

THE MIRROR

NS MAYPORT, FLORIDA

CHINFO Award Winner

Vol. 52 • Issue 10

www.nsmayport.navy.mil

www.mayportmirror.com

THURSDAY, March 12, 2009



New Saturday Hours At Clinic

To better serve our patients, Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Mayport is making changes to the Saturday clinic's hours. Starting April 4, the new operating hours for the Saturday clinic will be 8 a.m. to noon—the period when most appointments are requested and used. The weekend clinic provides medical care to active duty personnel, retirees and family members ages 8 and older with urgent medical needs.

The new schedule will expand the number of morning appointments by adding an additional medical provider. The NBHC Mayport Officer in Charge Cmdr. Darin Rogers explained, "By having two providers onboard at the same time, we will be able to address the numerous requests we have for early appointments on Saturday." Patient appointments may be scheduled through Central Appointments at (904) 542-4677. For additional information, contact the clinic's Chief of the Day at (904) 270-4444.

Spin A Thon For Wounded Warriors

The Navy Fitness Team at Mayport is hosting a Spin A Thon to benefit Wounded Warriors and you can help. The fitness team is asking base personnel to participate in a 30-minute Fitness Specialist led indoor cycling ride at NS Mayport Gymnasium on March 17.

More than 30,000 service men and women have been injured in the recent war on terror, many of them suffering traumatic brain injuries, amputations and severe burns. Indoor cycling has been used in the treatment of various ailments experienced by our warriors.

It has been reported that cycling gives these men and women a sense of normalcy, accomplishment, and pride, offers camaraderie and provides relief from depression and other problems that accompany these ailments. Cycling is one activity in which wounded warriors with either mental or physical disabilities can participate.

The fitness team currently has more than 250 pledges and is pushing to the goal of 350 riders in 10 groups to collectively ride from 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining the fitness team in this tribute, call Emily at 270-7134 or see a Fitness Specialist at either fitness facility. There are still pledges open for three of the 10 ride times. Come out and ride from either: noon-12:45 p.m., 4-4:45 p.m. or 5-5:45 p.m.

Thrift Stop Open For In Housing

The Nearly New Thrift Shop is in its new location in base housing, 709 A&B Everglades Ct. The shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and open the first and third Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Expo Brings Services To You

From MWR

MWR Mayport is hosting the 4th Annual MWR Expo and Travel Show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (March 12) at Ocean Breeze Conference Center.

The MWR Expo and Travel Show features booths and displays with free information and goodies from MWR and other base programs and services along with information from local and regional theme parks, dinner shows, vacation destinations, hotels and more.

Free food samples will be provided by multiple vendors and participants can enter to win lots of giveaway items.

Giveaways items may include free tickets, hotel stays, gift baskets and more. Everyone is welcome at the MWR Expo and



Travel Show.

For more information, call MWR customer service at 270-5228.

Participants include:

The Mirror newspaper
Access Vacation Homes
Adventure Landing
American Red Cross
Bank of America
Boggy Creek
Buena Vista Suites
C&L Travel
Central Florida Visitors Bureau

Clarion Main Gate
Clarion Resort and Water Park
Clarion Universal
Columbia County
Comfort Suites Main Gate
Comfort Suites Main Gate (Old Town)
Commissary
Days Inn Convention Center
Daytona International
Speedway
Disney
Embassy Suites – Brunswick
Fleet and Family Service Center

Fun Spot Attractions
Gator Land
Georgia Aquarium
Inn at Ellis Square
Jekyll Villas by the Sea
JHM Hotels
Kennedy Space Center
Medieval Times
Military Resort Rental
MWR Athletics and Fitness
MWR Auto Skills Center
MWR Beachside Community Center
MWR Bowling Center
MWR Child Development Programs
MWR ITT
MWR Ocean Breeze
MWR Outdoor Adventures
MWR Planet Mayport
MWR RV Parks
MWR Windy Harbor Golf Club
MWR Youth Programs

MWR Youth Sports
Navy College
Navy Exchange
Navy Federal Credit Union
Navy Lodge
Ocean Water Management
Orlando Vista Hotel
Pirates Dinner Theatre
Pizza Hut Express
Sea World
Seralago
Sleuths
Sun Cruz Casino
Universal
USO
Visit Jacksonville
Westgate Resort
Wet n' Wild
Wild Adventures

Underwood Helps Stalled Fisherman

From USS Underwood Public Affairs

The guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) provided assistance to five Colombian fishermen who were stranded in the Easter Pacific Ocean Feb. 27.

The chance encounter occurred when Underwood's lookouts spotted personnel on board the fishing vessel waving a flag in distress.

The Colombian fishing vessel Jireh had reportedly been adrift for four days and requested assistance. Once alongside, Underwood's Rescue and Assistance Team embarked the fishing vessel and immediately began troubleshooting the boat's engine problems. The rescue team members Engineman 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Bruce Miller and Engineman 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Antonio

Thompson quickly determined the equipment was beyond repair.

"The Captain of the Jireh (Tomas Morcillo Garcia) was incredibly grateful for our assistance, and it was a pleasure to help those in need," said Thompson.

After supplying the survivors with food and water, Underwood remained with the Jireh until the Colombian navy vessel ARC Andagoya arrived nine hours later to relieve Underwood.

Underwood, homeported in Mayport, Fla., is currently deployed in Latin America under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO), and U.S. 4th Fleet, conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in



-Photo by CTT2 Craig Pendergrass

Sailors from the guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36), Engineman 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Bruce Miller (middle) and Engineman 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Antonio Thompson (right), attempt to repair a disabled boat. Underwood provided assistance to five Colombian fishermen who were stranded in the Easter Pacific Ocean Feb. 27. The boat was not repairable, so Underwood provided the fishermen with food and water, and remained with the boat until a Colombian navy vessel arrived to take over the rescue.

support of Joint Inter-Agency Task Force-South, U.S. Law Enforcement and U.S. and participating nations drug control policy.

USS Underwood (FFG-36) is also supporting the U.S. Maritime Strategy by conducting Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) events,

such as Community Relation (COMREL) projects including Project Handclasp distributions to countries in need throughout Latin America.

Carney Plays Trivial Pursuit To Advance

By Ensign Emily Rhtican

USS Carney PAO

Twice a year Navy Sailors gather with great anticipation and perhaps some anxiety: it is time for advancement exams.

USS Carney (DDG 64) First Class Petty Officer Association devised and implemented a way to help their shipmates "get smart" for their advancement exams this year. The answer was simple: Trivial Pursuit.

The First Class Association concocted the idea of playing Trivial Pursuit at the beginning of February. As Carney was finishing up its Ultra-E and Ultra-C inspections, its first class petty officers were already looking forward to the next challenge – the E-6, E-5, and E-4 advancement exams in March.

The First Class Association wanted to devise an innovative and fun way to motivate the E-5 and Junior Sailors to hit the books in preparation for their exams. Trivial Pursuit was the perfect solution, and a 96-hour special liberty chit the perfect Grand Prize.

With the support of CMDCM Ross Cramer, the First Class Association put their ideas into action. For the past three weeks while Carney was underway for BAT C2X OPFOR and SEASWIT 09-02, all Carney E-5 and Junior Sailors gathered on the Messdecks in the evenings after chow to play Trivial Pursuit.

To support the tournament, every first class petty officer wrote 50 BMR questions and answers. Questions ranged from the definition of a "Pigstick" to rendering honors while underway. The First Class Association grouped all E-5 and Junior Sailors into teams of four or five members, and pitted the teams against each other in a round-robin style tournament.

After the final round of Carney



-Photo courtesy of USS Carney

USS Carney (DDG 64) First Class Petty Officers lead Trivial Pursuit games in preparation for upcoming Advancement Exams.

Trivial Pursuit, one team proved that their knowledge of Basic Military Requirements was unbeatable.

Gas Turbine System Mechanical 3rd Class Jarell Cook, Gas Turbine System Mechanical Fireman Rondricus

Kennybrew, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Carl Jones, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Dialo Woods, and Gas Turbine System Mechanical 3rd Class Jarell Cook Jonte Wilson took home the coveted Grand Prize.

Thanks to Carney's innovative and industrious First Class Petty Officer Association, Carney's Junior Sailors will return to Mayport at the end of February ready to fearlessly tackle their advancement exams in March.

CO Column

Since my last article, the Navy League hosted a luncheon honoring our returning I.A. personnel, and I want to thank them and everyone who had a hand in the ceremony.



Capt. Aaron Bowman

Our men and women who have answered this call of duty are remarkable and the families that support them make it all possible. You have served honorably and I want to personally thank you for your continued service. I also want to thank Rear Admiral Kernan, Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet, for sharing his personal experiences with our IA's.

Today, our MWR will host the 4th Annual MWR Exp and Travel Show from 1000 to 1300 at Ocean Breeze Conference Center. The Expo features booths and displays with free information on MWR programs, hotels and resorts, local attractions, Orlando attractions and vacation destinations.

Free food samples and lots of giveaways will be part of the afternoon fun. Our MWR

is designed for you...please stop by today and see all the programs that are set up for your entertainment. On a side note, our *The Mirror* Editor Paige Gnnann will be manning a booth, so stop by and give her any suggestions you might have for our base newspaper.

Speaking of MWR, we are playing movies every Saturday night at the Community Center. We are trying something new due to the high turnout rates.

Children theme movies will show at 1900 and then adult theme movies at 2100 and are completely free to everyone. This week's movie will be Dr. Seuss Hears a Who (G), and Seven Pounds (PG-13).

Raising Awareness for Wounded Warriors. More than 30,000 service men and women have been injured in the recent war on terror, many of them suffering traumatic brain injuries, amputations and severe burns. Indoor cycling has been used in the treatment of various ailments experienced by our warriors. It has been reported that cycling gives these men and women a sense of normalcy, accomplishment, and pride, offers camaraderie and provides relief from depression and other problems that accompany these ailments. Cycling is one activity in which wounded warriors with either mental or physical disabilities can participate. This is why the Navy Fitness Team at Mayport has chosen to honor these men and women by host-

ing a Spin A Thon. We are asking you to pledge less than one hour of your time, including a 30-minute Fitness Specialist led indoor cycling ride at NS Mayport Gymnasium on March 17. To date we currently have more than 200 pledges and are pushing forward to our goal of 300 riders in 10 groups to collectively ride from 7 a.m.-5:45. If you are interested in joining in on this tribute, call Emily at 270-7134 or see a Fitness Specialist at either fitness facility. We currently have pledges open for the following rides: 0900-0945, 1200-1245, 1400-1445, 1600-1645, and 1700-1745.

On March 18, our Navy Fleet and Family Support centers will host a Navy Tri base job fair at Jacksonville's Morocco Shrine Center. National and local companies will be there, and this is an excellent opportunity for separating, retiring, or retired service members to get a feel of what is out there for employment. It doesn't matter if you

are completing four years or 30, sooner or later you have to make the transition and job fairs are a great way to experience a look at what could be next after your service to our country. For more information contact our FFSC at 270-6600 ext. 1709.

This week my "hat is off" to our base Environmental Pollution Prevention Team who was recognized during the annual CNO Environmental Awards program for exceptional environmental stewardship. Great job to the team, and great job to the crew of the USS Underwood (FG 36) for winning the Environmental Quality Small Ship Award for environmental excellence. The CNO award winners will be honored June 2 in a ceremony in Washington at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center.

Finally I want to remind everyone that if you didn't replace your batteries in your residential smoke alarm when we "sprung ahead our clocks", now is the time to do it.

Working smoke alarms are among the most valuable lifesaving tools for families. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), placement of working smoke alarms on each level of a house and outside of each sleeping area, such as in a hallway, will double your chances of surviving a home fire.

In addition to working batteries and proper placement, the USFA recommends that families prepare and practice an escape plan in the event of a home fire. Smoke alarms should also be tested annually and replaced every 8-10 years.

Please keep an eye out while you go through your day and don't hesitate to let me know if you see a better (or safer way) to do business around the base.

Keep those suggestions rolling in to the CO's suggestion box located at the base galley, or email them to aaron.bowman@navy.mil.

Homefront in Focus

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

Do you have a collection of driver's licenses from numerous states, collected as you follow your Sailor across the globe? Yeah, me too. Virginia, Florida, California, Washington...yup, I have a collection. Moving is a hassle, and one of my top frustrations is the expense and hassle of obtaining a new license, registering the vehicles and registering to vote each time we move. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to have a 'state of domicile' or 'home of record' like

our service member?

U.S. Representative John Carter, (R-TX31) introduced legislation last year entitled the 'Military Spouse Residency Relief Act.' The bill passed the House but failed to be enacted as law before congress adjourned last year. Rep. Carter is re-introduced the bill this session. I am encouraging all of us as military spouses to support this bill.

The Military Spouse Residency Relief Act will improve the lives of military spouses. If passed, this legisla-

tion will enable spouses to claim the same state residency as their service member. The bill allows a military spouse who moves out of a state with their service member under military orders to have the option to claim the same state of domicile as their active duty spouse, regardless of where they are stationed. This will have an immediate impact on the spouse in regard to paying state taxes, voting, and yes, keeping your driver's license and vehicle registration.

Like our service member we can renew our state driver's

license even though we are out of state, we can retain our state residency for voting and vehicle registration. And, like our service member, we will only pay state taxes when working in our 'state of residency.' What a great savings and benefit for military spouses and families.

To voice your support of this bill please contact your congress persons; both Senators and Representatives, from both your current state and your service member's 'home of record' to ask them to support the bill. To find contact information for

your congresspersons log on to www.usa.gov/contact/shtml.

We have long supported service member's ability to continue voting and paying taxes in one state over the course of a military career as they are transferred around the world on orders," says Carter, who represents Fort Hood, the U.S. Army's largest base."I feel it has been an egregious oversight spanning decades that we have not extended that stability to spouses as well, as they are impacted politically and economically just as much as the

service member by these frequent and career-long moves."

Please take a moment this week to call, write or email your congresspersons today to voice your support of the bill. Also, contact Rep. Carter's office to express your support (202-225-3864) and appreciation of his efforts on our behalf.

Drop Beth an email at beth@homefrontinfocus.com. Listen to her talk show for spouses Navy Homefront Talk at www.blogtalkradio.com/nht.

Pentagon Plans Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign

By Army Staff Sgt. Michael J. Carden

American Forces Press Service

Just as the armed forces paved the way for integration more than 60 years ago, the Defense Department is working to prevent sexual assault, not only in the military, but also throughout the nation, the department's top prevention expert said March 6.

"It is our goal to develop a sexual assault prevention program that can be a benchmark for the nation," Kaye Whitley, director of the department's sexual assault prevention and response program, told members of the House Armed Services Committee's military personnel subcommittee.

The department's prevention efforts really only began in 2007, and its success will take more than just good ideas, Whitley said.

Through joint efforts with private-sector experts and collaborative studies, the department realized that programs supported by legitimate research will ensure the best results, she added.

Those experts, Whitley said, have determined three points from the past year's research they think will improve prevention and response:

- Implementing lasting prevention measures by using a framework that takes action at all levels of military society;

- Using social marketing campaigns to link all of its efforts to prevent sexual assault; and

- Focusing on using bystander intervention techniques to complement its efforts.

"The department believes that prevention can only occur with an organized, comprehensive approach that is based on research," Whitley said, noting that each of the services used these points to develop their own sexual assault prevention programs.

The department's strategy is built on what officials call the "spectrum of prevention," she said, a nationally recognized framework that has been used

in other campaigns throughout the country.

"The spectrum of prevention suggests that social harm can only be prevented by taking multiple actions at every level of society," she explained. "The levels range from improving individual skills at the lowest levels to influencing policy at the highest."

The department will launch a marketing campaign featuring two public service announcements in April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Whitley said she hopes the campaign will persuade people to "behave in ways that improves their own personal welfare and that of society."

"The campaign makes it very clear that each military member has a moral duty to step up and take action to prevent sexual assault," she added.

The initial campaign is designed to inform military members about the sexual assault prevention and response programs and to demonstrate key points in the bystander intervention approach.

The strategy will require commitment, cooperation, time and patience, she said.

Whitley said she hopes the sexual assault prevention strategy will have similarly positive effects as that of campaigns against drunken driving. As the program progresses, she added, she expects the number of reports to increase as bystander intervention improves and culture changes.

"As the comprehensive strategy takes hold over the years," she said, "we look forward to the day that those numbers decrease, not because of fear or stigma of reporting, but because sexual assault is being systematically prevented."

The hearing was the second in a three-part series the House Armed Services Committee is holding on sexual assault prevention, awareness and response programs and strategies in the Defense Department.

I remember the time that I bought my younger son his first yo-yo. What a day it was! At that time Danny was four years old and his reaction to the gift was pure joy. It was one of those deluxe, professional-grade models that in the right hands could perform the most unbelievable tricks imaginable. As I gave him the gift I took great delight in just watching his excitement over this new toy. But the joy only lasted about 10 seconds. You see my son Danny had made a disappointing discovery. His discovery: he was too short to yo-yo. His legs were too short and the string was too long. His mood changed instantly. His frustration level was discernibly HIGH. Danny realized, in his own special way, that life was a little more complicated than he thought.

I submit to you that being too short to yo-yo is a metaphor for the trying times in life. It is a metaphor for those hard places that we find ourselves in every once in a while. When was the first time that life became complicated for you? When was the last time you noticed that your legs were too short, that your

Chaplain's Corner



Chaplain Joe Molina
CDS40 Staff Chaplain

yo-yo string was too long and that your arms were too weak? When have you had that sinking feeling that comes when your dreams and /or desires were not going according to your expectations?

Indeed, in those moments of testing you become keenly aware that you are truly not in control. You may even discover that your faith starts to falter. What happens when your faith starts to crumble? Those are the hard places in life when your emotions and life's events get the better of you and you may even start to seriously doubt in

yourself and even in the very God that has given you eternal assurance of His faithfulness. In those moments you will struggle with questions of importance such as "why do good things always happen to the bad guys?"

Have you been there? I have and those are scary moments in life. Are you there now? How do you cope with unfulfilled dreams? What do you do when your faith falters? It is important to remember in the midst of seemingly uncontrollable events that there is still one component of life that you still have control over. You do have control over how you decide to respond to the difficulties and challenges of life. You can choose to exercise control over your response.

So, what do you do when your faith falters? (Or when you're too short to yo-yo)

LOOK AROUND: Your difficulties are put in perspective when you look around and see the plight of those that have to contend with much graver circumstances. Your problems suddenly pale by comparison. While this doesn't diminish the importance of your problem it will hopefully help you

understand that your situation is solvable and manageable by comparison. Look around and see the lives of people who have successfully surmounted their obstacles. I'm not a betting man, but 9 out of 10 you'll discover that they are persons of faith in themselves and God (most importantly).

LOOK INSIDE: I mean, really look inside you. Who are you? Do you know yourself? What do you ultimately believe in, deep inside? Sometimes we hesitate looking inside because we dare not admit that we may be the cause of our own problems. Look "inside" and have the courage to make the necessary changes towards a better person.

LOOK UP: As you look up you may discover, to your delight, that the Almighty is there. As you acknowledge your need for God, His divine invisible hand will lift up your spirit. This moment of personal encounter brings clarity and new direction. In that moment of personal encounter you will find God where He does His work: in your heart.



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 Group.....6 p.m.
(Second and Fourth Saturdays of month)
Catholic Services:
Mass.....Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Confession.....Before and after mass
Religious Education.....10:30 a.m.
BAPTISMS
Please call 270-5212 to arrange a
Baptism class.
SERVICES
For shipboard and Waterfront
Services, call 270-5403. Personnel of
other faiths seeking contact with specific
religious groups should call the
Chaplain's Office at 270-5212.



Naval Station Mayport
Capt. Aaron Bowman Commanding Officer
Cmdr. Mike Watson..... Executive Officer
CMDCM Deborah Davidson..... Command Master Chief
Naval Station Mayport Editorial Staff
Bill AustinPublic Affairs Officer
IC2 Paul Fenn..... Deputy Public Affairs Officer
Paige Gnnann..... Editor
The Mirror is distributed without charge throughout Mayport's Navy community, including the Naval Station, on- and off-base Navy housing areas, and ships, squadrons and staffs homeported at NS Mayport. Copies are also available at the Naval Station's Public Affairs Office, Building 1, and The Florida Times-Union, 1 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.
The deadline for all submissions is Thursday at 4 p.m., one week prior to publication. News and articles should be submitted to the Public Affairs Office, or mailed to:
The Mirror
P.O. Box 280032
Naval Station
Mayport, FL 32228-0032
Commercial: (904) 270-7817 Ext. 1012 DSN: 960-7817 Ext. 1012
Commercial FAX (904) 270-5329 DSN FAX: 960-5329
Email: mayportmirror@comcast.net
CO Actionline: 270-5589 or 1-800-270-6307
This DoD newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Contents of **The Mirror** are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Navy. Published by The Florida Times-Union, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Navy, under exclusive written contract with Naval Station Mayport, Fla. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy or The Florida Times-Union, of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. The editorial content of this publication is the responsibility of the Naval Station Mayport, Fla., Public Affairs Office.
Advertisements are solicited by the publisher. Inquiries regarding advertising should be directed to:

Ellen S. Rykert • Military Publications Manager
1 Riverside Avenue • Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 359-4168
Russ Martin • Advertising Sales Manager
(904) 359-4336 • FAX: (904) 366-6230



You are helping move research into reality.
Call 1.800.533.CURE or visit www.jdrf.org.
A CFC Participant. Provided as a public service.
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

Calendar

On Base

Tuesday, March 17

The USS Hue City Family Readiness Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at Ribault Bay Community Center in off base housing every third Tuesday of the month.

Friday, March 20

USS DeWert family readiness group will hold its monthly meeting and social at the USO on Mayport from 6-7:30 p.m. Childcare is provided.

Sunday, March 22

All Officers, past or present, of the uniformed services, are invited to join the Mayport Chapter of MOAA's monthly buffet meeting to hear Ms Diane Till, Master Gardner, talk on "Every thing to know for a beautiful lawn and garden." The meeting will be held at the Ocean Breeze CC beginning with a social hour at 12:30 p.m. followed by a roast beef buffet. For reservations, call 646-0944.

Tuesday, April 21

The USS Hue City Family Readiness Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at Ribault Bay Community Center in off base housing every third Tuesday of the month.

Out in Town

Friday, March 13

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting a Baked Chicken Dinner on from 5-8 pm, at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. A donation of \$8 is requested for each dinner. Carry out orders are accepted. Happy hour precedes the dinner from 4-6 p.m., all drinks are 50¢ off. The public is always invited to dinner. Starting at 9 p.m., the music of DOUG BRACEY will entertain until 1 a.m.

Saturday, March 14

"Wild Wonders" returns to AB Parks. Wild Wonders, a hands-on nature program for the entire family returns with a new program for spring at Atlantic Beach Dutton Island and Tideviews Preserves. Mike Rossi, and experienced educa-

tor, brings turtles, snakes, small mammals and reptiles for one-on-one encounters. Dance, storytelling and humor are interwoven into the presentations. The first program is 1 p.m. at Dutton Island Preserve pavilion. The March 28 program is held at Tideviews Preserve. Programs continue on Saturdays through June. For a map of the City of Atlantic Beach parks, visit www.coab.us/parks, and for a listing of events, visit www.coab.us/events.

Come join the "First Annual St. Patty's Day Poker Run" at the Fleet Reserve, Branch #91, on Collins Road, Orange Park. All proceeds go to your Greater Jax USO and help us continue our mission of giving everything we can to our Active Duty troops and immediate family members. Live music by Human Zoo starting at 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 for driver and \$5 for rider. Registration fee includes meal ticket, best hand/worst hand. Registration will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Last bike in at 5 p.m.

Join festivegoers at Metropolitan Park as they celebrate the THIRD ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE IRISH FESTIVAL. The festival includes entertainment appealing to all ages, including face-painting and bounce castles for the wee'uns, Irish dancing, traditional and modern Celtic music, Irish food and drink and more. Children's entertainment includes face painters, bouncy castles, and pony rides. Music entertainment includes Rathkeltair, Blaggards, Spade McQuade, Jana Light, An Triúr. Performers include Comedian/Actor Derek Coghlan, Irish Escape Artist Michael Patrick, along with Irish Dance by Glas Tara School of Dance, Drake School of Irish Dance, and Boxer/Wrestler Josh "The Irishman" Rutgers.

Join a Park Ranger at 1 p.m. for a look into the archeological resources left behind by previous cultures. Find out what we find today and what makes the Talbot Islands so significant. The program will take place at pavilion one on

Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

Staffers at the Duval Extension Service will offer A Day of Gardening on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Duval County Extension Office. Spend the day learning about growing orchids, square foot gardening, hydroponic gardening, irrigation, tomatoes, citrus, green landscapes, micro-greens, rain gardens, native plants, and more. Reserve your space by calling 904-387-8850 and send check for \$10 made payable to DCOHAC to Day of Gardening, 1010 N. McDuff Ave.

Need something that the entire family can enjoy together? Christ United Methodist Church Neptune Beach, 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach, is hosting an evening for the entire family. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. At 7 p.m. we will be showing a movie appropriate for every member of the family. Dinner is \$6 for adult, \$3 for children 8 and under. Movie is free for those who just want to spend a relaxing evening with the family. Snacks will be available for purchase during the movie. Need more information? Call the Church office at 904-249-5370.

Sunday, March 15

Beaches VFW Post 3270, at 915 8th Avenue South will sponsor a "Low Country Boil" starting at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend to help the Veterans Beaches Association support the Mayport USO Centers 'No Dough' dinners for needy families of our deployed Service Members. 100 percent of the donations collected go to the USO for this worthy cause. Give Mom a day off and come.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 hosts Breakfast on from 8-11 a.m. at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. Menu includes eggs, bacon or sausage, grits or hash-browns, biscuits & gravy, pancakes or toast. Omelets are also available. Coffee is included with all meals. A donation of \$5 for a full breakfast, or \$3 for a breakfast sandwich, is

requested. As always, the public is invited.

Palm Valley Baptist Church, 4890 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach, will hold its homecoming. Singing starts at 9:15 a.m. with the Mini-men of Meninak Choir, a group from the Florida Baptist Children's Home. They will be followed by the Ethiopian Evangelical Choir of Jacksonville. A former pastor, Rev. Jim Richards, will present the morning message. The service will be followed by fun, food, and fellowship.

Wednesday, March 18

The Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 290, invites you to participate in its "Wings-N-Things" on from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. Snacks will be available for a donation of \$1.50 to \$5. Watch the Dart League competition; then stay and enjoy the music of Doug Bracey from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Thursday, March 19

In March, the Adele Grage Cultural Center features artist Pablo Rivera with his exhibit "Visions of Dutton Island," a series of black and white and color photographs taken at Dutton Island Preserve on the Intracoastal Waterway in Atlantic Beach. Rivera, a graduate of Cooper Union Art School, was amazed at the new sources of visual stimulation each time he visits Dutton Island, so close to home and yet removed from city life. His photographs and his organic sculpture will be on exhibit through the month of March. In addition for the month, artist Janet Mulligan displays her fused glass creations. By cutting, grinding, slumping layers of dichronic, cathedral and opaque glass, her unique art emerges. A reception for the artists will be from 6 - 8 p.m. during the North Beaches Art Walk. Adele Grage Cultural Center is located at 716 Ocean Blvd in Atlantic Beach and is open to the public weekdays, 8 to noon and 1 to 4:30 pm. Visit our website at www.coab.us/events.

Friday, March 20

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association,

Branch 290, is hosting a Steak Dinner from 5-8 p.m. at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. The dinner will include baked potato and salad. A donation of \$10 is requested for each dinner. Carry-out orders are accepted. Happy hour precedes the dinner from 4-6 p.m.; all drinks are 50¢ off. After dinner, enjoy the music of Doug Bracey until 1 a.m. As always, the public is invited to attend.

Sunday, March 22

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 hosts Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. Menu includes eggs, bacon or sausage, grits or hash-browns, biscuits & gravy, pancakes or toast. Omelets are also available. Coffee is included with all meals. A donation of \$5 for a full breakfast, or \$3 for a breakfast sandwich, is requested. As always, the public is invited.

Saturday, March 28

Join a park ranger at 1 p.m. to learn about the many common species that inhabit the natural communities of the undeveloped barrier islands of northeast Florida. The program will take place at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

Sunday, March 29

Join archaeologists from 1-4 p.m. for a series of four presentations followed by a question and answer period. The presentations will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the presentations are free. Topics include: Joys of Heaven and Pains of Hell: Introduction to Spanish Missions and Visitas in the Mocama Province; Beyond Kingsley Plantation: Archaeology at the Spanish Mission San Juan del Puerto; Fort George Island, Two Missions on Harrison Creek, Amelia Island; The Curious Case of Santa Cruz y San Buenaventura de Guadalquini. For additional information on any of these programs, call

the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. For more information about Florida State Parks, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Sunday, April 5

Mayor John Peyton and the City of Jacksonville, in association with the Captains Club, invite all boaters for the 25th annual Blessing of the Fleet. It will be held on the Northbank of the St. Johns River, at 2 p.m.

The purpose of this annual tradition is to ask for good weather and safe boating conditions for all vessels during the upcoming navigational season. Reverend Father Kamal Al-Rahil from St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church will perform this year's blessing. Last year, more than 250 vessels participated in this yearly event. Boaters should arrive downtown at 1:30 p.m. and tune in to VHF channels 16 and 72. There is no limitation on the size of the vessel and registration is free. All registered captains will receive an exclusive commemorative gift. The St. Johns River will not be under any extra restrictions during the festivities. Please note the Main Street Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic from 1 - 4 p.m., Sister Cities Road will be closed from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and Hogan Street will be closed from Water Street to the St. Johns River from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The parade of boats can be viewed from both the Northbank and Southbank. To register and for more information, visit www.makeascenedowntown.com.

Join a Park Ranger at 1 p.m. for a leisurely paced hike to discover the island's natural communities. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park.

Saturday, April 11

Palm Valley Baptist Church, 4890 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach, will host an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m.-noon. All children bring an empty basket. There will be a hot dog lunch following the hunt. Individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are greatly appreciated.

RNR Custom Wheels & Performance Tires

CUSTOM WHEELS • PASSENGER TIRES • PERFORMANCE TIRES • TRUCK/SUV TIRES • NO CREDIT HASSLES • GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES

Stimulate Your Ride
with a Set of Custom Wheels and Tires!

12 MONTHS
NO INTEREST
NO PAYMENTS

See store for details.

YOU'VE GOT

YGO

OPTIONS!

www.RNRWheels.com

Proud member of



Hours We Roll
M-F 9am-7pm
Sat 9am-5pm

JACKSONVILLE, FL - Corner of 103rd & Blanding
5436-4 Blanding Blvd 904.317.9888

JACKSONVILLE, FL - 2 Miles East of Regency Mall
10140 Atlantic Blvd 904.722.0975

*12 Months - No Interest - No Payments Program is available with approved credit on select products. Product terms may vary by state. Wheel and tire brands, styles and services may vary per location. All pictures in ad are representative only. Not responsible for typographical errors in ad. Other charges may include taxes, club fees and tire disposal fees. Ownership of product is obtained once the agreed payment program has been completed. Guaranteed Lowest Price is on identical item in-stock plus installation with written quote. See store for details. Rotate & Balance for Life is available every 3000-6000 miles for the life of the tires. RNR CUSTOM WHEELS & TIRES RNR-STIMULATE-0109-300-JAX



-Photos courtesy of USS Gettysburg

USS Gettysburg rifle detail and honor guard during the first of three firing salvos.

Gettysburg Commits Veterans To Deep

By Ensign
Stephan A. Lubosch

USS Gettysburg PAO

On Feb. 22, while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, USS Gettysburg was given the honor of conducting such a time-honored Burials-at-Sea for 20 fallen comrades of the U.S. Navy and Army.

The ceremony itself was mastered by the Executive Officer, Cmdr. Scott Robertson. The Committal was read by the ship's Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. John Thomson.

Burial-at-Sea is an ancient practice, going back to the earliest days of sea faring. From the beginning of recorded time, men have been plying the seas, in search of food, trading goods, adventure - it has also been absolutely essential in the development of civilization as a keystone to globalization. The sea has also been critical for nations to apply their strategic goals, unfortunately sometimes resulting in war. Regardless of the viewpoint, the sea, with its vastness and untamed reaches, has left many honor-bound to memorialize their loved ones by committing them to the ocean depths.

The somber and stately ceremony involved the entire ship as the ship's company halted work to pay their respects. A rifle detail and honor guard stood proudly to pay respect to the fallen service members.

At the commencement of the ceremony, the ship stopped in the water and the rifle detail presented their rifles in salute as the words "All Hands Bury the

Dead," was passed throughout the ship.

Upon completion of the scripture reading, the cremated remains of each individual were ceremoniously committed to the sea.

Following the final committal, the seven-member rifle detail fired three volleys into the air. As the ship played taps, ship's company stood stoically while rendering salutes to the buried Sailors and Soldiers.

Shortly thereafter, the Officer of the Deck was ordered to resume his course and speed, and Gettysburg continued its voyage eastward across the Atlantic.

When asked about the experience, a rifle detail member, Engineman 2nd Class (SW) Winters, mentioned, "The ceremony was a new experience and gave us the opportunity to honor those who have served before us."

Since the respective family members could not be present, each family was sent pictures of the ceremony, three bullet casings fired by the rifle detail, a nautical chart marking the location of the burial and a personal letter from the commanding officer.

Gettysburg was proud to have paid tribute to these veterans and upheld the ancient naval tradition of solemnly, honorably committing remains to the deep.



Cmdr. Scott Robertson, USS Gettysburg executive officer, receives an urn before committing a veteran to the sea.

2nd Fleet Conduct Irregular Warfare Training

From U.S. 2nd Fleet Public Affairs

Second Fleet is conducting Fleet Irregular Warfare Training in the vicinity of the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC) and in the Jacksonville Operating Areas March 9-16.

Ships participating in the training include the guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) and the guided-missile cruisers USS Anzio (CG 68) and USS Philippine Sea (CG 58).

Fleet Irregular Warfare Training is intended to better prepare individual unit ship commanding officers and their crews to operate in a complex, uncertain operating environment similar to the real-world environments experienced by units involved in counterpiracy and other irregular warfare support missions.

"This initial Fleet Irregular Warfare Training event is an important step for 2nd Fleet toward improving the quality and realism of training as we provide ready maritime forces for global assignment," said Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet Vice Adm. Mel Williams Jr. "We will also continue to train and certify carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups/maritime expeditionary units for the high-end of military operations - major combat operations - but we will also ensure that individual units have the preparedness to operate alone in complex environments."

AUTEC, located in the vicinity of Andros Island, Bahamas, is a facility that supports the

full spectrum of undersea warfare by providing accurate three-dimensional tracking, performance measurement and data collection resources for assessment of fleet training, tactical and material readiness.

Ships participating in the training will perform visit board and search procedures, anti-submarine warfare, counter-piracy, hostage scenarios and air defense exercises.

"With this training we're exposing ships to many different scenarios that they're likely to see in reality," said Capt. John Kersh, commander of Destroyer Squadron 24, which is the command element for the training exercise. "What makes this training unique is that we're doing multiple training scenarios all at once."

This training will test commanding officers and their Sailors in dealing with simultaneous irregular warfare settings ranging from counterpiracy to anti-submarine warfare.

"With piracy becoming a larger problem in the world today, it's necessary we are fully prepared to conduct counterpiracy operations wherever we are deployed," said Kersh.

"This is more difficult than just finding a base where pirates are located and destroying it, as pirates often pretend to be fishermen off the coast of Somalia; they're fisherman one minute and pirates the next, making it difficult to differentiate between the two. As a result, this presents us



-Photo by MCSN Jonathan Pankau
The guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) transit westward in the Atlantic Ocean. Philippine Sea is currently conducting Fleet Irregular Warfare Training with 2nd Fleet.

with a unique and difficult situation."

Another important aspect of this training is the communication between commanding officers and the various task forces with whom they will work for when deployed.

"By exposing these [commanding officers] to the stress that they'll see over there, they'll be more prepared and ready to execute when scenarios like the ones we're training for happen," said Kersh.

Mayport Wins For Environment

By Easter R. Thompson
Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (N45) Public Affairs

The winners have been named in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards competition, sponsored by the CNO Environmental Readiness Division (N45). This year's winners include Naval Station Mayport and one of its ships.

The annual CNO Environmental Awards program recognizes Navy ships, installations, and individuals or teams for exceptional environmental stewardship. The FY 2008 competition categories included: natural resources conservation, cultural resources management,

environmental quality, pollution prevention, environmental restoration and environmental planning.

The 29 winners listed alphabetically within category are:

Environmental Planning Team Award:

- United States Fleet Forces Mayport Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Environmental Planning Team of United States Fleet Forces Command

- Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training (AFASST) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) Environmental Planning Team of United States Fleet Forces Command

- Environmental Planning

Team of Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst

Pollution Prevention Individual or Team Award:

- Pollution Prevention Team of Naval Station Mayport
- Awni M. Almasri of Naval Support Activity Bahrain
- Pollution Prevention Team of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

Environmental Quality Small Ship Award:

- USS Underwood (FFG 36)
- USNS Bridge (T-AOE 10)
- USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

Natural Resources Conservation Large Installation Award:

- Naval Air Station Fallon
- Naval Base Coronado

- Naval Base Ventura County Cultural Resources Management Installation Award:

- Commander, Fleet Activities, Okinawa, Japan
- Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan
- Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai

Cultural Resources Management Individual or Team Award:

- Pamela Anderson of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic
- Cultural Resources Team of Navy Region Hawaii
- Teruyo Nishibayashi of Commander, Fleet Activities, Okinawa, Japan

Environmental Quality

Industrial Installation Award:

- Fleet Readiness Center East
- Fleet Readiness Center Southwest

- Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

Environmental Quality Overseas Installation Award:

- Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan
- Naval Support Activity Bahrain

Pollution Prevention Non-Industrial Installation Award:

- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
- U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan
- U.S. Navy Region Center, Singapore

Environmental Restoration Installation Award:

- Naval Air Station Brunswick
- Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek
- Naval Base Ventura County

- Naval Air Station Brunswick

- Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek

- Naval Base Ventura County

John P. Quinn, acting director of the CNO Environmental Readiness Division, praised the winners.

"Bravo zulu to all award winners, and to the many other nominees. Your sustained commitment to environmental excellence is an integral part of Navy operations and essential to overall Navy mission accomplishment."

The CNO award winners will be honored June 2 in a ceremony in Washington at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center.

USS Jacksonville Makes Port Visit In Namesake



-Photo by Bill Austin

USS Jacksonville makes a last port call to its namesake city on March 9 before changing homeports to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The submarine leaves today (March 12). The crew enjoyed three days of liberty and Southern hospitality. Pictured, Sailors secure the submarine pierside with help from the C-Tractor 12 tug.

NJROTC Class Visits HSL-48 Vipers



-Photo courtesy of HSL-48

AWRC George Lansford provides some training on the SH-60 Bravo cabin section.

From HSL-48

The NJROTC unit consisting of 24 highly motivated students, along with their chaperones, visited the spaces of the World Famous HSL-48 "Vipers" on March 2.

They were greeted and escorted by AWRC George Lansford, AWR2 Daniel Anderson, AWR2 Vincent Rampino, AT3 Jared Ross, and Lt.j.g. Kevin Vannieuwenhoven.

After a quick muster, and a brief introduction to the squadron's mascot Skirt, the excited group of students and parents proceeded into the hangar for a tour and a look at the SH-60B

helicopter.

Flight helmets and flight vests were provided for some hands-on experience with gear that aviators use every day. Anderson, and Rampino demonstrated the wear and use of various pieces of SAR gear and allowed a few of the students to try them on for training and photo-ops.

After the SAR brief, the students were allowed to explore Venom 514, the aircraft on display. Each NJROTC student was able to sit in the pilot or copilot seat for a brief on various controls and instruments within the aircraft. Lansford

conducted a question and answer session inside the cabin section.

After their experience in the hangar, the group proceeded to the HSL-48 ARO for refreshments and a chance for some world famous Viper memorabilia. This was a perfect opportunity for the pilots, aircrew, and personnel of HSL-48 to show the NJROTC students from Knoxville, Tennessee, the daily operations of a Naval helicopter squadron, as well as provide some training on what they should do if they are ever picked up by a rescue helicopter.



An Anderson County High School NJROTC student poses for a photo in Venom 514 on March 2 during a visit to HSL-48.

Klaking Gains Vital Training During Exercise

By Ensign Peter Goodman

USS Klaking Public Affairs

USS Klaking (FFG 42), an Oliver Hazard Perry Class Frigate based out of Mayport, Florida, is currently assigned to Commander, Standing NATO Maritime Group - 1, where the ship and crew of approximately one-hundred and eighty sailors are fully engaged in conducting maritime warfare scenarios as part of NATO's Loyal Mariner 09 exercise series.

The exercise, which began March 2, has given the NATO allies participat-

ing the opportunity to evolve both their interoperability with other navies as well as each ship's own tactical war fighting skills.

In the waters off the coast of Sardinia, Klaking, along with approximately 28 surface ships, 20 aircraft, and two submarines are conducting real-time Surface Warfare, Air Warfare, Undersea Warfare, and Maritime Interdiction Operations as part of NATO's robust training scenarios.

"U.S. participation in these exercises reiterates our commitment

to our enduring partners throughout Europe who have been and continue to be strong allies," remarked Klaking Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Scott M. Smith.

In addition to gaining tactical training, the exercise has provided real-time Information Operations and Public Affairs training to the ships involved. Through the experience of embarking exercise press on board, Klaking's collateral duty public affairs officers are gaining valuable training and insight into what it takes to effectively manage

media engagement at sea.

With several days still left in the exercise, Klaking is hoping to gain additional opportunities to flex their command and control systems to prepare Klaking for future engagements with NATO ships.

Klaking has been operating with German ship FGS Emden and Portuguese ship NRP Alvares Cabral prior to beginning LM 09, acting as a very high readiness element for NATO in the region.

While reflecting on the strong heri-

tage of NATO's maritime forces, Smith added, "the NATO alliance is nearing 60 years of providing peace and stability; those aboard Klaking have fathers and grandfathers that have served under that same flag."

Klaking and fellow NATO ships continue to build upon that robust heritage every day while operating to promote peace and stability.

Klaking is currently on a scheduled six-month deployment and is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fourteen.

Klaking Teams With French Navy In FANAL 09

By Ensign Peter Goodman

USS Klaking Public Affairs

While assigned to Commander, Standing Maritime NATO Group (SNMG) 1, USS Klaking (FFG 42) helped prepare the Charles de Gaulle Strike Group (CDGSG) Feb. 24 for her upcoming deployment.

SNMG-1 ships consisting of FGS Emden, NRP Alvares Cabral, and Klaking served as the opposing force while participating in the FANAL 09 exercise.

The CDGSG, comprised of two destroyers, the oiler, FS Meuse, and anchored by the French nuclear aircraft carrier, FS Charles de Gaulle, are in the midst of completing a final multi-warfare training exercise before a scheduled deployment.

The exercise provided Klaking the unique opportu-

nities to conduct maritime interoperability operations with not only other allied navies, but to do so while gaining tactical warfighting experience in a more complex and dynamic maritime environment than she does so regularly.

"As OPFOR, we had the unique opportunity to develop our own strategies to best conduct harassment training scenarios as part of our simulated attacks against the CDGSG," remarked Lt. Michael Beatty, Klaking Combat System's officer. "The exercise has certainly helped strengthen Klaking's own tactical warfighting capabilities."

The performance of the SNMG-1 assets directly helped to sharpen the coordination, communication, and warfare employment skills of the strike

group warships and battle staffs.

Klaking's participation in FANAL 09 helps execute the United States' Maritime Strategy as well by both strengthening relations with allied navies and enhancing Allied ability to maintain maritime superiority. "Our ability to work as a team against a superior force and achieve commendable results demonstrates the seamless interoperability that we share with our NATO allies - a vital component in providing global maritime security and preventing conflict. It is exercises like these that strengthen regional maritime partnerships."

Klaking is on a scheduled six month deployment. She is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 14 and homeported in Mayport, Fla.



-File Photo

USS Klaking (FFG 42) is currently underway on a six-month deployment assigned to Commander, Standing NATO Maritime Group - 1.

Multi-Nation Tradewinds Exercise Is Underway

By Marine Corps Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink

Special to American Forces Press Service

More than 400 U.S. servicemembers, as well as security forces and officials from the Caribbean nation and British Royal Marines, were on hand here last week for the opening ceremonies of the 25th annual Tradewinds exercise.

"This exercise is yet another demonstration of the U.S. government's commitment to the peace and security of the Bahamas, the Caribbean region and the Western Hemisphere through a continuous program of cooperation among all partner nations," Timothy Zuniga-Brown, charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in the Bahamas, said in his opening remarks.

Tradewinds is a chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed, U.S. Southern Command-sponsored annual exercise designed to improve cooperation and interoperability of partner nations in responding to regional security threats.

"The Tradewinds exercise, now in its 25th year, has established itself as an essential and dynamic collaborative framework for improving cooperation and interoperability among participating countries to confront head-on [the] grave security challenges in the Caribbean region," Bahamas National Security Minister O.A. "Tommy" Turnquest said.

Turnquest thanked the U.S. government and Southcom for their support through the Tradewinds exercise series and the Enduring Friendship program, through which the nation received four interceptor vessels

to help its own security efforts.

The program provides high-speed interceptor boats with extensive communication and surveillance suites, as well as a command, control and communication package that links U.S. Joint Interagency Task Force South with partner nations' operations centers to track and coordinate seizure of illicit maritime traffic.

"The focus of this year's activities on maritime interdiction is critical and timely, and is in line with our determination that every effort should be made to prevent a significant upsurge in drug trafficking in the Caribbean region," Turnquest said.

Marine Corps Lt. Col. Trent Blackson of Marine Corps Forces South, the exercise director, emphasized the effect of the cooperative effort.

"Exercise Tradewinds 2009 provides an excellent opportunity for our forces to train together to counter the illicit trafficking threat," he said. "We have brought together a team of experts with wide-ranging skill sets to improve our collective capability across the Caribbean Basin to stop the flow of illegal narcotics, weapons, explosives, terrorists and human traffick-

ing."

Given those issues affecting maritime traffic, as well as the area's vulnerability to natural disasters such as hurricanes, Turnquest said he is "pleased with the focus on search-and-rescue operations, with emphasis on command and control," and that he's "convinced the training will provide invaluable expertise and experience for all participants."

Nations participating in Tradewinds 2009 include Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, St. Kitts-Neves, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad-Tobago, the United Kingdom and U.S.

In addition to servicemembers from the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force and the National Guard, U.S. participation includes members of Joint Interagency Task Force South, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Partner nations' maritime security forces, Royal Marine commandos and personnel from the Caribbean Regional Security System also will participate.



SERVE AGAIN ON YOUR OWN GROUND

The Air Force Reserve is offering part-time opportunities for Medical Professionals with excellent benefits, including choice of home base, education assistance, secure employment and competitive pay.

Continue to build close friendships, serve your country and participate in experiences unique to the military.

Accomplish extraordinary things while you achieve your personal goals.

Choose your home base and you will not be transferred. Receive low cost TRICARE health insurance. Maintain retirement benefits. In most cases you can retain your rank. Specific jobs come with signing bonuses.



800-AFR-8279 • AFReserve.com/Prior



He's got a cold nose, a warm heart, and eyes for two.

Since 1946, the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind has been providing guide dogs free of charge to blind people seeking increased mobility, independence, and the companionship a guide dog provides.

GuideDog Foundation 371 E. Jericho Tpke. Smithtown, NY 11787 1-800-548-4337 www.guidedog.org

a CFC participant Provided as a public service

THE 14th ANNUAL
**Amelia Island
Concours d'Elegance**
March 13-15, 2009

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida
The Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach

HONORING
David Hobbs

CELEBRATING
50th Anniversaries
**Formula 1 at Sebring
Indy Cars at Daytona**

FEATURING
**Cars of
Bohman & Schwartz**

Jim Rathmann / Simoniz Special
United States Auto Club 100-Mile Race
Daytona International Speedway
April 4, 1959

Bruce McLaren / Cooper T51
United States F1 Grand Prix
Sebring International Raceway
December 19, 1959

photography by Claude Haycraft
courtesy of Bill Warner

RM AUCTIONS
Automobiles of Amelia • March 14

For Advance Tickets & Event Information Visit
www.ameliacconcours.org

557284

CRIMINAL & FAMILY LAW

Call for a **FREE** consultation.
A law firm of "Vets" fighting for you!

The Law Offices of
RON SHOLES, P.A.

www.ronsholespa.com

OFFICE LOCATIONS: Jacksonville (904) 721-7575 | Orange Park (904) 269-7573

551291

John L. Hall Celebrates Black History Month

By Ensign T. J. Orth

USS John L. Hall PAO

Sailors aboard USS John L. Hall concluded the celebration of African-American History Month on Feb. 27 with a special luncheon and a presentation of milestones in U.S. history in which African-Americans played a significant role.

Organized by the First Class Petty Officers' Association (FCPOA) with the help of many volunteers throughout the ship, the event was a great success.

Culinary Specialist First Class (SW) James Holmes coordinated the meal, which included barbecue spare ribs, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, collard greens, and cornbread, and was prepared by volunteers from the crew. The fried chicken, the centerpiece of the meal, was prepared by Cryptologic Technician Technical 2nd Class (SW) Russell Ledet and Quartermaster 3rd Class (SW/AW) Maurice Reid.

"I wanted to present my ethnicity to my shipmates and give them a glimpse of my background," said Petty Officer Ledet, who is a native of Louisiana.

Two cakes, provided by the FCPOA, completed the feast. Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Lydale Hyde arranged for the cakes and coordinated the different groups involved, which also included the Command Assessment Team.

"We started putting it together at the beginning of February. I was really surprised by how many of the junior Sailors, Seamen and Seamen

Recruits especially, were willing to speak in front of the whole crew. I really liked how everyone, regardless of race, helped to make it all work," said Hyde.

Each portion of the presentation was conducted by a different crewmember and covered significant milestones involving African-Americans in US History.

Seamen Daleth Darrington presented the decade of the 1980s, including Vanessa Williams becoming the first African-American to win the Miss America Pageant and the designation of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday.

"I enjoyed it because everyone appreciated it [the presentation]. The mood around the mess-decks was really good and everyone enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot about black history in general," Darrington said.

That sentiment was echoed by Seamen Owen Mortimer, who said, "I felt like I should have an impact and show my appreciation for Black History Month by participating. It's something everyone should learn about and I was proud I had the opportunity to speak. I'm glad the John L. Hall took the time to celebrate, because we need to look at and understand the past to have a better future."

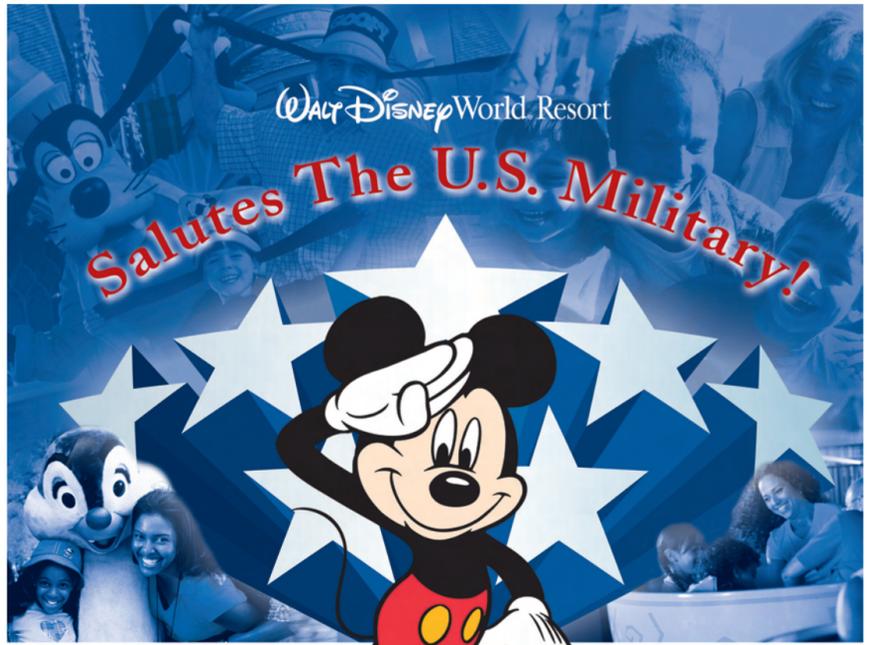
USS John L. Hall's Command Senior Chief, Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician Technical (SW) Dion Beauchamp, enjoyed the event.

"The presentation was very good and I learned a lot," he said. "I was very impressed."



-Photo courtesy of USS John L. Hall

USS John L. Hall Sailors cut a cake in honor of African-American History Month. The crew celebrated the month with a special luncheon and presentation of African-American milestones in U.S. history.



WALT DISNEY World Resort

Salutes The U.S. Military!

JANUARY 4 - DECEMBER 23, 2009

Active and Retired U.S. Military Receive a
FREE FIVE-DAY TICKET

Disney's ARMED FORCES SALUTE

Active and Retired U.S. Military personnel may obtain one complimentary 5-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Ticket with Park Hopper® and Water Park Fun & More Options and may purchase up to five 5-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, tax not included. Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets for Walt Disney World® Resort can be obtained at participating military base ticket offices, including Shades of Green Resort at Walt Disney World® or at Main Entrance theme park ticket windows. Tickets are not valid until activated at the theme park ticket window. Tickets and options must be used by December 23, 2009.

NEW LOWER PRICES

KB HOME

WE'RE ROLLING THEM OUT AT WATERLEAF!



Amazing new prices.
Own for an even lower
monthly payment than before!

Your Built to Order™ experience puts you in charge. Create a home that reflects your style while staying within your budget. And watch it take shape right before your eyes. You'll fall in love before you even move in.



Waterleaf in Jacksonville Homes from the \$160s

- 1,403–3,385 sq. ft.
- 2–3 baths
- 3–6 bedrooms
- 2-car garages

This beautiful established community offers homeowners no CDD fees and a low HOA. Enjoy an amenities center with a clubhouse, pool, water park and playground. Beautiful homesites that back to private wooded surroundings and waterfront areas are available. Get more home for your money at Waterleaf!



From Hwy. 9A, head east on Atlantic Blvd. approx 2.2 mi. Turn left on Kerner Blvd. to community 1 mi. ahead on left. (904) 645-6724

888-KB-HOMES

Building quality new homes since 1957.

kbhome.com



Broker Cooperation Welcome. ©2009 KB Home (KBH). Payment of Broker Co-op requires Broker to accompany and register buyer on first visit and comply with Broker Co-op Agreement. See Built to Order™ options and upgrades offered at KB Home Studio. All options/ upgrades require additional charges, may require ordering at predetermined stages of construction and are subject to change/discontinuation anytime by KB Home. KB Home is not a custom homebuilder and Built to Order only applies to appliances/options available at KB Home Studio. Plans, pricing, financing, terms, availability and specifications subject to change/prior sale without notice and may vary by neighborhood, lot location and home series. Additional charges apply for lot premiums, options/upgrades. Buyer responsible for all taxes, insurance and other fees. Sq. footage is approximate. HOA applies. Continued scope/preservation of wooded/waterfront areas subject to change and is not guaranteed. Photo shows upgraded landscaping/options and may not represent community's lowest-priced homes. Map not to scale. See sales representative for details. JAX-78237



MWR Happenings

March 12: MWR Expo and Travel Show. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ocean Breeze Conference Center. Event features free information on MWR programs, base programs, travel and vacation destinations, hotels, free food samples, giveaways and more. 270-5228

March 14: Saturday Cinema - Double Feature. Dr. Seuss, Horton Hears a Who (G) at 7 p.m. Seven Pounds (PG-13) at 9 p.m. Movies will be shown in the Main Hall at Beachside Community Center on the Mega 20-foot screen. Light refreshments available for purchase.

270-7198

March 17: St Patty's Day Spin-A-Thon. Ride to raise awareness of wounded warriors. Ten rides throughout the day (7 a.m.-5:45 p.m.) each lasting 45 minutes each. Sign up by calling 270-7134.

March 17: St Patty's Day Bowling Special. All day bowling pass only \$7 at Mayport Bowling Center. Come and go all day (open 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.). Shoes are included. Limited lanes available after 6 p.m. due to league bowling. 270-5377

March 20-22: Open Water

Scuba Certification Course. Cost is \$290 complete and includes all gear, course materials, instruction, two days admission to the springs, two nights lodging, transportation and certification. No equipment purchase required! Pre-registration is required. 270-52221

March 21: No Saturday Cinema This Week. No movies due to a private function in the Main Hall. Movies resume March 28.

March 23: Intramural Soccer Begins. Sign up at the Gym. 270-5451

Liberty Call

The following activities target single or unaccompanied Sailors. For more information, call 270-7788/89 or stop by Planet Mayport Single Sailor Center and pick up the monthly activity calendar with a complete listing of all upcoming Liberty events.

March 12: MWR Expo and Travel Show. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ocean Breeze Conference Center. Event features free information on MWR programs,

base programs, travel and vacation destinations, hotels, free food samples, giveaways and more. 270-5228

March 12: Comedy Zone Trip. Free trip includes transportation, admission and appetizers. Pre-registration is required.

March 13: Prize Pong Meets Fear Factor. Take the challenge every Friday during March at Planet Mayport. Free event.

March 16: Barracks Break

In. Free pizza and a movie in the lounge of Bldg. 2105 starting at 6 p.m.

March 19: Bowling Tournament. Free bowling, shoe rental and food at Mayport Bowling Center starting at 6 p.m.

March 21-22: Street Ball Tournament. 3-on-3 free basketball tournament starting at 12 p.m. Sign up at Planet Mayport.

Kid Zone

March 13: Freedom Friday, St. Patty's Dance. 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Center for elementary ages. Cost is \$7 in advance or \$9 the day of (if space is available). 270-5680

March 14: Saturday Cinema - Double Feature. Dr. Seuss, Horton Hears a Who (G) at 7 p.m. Seven Pounds (PG-13) at 9 p.m. Movies will be shown in the Main Hall at Beachside

Community Center on the Mega 20-foot screen. Light refreshments available for purchase. 270-7198

March 21: Teen Night. 8-11 p.m. at Club Teen for middle and high school ages. 270-5680

March 21: No Saturday Cinema This Week. No movies due to a private function in the Main Hall. Movies resume March 28.

March 30-April 3: Spring Break Youth Day Camp. Registration is currently in progress for ages 6-12 (age 5 if in Kindergarten). Register at the Youth Activities Center Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Limited space is available. Fees are based on total family income. 270-5680

MWR Sports/Fitness

Fitness

The Surfside Fitness schedule is as follows:

Monday

7 a.m., TRX
9:30 a.m., Power Walking
9:30 a.m., Broken Hearts with LaPlace

1 p.m., Moms in Motion

4:30 p.m., Zumba

Tuesday

6:30 a.m., Yoga
9:30 a.m., LoImpact
11:30 a.m., Advanced Mind Body

1 p.m., Strength Solutions & Flexibility Fix-Ups

Wednesday

6:30 a.m., Functional Flexibility and Stress Management

9:30 a.m., Intro to Mind Body

Noon, Lunch Crunch

1 p.m., Moms in Motion

3 p.m., TRX

5:30 p.m., Kids Clinic

5:30 p.m., Kickboxing

Thursday

The Fitness P.O.W. is Cardio:
Jacobs Ladder;
Strength: TRX;
Stretch: Adductors

9:30 a.m., Pump and Grind
11:30 a.m., Zumba
1 p.m., Strength Solutions & Flexibility Fix-Ups

Friday

7 a.m., Beach Bootcamp
9:30 a.m., Broken Hearts
9:30 a.m., Fitness Equipment Training

The Gym schedule is as follows:

Monday

6 a.m., Weight Training for Warfighters with Ruthie

11:30 a.m., Circuit Senations with LaPlace

3 p.m., Command Row-bics with LaPlace

Tuesday

6 a.m., Command Cardio Pump with Traci

11:30 a.m., Resistance with Traci

3 p.m., Conditioning for Running with LaPlace

4:30 p.m., Spinning

5:45 p.m., Fitness Equipment Training with LaPlace

Wednesday

7 a.m., Cardio, Combat and CORE with Traci

11:30 a.m., Spinning with Traci

Thursday

7 a.m., Command Jump and Jab with Ruthie

11:30 a.m., Row-bics with Ruthie

3 p.m., Victory PRT with Mia

Friday

6:30 a.m., Command Spinning with Ruthie

9:30 a.m., Intro to Spinning with Mia

11:30 a.m., Strength Training Basics for Women with Traci

2009 CPO Birthday Golf Tournament and Luncheon

Celebrating 116 Years of Navy Chief Petty Officers

Welcome Chief Petty Officers, Active and Retired

Tuesday, 31 March 2009

Golf Tournament & Luncheon ~ \$40

Includes golf with cart followed by food/social and door prizes at 1300 at Foc'sle CPO Club.

Luncheon & Social Only ~ \$10

(1300 at Foc'sle CPO Club) Includes food/social and door prizes for those not participating in the golf tournament.

Tickets On Sale NOW!

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 24 March

For more information or for event tickets, contact

CMC Deb Davidson at (902) 270-5688 or deborah.davidson@navy.mil

BMC Tony Seward at (904) 270-5250 x221 or tony.seward@navy.mil

Join us for the dedication of Barracks Bldg. 2105 to MCPON Delbert D. Black on the following day... Wednesday, 1 April 2009 at 1000.

DISCLAIMER: The Navy, nor any part of the federal government, does not officially endorse any company, sponsor, or their products or services.

Spring Break Youth Day Camp

March 30-April 3
Camp Hours: 6:10 a.m.-6:20 p.m.

Ages 6-12
(Age 5, if attending Kindergarten)

Registration now in progress at MWR Mayport's Youth Activities Center

Registration continues Mon thru Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m. until all spaces are filled

Payment due at time of registration*
*Payment is due Friday, March 13 for those currently enrolled in Before and After School Care.

Additional Camp Details...

- ✓ If your child is not currently enrolled in our Central Youth Management System, please come in prior to registration to be added.
- ✓ Two (2) weeks notice is required for any cancellations from camp.
- ✓ Children will receive breakfast, morning snack and afternoon snack.
- ✓ Lunch is not provided.
- ✓ Field trip fees are included in weekly fees.
- ✓ Activities and field trips will be scheduled daily.
- ✓ Activity schedules will be available on March 2, 2009.
- ✓ Children are assigned to an age appropriate classroom with counselors that maintain a 1-15 ratio (1-12, if Kindergarten) in the building and 1-10 ratio out of the building.

Fees are based on total family income and a fee scale

Info? (904) 270-5680

Show us your green...

OPEN 10:30 a.m. 'TIL 10 P.M.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TUESDAY, MARCH 17

ALL DAY BOWLING PASS ONLY \$7 (SHOES INCLUDED)

Come and go all day. Limited lanes after 6 p.m. due to league bowling.

MAYPORT BOWLING CENTER (904) 270-5377

LIQUORS

1401 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266

www.goldenoxliquor.com

(904) 249-1876

Located in Days Inn

OPEN 7 DAYS, 10 AM till LATE

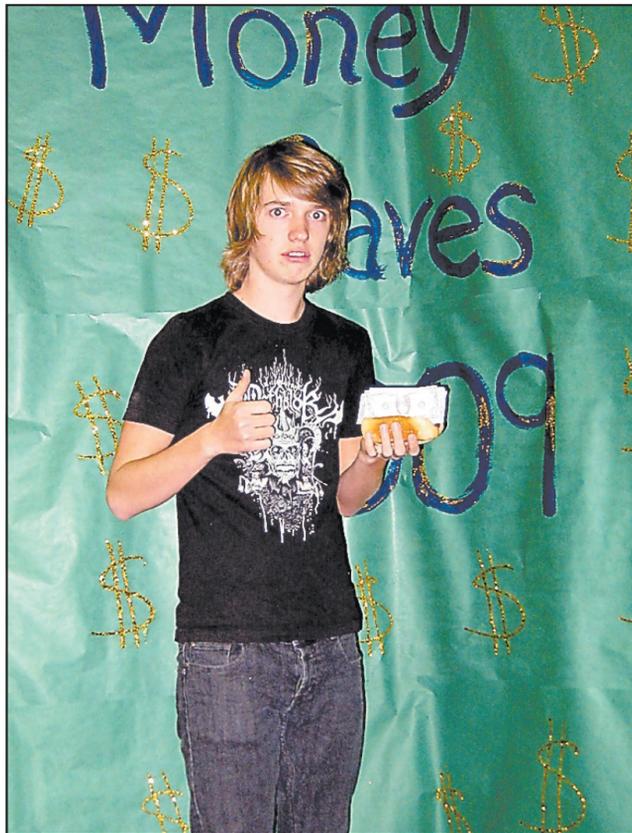
BEER SPECIALS			
<p>Full Moon 12 pack bottles \$9.99</p> <p>WE NOW CARRY IRON CITY BEER</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 4 packs ea. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Red Stripe 12 pack bottles \$11.99</p> <p>COME SEE OUR IMPORTS SECTION</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 4 packs ea. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Bud, Bud Light, Miller Lite & Coors Light</p> <p>12oz - 12 pack cans or bottles \$8.99</p> <p>12oz - 18 pack cans or bottles \$12.99</p> <p>Everyday Low Price \$13.99</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 4 packs ea. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Presidente 12 pack bottles \$8.99</p> <p>Miller Genuine 64 6 pack bottles \$3.99</p> <p>Highlife, Icehouse, & Keystone 12oz - 18 pack cans \$8.99</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 4 packs ea. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>
SPECIALS			
<p> Jameson Irish Whiskey 750ml \$19.99</p>	<p> Seagram's 7 Crown 1.75L \$17.99</p>	<p> Jagermeister 750ml \$19.99</p>	<p> Grey Goose Vodka 750ml \$25.99</p>
<p> Johnny Walker Red Scotch 1.75L \$29.99</p>	<p> Jim Beam Bourbon 1.75L \$22.99</p>	<p> Bacardi Light Rum 1.75L \$18.99</p>	<p> Ketel One Vodka 1.75L \$32.99</p>
<p> Seagram's Extra Dry Gin 1.75L \$17.99</p>	<p> Smirnoff Vodka 1.75L \$17.99</p>	<p> Courvoisier VS Cognac 750ml \$25.99</p>	<p> Kahlua Coffee Liqueur 1.75L \$24.99</p>
<p> Bailey's Irish Cream 750ml \$16.99</p>	<p> Patron Silver Tequila 750ml \$37.99</p>	<p> Cook's Champagne 1.5L \$11.99</p>	<p> Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut 750ml \$5.99</p>
<small>While supplies last, with coupon. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small>			
WINE SPECIALS			
<p>Fish Eye & Turning Leaf Sonoma Cabernet</p> <p>750ml \$4.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Rosemont Diamond Chardonnay & Talus Varieties</p> <p>750ml \$4.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>		
<p>Robert Mondavi Private Collection</p> <p>750ml \$5.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Gnarly Head, Smoking Loon, Blackstone, Ravenswood Varieties</p> <p>750ml \$6.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>		
<p>Barefoot Varieties</p> <p>1.5L</p>	<p>Woodbridge Varieties</p>		
<p>Clos Du Bois Chardonnay</p> <p>750ml \$7.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>	<p>Cavit Pinot Grigio</p> <p>1.5L \$8.99ea</p> <p><small>While supplies last, with coupon. Limit 12 bottles. Expires 04/15/09 (MYPTM GO)</small></p>		

PAY YOUR BILLS AT

GOLDEN OX LIQUORS NEPTUNE BEACH

Pricing Available at Neptune Beach Location Only.

Mayport Youth Celebrate Military Saves Week



-Photos courtesy of MWR

Children at Mayport's Youth Activities Center participated in Military Saves Week Feb. 23-27. Throughout the week, elementary-age children earned "money" by attending Boys and Girls Club programs. The "money" was logged in each child's account register and at the end of the week, each child was allowed to spend his or her "money" at a Military Saves Carnival. Carnival booths were designed and run by youth in the Torch and Keystone Clubs. For more information on school age programs at Naval Station Mayport, including Boys and Girls Clubs, call 270-5680. Above, Torch Club members run the Rubber Ducky booth at the Youth Military Saves Carnival. Children from the Youth Activities Center earned "money" throughout the week to spend at the carnival. Right, Dylan Massey, age 17, shows off his "money" at the Military Saves Carnival. Dylan is part of the Boys and Girls Clubs Keystone Club at MWR's Teen Center.

Juvenile diabetes strikes one child

Every hour.

Thank you for making life-saving research possible.
Call 1.800.533.CURE
or visit www.jdrf.org.



dedicated to finding a cure

A CFC Participant.
Provided as a public service.



Dog Houses, Shadow Boxes Made to order

Manuel Bello Woodworking

645-7767

www.goatlocker.org/bellovincent

Navigate Life Of Navy Spouse

From COMPASS

A program aims to help spouses navigate the Navy will hold a COMPASS session from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. from March 18-20, at the Base Chapel.

If you were about to go on an extended journey to a foreign country, you would want to do research and learn as much as you could to make your trip enjoyable and successful.

You might need a passport, guidebook, and map to start off in the right direction. Now, think about a spouse embarking on his or her journey as a Navy spouse for the first time. To this spouse, the Navy seems like a foreign land with its own language, customs, traditions, health care system, inherent moves, and deployments.

COMPASS is a standardized Team-Mentoring pro-

gram developed by spouses for spouses. COMPASS focuses on spouses new to the Navy, however; all spouses are welcome. COMPASS improves quality of life through education, enabling spouses to understand, experience and meet the challenges of the Navy lifestyle.

Mentors must have been married to their sailors for at least three years, have taken the COMPASS course, and willing to be mentor trained. If you would like to get involved with Please contact Team Leader Melanie Cullum, 904-200-7751 or email compassmayport@nsfamilyline.org

For more information or to register, go to www.gocompass.org. Babysitting is free.

Saturday Cinema

March 2009

Featuring a variety of movie options starting at 7 p.m. every Saturday at Beachside Community Center's Main Hall.

Chips, candy and soda will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (904) 270-7198.

Day	Time	Movie	Rating
Saturday, March 14	7 p.m.	Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who	(G)
	9 p.m.	Seven Pounds	(PG-13)
Saturday, March 21	No movies this week.		
Saturday, March 28	7 p.m.	Igor	(PG)
	9 p.m.	Body of Lies	(R)

EXPO AND TRAVEL MWR SHOW

2009

Thursday, March 12, 2009
10am 'til 1pm
Ocean Breeze Conference Center

featuring:
MWR Program Info
Hotels & Resorts
Local Attractions
Orlando Attractions
Vacation Destinations
Base Programs
Food Samples
PLUS Lots of Giveaways!

(904) 270-5228

Introducing Friends & Family.®

Unlimited calling to any 10 numbers. Anywhere in America. Anytime.

Get the best value in wireless.

Choose 10 numbers to share on any Nationwide Family SharePlan® with 1400 Anytime Minutes or more.

Choose 5 numbers on any Nationwide Single-Line Plan with 900 Anytime Minutes or more.

Activation fees, taxes & other charges apply.*

Choose any numbers on any network. Even landlines.

Plus, get unlimited talk with America's Largest Mobile to Mobile Calling Family. Over 80 million strong.

★ ★ ★ ★

All Active, Veteran, Guard and Reserve Military Personnel Receive 15% Off.

Monthly Access on calling plans \$39.99 or higher.

★ ★ ★ ★

Buy any BlackBerry®, get one FREE!

All phones require new 2-yr. activation on a voice plan with email feature, or email plan. Free BlackBerry of equal or lesser value. All 2-yr. prices: BlackBerry Storm: \$199.99, BlackBerry Curve and BlackBerry 8830: \$169.99 - \$70 mail-in rebate debit card, BlackBerry Pearl: \$119.99 - \$100 mail-in rebate debit card. While supplies last.

BlackBerry Curve™ BlackBerry Storm™ BlackBerry 8830 BlackBerry Pearl™

Switch to America's Largest and Most Reliable Wireless Network.

Active Personnel verizonwireless.com/discount **Government Sales** findmyvzwrep.com or 1.800.561.6227

VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES Open 7 days a week. Technicians available at select locations.

JACKSONVILLE 13534 Beach Blvd. 904-223-1795	REGENCY 9344 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 1 904-721-4970
LAKE CITY Inside Lake City Mall 386-719-2173	SOUTHSIDE Avenues Mall 904-538-3850
MANDARIN 10400 San Jose Blvd. 904-880-8282	ST. AUGUSTINE Ponce de Leon Mall 904-794-9628
ORANGE PARK 1911-1 Wells Rd. 904-215-9444	

In Collaboration with **Alcatel-Lucent**

BJ's WHOLESALE CLUB Verizon Wireless not available at all BJ's Membership Clubs.

MEXICO Aceptamos La Matricula Consular

*Our Surcharges (incl. Fed. Univ. Svc. of 9.5% of interstate & int'l telecom charges (varies quarterly), 7¢ Regulatory & 85¢ Administrative/line/mo. & others by area) are not taxes (details: 1-888-684-1888); gov't taxes & our surcharges could add 6%-26% to your bill. Activation fee/line: \$35 (\$25 for secondary Family SharePlan lines w/ 2-yr. Agmts).
IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Customer Agmt, Calling Plan, rebate form & credit approval. Up to \$175 early termination fee per line, up to 40¢/min after allowance & add'l charges apply for data sent or received (incl. Mobile Web ads). Friends & Family: Only domestic landline or wireless numbers (other than directory assistance, 900 numbers or customer's own wireless or Voice Mail access numbers) may be added; all qualifying lines on an account share the same Friends & Family numbers, up to account's eligibility limits; My Verizon required to set up and manage Friends & Family numbers. BlackBerry, RIM, Research In Motion, SureType® and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world. Offers & coverage, varying by service, not available everywhere. Network details & coverage maps at verizonwireless.com. © 2009 Verizon Wireless.

IFFMILY 581764

Hue City Completes CMTQ

By Ensign Fredrick Buckley and FC1 (SW) Gust Tatlas

USS Hue City
 USS Hue City is pleased to announce the successful completion of their Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). CMTQ is a rigorous combat scenario that certifies a ship's crew to utilize Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Tomahawk land attack missiles. It is a complex scenario during which all Combat Systems and Weapons rates work together. The scenario simulates hos-

tile ships in the immediate area. The order comes to neutralize any specific hostiles (using Harpoons) to support the ship's Strike Warfare tasking (using Tomahawk missiles). This scenario assumes a "worst case" environment. Operation Specialists track hostile contacts and launch Harpoons at them while coordinating with other "ships" (computer simulations) to remove other hostile contacts, which clears the Tomahawk flight paths so the Tomahawk Fire Controlmen may hit their

intended target. It is necessary for cruise missile capable warships to obtain this qualification in order to train, self-assess, and participate in actual cruise missile launches while deployed. CMTQ consists of 3 phases: CM1, a one week evolution; CM2, also one week; and the actual Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, which is a one day final examination. Ships are allowed a second day in case a backup is required.



-Photo courtesy of USS Hue City
 USS Hue City's Strike and Operations Divisions qualified earlier in the training cycle than any other cruiser in the Mayport basin, proudly completing CM1 in one week, CM2 in one day, and CMTQ on the first day for the final examination.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2009



Little Europe in the heart of Jacksonville Beach

European Delights

- British Sheppards Pie
- German Leberkäse
- Polish Fresh Smoked Sausage

1131 3rd Street N. Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 • (904) 249-0007

Imported groceries: British, German, Greek, Hungarian, Polish, and more!
 Check out our Daily Lunch Specials and Paninis!

MON-SAT 10:30am-9pm • SUN 11am-8pm

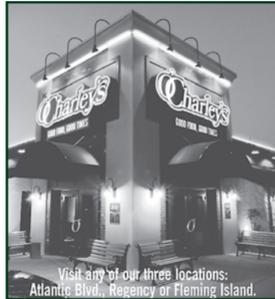
Gyros, Souvlaki, Hummus, & more.
 Try our homemade authentic desserts!

10 Donner Rd Atlantic Beach, FL
904-241-0070

Greek Specialties

Traditional Greek fare comprised of fresh & natural ingredients which bring the subtlety of Athens to Atlantic Beach





Good Food, Good Times & A Great Offer!

\$5 Off

Any \$20 Food Purchase

Charley's

GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES

Limit one per party per visit. Not valid with any other offer or discount. Tax and gratuity not included. Expires 6/30/09. www.ocharleys.com



CASH For Your Opinion

Lawyers want your opinions. \$60 for 6 hrs-CASH.
 Availability on 4/2, 4/3, 4/4.
 Location: Hotel, downtown Jacksonville.
 Call (800) 727-5056

Fly's tie Irish pub



Navy Welcome!

(904) 246-4293 E. Sailfish Dr.
 Atlantic Beach, FL 32233



Block Party
 Live Music Starts @ 7:00 PM
 on
ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
 Live Leprechauns & Green Beer



1521 Margaret St. • Five-Points Now Open For Lunch! 854.9300
 obrotherspub.com

Royal Gallery

FINE HOME FURNISHINGS

Quality Contemporary Furniture

(904) 213-0888

LOCATED INSIDE REGENCY SQUARE MALL
 ALSO LOCATED AT 80 BLANDING BLVD.
 ACROSS FROM OP MALL



Delivery available

2009



IRISH FEST

WWW.JAXIRISHFES.COM

MARCH 14, 2009

METRO PARK

\$10 ADULTS \$2 KIDS



1487-1 Mayport Road
 Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

Tel (904) 247-9991

Business Hours:
 Monday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 9:30 pm
 Friday: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm
 Saturday: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm
 Sunday: 12:00 noon - 9:30 pm

GRAND BUFFET

優

Not The Largest But The Best Buffet In Town!

CHINESE BUFFET RESTAURANT & SUSHI

Bring coupon for \$1.00 OFF per table

BUFFET TO GO AVAILABLE

10% Military Disc. ALL U CAN EAT LUNCH

Monday - Saturday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Adult \$6.89

Kids 3 - 8 \$3.99 • 9 - 11 \$4.99

Kids Under 2 EAT FREE

DINNER

Mon. - Thurs. 4:00 pm Close

Adult \$8.99

Kids 3 - 8 \$4.99 • 9 - 11 \$5.99

Kids Under 2 EAT FREE

New Location!



Walk-ins Welcome!

\$50 off

Permanent Cosmetic Make Up

\$35

Color Touch Up

\$5

Haircuts for Military Only

\$45

Touch-up Relaxer & Style

*Offers only available with coupon

ALL CUTS SALON

Look & feel your best

2777 Mayport Rd, Ste. 2
 Atlantic Beach, FL 32233
 (904) 242-2421

Ann O'Malley's

Downtown St Augustine's Only Authentic Irish Pub

23 Orange St - 904-825-4040

www.annomalleys.com

STGCS(SW)RE1 John Cunningham - Proprietor

You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start Early!

Tuesday 3/17 - St Patrick's Day

Dave Dowling & Irish Dancers LIVE!

Traditional St Patricks Day Menu

3/20 - Chelsea Saddler LIVE!

Monday - \$3 Hot Dogs

Tuesday - FREE Texas Holdem

Wednesday - Open Mic

Thursday - Trivia

Sunday - Beef On Weck

Setanta Sports - NHL Center Ice

A law firm of "Vets" fighting for YOU!

YOUR ACCIDENT AND INJURY ATTORNEYS

You hurt? We FIGHT!

DUI & Criminal Defense
 Family Law




ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

Call us for a free consult.

721-7575 | www.ronsholespa.com

The Law Offices of

RON SHOLES P.A.

A LAW FIRM OF VETERANS

ATTORNEYS: Ronald Sholes, USN - 10 Yrs;
 Mike Quimby, USN - 8 Yrs; Scott Burrell, USN - 8 Yrs;
 Garry Crews, USMC Ret.; Jody Ward, USMC - 4 Yrs.

■ JACKSONVILLE

■ ORANGE PARK

■ STARKE

WWW.RONSHOLESPA.COM

INVESTIGATORS:
 Brian Schroeder, USN Ret.
 Brian Wyatt, USN Ret.

TO SPOTLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS CALL JULIE DINNEWETH 904-359-4680

Law School Students Participate In Moot Court

By MC3 Patrick Cook
NPASE-E Detachment Southeast

Students from several southeast law schools visited Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport to participate in the region's first military moot court competition, Feb. 25-27.

Hosted by the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps the competition challenged students by

vying them in simulated court proceedings; including drafting briefs and participating in oral arguments.

"It's a way for us to reach out to the various law schools and expose the students there with some of the unique aspects of practicing law in a military environment and exposing them to the military justice system," said Cmdr. David Berger, execu-

utive officer of Region Legal Service Office Southeast.

While in the area the students had a chance to climb aboard a P-3 aircraft assigned to Patrol Squadron Three Zero (VP-30) as well as fly a P-3 simulator, tour both NAS Jax and NS Mayport and visit guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City (CG 66).

"It's been great I've learned

a lot and I really appreciate all the extra effort the Navy personnel has put into making this a very fun and worthwhile competition," said Lorna Cobb, University of Florida Law Student. "It's really nice and inspiring to see what these people are doing for our country."

The proceedings took place in the NAS Jax's Officers Club, where the students presented

their cases to judges from the Navy and Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

"I think it was an extraordinary competition, it was well attended, the students were exceedingly well prepared, very bright and the competition was keen and close," said Capt. Dan O'Toole, Chief judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. "I think the

importance for the future bar is to have the opportunity to have law students mentored by some of the senior judges and lawyers and it's an even better match when you match that up with Navy judges doing it."

Taking home first place in the competition was Florida Coastal, a local law school.



NPC Adds Force Stabilization Page To Web Site

By MCC(SW) Maria Yager
Navy Personnel Command

Navy Personnel Command (NPC) added a force stabilization fact sheet to its Web site Feb. 3 to provide the fleet more information about how new personnel policies may affect them.

Those interested can review it at force stabilizations measures visit www.npc.navy.mil.

"If deckplate Sailors are out there working hard every day, that is what they need to focus on. Continue to work hard and perform at the highest level. Get your qualifications done and move forward, and you know what? You're going to be okay," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick West during a recent visit with force stabilization policy makers at NPC.

The Web page, which had nearly 5,000 page views in the first two days,

was added to the NPC Web site to provide references, answer frequently asked questions, and offer a fact sheet and links to more information to guide Sailors.

"We had a lot of questions from Sailors about continuation boards, Zone B PTS (perform to serve), and SRBs (selective re-enlistment bonus)," said Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Kenny Ellenburg, a briefer for NPC's Career Management Symposium team which visits commands throughout the Fleet providing information on the latest Navy personnel policies.

Ellenburg and his team spoke to Japan-based Sailors at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Naval Air Facility Misawa, Fleet Activities Okinawa and Naval Air Facility Atsugi soon after several force stabilization Navy messages were released.

"A lot of chiefs wanted to know what the senior enlisted continuation boards would be looking at," said Ellenburg. More details are on the way and will be added to the force stabilization Web site as they become available as Navy officials finalize details before the September board.

"Similar to an advancement board, continuation board panel members will review both the candidate's official record and submitted materials. As in advancements, the single most important factor influencing selection for continuation is sustained superior performance of duty," said Cmdr. Stuart Satterwhite assigned to Navy Personnel Command's policy division.

Satterwhite is helping to draft the senior enlisted continuation board precept, which will be reviewed by senior leaders before approval.

"A board precept is currently being

drafted and will be vetted through those who normally provide input to board precepts, including MCPON.

Details of the precept cannot be released, however, once the precept is

complete, general information will be forthcoming," said Satterwhite.

For further updates on force stabilization measures visit www.npc.navy.mil.



Feeling Disconnected?

**Sad? Stressed? Angry?
Drinking too Much?**

**Put the pieces together with an
anonymous self-assessment.**

**www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org
Online. 24/7.**

For families and service members affected by deployment.

The
**American
Dream**
lives here.

D·R·Horton is America's largest builder and wants to help America's Heroes build a solid foundation for their future. Start living your dream today in one of 4 communities convenient to Mayport!

Payments from **\$732** Per Month!* PLUS take advantage of up to **\$8000** in Government Tax Credit!*

EAGLES HAMMOCK
New Homes from the \$160's!
904-751-3614 | Yellow Bluff Rd. North or Alta Dr. & 9-A

- Minutes from 9-A, I-95, JIA, great shopping, dining & entertainment at the brand new River City Marketplace
- Family oriented community - pool, tennis courts & playground
- Excellent location, convenient to Kings Bay & Mayport



BARRINGTON COVE
New Homes from the \$130's!
904-854-0249 | Dunn Ave just West of I-295 in North Jax

- Beautifully landscaped community . Large, estate sized lots with lake and conservation views available
- Close to schools, shopping, easy access To I-95 & I-295
- Nature trail, playground



TIMBER OAKS
New Homes from the \$130's!
904-854-0249 | Ribault Ave. South of Trout River Blvd

- Now Selling From Barrington Cove
- Peaceful secluded community, quiet country living near the city
 - Convenient North Jacksonville location, close to I-95 & I-295
 - Affordable luxury living, choose from 11 distinctive floorplans



HERONS LANDING
New Homes from the \$130's!
904-223-7208 | Beach Blvd Between Hodges & San Pablo

- Attached Garages with direct entry to Home
- Only 4 MILES from the beaches!
- 35 restaurants and 4 shopping centers within 1 mile!
- 2 miles from boating, water park, theaters, & community golf course



Models Open
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Sun 12pm-6pm



**100% VA Financing!* Historically Low Interest Rates!
Closing Costs PAID When Using Preferred Lender!**

D·R·HORTON DHI Listed NYSE
America's Builder

It's the place
you call home

*\$732/month estimated payment is based on a Sales Price of \$135,990 for the Olympic in Barrington Cove with Zero Downpayment, VA 30 year fixed rate of 4.875% (5.33% APR) with loan amount of \$138,914 which includes a \$2924 VA Funding fee. Must have VA eligibility and meet other qualifications to qualify for VA loan. This payment does not include property taxes, homeowners insurance or HOA fees. Interest rates are subject to change without notice and may vary based on credit score. Not all buyers will qualify. Federal tax credit of up to \$8,000 available to first-time homebuyers who close escrow on or before November 30, 2009. Income limitations apply. Amount of tax credit, if any, is not paid to buyer upon close of escrow. Buyer must claim the tax credit on buyer's federal income tax return. Not all buyers will qualify. This information is provided for general guidance only and does not constitute tax advice. Please consult an accountant or attorney for your particular situation. Visit www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com for complete details. Prices, specifications, incentives and availability subject to change without notice. Please see your New Home Consultant for details and a list of qualifying homes. CBC058997 © 2009 DR Horton, Inc. All rights reserved.

FFSC Workshop, Classes Schedule Set

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 12, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 13, 9-11 a.m., **Establishing A Sound Family Budget**, FFSC

March 16-20, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Command Financial Specialist Training**, Building 460, Room A

March 17, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 17, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

March 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., **Tottletyme 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. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

March 19, 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



**Navy Fleet and Family Support Centers
NS Mayport, NSB Kings Bay, NAS
Jacksonville**

NAVY TRI-BASE JOB FAIR

**March 18, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Morocco Shrine Center
3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S.
Jacksonville, FL 32224-2620**

- National and local companies will be hiring!
- Bring copies of your targeted resumes; come dressed for success!

For more information and a list of employers, contact:
NSB Kings Bay, GA, Fleet and Family Support Center, (912) 573-4513
NS Mayport, FL, Fleet and Family Support Center, (904) 270-6600 ext. 1709
NAS Jacksonville, FL, Fleet and Family Support Center, (904) 542-2766

- Separating, retiring or retired service members.
- Military spouses and family members with ID cards.
- Involuntarily separated service members and their family members with Transition Assistance (TA) cards.
- Separated service members up to 180 days after separation date.

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.

March 19, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 23-26, **TAP Separate Workshop**, 8 a.m.-04 p.m., Building 1 Room 104

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.

March 24, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**,

FFSC

March 24, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

March 25, 6-7 p.m., **IA Family Discussion Group**, USO

March 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., **Tottletyme 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. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

March 26, 8-11 a.m., **Stress Management**, FFSC

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.

March 26, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 27, 9-11 a.m., **Credit Report**, FFSC

March 30, 6-7 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, USO

March 30, 8 a.m.-noon, **FERP-Career & Job Readiness Class**, 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.

March 31, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Leadership Life Skills for E5&E6**, Base Chapel

April 7, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

April 14, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

April 21, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

April 28, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class (8 Steps)**, FFSC

The program is based on Dinkmeyer & McKay's Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (8 STEPS). The 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 include: understanding yourself and your child, the four goals of misbehavior, beliefs and feelings, encouraging and listening to your child, helping children cooperate, discipline that makes sense, and how to choose your approach. Each week a different topic is thoroughly covered via discussion, video vignettes, and handbook information. Participation in all 8 sessions is required.

Balfour Beatty Offers Scholarship

By Dianne Borges

Balfour Beatty Communities

Balfour Beatty Communities, responsible for the privatized family housing at Naval Station Mayport, has formed Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel - active, disabled and fallen - and their families.

The Foundation has three primary goals: to promote a spirit of appreciation and remembrance by providing places for communal gathering and reflection at various sites Balfour Beatty Communities serve; to assist returning service members who have become disabled and now require specially-adapted homes; and to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of its active duty service members that live in Balfour Beatty Communities family housing. Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is excited to begin its scholarship program. The Foundation will offer scholarships that reward

high school or undergraduate students in need of financial assistance, recognizing not only their educational and leadership efforts, but also the contribution of their parents and the sacrifices the children have made in their parents' absences.

Balfour Beatty Communities is encouraging its family housing residents' high school students to apply for these scholarships, which are valued from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The application, details and requirements can be found at www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. The application deadline is March 15.

Balfour Beatty Communities is an industry leader in privatized housing committed to providing a quality living environment that supports the diverse interests and needs of its military families at 44 installations around the country.

According to Bruce Robinson, president and CEO of Balfour Beatty Communities, "The Foundation is our way of saying thank you to those who risk everything and sacrifice so much for our freedom."



BRINGING THE HOSPITAL TO THE POOR...

1(800) 772-SHIP www.mercyships.org
a CFC participant • Provided as a public service

**Attention Military Families!
- Autism diagnosis?**

If you have a family member living with a diagnosis of Autism and need help; Agency for Behavioral Service, Inc. provides ABA therapy and training. **We specialize in Autism Spectrum Disorders** and have been providing ABA therapy for 11 years. We are able to assist Military families through the **Autism Demonstration Program** and **ECHO Program** funded by Tricare. If you need assistance, please contact us.

352-621-0502
www.agencyforbehavioralservices.com

VERNIS & BOWLING
ATTORNEYS AT LAW • EST. 1970

CRIMINAL MILITARY DEFENSE

We are here for Article 15s and Courts-Martial. We also advise on LORs, demotions, discharges, and other UCMJ or adverse administrative actions.



Len Hackett
Former CAPT US ARMY



Wolfgang Mertz
Former JAG
Chief of Justice
Area Defense Counsel

www.florida-law.com

4309 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216
Phone (904) 296-6751 Fax (904) 296-2712

NEW MILITARY SPECIAL
WE PAY ALL CLOSING COSTS & PREPAIDS*

PLUS
FREE REFRIGERATOR, WASHER, DRYER & WINDOW BLINDS

PLUS
NO MORTGAGE PAYMENTS UNTIL JULY 2009*

1. SANDY CREEK • 904-810-5912 • great St. Johns County schools

lot 106 SOLD	3 bed/2 ba	save \$53,500	NOW \$220,990
lot 107	4 bed/2 ba	save \$53,000	NOW \$214,990
lot 108 SOLD	4 bed/3 ba	save \$40,000	NOW \$252,490
lot 111	4 bed/2 ba	save \$48,000	NOW \$219,990

2. CRESTWICK SOUTH • 904-696-3483 • great value for your money

lot 8 SOLD	4 bed/2 ba	save \$47,850	NOW \$213,990
lot 9	3 bed/2 ba	save \$48,970	NOW \$209,990
lot 89	3 bed/2 ba	save \$52,920	NOW \$205,990
lot 93 SOLD	4 bed/2 ba	save \$39,000	NOW \$204,540
lot 100	3 bed/2 ba	save \$37,000	NOW \$186,990

SEDA OWES YOU
A WORLD OF THANKS!

AWARDED 5 OUT OF 5 STARS
J.D. POWER 2008
NEW HOME QUALITY STUDY

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



SEDA Construction Company
www.sedaconstruction.com

CGC020880. Price & availability subject to change without notice. *SEDA will pay up to \$6,000 toward total closing costs with SEDA approved lender. SEDA will pay all closing costs & prepaids for active military only. Special mortgage payment offer only applies to homes listed above. Limited to 2 months mortgage payments. Must close within 45 days.



While he works to defend the country, St. Jude works to save his son from cancer.

800-822-6344
www.stjude.org

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
ALSC • Deane Thomas, Founder

Lieutenant Nathan Kaspar and son Cole, a St. Jude patient. A CFC Participant - Provided as a Public Service.

USO News

In order to reduce expenditures and continue troop programs, the Mayport USO has discontinued its \$6,000 a year lawn service. The USO has a labor force to do the work, but is lacking the tools. What's urgently needed with spring approaching are working gardening tools that may be unused in your garages. Lawn mowers, blowers etc can all be used. Please contact Ed Champagne at 246-3481 to coordinate your donations.

Join us at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club on April 4 for the 4th Annual Halifax Mopar Club Car Show. The Show will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This show benefits the USO and will be a lot of fun for all. There will be at DJ, Door Prizes, Raffles, Food, & more. For more information on this event visit: www.halifaxmoparclub.com

Finders Keepers Children's Consignment Sale: This is one of the largest Children's Consignment Sales in the

First Coast area March 12-15 at the Morocco Shrine Center (3800 St. Johns Bluff Road). Admission and parking are free. The hours are 2-6 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

Come out on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Duval County Health Department to perform a free car seat safety check.

Adventure Landing will be hosting a Military Appreciation weekend April 25-26 from noon until close at the Beach Boulevard location. Active & Retired Personnel will receive one Free Quest Pass. Military may purchase additional Quest passes for \$11.99. You must show a valid ID to get these offers. The General Public may purchase a Quest Pass for 16.99. A portion of the proceeds from Quest pass sales will go to USA Cares. For more information please visit www.adventurlanding.com

The Mayport USO received

7 donated computers to pass out to active military families in need of a computer. Please contact the Mayport USO for more information at 246-3481. They will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Jiffy Lube is teaming with the Jacksonville USO. Stop by the Mayport/Jax USO and pick up a flyer, take it to one of the three shops listed on the flyer along with your active military ID to receive \$10 off a Jiffy Lube Signature Service Oil Change. It's a great deal and helps out the USO at the same time!

United Through Reading program makes it possible to share in the enjoyment of reading to the children in your life, even while thousands of miles apart. The Mayport Center and NAS Center can record you reading a book to your children and send it to them after you have gone on deployment. It is a great way to make them smile on their special day even when you can not be there with them. Please contact your local USO

center for more information.

The city of Jacksonville is hosting a tribute to expectant Military mothers at Metropolitan Park downtown Jacksonville. This event will be held Sunday March 22, 2009 from 1-4 pm.

Do you ride a motorcycle? Want to have some fun? The Fleet Reserve #91 off Collins Road, Orange Park, is hosting a Poker Run to benefit your Jax USO. There will be live music, a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. No pre-registration; registration is the day of the event on March 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call Tara at 264-2833.

Scholarships available for students who have parents with a disability. All application materials must be completed and postmarked by March 16. For more information, go to www.lookingglass.org.

The Anheuser-Busch theme parks have extended their free admittance for Active duty personnel again this year for more

information click on the link www.herosalute.com

Active duty military are being given a five-day park hopper for Free. For more information please visit your local ITT office or this website, www.disneyworld.com/military.

The new Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box is now 50 percent larger (12 x 12 x 5 1/2) and for the first time in history, the U.S. Postal Service is offering a \$2 discount when sending the new larger box to an APO/FPO address, enabling customers to send more with one flat price of \$10.95. There are two versions of the new box; one branded with 'America Supports You' (a Department of Defense-sponsored organization that supports overseas military forces) and includes an APO/FPO address block. Either version of the new Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box is eligible for the \$2 discount. The boxes can be ordered at <http://www.usps.com> free of charge.

All University of North

Florida athletic events are free to active duty service members and their dependents. Just show your military ID card at the gate.

There is a computer resource center available to all service members with email, Internet and word processing. Fax, copy and free notary service is also available.

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, show-ers, a quiet reading room and a meeting room available at the USO. The USO is available for meetings, support groups, recep-tions, parties and pre-deploy-ment briefs. A TV, VCR and overhead projector are available for use.

For more information about activities or meeting avail-abilities, call 246-3481 or stop by the center at 2560 Mayport Road.

Mayport's USO Under New Leadership

By MC3 Patrick Cook

NPASE-E Detachment Southeast

The Mayport United Services Organization (USO) office was recently infused with some old salt leadership as Mr. Ed Champagne took the helm. Champagne retired as a Master Chief in the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service. His military experience and knowledge will aid him in tackling the job of running Mayport's USO.

Champagne says he will be able to draw on a wealth of knowledge from his Navy days to help him run the center at its best.

"The Chiefs Mess, on all the ship's and in the squadrons have a wealth of knowledge and help and will be available anytime I

need it, we help each other that way," said Champagne. "With 30 years experience I can say to most of the people coming into the USO that I've been there and done that and I can help in that way."

The Mayport USO which provides services such as; care packages for each deploying military member, no dough dinners twice a month, free bread on Mondays and Thursdays, free tickets to events around Florida, a place to use computers and the internet, and also is a well known place to host meetings for Ombudsman, Family Support Groups and even Girl Scouts.

"I am the one there making sure the doors are open, and

that the facilities are clean and safe, that the grounds are neat and the building is kept up," said Champagne. "I am also in charge of managing the volun-teers and keeping a budget for the facilities."

Many service members know about the USO and what it does, but for those who don't Champagne says that they are missing out on a great thing and they should stop by and possi-bly even think about volunteer-ing.

For more information contact the Mayport USO at 246-3481.

More Troops, Families Likely To Qualify For New GI Bill

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Troops nearing retirement elig-ibility may be able to tap into the transferability benefits pro-vided in the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, even if they're unable to serve four more years of duty due to service policies, a senior defense official said.

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Bill that takes effect in August and will offer more benefits and the ability to transfer benefits to a spouse or child has proven to be a hit with the troops, Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

Of servicemembers surveyed in August, 97 percent said they plan to take advantage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, particularly its transferability provision, Carr said.

"Enormous interest has been expressed in the transferabil-ity provision and how it would work, because so many in the force have families," Carr said. He noted that half of the mili-tary force is married. By the time troops have served six years of duty, about two-thirds have families. To qualify for transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, servicemembers must have served six years on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and must commit to another four years. But Carr said the rules could be tweaked soon to allow mid- or late-career troops to qualify, even if they can't sign on for another four years of duty due to service restrictions.

Rules expected to be pub-lished in the months ahead

will clarify exactly who is or isn't eligible to transfer their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. Carr said he expects those rules to be "very flexible" to allow ser-vice members with 15 or even 20 years of service to qualify. What's definite now is that only those in the active or reserve components on Aug. 1 will be eligible for transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

"The law doesn't allow it to be retroactive" to cover those who already have left the mili-tary, Carr said.

The new bill represents the most comprehensive educa-tion package since the original World War II-era GI Bill, he said. Unlike the current GI Bill, it covers 100 percent - rather than 80 percent - of the cost of tuition, fees and books. Servicemembers no longer will have to pay \$1,200 out of pocket, at the rate of \$100 a month for their first year of service, to qualify.

In addition, most troops will receive a "living stipend" while drawing GI Bill benefits. That benefit will equate to the basic allowance for housing that an E-5 with dependents serving on active duty receives, Carr said. And for the first time, ser-vice members will be able to transfer any benefits they don't use themselves to their immediate family members.

Of those surveyed in August, 73 percent said they would transfer benefits to their spouse, while 94 percent said they would transfer them to their children.

This is a particularly attrac-tive option for servicemembers who have earned degrees before entering the military or while

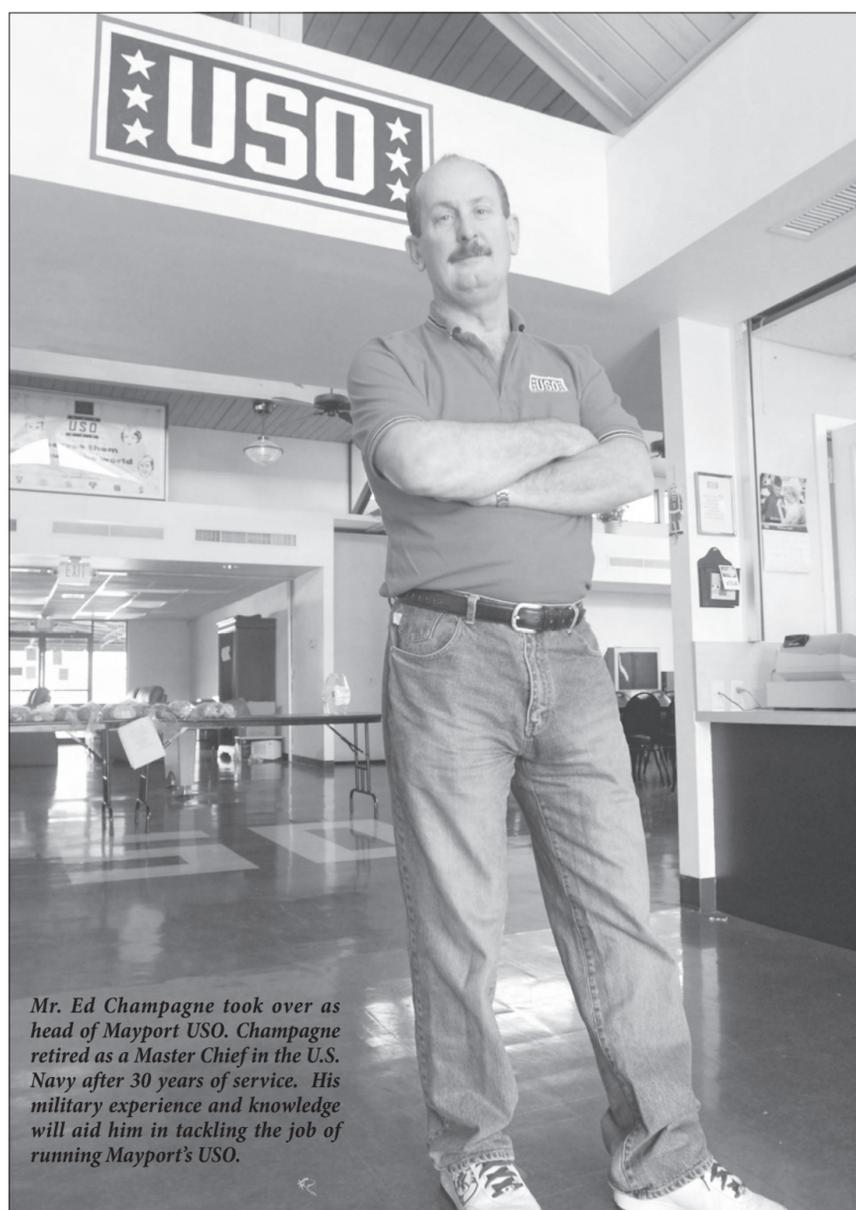
on duty through the military's tuition assistance programs, Carr said. These programs will continue when the Post-9/11 GI Bill takes effect.

Troops automatically are eligible to transfer to the Post-9/11 GI Bill program when it takes effect, but must elect to do so, officials said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which administers the program, has more details about the basic program on its Web site. The Defense Department will oversee the transferability program and set up a Web-based application servicemembers can use to request transfer of their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, Carr said.

Carr expressed hope that ser-vice members will take advan-tage of the new benefits.

"The new GI Bill provides some wonderful opportuni-ties for the military," he said. "These are benefits that we had hoped for for a number of years, and finally have received."



Mr. Ed Champagne took over as head of Mayport USO. Champagne retired as a Master Chief in the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service. His military experience and knowledge will aid him in tackling the job of running Mayport's USO.

MISSION: HEALTHY BABY
A partnership of the March of Dimes, the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW.
marchofdimes.com/vfw

march of dimes
a CFC participant. Provided as a public service.

Friend of the Planet!

10% OFF any purchase

TO ALL PERSONNEL WITH MILITARY ID!!
at Wells Rd, Roosevelt, Lakewood, Southside, & Atlantic stores

• Not redeemable with any other offer
• Expires 12/31/09

37168-01

Family Dentistry Adults and Children

EVELYN L. HERRERA, D.M.D., P.A.

"A Navy family serving Military families since 1988"

WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS!

TRICARE PARTICIPANT

(904) 249-1302

Pan-Am Plaza Suite 17 • 2292 Mayport Rd. Jacksonville, Florida 32233
Office Hours Tues. -Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Sat 8:30-4:00pm

Logos for MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover.

- Most Insurance accepted
- We accept Dental Insurance for Active Duty Dependents and Retired Military & Their Dependents
- In front of Mayport NEX/Commissary

MILITARY MONDAYS!

JOIN US EVERY MONDAY

AS WELL AS THE 1ST & 15TH OF EVERY MONTH AND RECEIVE

20% OFF FOOD & SOUVENIRS!

Text JaxLanding or Text Southside to 36832 for Hooters news and specials!

HOOTERS

SOUTHSIDE JACKSONVILLE
on Southside Blvd. Near Tinseltown 904-807-9541

JAX LANDING
Downtown on the River 904-356-5400

AMERICA'S VETDOGS®
VETERAN'S K-9 CORPS®

America's disabled veterans don't walk alone with a VetDog at their side.

866-VETDOGS
www.VetDogs.org

A CFC participant. Provided as a public service.

DeCA Accepting Commissary Certifichecks

By Corporate Communications

The Defense Commissary Agency will accept outstanding CertifiCheck gift certificates from authorized customers thanks to a plan approved today by the Department of Defense. The approved plan allows DeCA commissaries to honor CertifiCheck gift checks now through July 31, 2009.

"I am happy to report that DeCA and DoD have found a way that we can honor our customers' unredeemed certifichecks," said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. "We have been deeply con-

cerned about how this situation has impacted our customers worldwide, and we're happy that we've been able to find a solution."

CertifiChecks Inc., the Dayton, Ohio, company that has issued the commissary gift checks since 2002, announced Feb. 26 on its Web site that it had ceased operations and was filing Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Since then, DeCA had been working non-stop with DoD officials to settle on a legal recourse it could offer its customers left holding the unredeemable certifichecks.

DeCA will be allowed to absorb the losses incurred from honoring the certificates from its Defense Working Capital Fund, Resale Stocks Account, Defense officials said. The DWCF was established to allow the federal government purchase and repair activities to account for costs and revenue as if they were commercial businesses.

Since 2002, more than \$20 million in gift certificates have been purchased for authorized customers, including more than \$3.9 million in fiscal 2008.

NEXs To Honor CertifiChecks Cards

From NEXCOM

NEXs worldwide will continue to honor and redeem CertifiChecks gift certificates that have been purchased for military members, despite the recent announcement that company managing the CertifiChecks program has ceased operations.

"Our mission is to provide a benefit for our customers," said Michael Good, Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEXCOM) Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "We don't want our Navy families holding CertifiChecks to suffer a personal financial loss during these difficult economic times. Accordingly, we will absorb the impact and continue to honor the exchange CertifiChecks at our NEXs."

The program was established in 2003 as a helpful service to enable non-authorized patrons to purchase CertifiChecks from a third party as a form of gift certificate.

Exchange CertifiChecks may be redeemed at face value for merchandise without cash back.

As an alternative to the Certifichecks program, patrons can purchase a NEX Gift Card either in store or on-line at www.navy-nex.com. The NEX Gift Card can be purchased by anyone. However, NEX Gift Cards can only be used by an authorized exchange customer. The card can be redeemed at any NEX, AAFES and MCX location worldwide. Some benefits of the NEX Gift Card is that it has no service fees and no expiration date.

For more information, customers can contact their local NEX or visit the NEX website at www.navy-nex.com/customer-service/gift-certificates.

NEX Customer Survey Still High

From NEXCOM

Every fall, NEXs around the world conduct customer satisfaction surveys to determine how it is doing in the eyes of its customers. Customers are asked to rate their NEX in a variety of areas including merchandise selection, customer service, store environment, problem resolution and more. The results from the 2008 Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) survey show that the NEXs' score remained steady at 80.

"We are very pleased with maintaining our overall score of 80," said Mike Conner, Navy Exchange Service Command's

(NEXCOM) Vice President, Director of Marketing. "At 80, we rank among the upper tier of retailers in the USA. And, as we make even more improvements to our products and customer service, we aim to even further enhance the customers' NEX shopping experience."

Using customer feedback from the 2007 survey, NEXs focused their efforts on problem resolution and merchandise availability. That resulted in a three point increase in problem resolution. In addition, there was a one point improvement in returns, store environment, convenience, ease of getting

around, ease of finding things, pricing, sales flyers and NEX loyalty.

"It's a true indication that our customers are noticing our efforts," said Conner. "Our NEX store managers and associates deserve the credit. They did a great job last year. In 2009, NEXs will once again concentrate on merchandise selection and problem resolution as its top priorities."

While overseas and CONUS NEX CSI overall scores remained unchanged, overseas NEXs showed some noteworthy improvements including store environment, ease of getting

around and NEX loyalty, up two points each; convenience increased three points; and problem resolution was up five points.

NEX districts scores also showed improvement in 2008. Hawaii increased one point to 86; Tidewater increased one point to 83; Capital/Northeast increased one point to 82; Midsouth increased two points to 82; Southeast, Northwest and Guam all increased one point to 81; Japan increased one point to 78 and Europe increased two points to 73 while Western district decreased one point to 80.

Electronic Warfare Offers New Jobs For Tech-savvy

By Jamie Findlater

Special to American Forces Press Service

A new career field makes room for 1,600 full-time electronic warfare professionals for the active-duty Army, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard, a senior officer said Feb. 11 during a Defense Department Bloggers Roundtable conference call.

The "29-series" electronic warfare specialty became an official career path Jan. 26, said Col. Laurie G. Moe Buckhout, chief of the electronic warfare division in Army Operations, Readiness and Mobilization.

"There's been a sea change, a huge paradigm shift in the understanding of electronic warfare," she said. "For decades, it's been run from the air, and now that you have an asymmetric ground battle - not the Cold War anymore - people are beginning to understand that there are a plethora of targets in any square kilometer on the ground, ... and we have to protect ourselves and be able to attack from a ground point of view."

Creation of the career field gives the Army the largest professional electronic warfare cadre of all of the services, and arguably one of the largest among the NATO countries, Buckhout said.

The new positions will be

distributed throughout the force, from the four-star-command level down to battalions, and most electronic warfare practitioners will be in brigade combat teams, she added.

"A brigade combat team will have an enlisted, warrant, and officer at each team who is in charge of the nonkinetics within the targeting cell," Buckout explained. "[The Army's Training and Doctrine Command] spent a couple of years analyzing this beast inside and out, and the final analysis was we simply have to have electronic warfare officers, and the Army has to bite the bullet in force structure to build them in."

An electronic warfare non-commissioned officer can rise to be a sergeant major, a warrant officer can rise to be the W-4 or W-5 rank, and a commissioned officer can rise to be a lieutenant colonel or colonel, Buckhout said.

A number of pilot courses are running at Fort Sill, Okla., to train soldiers in the field of electronic warfare. One officer pilot course has been completed, another is under way, and warrant and enlisted courses are planned for April, the colonel said.

"We're getting a whole lot of volunteers from the field every day," she said. "NCOs, officers and warrants all want to play in

this, because they see it as certainly the way ahead to go from kinetics to non kinetics."

The young officers and enlisted soldiers looking to join the career field see it as a way to expand into whole new technologies, Buckhout told the bloggers. The colonel cited the words of President Barack Obama in explaining the new direction.

"We must adapt and make tradeoffs among systems originally designed for the Cold War and those required for current and future challenges," she said, quoting Obama. "We need greater investment in advanced technology, ... like unmanned aerial vehicles and electronic warfare capabilities."

The Army's new electronic warfare career field puts those words to work, Buckhout said.

"Like the new commander in chief said," she told the bloggers, "this is a way to get out of old-style Cold War business and to get into something new. That is right in line with the Army way ahead, our mantra is change."

For two years, Fort Sill has

been running a skill-identifier course to train interested servicemembers, some of whom are Navy and Air Force members who have been filling necessary electronic warfare slots for the Army.

"They have trained a couple of thousand joint personnel, and in fact, all of the Navy and Air Force guys who go over to theater to fill in as Army [electronic warfare officers] go through those courses, because they do such a good job and bring them up to speed on ground [electronic warfare]."

Ground electronic warfare is different, she said, because of the need to find very specific target areas.

"The Air Force and the Navy have for a long time been flying high-altitude, airborne electronic attack capabilities ... that have a huge footprint on the ground," Buckhout explained.

Many of these capabilities were designed to suppress enemy air defense, protecting strategic assets, bombers and long-range strike capabilities from ground-to-air missiles and other ground-to-air threats.

"If we want to go after a target on the ground, ... or if we want to stop an [improvised explosive device] from blowing up, ... [for the] Air Force or the Navy airborne platforms, it's like trying to hit a mosquito with a sledgehammer."

The Army needs to "apply surgical on-the-ground assets to complement the capability of emitters and collectors to target enemy communications," she added.

In future years, Buckhout explained, the career field will continue to grow.

"The field first started with IEDs as the focal point, but we quickly learned that they were just the tip of the iceberg," she said. "We are seeing electronic attacks [on communications]. We're seeing directed energy capabilities. We're seeing laser capabilities. We have something called active denial systems that puts out a directed energy pulse that is harmless, but not something you want to get in front of."

There's a whole lot of technology in the area. Again, it's not something that most

folks are reading about in the Washington Post, ... but it's actually very accessible. It's at high-technology levels that can be quickly used by the services."

For more information, soldiers can contact Army Lt. Col. Frederick Harper at the Computer-Network Operations-Electronic Warfare Proponent at 913-684-8538 or frederick-harper@us.army.mil, or Army Lt. Col. James Looney, Fires Center of Excellence director of training and doctrine, at 580-442-2832 or james.looney@us.army.mil. Jamie Findlater works in the Defense Media Activity's new media directorate.

DIVORCE QUESTIONS?

A Court Certified Divorce Mediator can help you both get a fair agreement quickly & inexpensively. All issues settle out of court. Enforceable, final, confidential & fair.

- No retainer fee • Low hourly rate
 - Former JAG Officer (05)
 - 25yrs Experience
 - Appointments weekends or eves
- Mediation avoids litigation and two attorneys

Call Dan Warner, Attorney/Mediator

737-1949

www.jaxdivorcemediation.com

FREE CONSULTATION



FOR RENT Military Special March

**2 BDRM
2 BATH
Units**

\$830/month
Includes Washer / Dryer Rental

904-241-3855

2760 Mayport Road in Atlantic Beach, approximately one-half mile north of Mayport Naval Air Station
Office Open Daily 10:00am to 6:00pm

Atlantica
CONDOMINIUM

OFF-BASE PICKUP LOCATIONS			LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY
LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	JIFFY LUBE	10430 ATLANTIC BLVD	JAX
ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO.	PAN AM PLAZA - MAYPORT RD.	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	13560 ATLANTIC BLVD	JAX
AMERICAN LEGION POST	316 ATLANTIC BLVD.	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	1067 ATLANTIC BLVD	ATL BCH
COAST GUARD STATION (EXCHANGE STORE)	A1A HWY	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	1672 S 3rd ST	JAXBCH
COMFORT INN	MAYPORT RD.	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	8379 BAYMEADOWS RD	JAX
COMMISSARY (INSIDE RACKS)	MAYPORT RD.	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	5295 SUNBEAM RD	JAX
DAYS INN	1401 ATLANTIC BLVD.	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	11099 OLD ST AUGUSTINE RD	JAX
FCE - SHELL	9115 MERRILL RD./9-A	JAX	JIFFY LUBE	9699 SAN JOSE BLVD	JAX
FCE - SHELL	1539 S 3rd ST	JAX BCH	JIFFY LUBE	2837 TOWNSEND BLVD	JAX
FCE - SHELL	7150 MERRILL RD	JAX	KANGAROO	10100 GRANITE PLACE	JAX
FCE - SHELL(DAILY'S)	13490 ATLANTIC BLVD./SAN PABLO	JAX	KANGAROO	1031 BEACH BLVD.	JAX BCH
FLEET LANDING	MAYPORT RD.	JAX	KANGAROO	1403 N 3rd ST	JAX BCH
FLEET RESERVE ASSOC. BRANCH # 290	390 MAYPORT RD.	JAX	KANGAROO/BP	10910 ATLANTIC BLVD.	JAX
FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL ROTC		JAX BCH	KANGAROO/SMOKERS EXPRESS	2615 ST. JOHNS BLUFF/ALDEN	JAX
GATE	1900 MIZELL RD	STAU	LA CRUISE GIFT SHOP	A1A HWY	JAX
GATE	220 A1A N	PVB	LIL CHAMP	9615 HECKSCHER DR. - FT. GEORGE	JAX
GATE	619 A1A N	PVB	LIL CHAMP	8804 LONE STAR/MILL CRK	JAX
GATE	10970 US 1/SR210	ST AUG	LIL CHAMP	12020 FT. CAROLINE RD./FULTON	JAX
GATE	2350 SR 16	STAU	LIL CHAMP	13967 McCORMICK RD(MT PLEASANT RD)	
GATE	463779 SR 200/A1A	YUL	JAX		
GATE	3230 EMERSON ST	JAX	LIL CHAMP	5001 HECKSCHER DR. - BLOUNT	JAX
GATE	3938 HENDRICKS AVE	JAX	LIL CHAMP	1310 S. 3rd ST.	JAX BCH
GATE	8070 ATLANTIC BLVD	JAX	MALLARD COVE OFFICE	A1A HWY / WONDERWOOD	JAX
GATE	1721 UNIVERSITY BLVD N	JAX	NAVY HOUSING APARTMENTS	ATLANTIC BLVD / CRAIG FIELD	JAX
GATE	5617 BOWDEN RD	JAX	NEX (OUTSIDE RACKS NEAR ATM)	MAYPORT RD.	JAX
GATE	570 BUSCH DR	JAX	OTTER RUN OFFICE	ASSISSI LANE	JAX
GATE	12548 SAN JOSE BLVD	JAX	RAINBOW CENTER CHILD CARE	NAVY HOUSING OFF ASSISSI LANE	JAX
GATE	10946 FT CAROLINE RD	JAX	RIBAULT BAY COMMUNITY CENTER	ASSISSI LANE	JAX
GATE	1001 MONUMENT RD	JAX	SINGLETON'S SEAFOOD SHOP	A1A HWY	JAX
GATE	10044 ATLANTIC BLVD	JAX	SOUTHTRUST BANK	1301 ATLANTIC BLVD.	JAX
GATE	4100 HECKSCHER DR	JAX	SPRINT	1202 US-17	YUL
GATE	2520 S 3rd ST	JAXBCH	SPRINT	8838 ATLANTIC BLVD	JAX
GATE	319 S 3rd ST	JAX BCH	SPRINT	3051 MONUMENT RD/ COBBLESTON	JAX
GATE	9144 BAYMEADOWS RD	JAX	SPRINT	1209 MONUMENT RD./LEE	JAX
GATE	11461 OLD ST AUGUSTINE RD	JAX	SPRINT	12743 ATLANTIC BLVD./GIRVIN	JAX
GATE	10455 OLD ST AUGUSTINE RD	JAX	SPRINT	301 ATLANTIC BLVD.	ATL BCH
GATE	9540 SAN JOSE BLVD	JAX	SPRINT	2810 SR A1A N	ATL BCH
GATE	1605 RACETRACK/SR13	JAX	SPRINT	14376 BEACH BLVD./SAN PABLO	JAX BCH
HOME FINDER'S REALTY	2550 MAYPORT RD.	JAX	SPRINT	300 BEACH BLVD./3rd ST.	JAX BCH
JAX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	664 ATLANTIC BLVD.	JAX	SPRINT	1601 PENMAN RD.	JAX BCH
JIFFY LUBE	3212 UNIVERSITY BLVD S	JAX	U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICE	A1A HWY	JAX
JIFFY LUBE	6135 ST AUGUSTINE RD	JAX	USO MAYPORT	BEHIND 2550 MAYPORT RD.	JAX
JIFFY LUBE	11620 SAN JOSE BLVD	JAX			

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE MIRROR AT ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS

DoD Allows Casket Photos With Family Permission

By John J. Kruzal

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department will allow the news media to photograph the flag-draped caskets of fallen U.S. troops returning home if their families agree, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Feb. 26.

The announcement authorizes family members to choose whether to allow media access to the homecomings at Dover Air Force Base, Del., reversing a long-standing policy barring the press.

"I have decided that the decision regarding media coverage of the digni-

fied transfer process at Dover should be made by those most directly affected - on an individual basis - by the families of the fallen," Gates said at a Pentagon news conference.

"We ought not to presume to make that decision in their place," added Gates, who began reviewing the policy at the request of President Barack Obama.

The Defense Department's choice to shift course was informed by sources that include the military services and groups that represent military families, the secretary said.

But the issue created divisions within the department, Gates said, adding that he was rebuffed when he broached the topic last year, before reaching out more broadly during the most recent policy review.

"I had asked about changing the policy in Dover over a year ago and, although when I got the response that I did - which recommended no change - I accepted that at the time," he said. "I must say I was never comfortable with it."

The secretary has appointed a group to quickly develop a plan to implement

the policy, which reverses the restriction put in place by President George H.W. Bush in 1991.

Under the blanket restriction, the media has been barred from photographing the flag-draped caskets of about 3,850 U.S. servicemembers killed in action since 2001.

"I have tasked the working group to examine ways in which we might further assist the families of those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country," Gates said.

He added that he expects the group to work under "short deadlines."

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agreed that military families deserve foremost consideration in dealing with such issues.

"We've seen so many families go through so much, and in that, they have been extraordinarily strong," Mullen told reporters. "And meeting their needs, their requests in the most dignified, respectful, focused way we can was very much a driver for me in supporting this change."

"Because it is family-centric here more than anything else, I'm very, very supportive," he added.

HBO 'Taking Chance' Movie Hits Close To Home

By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bryan G. Carfrey

Special to American Forces Press Service

Senior military officials and government dignitaries gathered to watch the premiere of "Taking Chance," the HBO made-for-TV movie, at the Motion Picture Association of America in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 9.

"Taking Chance" depicts the experiences of Marine Corps Lt. Col. Michael R. Strobl while escorting the body of a fallen Marine from Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del., to Dubois, Wyo., in April 2004.

Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps was killed in action April 9, 2004, in Ramadi, Iraq, while assigned to Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

"When we started filming the movie, I thought the American people should be the main character," said Strobl, who retired in 2007 and co-wrote

the screenplay. "That's why I wrote it -- the reaction of the American people who witnessed the journey along the way."

Actor Kevin Bacon portrays Strobl in the movie, and also made an appearance at the premiere.

"I was amazed and surprised I didn't know anything about it and had no idea about the [scripting] process," Bacon said. "I liked that it was a simple telling of Mike's journey with Chance. It doesn't really hit you over the head. It kind of sneaks up on you, and the accumulative effect of watching the process and the way people reacted along the trip is what I responded to as an actor."

To prepare for the role - his third time portraying a Marine - Bacon said, he met with Strobl on several occasions.

"I try my best when playing Marines to pay attention to detail and try to humanize them as much as possible," Bacon said. "People who aren't in the

military sometimes find it tough to look past the uniform."

After the movie, spectators, who included Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Corps Gen. James E. Cartwright, were given the opportunity to shake hands with and express their thanks to director Ross Katz, who co-wrote the screenplay with Strobl.

"I wanted to portray honesty in this movie," Katz said. "When you witness the remains of a young man who gave his life for civilians like me, we aren't red states or blue states, we're purple states. We're all Americans."

"Taking Chance" is scheduled to premiere on HBO on Feb. 21.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bryan G. Carfrey serves at Headquarters Marine Corps.



-Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan G. Carfrey

Retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Michael R. Strobl stands next to actor Kevin Bacon during a premier showing of HBO's made-for-TV movie "Taking Chance" in Washington, D.C., Feb. 9, 2009.

Navy Changes Speicher Status To 'Missing-In-Action'

From DoD

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter determined today that the status of Capt. Michael Scott Speicher is changed from "Missing/Captured" to "Missing-In-Action" (MIA).

This determination was made after a review of available information; including the report and recommendation of a Status Review Board and comments provided by the Speicher family, as well as a Defense Intelligence Agency assessment.

Speicher was the first casualty of Operation Desert Storm. His F/A-18 Hornet was downed by hostile action on January 17, 1991, during

the first manned air strike of the war, and he was declared "Killed-In-Action/Body-Not-Recovered" in May 1991.

His status was changed in 2001 to MIA, and then to Missing/Captured in 2002 based on sighting reports in Iraq. Those sightings have since been discredited.

In October 2008, the intelligence community concluded that Speicher is deceased, though his remains are unlocated. Based on that assessment, the Secretary of the Navy convened a Status Review Board to consider whether Speicher's status should remain Missing/Captured or should be changed.

Services See Challenges, Opportunities In Land Use

By John J. Kruzal

American Forces Press Service

Acquiring land for U.S. military training is fraught with human and fiscal obstacles. Lack of available space, thorny negotiations with private landowners and budget grappling among the services are just a few of the problems.

Likewise, divesting itself of land the military no longer needs has its own set of unique challenges, Pentagon land management experts told a congressional subcommittee today.

"It is an essential but complex task, and we use various tools to try to handle what our requirements are," Keith Eastin, the Army's assistant secretary for installations and environment, told the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee.

The Army is undertaking a multilateral approach to land use amid what Eastin said is a 4.5 million-acre deficit. That approach is to use private property for military purposes in partnership with owners who promise not to encroach on the Army's share of the plot.

"We restrict what they can do in payment to the landowners so that they will not build houses on them and encroach on what we do in our training ranges," he said. "But at the same time, they can use it for agriculture and other purposes."

The Army also tries to more effectively use its current land, employing simulators over actual training exercises where possible, and adopt adjacent federal property before seeking to

acquire privately owned tracts.

Eastin was joined at the hearing by his Navy and Air Force counterparts, and Wayne Army, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment.

In testimony, the Defense Department and service representatives emphasized the importance of land use for military readiness, and characterized the acquisition of private property as a last resort for armed forces expansion. Subcommittee member Rep. J. Randy Forbes of Virginia called land acquisition "one of the toughest issues we face" because of private property rights guaranteed in the Fifth Amendment.

"[The amendment] forbids the federal government from taking private property for public use without just compensation," said Forbes, referring to the "eminent domain" clause in the Bill of Rights.

Army said the department follows all federal and regulatory requirements in eminent domain cases. "These procedures ensure that owners of real property that we seek to acquire are treated fairly and consistently," he said.

The Navy, which own 4.4 million acres -- with roughly equal parts used by the Navy and Marine Corps -- strives to be good stewards of land use, said B.J. Penn, the Navy's assistant secretary for installations and environment.

"The department takes its land management responsibilities very seriously, and we work closely with our sister serv-

ices and other federal agencies to ensure that our stewardship meets the department's requirements and benefits the nation and our local communities to the maximum extent possible," he said.

"We look forward to working with the new administration and Congress to expedite those actions that are of greatest benefit to streamline economically beneficial land actions and to ensure the department is able to fulfill its mission with the appropriate supporting infrastructure," Penn added.

Kevin Billings, the Air Force's acting assistant secretary for installations, environment and logistics, said he laid out four basic principles when he began his tenure.

"The first was to comply with the law. The second is to be good stewards of the environment and, equally importantly, [third] is to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars," he said. "And fourth is to do this while remembering that taking care of airmen and their families is what allows us to accomplish our mission."

Transparency, accessibility, and consistency enable the Air Force - the largest energy user in the federal government - to fulfill its obligations, Billings said. "When we use this as a template for decisions in basing, these will serve the public well," he said.

All Puppies Are Special, But Some Are Destined For Greatness



371 E. Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
1-800-548-4337
www.guidedog.org
a CFC participant Provided as a public service

RESTART YOUR LIFE
Contested/ Uncontested Divorce - Starting at \$595 plus cost
CALL 421-6907 FOR A FREE CONSULTATION
www.restartyourlifefax.com
1054 KINGS AVE JACKSONVILLE
ROBERT L. PETERS ATTORNEY

Veterans 24 HR HOME INFORMATION Line

1-800-539-8920

Enter 3001

to learn how you can buy a home using your VA guaranteed loan with just a \$1.00!!!

Enter 3002

to learn why using your VA loan is a great way to consolidate your debt.

Enter 3003

to learn about the VA interest rate reduction refinance.



Refinance Your Home And Drive Away With A Fleet Of Lincolns

If you're paying 5% or over on your mortgage, it's time to refinance through HomeSource Lending.

Our lower interest rates will help you save money in the future. And our generous equity program will provide you with cash right now. As

much as \$150,000 in cash if you own a \$150,000 home.* Enough money for a car or a college education.

For more information call one of our Jacksonville area representatives at (904) 928-0113. And get more for your mortgage than just its face value.

HomeSource
Lending that opens doors.

Licensed Correspondent Lender
Mtn: 4540 Southside Blvd # 603
Jacksonville, FL 32216
904-928-0113

Based on a fully paid \$150,000 home.
Conditions may vary with each applicant.



579595

Reaching Out

The following are just a sample of volunteer opportunities available through NS Mayport and Volunteer Jacksonville. For more information, call NS Mayport volunteer coordinator CS1 Hopkins at 237-5808 or 270-5373 or Dianne Parker at 542-5380 or you can immediately sign-up online for opportunities using www.volunteer.gatewayjacksonville.org.

WJCT Radio Pledge Drive
WJCT is in need of volunteers during our Radio Pledge Drive which runs from Saturday March 21 to Friday April 3. We are requesting 3-4 Volunteers per shift to man the telephone bank. There are two shifts per week as follows:

Monday March 23 to Friday March 27
6:45-8:30 a.m. or 3:45-6 p.m.

Monday March 30 to Friday April 3
6:45-8:30 a.m. or 3:45-6 p.m.

Drinks and snacks are provided in a fun atmosphere. For further information, call Teresa Boone, WJCT T.V. at (904) 358-6340.

Mayport Lions Club Volunteers

The Mayport Lions Club is looking for Volunteers to help with various projects. If you are interested (military & civilian), please contact either Bob Krepps, Senior Chief Petty Officer, USN(Ret) 509-4945 or Chuck Carroll, Commander, USN(Ret) 463-2884.

Jacksonville International Airport Volunteer Ambassador Program

We are looking for volunteer to assist travelers with locating arrival and departure gates, telephones, baggage claim and ticketing areas. The Ambassadors provide vital customer assistance and a lot of smiles to ensure a pleasant and memorable experience while traveling through our airport. Benefits of being in the Ambassador program include gratitude of the passengers served each day, invitations, to volunteer appreciation events, free parking at the airport, meal voucher for every

four-hour period worked, service recognition and the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Contact Yvonne Pooler at 904-741-2006 or email yvonne@jaa.aero.

Jacksonville Zoo
The Jacksonville Zoo is asking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to educate varied audiences about the natural world, teach conservation messages, beautify the grounds, assist guests in various areas of the park, input data, lend a hand in animal care areas, answer questions, drive trains and enhance guests' experiences. You provide the interest and enthusiasm, and the zoo will provide the training. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteers receive special discounts, free admission, newsletters and special programs only available to employees and volunteers. Take this opportunity to meet others who share your interests in the animal kingdom. New Adult Volunteer Orientations are held at the Pepsico Foundation Education Campus. All interested personnel please CS1 Hopkins or call 270-5373 for more information.

YMCA of Jacksonville
YMCA of Jacksonville is looking for volunteers for their outreach programs geared towards males. For more information, contact Terra Herzberger at 265-1820.

Children's Home Society of Florida
Children's Home Society of Florida is getting ready to permanently place seven or eight children in loving homes within the next couple weeks. Seeking children's furniture. Contact Nick Geinosky at 904-493-7738.

Homeless Pet Shelter
Jacksonville Homeless Pet Shelter seeks volunteers. The new Homeless Pet Shelter is seeking help at a Temporary Clinic on surgery days. Days and hours vary. Contact dfields@bellsouth.net.

St Augustine Amphitheatre Seeks Volunteers

St. Augustine Amphitheatre seeks volunteers to be used as ushers, checking tickets, and pointing out seats. As a volunteer, you get to see the entire show. For more information, contact Lisa Tomkins at 209-3750.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters is providing an in-school mentoring program at Mayport Elementary School. Little Brothers and Sisters are needed just as much as Big Brothers and Sisters! If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit our website for more information: www.usojax.com

Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society Needs You

The Navy Marine Corp Relief Society is in need of Volunteers to give a couple of hours of their time each week to help others in need. The mission of the Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society is to provide emergency financial help and educational assistance to members of the Naval Services - active, retired, and family members - when in need: to assist them achieve financial self-sufficiency and to find solutions to emergent requirements. Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society firmly believes in personal financial responsibility. By helping the service member and family through difficult times and by assisting them to develop their own problem solving capabilities, they will achieve financial stability, increase self-worth and reduce the need for future financial assistance. Without their volunteers, the Society could not meet the needs of so many. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information, contact Bill Kennedy at 270-5418, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

St. Johns County Habitat For Humanity Needs Volunteers!

Habitat for Humanity is in need for volunteers every Friday and Saturday to help build homes in St. Augustine.

No skill is necessary. Must be 16 or older. They are starting a new home every month and need help on the construction site. Please call 826-3252 ext. 2006 to sign up.

Lea's Place

Lea's Place is a volunteer program, on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help the Department of Children and Families take care of children who have been removed from abusive or neglectful situations or who have been abandoned. Volunteers assist Child Protective Investigators with feeding, bathing and playing with the children. They may also assist in the clothes closet, providing the children with clean clothing. 360-7091.

NS Mayport Retired Activities Office

Naval Station Mayport is currently searching for committed volunteers to serve the local retiree community in the Retired Activities Office (RAO) located in the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). RAO volunteers maintain the vital link between the retiree, local military communities and other government and non-government agencies. Anyone interested should contact the FFSC for an application or to get more information about the duties and responsibilities of the RAO volunteers. Call the FFSC at (904) 270-6600 Ext. 110

I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless

Volunteering at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless The I.M. Sulzbacher

Center for the Homeless serves more than 1,000 well-balanced, nutritious and delicious meals per day, every day of the year. These meals are prepared and served with the help of more than 100 civic, religious and business organizations from the Jacksonville community. Annually, these Volunteer Meal Groups provide over one hundred thousand dollars in support and more than 13,000 hours of volunteer time. Serving meals at the Center is a fun and feel-good way to give back to the community. For information about volunteering at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless call 904.394.1356. Also, see www.imshomeless-center.org/volunteers.html

Dignity U Wear

Volunteers are needed to help process clothing in order to fulfill the needs of our clients. Volunteers are needed Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. They also can help raise awareness of our mission, introducing us and our cause to their friends. Contact a Michelle Charron at (904) 636-9455 for information

on volunteering.

Children's Home Society

Children's Home Society (CHS) has been providing services to children and their families since 1902. Started in Jacksonville, CHS is a statewide non-profit agency providing services such as foster care, adoption, child abuse prevention, group shelters, and mentoring. CHS's MODEL (Mentors Opening Doors Enriching Lives) Program matches volunteers with children ages 4-18 who have a parent incarcerated in prison. We are seeking volunteers that will commit to a minimum of one hour per week for one year with a child. Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old and complete an interview and background screening. We provide training and ongoing support for all volunteers. Volunteers build a friendship with a child while engaging in community activities such as going to the library, beach, park, or playing sports. For anyone interested in additional information or becoming a mentor, please contact Christine Small at 904-493-7747.

BAPTIST Primary Care
Depend On Us For Life!

Charles A. Rust M.D.
Karla Dalrymple P.A.-C
3690 St. John's Bluff Rd. S
Jacksonville, FL 32224 • 904-564-4343

Retired Navy Doctor
NOW ACCEPTING TRICARE PRIME & STANDARD
Happy To Serve His Shipmate's & Their Families.

Wow! Now! THREE GREAT INCENTIVES!

The Drees Wow Now! New Home Package

1 **FREE Closing Costs up to \$10,000**

2 Get an incredible low interest rate of: **5.0%** 30-Year Fixed

3 **Save up to \$40,000** On Ready to Move In Homes

Drees HOMES
Family owned. Nationally recognized.
dreeshomes.com

Offers effective for a limited time and available on firm, non-contingent purchase agreements on select market homes only. Offered through First Equity Mortgage, Equal Housing Lender. 5.0% 30-year fixed FHA financing (5.3575% APR based on 96.5% LTV). Maximum loan amount \$304,750 with 3.5% down payment. Contract must be written and close between January 16, 2009 and March 31, 2009. Subject to minimum credit score requirements and underwriting approval. Prices, programs, and rates are subject to change or withdrawal without notice. Other restrictions may apply. Savings vary by community.

Become A School Mentor



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Keri Corey, director of Workforce Development and Training, talks with a Sailor about the Duval County Public Schools Mentor Program during a training session on Feb. 26. The mentorship program provides adult mentors to school-age children. Mentors will help the students depending on the needs determined by student, parents and educators. The mentors will help meet the needs of a particular student, ranging from help with academics to dealing with social problems, support with sporting activities and just having someone to talk to. Time commitment for the mentorship is one to one and a half hours per week, depending on the student/mentor availability.

Volunteers Needed For St. Johns Cleanup

From NS Mayport Environmental
The 14th Annual St. Johns River Celebration Cleanup will be held on March 21. Volunteers are needed to collect litter and debris at Helen Cooper Floyd Park (Little Jetties Park) in support of The 14th Annual St. Johns River Celebration. The Park is located at 3600 S.R. A1A near Sherman Point on the St. Johns River,

west across from Naval Station Mayport. The event will occur from 8-11 a.m. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Following the clean-up, volunteers are invited to gather from noon - 2 p.m. at Metropolitan Park in downtown Jacksonville for a celebration where free refreshments, a commemorative t-shirt, and live

entertainment will be provided (as supplies last). To learn more about how to join this effort, go to: www.coj.net, keywords: St. Johns River Celebration; or contact Naval Station Mayport Water Program Manager, Scott Dombrosky at 270-6730, x211. Pre-registration is not required; an adult must accompany youth under age 18.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- School orgs.
- Sample
- Type of fencing foil
- Set of antlers
- Studio sign
- Large wine casks
- ___ homo (Behold the man!)
- French historian
- Org. of court players
- Start of a Johnny Carson quip
- Ambulance grp.
- Court
- Peer Gynt's mother
- Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
- Evil spirit: var.
- Tux adjuster
- Part 2 of quip
- Filmmaker Riefenstahl
- Prohibit
- Precinct
- Part 3 of quip
- Actor Cesar
- Placate
- Wee hrs.
- Cries of discomfort
- Corn serving
- Carpool-lane letters
- End of quip
- Show contempt
- Medical prefix
- Pressing device
- Window ledge
- Miscue
- Female equine
- Corduroy rib
- Passé
- Chopped

DOWN

- Hunted and killed
- Puget Sound port
- Blame
- Keel extension
- Italian ice cream
- Wind: pref.
- Spanish health
- Royal headband
- Che's first name
- Sewing case
- Of skin eruptions
- Crown a king
- NASA partner
- Cuddly George Lucas creature
- Sport
- Mother of Brunhilde
- Augusta's state
- Twin Falls state
- Hoopsters' org.
- Rather or Blocker
- Opposite of ESE
- Dr. Zhivago's love
- Me, myself and I problem
- Blockhead
- Disney sci-fi film
- Greetings
- Singer of M.I.T.
- One-third of a WWII movie?
- Chest
- M. de Balzac
- Leveled
- First president of South Africa
- Swashbuckler Flynn
- Adjective-forming suffix
- Juanita's other
- Capital of Peru
- Vane dir.

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS

E	X	A	V	E	L	V	I	S	E	T	V	A	M	
E	H	V	M	H	O	H	E	T	T	I	S			
N	O	R	O	R	I	A	I	B	U	N	S			
N	O	I	O	V	O	M	N	I	A	K	V			
A	O	H	R	E	S	M	O	S	M	A				
E	H	L	O	S		O	R	E	W	O	R			
				H	I	M	N	A	H	T	N	U	G	V
V	E	R	V		N	A	B		I	N	E	L		
D	N	A	D	H	O	M	D	N	I	K	V			
R	O	T	I	V	A				N	O	M	E	V	D
E	H	U	E	S	A		O	M	S	M	E			
H	T	I	W	E	R	O	M	E	G	U	O	L		
V	T	U	N	V	N	E	R	E	C	C	E			
S	N	I	T	E	R	A	N	T	A					
E	P	E												

(c)2009 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved. 3/12/09

SUPPORT YOUR ADVERTISERS!
THEY SUPPORT YOU!!

Stay Clear: We Have Clearance, Clarence

By Lt. Jeffrey Harper

ALSO SE

You've over extended your credit cards. Maybe your identity has been stolen. A court has determined that you're the father and you now owe five years of child support arrearages. Perhaps you've been sued because your landlord found damages to the property you rented that will cost more than the security deposit to fix. Perhaps your Mom has died, and you're trying to take care of her final affairs.

These are issues that you might come to a legal assistance office for help with. If you have a security clearance, they're also all issues you should let your Command Security Manager or Special Security Officer know.

Although there a large number of laws, regulations, directives, and instructions that play into security clearances and a servicemember's eligibility for one, SECNAV M-5510.30 is really the go-to guide.

Amongst other things, it discusses clearance eligibility standards that the Department of the Navy Central Adjudication Facility (DONCAF) will apply in determining whether to grant, deny, or revoke a clearance. Appendix G, in particular, lists areas of a person's life that may cause concerns when applying for or retaining a security clearance.

A number of these issues will often arise because of legal problems a member is facing such as: (1) Finances; (2) Drug or Alcohol Use; (3) Emotional

If you are speaking with a legal assistance attorney and you have a security clearance, be sure to mention that fact. Your security clearance may change the advice you receive.

or Mental Issues; and/or (4) Personal Conduct.

To be clear, this isn't a complete list of factors, just the ones that often overlap with a need to seek help from the legal assistance office. For instance, criminal conduct can be the basis for denying a security clearance, but you'd be seeking the advice of a defense attorney, not a legal assistance attorney.

Let's take a look at these issues, what the Navy's concerns are, and some circumstances.

First, the big one: finances. Historically speaking, about three-quarters of the clearances that are denied or revoked are the result of financial problems – and most of those involve individuals in paygrades E3-E6. Do you have a lot of outstanding debts (e.g. over extended credit cards)? Have a history of not meeting financial obligations (e.g. owe child support arrearages)? Engage in deceptive or illegal financial practices (e.g. have a habit of writing checks that bounce)? Own a

house in foreclosure? Filed for bankruptcy? All these things cause concern. On the other hand, if you just found out you have a child and owe child support, or you racked up a lot of debt because of an unexpected medical emergency and you're actively working with your creditors to get the money paid back, DONCAF may determine your financial issues do not pose a security risk.

Drug and alcohol use most often comes up in a criminal context – use illegal drugs, or drink and drive, and you're going to have clearance eligibility issues – period. But concerns can arise in other contexts – for instance, binge drinking. That is, habitual binge drinking – if you over indulge at your bachelor party you're probably okay; but if your BAC tops .20 every Friday, probably not. The timing is also a factor – if what you can remember of your college years bore (past tense) a resemblance to "Animal House," probably okay. If it takes you a couple hours at

work every Monday to get back on top of things because you're fighting a hangover – probably not.

Emotional issues are a concern that's a bit more rare. For your emotional or mental state to cause a concern about your security risk, it has to be fairly severe – for example, if it causes you to engage in high-risk, irresponsible, aggressive, anti-social or emotionally unstable behavior.

Usually something that severe is going to overlap with concerns for criminal conduct. However, if you've been prescribed medication for a mental health issue (perhaps your Mom has passed away recently) your refusal to take it as prescribed is a concern – not the fact that you've been prescribed it.

The Navy wants you to take your prescribed medication and continue counseling without you having to worry about whether you getting the help you need will harm your career. The mere fact that you're getting counseling or have mental health issues will not harm your career, although you should report that you're receiving counseling to your SSO.

There is an exception – marital counseling and counseling for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder does not have to be reported – again, the Navy wants you to get the help you need.

Personal conduct is often the elephant in the room – concerns over a servicemember's personal conduct generally boil down

to the question of "Is this servicemember cooperating with our efforts to adjudicate their clearance – or are they trying to hide something?" Fail to cooperate with DONCAF's investigation into any other factor, and your clearance could be denied on that basis alone – even if you would have otherwise been eligible for a clearance.

Among the guidelines DONCAF considers when adjudicating a clearance is "whether the person voluntarily reported the information [which caused the security concern], was truthful and complete in responding to questions, sought assistance and followed professional guidance, [or] resolved or appears likely to favorably resolve the security concern..."

What's that mean? The best defense is a good offense. Get legal help from legal, financial help from Fleet and Family or Navy-Marine Corps Relief, and talk to your chain of command about the issues you're facing. Be proactive.

Your command will find out about your problems anyway; you want the command to find out from you and not DONCAF. Failing to bring issues to the command's attention will only hamper your ability to get or keep a clearance.

If you are speaking with a legal assistance attorney and you have a security clearance, be sure to mention that fact. Your security clearance may change the advice you receive. For instance, if you have a debt to which you have a legal

defense to paying (perhaps the statute of limitations has run, or the debtor is unable to satisfactorily verify the debt under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act) an attorney may advise you not to pay the debt.

If you have a security clearance, however, it may be better for you in the long run to pay the debt to demonstrate to DONCAF that you're on top of your financial problems.

As always, every situation is different – so consult your friendly local legal assistance office: Jacksonville, Florida at (904) 542-2565 ext. 3006; Mayport, Florida at (904) 270-5445 ext. 3017; Kings Bay, Georgia at (912) 573-3959; Charleston, South Carolina at (843) 764-7642/44; Gulfport, Mississippi at (228) 871-2620; Pensacola, Florida at (850) 452-3734; New Orleans, Louisiana at (504) 678-4692; Corpus Christi, Texas at (361) 961-3765; and Fort Worth, Texas at (817) 782-6009. This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.

Special thanks to Mr. Douglas Jones, SSO, Center for Information Dominance for his assistance with this article.

An Open Letter To Sailors, Marines, Their Families

From the President of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Mission and Background

The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Service of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

We were founded in 1904 by 19 volunteers and our first clients were widows and orphans. That year we disbursed almost \$9,000 in donations to assist 34 widows. We continue to assist widows today, and during 2008 we provided \$549,000 to nearly 100 widows in monthly income supplements.

These are widows who are not eligible for support by any other existing "survivor benefit" programs. Our assistance is basically all that keeps them from slipping into a life of poverty.

Volunteers remain the Society's life blood and we currently have more than 3,600 volunteers delivering our services to clients around the world.

Although partnered with the Department of the Navy, the Society is a private, non-profit organization whose programs and services are totally funded by charitable donations.

Contributions received from Sailors and Marines (both active duty and retired) translate into direct financial assistance to your Shipmates and Fellow Marines - they do not get invested in the Society's Reserve Fund and they are not used to fund any of the Society's education programs.

Reserve Fund

The Society's Reserve Fund dates back to 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a one-time public solicitation of donations to augment the Society's funds during the War.

Wall Street financier Clarence Dillon agreed to chair the National Citizens Committee with a goal of raising \$5 million for Navy Relief.

At the conclusion of the campaign, the Committee delivered \$10 million and this was the genesis of the Society's Reserve Fund.

The return on these invested funds is designed to pay all of the Society's administrative and fundraising costs; pay for the Society's education programs; augment the Society's general fund when financial assistance to clients exceeds loan repayments and contributions; and to provide resources in case of catastrophic loss associated with

natural disasters, accidents and wartime casualties.

During the period 2003-2007, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society withdrew \$70 million from the Reserve Fund to provide assistance not covered by contributions and loan repayments and to pay administrative costs.

During that same five-year period, the Society disbursed \$182 million in interest-free loans and grants in nearly 213,000 financial relief cases, and received \$62.1 million in charitable contributions from active duty and retired Sailors and Marines.

Client Confidentiality

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society adheres to a strict client confidentiality policy. A Sailor or Marine does not need chain of command approval to seek assistance.

If the Society denies assistance, a client is always advised on the reason for denial and briefed on the command appeal process. Confidentiality, of course, does not apply in cases of criminal acts, misconduct, matters affecting good order, discipline and security of command.

Loans Versus Grants

A major element of our mission is to promote financial self-sufficiency and responsible financial decision making. We do that by combining our financial assistance with budget counseling.

All of our financial assistance is based on need, and we make the decision whether to provide an interest-free loan versus a grant on the ability of the individual to repay a loan.

Experience has shown that the best long-term outcomes occur when the individual is able to take the responsibility for meeting his or her financial obligations.

About 88 percent of our assistance is in the form of interest-free loans. In cases where loan repayment would create undue hardship, clients receive outright grants. Through education and budget counseling, our goal is to ensure the service member and family are prepared for the next unexpected crisis and can make informed and responsible financial decisions.

Our goal is helping Sailors and Marines achieve long-term financial stability. By helping clients develop their own problem-solving capabilities, we encourage them to live within their means.

Highlights from 2008

- \$10 million in contributions from Active Duty Fund Drive; \$2.6 million from the Secretary of the Navy direct mail campaign to retired Sailors and Marines.

- 77,754 financial assistance cases in 2008 (up from 45,690 in 2007).

- \$44.2 million in financial assistance (up from \$43.6 million in 2007).

- Quick Assist Loan (QAL) Program designed to combat the predatory lending industry. In 2006, the Society provided \$1.3 million to clients victimized by payday lenders. In 2008, that figure was reduced to about \$340,000 - mostly to retirees.

- QAL Program expanded across the Society in January 2008, resulting in 23,836 QALs totaling \$6.9 million, representing 37.6% of our casework for the year.

- Visiting Nurses made 43,742 patient contacts, including over 8,000 contacts in support of more than 560 combat-injured service members and their families.

Available Programs & Services

- Loans and Grants for Emergencies (basic living expenses, emergency leave travel, funerals, car repairs, medical and dental bills, combat casualties)

- Education Loans and Grants
- Thrift Shops
- Budget for Baby Classes and Layette Program

- Widow Supplements
- Financial Counseling
- Pre-deployment Briefings
- Support America Saves Program

- Combat Predatory Lending Industry with Quick Assist Loans

- Food Lockers
- Disaster Assistance (evacuation debit cards and funds for temporary lodging and food for displaced families)

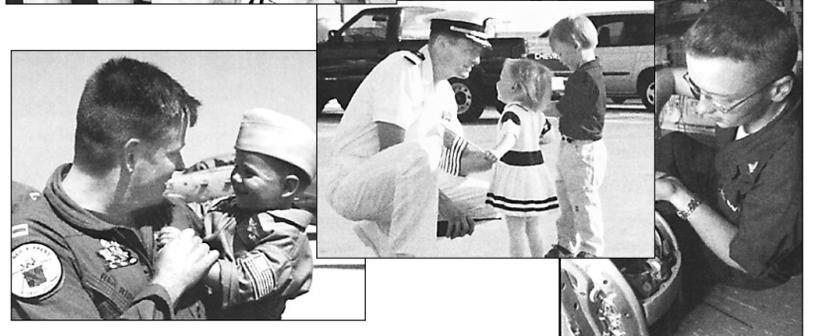
- Visiting Nurse Program (combat casualty long-term case management; newborn and new mother visits; assistance to the elderly including picking up prescriptions for housebound clients)

Final Thoughts to Remember:

Thank you for your service to our Nation and for your financial support of your Shipmates and Fellow Marines. When you run into financial difficulty, please make the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society your first resource!

Sincerely,
Steve Abbot
Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret)
President and
Chief Executive Officer

"WE BRING THE MILITARY MARKET TO YOU!"



**ADVERTISE
IN THE
MILITARY
PUBLICATIONS**

- Reach 74,000 Readers
- Internet Advertising (Included in Rate)
- Military Publications on www.Jacksonville.com which receives 11 million views per month
- Distributed on three Naval Bases and off-site locations
- Published Thursday weekly

**Call Advertising Today
904-359-4336**

**Regional Economic Impact
\$7.8 billion/year**

**Military Publications reach
81% of the military community**

**Regional Payroll (all 3 bases)
\$2.04 billion/year**

**Military Community
Includes 92,103 Active-Duty, Reserves, Retirees and Contractors**

The Navy is the largest employer in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia

**Working On Base -
50,631
Active-Duty, Reserves, Civilians, Contractors**

THE MIRROR
NS MAYPORT, FLORIDA

Jax Air News

PERISCOPE
KINGS BAY, GEORGIA

Published by
The Florida Times-Union

**CAPITOL
AUTO SALES INC.**

**We Appreciate
Your Service!!**

\$500 off

**Vehicle price
or down payment**

*may not be combined with any other offers
*limit one coupon per customer

2002 Toyota Tacoma



Black

\$10,995

2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee



Black

\$7,995

2007 Cadillac DTS



White

\$17,995

2008 Nissan Titan



Red

\$17,995

2005 Honda Accord EX



Silver

\$11,995

2006 Buick Lacross



Blue

\$10,995

2005 Mazda 3



Silver

\$9,995

2007 Honda Element



Red

\$14,500

2006 Maserati



Black

\$49,995

**0% Down for All Military
1 Month warrenty on all vehicles!
*We do taxes!**

www.capitolautoexpress.com • 1800 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

(904) 241-5959 • Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm *Credit extent is subject to credit verification.

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTORY

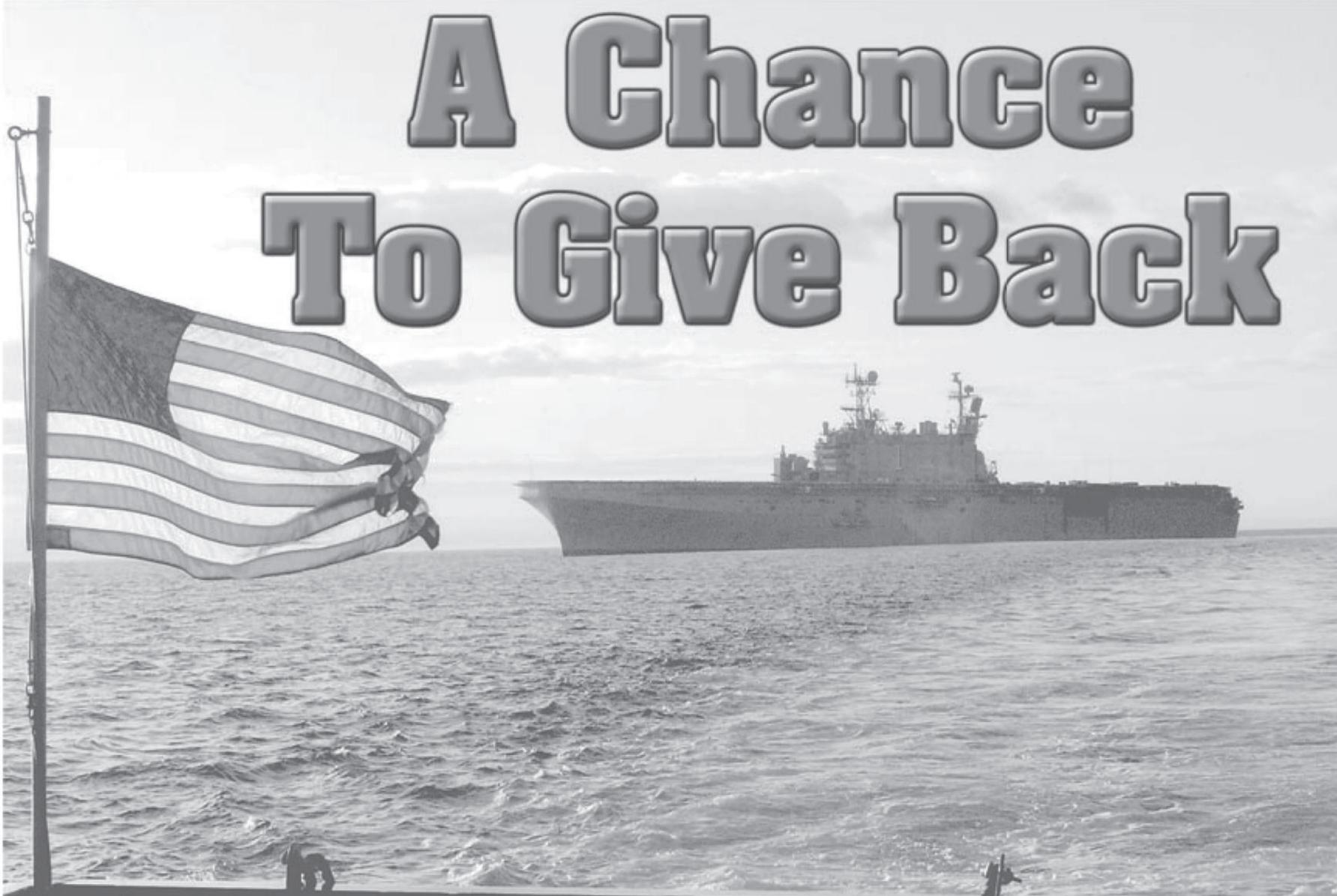
To list your dealership,
please call
904-359-4321

Before you buy, shop these local dealerships first!

<p>ACURA ACURA OF ORANGE PARK 7200 Blanding Blvd. 777-5600</p>	<p>GARBER CHEVY Green Cove Springs 264-4502 www.garberautomall.com GORDON CHEV 1166 Blanding Blvd. 272-2200</p>	<p>GARBER DODGE TRUCK Green Cove Springs 264-2416 www.garberautomall.com ORANGE PARK DODGE 7233 Blanding Blvd. 777-5500</p>	<p>HONDA DUVAL HONDA 1325 Cassat Ave. 899-1900 LOU SOBH HONDA OF THE AVENUES 11333 Phillips Hwy. 370-1300</p>	<p>LEXUS LEXUS OF JACKSONVILLE 10259 Atlantic Blvd. 721-5000 LEXUS OF ORANGE PARK 7040 Blanding Blvd. 777-5100 www.lexusoforangepark.com</p>	<p>NISSAN MIKE SHAD NISSAN OF JAX 1810 Cassat Ave. 389-3621 PARKER NISSAN 2755 U.S. 1 South, St Aug. 904-794-9990 MIKE SHAD NISSAN OF OP 1565 Wells Rd. 269-9400 COGGIN NISSAN-ATLANTIC 10600 Atlantic Blvd. 888-519-0618 COGGIN NISSAN-AVENUES 10859 Phillips Hwy. 888-542-4858</p>	<p>SATURN SATURN OF AVENUES 10863 Phillips Hwy. 262-7145 SATURN OF ORANGE PARK 8105 Blanding Blvd. 779-0071 SATURN OF REGENCY 8600 Atlantic Blvd. 725-8200 8600 Atlantic Blvd. 725-8200</p>	<p>PRE-OWNED VEHICLES BEACH BLVD. AUTOMOTIVE www.beachblvdautomotive.com 6833 Beach Blvd. 724-3511 BRUMOS MOTOR CARS PRE-OWNED AUTO CENTER 10211 Atlantic Blvd. 724-1080 LEXUS OF JACKSONVILLE PRE-OWNED CENTER 10384 Atlantic Blvd. 998-0012 TOM BUSH BMW 9910 Atlantic Blvd. 371-4381 TOM BUSH MINI USED CAR SUPER CENTER 9875 Atlantic Blvd. 371-4877</p>
<p>AUDI AUDI JACKSONVILLE 4660-100 Southside Blvd. 565-4000</p>	<p>JACK WILSON CHEVROLET 2255 US1 South 797-4567 JERRY HAMM CHEV 3494 Phillips Hwy. 398-3036</p>	<p>RICK KEFFER I-95 Exit 129, Fern Bch. 1-800-228-7454 WESTSIDE DODGE 1672 Cassat Ave. 384-6561</p>	<p>HYUNDAI HYUNDAI OF ORANGE PARK 7600 Blanding Blvd. 899-0900 KEY HYUNDAI 4660 Southside Blvd. 642-6060</p>	<p>LINCOLN MERCURY NORTH FLORIDA LINCOLN MERCURY 4620 Southside Blvd. 642-4100 MIKE SHAD FORD LINCOLN MERCURY 7700 Blanding Blvd. 777-3673</p>	<p>PONTIAC GARBER PONTIAC Green Cove Springs 264-4502 www.garberautomall.com JACK WILSON PONTIAC BUICK GMC 2250 US1 South 797-4577 NIMNIGHT PONTIAC - GMC 11503 Phillips Hwy. 854-4826</p>	<p>SUBARU SUBARU OF JACKSONVILLE 10800 Atlantic Blvd. 641-6455</p>	<p>TOYOTA KEITH PIERSON TOYOTA 6501 Youngerman Circle. 771-9100 ERNIE PALMER TOYOTA 1310 Cassat Ave. 389-4561</p>
<p>BMW TOM BUSH BMW JACKSONVILLE 9850 Atlantic Blvd. 725-0911 TOM BUSH BMW ORANGE PARK 6914 Blanding Blvd 777-2500</p>	<p>CHRYSLER ATLANTIC CHRYSLER 2330 US1 South 354-4421 CARUSO CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 10979 Atlantic Blvd. 904-642-0000 www.carusocjd.com GARBER CHRYSLER Green Cove Springs 264-2416 www.garberautomall.com JACKSONVILLE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 9A & BAYMEADOWS. 493-0000</p>	<p>FORD BOZARD FORD LINCOLN MERCURY St. Augustine 824-1641 Florida's Super Duty Headquarters PAUL CLARK FORD-MERCURY I-95 N. Exit 129 (Yulee) 225-3673 GARBER FORD-MERCURY Green Cove Springs 264-4502 www.garberautomall.com MIKE SHAD FORD At The Avenues 10720 Phillips Hwy. 904-292-3325 MIKE DAVIDSON FORD AT REGENCY 9650 Atlantic Blvd. 725-3060</p>	<p>INFINITI ATLANTIC INFINITI 10980 Atlantic Blvd. 642-0200</p>	<p>LOTUS LOTUS OF JACKSONVILLE www.lotusofjacksonville.com 11650 BEACH BLVD. 998-9992</p>	<p>MAZDA TOM BUSH MAZDA 9850 Atlantic Blvd. 725-0911 MAZDA CITY 6916 Blanding Blvd. 779-0600</p>	<p>TOYOTA KEITH PIERSON TOYOTA 6501 Youngerman Circle. 771-9100 ERNIE PALMER TOYOTA 1310 Cassat Ave. 389-4561</p>	<p>VOLKSWAGEN VW OF ORANGE PARK 1481 Wells Road 269-2603 TOM BUSH VW 9850 Atlantic Blvd. 725-0911 O'STEEN VOLKSWAGEN 11401 Phillips Hwy. 322-5100</p>
<p>CADILLAC CLAUDE NOLAN CADILLAC 4700 Southside Blvd. 642-5111 www.claudenolan.com NIMNIGHT CADILLAC 7999 Blanding Blvd. 778-7700 PARKER CADILLAC 375 Belz Outlet Blvd (904)824-9181</p>	<p>DODGE ATLANTIC DODGE 2330 US1 South 354-4421 CARUSO CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 10979 Atlantic Blvd. 904-642-0000 www.carusocjd.com JACKSONVILLE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 9A & BAYMEADOWS. 493-0000</p>	<p>GMC TRUCKS NIMNIGHT PONTIAC-GMC 11503 Phillips Hwy 854-4826 GARBER GMC TRUCKS Green Cove Springs 264-4502 www.garberautomall.com</p>	<p>JEEP ATLANTIC JEEP 2330 US 1 South 354-4421 CARUSO CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 10979 Atlantic Blvd. 904-642-0000 www.carusocjd.com GARBER JEEP Green Cove Springs 264-2416 www.garberautomall.com JACKSONVILLE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 9A & BAYMEADOWS. 493-0000</p>	<p>MERCEDES BENZ BRUMOS MOTOR CARS INC. 10231 Atlantic Blvd. 724-1080 MERCEDES BENZ of ORANGE PARK 7018 Blanding Blvd. 777-5900</p>	<p>PORSCHE BRUMOS MOTOR CARS INC. 10100 Atlantic Blvd. 725-9155</p>	<p>VOLKSWAGEN TOM BUSH VW 9850 Atlantic Blvd. 725-0911 O'STEEN VOLKSWAGEN 11401 Phillips Hwy. 322-5100</p>	<p>WORLD IMPORTS CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED AUTO CENTER www.worldimportsusa.com 11650 BEACH BLVD. 998-9992 O'STEEN VW CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED CENTER 11401 Phillips Hwy. 322-5100</p>
<p>CHEVROLET NIMNIGHT CHEVY 1550 Cassat Ave. 425-6312 www.nimnichtchevy.com</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE 9A & BAYMEADOWS. 493-0000</p>	<p>RICK KEFFER I-95 Exit 129, Fern Bch. 1-800-228-7454</p>	<p>MIKE SHAD CHRYS-JEEP ON CASSAT 1736 Cassat Ave. 389-7792 RICK KEFFER I-95 Exit 129, Fern Bch. 1-800-228-7454</p>	<p>MINI TOM BUSH MINI 9875 Atlantic Blvd. 725-0911</p>	<p>SAAB NIMNIGHT SAAB 7999 Blanding Blvd, Jax 904-778-7700 www.nimnicht.com</p>	<p>LEASING PROFESSIONAL AUTO LEASING</p>	<p>TO LIST YOUR DEALERSHIP PLEASE CALL 904-359-4321</p>

Before you buy, shop these local dealerships first!

A Chance To Give Back



The Military is the largest employer in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia!

- **Regional Payroll (all 3 bases)**
\$2.04 Billion per year
- **Retiree Payroll**
\$810 Million per year

- **Goods & Services (all 3 bases)**
\$709 Million per year
- **Tuition Assistance Authorized**
\$5,137,440



Call Now To Advertise With Us!
904-359-4336