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OFF THE DECK

Get Pampered With FFSC

In honor of April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will sponsor several events throughout the month geared towards parents and children. Make sure to sign up quickly by calling 270-6600 ext. 1701 to register. Space is limited at all events and childcare will not be provided. Registration is required.

Get Ready To Be Pampered!

The New Parent Support Program at FFSC is sponsoring an English Tea for Expectant Moms. The tea will be held in Building One on April 16 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Seeking Stressed Moms!

The New Parent Support Program at FFSC is sponsoring a Stress and Relaxation Workshop. This workshop is for all military moms, including active duty and family members. This event will be held at Ocean Breeze on April 30 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Sportswear and tennis shoes are recommended and childcare will not be available.

Concerts in the Park At Mayport

Navy Band Southeast proudly presents their Spring "Concerts in the Park" concert series.

Please join the band at Sea Otter Pavilion, on March 28 at 7 p.m. for Contemporary Entertainment Ensemble "Pride." This high-energy unit performs hits spanning 50 years. Their incredible mix of pop, rhythm and blues, classic rock, modern rock, dance, Motown, soul, hip-hop, swing, country, and disco makes them a sure hit for audiences of all ages.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, along with a picnic dinner or snacks, and sit back, relax and enjoy the talent of these fine musicians promising music of all kinds and entertainment for folks of all ages. An outdoor movie will follow each performance.

The next performance will be April 25 with Navy Band Southeast Jazz Ensemble.

NOSA Time & Talent Is April 18

The Naval Officers' Spouses' Association invites members, non-members, friends and family to its annual Time and Talent/Silent and Live Auction at 6:30 p.m. on April 18 at Ocean Breeze Conference Center.

This event provides an opportunity to bid on unique, one-of-a-kind items, restaurant gift certificates, hotel accommodations, collector items, golf packages, vacations and more. All proceeds will be donated to support local charities that provide assistance to the Navy community.

Reservations and tickets can be purchased for \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door by contacting Cynthia Fong Smith at (904) 372-4049 or via email at cfong4954@aol.com.



-Photo by MC3 Alan Gragg.

Capt. Rodelio Laco speaks to the audience after assuming command of Destroyer Squadron 40 (DESRON 40) during a Change of Command ceremony. Laco relieved Capt. Randall C. Snyder.

DESRON 40 Gets New Commander

By MC3 Alan Gragg

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs

Capt. Rodelio Laco relieved Capt. Randall C. Snyder of command of Destroyer Squadron 40 (DESRON 40) during a change-of-command ceremony on Naval Station Mayport March 20.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) Rear Adm. James W. Stevenson Jr. was the guest speaker for the ceremony, which was held at the Ocean Breeze Conference Center on Naval Station Mayport.

"For the past 24 months, (Snyder) has been the tactical element of United States Naval Forces Southern Command," said Stevenson. "His wealth of knowledge and vast profession-

al expertise and experience has been most valuable in shaping and implementing our theater engagement strategies."

Snyder will become the new commander of Navy Reserve Readiness Command Southeast in Jacksonville, Fla.

Snyder thanked DESRON 40 staff members, and said "Today marks the end of what has been a truly incredible experience for me. I've had the opportunity to be part of more interesting events ashore and afloat than what I ever dreamed I would have coming into the job."

Laco is coming from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), where he served as the Branch Head of the Surface Warfare Strategy and Alignment Branch of OPNAV's Surface Warfare

Division.

The new DESRON 40 commander addressed his staff "You really truly can be proud of your accomplishments," said Laco "You certainly are leading the way in executing the Navy's Maritime Strategy, and I look forward to working with you."

As the operational arm of NAVSO, DESRON 40 is tasked with the planning and execution of multi-national and bilateral Naval exercises associated with the Partnership of the Americas (POA) exercise series. Conducted annually, POA emphasizes interoperability and cooperation among South American Partner Nations.

HSL-48 Holds Change Of Command

From Staff

HSL-48 held a change of command ceremony on March 21 with Cmdr. John Sniogowski relieving Cmdr. John Gumbleton as commanding officer.

A native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Sniogowski graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and received his commission through the university's NROTC program. Sniogowski was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1992 and reported to the Airwolves of HSL-40 where he completed LAMPS MK-III training in the SH-60B Seahawk.

In February 1993, Sniogowski joined the World Famous Vipers of HSL-48 for his initial sea tour. He deployed to the Red Sea in USS Underwood (FFG 36) and served as the squadron's assistant operations officer and quality assurance officer.

From April 1996 to May 1998, he was assigned to PERS 45, the Distribution, Management, Allocation, Resources, and Procedures Division within the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington DC.

In June 1999, Sniogowski reported to USS Wasp (LHD



-Photo by Lt.j.g. Benjamin Farwell

Outgoing HSL-48 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Gumbleton addresses attendees at the squadron's change of command ceremony on March 20. Cmdr. John Sniogowski replaces Gumbleton as CO. Pictured from left is Chaplain Paul Anderson, Sniogowski, CHSMWL Capt. Glenn Doyle and Gumbleton.

1), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as Legal officer, Hangar Deck officer, and Flight Deck officer. He made deployments to the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas.

Sniogowski then returned to

the Airwolves of HSL-40 in July 2001 as an instructor pilot and the squadron's operations officer. In August 2002 he reported to the Grandmasters of HSL-46. As a Grandmaster, he was the Officer in Charge of Detachment Eight aboard USS

Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) for her maiden deployment and of Detachment Eight aboard USS DeWitt (FFG 45), deploying to the Mediterranean in support of Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. He completed his tour in HSL-46 as the squadron's

Operations Officer.

In November 2003, Sniogowski reported to Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command and Headquarters, United States Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was selected to be a member of the Commander's Action Group where he served as one of only two legislative liaison personnel responsible for the commands' interaction with Congressional Staffers, Members, and Committees.

Sniogowski became the Executive Officer of the Vipers on Dec. 15, 2006.

Gumbleton, of Falmouth, Massachusetts graduated from Norwich University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering. Gumbleton reported to HSL-40 and then to HSL-44.

His next assignment was in Washington D.C. at the Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS-432). Following the Bureau's move to Millington, Tenn. Gumbleton remained in D.C and was selected as Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command. Gumbleton then

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Navy Holds Public Hearing On Sonar Use

By MC2 Regina L. Brown

Fleet Public Affairs Center Det. Southeast

Local Jacksonville residents attended the Navy's public hearing for sonar use held at the Florida Community College at Jacksonville South Campus, March 18.

On Feb. 15, 2008, the Department of the Navy filed the Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training (AFAST) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Draft Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (DOEIS) with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Subsequently, six hearings at various places up and down the East Coast were held to gather oral and written comments from citizens concerned with the Navy's use of sonar.

Attendees wishing to address the issue were allotted three minutes of speaking time during the hearing. Those who

are interested in making longer statements can submit their comments in writing and can do so by March 31, 2008, when the statement will become part of the official record.

"Having the public involved is part of the National Environmental Policy Act requirements," said Jene Nissen, U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, AFAST project manager. "It's important so the public understands the analysis that we've conducted and understands the result that we came up with and also has the ability to have input in the final analysis so that they're an integral piece of this project."

The AFAST DEIS/DOEIS will evaluate the possible environmental effects of mid-range and high-range active sonar and proposes four different options for the Navy's execution of sonar training.

Alternative 1 proposes fixed sonar training areas that would

be available for use year-round; alternative 2 also proposes designated sonar areas, but with the possibility that the areas would be adjusted seasonally to minimize environmental impact. Alternative 3 assigns designated areas of increased awareness where sonar use would not be conducted and alternative 4 proposes no change to the current course of action.

This impact analysis of the Navy's use of sonar has been ongoing for about two years and will be completed in just less than a year.

"We're hoping the public gets a better understanding of the Navy's requirements to do anti-submarine warfare training; why we need it," said Capt. Charles Wydler, Commanding Officer, Afloat Training Group in Norfolk "We have to protect not only our national assets, but our environment also."



-Photo by MC2 Regina Brown

Jacksonville residents browse informational display booths at the Navy's public hearing on sonar use held at Florida Community College. Six hearings were held this month at various places across the east coast to gather oral and written comments from the public on their concerns about the Navy's use of sonar.

CREDO Corner

By Lt. Rickey Bennett

Spiritual Fitness Division SE

The Panthers finished an eight game basketball season with the youth sports program here at Naval Station Mayport. I had the privilege of being their coach. We went an unremarkable 0-8 record.

One might say that they were disappointed that we did not win a game. However, this statistic does not adequately measure the quality of our players or our team.

The general definition of "team" is a set of players forming one side in a game. At first

glance this definition seems accurate but in actuality I have a problem with this simplistic perspective.

This definition assumes that just because a group of players are on the same side that they are working together. They may have the same uniform on their backs, but if they play as if they are individuals then they are not a team.

Some players are selfish and want to be stars. Others allow personal dislikes to cloud their judgment when it comes to their teammates. Still others don't get it. They would rather throw

up a 20-foot jump shot than pass the ball to a teammate who is open under the basket. While they are obviously a set of players forming one side in a game, they are about as far from a real team as you can get.

The goal is to take a group of individual players and make them into a complete team. What does it mean to work together as a team? I would like to propose the following three evidences of a good basketball team.

First, the open player gets the ball; work the ball around to get an open shot instead of having

one player force a shot.

Second, play tight defense; play tight defense to make it difficult for the other team to score instead of loafing on defense and waiting to get a shot on offense.

Third, never let personal feelings between two players affect team play; on the court, personal feelings must be forgotten.

Although, it is true that the Panthers went 0-8 in the record book, they represented the best team play of all four teams in the league. They overcame what was a stack deck against them.

From the very beginning their opponents were almost always taller and more athletic than them. They showed demonstrated a spirit that never says quit, a willingness to do whatever the coach asked them to do and great teamwork. Their best performances were during the final three games. In fact, during our last game the score was 25 to 2 at half time.

Our team restricted their opponents to 12 points during the second half and scored a team record of 31 points making the final two minutes really exciting!

What made the difference! It was not one player stepping up. It was ever player doing their best not for individual reward but for the good of the team.

Are you part of a team that needs some work on their teamwork? Give us a call and we'll help you come up with an event that will help your individual teammates work together better as one team. Call our office to register for one of our team-building programs 904-270-6958, ext 1602, or emailing cnrse_credo@navy.mil.

Pets Can Stay At Navy Lodge During PCS Move

From NEXCOM

Moving to a new location this year just got a lot easier when traveling with your pet. Most Navy Lodge's worldwide now allow dogs and cats up to 50 pounds in weight to stay when traveling with its owners.

"Over 60 percent of all Americans have pets and the military is no different," said Michael Bockelman, Vice President NEXCOM, Director Navy Lodge Program. "Navy Lodge guests often stay with us during a permanent change of station move. Before, guests had to board their pet until they could move into their new home. Now, the pet can stay with the rest of the family at the

Navy Lodge. This will make a military move much easier for the entire family."

Military families need to come to the Navy Lodge prepared in order to stay with their pet. First, keep in mind how long you will be gone and bring appropriate food and other supplies and always travel with a pet carrier.

Before you leave town, schedule a visit with your veterinarian to update all medications or treatments required and bring a copy of each pet's vaccination record.

It is also a good idea to carry a health certificate for each animal traveling with you if traveling state to state or crossing

international borders.

Finally, when you are at the Navy Lodge, treat the area where you walk as if it were your own yard and always clean up after your pet, using the bags provided.

While traveling keep in mind how long you will be on the road and make sure to bring at least one bowl of fresh water for your pet to drink. If traveling long distances or an extended period of time, add one or two more, just in case.

Never leave an animal alone in a closed car. Keep the air-conditioner going while traveling. Don't roll down a car window enough for a dog to stick its head out; just enough to get a

good whiff of fresh air is plenty. Always remember to bring the following on trips:

- A sturdy leash and extra collar;
- An old blanket or sheet for wherever the pet's carrier will be secured;
- Old sheets to cover bedding and furniture once you reach your accommodations;
- Some of your pet's own bedding;
- Food and water bowl set;
- Treats;
- Toys or chew items;
- All required medications, supplements and preventatives;
- Brush or comb and lint remover;
- For cats, a full litter pan with

extra litter, liners and newspaper for underneath;

- Waste removal bags;
- Old towels, carpet cleaner, disinfectant spray and trash bags for accidents; and
- Flashlight for nighttime walks.

Navy Lodges are on average 43 percent less expensive than comparable civilian accommodations, and still have the same and more amenities. Every guest room is oversized with cable TV with HBO, a DVD/CD player, direct-dial telephone service, high-speed Internet access, and a kitchenette complete with microwave, refrigerator and utensils. Navy Lodges also have

housekeeping service, vending machines, DVD rental service and guest laundry facilities as well as handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms. Free local calls, free in-room coffee and newspapers as well as convenient on-base parking are also available during your stay.

To make a reservation toll free at 1-800-NAVY-INN or log onto www.navy-lodge.com. Once you make a reservation, you cannot be bumped from your room. Reservation and room assignments are accepted on an as-received basis without regard to rank, rate or time of reservation.

Fleet Talk

By FLTCM(SS/SW) Rick West

U.S. Fleet Forces Fleet Master Chief

Hoo-yah, Warriors! Spring is certainly in the air, and with that many of you are starting to put away the snow shovels and winter clothes in favor of shorts and warm weather recreation.

On duty or off everything we do has some degree of risk which, if not properly managed, could result in serious injury or even death. Whether it's firing up that barbecue grill for the first time or breaking the lawnmower out of its winter hibernation, applying simple operational risk management (ORM) to your everyday activities will ensure you're around to enjoy this Spring and the next one!

Risk management is actually more than a decision-making process; it's a common-sense approach to thinking about everything we do. Learning to manage safety over risk is as simple as making and following a plan.

Let's look at the ORM procedures.

When we start any kind of activity, we all need to look at the five ORM steps:

1. Identify hazards
2. Assess hazards
3. Make decisions
4. Implement controls
5. Supervise

We use the steps of ORM as a basic plan for determining the benefits of taking the risk involved.

ORM is a tactic, not a safety program. It is a way to deal with the threats and hazards we face everyday. These threats are almost always under our control, and the deadliest ones are

our own human errors. We really use ORM all the time, we just don't recognize it.

One last issue I want to talk to you about is PMV safety, and I want to get right to the point. So far in FY08 Safety Center records show as of 14 March we've had 49 PMV fatalities in both the Navy and Marine Corps, 18 of those fatalities involved motorcycle's, 29 involved four wheel vehicles and 2 involved pedestrian fatalities. Of the 27 Sailor deaths several personnel were not wearing seat belts, helmets, or required PPE and others were either speeding or driving carelessly, this is NOT executing basic ORM. There have been 10 Navy motorcycle fatalities this fiscal year, as compared to eighteen in the entire fiscal year of 2007, a trend we need to reverse now. With the gas prices at their current state many of our Sailors have opted to buy and ride motorcycles as their primary mode of transportation...have you received the required training? Have you looked at the Safety Center Website for tips on safe operation? And are you using the required PPE? The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration estimates that helmets saved 1,658 motorcyclists' lives in 2007, and that 752 more could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.

Just for the record, I support and promote motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use as much as the next person. But I also support wearing the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and exercising the ele-

ments of ORM, and I temper that support by insisting the requirements in OPNAVINST 5100.12G are lived up to in letter and in spirit.

So let me sum it up.....over the past few months we have lost too many members of our Navy family to preventable accidents. We need to take a step back and remember all the safety training, operational risk management and common sense we've been taught.

Today, the Navy has some of the smartest and most dedicated Sailors I have ever had the privilege of knowing in my 27 years of service. We simply can't afford to lose any more Sailors...its not about the stats...it's about our people. The Safety center has a great website that you can use to foster a safe working and playing environment, download some great presentations or just see what is new. I highly encourage you to introduce this site to your Sailors, our families and our Navy civilians, it could make the difference. You can link up to the Safety Center via www.safetycenter.navy.mil. While on the site look at the PMV stats and the narratives....it doesn't paint a very good picture.

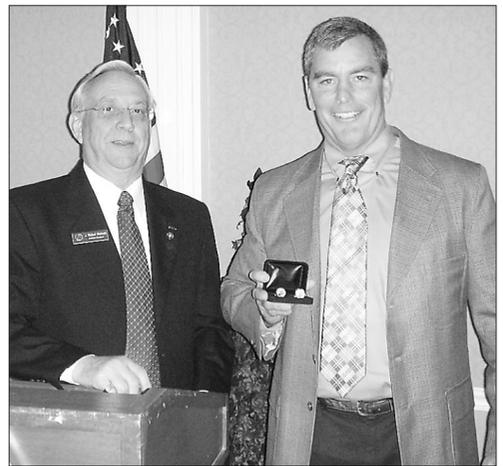
The bottom line is we've got the most technologically advanced Navy in the world with some of the best equipment that money can buy....but without our people our Navy doesn't exist....we need every member of the Navy team safely on the job everyday....be smart....and be safe!

CNIC Speaks At Navy League



-Photos courtesy of Navy League

The February meeting of the Mayport Council of the Navy League was held at Ocean Breeze Conference Center. Guest speaker was Vice Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr., Commander, Navy Installations Command who talked on new happening on the naval bases all over the United States. Right, Navy League National President Michael McGrath recognized Rick Hoffman, immediate past president, for his service during the past two years. Above, The Mayport Council Sea Cadets stand with Conway. They presented the colors to open the dinner.



NWC Fleet Seminar Program At Mayport

Fro Naval War College

The Naval War College's College Of Distance Education will again offer its fleet seminar program in the Mayport area. This academic year (September '08 - may '09), the strategy and war, and the joint maritime operations courses will be offered in Mayport and the national security decision making course will be offered in the Jacksonville area.

This highly acclaimed program parallels, to a major degree, the course of study followed by students in the college of naval command and staff in Newport, Rhode Island. Three-hour classes are held in the evening (one night per week for approximately 35 weeks). A top

quality adjunct faculty member leads each seminar from the local area. Students can earn a NWC diploma, JPME Phase I credit, and up to 21 graduate credit hours. All books and materials are provided on a loan basis, and there is no tuition charge.

Enrollment is open to USN/USMC/USCG 03 or above, USA/USAF 0-4 or above, or DoD GS-11 or above. All applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree.

Call Professor Dave Fay at (904) 317-7902 or email dfay@lsijax.com for more information. Applications will be on-line beginning April 1 at <http://nwc.navy.mil>. Applications are due by June 30.



Chapel Call
Command Chaplain:
Cmdr. Jerome Dillon

SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Protestant Baptism.....As requested
TUESDAY
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).....9:30 a.m.
(First and third Tuesday of the month)
Nursery is provided.
WEDNESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal.....7 p.m.
FRIDAY
Catholic Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Confessions.....7 p.m.
SATURDAY
Men's Prayer Breakfast.....9 a.m.
Youth Group6 p.m.
(Second and Fourth Saturdays of month)

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Confession.....Before and after mass
Religious Education.....10:30 a.m.

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Kennedy Towed To Philadelphia For Storage

By Kathleen Roberts
Naval Sea Systems Command Public Affairs

The decommissioned aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy (CV 67) arrived March 22 at the Navy's Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility in Philadelphia for preservation and storage.

Due to safety and security concerns, the ship will not be open for tours while in storage in Philadelphia.

A contracted tug boat began towing the inactive carrier John F. Kennedy from Norfolk Naval Station on March 17. The ship was originally scheduled to be towed to Philadelphia in August 2007, but was instead towed to Norfolk while the Navy dredged in the vicinity of Pier 4 to further increase the safety of the ship mooring process and the surrounding waterway.

John F. Kennedy is currently on the Navy's inactive inventory, meaning the ship has been taken out of commission and laid up for safe storage pending a future SECNAV decision regarding the ultimate disposi-

tion of the ship. As required by the fiscal year 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, the Navy will maintain the ship in a state of preservation that would allow for reactivation in the event the carrier is needed in response to a national emergency.

The ship's historical items have been removed and transferred to the curator of the Navy for preservation and storage.

Named in honor of the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy's keel was laid in 1964 at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, Va. In 1967, nine-year-old Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late president, christened the ship. "Big John", as the carrier would become known, was commissioned in September 1968.

A veteran of 18 deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and Middle East, John F. Kennedy amassed more than 260,000 arrested landings on her flight deck while operating virtually every tactical aircraft in the

Navy's arsenal. In 1989, two of the embarked air wing's F-14 Tomcats shot down two Libyan MIG-23s that were approaching the battle group in a hostile manner. The carrier also participated in numerous other campaigns including Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and was sortied following the 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Homeported at Naval Station Mayport since 1995, John F. Kennedy most recently served as a training platform for naval aviators to obtain their carrier landing qualifications. Her final port call was to Boston in March 2007.

The ship measures more than 1,050 feet long, displaces 82,000 tons and could carry 70 combat aircraft - the full complement of today's carrier air wing. The crew consisted of more than 4,600 personnel when including the air wing. John F. Kennedy was one of the two remaining fossil-fueled aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.



-Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ann Marie Gorden
The decommissioned aircraft carrier ex-John F. Kennedy (CV 67) is towed March 22 into the Port of Philadelphia to join other decommissioned ships at the Navy Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility. Kennedy was commissioned in May 1967 by the late President John F. Kennedy's 9-year-old daughter, Caroline. The 1,050-foot-long carrier served nearly 40 years and saw combat action in the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm and the war on Terrorism.

NMCRS Honors Professionals



-Photos courtesy of NMCRS

NMCRS held a Professional Development Day at Ocean Breeze Conference Center recently. PDD is a yearly event that rotates between NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport. Volunteers for the Command, Navy Region Southeast are invited to get the latest updates, new procedures and any other pertinent information that is deemed useful. It's also a good time to meet other volunteers. The annual NMCRS Mayport fund drive is currently under way. Money raised during the drive will directly benefit Mayport Sailors in need of financial assistance.

MCPON Recognizes Women's History Month

From MCPON(SW/FME) Joe R. Campa Jr.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SW/FME) Joe R. Campa Jr., released the following comments in recognition of Women's History Month, March 10:

Maria Townsend is 85 years old and a pioneer, but she doesn't consider her contributions during World War II anything greater than what the rest of the nation was doing to support our servicemen after Pearl Harbor.

Townsend came from a Navy family, so joining the service seemed natural to her in the Spring of 1942, after the country had been attacked and President Roosevelt declared war on Japan. She found a recruiter, raised her right hand

and enlisted. Opportunities were slim for women, but she found a place with the Navy Band and became the first female member of that organization.

For the next six years, Townsend entertained the troops at USO's and in other venues around Washington. A former secretary, she had dedicated herself to boosting the morale of service members through song. She left the Navy in 1948 and lived a life common to many of us. She returned to her former job, married and raised a family.

But she hasn't forgotten those six years, or the decision she made to wear the uniform of a United States Sailor. She paved a road to success for women in all branches of the military but denies that to this day. When told of the roles women play in today's Navy, she's pleased but

not surprised. She saw it coming 66 years ago.

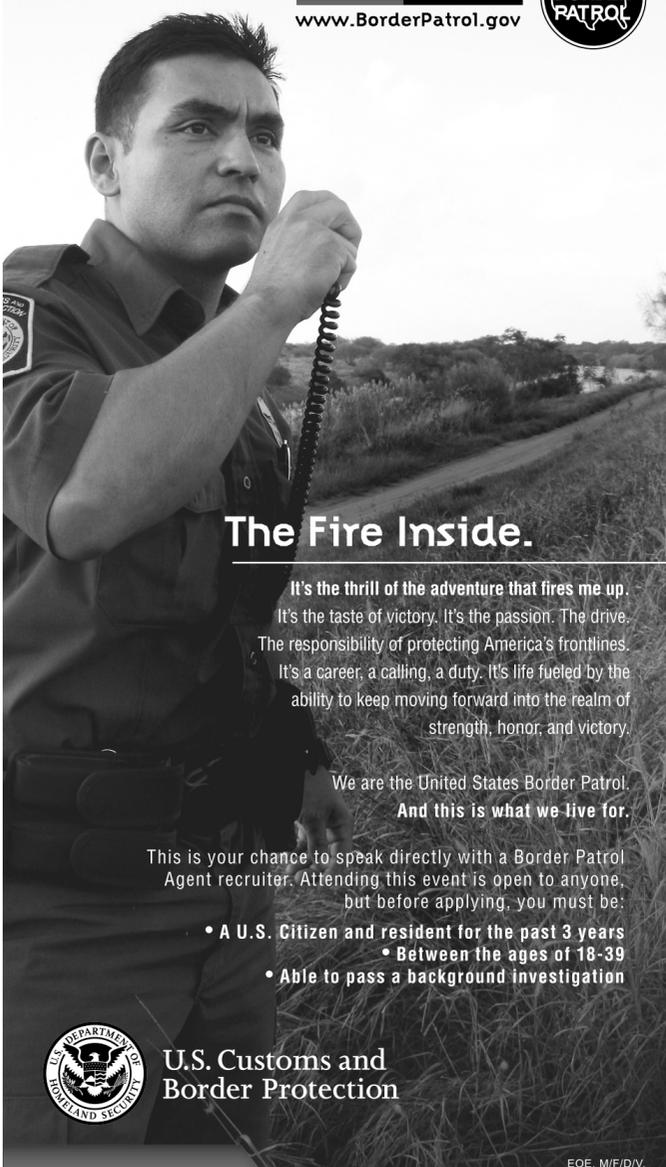
It doesn't come as a shock to her that women are serving in a variety of capacities: At sea and on the ground, doing jobs that were out of the question when she joined. She's not surprised that their contributions have huge impact in every community in our Navy.

In 1942, joining the Navy when her nation needed her was natural. She'll tell you that the women we recognize this month joined for the same reasons, and I fully agree.

Join me in celebrating Women's History Month and use it as a time to recognize the contributions of this generation of female Sailors, and to remember our veterans who have sacrificed so much to make our country what it is today.

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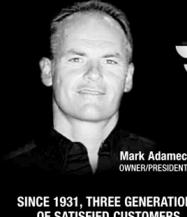
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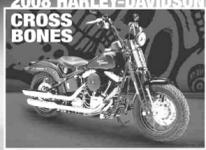
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DVs Perform For Mayport Sailors

By MCI Toiete Jackson
Fleet Public Affairs Center Detachment Southeast

Sailors aboard Naval Station Mayport received a visit from Olympic gold medalist Shannon Miller, laughed with Michael Winslow and listened Black Violin last week.

Miller was aboard Mayport on March 19. She is the most decorated American gymnast in history and has won more Olympic and World Championship medals than any other American Gymnast. Miller was touring the base as part of a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) tour.

Miller's started by visiting guided missile frigate USS Boone (FFG 28) where the ship's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Newman Evans III escorted her around, showed her the ship's capabilities and introduced her to the Sailors.

"It was a fantastic opportunity for us to show off Boone and show how proud we are of what our Sailors do everyday," said Evans. "These opportunities to interact with the community and people like Shannon are a great opportunity for us to show the pride we have in our Sailors."

After moving to the area a year ago Miller was pleased to get her first visit to a Naval facility to see what the Navy is all about, meet service members and children and even signed a few autographs.

"I have never been to a Navy ship before and I think what



-Photos by MCI(AW) Toiete Jackson
Olympic gold medalist Shannon Miller shows Cmdr. Todd Bahlau, executive officer Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 40, one of her gold medals she won during her tour of the squadron.

these guys do here is fantastic," said Miller.

Miller was also equally impressed with Airwolves of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 40. Lt. Eli Marshall gave her a tour and showed her a typical day in a training squadron. She tried on some of the survival gear, got an up close and personal look at the helicopters and met a few Sailors along the way.

She completed her tour by visiting the children at the Youth Activities Center where she talked with the kids about how she achieved her goals, answered a few questions and signed autographs for them. She also ran across a few fans whose lives

she influenced.

"It's kind of overwhelming because I grew up in the gymnastic world and she has always been a huge influence in my life," said Howard, wife of Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jason Howard assigned to Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64). "I had pictures of her in my locker."

Chief Operations Specialist Jeff Wallace, MWR's finalist for the Nashville Star Competition, brought his daughter to meet her hoping that she would inspire her as well. Wallace grew up near Miller and is still filled with pride because of her achievements.



Miller talks with kids at the Youth Activities Center aboard Naval Station Mayport about working hard to achieve their goals. Miller came to Naval Station Mayport to meet and greet service members and their families as part of a Morale and Welfare Recreation tour.

"It's one of those things that someone from where you are becomes successful on such a grand stand, it kind of gives you a little hope to know that people like us can achieve greatness," said Wallace.

"It's been a blast, meeting the kids was definitely a highlight," said Miller. "The tours have been great and everyone has been really nice. What has been really neat is just to see the base, since I live here now, and kind of get a feel of what

it is like to be in the military and meet the service men and women."

Earlier in the week, it was standing room only at Ocean Breeze Conference Center as comedians Michael Winslow and Johnny Mac held a free show to thank the Sailors for their service. Winslow starred in the movies Police Academy, Spaceballs and Gremlins.

On March 20, Sailors were again entertained with a free show by classically trained vio-

linists Kev Marcus and Wil-B, who make up the group Black Violin. Combining classical musical training with a hip-hop attitude has created a sound that has been described as "unrivaled and refreshingly unique". Black Violin has performed with such acts as Nas, Alicia Keyes, Lloyd Banks and Linkin Park. They were preceded by slam poets David Girard and Larry Knight.

NS Mayport returned the favor on March 21 by hosting a tour, which included USS Boone.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards
Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Aaron Janssen of Harbor Ops gets an autograph from Michael Winslow after the comedian performs a live free show at Ocean Breeze Conference Center on March 17.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards
Comedian Johnny Mac joined Winslow for his base comedy tour.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards
Comedian Michael Winslow performs for a standing-room-only crowd at Ocean Breeze Conference Center.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards
Lt.j.g. Charles Abler of DESRON 14, right, laughs a joke during during performance. Abler was joined by friend Brian Daley visiting from Cincinnati.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards
The Ed Self Band, performed at the end of the night, after Winslow.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards

Black Violin, made up of Kev Marcus and Wil-B, perform for the packed crowd. The duo have performed with Alicia Keys, Lloyd Banks and Linkin Park.



-Photo by Stephanie Edwards

Slam Poets Al Letson, Larry Knight and David Girard open for the Black Violin show at Beachside Community Center.



-Photo by DC3 Randy Pyles

Black Violin members and MWR representatives stand at the stern of the ship with USS Boone crewmembers during a tour of the ship last week.



-Photo by DC3 Randy Pyles

USS Boone Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Newman Evans, shows members of Black Violin the bridge during a tour of the ship.

Navy Recruiting Offers Incentives For Referrals

By MC2(SW/AW) **Gabriel Owens**

Commander, Navy Recruiting Command Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) is offering incentives to active duty and reserve Sailors who help in the Navy's efforts to recruit the nation's best and brightest.

"The Recruiting Referral Recognition Program was set up to reward people for giving names to recruiters and referring those interested in the naval service," said Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Davis Stone, CNRC Policy Analyst.

The program offers non-recruiters rewards such as Navy/Marine Corps Achievement and Navy/Marine Corps

Commendation Medals to those officers and enlisted Sailors who refer qualified individuals to the Navy. The program is also open to federal employees and Delayed Entry Program Personnel (DEPPers). It excludes those working directly for CNRC.

"Many of our active and reserve Sailors are in one-on-one contact with the population and often get people interested in joining the Navy," said Stone. "This is a way to reward them for that invaluable help in the tough job of recruiting."

For every person who joins the Navy and cites an individual as the one who referred them (within one calendar year), that individual receives recognition.

Additionally, enlisted Sailors can refer officers and vice versa. The program accepts referrals with prior service back into active or reserve status; Navy Veterans (NAVET) and Other Service Veterans (OSVET) are also included.

"This program has been around a long time in one form or another," said Stone. "I think it's important to remind and inform Sailors who may not be aware of the program or have forgotten."

For more information and to see a full list rewards, refer to CNRC instruction 5305.1 (<http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/5305.1K.pdf>) or contact your local Navy recruiter.

John L. Hall In Malta



-Photo by Lt. j.g. Anthony Falvo

The Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate **USS John L. Hall (FFG 32)** is moored in Grand Harbor during a port visit to Malta.



-Photo courtesy of USS Underwood

Retired Rear Adm. Roland Guilbault thanks **USS Underwood Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Wesley Smith**, and **Command Master Chief Stephen Roberts** for a great tour aboard **USS Underwood (FFG 36)**.

USS Underwood Hosts NJROTC, Navy League

By **Ensign Kristofer Tester**
USS Underwood PAO

USS Underwood (FFG 36) had a busy week last week hosting two tour groups while in port at Naval Station Mayport.

On Tuesday, the Fighting Devils were visited by a group of 80 people from the NJROTC and Navy League in Vero Beach, Fla.

The group was led by retired Rear Adm. Roland George Guilbault, the President of the Treasure Coast Council and Former Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12, Enterprise Battle Group.

Many of the Navy League members were veterans of World War II, while most of the NJROTC students were seniors in high school rapidly approaching graduation. The tour included multiple stops throughout Underwood, with enlisted Sailors providing short presentations about equipment and mission areas within their areas of expertise.

The week continued with a visit on Thursday from an NJROTC unit from Georgetown, South Carolina. The group of 13 cadets' tour began with a demonstration of

the movement capabilities of the CIWS mount, and continued forward and down to the combat information center to gain an insight on the brains of the ship.

Next came engineering spaces and the mess decks for a perspective on how meals work at sea and continued to the wardroom to see what life as officers is like.

The tour ended back on the mess decks with refreshments and an opportunity for the cadets to ask multiple officers and enlisted Sailors questions about their time in the Navy.

Gettysburg Hosts Ticonderoga-Class First CO

By **Lt.j.g. Dennis Panos**

USS Gettysburg PAO

USS Gettysburg hosted retired Rear Adm. R. G. Guilbault, the Vero Beach Navy League, and 100 NJROTC members for an orientation tour on March 18.

Guilbault, who is the President of the Treasure Coast Navy League, brought the Navy League members and NJROTC unit to gain a better understanding of shipboard life. The visit to Gettysburg was part of an all day trip which included

touring Naval Station Mayport and a tour aboard another ship. Gettysburg was the highlight of the trip, however, as part of Guilbault's storied career was as commanding officer of the original Ticonderoga-class Cruiser, USS Ticonderoga (CG 47).

Guilbault was the commissioning commanding officer aboard the USS Ticonderoga and commissioned the Ship on Jan. 22, 1983. The ship's sponsor was First Lady Nancy Regan.

The introduction of the Ticonderoga-class cruiser added a capability to the United States defense which was unprecedented at the time. The class uses a phased-array radar and offers the increased combat capability offered by the Aegis combat system and the AN/SPY-1 radar system.

These technological advancements made USS Ticonderoga one of the most advanced and combat capable ships in her day, and the Ticonderoga-class

cruisers, such as the Gettysburg, remain at the technological forefront to this day.

Gettysburg also has a unique link with Guilbault as Gettysburg's Commanding Officer, Capt. Rich Brown, worked as a flag aide for Guilbault 20 years ago.

Brown served as Guilbault's Flag Lieutenant while the admiral was the Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12.

Upon embarking Gettysburg, the tour group was greeted by

Brown. The guests were then escorted on tours throughout the ship to meet the proud Gettysburg Sailors and see the many systems that make up a modern warship.

The NJROTC members were all very enthused to see young Sailors, some of whom were NJROTC members just a few short years ago, working on highly technical and sophisticated equipment. They commented frequently on wanting to join the Navy and be a Sailor aboard

Gettysburg. The Sailors who interacted with the NJROTC members encouraged the high school students to work hard and school and prepare themselves to one day join the Navy.

The Gettysburg crew was honored to welcome aboard the distinguished visitor Guilbault and his party and hopes that the guests left with a lasting positive impression of the Gettysburg and naval service.

MWR Happenings

March 28: Contemporary Entertainment Ensemble "Pride" and Outdoor Movie. Navy Band Southeast proudly presents their Spring "Concerts in the Park" concert series. Please join the band at Sea Otter Pavilion, Naval Station Mayport for a Boston Pops style concert series, free and open to all, starting at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, along with a picnic dinner or snacks, and sit back, relax and enjoy the talent of these fine musicians promising music of all kinds and entertainment for folks of all ages. An outdoor movie will follow the concert performance. 270-6015/5228

March 28: Low Dough Lunch. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fast Lanes Grille. Lunch options for \$4 or less. 270-5377

April 4-6: Deerfield Beach Dive Trip. Come dive the beautiful reefs, ledges and wrecks of Sea Emperor and Rodeo. Cost is \$290 and includes four boat

dives over two days, two nights lodging, round-trip transportation, use of all diving equipment and air fills. Pre-registration is required. 270-5541/5221

April 8: 5K Beach Run/3K Walk/Stroller Strut. 8 a.m. start in front of the Gym. Free event open to all hands. 270-5451/52

April 10: Theme Night at the CPO Club: Mongolian BBQ. All hands are invited to a new theme night from 4-8 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club on the second Thursday of each month. Cost is \$9 and includes beef, chicken and pork with vegetables and condiments. Cost for children (age 2-10) is \$6. Purchase tickets at the CPO Club prior to the event or at the door the day of. 270-5431/32

April 11: Comics on Duty Comedy Show. The Comics on Duty World Tour returns to Mayport for a live performance at Castaway's Lounge. Show time is 8 p.m. All hands are

welcome to this free show featuring comedians Steve Bills, John Bizarre, Don Barnhart and Tom Foss. Visit www.ComicsOnDuty.com for tour information. 270-7205/7198

April 16-17: Spring Sports Challenge. Active duty personnel are invited to participate in this bi-annual command competition featuring two days of exciting individual and team sporting events. Pick up registration packets at the Gym. 270-5451/52

April 18-20: Open Water Scuba Certification Course. Cost is \$290 complete, \$320 for guests. Cost includes use of all scuba equipment, course study materials, certification, professional instruction, two days admission to the springs, two nights lodging and round-trip transportation. We leave on Friday and come back certified on Sunday. Don't be fooled by false advertising. No equipment purchase required. Pre-registra-

tion is required. 270-5541/5221

April 18 & 19: Live Band, Wild Card. Rock band, Wild Card, performs live at Castaway's Lounge 9 p.m.-1 a.m. This is a free show open to all hands. Visit www.wldcard.com for band information. 270-7205

April 19: Basic Car Care Class. The Auto Skills Center is offering a new Basic Car Care class from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn the basic skills to care for your personal vehicle including how to change the oil. Cost is \$30 and includes the oil change and an emergency roadside kit. Pre-registration is required. 270-5392

April 23: Intramural Bowling Begins. Warm-ups start at 11:15 a.m. every Wednesday at Fast Lanes Bowling Center. Earn captain's cup points; active duty only. Cost is only \$1.85 per week for bowling shoe rental. 270-5451/52

April 24: All American

Night. All hands are invited for all-American food and entertainment from 4-8 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club on the fourth Thursday of each month. Cost for adults is \$7 and includes a hamburger, hotdog, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and choice of lemonade or iced tea. Cost for children (ages 2-10) is \$4 and includes a choice of hamburger or hotdog and sides. Tickets are on sale at the CPO Club prior to the event or at the door. This is an all hands event open to everyone. 270-5431/32

April 25: Navy Band Southeast Jazz Ensemble. This exciting 18-piece group performs a wide variety of music from traditional Big Band classics to contemporary Jazz, sizzling Latin to Motown. This free performance starts at 7 p.m. at Sea Otter Pavilion and is open to all hands. An outdoor family movie will follow the concert. 270-5228/6015

March Specials
The MWR Auto Skills Center is offering a discount on tire balancing during March. Pay for the balancing of three tires and receive the fourth tire balanced for free. Call 270-5392 to make an appointment.

Visit Outdoor Adventures where the March rental special is for a weekend camping package: five person tent, lantern, two sleeping bags, 48 quart cooler, and stove for only \$30 for the weekend (pick up Friday and return Monday). Call 270-5221 for additional information.

April Specials
The MWR Auto Skills Center is offering 10 percent off the open stall fee during April. 270-5392

Visit Outdoor Adventures where the April rental special is a one-person kayak (sit-in) and trailer for only \$30 for the weekend. Pick up on Friday and return Monday. 270-5221

Kids Corner

Special Events
March 28: Freedom Friday (Movie Night), 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center for children in grades K-5. Cost is \$7 in advance; \$9 the day of. Early sign up is recommended; space is limited. 270-5680/5421

April 5-6: Teen Lock-In, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. at Club Teen for middle and high school ages. Cost is \$12 in advance; \$15 the day of. A permission slip is required. 270-5680/5421

National Boys and Girls Clubs Week (March 31-April 4)
Celebrate National Boys and Girls Clubs Week with daily activities scheduled for children in grades K-12.

Elementary Activities at the Youth Activities Center:
March 31: Silly Photo Day, 4-6 p.m.
April 1: Obstacle Course Day,

2-3:30 p.m.
April 2: National Kick Butts Day, 4 p.m.
April 3: American Idol Sing Off, 4 p.m.
April 4: Movie Day, 4-5:30 p.m.
Middle/High School Activities at Club Teen:
March 31: Silly Photo Day, 4-6 p.m.
April 1: Obstacle Course Day, 2-3:30 p.m.
April 2: National Kick Butts Day, 4 p.m.
April 3: Bake and Decorate a Cake Contest, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
April 4: Movie Day, 5:30-7 p.m.
Open Recreation and Before and After School Care
Open Recreation for teens is 2:30-7 p.m. Monday-Friday at Club Teen, located next door to the Youth Activities Center.

Club Teen hours are 1:30-7 p.m. on early release school days and 1-7 p.m. on non-school days. Open Rec is also held from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday for all ages (grades K-12) at the Youth Activities Center. Activities at Club Teen include pool tables, air hockey, foosball, computers, video games, music, TV and movies, plus monthly special events. Club Teen is open for middle and high school ages only and is free of charge. Fees may apply for special events. 270-5680/5421

Open Recreation for elementary school ages is 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Youth Activities Center, located in on-base housing. Open Rec is from 3-5:30 p.m. on early release school days and 1-5:30 p.m. on non-school days. Boys and Girls Club programs

(Fine Arts, Fitness Authority and Power Hour) are offered in lieu of Open Rec on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Open Rec is also held from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday for all ages at the Youth Activities Center. 270-5680/5421

The Youth Activities Center offers a nationally accredited Before and After School Program (also known as School Age Care) for children in grades kindergarten through fifth. The program is offered Monday-Friday during regular school weeks as well as early release days and non-school days. Seasonal camps are available during school breaks including winter, spring and summer. Fees are determined by total family income. Transportation is available to and from Finegan Elementary School and Mayport

Elementary School. 270-5680/5421

Youth Sports, Fitness and Classes
The Youth Fitness Factory is open Monday-Thursday 3:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 10-15. If under 10 years old, child must be at least four feet tall and accompanied by a parent. The Youth Fitness Factory features two treadmills and a 12-piece Strive Kidz Smart Strength training equipment line specially designed for kids and teens. A certified fitness trainer is on hand during hours of operation to assist with youth fitness

needs. This facility is located next door to the Youth Activities Center. For Youth Fitness information, call 270-7134.

Martial Arts classes are offered for ages 3-17 at the Youth Activities Center Monday through Thursday. Cost for ages 6-17 is \$40 per month for the first child, \$25 for the second child, same family, \$20 for the third child and \$15 for the fourth child. Cost for Tiny Tigers Karate (ages 3-5) is \$30 per child, per month. Sign up at the Youth Activities Center.

Money Matters For Teens



-Photos courtesy of MWR

Justyn Benjamin, 13, and Heather Young, 14, learn money management skills in a new class for Teens, Money Matters, at the MWR Teen Center. The Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) curriculum includes setting goals, spending wisely, saving and investing, paying for college and being your own boss. For more information on MWR teen programs, call 270-5680.

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March 28: Dollar Dining Options. Save your money and satisfy your hunger at Planet Mayport today. Check out all the dining options for only \$1. Event will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

March 30: Wrestle Mania XXIV! Join the Liberty Program as we head down to Orlando to attend the biggest wrestling event of the year at the Citrus Bowl. Tickets are

only \$45 and include transportation and admission. You will need to muster at 2 p.m. and the trip will leave promptly at 2:30 p.m., no exceptions.

April 2: 8-Ball Pool Tournament. This free, single elimination tournament will start at 6:15 p.m. sharp at Planet Mayport. A prize will be awarded to the tournament winner.

April 4: Birthday Bash. Happy birthday to all the April birthdays. Stop by Planet Mayport for your birthday bonus starting at 6 p.m.

April 5: Springing the Blues Festival. Head off to the beach with Liberty and dig some blues. Free transportation is provided. Sign up at Planet Mayport. Van will depart from Planet Mayport promptly at 2:30 p.m. and will return at 6:30 p.m.

April 7: Video Game

Challenge. Come test your skills at some of the most popular games of the past and the present in Planet Mayport's Video Game Challenge. Each Monday a different game will be selected, prizes will be awarded and a champion will be crowned. The game schedule will be posted at Planet Mayport the night of the tournament. Event will start promptly at 6 p.m.

April 8: Dinner and a Movie Trip. Join the Liberty Program as we head to Regal Cinemas to catch some of the newest box office hits. Pizza will be served at Planet Mayport prior to departing to the theater. Cost of this trip is only \$2 and includes food, admission, and transportation. Trip will depart from Planet Mayport at approximately 6:30 p.m.

April 11: Free Golf Lesson. Join Liberty for a free golf lesson and nine holes of golf. Transportation to the golf course is provided, departing Planet Mayport at 4:30 p.m.

April 14: Video Game Challenge. Come test your skills at some of the most popular games of the past and the present in Planet Mayport's Video Game Challenge. Each Monday a different game will be selected, prizes will be awarded and a champion will be crowned. The game schedule will be posted at Planet Mayport the night of the tournament. Event will start promptly at 6 p.m.

April 16: Speed Pool Tournament. This free, single elimination tournament at Planet Mayport will start at 6:15 p.m. sharp. A prize will be awarded to the tournament winner.

April 17: Jacksonville Suns Trip. Join Liberty on a trip to watch the Jacksonville Suns versus the North Carolina Mudcats. Sign up at Planet Mayport; space is limited. Van will depart Planet Mayport at 6:15 p.m.

April 19: Canoe and Kayak Trip. We canoe... can you? Join Liberty for a trip down the St. Mary's River. Cost is only \$10 and includes transportation and gear. Trip will depart Planet Mayport at 10 a.m.

April 21: Video Game Challenge. Come test your skills at some of the most popular games of the past and the present in Planet Mayport's Video Game Challenge. Each Monday a different game will be selected, prizes will be awarded and a champion will

be crowned. The game schedule will be posted at Planet Mayport the night of the tournament. Event will start promptly at 6 p.m.

April 24: Comedy Zone Trip. Join the Liberty Program as we head out for a night of comedy and fun at the Comedy Zone in Mandarin. This trip is free and includes transportation, admission and appetizers. There is a one drink minimum purchase. This trip is open to those 18 years and older. The trip will leave at 6:15 p.m. from Planet Mayport.

April 26: Jax Irish Festival Trip. Join Liberty for a trip to the best celebration of Irish entertainment and culture in North Florida. This all day concert and festival includes performances by the Young Dubliners, Black 47 and The Tossers, among others. Ride with Liberty and get in free. Van will depart at 10 a.m. from Planet Mayport.

April 27: Skydiving Trip. Take a plunge with the Liberty Program from 14,000 feet above

ground. Cost is \$150 for a tandem jump. Deadline to sign up is April 16. Trip will depart Planet Mayport at 8 a.m.

April 28: Video Game Challenge. Come test your skills at some of the most popular games of the past and the present in Planet Mayport's Video Game Challenge. Each Monday a different game will be selected, prizes will be awarded and a champion will be crowned. The game schedule will be posted at Planet Mayport the night of the tournament. Event will start promptly at 6 p.m.

April 29: Spring Fever Event. Spring into action tonight at Planet Mayport. Join Liberty for free burgers, hotdogs, entertainment, prizes and much more. Event starts promptly at 5 p.m.

April 30: 9-Ball Tournament. This free, single elimination tournament will start at 6:15 p.m. sharp at Planet Mayport. A prize will be awarded to the tournament winner.

Burning Inches Week 2 Champs



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HSL-46 Grandmaster Gray Knights is this week's winner of the Burning Inches competition. The team lost a total of 20 pounds for the first two weeks of the contest. Contestants received Nike Sports bags for their great accomplishment. The Biggest Loser "Burning Inches" contest consists of teams from USS Doyle, HSL-46, HSL-40, Naval Branch Health Medical Clinic Mayport and NS Mayport. Seven teams total are involved in this event. Pictured from left are MWR Fitness Director Emily Deason, Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Jason Rife, Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Atiba Johnson, Storekeeper 2nd Class Dawn Atkinson, Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Thomas Eckard and MWR Sports Director Rita Hammerstad.

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USO News

The Greater Jacksonville Area USO will host Country and Western singer Craig Morgan on April 10 at NAS Jacksonville for a free concertfr 5-7 p.m. to honor all U.S. military personnel and family members. There will also be a bag stuffing party from noon-4 p.m. in which volunteers will stuff goody bags for troops overseas.

Mayport USO is looking for volunteers to help with visitors, answer phones, copying, filing and light administrative assistance. A working knowledge of

Excel and Word is preferred. Email wendy@usojax.com for more information. Be sure to indicate Mayport Volunteer in the subject line.

The USO is gearing up for its fifth annual Bob Coonan Memorial USO Golf Tournament on April 3. Go to www.usojax.org for more information.

Sign up and pay for tickets to two upcoming events through USO. Tickets are on sale for Disney on Ice on April 10 for \$7. Tickets are on sale

for Martina McBride with Little Big Town on April 19 for \$44 each.

USO is selling tickets for the Dayton International Speedway "2008 Coke zero 400" on July 5. This is a night time race under the lights. Tickets must be pre-paid for, in person, and then ordered by your Mayport or NAS Jax USO. You will be notified for pick-up when your tickets arrive at the USO. Ticket packages are as follows:

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Watch TV or a movie from the video library. Service members can also enjoy video games or use the sports equipment.

There is a full kitchen, showers, a quiet reading room and a meeting room available at the USO. The USO is available for meetings, support groups, receptions, parties and pre-deployment briefs. A TV, VCR and overhead projector are available for use.

For more information about activities or meeting availabilities, call 246-3481 or stop by the center at 2560 Mayport Road. USO is open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday.

HSL-48

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reported to the Grand Masters of HSL-46.

Gumbleton was transferred to Newport, R.I. Gumbleton again reported to HSL-46.

Gumbleton was selected as a 2002 Defense Legislative Fellow. He reported to Washington, DC where he served as a military assistant to Senator John Warner of Virginia. Following this one-year fellowship, Commander Gumbleton was assigned to the Appropriations Matters Office in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) representing the Navy's interests to the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations to both chambers of Congress. Gumbleton became assumed command of the Squadron on Dec. 15, 2006.

Also joining HSL-48 is new Executive Officer, Cmdr. Stephen Banta.

Banta was born at China Lake Naval Station, California, and is a 1991 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor's degree in General Engineering and was selected for aviation training. He completed the flight training syllabus at VT-27, VT-2, and HT-18, and was designated a Naval Aviator on 18 March, 1994.

After working for COMNAVBASEJAX in the Operations/Plans & Policies department as the Air Liaison Officer, and also aboard USS Clifton Sprague (FFG-16), he reported to the Fleet Replacement Squadron at HSL-40 for training in the SH-60B, and completed the syllabus in September 1995.

Banta's first operational squadron was HSL-44. While assigned to HSL-44 he completed two deployment cycles and also served as the squadron's Assistant Operations Officer. The first deployment was a Mediterranean cruise as the Training/Administration Officer for Detachment One on USS Conolly (DD-979) with the George Washington Battle Group. The second was a deployment to the Arabian Gulf as the Maintenance Officer for Detachment Four on USS San Jacinto (CG-56) with the John C Stennis Battle Group. HSL-44 Det Four has the distinction as being the first U.S. Navy helo fleet unit to deploy with Armed Helo and fire the Hellfire missile.

Banta was next assigned as a flight instructor at HSL-40, where he served as the Tactics Phase Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Deck Landing Qualification Officer. He left HSL-40 in September 2000 and reported to Commander, Carrier Group Three for duty as the Assistant Air Operations Officer. His primary job involved coordinating all aspects of the Carl Vinson Battle Group's helicopter assets. While on deployment with CCG3 on September, 11, 2001, he was assigned as the Helicopter Element Coordinator for CTF-50. He detached in May 2002 after serving his last five months as the CCG3 Flag Lieutenant.

His next assignment was a return to HSL-40, and follow-on orders to HSL-46 for his Department Head/OIC tour. He served as the OIC of Detachment FIVE embarked USS O'Bannon (DD-987) on a UNITAS/CDOPS deployment, and later as the squadron Maintenance Officer. He detached from HSL-46 in October 2004 and was assigned to the Pentagon where he served on the OPNAV staff in the NSI Department conducting analysis for the Navy's role in the Global War on Terrorism. During this tour he screened for operational aviation command, and will be assigned to HSL-48.



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Auburn Midshipmen Taste Shipboard Life On USS Vicksburg

By Lt.j.g. Matthew Dryden
USS Vicksburg Fire Control Officer

USS Vicksburg (CG 69) hosted midshipmen from Auburn University NROTC Unit March 14, as part of a continued outreach focused on increasing knowledge of the Surface Warfare Community.

Commanding Officer, Capt. Chuck Nygaard, welcomed his fellow Tigers during a multimedia presentation and gift exchange. Captain Nygaard graduated from Auburn University in 1984, receiving his commission via the NROTC program. Guides from Vicksburg's wardroom and crew led the midshipmen throughout the ship and introduced them to the multiple warfare capabilities of an Aegis Cruiser.

The students from Auburn not only enjoyed a detailed



-Photo courtesy of USS Vicksburg
Ensign James Wightman and Fire Controlman 2nd Class Ryan Demkar show Auburn Midshipmen Vicksburg's 25mm auto-stabilized crew served mount.

tour, but they were also able to experience the concept of modern naval warfare in action. Using state-of-the-art simulation technology, Vicksburg's comprehensive combat systems suite can be used to simulate the environment of any place

in the world and any number of friendly, neutral or hostile contacts. This is a great benefit to the ship and crew, which can train for multiple missions in disparate theaters of operation, while never leaving the convenience of homeport. It was this

virtual environment that greeted the midshipmen and allowed them to learn about the complex nature of modern surface warfare.

"It was great to experience the things you only read about in books or see on the news," stated Midshipman Santiago Herrera. "The tour guides did a great job of explaining recent headlines...and the real work-

ings of the Navy."

Auburn's NROTC Unit was sponsored by HSL-46, which allowed a fantastic opportunity to expound on the necessity of cooperation required for successful surface ship/helicopter detachment integration. Vicksburg recently returned from a six-month Arabian Gulf Deployment, during which time HSL-42 Detachment 6 was

embarked. A detachment from HSL-46 is currently scheduled to embark during the upcoming workup cycle and deployment. Exposure to different communities and their warfare capabilities reinforces the Composite Warfare Concept that all midshipmen learn about in their college studies, and becomes part of daily life once they are commissioned.



-Photo courtesy of USS Vicksburg
Sonar Technician Surface 2nd Class (SW) Robert Thompson and Sonar Technician Surface Seaman Apprentice Matthew Morgan wait patiently as a Naval Weapons Station petty officer prepares a torpedo for offload.

USS Vicksburg Completes Weapons Offload In Yorktown

From USS Vicksburg Public Affairs

USS Vicksburg (CG 69) returned home last week after a one-week stop at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown, Virginia, where the crew conducted a post-deployment offload of more than 113,000 pounds of ordnance.

Despite facing freezing temperatures and pouring rain, the crew completed the offload safely, efficiently, and two days ahead of schedule.

"The offload was pretty demanding," said Vicksburg's Gunnery Officer, Ensign Antwan Jefferson. "Our guys worked really hard, and we were able to stay ahead of the schedule. Any time you can safely move that much ordnance, and help out the entire crew by getting home early, it's a good thing."

The success of the offload was a collaborative effort between the Sailors of Vicksburg and the dedicated professionals of the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. A thorough plan to identify obstacles early was essential to prevent potential delays and setbacks. The teamwork between the ship and the Weapons Station is what ultimately allowed Vicksburg to return home early to family and friends.

The week-long visit was not all work, however. An excellent ship's MWR program ensured Vicksburg Sailors were able to visit local restaurants, malls, historic Williamsburg, and weekend day trips to Washington, DC. Seaman Recruit Clifford Reinhardt from Euclid, Ohio enjoyed the Saturday trip to the nation's capitol.

"It was my first trip to DC and I was amazed at the sheer amount of history located in one place," stated Reinhardt. "To be able to visit the Lincoln Memorial, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum was an unforgettable experience."

"It was very rewarding to see our Sailors working so hard during the day and then have the opportunity to enjoy the local area during the evening," commented Ensign Nathan Mitich, Vicksburg's Force Protection Officer and Offload Coordinator. "The ammo handlers worked late into the night several times and it is a real testament to their work ethic that they were able to get the job done safely and quickly."

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Klaking JOs Develop Seamanship Skills



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USS Klaking First Lieutenant, Ensign Peter Goodman, tries his hand at maneuvering one of Mayport's tugs.

From USS Klaking Public Affairs

Six Junior Officers assigned to USS Klaking (FFG 42) recently rode one of the NS Mayport tractor tugs, as Klaking returned to port after completing a Deck Landing Qualification exercise with HELANTISUBRON 11.

As part of the Surface Warfare Officer qualification process, junior officers (JO) spend a considerable amount of time on the bridge as they mature from young Conning Officers to experienced Officer of the Decks. During their time on the bridge, they generally work closely with Naval Station Mayport's pilots, who provide a wealth of expertise and advice to the basin's newest ship drivers.

On March 14, Klaking's Ensigns disembarked into C-Tractor 13 to continue their surface warfare offi-

cer (SWO) education. They were warmly greeted by the tug's Master, retired Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Jim Rigg, Engineer Peter Dulack, and Deck Hand, retired Chief Boatswain's Mate Ricardo Rosario. The Ensigns were treated to an exhaustive and hands-on overview of the tug's capabilities as the tug followed Klaking into the basin.

True to form, the Ensigns began pelting the tug's crew with questions about tug operations, remarking on the many differences in handling characteristics between the C-Tractor and the ship they were accustomed to.

"It was an impressive, state-of-the-art platform; it's remarkable that so much control lies at the tug captain's fingertips," commented Klaking's Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer, Ensign Graham Tompson.

The most heavily discussed item was the propulsion system on board the tug. Each tug contains two coupled Ulstein Z-drive azimuth thruster units, which act as propellers and give the tug the capability of maneuvering in virtually any direction by simply manipulating two joysticks. In addition to its maneuverability, other functions of tug operations such as winching, are controlled entirely from the Captain's chair; a stark contrast to the complexity and labor-intensive nature of many of Klaking's control systems.

The Ensigns watched curiously from their new perspec-

tive as Klaking lined itself up against F-2 pier. Ensign David Cabellero remarked, "I certainly have a new-found respect for the way the tug supports both the safety and efficiency of bridge operations."

Klaking's cadre of JOs gained an invaluable insight into one of Mayport's most important support activities, and walked away with a greater appreciation and respect for the vital interrelationship that tug captains, pilots, and bridge watch officers must have to complete their work safely and efficiently.

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On Base

Tuesday, April 1

The Naval Officers' Spouses' Association of Mayport will meet at 9:30 am at the USO on Mayport Road. Babysitting is available for a nominal fee. NOSA of Mayport is open to all spouses of officers, active duty and retired, from all branches; Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force and spouses of Foreign Exchange Services. For more information, please check the NOSA website at www.orgsites.com/fl/nosamayport.

Wednesday, April 2

USS De Wert Family Readiness group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. at the USO on Mayport Road. Childcare will be provided at no charge.

Tuesday, April 15

The USS John L. Hall family readiness group is inviting all families and friends of the ship to our monthly FRG meeting at the USO on Mayport Road from 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare will be available for \$1 per child. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact the FRG at ffg32frg@hotmail.com.

Thursday, April 17

USS Philippine Sea FRG will meet and hold a potluck on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mayport USO.

Friday, April 18

The Naval Officers' Spouses' Association invites all hands to its Annual Time and Talent/Silent and Live Auction at 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Breeze Conference Center. This event provides an opportunity to bid on unique, one of a kind items, restaurant gift certificates, hotel accommodations, collector items, golf packages, vacations and more. All proceeds will be donated to support charities that provide assistance to local Navy family members. Details to follow regarding reservation but save the date!

Out in Town

Friday, March 28

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting "Pizza/Calzone" dinners from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Rd. Carry out orders are accepted. The public is always invited to dinner. After dinner, enjoy the music DOUG BRACEY from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Saturday, March 29

Join Robert Thunen from 11 a.m. for a discussion of the history of Fort Caroline. The

program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

MarineMax is hosting a new Women on Water (W.O.W.) free course from 9 a.m.-noon Ortega Landing Marina, 4234 Lakeside Dr. The class is open to the public. W.O.W. is a hands-on educational experience for women only. The small group seminar is taught by a Coast Guard-certified captain. In a classroom setting and then behind the wheel of a MarineMax boat or yacht, women learn basic marine rules and how to dock a boat, tie marine knots, use a marine radio and more. By the end of the day, class participants will have the knowledge and confidence necessary to pilot a boat and have a great time doing so. Space in W.O.W. classes is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot in the class, please call 904-338-9970 and ask for a reservation for the MarineMax W.O.W. class at Ortega Landing Marina.

Sunday, March 30

This environmentally focused event includes boat tours of Ft. George River and Machaba Balu Preserve, kayak demonstrations, Segway demonstrations, educational programs on archeology of the islands, and ranger guided kids programs from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tickets for the boat tours must be picked up from the Fort George Island Cultural State Park Ribault Club. The boat leaves from Kingsley Plantation at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Participants should allow a minimum of 15 minutes to acquire boat tickets and travel to the boat.

Monday, March 31

Join a park ranger from 1-3 p.m. Monday, March 31 through Friday April 4 to discover "All the Small Things" in this five day microbiology program series for kids 6 to 12 years of age. The programs will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park and parents must accompany children at all times. Children and parents should bring bug spray, water, and closed toes shoes. The program is free but space is limited. To reserve a spot please call the Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320.

Tuesday, April 1

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., presents "In Marjorie's Wake" Film Preview and Lecture with filmmaker and author, Bill Belleville. Join us for an

evening of historical entertainment from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as we transverse along the St. Johns River through the documentary "In Marjorie's Wake" by Bill Belleville, prior to its national release with PBS. Watch as Belleville recreates this historic trip that Pulitzer-prize winning author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings once made on the river in 1933 and contrast that to contemporary journeys of today. Belleville will examine the many ways in which the St. Johns River has shaped culture - literature, art and music - overtime. Guests will be able to tour the current exhibition New View: The Many Faces of the St. Johns River in the Jacobsen Gallery for additional comparisons of historic and contemporary response to the St. Johns River. Book signing immediately following the presentation. For more information, call 355-0630.

Wednesday, April 2

The Atlantic Beach Women's Connection will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. at Selva Marina Country Club, 1600 Selva Marina Drive. Guest speaker is Pamela Tolson of Gotha, Fla. She will share how she went from "A Rollercoaster Life" to find a more peaceful journey. The program will be "Get Organized for Spring!" Peggy Johnson of Petunia Patch will give tips on a closet makeover. Cost is \$12 inclusive. Complimentary childcare available with reservation. All area ladies are welcome. For more information, email atlanticbeachwc@yahoo.com.

Thursday, April 3

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 will hold their monthly General Assembly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Branch Home, 360 Mayport Rd. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. The Fleet Reserve Association is a world wide veteran's organization that represents nearly 165,000 active duty and retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard members. The FRA Branch 290 is called the "active duty Branch" because of the number of active duty members. If you have served in any of the maritime services, no matter how long and was honorably discharged, stop by the Branch Home or call 246-6855. New members are always welcome.

Friday, April 4

The public is invited to enjoy free movies under the spring stars at the historic Treaty Oak at Jessie Ball DuPont Park, 1123 Prudential Dr., as part of a special downtown Movies in the

Park series. Hosted by JaxParks and sponsored by Downtown Vision, Inc., Suddath, 102.9 FM The Point and Rock 105, the movies will be shown at 8 p.m. each Friday in April. All movies are rated PG.

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic dinners, lawn chairs and blankets. A food vendor will also sell concessions on site. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. Free parking for the event is available in the Suddath garage on Flagler Street between Suddath and the Hampton Inn. For more information on JaxParks events call (904) 630-CITY or visit www.jaxparks.com. For more information on this and other Downtown events and dining options, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org. Movie dates and titles are April 4, "Madagascar"; April 11, "Ghostbusters"; April 18, "Hook"; April 25, "Goonies"

Call to Artists! Deadline for entries is April 4 for the ARTS IN THE PARK festival at Johansen Park in Atlantic Beach on May 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Atlantic Beach Cultural Arts Committee is accepting applications from local artists. For entry forms and more information, contact: recreation@coab.us or 247-5828.

Tuesday, April 8

The Duval County Extension Office will hold the workshop, "Flying Flowers - Planting for Butterflies" from 2-4 p.m. at Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103rd St. Come learn the basics needs of the

Lepidoptera family. Do you know the differences between butterflies and moths? The program is free. Please call 387-8850 to pre-register.

Thursday April 10

The Limelight Theatre will host its very first Veteran's Appreciation Night at the Limelight for the production of "Biloxi Blues" by Neil Simon, a coming of age comedy set during WWII. Veterans Appreciation Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all vets, their families and friends. Tickets for this special one night event are only \$10. Reservations are strongly suggested, as seating is limited. For reservations please call Kristin Pidcock, Manager of Audience Development at 904-806-6510, or call the Box Office: 904-825-1164. The Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., uptown St. Augustine. Box Office hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. (904) 825-1164. Visit the website at www.LimelightTheatre.org.

Sunday, April 13

Palm Valley Baptist Church, located at 4890 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach, will have a Homecoming Celebration. The service will start at 9:30 a.m. and will include the gospel group,

Kindred Spirit. Rev. Paul Estes, a former pastor, will present the morning message. There will be a covered dish luncheon following the service. Come and fellowship with old friends and meet new ones. For more information, please call 285-2447.

Saturday, April 19

The United Methodist Men of Christ United Methodist Church Neptune Beach, 400 Penman Road, will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children; take out is available. Bring your appetites and joins us for this fabulous dinner! For more information, please contact the church office at 249-5370. www.neptunebeach-umc.org.

Saturday, April 26

Tree Hill Nature Center, 7152 Lone Star Rd., will hold its 7th annual Butterfly Festival from noon-5 p.m. There will be a mass native butterfly release, butterfly encounters, childrens crafts, special vendors and environmental education. Guest lecturer Peggy Sias Lantz is the author of "The Young Naturalist's Guide to Florida." The Florida Times-Union Children's Book Editor Brandy Allport and Tree Hill's Bella the Butterfly will be storytellers. PiliPili will perform at 4 p.m.

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DeCA Implements UPC Lockout To Keep Recalled Products Off Shelves

By Cherie Huntington

When a product recall is announced, store personnel normally pull the items from the sales area to ensure that they are not sold. The Defense Commissary Agency has now gone beyond the norm of food safety by implementing a "fail-safe" response system that prevents recalled products from scanning at the checkout stand.

Through a procedure called Universal Product Code "lockout," DeCA can ensure that recalled products are not inadvertently sold to customers. It's one more check in a food defense network designed to safeguard the health of commissary customers, said DeCA Acting Director Rick Page. "We made use of existing commissary front-end technology to start a Universal Product Code 'lockout' on recalled items," Page said. "We're always researching, testing and fine-tuning ways to ensure food safety for our customers."

Springing from a suggestion made to all retailers by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture, the UPC lockout provides a low-cost safeguard in making sure recalled items don't find their way back on the shelves or in a customer's shopping cart. DeCA officials immediately went to work to make that suggestion become a requirement for worldwide commissaries.

"We can now block an entire UPC at the register," Page said. "We've closed that loop.

A recalled product scanned at the register would prompt a flag indicating the item is not for sale so it will not ring up."

The UPC block cannot be used on a recall for a specific lot number or date, said Page, though that capability could emerge in the future. For now, the system blocks an entire UPC. If the product becomes safe to sell again, commissaries simply remove the lockout.

DeCA's public health staff

said three recalls in 2007 required removal of an entire UPC and would have been perfect candidates for a lockout.

Commissaries receive swift notification of recalls, prompting immediate removal of any recalled product from shelves. The items enter medical hold status and are marked, inventoried and closely monitored until they are either released for sale or removed and destroyed by vendor representatives.

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The Weekly Crossword By Alan P. Olschwang Huntington Beach, CA

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By Alan P. Olschwang 3/27/08

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	2 Chess piece	46 Referenced	53 Steady date
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	9 Mao's bailiwick		
	10 Sanctified		
	11 Oil cartel		
	12 Small valley		
	13 Wheel shaft		
	21 Dangerous time for Caesar		
	22 Charged atoms		
	24 Turner and Eisenhower		
	26 Scrub in the tub		
	27 Workout reminders		
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	30 Sleeper car option		
	31 Wipe from memory		
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Last Week's Answers

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Workshops, Classes Available At FFSC

From FFSC

The following classes and activities are offered by the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and are free of charge. Pre-registration is required and childcare is not available. For more information about the classes or to register call 270-6600, ext. 110. FFSC is located in Building One on Massey Avenue.

March 27, 8:30-9:30 a.m., FERP- Career Advancement Account Workshop, FFSC

March 27, 9 a.m.-noon, New Parent Support Playgroup, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. Tottle Tyme Children's Playgroup meets every Wednesday. New Parent Support Children's Playgroup meets every Thursday. Both Playgroups meet from 0900 to 1200 at the USO. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Military Spouse 101, FFSC

March 28, 9 a.m.-noon, What About the Kids?, FFSC

March 28, 9-11 a.m., Considerations for Home Buying, FFSC

Children who witness family violence are often forgotten as the unintended victims. A wide range of child adjustment problems has been found to be associated with exposure to domestic violence. Parent's need to see and understand the effects of domestic violence on children as encompassing behavior, emotion, development and socialization. Parents need to understand that there is an intergenerational cycle of violence and they may be creating a legacy for their child of learned violent behavior. The purpose of this program is not to shame parents for events that have already happen, but to instill hope that things can change. The knowledge that the violence, which many parents incorrectly believe is unseen by their children, is negatively impacting their children's growth and development and may provide an additional motivator for ending the violence and seeking intervention.

March 31, 6-7 p.m., Ombudsman Assembly, USO

March 31-April 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Executive TAP Workshop, RBCC

Designed for Military personnel within 180 -90 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and how to successfully compete in the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes, employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days of leav-

ing the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

April 1, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class (8 Step), FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP). This 8-class program is designed to assist you and your family put into practice the skills learned in the class. Specific parenting skills that are discussed as well as the challenges that are faced by all families.

April 1, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 3, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 3, 9 a.m.-noon, New Parent Support Playgroup, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. April 4, 9-11 a.m., Car Buying Tips, FFSC

April 7-10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., TAP Retiree Workshop, RBCC

Designed for Military personnel within 180 -90 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and how to successfully compete in the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes, employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days of leaving the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

April 8, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 8, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

This 8-class program is designed to assist you and your family put into practice the skills learned in the class. Specific parenting skills that are discussed as well as the challenges that are faced by all families.

April 10, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 10, 9 a.m.-noon, New Parent Support Playgroup, USO

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April 14, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., FERP- Job Hunting Made Easy!, FFSC

Learn how to do an effective job search to find the "perfect job!" Topics presented are: Career Exploration, Job Search Strategies, Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Self-

Employment and the Federal Employment System.

April 15, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 15, 1-2:30 p.m., FERP- Career Advancement Account Workshop, FFSC

April 15, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

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April 16, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 16, 8-11:30 a.m., Stress Management, Wellness Center

Stress is a normal part of everyone's life. It can be energizing and a factor in motivating us. But too much stress, without relief, can have debilitating effects. This program is designed to provide participants with an understanding of what stress is and how it affects them. It will also help participants begin to look at their own lives and ways they currently cope with stress. Participants will be challenged to develop behavior and lifestyle changes that will improve their ability to cope with stress.

April 16, 1-3 p.m., Expectant Mom's English Tea, Building 1

April 17, 9 a.m.-noon, New Parent Support Playgroup, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. April 17, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 17, 8- 11 a.m., Anger Management, FFSC

What does anger do for you? Communicate for you? Keep people at a safe distance from you? Keep you in charge? For many people, anger serves them many uses, but all too often, it is at a high cost...usually of relationships, unhappiness in the workplace, and a general feeling of disdain. If you want to be able to break out of the "get angry/get even" syndrome, come to this class. Participants learn how anger and judgment are related, about irrational beliefs and faulty self-talk, what "E + R = O" means, and the roles of stress and forgiveness in anger.

April 18, 9-11 a.m., Credit Report Review, FFSC

April 21, 1-2:30 p.m., FERP - Federal Employment Opportunities, FFSC

April 21-24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., TAP Separatee Workshop, RBCC

Designed for Military personnel within 180 -90 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and how to successfully compete in

the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes, employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days of leaving the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

April 22, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 22, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

This 8-class program is designed to assist you and your family put into practice the skills learned in the class. Specific parenting skills that are discussed as well as the challenges that are faced by all families.

April 24, 9 a.m.-noon, New Parent Support Playgroup, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. April 24, 9-11 a.m., Resume Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 25, 9-11 a.m., Considerations for Home Buying, FFSC

April 25, 9 a.m.-noon, What About the Kids?, FFSC

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to be associated with exposure to domestic violence. Parent's need to see and understand the effects of domestic violence on children as encompassing behavior, emotion, development and socialization. Parents need to understand that there is an intergenerational cycle of violence and they may be creating a legacy for their child of learned violent behavior. The purpose of this program is not to shame parents for events that have already happen, but to instill hope that things can change. The knowledge that the violence, which many parents incorrectly believe is unseen by their children, is negatively impacting their children's growth and development and may provide an additional motivator for ending the violence and seeking intervention.

April 28, 6-7 p.m., Ombudsman Assembly, USO

April 29, 9-11 a.m., Overseas Living, FFSC

Overseas Living is a class designed to prepare you for living in new and different setting. This class will provide helpful information about living on the economy to dealing with potential terrorist activities. You will have a chance to understand the emotional cycles of overseas living to making this tour the best part of your Navy career. Specific information about visas and absentee voting will be discussed.

April 29, 6-7 p.m., 1A Family Discussion Group, USO

April 29, 9-11 a.m., Resume

Walk-in Review Assistance, FFSC

April 29, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

This 8-class program is designed to assist you and your family put into practice the skills learned in the class. Specific parenting skills that are discussed as well as the challenges that are faced by all families.

April 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Stress & Relaxation Workshop for Moms, Ocean Breeze Conference Center

May 6, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

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May 13, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

This 8-class program is designed to assist you and your family put into practice the skills learned in the class. Specific parenting skills that are discussed as well as the challenges that are faced by all families.

May 20, 9-11 a.m., Parenting Class, FFSC

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The Veterans Beaches Association, consisting of American Legion Posts 129 and 316 Fleet Reserve Association 290 and VFW Post 3270, has formed the Beaches Veterans Cooking Team. These teams consist of volunteers from each organization who prepare a complete barbeque meal once a month at rotating veterans posts with the proceeds going to support the Mayport USO's No Dough Dinners. The No Dough Dinners are free dinners held twice a month for families of deployed service members at the Mayport USO and are supported by community donations. Pictured from left is American Legion Post Cmdr. Jerry Brandt as he presents a check from the February cookout to USO Area Director K.C. McCarthy with Jack Berry, MPMOAA USO Advocate. Also pictured are Cmdr. Lee Fair of VFW Post 3270, FRA Cmdr. Bruce Drinkwater and Post 316 Tommy Williams.

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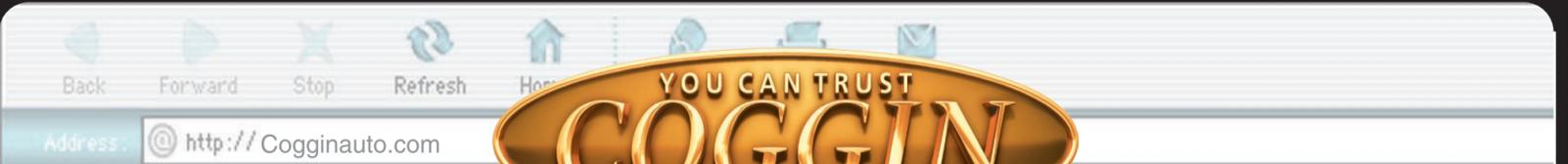
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