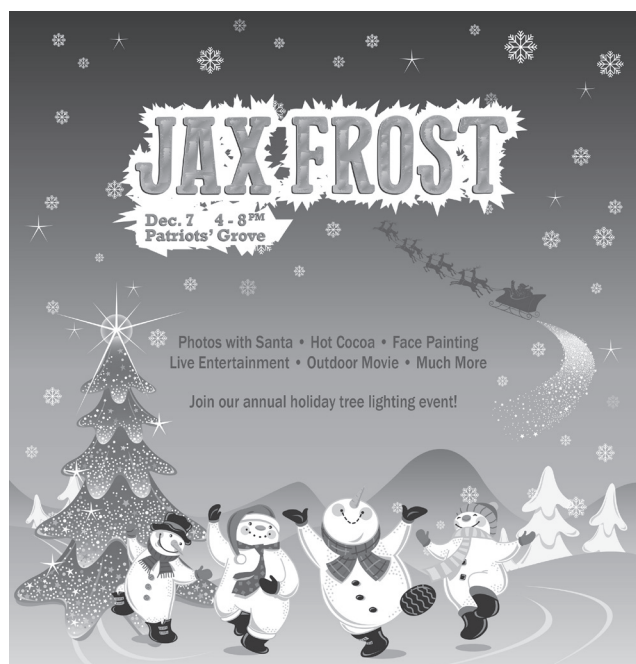
Your NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Life Skills Education and Support Program is the foremost preventive measure for growth in personal and family issues. All FFSC workshops and classes are free to service members and their families. Pre-registration is required at 542-5745.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

The following is the schedule for 2018:

- **Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Separation Workshop** (7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.) - Dec. 2-6.
- **Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Retirement Workshop** (7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.) - Dec. 16-20.
- **Federal Employment Workshop** (9 a.m. - noon) - Dec. 11.

- **Command Financial Specialist Training** – (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - Dec. 9-13.
- **PCS Sponsor Training** (1:30-3 p.m.) - Dec. 12.
- **What About the Kids** (9-11 a.m.) - Dec. 9.
- **Stress Management 101 Workshop** (9-10:30 a.m.) - Dec. 10.
- **Anger Management Workshop** (8 a.m.-noon) - Dec. 17.
- **Power 2 Change Women's Support Group** (9:30-11 a.m.) - Every Wednesday
- **Expectant Families** (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Dec. 3.
- **Tiny Tots Play Group** (10 a.m.-noon) - Dec. 10, 17.
- **EFMP Command POC Training** (1:30-3 p.m.) - Dec. 5.

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



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Community Recreation

Call 542-3227
Make Your Own Ugly Holiday Sweater
 Nov. 30, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's
 Start the holiday season off in style! The cost of \$20 per person includes a blank sweater, all the supplies you need to make it ugly, one beverage, and some holiday treats. Open to ages 18 and older.
 Jax Frost

Dec. 7, 4 – 8 p.m. at Patriots' Grove
 Enjoy train rides, photos with Santa, the lighting of the holiday tree, hot cocoa, face painting, an outdoor movie and so much more all for free!

River Cove Catering & Conference Center

Call 542-3041
 Did you know you can book weddings, luncheons, retirements, birthday parties, conferences and more at the River Cove Catering & Conference Center?

Dewey's

Call 542-3521
Coming in January! Friday afternoon social, food and beverage specials along with live entertainment. Details coming soon!
 Friday Family Night
 Third Friday of each month, 5 – 8 p.m.
 Bring your family out to Dewey's! Featuring the Balloon Man Justin, karaoke with DJ Tom and much more!
 Bingo at Dewey's
 Great cash payouts, even better jackpots! Lunch and evening sessions available. Call (904) 542-8449 for current promotions and times.
 Winter Bingo – January 5, 2019
 Tickets go on sale in November. Purchase your ticket to reserve your seat!
 Free Texas Hold'em Tournaments every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.
 Friday Karaoke starts at 7 p.m.

Freedom Lanes Bowling Center

Call 542-3493
New Year's Eve Bowling
 Dec. 31, 8 p.m. – 1 a.m.
 Reserve your lane for up to 8 persons just \$80 per lane. Price includes unlimited bowling, rental shoes, DJ / Karaoke, giveaways, party favors, midnight toast, and food & beverage specials!
 Monday: \$7 All you can bowl, 4–6 p.m.
 Wednesday: \$8.95 All you can bowl, 4 – 10 p.m.
 Thursday: Free bowling for active duty 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Friday: \$10 Extreme Bowling, 10 p.m. – midnight. Shoes included.
 Saturday: \$10 Extreme Bowling, 4 - 6 p.m. \$13 Party Extreme, 9 p.m. – midnight. Shoes included.
 Please note, the specials do not include shoes unless stated otherwise

Fitness, Sports & Aquatics

Call 542-2930
King Triton & His Merry Mermaids
 Dec. 1, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Indoor Pool
 Children & families can meet & take photos with mermaids & even King Triton all for free! There will be light refreshments & a craft area to design a personal photo frame.
Yoga by the Water
 Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Cove Marina
 Bring your own yoga mat and enjoy an hour of Vinyasa Yoga flow. All fitness levels welcome! Mats will be provided as needed.
Holiday Zumbathon
 Dec. 13, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Base Gym
 Come rock around with us on the basketball court! Everyone's dancin' merrily in the new old-fashioned way!
Captain's Cup Jingle Bell Jog 5K
 Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. at the Antenna Farm
 Race day registration will be from 10:30 - 11:15 am. Awards will be given to the top men and women in each division.
Indoor Pool and Outdoor Pool
 Visit www.navymwrjacksonville.com for the current hours of operation.
 Group and private tennis lessons are now available.
 Call the base gym for pricing information.
 Patrons can select from a variety of massage types, including Swiss, Deep Tissue/Sport, as well as other spa services, such as facial & body treatments. For a complete list of services, visit the base gym or fitness center.

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 Contact Community Recreation at (904) 542-3227 for assistance.

The Liberty Recreation Center

Trips & events are for all E1-E6 single or unaccompanied active duty members & reservists only. Call 542-1335 for information.
 Nov. 30: Ice Skating - \$5
 Dec 1: PAL Day (Sat) - Free.
 Dec 2: Jags vs Colts (Sun) - Free

Dec 7: Autobahn (Fri) - \$15
 Dec 8: Kennedy Space Center (Sat) - \$30
 Dec 14: St. Augustine Nights of Lights (Fri) - \$5.
 Dec 15: Paintball (Sat) - Free.
 Dec 16: Jags vs Redskins (Sun) - Free.
 Dec 20: Christmas Feast (Thurs) - Free.
 Dec 21: The Edge Rock Gym (Fri.) - \$5.
 Dec 22: Soup Kitchen Trip (Sat).
 Dec 26: Jacksonville Zoo (Wed) - \$15.
 Dec 28: Class Axe Throwing (Fri) - \$20.
 Dec 29: St. Augustine Alligator Farm (Sat) - \$5.
 Dec 30: Orlando Magic vs Detroit Pistons (Sun) - \$25.

NAS Jax Golf Club

Golf Course: 542-3249
Mulligan's Restaurant: 542-2936
 Santa Says Golf Scramble
 Dec. 21, 10 a.m.
 There is a \$70 entry fee. Food will be provided and prizes will be awarded after play. Remember to sign up at the Pro Shop before game day.
Appreciation Days
 Nov. 15 & 29 for all Military members & DoD employees. Play 18-holes with cart for \$20.
Swing It & Wing It Special: Play 18 holes with a cart and enjoy 10 wings and two draft beverages for only \$30 after 1 p.m. daily.
Daily Twilight Special: Play 18-holes with cart for only \$20 after 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Monday & Tuesday: Play 18-holes for \$20. Cart & green fees included. Not applicable on holidays.

Mulberry Cove Marina

Call 542-3260
Supervised Sailing Lessons
 A group refresher course for customers who have either recently passed the Skipper B class, or those who have not sailed in a long time. Twice a month 3-hour sessions available Thursdays, 3 – 6 pm & Saturdays, 9 am – noon or 1 – 4 pm. \$35/session by appointment only.
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 Every Thursday for active duty and their guests only

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Call 542-3681
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Youth Activities Center

Call 778-9772
Before & After School Care
 Open to children 5-12 years
 Register today!

Family Fitness Center

Call 771-8469
 The Family Fitness Center is open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your children! Children 5 and older are welcome to workout with you. Group classes are available from 10 – 11 a.m.

Jax Navy Flying Club

Call 542-8509
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 Call for introduction flight
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Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318, Email directly at nasjaxtickets@navy.mil
Gaylord Palms Ice (A Christmas Story!) – Orlando
 Adult - \$27. Child - \$16.
Jax Zoo Lights: \$9.
St Augustine Holly Jolly Tour
 Adult - \$11.50. Child - \$5.
TaxSlayer Bowl Dec. 31, 2018
TIAA Bank Field \$35.00
 Pre-purchase now!
Monster Jam March 2, 2019
 \$30 & \$47. Party Pit Passes \$6 each.
Blake Shelton – March 7, 2019 Veteran's Memorial Arena:
 \$143.50 & \$147.50.
Disney On Ice – Veteran's Memorial Arena
 April 5-7, 2019, \$19
KISS – Veteran's Memorial Arena
 April 12, 2019: \$73.25 & \$151.25.
New Kids on the Block July 12, 2019, Veteran's Memorial Arena
 \$96.25 - \$107.25
Comedy Club of Jax (11000 Beach Blvd.)
 Open Mic Night every first Thursday: \$8.
 Dec. 7-8: Joe Torry - \$18, VIP - \$23.
FSCJ Broadway Series Shows – Prices vary on seating and dates
 Celtic Thunder: Dec. 20.
 Christmas Carol: Dec. 21.
 Rock of Ages: Jan. 10.
 Swan Lake: Jan. 12.
 POSCA Opera: Jan. 18.
 Mutts Gone Nuts: Jan. 19.
 Les Miserables: Jan. 26.
 Stomp: Feb. 15.
 Rain (Beatles): March 9.
 Waitress: March 16.
 Jersey Boys: March 25.
 School of Rock: April 19 & 20.
 Kinky Boots: May 15.
Thrasher Horne Broadway Series
 Voctave: Dec. 7, \$35.25.
 Something Rotten: Jan. 6, \$46.
 Yesterday & Today: Feb. 8, \$30.
Havana Cuba All-Stars: Feb. 21, \$30
Legally Blonde: March 5, \$46.
Sound of Music: March 16, \$48.75.
Rat Pack: March 22, \$38.50.
Finding Netherland: March 26, \$46.
 Pete the Cat: May 4, \$12.
 One Night in Memphis: May 19, \$30.
The Island Theatre Shows (More to come)
 Fleming Island, Adult: \$11, Student: \$6 on most shows, unless otherwise listed. Show times at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., unless listed otherwise.
 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: Nov. 29–Dec. 2, Sunday show at 6 p.m.

Ultimate Christmas Show Abridged: Dec 8–16, no show Dec. 15. Children's Acting Workshops available.

Daytona 500 2019
 Feb. 17, 2019
 Package A: \$205.25 (Sec 414-420; 483-489 also Sec 321-327; 377-382); Package B: \$176 [Sec 113-117; 175-179 (rows 25-38)]
 (ABOVE RECEIVE DAYTONA DOLLARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10 for Food & Beverages, excludes alcoholic beverages) (Price printed on ticket is not the sell price. Military pricing is the best deal out there, to verify contact Daytona).
 Sprint Fanzone: \$72 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult for Sprint Fanzone).
ALSO AVAILABLE IS DAYTONA 500 SHUTTLE DEPARTING 1000: \$30.
 Daytona 300
 Feb. 16, 2019
 General Admission: \$46.50 (12 and under are FREE with paying adult)
 Sections 108-112; 180-184 (rows 25-38): \$61.
 Sections 108-112; 180-184 (rows 25-38) Child (ages 12 and under) \$9.75.
 Sprint Fanzone \$16.50 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult for Sprint Fanzone).
Nextera Energy Resources 250
 Feb. 15, 2019
 General Admission: \$38.75 (12 and under are FREE with paying adult)
 Sections 328-336; 366-376 \$61.00
 Sections 328-336, 366-376 Child (ages 12 and under) \$9.75.
 Sprint Fanzone: \$16.50 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult for Sprint Fanzone).
Duels at Daytona
 Feb. 14, 2019
 General Admission: \$46.50 (12 and under are FREE with paying adult).
 Sections 308-320: \$66.
 Sections 308-320: Child (ages 12 and under) \$9.75.
 Sprint Fanzone: \$16.50 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult for Sprint Fanzone).
Advance Auto Parts Clash/Daytona 500 Qualifying
 Feb. 10, 2019
 General Admission & Infield: \$38.75 (12 and under are FREE with paying adult).
 Sections 328-336; 366-376: \$61.
 Sections 328-336; 366-376: Child (ages 12 and under) \$9.75.
 Sprint Fanzone: \$16.50 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult for Sprint Fanzone).
Rolex 24
 Jan. 26-27, 2019
 Two Day, Infield Grandstand: \$39. Two Day, Garage Access: \$31.
 (Children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult).
Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:
 Adventure Landing Dry pass - \$22.
 Alhambra Dinner Show: Prices range \$40 - \$50.
 Autobahn Indoor Speedway: (28% Savings) \$25 Gift Card - \$20. \$50 Gift Card - \$40.
 Biltmore Estates Asheville, NC: Adult - \$51, Youth - \$22.
 Captain Jack Sailing: Sunset Sailing - \$50. Moonlight Cruises - \$75.
 Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary: \$8.50 - \$13.50.
 Chocolate Kingdom (Orlando, Fla.): Adult \$14, Child \$11.
 Disney World Orlando Armed Forces 2018 Salute (NOW open for the first time ever active Department of Defense Contractors) 4 or 5 day tickets available (6 tickets max): 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$222; 4-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$260.75. 5-Day ticket with hopper option - \$241.50; 5-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$280.25. *Tickets valid Jan. 1, 2018 and expire Dec. 19, 2018.*
 Disney World Orlando Armed Forces 2019 Salute 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$236.50; 4-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$285.25. 5-Day ticket with hopper option - \$252.00; 5-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$300.75. Tickets valid Jan. 1, 2019 and expire Dec. 19, 2019. Only Active and Retired U.S. Military Personnel (including Active or Retired members of the National Guard, Reservists, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "or" their spouses are authorized to purchase Military Promotional tickets. - (6) Promotional Maximum purchase per service member, including member- If service member has an annual pass or multi-day ticket they can purchase (5) Promotional Maximum and Must enter with party.
 Jacksonville Icemen: Pricing from \$12 -\$32 for all games.
 Jacksonville Symphony: \$31.
 Jacksonville Zoo, General admission & admission w/unlimited train rides: \$12.50 - \$19.50.
 MOSH – Museum of Science and History: \$8.
 Ninja Warrior Mighty Orion Fitness: 1 Hour Open Gym - \$10.
 10 Hour Punch Card - \$89.25.
 Orlando Magic: Prices vary per game.
 Paintball Adventures!: Military special includes everything except paint balls - \$15.
 SeaWorld, \$49.75 & Aquatica (*excluding weekends*), \$29.75. Half Price Special through Dec. 21, 2018, 4 per Military ID limit.
 Spanish Military Hospital Museum: \$5 - \$7.50.
 St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zipline: \$37, Park admission \$9.50 - \$15.
 St. Augustine Aquarium: Adult \$7. Child Admission - \$4.50.
 Snorkel Adventure (Includes Admission) \$31.
 St. Augustine Old Town Trolley: \$7.50 - \$19.50 BOGO.
 St. Augustine Oldest Store Museum: \$4 - \$7.
 St. Augustine Pirates Museum: \$3 - \$8.
 St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum: \$4.75 - \$7.75.
 St. Augustine Sight Seeing Train: \$4.50 - \$11.50.
 St. John's Rivership Dinner Cruise (Sanford, Fla.): \$48.50 - \$63.75.
 Universal Orlando Military Special: (Tickets not available at the gate. No blackout dates. Maximum of 6 tickets per valid military ID) Ticket Option #1: 2-Park, 4-Day Park to Park Ticket Adult \$179, Child \$174 (*Redeemable through 12/31/18, ticket expires on this date*). Valid 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure.
 Ticket Option #2: 3-Park, 4-Day Park to Park Ticket, Adult \$219, Child \$214 (*Redeemable through 12/31/18, ticket expires on this date*). Valid for 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal's Volcano Bay Water park. Visit the Ticket Office for further details.
 Velocity Air Sports Jacksonville: 1 Hr. (socks included): \$14. 2 Hr (socks included) \$25.
 Wild Adventures (Valdosta, Ga.): Gold Pass – \$113.50.
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Dec. 1, 9 - 11 am at the Indoor Pool

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No pre-registration necessary. The entrance will be behind the front desk of the Base Gym, not through the locker rooms.

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5 SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVING IN THE RAIN

- 1 Make sure your wipers, defroster and headlights are in good working condition, and there is enough windshield washer fluid in the reservoir.
- 2 Since stopping distances increase when it rains, you should increase following distance and eye lead time.
- 3 Slow down to get the traction you need to avoid skidding.
- 4 When visibility is poor for you, it's poor for other drivers as well. Turn on your headlights. Give signal in advance whenever you are going to stop or change lanes. Sudden stops or lane changes may lead to collisions.
- 5 Avoid driving through deep puddles or flowing water if possible. If not, you should:
 - Slow down and place transmission in a low gear.
 - Gently put on the brakes and increase engine RPM while crossing the water.
 - When out of the water, maintain light pressure on the brakes for a short distance to heat them up and dry them out.
 - Make a test stop when it is safe to do so, to make sure the brakes work well. If not, dry them out further as described above.

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 Fruits/Vegetables
 Furniture/Household
 Garage Sales
 Garden/Lawn
 Hot Tubs/Spas
 Jewelry/Watches
 Kid's Stuff
 Machinery & Tools
 Medical
 Miscellaneous Merchandise
 Musical Merchandise
 Photography
 Portable Buildings
 Public Sales
 Sporting Goods
 Tickets
 Trailers
 Wanted to Buy or Trade

Antiques

MAPLE HUTCH - 54" W x 71" H, not being used. \$225. **La-Z-Boy** - Small Recliner \$50. Call 904-742-2237

Arts & Crafts

Professional/Commercial FLORAL PIC Machine - New \$50. **Geno Electric HOT WAX** for arthritis therapy - New \$75. **Simplicity Org. PATTERN CABINET** \$150. **Husavarna/Viking QUILTER Machine** w/ lg free arm \$575. **Singer Magic STEAM PRESSER**, Model CSF1 New \$100. Call 904-742-2237

Clothes

LADIES LEATHER COAT w/purse red suede size 12, \$75.00. **Levi's Men's Suit** grey/ beige jacket \$7 38R pants 33W x 29 L \$35.00ea. 904-384-7809

Collectibles

Naval aviator leather FLIGHT JACKET (pre-Vietnam) \$300.00 **Vintage Franciscan ware "Desert Rose"** **DINNERWARE** with many extras \$500.00 904-751-5532

Electronics

SONY 24" TRINITRON \$40. **SHARP TV 19" \$40.** **SONY 9" Trinitron \$30.** **ZENITH 17" \$30.** All color TV's & 2 cable ready. 904-384-7809

Furniture/Household

CHANDELIERS - (a) Etched glass bells for 3 lights nickel \$100. (b) Gold 7 lights & 5 dz glass crystals. (c) Gold 12 lights. **RUG 6 1/2' x 5' 8" w \$55.** Like new. Call 904-384-7809

Machinery and Tools

Excutive desk \$50.00 **Wall unit/room divider \$50.00** **Matching desk, bookcase, and table plus office chair \$100.00**
Cherry Bookcase \$25.00
2 Matching wicker chairs \$50.00
Boating car coat hanger \$75.00
 Spacious white leather **Chairs \$150.00** for 2
Cherry round cabinet that opens into a bar \$150.00
Bookcase \$50.00
Nice work table plus 2 chairs \$100.00
Curved shower tension curtain holder (like new) \$20.00
 Call 904-751-5532

Medical

WICKER MIRROR - Beautifully carved, white wicker mirror, with 4" border & 7 cloth flowers, hangs 19" x 29" \$50. **Potted SAGOS.** Call 904-384-7809

Musical

GRAND PIANO - Kawai KG-3C, 6'-1" Conservatory Grand Saffin Ebony. Single owner. Gently played. Perfect condition. Brilliant sound. \$7,000 obo. Call/Text 505-670-2454. World Golf Village.

Sporting Goods

Bowflex Pro 1000 - Excellent Condition, 1 year new. Paid \$650. asking \$250. OBO. If you are on a budget but looking for a total body workout, the Bowflex P1000 is your ideal home gym. Call 1-904-583-2246 Amelia Island.

Machinery and Tools

Fifth Wheel 2006 Cardinal 40', with full warranty. asking \$17,000 will consider offers. 904-781-7707

Sporting Goods

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PRICE MATCH PROMISE

PICK UP AND DELIVERY STARTING AT \$44.50
 Call Chris or Zach at 904-731-1832 ext. 2003 or 2005
Midfloridagolfcars.com

Wanted to Buy or Trade

WANTED: KODAK CAROUSEL SLIDE PROJECTOR or EXTAGRAPHIC SLIDE PROJECTOR Call 904-751-5532

Miscellaneous

BIKES - 2 Excellent Bikes & Tires 1st still new \$50. Other \$65. \$15 covers 12"x18" alum. basket tied to front wheel & banana seat call 904-384-7809

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Pets and Supplies

HAVENESE PUPS - Home Raised. AKC, health guaranteed 239-324-4650 www.noahslittleark.com

KITTENS - Free to good home - two adorable female 10-week-old kittens. Spayed and have first shots. Please call 904-537-8313.

Labrador Retrievers AKC Puppies, ready for Christmas. Taking deposits. Will have first puppy shot. Beautiful puppies. \$650. Call 1-912-237-4530

Out of Area

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 7707 Clover Ln. 32656
 Beautiful remodeled 3/2 home on 4 lots with 18'x43' RV barn with attached 18'x26' "ManCave" and 14'x30' workshop. Fenced yard. Walk to school or to lake. 100% Financing for Qualified Buyer. **Call For Pics and to view. see at zillow.com or militarybuyowner.com** **Ellis Coleman Owner/Agent 352-278-4644**

Waterfront

Waterfront home on tributary of St. Johns River 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA with screened in porch on three sides. 80' dock space and additional floating dock meeting boating needs. Situated on 1 acre of land. Beautiful pristine location with unbelievable view of waterway \$725,000.00 Call 904-403-3695

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 We wish you a safe, happy, healthy Thanksgiving Day

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Real Estate For Rent

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 St. Johns Roommates
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Houses Unfurnished

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WESTSIDE 3/2 RENOVATED Mobile Home CH&A, new carpet, new cabinets, tile kitchen, new appliances, fenced front and back yard, near Cecil Field. Pets OK. \$750/mo. + first and last with \$500 dep. 904-571-3602

WESTSIDE 3bd/1ba remodeled, tons of storage, carport close to military base, no pets. \$975/mo. + deposit. **CALL 904-609-9579**

YULEE, FLORIDA 4BR/3Bath 2000 sq. ft. 86161 Meadowridge Court 32097 washer/dryer, lawn service included. Nice neighborhood, good schools. \$1650/mo. \$1650 deposit. Small pets OK with \$300 pet deposit. **CALL 904-556-2390**

Manufactured Homes

WESTSIDE - DOUBLEWIDE 3/2 NICE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTRAL A/C, LRG WORK SHOP, LRG LAUNDRY ROOM, FRONT/BACK DECKS FENCE YARD \$1000. MO. + DEP. PETS OK W/PET FEE. **CALL 904-779-2464**

Transportation

Aviation
 Boats
 Sailboats
 Boat Dockage & Rentals
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 RV Rentals
 RV's & Suppliers
 Motorcycles & Mini Bikes
 Auto Brokers
 Auto Parts
 Antiques/Classics
 Automobiles
 Trucks/Trailers/SUVs
 Vans/Buses
 \$2000 or Less
 Commercial Vehicles
 Misc. Auto
 Autos/Trucks Wanted
 Auto Rent/Lease

Automobiles

HONDA FIT EX 2015 Auto, 4 dr, 18,500 mi., white, \$14,900. Call 904-641-8979

Trucks/Trailers/SUVs

DODGE Dakota 2000 - 4 door truck, family or work truck runs great \$5,300. **CHEVY Silverado 2016** - 4 door crew cab loaded - 2 big for this Granny blue book \$31,375, asking \$28,600. **HONDA Van 2001** - Great get around town vehicle, driven daily, kept up, clean with high milages, runs good !!! \$2,100. Call 904-742-2237

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