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OFF THE DECK

Get Pampered With FFSC

In honor of April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, the FFSC is sponsoring events 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 is sponsoring an English Tea for Expectant Moms. The tea will be held in Building One on April 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Seeking Stressed Moms!

The New Parent Support Program 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.

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.

Farragut On Maiden Deployment

By Ensign Jillian Danback
USS Farragut

Dozens of friends and family members lined Charlie Pier Monday morning as USS Farragut (DDG-99) left NS Mayport's basin for its maiden deployment in support of the Partnership of the Americas and the George Washington Strike Group.

As Farragut's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Scott Dugan has the honor of leading this ship through its first deployment.

"Deploying is a significant event in any service member's career, but there is a significant amount of pride associated with being the first crew to deploy a ship," Dugan said. "A successful deployment will be an excellent opportunity to set the tone for Farragut's long career."

Farragut will have escort duty for USS George Washington (CVN-73) to its new homeport in Yokosuka, Japan. Due to the immensity of the aircraft carrier, George Washington is unable to transit through the Panama Canal, necessitating a transit around the entirety of South America.

The last carrier to embark upon this course for a homeport transition was the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76), which maneuvered from its construction site in Newport News, Va., to its new home in San Diego, Calif., an endeavor conducted

from May to August 2004.

During an earlier visit on board Farragut, Rear Adm. Phillip Cullom, Commander Strike Forces Group Eight, commented on this deployment's distinctiveness.

"UNITAS operations are frequent, yet a carrier only changes its homeport every four years or so. It is rare when these events coincide."

Consequently, the work up cycle for such an illustrious and varied deployment was incredibly involved.

During Group Sail with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group, Farragut engaged in air defense exercises in preparation to become the Air Defense Coordinator (ADC) for the entire Strike Group.

"The role of the primary Air Defense Commander for an entire Carrier Strike Group is not a role usually delegated to AEGIS destroyers," according to assistant Air Defense Coordinator, Senior Chief Fire Controlman Jason Brock. "Due to their larger crew size and greater defensive capabilities, this distinction is normally reserved for the cruiser Navy. Farragut was chosen to fill that role despite these limitations."

Farragut's air defense team will be actively engaged in managing all air contacts through the entirety of its transit with Washington.

Similarly, the Partnership of the America's mission presents its own unique challenges. Numerous Community Relations (COMREL) projects will take place during Farragut port visits, involving a high level of operational support and management.

Additionally, exercises will be conducted with the Brazilian, Argentine, Chilean, Peruvian, and Panamanian Navies, not only to demonstrate U.S. naval prowess, but to embrace these nations as partners in the Global War on Terrorism and the continuing War on Drugs.

After Farragut detaches from escorting Washington and their Partnership of the America's tasking, Farragut will engage in counter-narcotic operations in support of Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) 2008 mission.

Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) scenarios were conducted during Group Sail in preparation for the types of situations Farragut's Vertical Boarding Search and Seizure (VBSS) will encounter during TSC.

Training during Group Sail consisted of everything from simple approach operations, compliant boardings in support of expanded MIO, and tensely escalated non-compliant boardings. What sets VBSS opera-

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-Photo by Paige Gnann
Angela Saffle, ombudsman for USS Farragut, and her daughter 8-year-old Meaghan wave goodbye to the ship as it departs Naval Station Mayport on April 7 for its maiden deployment in support of the partnership of the Americas and the George Washington Strike Group.

Take The MWR Spring Sports Challenge

From Staff

Are you ready for the challenge?

MWR Mayport's Spring 2008 Sports Challenge is April 16-17 and this year's defending champion is NS Mayport.

Commands are encouraged to join in the free event, which counts towards Captain's Cup points.

The event starts at 8:30 a.m. with the CO Challenge Canoe Race at Lake Wonderwood, to be immediately followed by the Experienced Canoe Race. The CO Challenge is a bonus points event.

At 9:30 a.m., Singles Tennis will start at the tennis courts, while 3-on-3 basketball will be



happening at the gym and pool cues will be chalked for the 8-ball Pool event at Fast Lanes. Get out the bowling ball for the Bowling competition at 10 a.m.

at Fast Lanes, followed by the new event Darts Cricket at 11 a.m., also at Fast Lanes.

The ever-popular Dodgeball event will start at 1 p.m. at

the Gym. Ultimate Frisbee will be held in Field 7 behind the gym at 3:30 p.m. and One Pitch Softball will round out the day at 5 p.m. at the Softball Complex.

The challenge starts early on April 17 with the 4-Mile All Terrain Run at 8 a.m. in front of the gym. The Golf competition will start with an 8:30 a.m. tee time at Windy Harbor Golf Club.

Volleyball will start at 9 a.m. behind Beachside Community Center, followed by Horseshoes at 9:30 a.m. and Ping Pong at 10 a.m. inside the community center.

The Strong Man Competition starts at 10:30 a.m. at Sea

Otter Pavilion, just north of Beachside. The Auto Racing event will be held in Fast Lanes parking lot at 11 a.m., with Simon Says at 11:30 a.m. at Sea Otter.

A new Chili Cook-off event will be held at noon at Sea Otter Pavilion, with the Tug-o-War following at 1 p.m. on the beach behind Sea Otter. Tug-o-War is a bonus points event.

If necessary, there will be a Mystery Tie Break Event at 1:30 p.m. The awards presentation will start at 2 p.m. at Sea Otter Pavilion.

For more information about the Sports Challenge, contact Rita Hammerstad at 270-5451.

Welcome Back To Mayport



-Photo by IC2 Paul Fenn
Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jeremy Johnson of NS Mayport Security and his military war dog, Pele, return to Jacksonville April 2 after being deployed as an IA to Djibouti, Africa. Friends and family members were joined by NS Security members to welcome the Mayport K-9 team home.

Traffic Changes At Main Gate

From Staff

NS Mayport's traffic flow through Main Gate will be diverted periodically and closed as construction to the gate is finished this month.

According to Security, traffic at the gate will be limited to two lanes inbound and one lane outbound from 5-8 a.m. and one lane inbound and one lane outbound from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. now until April 16.

From 6 p.m.-8 a.m., the traffic will be two lanes inbound and one lane outbound on April 16-17. This will be followed by one lane inbound and one lane outbound from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 17-18.

The gate will be closed starting at 6 p.m. April 18 until 5 a.m. on April 21. All traffic will be routed through the Edwards Gate at this time.

Inbound and outbound traffic will be routed through housing using the Edwards Avenue Gate. Cars will travel through housing on Everglades Street to Moale Avenue. Traffic will exit the housing area across from the Housing Welcome Center.

Residents in the housing area along Edwards Avenue and

Everglades Street are requested to park all vehicles on their driveways during this period due to the increased traffic both in and out of the station.

The gate will reopen on April 21 with two lanes inbound and one lane outbound from 5-8 a.m. and one lane inbound and one lane outbound from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. through April 30.

During this time, all personnel is advised to use alternate routes to Gate 5 or Hanna Park.

Gate 5 is open from 5 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday to all inbound and outbound vehicles with decals and valid ID cards. Sentries will be posted to pass vehicles through. All commercial vehicles and trucks larger than pick-up trucks must use Gate 5 Alpha.

Hanna Park will be open to valid inbound traffic only from 5-8 a.m. and outbound traffic from 3-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

All personnel working on the aviation side of the station and anyone using the Wonderwood Expressway intending are encouraged to turn onto SRA1A and use Gate 5A to avoid traffic delays.

Street Talk

How do you compensate for Main Gate traffic?



OS1(SW) David Schumaker
NS Mayport
I ride my bike in because I live in off-base housing.



FCCS(SW) Howard Parker
SERMC Mayport
I'm not. I just go and sit in traffic.



AM1(AW) Omar Forty
HSL-42
I get up really early so there's hardly any traffic. And I usually leave real late so there is no traffic.



CSI Angela Blyther
Housing
There's really nothing I can do but wait in line. In the mornings, I try to go through Hanna Park. Be patient.



AW2(AW/NAC) Habram Lara
HSL-44
I just sit and wait and sometimes I go to the back gate (Gate 5).



GSM3 John Werrline
USS Vicksburg
I actually left about 45 minutes early this morning.

Fleet Talk

By FORCM(SS/AW/SW) Charles Dassance

Naval Network Warfare Command

Good day, shipmates. This week, I'd like to talk with you about a topic that many Sailors unfortunately take for granted - the need for everyone, from the highest ranking officers to the newest seaman recruits, to always present a professional, squared away appearance when they come to work each day. In many ways, your appearance is just as important as the quality of the work that you do.

What is the first thing that you notice whenever you see another Sailor walking around? Do you look at her uniform to see if it is clean, pressed and has sharp creases? Do you notice whether or not he has shaved or has a proper haircut? If so, then you are doing your job of watching out for your shipmates. And what is the first thought that comes to your mind



FORCM Charles Dassance

if you see a fellow Sailor who has a sloppy, careless appearance? You probably think that, just as he doesn't care too much about how he looks at work each day, he is probably equally lackadaisical about the job he does.

This is why it is important for you to take the time every day before you come to work to properly prepare every part of your uniform. Whether you

are wearing utilities or working blues or whites, make sure you iron your shirt and pants or skirt thoroughly and put sharp creases into them. Also, you should always keep on hand a clean and pressed pair of dress blues or whites in case you need to wear them.

Your shoes should always be freshly polished and, if you are male, shave every morning unless a waiver is authorized by the commanding officer. Mustaches are authorized but shall be kept neatly and closely trimmed. No portion of the mustache shall extend below the lip line of the upper lip.

Both male and female Sailors must also ensure that their haircuts conform to Navy standards. For men, hair above the ears and around the neck shall be tapered from the lower natural hairline upwards at least three-fourths of an inch and outward not greater than three-fourths of inch to

blend with your hairstyle. Hair on the back of the neck must not touch the collar. Hair shall be no longer than four inches and may not touch the ears or collar, extend below eyebrows when headgear is removed and not show under front edge of headgear or interfere with you properly wearing military headgear. The bulk of the hair shall not exceed two inches in length.

For women, hairstyles shall not be outrageously multi-colored or faddish, to include shaved portions of the scalp (other than the neckline) or have designs cut or braided into the hair. Hair coloring must look natural and complement the individual. Haircuts and styles shall present a balanced appearance. Lopsided and extremely asymmetrical styles are not authorized. Ponytails, pigtailed, widely spaced individual hanging locks and braids which protrude from the head are not

authorized. Multiple braids are authorized.

These are the basic steps you should follow to present a professional appearance at work each day. However, the need to look sharp doesn't end when you're off duty. You must remember that although you don't have to work 24 hours a day, you are still a part of the military during your off-duty hours. This means that you must also dress and look professionally when you are on liberty.

For men, earrings are prohibited when you are in civilian clothes in a duty status, just as they are prohibited while you are in uniform. For both men and women, tattoos, body art and brands on the head, face, neck or scalp are banned. Individual tattoos, body art and brands exposed by wearing a short sleeve uniform shirt shall be no larger in size than

the wearer's hand with fingers extended and joined with the thumb touching the base of the index finger. Follow all of these instructions, and you should look professional while on liberty.

Being a Sailor carries with it a responsibility to reflect positively on the Navy and the nation you represent. This is something you shouldn't forsake just because you are not in uniform. In the civilian world, it will matter just as much how you look wearing a suit and tie as how you now look wearing your Navy uniform. In both cases, care and attention to detail are what will allow you to always look your best. And if you look your best everyday, then you will have the confidence to perform at your best, and others will have confidence in you. Until next time, have a good day, shipmates.

Homefront in Focus

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Support Contributor

Spring is in the air - my allergies confirm this fact - but that means summer vacation is around the corner! Did you know you can plan an awesome summer utilizing military resources? Yes, I said the military!

The military offers many resources to enhance your vacation. One of the first places to start is IT&T. IT&T stands for Information, Tickets and Tours. Located at each base this can be one of your first stops for a day trip, tickets to the ballgame, ferry, ski and golf course tickets, movies and even vacations - how about an Alaskan cruise? While IT&T offers discount tickets for local movie theatres, major sporting events, concerts and other local attractions they also provide vacation opportunities. They offer discount tickets to Florida and California amusement parks, cruises, ski packages and more. Check them out often and look for their Recreation Ticket vehicle near you.

MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) is another resource that you may overlook when planning events for the summer. Log on to their local website or contact their local office to get up to date information on trips and tours. They do the planning, they do the driving, and we have all the fun! If you are leaving the area but near a military installation don't forget to check out their local MWR for opportunities in your destination area.

MWR also maintains campgrounds, cabins, lodges and even resorts for your recreational enjoyment throughout the country and the world. From Pacific Beach in Washington (a navy owned resort) or Shades of Green Hotel (Army) at Florida's Disney World resort, or Armed Forces Rec Center in Chiemessie and Garmisch (Alps) to Hale Koa Hotel on Waikiki Beach, MWR offers something for everyone. In addition to these locations, MWR maintains resorts, lodges, cabins and campgrounds, both rustic and lavish throughout the country and the world. Most MWR locations rent campers, jet skis, boats and more to enhance your vacation. Call early for reservations, contact information is provided below.

Think outside the Navy. When my husband and I PCS'd from Norfolk, VA to

San Diego, CA we planned our trip around attractions such as Dollywood, Six Flags over Texas and more. Each stop of our trip was planned around a local military installation where possible to utilize their accommodations and discount tickets through IT&T. Remember that you can utilize the services and accommodations from all military installations not just your branch. So go ahead, check out what the Air Force and Army have to offer.

Staying at the Navy Lodge can save you 40 percent over the civilian market. In addition, Navy Lodges have kitchenettes as standard where you would pay additional for that at a civilian hotel. The Air Force Inn can save you even more as fees are based on the rank of the service member. Families and service members traveling on orders will have preference for available housing accommodations before the recreational traveler but that does not mean that you will not be able to utilize these opportunities. Book your reservation as early as possible. Some locations permit reservations one year in advance, others only 90 days. The key is to contact them early for their requirements and reservation/cancellation policies.

My favorite secret is located in New York City. How does a hotel room in mid-town Manhattan for, oh, \$25 sound to you? Check out the Soldiers', Sailor's, Marine's, & Airmen's Club. Rates are based on rank and status (active duty, retired, etc) but start at \$25 per night. Check out their website at www.ssmclub.org.

Below is the contact information for recreational lodging for all branches of the armed services.

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Marine Corps
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Air Force
Lodging: www.afsv.af.mil/LD/CoastGuardRecreationFacilities&TemporaryLodging
www.uscg.mil/mer/cottages/recreationcottages.htm
Armed Forces Recreation Center

Resort hotels: www.armymwr.com/portal/recreationcenters/
If there are no military facilities within range of your destination, IT&T can often secure discount civilian room rates. One final tip, most hotel chains offer a military discount. Be sure to ask for this discount.

By utilizing IT&T for discount tickets and MWR for lodging your vacation dollars can provide a memorable and exciting summer.

Questions or comments? Contact Beth at beth@homefrontinfocus.com.



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Lt. Rory Calhoun

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CREDO Corner

By Cmdr. Jon C. Fredrickson

Director, Spiritual Center Southeast

Ben Franklin said, "None preaches better than the ant. And she says nothing."

Oh how we all love to sound off! How we love to preach! Even though we hated being preached at and may have made solemn vows never to preach when we got older. Now that we are older, we may find a pulpit everywhere we go. And why not? There is so much wrong with the world, our neighbor, the Navy, our chain of command and anything else we could think of.

It is not as though we think that we are that much smarter than everyone else, or that the world should be run exactly the way we think or want. It is just that often times we believe we see something that no one else sees, and the real problem is that when we point out the flaw in someone else's design plans, no one listens.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us were heard—if others actually just took the time to really listen to what we were

saying? Most of us probably wouldn't mind all that much if someone totally disagreed with us. It just that most of us don't think we are listened to. If you are like me, feeling like you are being blown off is one of the worst feelings in the world.

But the best preaching has always been by example. The most powerful messages spring from we are not what we say. The most effective tool we have to make others "see the light" is to see the light more clearly ourselves.

Far better than to complain about never being thought about is to show others how wonderful such consideration is by giving them the gift of kindness. Better than preaching about a negative attitude is to light up our world with our own positive frame of mind. Better than to shout against intolerance is to display a live-and-let-live attitude ourselves.

I know that all of this is easier said than done, but it all flows from having an insightful and exact knowledge of ourselves, and as they say, "that doesn't come cheap."

It is hard work to really know ourselves—a view of who we are apart from what we do, who we are with or what we have. It is hard work to bite our tongue and look first inside ourselves before we lash out at someone else's shortcomings.

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The Sikorsky staff at HSL-40 are presented Letters of Commendation from Squadron Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Barry Taylor after they helped control an engine fire on an SH160B helicopter while aiding the aircrew's exit.

HSL-40 Staff's Quick Action Saves Lives

By Capt. Mark Baillie

HSL-40
"His quick thinking and actions saved not only an aircraft, but quite possibly, the lives of the aircrew involved."

These are the words used to describe the actions of five of HSL-40's Sikorsky Support Services Line Division personnel in the Letter of Commendation presented to each of them during quarters in March by Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Barry "Bear" Taylor.

On Jan. 17, Instructor Pilot Lt. Nate Moore and student pilot Lt. j.g. William Welsh were starting the engines of aircraft 401 for its second flight of the day when they noticed a fire warning light in the cockpit. Outside, the Plane Captain, Christian Garcia, was giving them the visual signal that their aircraft was on fire.

Welsh noticed, "... sparks from the right side of the aircraft move right to left in front of the windscreen."

The perspective of those outside the aircraft, the Sikorsky personnel, was much different as they had a clear view of the right side of the aircraft.

Gregory Maxwell was standing fire-watch.

"I started to walk away when I heard a loud popping sound," Maxwell recounted. "I turned to see sparks and then flames coming from the number 2 engine."

The pilots quickly followed the procedures for an engine fire and shutdown both engines. As they brought the main rotor to a stop, they discharged the onboard fire-extinguishing agent into the number 2 engine compartment. Due to the severity of the fire, however, further assistance was required from Sikorsky personnel to contain the fire and ensure the safe egress of the aircrew.

According to the Safety Observer, Jerry Chiles, "Immediately, the fire started to engulf the entire starboard side of the aircraft with the flames spreading toward the belly of the aircraft In my 27 years of naval aviation I have never seen a helicopter fire this big."

Once the aircrew brought the main rotor to a stop, Mike Cartica and Nedinardo Tua, a Plane Captain trainee, approached the nose of the aircraft to aid in the safe egress

of the aircrew. At the same time Jerry Chiles and Gregory Maxwell succeeded in eliminating the fire on the starboard side of the aircraft.

For their actions that day Plane Captain Christian Garcia, Fire Bottle Operator/Chock Runner Gregory Maxwell, Safety observer Jerry Chiles and Trainee's Mike Cartica and Nedinardo Tua were each presented with a Letter of Commendation that concluded with the remarks that his "exceptional professionalism, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Happy Birthday Chiefs!



NS Mayport chief petty officers stand information during the morning flag raising ceremony on April 1 in honor of the CPO's 115th birthday.



Active-duty and retired chief petty officers came out to play golf at Windy Harbor Golf Club in remembrance of the CPO's 115th birthday. The event was sponsored by NS Mayport.

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USS Simpson, HSL-46 Detachment 7 Are Back

From USS Simpson PAO

USS Simpson (FFG 56) pulled back into homeport at Naval Station Mayport April 5 after a six-month Counter-Narco Terrorism deployment to the Eastern Pacific with Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 405 and HSL-46 Detachment Seven.

Simpson departed Mayport on Oct. 5, 2007 en route to the Eastern Pacific with a brief port visit to Montego Bay, Jamaica before transiting through the Panama Canal. The primary mission throughout the deployment was drug interdiction in the Eastern Pacific. Simpson succeeded in stopping an estimated 16 metric tons of cocaine from making it to the streets of America.

On Nov. 29, Simpson, LEDET 405 and HSL-46 Detachment Seven worked together for the successful interdiction of a self-propelled semi-submersible (SPSS) vessel suspected of smuggling drugs. An SPSS is capable of carrying 5-8 metric tons of cocaine and has no maritime use other than the covert transport of narcotics or other illegal goods. Though the SPSS crew managed to sink the vessel, the four suspected smugglers were detained and turned over to Colombian authorities.

Also during November, Simpson crossed the equator on their way south to a port visit in Salaverry, Peru. The ship held the traditional Crossing-the-Line Ceremony and all of the "Wogs" onboard were indoctrinated as "Shellbacks" by the veteran Shellbacks onboard after a morning of interesting games in this unique Navy tradition.

Other port visits of the deployment included Cartagena, Columbia, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, numerous vis-



Information Systems Technician 1st Class Vince Leadley gets a big hug from daughter Julia, 4, after receiving the first kiss of the ship from wife, Becky, who holds their other daughter, Bella, 20 months. Leadley returned Saturday with USS Simpson from a six-month Counter-Narco Terrorism deployment.

its to Panama City, Panama, and Aruba. Cartagena, an old European-style town set on the Caribbean Sea, offered beautiful scenery and good shopping for Christmas presents. In Guantanamo Bay many of the crew took a tour of the entire base and saw first-hand the facilities that have been in the news recently. Panama City became a second home to Simpson's crew during deploy-

ment with three port visits to the growing city, including one during their Carnival, a festival that takes place before Lent every year.

The port visits were provided the Sailors with liberty along with a chance to improve international relations as Simpson's crew interacted with the host nations. The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) team setup up numerous trips during

the port visits for the crew to get a chance to experience different aspects of the host nations. Some of these trips included a beach trip in Cartagena, a white-water rafting trip in Panama, and a hiking trip to the waterfalls outside of Montego Bay.

Community relations (COMREL) projects were conducted throughout the deployment including painting an orphanage in Panama

and repairing an orphanage in Jamaica. These projects were as rewarding for the Sailors as they were helpful for the orphanages. Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Marshall Knight commented on his experience, "I believe that it did a little part in helping make the girls home more welcoming and comfortable to live in. To me it was a blessing to help others in need."

Generally, ship's deployed

to Latin America return to Mayport for a mid-deployment repair period. Simpson's emergent repairs were completed in Panama City, Panama instead.

"A combined and proactive effort by the crew and technical representatives, who flew out to meet the ship in Panama, corrected many of the equipment casualties that inevitable come to a ship halfway through deployment," said Lt Cmdr. Antonio Defrias, Simpson's Executive Officer. "In one shore week, we were able to cut our equipment casualties in half. The successful repair period was a testimony to Simpson's adaptability and commitment to mission."

Simpson Sailors achieved success on all levels, as a unit and individually. Twenty-five sailors earned their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists (ESWS) pins and five officers earned their Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) pins during deployment.

During the final port visit of deployment to Aruba, the ship conducted a change of command ceremony as Cmdr. Edwin D. Kaiser relieved Cmdr. Luis A. Maldonado as commanding officer of Simpson. Maldonado served as CO of Simpson from July 2006 to March 2008.

Simpson, an Oliver Hazard Perry-class Frigate under Destroyer Squadron 14, deployed to the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command area of focus under tactical control of Joint Interagency Task Force South. Simpson conducted counterdrug operations, which are joint efforts designed to support participating nation's drug control programs and the president's national drug control strategy.

-Photos by Paige Gnan



Crewmembers disembark the ship after pulling pierside Saturday morning with USS Simpson.



Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jason Kraicek poses for a picture with 20-month-old daughters Kayle and Kayla and Vanessa Gonzalez.



Mom Angela Collins waits on the pier for Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SW) James Collins with Draylan, 3, and Aria, 1, during the homecoming of USS Simpson.



Christina Witherell greets her husband, Damage Controlman Fireman Gregory Witherell, after he received the first hug of the ship from daughter, Zoe, 4.



Yady, Blanca and Jose Ortigoza jump with excitement and yell hellos to Seaman Leonardo Ortigoza as he pulls into port with USS Simpson.



Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) Corey Parks is greeted by his family, Tara Parks, Corey Jr. 13, Jasmine, 9 and Kaylon, 16.



Chief Information Systems Technician (SW/AW) Chuck Wagner is greeted by wife Sherri and sons, Charlie, 5, and Matt, 3 after disembarking USS Simpson.



Nikki Williams and 9-month-old son, Melvin Colvon, Jr., wear shirts welcoming home their Sailor, Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Melvin Colvon Sr.



Ensign Ashley Wyckoff of USS DeWert greets her husband, Lt.jg. Chet Wyckoff of USS Simpson after he returned Saturday with the ship from a six-month deployment.



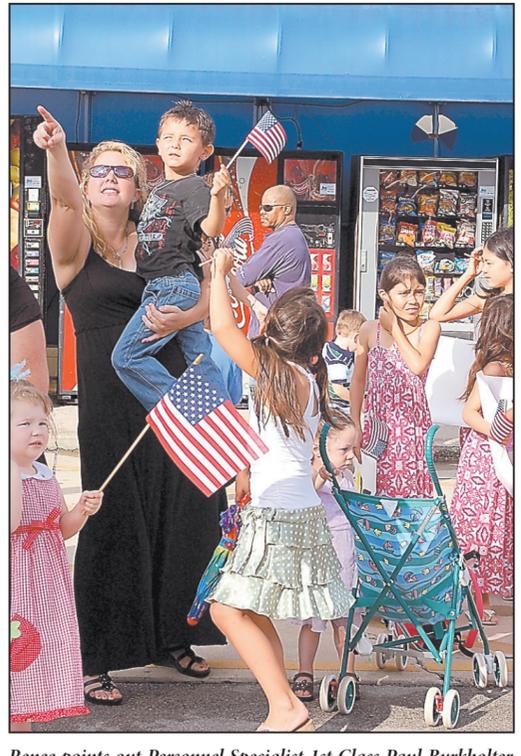
Sailors find their friends and family members on the pier after the ship pulls in Saturday morning.



USS Simpson Sailors and officers disembark the ship to be reunited with their loved ones.



USS Simpson off-loaded drugs during their stop in Key West before heading north to Naval Station Mayport. Simpson, LEDET 405 and HSL-46 Detachment Seven worked together during the deployment.



Renee points out Personnel Specialist 1st Class Paul Burkholter to her children, Sierra Saucedo, 7, Mason, Saucedo, 4, and Mira Burkholter, 2.

Kaiser Is New Commanding Officer Of Simpson

By Ensign Michael DeLoach

USS Simpson PAO

Cmdr. Luis A. Maldonado was relieved by Cmdr. Edwin D. Kaiser as commanding officer of USS Simpson during a March 26 change of command ceremony during a port visit to Aruba, the final port visit of a six-month, Counter-Narco Terrorism deployment to the Eastern Pacific.

Kaiser is a native of Milwaukee, WI. A member of the Corps of Cadets, he received his commission and Bachelors of Science degree in Ocean Engineering from Texas A&M in 1989.

His first sea tour was onboard USS Bronstein (FF 1037), serving as the Communications Officer. His subsequent sea tours include serving as



Cmdr. Edwin D. Kaiser

Gunnery Officer on USS Downes (FF 1070), Auxiliaries Division Officer on USS Ranger (CV 61), Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC) Officer-in-Charge of Assault Craft Unit 5, Training Officer of Naval Small Craft and Technical Training



Cmdr. Luis A. Maldonado

School (NAVSCIATTS), Combat Systems Officer and executive officer on USS Stark (FFG), and executive officer on USS Lake Champlain (CG 57).

This will be his second commanding officer tour. He has also served as commanding

officer of USS Monsoon (PC 4), where he deployed to Central America and the Caribbean.

During his sea tours, Kaiser has participated in seven deployments to the Eastern and Western Pacific, Caribbean, North Atlantic, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf. He served in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf; Operation Restore Hope off the Coast of Somalia; Operation Enduring Freedom in the Western Pacific; Standing Naval Forces Atlantic in Europe; and numerous counter-drug and special operations.

While at NAVSCIATTS in Rodman, Panama, Kaiser deployed as the officer-in-charge of Mobile Training Teams, which deployed throughout Mexico, Africa, Central and South America to train foreign military and police

forces in Riverine and Small Boat Operations.

Between sea tours, Kaiser earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College with a sub-specialty in Latin American Area Studies.

Ashore, Kaiser has served as Exercise Director of U.S. Naval Forces South in Puerto Rico where he was in charge of all Naval Exercises in Southern Command and was also the Colombian and Venezuelan Desk officer. He has also served on the OPNAV staff, Director of Surface Warfare (N86) as the Plans & Policy/Community Issues officer. While at OPNAV, he spent one year on a Government War on Terror (GWOT) deployment to Colombia serving as the Joint

Maritime Plans and Operations officer where he advised the Colombian Military on Counter Narco-Terrorism operations and training.

Maldonado has served as Commanding Officer of USS Simpson since July 2006. Since taking command, he has led the ship through Operation Neptune Warrior and a very successful Counter-Narco Terrorism deployment.

During the six month CNT deployment, Simpson patrolled the waters of the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean. Simpson was responsible for preventing an estimated 16 tons of cocaine from making it to America.

Maldonado will be going on to serve as an Individual Augmentee (IA) under US Central Command (CENTCOM) based out of Tampa Bay, Fla.

USS Doyle Hosts British Submarine Talent Visit

By Ensign Jason Bilbro
USS Doyle PAO

USS Doyle (FFG 39) was recently visited by HMS Talent (S92), a British nuclear-powered submarine during its brief stop to Naval Station Mayport on its world-wide deployment.

Commissioned in 1990, HMS Talent is the sixth of seven Trafalgar-class hunter-killer submarines employed by the British Royal Navy.

Talent stands 85.4 meters long and displaces 5,200 tons while submerged. The sub carries a complement of 130 crew. Talent's armament includes five tubes, which can be utilized to fire the "Spearfish" torpedoes, as well as Tomahawk mis-

siles. Talent recently finished an extended overhaul period, prior to setting sail on its current deployment.

Cmdr. C. D. Lightfoot, commanding officer of HMS Talent, and his crew, hosted a reception on board the submarine the evening of March 22 after visiting Doyle earlier that day. NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Aaron Bowman, NS Mayport Executive Officer, Cmdr. Michael Watson, members of the Navy League, as well as various commanding officers and other distinguished guests were in attendance.

Watson said that he thoroughly enjoyed the event. "The officers and crew of

HMS Talent hosted a unique reception onboard the submarine, a personal first for the CO and I in both our careers," Watson explained. "It was a tight fit with 20 guests, including wives and dates. The reception was essentially held throughout the submarine ranging from the control room, to the CPO Mess and Wardroom."

"Everyone had a great time passing trays of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments among each other," Watson added. "The British were great hosts and very proud of their submarine and throughout the event even offered tours which allowed the party to thin out a bit!"

Tuesday afternoon, members of USS Doyle's soccer team, The Mariners, hit the field for a game of "football" with the submariners of Talent. The Mariners held the lead early, but Talent surged in the closing minutes of the game to come out on top 10-8.

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Jeffery Ronchaquira was Doyle's goalie for the match.

"It was definitely an interesting game," noted Ronchaquira. "We played on a small field, where they usually only play five players per side, with a goalie. In order to get more people in the game, we played eight per side, which added a different dynamic, and made

the game faster paced. It was a good time, with lots of interaction between the teams."

Later in that evening, Doyle took its turn hosting a reception for Talent at the Ocean Breeze Conference Center.

On Thursday and Friday, Doyle Sailors were treated to guided tours of HMS Talent.

"The sub was pretty interesting," remarked Ensign Joshua Oates. "However, it was a bit cramped, for a guy of 6'3."

Overall, Talent Sailors greatly enjoyed their brief stop in Mayport, which not only gave the ship a brief stop to complete maintenance, but also gave the crew some much needed down time.

"The beach was awesome, and the people are really nice," said ET (MESM) D. Weitz of HMS Talent.

The crew stayed in hotels at the beach during their stay, and despite the unseasonably cold weather for Florida, Talent sailors enjoyed themselves immensely.

"We only get a couple weeks of this [good weather] every year," said ET (MESM) A. C. Lester of HMS Talent. "The weather was great."

Talent set sail on March 30, to continue their world-wide deployment.

HSL-42 Detachment Is First To Embark USS Nitze

By MC3 Christopher Hall
USS Theodore Roosevelt

Like a new neighbor moving in next door, HSL-42 "Proud Warriors" tried to make a good impression with the Sailors assigned to USS Nitze (DDG 94) when the helicopter detachment first reported aboard March 17. And by all accounts, it appears that they were successful.

HSL-42 is the first permanently embarked air detachment for the three-year-old Nitze. According to Lt. Cmdr. Edward O'Grady, officer in charge of the HSL-42's detachment and the ship's "Air Boss", the initial integration into the ship's company was a concern.

"The general challenges are that we take rooms, we take spots on the mess line and space all over the ship that once was used for something else", he said, noting the initial concerns were swept away once they began working as a team.

"We have been completely impressed," he said. "Most of this crew has no prior experience of handling air operations

and they still know exactly what to do."

HSL-42, which fly the SH 60B Seahawk, provides Nitze with capabilities such as air and surface warfare missions, logistical medical evacuations and rescue operations.

"I think everyone onboard understands what we bring to the ship," said O'Grady. "The crew's level of professionalism on how to handle air operations has been outstanding. It is amazing, their knowledge and willingness to go above and beyond has put our air crew at ease."

"Everybody has confidence in one another," said Aviation Warfare Systems Operator (AW) 2nd Class Grayson Young, a HSL-42 air crew member. "These guys on the ship make decisions on their own on how to handle flight operations. The air crew is not second guessing them; that makes our jobs that much easier."

"This integration has been the smoothest and most seamless I have seen," said Nitze's Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Joe

Carrigan. "I just haven't seen it like this and I keep telling the department heads that I do not think this is normal; it is usually not this easy."

The crewmembers have adjusted well to the sudden increase of personnel and have made strides in welcoming and adapting to each other.

"I do not see much difference in lifestyle on my ship," said Seaman Michael Baham of Nitze's Deck division. "I talk to these guys like they have always been onboard. They took up a little space in the helicopter hangars and that is pretty much all I have noticed."

HSL-42 is based out of Mayport, Fla. Every new environment may bring many feelings of uncertainty of the future, but as long as every person aboard a Navy vessel works as a team, the lifestyle can be put more at ease.

Underwood Celebrates CPOs



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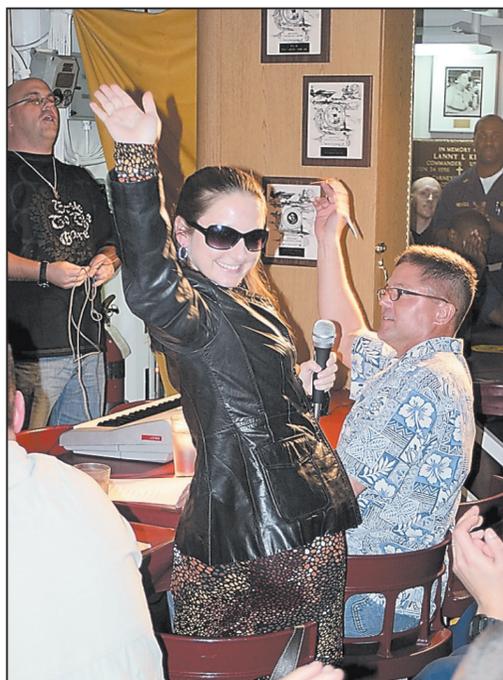
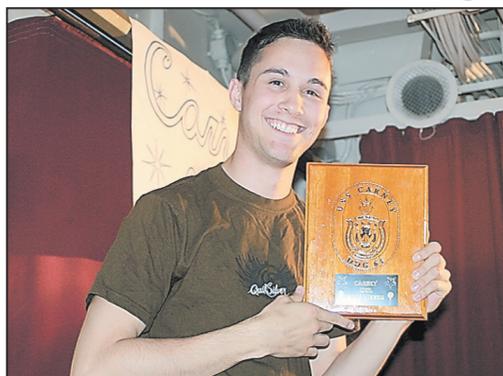
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Halfway Point Finds Spirits High On USS Carney



Above, Competitors from the show await the judges' decision. Top right, Fire Controlman 2nd Class Wingfield shows off the plaque he won in the Carney Idol competition. Bottom right, Ensign Shawna Wentz and CDMCM Craig Holubar, two of the "celebrity" judges, wave to the crowd.

By Ensign Rebecca Lawrence
USS Carney PAO

One hundred and six days into a seven-month deployment, Sailors on board USS Carney celebrated the halfway point at sea.

It was a night full of entertainment for the crew, featuring a talent show competition appropriately named "Carney Idol" and hosted by "Ryan Seacrust," followed by a Shoebox Auction sponsored by the Carney Family Readiness Group. The activities raised both money and morale for the crew and their families.

The "Carney Idol" talent show featured eight acts, including a martial arts exhibition, a stand-up comedy routine, a manual at arms demonstration, and music by four of Carney's most talented vocalists.

Even the captain, Cmdr. Glenn Kuffel, participated in the event, serenading the crew as he strummed his guitar. At the end of the competition, the coveted first-ever title of "Carney Idol" was awarded to Fire Controlman

Second Class Eric Wingfield for his impersonation of more than ten pop-culture personalities.

The evening's events continued with a Shoebox Auction designed to raise money for Carney's family readiness group.

Family members across the country donated more than forty shoeboxes filled with games, snacks, DVDs, sports paraphernalia, gourmet coffee, and other comfort items from home.

Most of the boxes had themes and were decorated to give prospective bidders clues to the contents. The auction, which featured a Grand Shoebox containing a digital camera and printer, raised \$5,000 for the family readiness group.

And, of course, there was cake and ice cream. Carney's culinary specialists impressed the crew when they presented a cake that featured an edible model of a DDG cruising through waves of icing towards signs that read "Mayport," "Welcome Home," and "We Missed You!"

In addition to a break in the normal routine and a boost in camaraderie, the celebration also provided Sailors a chance to reflect on where they have been and what they have done thus far during deployment.

Since leaving Mayport on Nov. 5, Carney has changed time zones 12 times, completed 12 underway replenishments, landed 28 helicopters, conducted two rescue missions, and traveled more than 27,000 miles. The crew has visited ports in Spain, Malta, Bahrain, and Crete, and spent a total of 12 days in port and 96 days underway.

With all the underway time, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Committee has been working non-stop to host creative on-ship events for the crew. Some of the most

popular events have been command-wide tournaments that allow Sailors to compete and showcase their skills in card and video games. Raffles and contests help pass the time, and when operational commitments permit, the crew enjoys "Steel Beach" picnics on the flight deck.

Though the crew remains focused on the mission at hand, everyone is looking forward to the successful completion of the deployment.

USS Carney is currently deployed to the Middle East as part of the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group in support of Maritime Security Operations (MSO).

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MWR Happenings

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 fea-

turing 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-registration 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, siz-

zling 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

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

Liberty Call

The following activities and events target single or unaccompanied sailors. For additional information on Liberty events, call Planet Mayport Single Sailor Center at 270-7788 or 7789. Planet Mayport is located in building 46 across from Bravo Pier. Hours of operation are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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.

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

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.

Biggest Loser "Burning Inches"



-Photos courtesy of MWR

Top, the winners of Week 4 Biggest Loser "Burning Inches" contest, with 15 pounds combined loss for the second two-week period, are HSL-46 Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Atiba Johnson, Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Jason Rife, Storekeeper 2nd Class Dawn Atkinson and Avition Electronics Technician 1st Class Thomas Eckard. They received Camelbak packs. NAVSTA was second, followed by USS Doyle White. Bottom, Mark Simpson of USS Doyle White Team, Eric Duncan and Kakkia Shuler NS Mayport Red Team receive Entertainment Books after learning the good verses bad dining out selections.



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Elementary Ages (Kindergarten-Fifth Graders)

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. There is no Open Rec on April 5 and 19. 270-5680/5421

Elementary Events at the Youth Activities Center:

- April 11: Wii Tourney (Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero), 4-5:30 p.m.
- April 11: Freedom Friday (Spring Fling Dance), 7-11 p.m. Cost is \$7 in advance; \$9 the day of. Early sign up is recommended; space is limited.
- April 14: Craft Day (Hats Off Banner), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- April 14: Red, White and Blue Day.
- April 16: 70's/80's Dance Party, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Includes pizza and drinks.
- April 18: Movie Day, 4-5:30 p.m.
- April 21: Military Hat Day.
- April 22: Earth Day (Youth Center Beautification Project), 4-5:30 p.m.
- April 23: 90's Dance Party, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Includes snow cones.
- April 25: Month of the Military Child Family Picnic, 4-5:30 p.m. Free food and fun for military families.
- April 25: Freedom Friday (Movie Night), 7-11 p.m. Cost is \$7 in advance; \$9 the day of. Early sign up is recommended; space is limited.
- April 28: Ice Cream Social,

4:30-5:30 p.m.

April 30: 2000's Dance Party, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Includes millennium punch and cookies.

Teens (Middle & High School Ages)

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. 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

Teen Events at Club Teen:

- April 11: Wii Tourney (Guitar Hero), 5-7 p.m.
 - April 18: Movie Day, 5:30-7 p.m.
 - April 19: Money Matters Class Trip to Wild Adventures.
 - April 22: Earth Day (Club Teen Beautification Project), 5-6:30 p.m.
 - April 25: Month of the Military Child Family Picnic, 4-5:30 p.m. Free food and fun for military families.
 - April 28: Ice Cream Social, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Before, After School Care**
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, in on-base housing. For Youth Fitness program 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. 270-5680/5421

Beachside CC Holds Open House

From MWR

Stop by and see what Beachside Community Center has to offer at the annual Open House on April 11.

Enjoy live entertainment by Ron Perry from 3-7 p.m. along with free munchies throughout the day and free billiards from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Try your hand at Bingo starting at 6:15 p.m. with progressive jackpots up to \$30,000.

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For more information, call Beachside Community Center at 270-7198.

NEX Holds Wedding Fair

From NEX Mayport

The Mayport Navy Exchange will host the 3rd annual Wedding Fair on April 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Klaking JOs Get Look Below The Waterline

From USS Klaking
The Junior Officers of USS Klaking (FFG 42) were treated to an in-depth tour and discussion on FFG-7 Class underwater hull configuration.

As part of the weekly officer training program, Klaking coordinated with USS Halyburton (FFG 40) to conduct a hands-on training session, using the Halyburton hull as their classroom in the Graving Dock of Atlantic Marine Shipyard. For the first time, Klaking's newest complement of ensigns was able to gain an appreciation for the underbelly of an FFG.

The group, dressed in hard hats and goggles for safety, were led around by Klaking's Combat Systems Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Larry D. Johnson, and Chief Engineer, Lt. Chad O. Withrow. Both officers have considerable time serving on frigates, which allowed them to pepper the dialogue with interesting Frigate facts and historical lessons.

A calm wind and plenty of sunshine greeted the group as they were led from Halyburton's stern to bow. Starting at the propeller they discussed the function of controllable pitch, and how it relates to both movement of the propellers and maneuverability of the ship.

"This field trip was a great alternative to simply discussing the hull via PowerPoint," commented Johnson. "After finding out how many officers on board had not seen a frigate in dry dock before, I knew we needed



-Photo by Ensign Peter Goodman
Ensign Jean C. Tahhan provides some perspective on the size of an FFG hull after inspecting one of USS Halyburton's Sea Chests. The Sea Chests are located along the length of the hull and are used as sea water intake valves to provide water for the ship's cooling and fire-fighting systems.

to get everyone out there." The crew moved slowly forward as their guides carefully described each piece of machinery above them, and the systems inside the ship with which they were associated. Of special interest to the ensigns were the ship's two Auxiliary Propulsion Units (APUs) under the ship's bow, which give ship handlers the ability to control the movement of the bow and plays an integral role in the impressive maneuverability that frigates are commonly known for.

Ensign Greg R. Hand, a limited duty officer serving as Klaking's EMO has seen frig-

ates in dry dock before, but now on board learning to be a ship driver himself, he noted, "the tour gave us a chance to see just how large the propulsion plant is. For maneuvering in restricted waters (waters within two miles of the coast), it's important to know where exactly the propeller and APU's are when operating in such shallow waters."

The ensigns walked away with a much better understanding of what all the sketches, diagrams, and pictures they had seen onboard truly depicted.

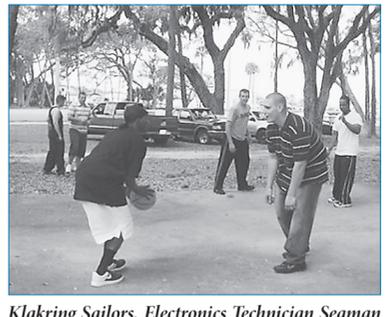
"We've been learning about all these things in abstract, so seeing the machinery itself for once lent a whole new perspective on the size and function of the ship's engineering plant," remarked Ensign James E. Hough.

"I can visualize now, when I order an ahead 2/3 bell, a hard left rudder, or APU's to 240, what's happening on the other end of things," added Ensign Peter F. Goodman.

Experiences like this are vital to junior officer development on Klaking, as the ship's cadre of young officers seeks to gain the knowledge needed not only to qualify SWO, but to safely and efficiently operate the ship at sea and project naval combat power around the globe. Klaking's Wardroom would like to thank Halyburton's crew for serving as such gracious hosts for this unique training crucible.



Pictured from left, Klaking officers Lt.j.g. David T. Osburn, Ensign Scott B. Lee, and Lt.j.g. Anthony W. Sisti take a break from the busy workday to enjoy barbecue during the picnic.



Klaking Sailors, Electronics Technician Seaman Alexander J. Nelson and Electrician's Mate Third Class Jomario L. Thomas square off on the basketball court during the First Class Petty Officer barbecue.

Klaking FCPOA Throws Barbecue For Shipmates

Story/photos by Ensign Peter Goodman
USS Klaking Public Affairs

The First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) of USS Klaking (FFG 42) recently hosted an afternoon of barbecue, music, and sports at Kavenaugh Park on Naval Station Mayport.

The event was held on Friday, March 28, 2008, after a long week of shipboard preparations for forthcoming ULTRA S and INSURV inspections.

Open to all Klaking Sailors, the festivities gave them an opportunity to socialize and unwind in a new setting.

"We spend an awful lot of time working side by side on the ship" noted the ship's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Ian R. Pollitt. "It's nice to get a change of venue once in a while and a fresh perspective."

As FCPOA President, Navy Counselor 1st Class Jason R. Rouse noted, "We thought it would be good to break from the norm and give our Sailors the opportunity to socialize off the ship. It had been a while since the First Class Association had done anything like this, so we wanted to give everyone an event they would enjoy."

Between the burgers, hot dogs, soda, and sports, Klaking Sailors were able to blow off some steam as the crew prepares for what promises to be an extremely busy spring and summer. The afternoon's fun was highlighted by the mixing skills of the ship's DJ, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Timothy W. Lumpkin, a longtime fixture at Klaking events.

Members of FCPOA said they were excited by the event, and look forward to future opportunities to serve the Klaking crew while showcasing their leadership and managerial skills.

USS John L. Hall Visits Independent Montenegro



From left to right, President Filip Vujanovic talks with USS John L. Hall Commanding Officer, Cmdr. A.P. Bennett, and the Montenegrin translator.

By Ensign Samara Taylor
USS John L. Hall PAO

USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) pulled into Bar, Montenegro from March 20-24 in support of Theater Security Cooperation (TSC).

The visit served to enhance stability in the region by strengthening maritime partnerships.

After a formal arrival ceremony was held for Montenegro President Filip Vujanovic, the president and his cabinet, the distinguished visitors were given a tour of the ship and joined the John L. Hall's Wardroom for breakfast. Later in the day, the Mayor of Bar, Zarko Pavicevic and various local civic and military leaders joined the Wardroom for lunch.

That evening, a reception on the flight deck was held for more than 100 invited guests including the U.S. Ambassador

to Montenegro, the Speaker of Parliament, and the mayor.

"The visit was particularly special in the wake of Montenegro recently gaining their independence and their elections on the horizon," said Cmdr. A.P. Bennett, USS John L. Hall commanding officer.

USS John L. Hall participated in four separate community relations projects that spanned the spectrum from painting schools, planting olive trees, speaking engagements to a soccer game with municipal employees. Additionally, the ship's Damage Control Training Team (DCTT) held training seminars with Armed Forces of Montenegro Navy personnel in the use of various damage control and fire fighting systems. The Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) team also held seminars in basic tactical movements and search procedures.

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Gettysburg Conducts Major At-Sea Training

By Lt.j.g. Dennis Panos

USS Gettysburg PAO

USS Gettysburg (CG 64) returned to Naval Station Mayport after six days of intense at-sea training on April 5.

In spite of some heavier than normal seas, Gettysburg completed a myriad of major training evolutions. Gettysburg's focus was to maintain proficiency in numerous operations and prepare for an upcoming readiness assessment. Gettysburg departed March 31 and immediately made preparations for the major evolution of firing the 5-inch/54-caliber MK 45 deck guns as well as the MK 15 Phalanx Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) guns.

The MK 15 CIWS is capable of shooting more than 3,000 rounds in a minute and is a point defense system for Gettysburg. Another impressive aspect of the CIWS is that it is currently deployed in Iraq aboard mobile land vehicles where it is called the Counter Rocket, Artillery, and Mortar (C-RAM). After firing the CIWS, Gettysburg fired the large 5-inch deck guns.

After the gun shoot, and between the continuously running Damage Control, Engineering, and Combat Systems training exercises, Gettysburg and USNS Laramie conducted a replenishment at sea. The replenishment at sea is an inherently dangerous evolution due to the close proximity of two ships at sea. However, the evolution was run to perfection as the Sailors manning the lines and up on the Bridge worked hand in hand to guarantee a smooth replenishment at sea. The replenishment concluded with successfully practicing Gettysburg's emergency breakaway procedure.



-Photo courtesy of USS Gettysburg

Ship Serviceman Seamen Luckner Roseme of USS Gettysburg practices with the new machine gun the 240B. Gettysburg departed March 31 and immediately made preparations for the major evolution of firing the 5-inch/54-caliber MK 45 deck guns as well as the MK 15 Phalanx Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) guns.

The evolutions started on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday and stretched late into both nights. The opportunity to participate in deck landing qualifications is important to Gettysburg and it provided valuable training for both the pilots and the ship's flight deck crew.

Gettysburg pulled in early Saturday morning, as the sun was rising. The underway period, while brief, provided the entire crew with invaluable training which will be tested during future certification exercises and Gettysburg's upcoming deployments.



-Photo by MC3 Alan Gragg

USS Farragut (DDG 99) crewmembers guide a pallet down as a crane loads a box of Project Handclasp hygiene items on board the ship for distribution to people in need throughout Latin America during Farragut's Partnership of the Americas 2008 (POA 2008) deployment.

Farragut Carries Project Handclasp Donations

By MC1(SW) Holly Boynton

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command

USS Farragut (DDG 99) unloaded eight pallets of Project Handclasp supplies Apr. 3 for donation to several Latin American partner nations during the ship's deployment for Partnership of the Americas (POA) 2008.

POA is an annual U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) operation under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO), SOUTHCOM's Naval component command. POA focuses on interoperability and theater security cooperation events, at sea and on shore. U.S. maritime forces work jointly with partner nation governmental forces

throughout the Caribbean, and Central and South America to develop the relationships needed to ensure maritime security in the region.

Project Handclasp donations, such as the pallets of toys and medical and hygiene supplies Farragut is carrying, are part of POA 2008, promoting goodwill in the region.

"Over the last several years, Project Handclasp has become a more prominent part of our mission as we visit and work with our partner nations," said Cmdr. Lewis Preddy, NAVSO Project Handclasp coordinator. "Officers and Sailors onboard deploying ships are loading up with as much of the donated material as they can carry, knowing that during these visits, they can help people who

are truly in need."

Project Handclasp is a Navy sponsored program which collects and distributes a variety of items donated by companies, groups, and individuals. The donations are then transported world-wide by military vessels to regions in need.

For the SOUTHCOM area of focus, Project Handclasp supplies are stored on Naval Station Mayport by Commander, Task Force 43. When ships such as Farragut deploy to the region, they take with them as many pallets as they can to distribute the items to the various places they visit, including Chile, Panama, Peru, and many other partner nations.



-Photo by MC3 Alan Gragg

Storekeeper 1st Class A.S. Giulioli, of Commander, Task Force 43 (CTF 43), uses a forklift to set a box of Project Handclasp items on the pier, before a crane loads them onto USS Farragut. Farragut's crew stored eight pallets of the Project Handclasp donations.

Farragut

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tions apart from is the generally unpredictable nature of boarding operations, as well as the opportunity to establish a rapport with local mariners.

This relationship is integral in obtaining information with regards to potential drug trafficking and establishing the U.S. naval presence as formidable yet benevolent.

The varied missions and tasks which Farragut will confront head on will be a test of the crew's stamina and resilience.

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Calendar

On Base

Monday, April 14

USS McNerney family readiness group will meet for its monthly social at the USO on Mayport Road at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a standard size white pillowcase. They will begin to work on the "Pillow Quilt." Childcare will be provided.

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 members, non-members, friends and family to its annual Time and Talent/Silent and Live Auction at 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Breeze

Out in Town

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.

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.Limelight-Theatre.org.

Friday, April 11

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting a "Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner" from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Road,

Atlantic Beach. A donation of \$10 is requested for each dinner. Carry out orders are accepted. The public is always invited to dinner. Starting at 9 pm, the music of Doug Bracey will entertain until 1 a.m.

Saturday, April 12

Join a park ranger at 1 p.m. at Little Talbot Island State Park for an educational presentation on the animals that inhabit the barrier island natural communities, including the beach, sand dunes, oak hammock, and estuarine marsh. The program will take place at pavilion 6 on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with admission to the park. For additional information, call the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at 251-2320. For more information on Florida State Parks, visit www.FloridaStateParks.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.

Monday, April 14

Join the fun at the April meeting of the Beaches Photography

Club from 6-8 p.m. in the Media Center at Fletcher High School, 600 Seagate Avenue, Neptune Beach. The club welcomes people of all ability levels and camera types. At each meeting, there is a program to help photographers of all levels to learn more about some aspect of photography. A field trip is planned each month. Members enjoyed taking pictures at the Alligator Farm in St. Augustine at the end of March. Come join us to learn more about your camera, taking better pictures and meeting new friends with a similar interest. For more information, check out the club's web site. www.beachesphotographyclub.com.

Friday, April 18

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting a "Fried Shrimp Dinner" from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. A donation of \$8 is requested for each dinner. Carry out orders are accepted. The public is always invited to dinner. Starting at 9 p.m., the music of DOUG BRACEY will entertain until 1 a.m.

Saturday, April 19

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wescott Branch Library, 6887 103rd street, Jacksonville, Fla. We are fortunate to have Tom Barry present a program titled, "The History of Guana Peninsula; The European Discovery of St. Augustine; Spanish, Indian and

British Occupation. For further information please contact Mary Chaucey at 781-9300.

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.

Sunday, April 20

Join a park ranger at 1 p.m. at Fort George Island Cultural State Park for an interpretive program that discusses the various types of bird species that can be found across the natural communities of a barrier island. The program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. For additional information, call the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at 251-2320. For more information on Florida State Parks, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Friday, April 25

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting "Pizza/Calzone" dinners from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. We'll do the cooking for you. Carry out orders are accepted. The public is always invited to dinner. After dinner, enjoy the music Doug Bracey from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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.

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

April 10, 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 11, 9-11 a.m., Establishing A Sound Family Budget, FFSC

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 14, 9-10 a.m., Time Management Workshop, FFSC

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

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

April 15, noon-4 p.m., Leadership Life Skills for E4 & Below, Base Chapel

April 15, 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 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 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Leadership Life Skills for E5 & E6, Base Chapel

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.

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

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

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

April 24, 8 a.m.-noon, FAP Key Personnel Training, Building One Executive Conference Room

April 24, 1-4 p.m., Leadership Life Skills for E7 & Above, Base Chapel

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

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



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USO News

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Military Superstretch Offer - one Superstretch ticket row 1-32, \$46 each; All American Offer - one Superstretch Terrace - Rows 33-61 + an all you can eat Pre-Race Buffet, \$83 each; From the Turns Offer - one Oldfield/Lockhart Seat, \$59 each; From the Turns Tower Offer - one Oldfield/Lockhart Tower before June 1, \$106 each. After June 1, one Oldfield/Lockhart, \$131 each; Sprint Fanzone - \$49 each. Tickets to Adventure Landing, are now available at the USO. USO sells discounted tickets to AMC Movie Theatres,

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.

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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.

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