

## The Sullivans On Historic Deployment

By Ensign Kari Weniger

USS The Sullivans Public Affairs

On Feb. 19, USS The Sullivans departed as the first Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) capable ship homeported in the Mayport basin.

This historic first deployment as a BMD deployer holds many adventures for the crew. Aside from taking on the numerous tasks normally assigned to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility ships, The Sullivans will be asked to take on the brunt of missile defense for that region as well.

As the world stage continues to highlight the need for ballistic missile defense, The Sullivans stands ready to take action.

After successfully completing a highly condensed 10-month turn around from her last deployment, The Sullivans is again ready for mission tasking.

Summer 2009 was filled with the BMD

installation as well as numerous other system upgrades. The ship's restricted availability (SRA) made The Sullivans a much more powerful asset to the Fleet.

In the last five months, The Sullivans' Sailors have worked hard to complete all basic, intermediate, and advanced training requirements and successfully attain deployment ready certification.

SERMC and ATG Mayport have played major roles in ensuring the highest state of maintenance and training readiness with no delay in deployment date.

When the day arrived, numerous family and friends lined the pier as The Sullivans took in all lines and pulled out for her seven-plus month BMD deployment. Hugs and tears were shared before getting underway.

As it is always difficult to leave loved ones,

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-U.S. Navy Photo

USS The Sullivans left Naval Station Mayport on Feb. 19 to embark on a Ballistic Missile Defense Deployment. The Sullivans is the first ship at Mayport to have BMD capability.



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HSMWL outgoing Commanding Officer Charles Armin welcomes Cmdr. Michael Sawin as incoming commanding officer during a change of command ceremony on Feb. 19. Also pictured is Capt. Glenn Doyle and HSM Wing commandore Capt. Carl Bush.

## Sawin Takes Over As HSMWL Commander

From HSMWL

Commander Michael B. Sawin relieved Commander Charles A. "Hammer" Armin as Commanding Officer of Helicopter Maritime Strike (HSM) Weapons School, Atlantic, at Naval Station Mayport during a change of command ceremony held on Feb. 19.

Helicopter Maritime Strike Weapons School, Atlantic is responsible for ensuring that today's Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, Atlantic detachments deploy with the most comprehensive and up to date training available. Additionally, the Weapons School is charged with ensuring the future combat success of all east coast Helicopter Maritime Strike aircraft.

During his tour as commanding officer, Armin led the charge for increasingly realistic and relevant training for HSMWINGLANT aircrews as the Officer Conducting Exercise for numerous training events. These exercises include GREYFOX Anti-Surface Warfare Hellfire missile shoots, Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative Anti-Submarine Warfare exercises, and consolidated Atlantic Undersea Test & Evaluation Center training peri-

ods.

Armin improved the quality of training provided by the Weapons School and instituted lasting readiness gains that benefit combat aircrews preparing to deploy. He has positioned the Weapon School to continue to provide exceptional training and to seamlessly integrate the community's newest helicopter, the MH-60R, into the training cycle.

Armin's next assignment will be as the Airboss aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4) homeported in San Diego, Ca.

Sawin graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in December of 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics. Following flight training in Pensacola, Fla., he was designated a Naval Aviator in June of 1994.

Upon completion of SH-60B Seahawk Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) training at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 41, Sawin reported to HSL 49 in August of 1995. He made two long deployments, one aboard USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG-60) to the Arabian Gulf, and the second as the Maintenance Officer aboard the USS Vincennes (CG-49) and the USS Mobile Bay (CG-53)

supporting operations in and around Japan with HSL 51.

Following his tour at HSL 49, he transferred back to HSL 41 as a Flight Instructor where he gained all of his upper level qualifications. He also spent one year at the FRS supporting the SH-60R/S Fleet Introduction Team (FIT) as the SH-60R Team Lead

In August of 2001, he transferred back to the fleet, once again to HSL 49, where he completed the Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor (SWTI) School, and became the resident SWTI. During that tour, he was promoted to LCDR and was immediately sent out as the Officer In Charge (OIC) of Detachment 4 during RIMPAC 2003 in USS Lassen (DDG-82).

Upon completion of his SWTI orders, he remained at HSL 49 to complete his Department Head/OIC tour. In this tour, he deployed aboard the USS Fletcher (DD-992) in December of 2003 as the OIC. This deployment supported the Navy's Sea Swap initiative in Perth Australia, followed by operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf, Horn of Africa, and Gulf of Oman. During this deployment, he qualified as Officer Of the Deck and

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## Mayport Sees Red



-Photo by Paige Gnann

NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Aaron Bowman, and Executive Officer, Cmdr. Mike Watson, are joined by firefighters from Mayport Fire and Emergency Services to cut the ribbon on a new 105-foot Pierce Velocity Tower vehicle while other emergency service personnel stand below. The ribbon cutting was to celebrate the arrival of three new emergency services vehicles, including a reponse vehicle for the airfield and a Pierce Contender Pumper.

From Mayport Fire and Emergency Services

Mayport Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) is reaching new heights.

F&ES recently received three new vehicles that will enhance the abilities of emergency personnel to respond to, and work on, the fire ground.

F&ES now has a bright red 105-foot Pierce Velocity Tower vehicle. This will replace a smaller 55-foot E-One that will go to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. This Aerial will allow the F&ES to reach Mayport's higher buildings and the deck of a carrier. It provides a tower with a rescue bucket that allows the firefighters to operate in a safe and protected area

above a fire.

Another new vehicle at F&ES is an Oshkosh T-1500 ARFF response vehicle used on the airfield. This truck carries 1,500 gallons of water and can pump 1,500 gpm. It will give the Crash Fire Rescue crews complete similar type vehicles as of the 3, one will be in reserve. The new truck is a far cry from the recently retired P-19 that had been in service since 1985.

The last vehicle is a Pierce Contender Pumper that has all the new bells and whistles. It carries 750 gallons of water and pumps 1250 gpm. It replaces a 10 year old E-One pumper that will go into reserve.

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**Capt. Aaron Bowman**

Some of you may have seen a new face around Naval Station Mayport the past couple of weeks and I want to welcome aboard our new Command Master Chief, CMDCM Dave Anderson. He is no stranger to Mayport and has served aboard both USS Carney as a Chief and USS Vicksburg as its Command Master Chief. He is very excited about joining the Mayport team and he is making the rounds to introduce himself so make sure and say hello when you see him. Best of luck to CMC Deb Davidson as she heads on to join our Navy Food Management Team. Her true grit will be missed, and I personally want to thank her for

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her dedication and service to the Mayport team.

Thanks to Naval Station Mayport's multicultural committee who put on a fabulous African-American History celebration on Feb. 24. If you missed hearing the Edward Waters College Concert Choir perform at the Base Chapel, you really missed a lot.

Seeing red? It is probably the three new fire trucks at Mayport Fire and Emergency Services. The trucks will enhance the abilities of the F&ES to respond to and work on the fire ground. XO CDR Mike Watson and I, along with two Mayport firefighters, cut the ribbon while 100 feet up in the new tower truck, a 105' Pierce Velocity Tower. This will replace the 55' E-One that will go to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic as an aerial device for some other department that needs one. This Aerial will allow the Fire & Emergency to reach all our higher buildings and the deck of a carrier. It provides a tower

with a rescue bucket that allows the firefighters to operate in a safe and protected area above a fire. Mayport now has the largest Fire truck in the entire surrounding area.

I want to talk to you about something very near and dear to my heart. On 11 Feb, representatives met with Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Director Bill Kennedy to discuss the annual NMCRS fund drive. In 2009, the Mayport office provided more than \$960,889 in emergency assistance funds, which included interest-free loans and grants, to more than 1,750 Sailors, Marines and their families. They have helped service members and retirees with everything from turning on their electricity during these cold months to helping with burial services for loved ones. No matter what the situation, Bill Kennedy and his staff at NMCRS are there to help. One out of six Sailors will use NMCRS society at some time during their career. It is only

fitting that we give back as best as we can. I know it is tough times for many of us, but that is all the more reason to give what you can. Because as tough as it is for us, there is always someone who is having a tougher time. Personnel interested in donating should contact RPC Bradley or RP1 Shield. The fund drive will run March 15-April 16. For more information about receiving help from the NMCRS, call (904)270-5418 or visit their Web site at [www.nmcrcsmayport.org](http://www.nmcrcsmayport.org).

A week or so ago, I was proud to join with Vice Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan Greenert, MWR, Public Works and the design-build team of VOA Associates/Sauer, Inc. to break ground on the NS Mayport's new Child Development Center. The new facility will be located off base behind the current Rainbow Center and will hold 212 additional children. This will replace the old on-base child development center and will have more infant rooms - a big quality of life improvement for Mayport. It is expected to be complete by March 14, 2011. VCNO also met with Individual

Augmentees, their family members, and Fleet and Family Support Center staff. His priority is to listen and learn the concerns that are out there at the deck plate level, and I want to thank everyone who had a chance to speak with him for your honesty. He can't help fix anything if he gets a glossed over view, and believe me, your comments and concerns will be addressed.

Along with the VCNO, we were pleased to host Florida Gov. Charlie Crist on 11 Feb. Crist visited Mayport to get a brief on upcoming military construction at the base, including the dredging project scheduled to begin in August.

Mayport was also the launching point for the maiden deployment of USS Freedom (LCS 1). Freedom left from Mayport, Fla., 16 Feb for its maiden deployment to the Southern Command and Pacific Command areas of responsibility. Freedom will deploy to the waters surrounding Latin America to conduct counter-illicit trafficking operations and theater security cooperation activities while en route to its new homeport of San Diego,

Calif. The first ship in the revolutionary littoral combat ship class, Freedom is a fast, maneuverable, and networked surface modular ship designed to complement the Navy's larger multi-mission surface combatants in select mission areas, including combating submarines, mines, and fast-attack craft threats in the littorals.

Don't forget that the Mayport VITA Tax Center is open and its FREE.

The tax center is located in Building 707 (next to the thrift store and veterinary clinic on Everglades Street, off of Moale Road) and is open from Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call 270-5150. Walk ins are welcome.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you see a better (or safer) way of doing day to day business. Keep those suggestions coming in to the CO's suggestion box located at the base galley, or email them to [aaron.bowman@navy.mil](mailto:aaron.bowman@navy.mil)

# You Don't Have To 'Face The Grisly' Alone



**Chaplain Joe Molina**  
CDS40 Staff Chaplain

There's an interesting story about a Methodist and Baptist preachers who were fierce competitors (places and names will remain anonymous to protect the innocent). Their two churches were located across the street from each other and both churches were roughly the

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same size.

These two ministers competed for members. They competed for attention from the community. They competed on the quality of their sermons. This had caused a lot of tension between those two "men of God." A prominent and concerned citizen of the community wanted to see the two pastors get together in a spirit of cooperation and love. Therefore, he paid for both pastors to go hunting. For several days they shared everything. They shared a small tent. They cooked their meals over the same fire and a good spirit of brotherly love actually start-

ed to develop between them... until one night. A giant grisly bear started clawing at their tent. The bear was hungry and had a bad attitude.

"Let's run for it!" said the Methodist minister. "You can't outrun a grisly!" yelled the Baptist.

"I know that. All I have to do is run faster than you!"... Well, so much for cooperation.

Hey, what do you do in those bad-to-worse case scenarios when you have to face a giant grisly on your own? I'm referring to those imponderable, unforeseen circumstances that tend to blind-side us from

time to time. Well, I don't know about you, but in those moments, I need to know that I am not alone. I need to know that I am part of a team that has genuine concern and care over its members. I need to know that if facing the "giant grisly" of emotional/spiritual pain, career challenges, personal loss or physical illness that I will not be abandoned.

As I examine our core values and vision/mission statements it is very clear to me that concern for each other is vital to mission accomplishment. In expressing this concern for people we need to have an awareness of our surroundings, being ever vigilant of potential dangers and pit falls that could harm the other members of the team. I.e., I cover your back and you cover mine. I need to have your interest at

heart because I will expect the same from you. Why? Because we are each valued members of the team and we need each other to accomplish our mission. That's the theory and when put into practice we find that the principles will actually work. This process attempts to ensure that we are not left alone in moments of difficulty (great or small).

However, in all our vigilance and proactive planning there is always room for a margin of error. There is always the possibility that in a given moment of personal difficulty I could find myself apparently alone. Well, even then, I still need to know that I am not alone. I need to know that I am inextricably connected and in fact am a part of the "City of God." In knowing this I am assured that while

nations may be at war and kingdoms may rise and fall that at the end of the day God is still God. If I truly believe this (and I mean truly) I can be armed with the confidence of God's pre-eminent power and abiding presence. But, here's the caveat. I must be careful that my confidence is not an arrogant confidence. I must be careful not to fall into the trap of constantly asserting that God is on my side. Rather, I must ensure that I am on God's side.

Having to face the grisly from time to time may be a fact of life, but I do know that I am not alone. I have you, you have me and God has us!

# How You Can Help Your Student Earn Better Grades



**Judy Cromartie**  
School Liaison Officer

Earlier this month student report cards went home. Were you pleased or shocked at what you saw? If it was the latter, don't worry. You may not have had time yet to schedule an appointment with the teacher to ask those questions buzzing through your head. However, there's still time to help your child improve and learn.

The time you take and the support you provide now will help your student succeed in school. That should ultimately lead to postsecondary success whether it is the military, the work force, or college.

Before you set up that confer-

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ence, talk to your student. Ask the following questions:

1. Did you turn in all of your homework? If not, how can I help you to organize your time so that you can get it all done?
2. Did you turn your homework in on time? If not, what was the penalty for turning in late homework? How can I help you learn to meet deadlines?
3. What is your teacher's policy about incorrect answers on homework and exams? Will your teacher allow you to turn in corrected answers for partial or half credit?
4. Do you understand the material? If not, will your teacher meet with you to review and answer questions? Are free tutors available at your school? Do we need to consider using Tutor.com?
5. Do you have any distractions or barriers that keep you from listening, taking notes, or completing homework? How can you avoid them?
6. Can you describe the tests

(essay, multiple choice, fill in the blank, etc.)? What are the best ways to prepare for the exams? What percentage of your grade do tests represent?

Armed with some basic answers from your child, you can formulate a strategy for fostering improvement even before you go to the school to meet with the teacher.

For homework help, keep some simple ideas in mind:

- \* Set a schedule and post it.

Set a regular time for homework, create an actual schedule, post it where everyone in the family can see it, and stick to it.

\* Choose the right environment. Find a place within your home where you can concentrate, away from distractions like a television, radio or computer games. Set and enforce appropriate rules for homework time.

\* Keep plenty of supplies on hand. Be prepared with writing paper, a ruler, a stapler, a dictionary and thesaurus within reach.

\* Don't use homework as punishment. It should be treated as an opportunity to learn rather

than given a negative connotation.

\* Lead by example. During homework time, be available to work with your child.

For overall academic success, read to your young child as much as possible and/or encourage your pre-teen or teenager to continue reading. Reading is like any other skill-becoming adept at it requires repeated, consistent practice. As educator and home schooling consultant Jessie Wise puts it, "athletes and musicians practice repetition for mastery. I think the same strategy works for reading." Students who read often are provided positive rein-

forcement as they become more accomplished readers. And as they become more accomplished readers, their grades will also improve.

Next week I will provide test-taking tips and tips for parent-teacher conferences.

Judy Cromartie is the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport. If you have questions about this article or concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, she can be reached via email at [judith.cromartie@navy.mil](mailto:cromartie@navy.mil) or by phone at (904) 270-6289 ext. 1305 [office] or (904) 219-7891 [cell].

# ASE Test At NCO

From Navy College Office

The Navy College Office located in Building 460 is scheduled to offer the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification examination on May 6, 11, and 13.

The deadline to order ASE exam is March 18, 2010.

All registration fees and test fees that are not funded by DANTES must be paid at the time of registration. Military personnel taking more than the three DANTES funded exams must pay an additional \$28.00 per test along with the \$36.00

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# FRCSE SOY Earns Higher Recognition

By Marsha Childs

FRCSE Public Affairs

Commander Fleet Readiness Center (COMFRC) in Patuxent River, Md., has named Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 1st Class Jeremy A. Phillips the 2009 East Coast Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY).



AZI Jeremy Phillips

Competing with more than 200 squared-away first class petty officers, Phillips was selected from an impressive group of eight finalists chosen as their command's 2009 SOY.

FRCSE Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Sholl

announced Phillips' selection as the FRCSE SOY at the command holiday party in December and called Phillips in January with the news of his COMFRC selection.

Phillips is assigned to Naval Station Mayport, FRCSE Detachment Mayport and serves as the Naval Aviation Logistics Command Management Information System administrator and Production Controller. He is responsible for prioritizing and tracking workflow for 200 Sailors, a very demanding billet.

He reported in March 2008 following duty on the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), where he initially served as the Maintenance Administration Leading Petty Officer and finished his tour in the maintenance chief petty officer billet due to a staffing shortage.

Growing up on a tobacco farm in Elizabethton, a small town in east Tennessee, Phillips said his decision to join the Navy in 1994 after graduating from Hampton High School was an easy one.

"It was either stay at home and drive a tractor

or do something semi-exciting," he said.

Phillips claims the Navy attracts a higher quality recruit who has the ability to become a "rock star" if given the opportunity. Since March 2008, he has facilitated four petty officer indoctrination courses and three Leadership Continuum courses providing future Navy leaders the skills needed for success.

He continually sets uncompromising standards of excellence for himself and the Sailors he leads. His leave-no-Sailor-behind attitude ensures the professional development of junior personnel under his leadership.

Phillips has never regretted his decision to enlist. He is honored to receive the nod as the top 2009 COMFRC and FRCSE Sailor. "They'll have to kick me out of the Navy," he said, "I'll stay forever!"

He is married with three children. His personal awards include four Navy Achievement Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal and various unit awards.

Other exceptional Sailors considered for the FRCSE SOY included LS1(AW) Althea R. Robinson, Level III Maintenance 2009 SOY, who recently returned from a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan assigned to Special Operations Forces.

AM1(AW) Miguel E. Ortega, Detachment (DET) Key West 2009 SOY, serves as the 900 Production Division Leading Petty Officer. In 2009, he increased unit productivity by 38 percent and decreased backlog by 62 percent in support of 130 aircraft detachments.

AM1(AW) Conroy C. McKenzie, FRCSE DET Jacksonville 2009 SOY, serves as the 500 Airframes Division Leading Petty Officer overseeing 62 technicians in support of 15 tenant commands, as well as the Command Fitness Leader for 780 personnel.

# Olds Is Top Blue Jacket For NH Jax Branch Clinics

From NH Jacksonville

Hospital Corpsman (HN) Jeremy Olds, a General Duty HM in Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Mayport's Primary Care and Physical Health Assessment Clinic was selected as the top performing Blue Jacket of the Year for 2009 from all six of Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Branch Health Clinics.

"When I found out I was up for this award I was shocked," Olds said. "I was even more so when I won." He said. He attributes his work ethics to his mother Lisa Baker. "She always made sure that I studied and kept me motivated, to stay on



HN Jeremy Olds

point, to stay focused. I've got to make her proud," he said.

At the NBHC Olds provides quality healthcare to over 1,200

patients monthly as a Family Practice Corpsman, according to his Command Leading Chief HMCS (SW/FMF) Robert King. "HN Olds performs at a Petty Officer level and has consistently received high praise from direct supervisors and physicians on his quality of work... HN Olds although junior in the command, has set the example for others to follow throughout NBHC Mayport."

That can-do example is evident both at the NBHC where he manned the front desk during a manning shortage and properly triaged and tracked more than 250 patients a day

and when subsequently volunteered for a six-month deployment to the detainee facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There, due to his outstanding motivational skill and dedication to duty, he was selected to work the feeding block working with detainees on hunger strike. He also provided more than 10 hours of medical support during detainee legal proceedings. Other duties included service as the Assistant Supply Petty Officer for the facility's Occupational Community Services Department where he ordered supplies for four major divisions.

Upon his return from deployment he was reassigned to the (Physical Health Assessment) PHA Clinic where with minimal supervision he learned to perform Electro-Cardiograms (EKGs) and to complete physical assessments exams to help maintain the 90 percent compliance for the department.

He goes the extra mile for shipmates and patients. His volunteerism includes work with the command Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Committee raising funds for the annual holiday party and he's on the NS Mayport Base Basketball Team, playing the

forward position. He also was hand-picked to provide medical support for a local Red Cross Disaster Shelter during hurricane season.

Olds is the son of Robert Olds and Lisa Baker of Dallas, Texas. He graduated from W.W. Samuell High School, Dallas in 2005. Olds' wife, Marquita, is in the U.S. Army and presently deployed to Iraq. Olds said she has been a big support to him as he pursues his Navy career.

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received his OOD letter underway.

Following his return from deployment in June of 2004, he became the Maintenance Officer until his departure in April of 2005.

Sawin reported to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management & Comptroller in the Pentagon in May of 2005, and worked as

the Lead Analyst for the Aircraft Procurement, Navy Appropriation and associated Research and Development accounts until June of 2007.

Sawin then spent nine months working with the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants (OARDEC) in Arlington, VA. This involved working directly

with the Department of Justice, The Office of General Counsel for the United States, CIA, FBI and many other agencies in dealing with the detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Upon completion of his tour with OARDEC, Sawin reported to the HSM Weapons School, Atlantic as Executive Officer in November of 2008.

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NOSA Mayport will host a protocol and entertaining workshop for all military officer's spouses from 6-8 p.m. on March 15 at the Base Chapel. There will be a panel to discuss everything from entertaining to social attire and shipboard protocol. To learn more about NOSA or to join, go to: [www.nosamayport.org](http://www.nosamayport.org). Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month.

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# USS De Wert Visits Jordan

From USS De Wert

During their fourth month of a Counter Piracy Operations deployment, USS De Wert (FFG 45), completed a community relations (COMREL) project in Aqaba, Jordan.

In the northern side of Aqaba is the SOS Orphanage, housing more than 80 children, ages 9 months to 14 years old. Of the nine homes on the site, there is one "mother" per household caring for six to eight children, with roughly 15 staff living on the site.

Due to certain restrictions, only five crewmembers were allowed to participate. Other crewmembers were still able to support in different ways.

"Our Culinary Specialists baked over 200 chocolate chip cookies for the children and prepared bagged lunches for the COMREL team, MWR loaned soccer balls, and others loaned gloves for the work," said Ensign Arthur Bond.

The first order of business was to play games! Boatswain's Mate Seaman Joshua Sewell claimed, "We were supposed to play for one hour but the children were having so much fun, we played for two hours."

Games included competitive team races and soccer, including some soccer footwork skills training from Lt. Glenn Lumpkin. "I've been coaching for 14 years, all ages. After four months away from home and family, this was a spirit lifter, for the children and us."

The COMREL team then visited each of the homes, sharing cookies with everyone.

"They needed us to move over one ton of plywood sheets out of a building, onto a truck and then into storage," Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Trevic McAfee recalled.

The building will be renovated into a music hall and an art studio for the children. The idle wood sat for more than a year, stalling these improvements.

After removing the wood from the site, "we took for photos and said goodbyes, but the children did not want to us to go. So, all of us signed one of the soccer balls and donated it to the orphanage," stated Operations Specialist 2nd Class Lee Burns.

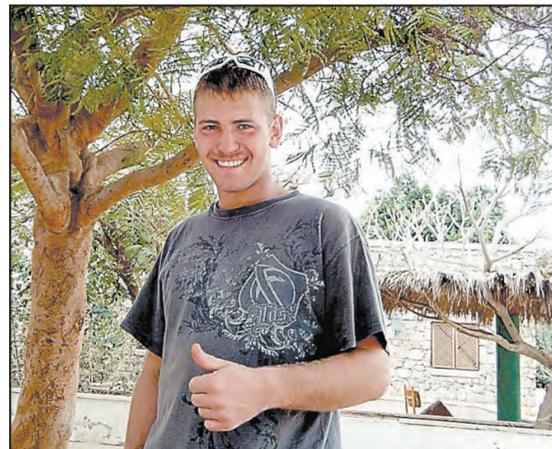
"It has been more than five years since anyone did anything like this," said Cmdr. Denise Spanier of the U. S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan.

"Even the Administrator, Ferial Nabas, was in tears, telling us how happy the children were and that she hoped all Navy ships were as kind as us. She also wished us a safe journey home. Our Command was well-represented and we left with something special at the end of the day," Lumpkin remembers.

Later that evening, the Royal Jordanian Naval Force's CNO, Major General Dari, personally thanked Cmdr. Sean McLaren, commanding officer of USS De Wert the COMREL team and his crew.



Lt. Glenn Lumpkin taps knuckles with a small child at the orphanage.



-Photos courtesy of USS De Wert  
Above, Boatswain's Mate Seaman Joshua Sewell enjoys a day performing community relations project in Aqaba, Jordan. Below, Sailors from USS De Wert play soccer with orphans at the SOS Orphanage.



A caregiver at the orphanage demonstrates foot moves with the Sailors and orphans.



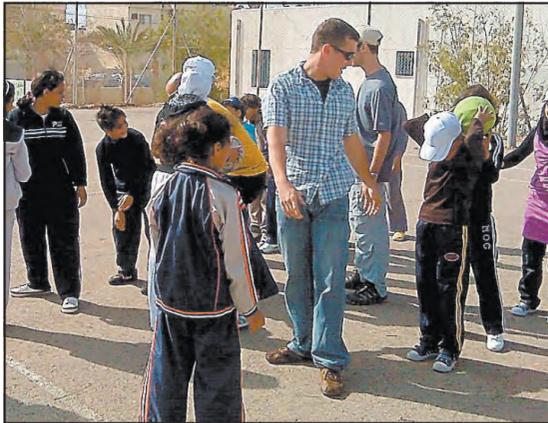
Operations Specialist 2nd Class Lee Burns plays with a young child at the orphanage.



Lt. Glenn Lumpkin is one of five USS De Wert crewmembers allowed to participate in a community relations project at an orphanage in Jordan. It was the first time in several years that the U.S. Navy performed a COMREL in the country.



Above left, Sailors from USS De Wert and Cmdr. Denise Spanier of the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan pose with caregivers outside of the orphanage. Below left, Sewell points out the camera to a young boy as other orphans take pictures of the U.S. Navy visitors. Above, Sailors move more than a ton of plywood sheets out of a building and onto a truck to be stored for future use. The newly vacated building will be renovated into a music hall and art studio for the children.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Trevic McAfee takes a break and hands out chocolate chip cookies made by the ship's Culinary Specialists for the orphanage.

# USS Carney Races For ESWS Cup

By Ensign Emily Rhatcan  
USS Carney PAO

As USS Carney (DDG 64) enters her seventh week of deployment, one of her many challenging goals is to return to Mayport with every enlisted Carney Warrior qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS).

The Enlisted Surface Warfare qualification represents thorough knowledge of the ship and reflects professionalism as a United States Sailor.

"ESWS will soon be a requirement for all enlisted Sailors on board ships, regardless of paygrade," Command

Master Chief Ross Cramer said. "Why wait for a requirement when we can set a new standard?"

To motivate Carney Sailors to achieve this career milestone, the Carney Chief Mess created a "Race for the ESWS Cup" challenge with a NASCAR

theme.

Thirteen Carney Chiefs serve as Team Mentors; 13 First Class Petty Officers are the Team Captains; "pit crews" are comprised of 11 non-ESWS-qualified Carney Warriors.

To transform the ESWS qualification process into a com-

petition, each signature line in the ESWS common core and unit specific books is awarded a point value.

The final qualification signatures are awarded extra points, and each week the team rankings are announced like NASCAR point standings.

The first team to qualify its entire pit crew will win the silver ESWS Cup. The team name will be engraved on the Cup, and the Cup will be proudly displayed on Carney's Mess Deck.

## Midway Dinner Tickets On Sale

From Navy League

The Navy League of Mayport is hosting the Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner. Tickets are now on sale for this year's Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner, which will be held Saturday, June 5, at the Renaissance Resort, World Golf Village. Guest speaker TBD and other veterans of the Battle of Midway will also attend this year's dinner. Come meet these "National Treasures" and hear their adventures first hand.

The evening promises to be emotional and patriotic, and provides an excellent opportunity to connect with survivors of what historians call one of the U. S. Navy's greatest sea victories and the turning point

of World War II in the Pacific.

Ticket costs are: Active Duty E-6 and below, \$25; E-7 to O3, \$35; O4 to O5, \$45, O6 and above, civilians, and retirees, \$55. The evening includes fine dining and entertainment. Uniform will be O4 and above - dinner dress white jacket; O3 and below - dinner dress white/dinner dress white jacket optional and civilian is black tie or business attire. Cocktails begin at 1830, dinner at 1930. Reserved seating.

Make checks payable to Navy League Midway Dinner. Tickets may be purchased from the following locations:

Navy League Mayport: POC Bill McLoughlin, Phone 904-285-8731

## The Sullivans

From Page 1

The Sullivans will have a strong support system at home. Apryl Woods and Sarah Otto, the Ombudsmen for The Sullivans, provide excellent care for families. As some of the best Ombudsmen in the Fleet, Apryl and Sarah are an integral part of The Sullivans' team.

Their job ranges from sending email updates to going to the hospital with a Sailor's sick child or helping a young mom deal with the stress of new found responsibilities. Thanks

to their hard work, Sailors can know they are leaving their families in good hands.

As The Sullivans crosses the ocean, the crew anxiously awaits what missions will come. The BMD mission centers on the ability of AEGIS capable ships like The Sullivans to provide forward defense and mobility.

Look for updates as The Sullivans heads to the fight and plays its role on the world scene.

## Mayport Cleans Up



The 2010 Winter Shoreline Clean-up was held Thursday morning, Feb. 11. In support of the event, 65 volunteers, both military and civilian personnel, gathered at the Jetties on Naval Station Mayport for a one-hour focused event dedicated to removing trash and debris from the St. Johns River and ocean shorelines. Sixty-one bags of trash were collected from the shoreline areas in addition to 400 pounds of wood debris. Several organizations were represented by multiple personnel, including FRCSE, Harbor Ops, Security, Afloat Training Group, FISC/SERMC, Environmental, RLISO SE, and HSL-42. The next organized cleanup is scheduled for March 20 at Helen Cooper Floyd Park (Little Jetties) in conjunction with the 15th Annual St. Johns River Celebration.



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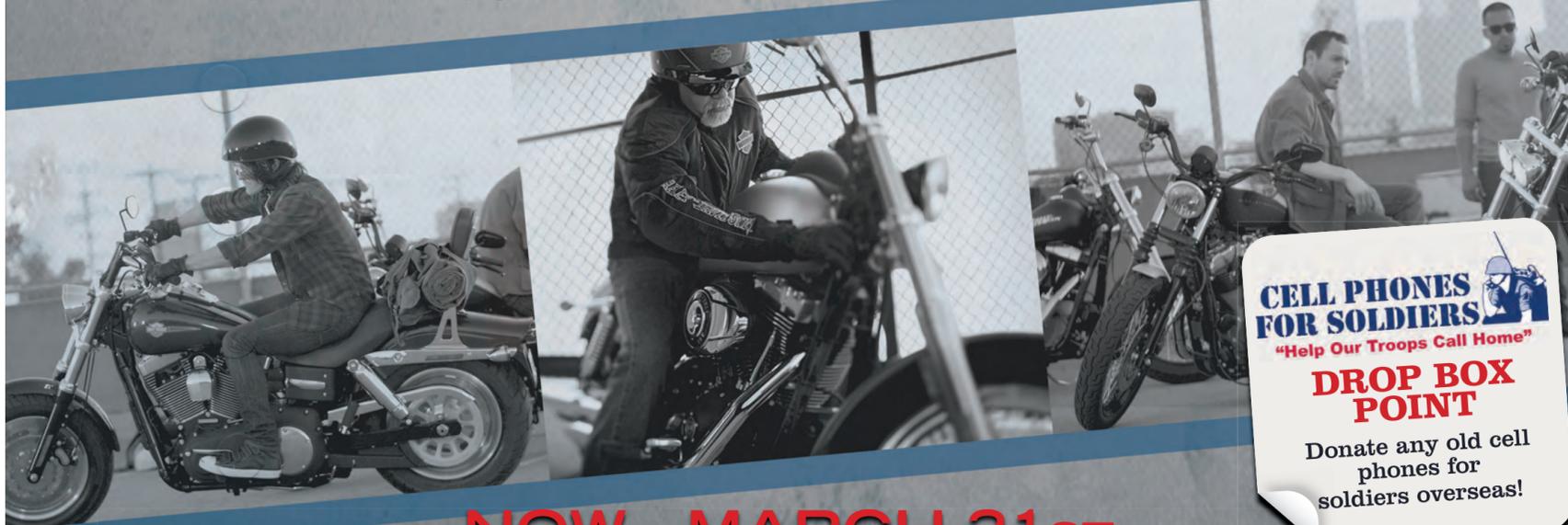
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# New FFSC Classes, Workshops In March

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. 1701. FFSC is located in Building One on Massey Avenue.

Feb. 26, 9-11 a.m., **Home Buying**, FFSC

March 1-4, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., **SAPR Training**, NAS Jax Chapel

March 1-4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **Executive TAP**, Building 1 Room 1616

March 2, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 2, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

March 3, 8-11:30 a.m., **Stress Management**, Wellness Center

March 3, 9-11 a.m., **What About the Kids?**, FFSC

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## Expectant Dad's Class So, You're Going To Be A Dad

From FFSC

The Mayport Fleet and Family Support Center's New Parent Support Program is sponsoring an Expectant Dad's Class on March 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the USO on Mayport Road

This program is designed for new Dads and Moms. The program will address, investigate, and discuss issues facing fathers in

today's world. The attendees will look at being a father in the military, on care of newborns and toddlers and how to grow with your child and become the Dad you really want to be.

The program will increase the participant's knowledge about child development and will also address relationship changes that accompany the birth of a child.

ment problems has been found to be associated with exposure to domestic violence. Parent's need to see and understand the effects of domestic violence on children as encompassing behavior, emotion, development and socialization. Parents need to understand that there is an intergenerational cycle of violence and they may be creating a legacy for their child of learned violent behavior. The purpose of this program is not to shame parents for events

that have already happen, but to instill hope that things can change. The knowledge that the violence, which many parents incorrectly believe is unseen by their children, is negatively impacting their children's growth and development and may provide an additional motivator for ending the violence and seeking intervention.

March 3, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO  
March 4, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**,

FFSC  
March 4, 1-3 p.m., **Car Buying Tips**, FFSC

March 8, 1-4 p.m., **Expectant Dad's Class**, USO

March 8, 1-3 p.m., **FERP-Starting Your Own Business**, FFSC

March 8, 6-7 p.m., **IA Family Discussion Group**, USO

March 8-11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Retiree Workshop**, Building 1 Room 104

March 9, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

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

March 10, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

March 11, 1-3 p.m., **Credit Report**, FFSC

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

March 15, 8:30 a.m.-noon, **FERP- Career & Job Readiness Class**, FFSC

March 15, 1-3 p.m., **FERP-Federal Employment Class**, FFSC

March 16, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

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

March 17, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

March 18, 1-3 p.m., **Establishing A Sound Family Budget**, FFSC

March 18, 9-11 a.m., **Smooth Move**, FFSC

March 18, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 18, 8-11 a.m., **Anger Management**, FFSC

March 22-26, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Command Financial Specialist Training**, Building 1 Room 1616

March 22-25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Separatee Workshop**, Building 1 Room 104

March 23, 1-3 p.m., **Overseas Living**, FFSC

March 23, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

March 23, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 24, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

March 25, 1-3 p.m., **Home Buying**, FFSC

March 25, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 29, 6-9 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, USO

March 29, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., **Military Spouse 101**, FFSC

March 30, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

March 30, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-in Review Assistance**, FFSC

March 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., **Tri-base Job Fair**, Morocco Shrine Center

# NS Mayport Kicks off Military Saves Week

By MC1 Leah Stiles

Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Southeast

Financial security and independence is a big topic these days especially during the tough economic times facing us all. To assist Sailors and service members the Department of Defense encourages all members to participate in "Military Saves," week.

Military Saves is a Department of Defense-wide financial readiness campaign to persuade military service and family members, as well as the wider military community, to reduce debt and save money thereby ensuring personal financial readiness. "Military Saves Week" has been designated throughout the fleet to be observed Feb. 22 to



March 1.

NS Mayport is proudly supporting this effort by asking military service members and their families, DOD personnel, civilian contractors, and military retirees to join Military Saves Campaign as part of Operation Financial Fitness.

"We're stepping up our efforts to increase individual and family finan-

cial fitness by providing additional educational programs at our Fleet and Family Support Centers," says David DuBois, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Deputy, Navy Fleet and Family Support Programs and Military Saves Campaign Leader. "We are working directly with command financial specialists to provide information and personalized assistance in addressing unit financial readiness."

While it is an ongoing campaign, the entire military community comes together to focus on financial readiness during Military Saves Week, the last Sunday of February through the first Sunday of March every year.

"With the way the economy is, it

really has us thinking about our finances. I think it's great that this information is available to me, so that I can better plan for my family's future," said Operation's Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW) Shantae Salmon.

By establishing sound and achievable financial goals, maximizing the savings of personal income, and reducing debt, our Sailors and families can enjoy the freedoms of financial independence.

According to their website, Military Saves provides the necessary tools to help accomplish any financial mission. Individuals simply make the commitment to reduce their debt or save money on a regular basis to achieve their personal financial goals.

Participants receive helpful financial tips and the much needed encouragement to continue the saving habit.

Sailors should contact their Command Financial Specialist to seek assistance regarding their current financial readiness. Sailors and family members can also contact their local Fleet and Family Support Center for financial counseling, referrals and a description of financial classes offered such as savings and investing, debt reduction, car buying, home buying and more.

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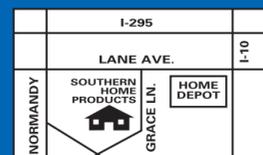
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# NAVSUP/Chief of Supply Corps Visits NAVSO/C4F

From U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Michael Lyden, Commander, Navy Supply System Command (NAVSUP) and Chief of Supply Corps spoke with U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) and U.S. Fourth Fleet (C4F) supply staff members Feb. 2 about C4F supply and logistics departmental participation in the logistical operations for Operation Unified Response.

"We have limited capacity and consequently we've reached back to the NAVSUP enterprise for a team of augmentees ranging from representatives from Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) San Diego, FISC Jacksonville, FISC Pearl Harbor, U.S. 2nd Fleet and Naval Operational Logistics Support Center," said Capt. Adrian Garcia, assistant chief of staff of logistics for C4F and Commander Task Force (CTF) 43. "This team of augmentees has enabled the 4th Fleet logistics team to support the humanitarian and disaster relief mission."

In support of Operation Unified Response, C4F is tasked to coordinate the U.S. Navy's response to disaster relief in Haiti following a 7.0 magnitude earth-

quake Jan. 12. The focus of Operation Unified Response is to alleviate the suffering of survivors and support humanitarian relief efforts.

"We've communicated and coordinated the force sustainment of fuel, stores of food and dry goods, and maintenance parts by airlift or sealift with CTF 41, CTF 48, and Joint Task Force Port Opening. And the Navy's movement of humanitarian assistance disaster relief supplies into the joint operating area for further transfer to an array of distribution nodes," added Garcia.

As the Navy component command of U.S. Southern Command, NAVSO's mission is to direct U.S. Naval forces operating in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions and interact with partner nation navies within the maritime environment.

For additional information visit [www.public.navy.mil/comusnavso-c4f](http://www.public.navy.mil/comusnavso-c4f) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&gid=52350813690](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&gid=52350813690), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/NAVSOUTH\\_4THFLT](http://www.twitter.com/NAVSOUTH_4THFLT).



-Photo by MC2 Lily Daniels

Assistant Chief of Staff of Logistics for U.S. 4th Fleet (C4F) and Commander Task Force 43 Capt. Adrian Garcia (right) explains how his department is contributing to the humanitarian and disaster relief mission in Haiti to the Commander of Navy Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps Rear Adm. Michael Lyden (left) during a visit to Commander U.S. Forces Southern Command (NAVSO)/C4F on Feb. 2.

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# Specialty Career Path Expansion Provides Officers Greater Opportunity

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Navy officials announced the expansion of the Specialty Career Path (SCP) program Feb. 18 providing greater opportunities for career-minded officers.

"Specialty Career Path has been a truly successful initiative in the Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) community that has allowed the Navy to place highly skilled officers into key



Navy mission areas. It is now time to expand this program beyond SWOs and include officers from the aviation and submarine communities," said Rear Adm. Mike Shoemaker, assistant commander of Navy Personnel Command (NPC) for career management.

First developed in 2005, SCP supports the demand for unrestricted line officer expertise in growing and expanding mission areas. While these officers would remain available for parent community assignments as inventory dictates, the sea/shore rotation would be predominant

ly in their new SCP.

According to NAVADMIN 049/10, the Navy will expand the SCP options to include operations analysis, financial management, naval operational planner, anti-terrorism/force protection, shore installation management, anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, missile defense, strategic sealift, and education and training management.

"Benefits and opportunities

of selection include some shore commanding officer and executive officer or milestone billets within the specialty area, specialty training and experience, post-graduate education and joint military professional education," said Cmdr. Vincent Segars, assigned to aviation commander assignments at NPC. Segars and several others have been part of a working group for SCP expansion.

"It is an exciting program for

the Navy because it allows us to focus our manpower distribution to individual desires and the needs of the Navy through a board selection process," said Segars.

For more information, eligibility and application procedures, review NAVADMIN 049/10 and visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/Officer/SPECIALTYCAREERPATH.htm>.

## Sailors Honored With Commemorative Stamp

By MC2(EXW/AW)  
Jesse B. Awalt

Naval District Washington Public Affairs

U.S. Navy and United States Postal Service (USPS) officials gathered at the U.S. Navy Memorial Feb. 4 for a first-day-of-issue stamp dedication ceremony of the Distinguished Sailors Stamps.

The free public event that drew more than 250 people honored four Sailors, who appear on new 44-cent commemorative first-class stamps. USPS officials say they hope the Distinguished Sailors Stamps will help to immortalize William S. Sims, Arleigh A. Burke, John McCloy and Doris "Dorie" Miller, who served with bravery and distinction during the 20th century.

"I am pleased to honor these four great Sailors who impacted our nation and world," said John E. Potter, USPS postmaster general. "These brave individuals represent the U.S. Navy's proud legacy of ser-

vice to this nation. Their example is an inspiration to every American."

Juan Garcia, assistant secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, reflected on the diversity of the Sailors featured on the new stamps.

"This wildly diverse group is tied together by their love of country and their fearless courage under fire," said Garcia. "It's a diversity reflected in today's Navy mission itself."

In addition to stamp collectors and naval historians, relatives of the Sailors being honored came to Washington from various parts of the country to attend the event. For some relatives of these Sailors, the stamp series has inspired new interest in their family history.

"I was of course very pleased at the news of the stamp. I am glad that younger generations will perhaps get to know these four distinguished sailors," said Anne Hopkins, granddaughter of William Sims.

"Although I grew up know-

ing of my grandfather mostly as a World War I leader... I have only come to appreciate this in the past couple of years, and through the discussions related to the stamp," Hopkins said of her grandfather, who died in 1936 when she was six years old.

Although the honored Sailors are not alive, they were still remembered as shipmates.

"They are our shipmates; we still think of them that way," said Vice Admiral Sam J. Locklear III, director, Navy Staff.

"These Sailors in their own way, and in their own time, all exemplified in every way the basic core values of our Navy, which are honor, courage and commitment," said Locklear. "I like to imagine that while we are having this ceremony today they are somewhere all looking down on this event."

Locklear said the Sailors would probably all be surprised that their faces were showing up on U.S. stamps.



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Vice Adm. Samuel Locklear, director of the Navy Staff, U.S. Postal Service Postmaster General John Potter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan Garcia and David Rosenberg, a naval historian, unveil the Distinguished Sailors commemorative stamps series during a first-day-of-issue ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial. The stamps commemorate four Sailors who served with bravery and distinction during the 20th century: William S. Sims, Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Lt. Cmdr. John McCloy and Officer's Cook 3rd Class Doris Miller.

"I can only imagine the conversation they would likely be having between themselves," said Locklear. "They are probably all amused."

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue

postmark by mail and may purchase new stamps at their local post office, at The Postal Store at [www.usps.com/shop](http://www.usps.com/shop) or by calling 800-STAMP-24.

They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice,

address the envelopes to themselves or others and place them in a larger envelope addressed to: Distinguished Sailors Stamps, Special Cancellations, PO Box 92282, Washington, DC 20090-2282.

## Spring Marks Personnel System Transition

By Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is on track to transition the majority of its more than 220,000 civilian employees out of the National Security Personnel System by Sept. 30, more than a year ahead of deadline, the official heading up that transition said Feb. 18.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act called for the termination of NSPS by January 2012, bringing an end to a controversial personnel system that's been operational for less than four years.

The majority of employees will transition - starting this spring - back to the decades-old General Schedule system, but with an assurance in regard to pay.

"I am committed to ensure, as directed in the National Defense Authorization Act, that employees experience no loss of, or decrease in, pay upon conversion," said John James, Jr., director of the Pentagon's NSPS transition office. "The department believes in that and believes it is the right thing to do."

This preservation of pay encompasses all employees. For instance, NSPS employees who are paid a salary that exceeds Step 10 - the highest step under the GS system - of their pay grade will retain their pay upon conversion, James explained.

An employee's grade upon conversion will be determined by classification specialists using the same criteria in use for GS employees, James said.

"An employee's position will be evaluated under the General Schedule system and classified," he said. "If that position classifies out as a GS-13, then that employee will become a 13 when they transition."

While the Defense Department has a goal for transition completion, James noted that each organization and component will make a determination on a timeline based on four factors:

- No undue interruption to mission or hardship to employees;
- Established processes to classify NSPS positions into the appropriate non-NSPS system;
- Existence of a legacy performance management system; and
- An information technology system capable of

handling the transition.

As officials work to ensure a smooth transition, they also are turning an eye to the road ahead. Along with terminating NSPS, the act gives the Defense Department new authorities to look at developing a successor performance management system that incorporates the best practices of NSPS and GS.

"One of the best advantages under NSPS that we saw was the clear alignment between employees and the organization about what their contribution means to the priorities and the direction of the organization," James said. "As we develop the new authorities and transition employees to the GS system, in most cases, we plan to reinforce that directive and that effort to ensure the employees are aligned with the organization."

Officials also will examine the law's requirements for hiring flexibilities and a personnel performance fund that rewards employees or teams for their performance, he said.

These processes will continue to be open and transparent, James vowed. "I envision the transition and development and use of the new authorities to be a collaborative effort with supervisors, management, leadership, union partners, labor partners, the Office of Personnel Management and other stakeholders. I see this as being an entirely inclusive process."

James emphasized the importance of communication throughout the transition process and future personnel system modifications. "You can't overcommunicate a change," he said.

To that end, the NSPS Web site, <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/>, now includes transition updates and a training module called GS 101, he said.

"Employees who have never been in the GS system, and there are a few, can go in and walk through that," James said. "It really is informative and tells them how the GS system works." It's also of value to employees who were in the system before, he added.

James encouraged employees to continue to ask questions. "Employees should feel free to ask their chain of command about how that process is being implemented," he said. "GS is very prescriptive in how the process works. They will be informed how their job will be classified and transitioned."

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**March 1-31: Outdoor Adventures March Special.** Weekend camping special - five-person tent, lantern,

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**March 2: All Khaki Wings and Trivia Night.** 3-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club with 35-cent wings, drink specials and all-you-can-drink soft drinks for \$1. Trivia begins at 5:30 p.m. All Khakis welcome (Chief Petty Officers, Officers and their guests). 270-5431.

**March 3: All Hands Steak Night Sponsored by FISC JAX.** 4-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club. Tickets \$10 per person in advance. Limited tickets at the door for \$12 each. For tick-

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**March 5: Deadline for Men's Military Basketball Tournament.** Tourney is March 12-14 at the Gym. Cost is \$100 per team (limit 14 players per team). Individual, team and most valuable player awards plus t-shirts. 270-5451

**March 9: Men's Volleyball Meeting.** 11 a.m. in the Gym Lobby. 270-5451

**March 9: Women's Basketball Meeting.** 5 p.m. in the Gym Lobby. 270-5451

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**March 3: Pool Tourney Wednesdays.** 6 p.m. pool tournament with prizes for the winner. (Free)

**March 4: RPG Warhammer 40K (Modeling).** 4-10:30 p.m. at Planet Mayport. (Free)

**March 5: Deadline for Men's Military Basketball Tournament.** Liberty is putting together a team of 14 Single Sailors for the tourney on March 12-14 at the Gym. The Liberty Program will pay the \$100 entry fee for one Single Sailor team.

**March 5: Movie Trip.** Van

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**March 8: Bowling Night.** Depart Planet Mayport at 6 p.m. for Mayport Bowling Center. Includes burger, fries, soda,

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**March 11: Call of Duty Modern Warfare Online Tournament.** 6 p.m. start at Planet Mayport. Deadline to sign-up is March 10. (Free)

**Feb. 26: Youth Freedom Friday, Movie Night.** 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center for grade K through age 12. Cost is \$7 if advance sign-up or \$9 the day of, if space. 270-5680 or 5421

**Feb. 26: Youth Spring Sports Registration Deadline.** Tee-ball (ages 4-6), baseball (ages 7-18) and soccer (ages 6-11) registration is held at the Youth Activities Center Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m.-6:30

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From Operation Homefront

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Go directly to <https://eballot.votenet.com/operationhomefront/register>, or to [www.operationhomefront.net](http://www.operationhomefront.net), to nominate children of both active duty and Guard/Reserve families.

In addition to the financial award and travel expenses, meals and accommodations for two will also be provided.

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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
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# MWR

SPORTS/FITNESS

## Fitness

Surfside Fitness schedule is as follows:

### Monday

#### 7 a.m., Spartan Training

Unconventional training for the unconventional warrior which centers on the art of developing the body through refined functional tactics. Spartan Training employs a combination of kettle bells, calisthenics, sprint and distance running, tire flips, sledge hammers, sled drags, and many other advanced training techniques. Meets behind Surfside Fitness Center.

#### 9:30 a.m., Resistance

This class will reform the lower and upper body utilizing every fitness tool. Your body shape will take a 360-degree turn.

#### 10:30 a.m., Broken Hearts

A fitness program for those who require cardiac rehabilitation. Program incorporates a wide variety of fitness tools. Blood pressure and heart rate are monitored while progress is charted.

#### 11:30 a.m., Step n Kick

Step up the fat burn and kick down those kcals with this combo class.

#### 1 p.m., Moms in Motion

A monitored exercise program designed for pregnant women and new moms. This class helps improve muscle tone, ease stress, relieve back pain, and increase energy. All participants are required to submit a doctor's release to participate. Moms can bring babies in carriers to this class. Held at Surfside Fitness Center.

#### 4:30 p.m., Zumba

A fusion of hot, sexy and explosive Latin American and International dance music. Caloric output, fat burning and total body toning are maximized through fun and easy to follow dance steps. Come experience the ultimate dance party in this high energy, motivating class that is great for both the body and the mind.

### Tuesday

#### 7 a.m., Command TRX

(weather permitting) Build functional strength and muscular endurance with this suspension training system developed

by the Navy Seals. Now used on military installations all over the world, the TRX is a space saving, portable tool used to attain peak operational fitness. Mayport's TRX training area can be found behind the Surfside Fitness Center. Meets behind Surfside. Limited to 28 Active Duty only.

#### 9:30 a.m., LoImpact

#### 11:30 a.m., Intro TRX

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

This class assists in preventing and overcoming injuries. Ride the road to recovery! Meets at Surfside Fitness Center lobby.

#### 5:30 p.m., Yoga

### Wednesday

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

Mind Body programs focus on improving flexibility, strength and balance while enhancing posture, mental focus and coordination. Deter injury and the effects of stress, burn calories and improve overall health. Mind Body is a fusion of *Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi*.

#### 10:30 a.m., Broken Hearts

#### 11:30 a.m., Zumba

#### 1 p.m., Moms in Motion

#### 2:30 p.m., Command/FEP TRX & Conditioning for Running

#### 5 p.m., Zumba Basics

#### 5:30 p.m., Kids' Clinic

#### 5:30pm Kickboxing

Learn basic kicks, punches and balance moves in this calorie burning, sweat producing knock out of a work out.

### Thursday

#### 9:30 a.m., Power Walking

#### 11:30 a.m., Adv. Mind Body

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

This class assists in preventing and overcoming injuries. Ride the road to recovery! Meets at Surfside Fitness Center lobby.

### Friday

#### 7 a.m., Beach Bootcamp

(weather permitting) This Commando PT utilizes various training techniques to achieve the highest fitness levels possible. Meets behind Surfside

Fitness Center. Can accommodate 200+ personnel.

#### 10:30 a.m., Zumba Basics

#### 11:30 a.m., Spartan Training

The Gym Schedule is as follows:

### Monday

#### 11:30 a.m., Adv. Weight Training for Warriors

An adrenaline producing 1-hour class devoted to building strength and stamina in active duty personnel. Emphasis is placed on sound, proven weight training techniques. Topics include squatology, supplements and muscle growth. Meets at Gym weight room.

#### 2:30 p.m., Command Rowbics

#### 3 p.m. Victory PRT

Want to score Outstanding on the PRT? Attend Victory PRT and experience effective, highly motivating PRT oriented workouts. A variety of training methods are utilized. Meets at Gym basketball court 2A.

### Tuesday

#### 6:30 a.m., Command Jump and Jab

#### 11:30 a.m., Steel Anchor Training

Show your commitment and motivation by becoming a Steel Anchor. Successful completion of a percentage based combination of the bench press, squat, and dead lift will win you this prestigious award. Get your name on the wall and the coveted Steel Anchor award t-shirt.

### Wednesday

#### 6:30 a.m., Functional Flexibility

#### 7 a.m., Command Cardio Pump

#### 11:30 a.m., Rowbics

#### 4:30 p.m., Spinning

### Thursday

#### 7 a.m., Cardio, Combat and CORE

In this heart-pounding full body workout we break a serious sizzlin' sweat. This fusion of cardio and resistance training will max out your exercise afterburn. Meets at Gym basketball court 1A.

#### 11:30 a.m., Spinning

#### 2:30 p.m., Intro to Weight Training for Warriors

An adrenaline producing 1-hour class devoted to building strength and stamina in active duty personnel. Emphasis is placed on sound, proven weight training techniques. Topics include squatology, supplements and muscle growth. Meets at Gym weight room.

### Friday

#### 6:30 a.m., Command Spinning

This 45-minute indoor cycling class will enhance your

speed and strength and burn mega calories without compromising joint health. Good for all fitness levels. Meets at Gym racquetball court 3.

#### 9:30 a.m., Intro to Spin

This 45-minute indoor cycling class will enhance your speed and strength and burn mega calories without compromising joint health. Good for all fitness levels. Meets at Gym racquetball court 3.

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

This introductory weight

training class is designed especially for women and includes educational material and program design. Meets at Gym weight room.

#### 11:30 a.m., Steel Anchor Testing

Show your commitment and motivation by becoming a Steel Anchor. Successful completion of a percentage based combination of the bench press, squat, and dead lift will win you this prestigious award. Get your name on the wall and the coveted Steel Anchor award t-shirt.

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**Mitch Felat**  
Mar 11th - Mar 13th  
Mitch has been showcasing his talent to rave reviews for the past 15 years. The number one requested comedian on Satellite Radio, Mitch has appeared numerous times on both the "Late Show with David Letterman" and the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno".

**Mark Curry**  
Mar 17th - Mar 20th  
Actor/comedian Mark Curry is best known for portraying Mark Cooper on the hit ABC-TV sitcom "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper" for five seasons as well as hosting "Showtime at the Apollo". He makes regular stand-up appearances on "The Tonight Show," "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and Comedy Central.

**Ralphie May**  
Apr 8th - 10th  
Veteran comedian Ralphie May's popularity exploded after the success of the first season of NBC's hit reality series, "Last Comic Standing". Ralphie's special brand of humor and incredible timing has allowed him to cross social, cultural, and ethnic barriers and has earned him roles in such films as FOR DA LOVE OF MONEY and GAS.

For a complete listing of performance times & tickets visit:  
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The Harlem Globetrotters and the Jacksonville Arena Box Office are offering the military discounted tickets for the event on Friday, Feb 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 (regular price is \$24) they are only available at the Veterans Memorial Arena Box Office, not at your USO. You must have a valid military ID to take advantage of this offer.

Your Jacksonville USO Centers will be collecting gently used ball caps for the "Stand Down" for the Homeless Veterans being held at the Jacksonville Agricultural Fairgrounds on Saturday April 17. If you would like to help, just bring your donation into any one of our three USO Centers and drop them in the box.

The United States Navy Band from Washington, D.C will hold a free concert Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Times-Union Center Jacoby Symphony Hall. Centers will each have 200 FREE tickets for this concert.

American Legion Post 316 will sponsor a cook-out on Sunday, Feb. 28, between 1-5 p.m., at the Post Home, 1127 Atlantic Blvd, with all proceeds going to the Greater Jacksonville Area USO to help offset No Dough Dinner costs. Dinner will consist of Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Iced Tea, and Dessert, all for only a \$7 donation.

Win Free tickets to the NCAA Men's basketball tournament at Jacksonville Veteran, A's Memorial Arena courtesy of DREES Homes and your USO. Tournament dates are March 19 and 21. These tickets are exclusively for

# USO NEWS

Active Duty Military Personnel, including Florida National Guard. Register to win tickets at ANY Drees model home through March 14. Drawings for one pair of tickets will be held weekly on Sundays at 3 p.m. To register, you must show your military ID and fill out a registration form at one of the above locations. Winners will receive a certificate for a pair of tickets that can be redeemed at the USO.

For more information please call 904-399-2501 and select a community or email drees4n-caa@gmail.com. You may also visit [www.dreeshomes.com](http://www.dreeshomes.com) for more information about the communities and locations. Winners do not need to be present to win.

5th Annual Captain Chuck Cornett 10k Run & 5k Walk race will be held on the Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Saturday, April 3rd at 8 am. Entry fees for this race are as follows \$15 for Military until March 26th, \$20 for Authorized base personnel, and \$25 after March 27 through the day of the race. For more information visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/jacksonville](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/jacksonville).

Your USO has rented the Adventure Landing Park at 1644 Beach Blvd. for June 16 for another exciting night of fun. The park will be closing early and will be reopened from 6 to 11 pm exclusively for the military. There will be more information announced at a later date.

FRA Branch #91, Collins

Road, Orange Park (down the road from NAS JAX) will host its 2nd Annual USO benefit motorcycle Poker Run or "Fleet Fun Run," on March 20. Costs/registration info for motorcycle ride participants will be forthcoming. You do not have to ride a motorcycle to enjoy the day. FRA Branch #91 is a great, family-friendly environment with that focuses on family activities/socials. This event is great fun for everyone! There will be door prizes, food, and live band entertainment, and much, much more. This is a great way to spend the day with your family. For those who ride - enjoy the challenges of what promises to be an exciting and Poker Run. More info to follow.

Disney's "Armed Forces Salute," is being held through July 31, 2010. Active Duty and retired military (including Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves). Military I.D. Card-carrying Spouses may also purchase Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets for \$99 plus tax for themselves and up to five family members for use at Walt Disney World Resort. The Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & more options may be added for an additional \$26, plus tax. No more than six Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets (with or without options) may be purchased by any eligible member. You may also save up to 40 percent on rooms at select Disney Resorts! This offer is good for stays most nights, with the exception of 3/28 -

4/10, and 7/1 - 7/5, and may be booked through July 31, 2010. (The number of rooms allocated for this offer is limited. Minimum length of stay requirements may apply for Friday or Saturday arrivals. Valid Military ID required upon check-in. No group rates or other discounts apply. Advance reservations required. For information regarding Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets, or to make room reservations, call (407) 939-7830 or participating U.S. military base ticket offices (ITT). Also, visit [www.disneyworld.com/military](http://www.disneyworld.com/military) for more information.

RealSense, a United Way Initiative, would like to help you save money by filing your taxes for free. There are over 50 sites available in seven counties (Duval, Nassau, Baker, St. Johns, Clay, Putnam and Bradford). Sites are open now. If interested, call (904) 632-0600 for more information, hours of operation and appointment availability. Maximum household income must not exceed \$49K.

A tribute program that has provided free admission to SeaWorld and Busch Gardens for more than 4 million members of U.S. and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through 2010. "Here's to the Heroes," a program sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, was launched in February 2005 to celebrate the service of military men and women and the sacrifices made

by their families. Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman representing any of the five service branches is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. Also included in the offer are members of foreign military forces serving in the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

Inactive, standby and retired reserve members, military retirees, U.S. Merchant Marine and civilian Department of Defense workers are ineligible for the program. The program does not include Discovery Cove or SeaWorld's waterpark, Aquatica.

The Veterans History Project First Coast is dedicated to honoring the many veterans of Northeast Florida and those who supported war efforts. We record the memories of those who have served our country by conducting interviews. These stories are placed on our website for others to listen and learn: [www.vhpfirstcoast.org](http://www.vhpfirstcoast.org). We are a partner with the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. where the memories of those we interview are archived for future generations: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>.

Our goal at VHPFC is to

reach the more than 200,000 veterans in our area. If you are interested in volunteering to help us achieve this goal, please visit our website for more information on how you can enrich your life and honor a veteran.

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.

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

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

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### THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 5 Short publicity notice
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- 9 Packaged macaroni-and-cheese brand
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- 21 Hearing organ
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- 25 One who leads the way
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- 28 Latin-American ballroom dance
- 29 "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
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- 36 "Car 54, Where \_\_\_ You?"
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- 42 Map books
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- 47 Prefix for night or section
- 49 Female fox
- 50 Irritated
- 51 Make coffee
- 52 "\_\_\_ From Muskogee"
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# NEX Facebook Offers Exclusive Fan Coupons

From NEXCOM

The NEX has expanded its footprint on Facebook since it first launched its page in October 2008. Military customers who become fans of the NEX have the opportunity to find out about upcoming sales and promotions, store events, ask questions, participate in surveys and to be a part of the exclusive Deal of the Day program.

"During the holidays, we launched our Deal of the Day program and it was very successful," said Liza Hartman, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) marketing specialist in charge of e-mail and social media. "We've expanded the program to now include exclusive coupons just for our Facebook fans. The response from our customers has been very positive."

Currently, the NEX has more than 32,000 fans, but it would like to see even more.

"Since we have such a mobile customer base who tend to be far from home, social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, are how they connect," said Hartman. "We want all our customers to know the benefits of the NEX. It's a benefit they've earned by serving their country."

NEXCOM's use of social media sites also helps with its goals to be good stewards of the environment. By increasing the amount of marketing it produces online, it will further reduce the need for the paper and postage it uses to print its sales flyers each week.

To become a NEX Facebook fan, go to <http://www.facebook.com/NavyExchange>.

## Sweepstakes Winner



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Navy Exchange Mayport awards Frances Anne Barnette with a \$1,000 gift card. Her name was one of 30 names drawn in the annual \$30,000 world-wide Military Family Sweepstakes drawing. Barnette was asked what she was going to purchase with the card and she said, "I am leaning toward something from the electronics department." Navy Exchange has drawings throughout the year to show patron appreciation. Pictured from left is Barnette's mother Emily English, son, Josiah Barnette, Barnette and NEX Mayport Bill Hockenbury.

## Diamonds For Valentines



-Photo courtesy of NEX Mayport  
Mayport Navy Exchange, along with Brown-Foreman, recently gave away a 1 carat gold diamond necklace to Loretta Embry. This was a Valentine's Day promotion that was sponsored by Brown-Foreman. Pictured from left to right is Embry and Soflines Manager Helen Gay.

## NEX Rewards Students With Its A-OK Student Reward Program

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The Navy Exchange wants to help its customers pay for their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program.

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The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to win a savings bond through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997.

## NEXs Accept Returns Of Blue T-shirts

By Kristine M. Sturkie

Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

Navy Exchange (NEX) uniform shops will no longer carry the optional Sofie three-pack 50 percent polyester/50 percent cotton blue t-shirts for the Navy Working Uniform (NWU).

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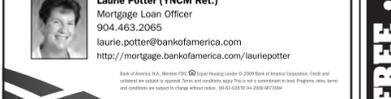
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