

### Mayport Gets Lit Up

If you live in on- or off-base housing, make sure to have all of your decorations lit up and burning bright on Dec. 21.

Naval Station Mayport is sponsoring a Housing Lighting Contest.

Judges will be out in all housing areas between 6-8 p.m.

Winners will be notified on Dec. 22.

### Christmas Dinner At Galley

Servicemembers, retired military, veterans and guests are invited to Oasis Galley on Dec. 25 from 1-4 p.m.

The menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, assorted breads, cranberry sauce, and assorted desserts, along with egg. Cost is \$7.

### No Mirror For Holidays

Due to the upcoming holiday season, *The Mirror* will not publish during the weeks of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.

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# Biden Thanks Sailors

## VPOTUS Welcomes Back USS Gettysburg



-Photo by MC2 Gary Granger Jr.

Vice President Joe Biden speaks to Sailors while waiting for the guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) return to Naval Station Mayport. Gettysburg returns after a successful seven-month deployment with USS George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group supporting operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn along the theater and maritime security cooperation efforts in the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas.

By MC2(AW) Gary Granger Jr.

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Vice President Joe Biden made a surprise visit to more than 300 Sailors, friends and family members during a homecoming celebration for USS Gettysburg (CG-64) Dec 8.

The guided missile cruiser returned to Naval Station Mayport after a successful seven-month deployment from the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas.

Biden spoke with the family members and friends on the pier

before boarding Gettysburg to shake the hands of Sailors going ashore to their loved ones.

"They've missed weddings. They have missed funerals. They have missed holidays," Biden said. "And let me tell you, you've missed it with them."

The vice president also extended his thanks to military coming home as well as ashore.

"Only one percent of the entire population in the military are fighting these wars," said Biden. "One hundred percent of the population owes you thanks and I mean that sincerely. You are an

incredible bunch of folks."

Gettysburg's Commanding Officer, Capt. Robert Hein, stood at the quarterdeck alongside the vice president shouting out how thrilled he is to be home.

"This is the greatest thing in the world," said Hein. "This is Christmas, New Year's, the Fourth of July and your birthday all wrapped up in one."

Biden also spoke about the seven new dads on board who finally had the chance to see their newborns for the first time.

"There are seven of you in here that are going out to meet their

child for the first time," Biden said. "I've spoken to each one of them. They're brilliant. They all said the same thing, beat Army Saturday."

One of the dads never expected the amount of joy he would receive this homecoming day.

"It's actually the greatest thing I've ever felt," said Quartermaster 3rd Class Marcellous McGee. "Just coming off a seven-month deployment, got my newborn, never seen him before, so it's a great feeling."

The strike group conducted

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## Leaving Boone



-Photo by Paige Gnan

Cmdr. Roy Love, outgoing commanding officer of USS Boone shakes hands with his relief and former executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Speight, before being piped off by the Officers' and Chiefs' Mess after a change of command ceremony on Dec. 8.

From Staff

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Speight relieved Cmdr. Roy Love as commanding officer of USS Boone (FFG 28) during a low-key ceremony aboard the ship on Dec. 9. Guest speaker for the event was Commander, Destroyer Squadron 14,

Commodore Paul Flood.

Speight was born in Lynchburg, VA and enlisted in the Navy in September 1989. He served as an Electronics Technician (Submarines) before being accepted into the Seaman to Admiral Program. He was

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## Go Navy, Beat Army



-Photo by ET1 Marty Parsons

The quarterback for the Navy team dodges tackles as he makes his way to the goal during Naval Station Mayport's annual flag football Army/Navy game. NAS Jacksonville represented the Navy and the Jacksonville Army Recruiting District represented the Army in this year's battle. Just like the Naval Academy Midshipmen won bragging rights against the Army for the third consecutive year, NAS Jacksonville kept the title with the Navy for the third year at Mayport's game. Afterwards, the teams joined more than 100 spectators at an MWR-sponsored tailgate party at Beachside Community Center to watch the Army/Navy game on the big screen.

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# MCPON Sends Holiday Message To Fleet

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following holiday message to the Fleet Dec. 12.

"Shipmates and Navy families, Can you believe another year is almost over? It's amazing how quickly time passes when you're staying busy! It seems we were kicking off 2011 just yesterday and here we are, about to usher in 2012. With the traditional festivities of December upon us, I want to wish you all the happiest possible holidays,

and to say thank you for the outstanding service and support you provide to our Navy and nation. I continue to be humbled by your selfless dedication and the outstanding job you do every day around the globe.

We faced some challenges this year and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future, but we will get through them together as we have done for the past 236 years. The Navy, after all, is a team sport and in 2011, we enjoyed many operational successes together that

are worth celebrating. They are your legacy ... the deployments, the steady presence in difficult places, the helping hand when natural disasters left vulnerable people in their wake.

You and your Shipmates worked hard and sacrificed often. As you visit with loved ones, scour the shopping malls, or hit the ski slopes during these joyous weeks, take a moment to reflect on the special appreciation America has for you and your family. Be proud of your accomplishments, and share sea stories

with moms, dads, siblings, aunts, uncles, and old buddies.

Most of all, be safe and enjoy the holiday season to its fullest. Celebrate responsibly: You are important to our Navy family and we need every one of you to return recharged for the next adventure. Don't let bad judgment ruin the New Year or your life. Look out for each other, and keep an eye on your Shipmates who may be having a difficult time. It's also important that we remember the thousands of our Shipmates who are deployed, on station

around the world vigilantly keeping the watch, ready to answer our nation's call. They are there ensuring we have this chance to deck the halls, gather around family dinner tables, and belt out Auld Lang Syne in a storm of confetti.

Thank you again for serving our great Navy and preserving our nation's freedom. Sailors and families, you are truly among this country's greatest gifts.

Happy holidays Shipmates and HOOYAH!  
Very Respectfully, MCPON"

# We're Moving Now? Dealing With New Start



Judy Cromartie  
School Liaison Officer

I've received many calls and emails this past month dealing with an upcoming move. While most children and their families get excited about moving to a new community because it is an opportunity to start afresh, make new friends, explore different scenery, and maybe get your own bedroom, military families who must move in the middle of a school year sometimes face opposition from the children.

A mid-year move is fraught with anxiety. Children will be leaving friends and starting in a

## HOMEFRONT IN FOCUS

new school with students who have already formed friendships and a relationship with the teacher. "Who will be my teacher?" "Who will I sit with at lunch?" "Will I have to ride a bus?" These are common questions, tinged with worry, which your children will ask about the move. While you may be concerned about housing, a job, and new clothes due to a climate change, your children hone in on what will have the greatest impact on them: school.

Roughly 16 million American families move each year. And the adjustment can be hard on kids. One of the keys to making it easier is time. Psychologist Gary Santavica says, "In general, the more preparation you have, the easier a transition is."

So, he says, start talking about the move as early as

possible. And include the kids. If there is time, have them get online to learn about their new school and what has been going on there like athletics, clubs, grade level activities. "Different things to help them feel like they're helping to make it happen, and it's a family project," he says.

Totally preventing moving anxiety may not be possible, but attempts to do so can benefit all in the family - not just the children. Consider three key elements: reliability, routine, and relationships. By promoting these three elements, you'll experience a more positive move for everyone.

When parents trust the move, they will send a positive message to children about the good place they are going to and the good people, and especially, the school they will encounter there. Your

feeling of reliability will be transferred to your children, helping them to feel confident about the move and the school experience. It is easy to distrust the unknown, so reliability should be developed through familiarity and a pattern of helpful response.

If your child is too young to do an internet research about the school, you can help. Finding out the start and end times, cost of the lunch, sports schedules, and clubs available will provide information to ease the transition. Also check with the School Liaison Officer or the Youth Sponsorship Program coordinator at the new installation for names of students at the school who would be willing to become email buddies. Knowing someone before you even get to school can relieve some of the anxiety about "who will I know or who will sit with me at lunch?" You can get in touch with the SLO at your new installa-

tion by calling the SLO at your current installation or Googling "Navy SLO." The installation's website should have information on the Youth Sponsorship Program under the MWR tab.

Routine is another key element to reducing anxiety because it provides structure to the children's day and security in knowing what to expect. The School Liaison Officer may be able to put you in contact with the school's counselor. The counselor can provide information about the lunch schedule, PE routines (including uniforms for middle and high school students), backpack rules and other information which may not be posted on the school's website. So as you approach day one at the new school, establish a regular bedtime routine and morning routine. Decide if your child will pack a lunch or buy it. Make sure that he has clothes that are appropriate for the school's dress code. It may be a little

tricky to do this before you move, but it will certainly lessen fears and questions once you are in your new location.

The school counselor can help the teachers receiving your children to build strategies for establishing positive relationships with them. It is harder to do this once the school year has started, but by sharing information about your children before they arrive will give the teacher and the class time to prepare a welcoming atmosphere. The teacher may organize an activity for the students to introduce themselves. Or in the middle or high school, the teachers may provide information on the curriculum or texts they are using. The teachers could also be encouraged to email or to send a note to the children prior to enrollment.

Being proactive can minimize your time spent struggling with incidents related to move anxiety. Starting the move with

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# Origins Of Christmas Remind Us Of Blessings



Cmdr. Steven Souders  
Surface Force Ministry Center

I was reading on the internet last week about Christmas and found some generally interesting facts about the origin of Christmas and how it has evolved over time. I thought I would share some of what I found.

## How Did Christmas Start?

Some theorists have surmised that the celebration of Christmas

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

is related to the Jewish Festival of Lights, during which Jesus was born. Others associate it with the Roman holiday of Saturnalia, which was a celebration of the births of several Roman gods.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia online, Christmas (or "Mass of Christ") was not one of the earliest celebrations of the Catholic Church. However, in various places around the Holy Land, starting in about 200 AD, masses celebrating Christ's birth became annual events.

In the fourth century, the date of Dec. 25 was settled on by most churches as the annual celebration.

Some of the early masses included dramatic representations of the Nativity. As early as the fourth century, hymns and carols became part of these dramatic events.

It was not until 1223 that St. Francis of Assisi presented the nativity in the form of the crib or crèche that we now know.

## How Did the Celebration Change?

Elements of various pagan celebrations that took place around the month of January gradually worked themselves into Christmas celebra-

tions. Among these elements were gift giving, greeting cards, and the Yule log, which was based on a practice of a landlord providing a tenant with wood on the birth of a child. Various other elements, such as the Christmas tree and visits from Saint Nicholas as Santa Claus were based on other holidays and practices.

Over time, Christmas became a major feast day with special foods, such as minced meat, goose, and hot mulled spirits, not eaten the rest of the year. Other saints' days, such as Saint Lucia's Day in Sweden, also became associated with the Christmas holidays.

The Christmas tree, which was probably based on pagan symbols, became a symbol of everlasting life and hope, especially in Europe and North America. Adorned in lights (initially candles) and smelling of the outdoors, it became an important part of the Christmas celebration.

Gifts were originally hung on the tree and they now take a place of honor under the tree. The holy leaf is also an evergreen symbol of everlasting life and is also associated with the crown of thorns Jesus wore when he was crucified.

Santa Claus has been around in one form or another since the fourth

century. Santa Claus, Old St. Nick, and all of the other incarnations of Father Christmas are based on St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children and sailors.

To recap then, Christmas was, nonetheless, consistently a time for families to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to worship together. The religious activities were enhanced by food, drink, decorations, and an appreciation of the winter season as a doorway to the renewal of spring. With that being said, may all the blessings of Christmas be yours this year.

# Base Chapel Holiday Services

## Protestant Christmas Services

Do you feel like you are missing out on the spirit of Christmas? The Mayport Chapel Choir has just the remedy. Come join us on Dec. 18 at the 10:30 a.m. Service. The Choir will be presenting the Cantata "When Love was Born."

In addition, the Protestant Chapel will be having a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. There will also be a Christmas Morning

Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome join us in celebrating the birth of Christ.

**Catholic Christmas Mass**  
This year the Catholic community will celebrate a midnight mass on Christmas Eve. After the Midnight Mass all are invited to join in a Christmas potluck served in the fellowship hall. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 a.m. Please consider joining us to celebrate the birth of Christ.



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Catholic Youth Group  
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information contact your chaplain  
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For more information or other worship opportunities and religious organizations in Jacksonville, call 270-5212.



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# Keeping Sailors 'Happy' During Holidays

By Lt. Tom Gordy

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The director for Personnel Readiness and Community Support offered ways to reduce stress during the holiday season, Dec. 12. The holidays can be a joyous time for Sailors and their families, but they can also be stressful. By doing some simple things, most people can manage their stress and have an enjoyable and safe holiday, said Rear Adm. Martha Herb, director, Personnel Readiness and Community Support.

"We can feel the full range of emotions during this holiday time. They can range from happiness and joy to extreme stress. And we can deal with the

stress if we plan appropriately," said Herb, a member of the explosive ordnance disposal community and a licensed clinical professional counselor.

There are practical steps Sailors can take to manage the stress of the holidays, to include: maintaining an exercise routine; ensuring enough sleep; taking time to relax; planning and keeping to a budget for gift-giving; and celebrating in moderation. But if the stress and struggles seem overwhelming, Sailors are encouraged to ask for help.

"It's ok to reach out and ask for help. In fact, it takes courage to reach out and tell somebody, 'I'm struggling. I need some help.' If you take the

time to ask for help you can solve your issues and move on," said Herb.

Sailors are also encouraged to help shipmates navigate stress by taking the time to be a friend and listen. "Everybody needs a friend," said Herb. "Everybody needs to be connected with another person. By connecting with somebody, you help them feel better and help them deal with stressors in life."

Herb reminded Sailors that they can make a positive difference in the life of a shipmate who is struggling by taking a little extra time to A.C.T - Ask if they need help; Care enough to lis-

ten, offer hope and not judge; and Treat, take action, get proper professional assistance, and follow up. Additionally, command leaders can maintain a healthy unit by being familiar with the resources the Navy offers and recommending them to their Sailors who are dealing with stress or thoughts of suicide.

These resources include Military OneSource at [www.MilitaryOneSource.com](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com) and 1-800-342-9647, the Veterans Crisis Line at <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net> and 1-800-273-8255, Navy Fleet and Family Support Program, Navy chaplains and medical providers.

By looking out for each other and planning

ahead, Sailors can make sure that their holidays are happy for themselves and their shipmates.



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positive communication and continuing with efforts to establish reliability, routine, and relationships will ensure a smoother move.

**Tips to help make the first days and weeks easier:**

\* Learn your child's schedule. If your child doesn't bring a schedule home from school, ask the teacher to send you one, or pick one up in person.

\* Stay positive. If you're excited about the new school, it will rub off on your kids, even if they don't want you to know it.

\* Get to know your child's teacher and help her know your child. If your spouse is deployed, be sure the teacher knows. Help teachers remember that they need to share the "beginning of school information" that your child missed.

\* Listen to your child. Instead of asking, "How was school today?" (answer: "OK") or "What did you do in school today?" (answer: "stuff"), try to ask specific questions like, "What story did your teacher read today?" or, for an older child, "What experiment are you working on in science?"

**For more information, go to**

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**Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC):** MCEC ([www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)) is a non-profit, world-wide organization which identifies the challenges facing the highly mobile military child, increases awareness of these challenges in military and educational communities, and initiates and implements programs to meet the challenges.

**Military Teens on the Move:** This program is supported by the Department of Defense and available at <http://dod.mil/mtom>. This website is designed to provide relocation and outreach support to military youth ages 6-18.

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# HSL-46 'Players' Return From Deployment



-Photos courtesy of HSL-46  
Air Warfare Rescue 3rd Class Kevin Sampson of HSL-46 Detachment Four holds his daughter as she plays with a rose he brought to her during the detachment's homecoming last week.



Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Stewart Wallin greets his family pierside after returning to Naval Station Mayport with USS Anzio. Detachment Four was embarked on the cruiser for seven months as part of counter-piracy missions off Africa.

## Detachment 4 Deployed On Counter-Piracy Mission

From HSL-46 PAO

Twenty-seven Sailors from HSL-46 returned to NS Mayport on Dec. 8 after seven months embarked on board USS Anzio (CG 68). The detachment comprised of two SH-60B aircraft, seven pilots, three aircrewmembers, and seventeen maintainers spent most of the past year away from homeport, beginning with work-ups in December of 2010.

After a few short months at home in the Spring the Detachment Four "Players" departed Mayport for Norfolk, where Anzio is homeported, on May 8. The first month of deployment was spent visiting several ports on the Black

Sea, including Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Georgia. In Georgia, the city of Batumi hosted a "suppra," a traditional dinner, in honor of Anzio's visit.

"Meeting the mayor of Batumi at the suppra, enjoying the great food, and learning about the national culture while toasting with the local Georgians was a great experience," commented Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Stewart Wallin.

After crossing through the Suez Canal in mid-June, with a brief stop in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Anzio assumed CTF-151 Flagship duties from USS Mason (DDG 87) in Djibouti. During this stop

the members of HSL-46 Det 7, "The Intimidators," attached to Mason, had the opportunity to visit with and share stories of life in 5th Fleet with their newly arrived squadronmates on Anzio. The embarked CTF-151 staff, while officially a New Zealand staff, included members from Australia, Canada, and Great Britain.

The grueling summer in the Gulf of Aden had very few milestones to mark time beyond the unprecedented number of flight hours the detachment flew in support of counter-piracy in the turbulent region. The overwhelming presence of coalition forces ensured that

piracy attempts were few and far between. Some of the most gratifying missions flown included the rescue of seven stranded mariners and their return to Somalia; a MEDEVAC from a merchant vessel to a British oiler; and the MEDEVAC of two piracy hostages more than 600 nautical miles around the Horn of Africa to USS Bataan (LHD 5).

Pilot Lt. Dan Simonds noted that, "it was a rewarding experience to coordinate coalition and national assets to MEDEVAC two hostages this great length."

Near the end of August, the crew enjoyed a much-needed respite in Port Victoria, Seychelles.

The second half of deployment flew by, with brief stops in Bahrain and Oman to recharge and complete maintenance on both the ship and the aircraft. Bahrain was the location of another change of command for CTF-151, and the embarked Pakistani staff assumed the task force duties until a Nov. 17 stop in Djibouti as Anzio departed the 5th Fleet AOR. With the bow finally pointed westward, the air detachment and crew looked forward to a stop in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, over Thanksgiving before heading home.

The stop in Mayport on Dec. 8 served two purposes, to offload the

air detachment from HSL-46 and to embark the "Tigers," families and friends of the crew, invited for the brief coastal transit to Norfolk. The Tiger Cruise provides an insider's view of the Navy that few ever have the privilege of experiencing.

For the Detachment Four "Players" of HSL-46 the return to Mayport was a fine reward for more than 1,000 mishap-free flight hours flown and a job well done.

When asked to sum up his first deployment, Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Michael Struck said, "It was a unique and rewarding learning experience."



Lt. Ken Barkovich and his wife pose for a picture after Barkovich returned with Detachment Four on Dec. 8 after a seven-month deployment embarked on USS Anzio.

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# Families Welcome Back Gettysburg

By Ensign Caitlin Parks

USS Gettysburg Public Affairs

The guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) and embarked Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 70 Detachment One return to their homeport of Naval Station Mayport, Florida, after concluding a regularly scheduled seven-month deployment to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet areas of responsibility (AOR) as part of the George H.W. Bush Strike Group. Deployed with the George H.W. Bush on her maiden deployment, Gettysburg returned home on Dec. 8.

While operating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR, Gettysburg's served as the Maritime Regional Air Defense Commander (MRADC) for Central Command. They provided air defense for all air space over water, including all air missions conducted by Carrier Air Wing Eight.

"I don't see how we could have been more successful in our mission," said Capt. Robert N. Hein, Commanding Officer of Gettysburg. "You talk about things that make a CO proud and it's the way the air defense team absolutely knuckled down and made the right things happen. Gettysburg got incredible praise from 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet [Vice Adm. Mark I. Fox, Commander US Naval Forces



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**Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Ahmann Brookes** meets his three-month old daughter for the first time during the homecoming of the guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64). Gettysburg returned from a successful seven-month deployment with the USS George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group supporting operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn along with theater and maritime security cooperation efforts in the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas.

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**Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Benjamin Lewis** greets his children after receiving the first kiss from his wife Myeshia.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

**Lt. Scott Burrill** gets a welcome kiss home from his wife after reuniting with his family pierside during USS Gettysburg's homecoming on Dec. 8.



-Photo by MC2 Gary Granger

**Vice President Joe Biden** and **Commander, Carrier Strike Group Two, Rear Adm. Nora Tyson**, shake the hands of Sailors departing the guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) after a successful seven-month deployment with USS George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group.



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**Operations Specialist Wes Alexander** hugs grandmother, **Bettye Phillips**, as his mother **Tami Highfill** watches the reunion.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

**Damage Controlman 1st Class Philip Hertz** finds his wife **Stephanie** pierside after returning to Naval Station Mayport from a deployment with USS Gettysburg



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**Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Raymond Panameno** from Houston, TX, hugs his sons during the homecoming of USS Gettysburg (CG 64).



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Vice President Joe Biden takes a moment to chat with Heather Benefield and her five-month old daughter during the homecoming of USS Gettysburg.



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A Sailor touches foreheads with his daughter as they are reunited pierside.



-Photo by Paige Gnann  
Family members and friends cheer as USS Gettysburg pull alongside the pier. Gettysburg returned from a successful seven-month deployment.



-Photo by Paige Gnann  
New Dads disembark USS Gettysburg and meet their new babies for the first time after the ship pulls into Naval Station Mayport on Dec. 8.



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Trevor Campos, 4, sits on top of grandfather Mel Clay's shoulders and waves as USS Gettysburg pulls pierside. Trevor's mother, Chief Cryptologic Technician Collection Sheenah Campos, is attached to the ship.



-Photo by MC1(SW) Toiete Jackson  
Seaman Apprentice Cody Cooper meets his four-month old daughter for the first time after returning from deployment with USS Gettysburg (CG 64).

## Gettysburg

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Central Command; Commander, US 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet and Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander]. Not just for our ability to accomplish the mission, but we made it better for those who follow. We developed lessons and modified procedures for how business is done. I can see no higher honor than leaving it better than you found it, and Gettysburg did that."

In late May, Gettysburg participated in Exercise Saxon Warrior 2011 off the coast of England. Saxon Warrior 11 is an exercise led by the United Kingdom-based Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST). It is designed to develop theater-specific combat skills as well as enhance cooperation between multi-national forces and government agencies.

On Sept. 8, Gettysburg held a change of command ceremony. Capt. Patrick O. Shea was relieved by Capt. Robert N. Hein as commanding officer of USS Gettysburg. The turnover took place in the ship's pilot house where both Captains read their orders over the ship's announcement system for the crew to hear.

"My biggest highlight was taking command of this ship and being given the opportunity to meet the incredible men and women of this ship," said Hein. "It's a phenomenal crew, it really is. For example, we had 32 percent advancement rate this last cycle which crushed fleet averages."

Many Sailors join the Navy to see the world, and this deployment allowed Sailors to do just that. During the seven-month deployment, Gettysburg pulled into numerous ports, including Plymouth, England; Benidorm, Spain; Naples, Italy; Manama, Bahrain; Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Malaga, Spain.

"The crew has been fantastic with 'liberty is a mission,'" said Hein. "Six port visits and zero liberty incidents. Probably one of the highlights is seeing a crew that takes advantage of the ability to go out and see the cities and see the country that they are visiting and take the tours, vice just seeing the closest bar to the port."

The Sailors aboard Gettysburg participated in several community relations (COMREL) projects in Benidorm, Manama, and Dubai.

"It's pretty incredible because we live to serve, and even in our off time we are able to gather up a group of Sailors and serve in a unique way," said Ensign Stephanie N. Stamm, COMREL Officer on board Gettysburg.

Sailors also put forth great effort towards corrosion control, to preserve the ship and add years to the life of the ship.

"What is really impressive about our corrosion control efforts is people did it right," said Hein. "Often, we dream about having the time to do it right but often fall short due to time or training constraints, and that was the great thing about being on deployment and having a team that was trained in corrosion control. They were able to do it right. Get things down to bare metal, correctly prime them and correctly paint them."

More than 70 Sailors took advantage of their time underway to earn their enlisted surface warfare qualification, air warfare qualification, and surface warfare officer qualification. Additionally, 10 Sailors were advanced to chief petty officer during deployment, along with 18 reenlistments and 91 advancements to a higher rank of first class petty officers and junior.

"We are glad to be coming home," said Hein. "It is the most joyous occasion. It's like Christmas, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and your birthday all rolled up into one. It is everything that is great about the Navy and the America. Families, friends, and all that stuff comes together for one day. I'm so looking forward to sharing that with this crew, and then of course getting ready to do it all over again."

Gettysburg was deployed as part of the George H.W. Bush Strike Group, comprised of Carrier Strike Group 2 staff, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8, Destroyer Squadron 22, USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), guided-missile cruisers USS Gettysburg and USS Anzio (CG 68), and guided-missile destroyers USS Mitscher (DDG 57) and USS Truxtun (DDG 103).

## Biden

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close-air-support missions in conjunction with ground operations in Afghanistan, maritime patrol and power projection in the Arabian Gulf and counter piracy off the Horn of Africa. Gettysburg deployed with the USS George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group supporting operations Enduring

Freedom and New Dawn along with theater and maritime security cooperation efforts in the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome home!" Biden said. "You did a great job. We're proud of you and Merry Christmas."



-Photo by Paige Gnann  
Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Xavian Deniz laughs with his son Apollon, 2, as his wife, Melany, smiles over the pair.



-Photo by Paige Gnann  
Families and friends line the newly refurbished Alpha Pier to welcome home their Sailors from deployment.



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Machinery Repairman 1st Class Brandon Woodard is greeted by his wife, Anastasiya.

## John L. Hall Conducts Burials At Sea



-Photo by Lt.j.g. William Hughes

As the members of the Burial At Sea Detail render honors, the cremains of a Pearl Harbor Survivor and his wife are committed to the deep.



-Photo by Lt.j.g. William Hughes

Chief Engineman(SW/CC) Raleigh Gilkinson presents an ensign to the next of kin during the ceremony.



-Photo by CTT3 Michael O'Malley

Prior to committal, Cmdr. Michael Brand is presented with Cremains by Lt.j.g. Chris Thompson and Chief Cryptologic Technician Maintenance(SW/IDW) Michael Flowers.



-Photo by Lt.j.g. William Hughes

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Rifle Platoon fire a 21-gun salute to honor the fallen.

### Commissary Holiday Hours

The Mayport Commissary will be open Dec. 19 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be closed Dec. 25-26 for Christmas. The Commissary will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 31 and closed Jan. 1-2 for New Year's Day.

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# Underwood Hosts Pearl Harbor Ceremony

## Vets Attend 70th Anniversary Of WW II Attack

By MC2 Sunday Williams  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Southeast

More than 200 veterans and guests gathered aboard USS Underwood (FFG 36) Dec. 7 to honor and remember those who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor 70 years ago.

Mayport's Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 290 has hosted the annual memorial service in conjunction with Naval Station Mayport since 1966.

"We have gathered here in tribute and respect to the earthly memories of those heroes on the sea, under the sea, in the air and upon the land who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander," said Rick Kiger, president of FRA 290.

Underwood's crew stood proudly in ranks as special guest speaker Duane Reyelts, a Pearl Harbor survivor who served aboard USS Oklahoma (BB-37), recounted his memories of Dec. 7, 1941.

The St. Augustine survivor was only 20 years old when the attack on his ship and the harbor thrust the United States into

World War II.

As he looked back on the events that day, Reyelts said "Being young at that time, I wondered how I knew enough to do what I did to escape. But a lot of them didn't, and I think of them."

"I was still in my bunk when the ship was hit," said Reyelts. "At 7:55 in the morning the general quarters buzzer sounded and I didn't even grab my clothes. I rushed to get to my battle station, which was all the way forward on the second deck."

The Oklahoma was hit several times causing her to capsize and sink taking 429 members of the crew down with her.

More than 2,000 people were killed that day to include civilians and the 1,177 Servicemembers who died on USS Arizona (BB-39).

Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW) Jeremy Doughtry, assigned to Underwood, said he is "so proud and honored to be in the presence of such great men."

"When I think about what these men went through back then I get really choked up. Seeing how much joy they have in their eyes when they come on board, back in



-Photo by MCSA Damian Berg  
Retired U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Elbert W. Sawley salutes the tossing of flowers during Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36). The ceremony commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

the presence of their shipmates, is truly a memorable experience," said Doughtry.

The ship's observance of Pearl Harbor Day also included remarks by Lt. Gov. of Florida, Jennifer Carroll, a U.S. Navy retiree, a wreath tossing ceremony and a gun salute.

Carroll, who had also served at Pearl Harbor during her naval career, said "I thank those who are serving and who have served, and God bless this great nation."

The ceremony concluded in prayer with heads

bowed.

"Though our heads are bowed in sorrow for the loss of our shipmates, there is pride in

our hearts for the many things they did to keep the record of our country untarnished and undefeated," said Kiger.



-Photo by MCSA Damian Berg  
Veterans attending the Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) toss flowers overboard in remembrance of those lives lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor.



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Florida Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll delivers remarks to veterans and guests during a Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36).

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From TRICARE

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To purchase TYA Prime, dependents must be under age 26, unmarried and not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage.

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In addition to TYA Prime, young adult dependents may also be eligible for TYA Standard, which has been available since May 2011. With

## Walgreens Leaves TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Network

By NH Jax Public Affairs

As of Jan. 1, 2012, Walgreens is no longer in TRICARE's retail pharmacy network. TRICARE beneficiaries who want to fill prescriptions at Walgreens after Dec. 31 need to file a paper claim for a non-network benefit reimbursement. Under the non-network benefit, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries pay a 50 percent cost share after meeting their point of service deductible, and TRICARE

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monthly premiums of \$186, Standard offers eligible dependents the flexibility to see

TRICARE-authorized network and non-network providers of their choice, wherever they live

or travel. The Standard monthly premium is dropping to \$176 on Jan. 1, 2012.

Complete information and application forms are available at [www.tricare.mil/tya](http://www.tricare.mil/tya). Sponsors and their adult dependents are encouraged to explore both commercial and military health care plan options and costs when choosing a plan that best meets their needs.

Young adults considering TYA should determine if they are eligible before completing and sending in an application. Eligible dependents may drop off the application and payment of three months of premiums at a TRICARE Service Center or send them by mail or fax to their regional health care contractor.

Once the initial payment is made, monthly premiums must be paid in advance through automated electronic payment.

TYA Prime enrollment will follow the TRICARE Prime "20th of the month rule." As

long as the TYA enrollment application is received by the 20th of the month, coverage can begin on the first day of the next month. For example, if an applicant wants TYA Prime to start Jan. 1, 2012, the application and initial three-month payment must be received by Dec. 20, 2011. If it's received after Dec. 20, TYA Prime coverage begins Feb. 1, 2012.

Dependent eligibility for TRICARE previously ended at age 21, or age 23 for full-time students. Similar to provisions in the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, TYA offers eligible young adults up to age 26 the option to continue TRICARE Standard or Prime coverage, as long as their sponsor is still eligible for TRICARE. Unlike employer sponsored health plans, TYA is available only to unmarried young adult dependents.

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# DoD To Honor Blood Donors For Saving Lives

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department plans to recognize blood donors early next year for their critical contributions to saving lives by giving blood to the Armed Forces Blood Program, the program's director said today.

"National Blood Donor Month, which is usually January of every year, is an attempt to recognize those blood donors and everyone involved in blood donation for their sacrifices and rolling up their sleeves in 2011," Army Col. Frank Rentas, director of the Armed Forces Blood Program, said during a Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service interview here.

"Next month ... we will be recognizing those donors that have supported our mission," he said. "Our mission is to provide blood and blood supplies whenever and wherever

they're needed," Rentas said. "The joint program plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peacetime and war, according to its website.

Rentas noted the demand for blood -- which only lasts 42 days in storage before perishing -- and shared different needs for blood donation which are based on the needs of the war fighter.

"Most people, when you say 'blood,' they refer to red blood cells," he said. "With red blood cells, O-negative is the most sought-after blood type because you can transfuse it to anyone out there.

"If you are looking at plasma, it's completely opposite," Rentas continued. "AB plasma is what we need because AB plasma is universal. So depending on our needs, we may target specific donors or specific blood types depending on what

we need for a specific week."

The program director detailed the importance of receiving donations since one donor can potentially save three lives. "If they're donating whole blood ... we split that unit into plasma and red cells," he explained. "One donation can actually save three different lives because we can make platelets out of some of those units as well.

"So the platelets can actually go to one recipient, the plasma can go to another, and the red cells can go to another," Rentas added. "So that would be three different recipients that you can save with one donation."

People can donate whole blood every 56 days, Rentas said, but some aren't eligible to donate. "Overseas, depending on where you are, you may or may not be able to donate," he explained.

An example, Rentas said, is people who were based in Europe in areas afflicted with what is known as Mad Cow Disease. "Even though I'm an O-negative blood donor, and donated many, many times in the [1980's], I was assigned to Germany from 1987 to 1990," Rentas continued, "and I have not been able to donate since because of Mad Cow Disease. Even though I feel perfectly fine, I'm not allowed to donate."

The colonel cited the Federal Drug Administration as the authority, which dictates policies and guidelines

to both civilian and DOD blood donor facilities.

"We're licensed to collect because we do have an FDA license," he said. "So we need to follow their policies ... one of their policies is if you have been in specific places where Mad Cow Disease has been a concern, you're not allowed to donate."

People can donate blood at more than 20 sites worldwide. Those who cannot donate blood, can still contribute by passing on the word, Rentas said.

"The best place for [service members] to get information is our web-

site, [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil)," he said. "[It has] anything that they need to know about locations, they can make appointments [and] reasons about why they may not be able to donate."

Rentas expressed his gratitude to donors for "rolling up their sleeves" to give blood and he encouraged them to continue to support the program.

"If you come to a DOD blood donor facility in January, we're going to be holding recognition ceremonies to express our gratitude for what you have done in 2011," he said.

# NAVSAFECEN Tips On Safe Shopping

By April Phillips

Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

The holiday shopping season is in full swing, which provides would-be pickpockets and thieves an opportunity to prey upon unsuspecting Sailors and their families.

"So many people are walking around with blinders on this time of year, assuming everyone has good intentions," said John Williams, an expert in off-duty recreation at the Naval Safety Center. "The current economic situation is making the bad guys bolder." Nonetheless, Williams said it is not difficult to keep the crooks at bay - it just requires situational awareness and some common sense practices. One of the most important things a holiday shopper can do is park in well-lit, high-traffic areas. There are also other simple precautions to take.

"If you have a lot of packages, or feel nervous for any reason, ask a mall security guard to walk you to your vehicle," Williams said. "That's what they're there for."

Shoppers who do not visit

a one-stop shop such as a mall may travel from store to store while they are out searching for gifts. Williams said there is a tendency for many to just toss their purchases in the back seat of the car before they head to the next stop. He said this is an open invitation for thieves to break in.

"We've seen a lot of break-ins, and it's because the thieves were plainly able to see expensive items such as electronics or clothing inside the car," he said. He recommends putting all packages in the trunk where they're out of sight.

Statistics show that in the wake of the economic downturn, more shoppers are using cash to purchase gifts than in years' past.

Some crooks are taking advantage of this with phony ATM machines. Williams said stand-alone ATM machines can be rigged to steal cards and personal identification numbers. Criminals are then able to use the card and the pin to take money out of legitimate cash machines.

"Check the slot for signs

of tampering and look for cameras where they shouldn't be," he said. "The most important thing is to be aware of your surroundings and remember that if something doesn't look right, it probably isn't."

Many high-tech shoppers may think they're safe from thieves because they do most of their purchasing online, but with an increase in cyber crime, that's not always the case. However, a little vigilance can thwart most criminals.

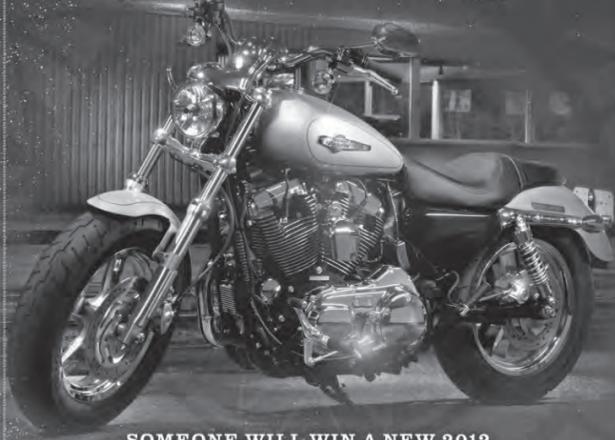
"Make sure your computer has good virus protection software and only shop from notable websites that encrypt your information," he said.

Whether shopping at home or at the mall, the unfortunate fact is thieves are out there attempting to hijack the holiday spirit along with victim's money. However, Williams said the smart shopper can usually stay a few steps ahead of the bad guys.

For more news from Naval Safety Center, visit [www.navy.mil/local/nsc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/nsc/).

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Naval Station Mayport, in conjunction with Public Works, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the Wharf Alpha Improvements project. Pictured from left is Harbor Ops Department Head, Lt. Cmdr. Cassius Farrell, NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Doug Cochrane, Tony Landry, Tim Goerlich and Matt Tate of Orion Marine Group, as well as Engineer of Record Karen Falkenberry and Andy Stone of Public Works Mayport.

# Alpha Open For Business

From Public Works Mayport

Naval Station Mayport officially commemorated the completion of the \$12.4-million Wharf Alpha Improvements project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 7.

The design-build contract was awarded in May 2009 to the construction firm of Orion Marine Construction and

the A/E firm of CH2M Hill. The overhaul of the Wharf Alpha, which has two berths, was underway from May 2010 until December 2011.

This project included the upgrade of the old existing cofferdam bulkhead. A total of 900 linear feet of existing concrete bulkhead was demolished

and replaced with a new sheet pile wall, which received a new concrete bulkhead cap. The existing electrical substation was demolished and replaced with a newly upgraded 4160V substation capable of supporting the power requirements for every current class of U.S. Navy ship. The project

also replaced more than 5,800 square yards - roughly the size of a soccer field - of asphaltic concrete pavement on Wharf Alpha.

The completion of this project will provide Naval Station Mayport with modernized berthing capacity for the U.S. Fleet.

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# De Wert Crew Enjoys Yacht Club Hospitality

By Lt. Peter Dietz

From USS De Wert

USS De Wert (FFG 45) made a port visit to Dar es Salaam during the weekend following Thanksgiving and enjoyed a wonderful reception at the Dar es Salaam Yacht Club (DYC).

After passing the halfway point of their seven-month deployment, USS De Wert pulled into port to make some repairs to the ship and offer the crew a chance to stretch their legs with a little post-Thanksgiving liberty.

Master Chief Vladimir Narvaez, the Operations Coordinator at the Embassy, arranged a reception at the Yacht Club with Spiros Manoloudis, DYC Commodore; Mark Hart, DYC Rear-Commodore Sail; and Vic Coppard, former DYC Vice Commodore.

"As far as I know the USS Forest Sherman [in



-Photo by Lt. Peter Dietz  
Dar es Salaam Yacht Club (DYC) presenting gifts to USS De Wert (FFG 45) during their port visit. Pictured l to r: Vic Coppard, former DYC Vice Commodore; Command Master Chief LaDon Washington; Mark Hart, DYC Rear Commodore Sail; Cmdr. Vince Baker, Commanding Officer; Lt. Cmdr. Mark Quinn, Executive Officer.

2007] was the first US ship that had been hosted at our club in about 40 years," Coppard recalled.

The Yacht Club was very eager to have the crew of USS De Wert to their facility to express their gratitude for the

work that the ship is doing in the fight against piracy in the Indian Ocean.

Commanding Officer of USS De Wert, Cmdr. Vince Baker said, "They went out of their way to invite us to their club and to thank us for the

job we are doing in the counter piracy mission because it directly affects them and the economy of Tanzania. They appreciate us, NATO and the Coalition Forces that are out there actively hunting pirates. They have a very personal connection to that mission because two of their members are hostages, and they were happy to hear about the negative trend in successful pirate attacks and the positive impact military forces are having in the Somali Basin and the Gulf of Aden."

The officers and sailors from De Wert had a great time enjoying the company of their hosts and a wonderful dinner of grilled Mahi Mahi and jumbo shrimp. Lt.j.g. Bo Ames said, "I thought it was amazing. They had great views, the people were really friendly and they were more than hos-

pitable."

The Yacht Club shared their club's history with the De Wert sailors and showed them their facility including the boat yard, the record wall of fish caught, and the plaques with all the past Commodores. Some of the club members were fascinated by how long a US Navy ship could stay at sea. The De Wert sailors also received invitations and advice for future trips to Tanzania including a buffalo hunt, a golf outing and a hike up Mount Kilimanjaro.

The reception was also attended by several members of the US Embassy including: Defense Attaché Lt. Col. Thomas W. Cook, Army Attaché Lt. Col. John Nutt and his wife Karen, Office of Security and Cooperation Lt. Col. Kevin Balisky and his wife Jane; Operations Coordinator Master Chief

Vladimir T. Narvaez and his wife Elaine.

In addition to the reception, the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam prepared other activities for the ship during the port visit in Dar. Chief Richard Anthonissen coordinated a Community Relations Project in which crewmembers from USS De Wert used some of their liberty to volunteer at the Makongo Primary School improving the facilities and interacting with the students who attend the school.

USS De Wert is on a seven-month deployment to deter and disrupt piracy in the Indian Ocean and off the Horn of Africa. USS De Wert is operating as a member of the Standing NATO Maritime Group (SNMG-1).

## Boone

commissioned an Ensign through Officer Candidate School.

At sea, Speight's initial assignment was as Main Propulsion Assistant aboard USS Elrod (FFG 55), he also served as the Damage Control Assistant and Ship's Training Officer during the tour. He then completed a follow-on sea assignment as Main Propulsion Assistant aboard USS Moosbrugger (DD 980). While on Moosbrugger, he deployed as part of NATO's Standing Naval Forces Atlantic 2000. Following a shore tour, he was assigned as

Chief Engineer aboard USS Carney (DDG 64). Following his Chief Engineer tour, he was assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 24 as the Material and Readiness Officer. Speight's most recent afloat assignment was to U. S. Seventh Fleet as Deputy Lead Planner.

Ashore, Speight attended school at Jacksonville University earning a Bachelors of Science in Business Management and Marketing in 2003.

His last duty was as executive officer in USS Boone.

Love enlisted in

the U.S. Navy in 1988, attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program in San Diego California in 1989, and was awarded a four-year NROTC scholarship to attend the State University of New York Maritime Academy.

His first tour of duty was aboard USS Gallery (FFG 26). In September 1996, Love reported to USS Cape St George (CG 71) as the Damage Control Assistant.

In March 1998, Love reported to COMNAVBEACHGROUP Two and served as

Maritime Prepositioned Forces (MPF) Officer.

In February 2001, Love reported to USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 32) as Combat Systems Officer. Following his tour on Groves, Love reported to COMDESRON 26 in October 2002. Following his tour at

CDS 26, Love reported to COMSEVENTHFLT in Yokosuka, Japan.

In April 2006, Love reported to USS John L. Hall (FFG 29) as Executive Officer. Following his tour at the War College, Love deployed to Iraq on an Individual Assignment in sup-

port of the ARMY 304th Sustainment Brigade stationed at Joint Base Balad as Team Leader of the NAVY's Petroleum Oil and Lubricant (POL) Detachment.

Love will assume command of ATG Mayport during a ceremony on Dec. 16.

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# Carney Disrupts Pirate Attack

From U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs

USS Carney (DDG 64), part of NATO's counter-piracy task force Operation Ocean Shield, worked with other NATO forces and coalition partners to disrupt pirate activity in the Gulf of Aden, Dec. 5.

A Japanese maritime patrol aircraft patrolling the area on counter-piracy operations spotted a suspicious skiff with seven suspected pirates aboard and contacted the NATO flagship ITS Andrea Doria who in turn tasked Carney to investigate.

In a coordinated opera-

tion, Carney approached the skiff, while the patrol aircraft circled overhead. As the warship appeared on the horizon the skiff attempted to flee however it stopped when hailed.

The patrol aircraft and Carney observed the suspected pirates throwing items overboard. The

items were visually confirmed by the patrol aircraft as ladders and other pirate-related equipment.

A team from Carney boarded the skiff and after a thorough search seized the excess fuel and other items useful to piracy activity, before ensuring the skiff had enough fuel

to return to the Somali coast.

In 2009, 45 ships were hijacked in the region; so far in 2011, 21 ships have been hijacked effectively halving the number of ships taken. Naval warships have been in the region constantly providing a visible presence and

deterrence and this has undoubtedly contributed to the pirates' lack of success.

Carney is currently deployed, assigned to NATO, conducting counter-piracy operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

# SERMC's NAMTS-Trained Sailors Conduct Repairs, Training Aboard USS Hue City

By Susan Lawson

Navy Regional Maintenance Center (NRMCM) Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) on Naval Station Mayport completed repairs on 60 watertight doors aboard the USS Hue City (CG-66) Nov. 25.

A group of SERMC's Damage Controlmen enrolled in the Navy Afloat Maintenance Training Strategy (NAMTS) program repaired the ship's watertight doors while also training ship's force on proper preventive and corrective door maintenance.

"NAMTS is allowing us to train, and even cross-train, our Sailors and provide them with the skills necessary to perform maintenance on a variety of ship systems," said Capt. Ron Cook, SERMC's commanding officer.

"This is an especially effective program because the majority of training provided through NAMTS is conducted as on-the-job, hands-on training using ship repair work that already exists and allows us to train our Sailors while providing immediate support to the Fleet," said Cook.

During NAMTS training, Sailors complete Job Qualification Requirements (JQRs), and in some cases earn Navy Enlisted Classifications (NECs), under the supervision of qualified mentors. Sailors document their training by completing qualification cards their mentors certify and approve.

NAMTS training is

available to Sailors on shore duty at a Regional Maintenance Center (RMC) Intermediate Maintenance Activities or Facilities (IMA or IMF), at shipyards and aboard tenders, as well as those stationed on ships that are undergoing extended maintenance availabilities.

"NAMTS goes to the heart of NRMCM's initiative to invest heavily in the professional development of our IMA Sailors. In the near-term they will serve to re-establish the I-level capability and capacity of our RMCs. In the long-term those Sailors will be the best trained and qualified operating engineers, leaders, maintainers our Navy has seen in decades," said Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) Rear Adm. David Gale, who leads Navy's RMCs.

Funding cuts to shore-based IMAs, which in the past served as a critical component of the training pipeline for fleet Sailors, led to the downsizing of

these facilities. However, Navy leaders recognized the void, and have since undertaken several initiatives designed to rebuild resources, re-establish the RMC's capabilities and capacity, and positively influence quality maintenance and modernization practices across the Navy's RMCs.

"While training at an IMA, Sailors will receive on-the-job, rating-specific training, and can earn NEC's in the following areas: Gas Turbine, Valve Shop, Outside Electrical, Outside Machinist, Diesel Engines, Pipefitter, Shipfitter, and Hydraulics" said Osbert Teeka-Singh, SERMC's NAMTS coordinator.

At this time, the NAMTS program is open to five ratings and provides training in eight JQR areas that can help Sailors earn up to 12 NECs. There are also 10 other JQRs that have been disestablished, which at this time,

are no longer tracked or assigned.

"SERMC resurrected those disestablished JQRs in an effort to train Sailors in other ratings that would otherwise have nothing to use to base their training. The ten resurrected JQRs will not earn NECs at this time, but our goal is to re-establish those JQRs and NECs and include them in the formal tracking mechanism, as well," said Pat Shepler, SERMC's Production Department Head.

"In the interim, though, all of our Sailors are acquiring the maintenance and repair skills that will allow them to support the fleet during their RMC shore duty, and again when they are aboard ships during their sea tours," said Shepler.

The NAMTS program, according to Shepler, is a way to train Sailors on various shipboard operations and repair requirements. It also serves as the best conduit for us to communicate the same training to the fleet.

"To do this effectively within the Watertight Door Shop," said Shepler, "we have an area set up with a flush deck scuttle, a quick-acting watertight hatch, and an individual dog watertight hatch we use to train Sailors. The same NAMTS-based training is then translated when the Sailors from the door shop goes aboard ships to conduct repairs while concurrently providing preventive and cor-

rective training to shipboard Sailors."

During their five-week repair period, SERMC's Sailors dismantled doors from the USS Hue City, pulled and inspected all door hardware, then cleaned, lubricated and reinstalled the doors. For doors that failed inspection due to excessive corrosion, SERMC's Sailors performed a full removal and overhaul until they met standards based on the ship's Planned Maintenance System (PMS).

Specifically, SERMC's door shop reviewed the required PMS onboard each class of ship, selected several checks for each type of door, and performed all of those checks with the ship to ensure door maintenance requirements were met.

According to SERMC's Hull and Corrosion Product Family Supervisor, Brian York, "the training and repair process essentially starts with the assessment phase and then follows with the repair phase. This teaches the Sailor onboard the ship to first be able to identify the problem, and then to repair the problem. We believe that self-assessment and independence for repairs is key to the improvement of the material condition onboard ships."

"We have already had a great deal of success with the NAMTS program," said York. "Our review of the USS Hue City's

pre-INSURV assessment indicated there were no discrepancies noted on the report with regard to watertight doors, which is a direct reflection of the work and training we've been conducting in recent weeks."

The success of the door shop is not only limited to USS Hue City. USS Halyburton (FFG-40) requested replacement of three watertight doors, and SERMC's door shop was able to fully repair all three doors saving more than \$13,000 per door in replacement cost. These types of examples are expected to increase as their door shop continues to support the fleet, and will expand to other fleet support areas as their NAMTS training evolves into other production shops within SERMC.

"With the support of and investment in surface ship maintenance initiatives and resources the Navy requires to properly sustain our ships and train our fleet Sailors, our RMCs are now becoming uniquely positioned to ensure that the material readiness of today's, and tomorrow's, fleet is sustained."

For more information about the Southeast Regional Maintenance Center, visit: [www.navy.mil/CNRMC/SERMC](http://www.navy.mil/CNRMC/SERMC)

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# Carney Gets Psychedelic



-Photo by Ensign Amalie Shaffer

On Dec. 3, USS Carney's Supply Department hosted a psychedelic 1970's themed party for the crew. The night's events consisted of a delicious dinner, a competitive costume contest, a soul train, and a raffle with great prizes. Above, the two finalists for the costume contest are Machinery Repairman 1st Class (SW/SCW) James Heard and Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Leduc Neal. Right, Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class (SW) Angela Muratalla and Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW) Sean Limbach in Carney's homemade 1970's photo booth.



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**Jan. 13: Exit.** 9 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

**Jan. 14: UFC 142.** 9 p.m. at Castaways. FREE

**Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Holiday Bowling Special.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. 2 hours of extreme bowling, shoes, one item off Fast Lanes Grille's menu and a soda for only \$15 (non-food option \$12; a la carte option also available). 270-5377

**Jan. 17: Captain's Cup Men's Intramural Tennis Organizational Meeting.** 11 a.m. at the Gym. League begins Jan. 30. 270-5451

**Jan. 24: Captain's Cup Men's Intramural Volleyball Organizational Meeting.** 11 a.m. at the Gym. League begins Feb. 13. 270-5451

**Jan. 25: All-Hands Steak Night.** 4-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club. Cost is \$10 per person. Purchase tickets in advance; limited tickets available at the door. Sponsored by HSM-40. For tickets, call (904) 270-6639 x151.

**Jan. 27: Paul Lundgren Band.** 9 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

## A Piece Of History



-Photo by Paige Gnann  
USS Stephen W. Groves Chief's Mess hold memorabilia and a plaque signifying the history of a shadowbox they donated to the Foc'sle Lounge, NS Mayport's Chief Petty Officers Club. The box contains a shadow box with two rocks from the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks destroyed the "Twin Towers" in New York City. The Mess also donated a picture of Stephen W. Groves during a visit to New York, with the Twin Towers in the background. Also pictured is retired Chief Jim Phillips who attended the dedication.

## New Year's Eve at Mayport Bowling Center

Saturday, Dec. 31 9 pm-12:30 am

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**Dec. 16: Teen Holiday Party & Movie Night.** 4:30-11 pm at the Teen Center. Enjoy a cookie station, art station, Christmas challenges from 4:30-6:30 p.m. followed by a holiday movie. 246-0347

**Dec. 20: Teens on the Go: Avenues Mall Christmas Shopping.** 1:30-6 p.m. Permission slip required. Bring money for shopping. 246-0347

**Dec. 21: Youth & Teen Cosmic Bowling Trip.** 1-3:30 p.m. Two games for \$4. Bring extra money for snack bar. Permission slip required. 270-5680.

**Dec. 28: Youth & Teen Cosmic Bowling Trip.** 1-3:30 p.m. Two games for \$4. Bring extra money for snack bar. Permission slip required. 270-5680.

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve at Mayport Bowling Center.** 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$15 per adult, \$10 per child ages 9-4, children 3 and under free. Enjoy bowling, music, prizes, snacks, and more. Reservations Required. 270-5377

**Jan. 1: Bowling Family Fun Night.** 4-7 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Cost is \$10 per person and includes spaghetti dinner, All-You-Can Bowl with shoes, music videos, light show and colored head-pin bowling for prizes. 270-5377

**Jan. 13: Freedom**

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**Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Fear Factor.** 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost is \$8 advanced sign-up and \$10 day of, space permitting. 270-5680

**Jan 14: Dave & Buster's Trip.** 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$8, includes choice from 9 entrees and a \$10 game card. Permission slip required. Open to the first 24 teens to sign up that have up-to-date registration. 246-0347

**Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Holiday Bowling**

**Special.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. 2 hours of extreme bowling, shoes, one item off Fast Lanes Grille's menu and a soda for only \$15 (non-food option \$12; a la carte option also available). 270-5377

**Jan. 20: Teen Lock In.** 7:30 p.m.-7 a.m. at the Teen Center. Totally "cool" theme. Are you ready to be "cool"? 246-0347

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**Dec. 15: St. John's Town Center Trip.** Van departs 4 p.m. Transportation Only. FREE

**Dec. 16: St. Augustine Amphitheater Trip.** Enjoy ice skating, sleigh rides, ice slides & more. Please bring cash. Van Departs Liberty Center 4 p.m. FREE

**Dec. 16: Xtreme Bowling.** 8 p.m. to Midnight every Friday at Mayport Bowling Center. \$10 include 2 hours of black light bowling, shoe rental, prizes and dazzling laser light show. 270-5377

**Dec. 16: Bread and Butter Band.** 9 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

**Dec. 17-18: Holiday Matsuri Convention in Orlando.** Convention includes video games, anime, sci-fi, celebrity guests & more. Cost is \$50; includes hotel & convention ticket. Van departs Liberty Center at 7 a.m.

**Dec. 17-18: Universal Studios Island of Adventure Trip.** Cost is \$65; includes hotel & theme park ticket. Van departs Liberty Center at 7 a.m.

**Dec. 20: Chess Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Dec. 22: Ping Pong Tournament.** 5 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Dec. 23: Movie Trip.** Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation Only. Cost \$5.

**Dec. 24: Pool**

# LIBERTY CALL

**Tournament Finals.** 6 p.m. at the Liberty Center.

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Bash featuring Lift.** 9 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve at Mayport Bowling Center.** 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$15 per adult, \$10 per child ages 9-4, children 3 and under free. Enjoy bowling, music, prizes, snacks, and more. Reservations Required. 270-5377

**Jan. 1: Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Indianapolis Colts.** Van Departs Liberty Center 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.

**Jan. 3: Command Break-In.** Look for us at Barracks 1586 and 1587 dropping off goodies.

**Jan. 4: Darts Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Jan. 4: Military Appreciation Day** every Wednesday at Windy Harbor Golf Club. 18 Holes and a Cart Only \$15. Offer open to DOD, active duty, retired, and military dependents (Must provide proper ID)

**Jan. 4: Quartermania.** Every Wednesday 9 p.m.-Midnight at Mayport Bowling Center. \$5 cover charge, 25¢ shoe rental, 25¢ bowling games, 25¢ chicken wings and more! 270-5377.

**Jan. 4: Chicken Wednesdays.** Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Foc'sle Lounge. Enjoy a two-piece fried chicken plate with two sides for only \$7.00. 270-5431

**Jan. 7: Cosmic Ice Skating.** Van departs Liberty Center at 1 p.m.

Cost \$5.

**Jan. 7: Xtreme Bowling.** 8 p.m. to Midnight every Saturday at Mayport Bowling Center. \$10 include 2 hours of black light bowling, shoe rental, and dazzling laser light show. 270-5377

**Jan. 9: Women's Volleyball Organizational Meeting.** 5 p.m. at the Gym. League begins Jan. 22; must be 18 or older. 270-5451

**Jan. 9: BSC National Championship Game Party.** 7 p.m. at Beachside Community Center; game kicks off at 8:30 p.m. Watch the game on our 20 ft. screen. Free food, giveaways and more! 270-5451

**Jan. 10: Kick Off the New Year 3K Walk/ 5K Run.** 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

**Jan. 10: Chess Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Jan. 11: Just For Fun Wednesdays.** Every Wednesday at Mayport Bowling Center. It's not about how good you bowl, it's about how much fun you can have! \$1 Colorman Bowling, drink specials, request your favorite music all day long and more. 270-5733

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**Jan. 13: Exit.** 9 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

**Jan. 13: Movie Trip.** Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation Only. Cost

\$5.  
**Jan. 14: UFC 142: Aldo vs. Mendes.** 9 p.m. at Castaways. FREE

**Jan. 15: Paintball.** Van departs Liberty Center at 9 a.m. Cost \$5

**Jan. 16: Minute to Win It.** 5 p.m. at Liberty Center. Refreshments provided.

**Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Holiday Bowling Special.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. 2 hours of extreme bowling, shoes, one item off Fast Lanes Grille's menu and a soda for only \$15 (non-food option \$12; a la carte option also avail-

able). 270-5377

**Jan. 17: Captain's Cup Men's Intramural Tennis Organizational Meeting.** 11 a.m. at the Gym. League begins Jan. 30. 270-5451

**Jan. 18: Ping Pong Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Jan. 21: Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus.** Van Departs Liberty Center 6:15 p.m. FREE

**Jan. 22: St. Augustine Day Trip.** Van departs 10 a.m. FREE

**Jan. 24: Cornhole Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Jan. 24: Captain's**

**Cup Men's Intramural Volleyball Organizational Meeting.** 11 a.m. at the Gym. League begins Feb. 13. 270-5451

**Jan. 25: All-Hands Steak Night.** 4-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club. Cost is \$10 per person. Purchase tickets in advance; limited tickets available at the door. Sponsored by HSM-40. For tickets, call (904) 270-6639 x151.

**Jan. 25: Pool Tournament Finals.** 6 p.m. at the Liberty Center.

**Jan. 26: Texas Hold 'Em Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

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# Mayport Families Enjoy Festivities

## MWR Hosts Annual 'Magical Christmas' Event



Families enjoy roasting marshmallows over a closed fire pit at Sea Otter Pavilion during MWR's annual Magical Christmas festival.

From Staff

Families of Naval Station Mayport Sailors bundled up and kept warm with fun activities at the annual MWR Magical Christmas on Dec. 8 at the Sea Otter Pavilion.

This year's festivities included music by the Navy Southeast Holiday Brass Band and performances by the Youth Activities Center.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, volunteers from Santa America's Military Support Program, were joined by Mike the Clown from Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus to entertain the crowds.

Children also got a chance to enjoy free arts and crafts and mini-games at the event.

For more information about events happening throughout 2012, call MWR at 270-5228.



Kelsey Long, 13, pulls a prize lollipop from the lollipop tree as an MWR volunteer congratulates her.



Brian Clegg, 3, Jahmaica Clegg, 5, Lindsay Orellana, 7, and Quintin Johnson, 4, take a ride in a static airplane set up at Magical Christmas.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, volunteers from Santa America, pose for pictures with families attending Magical Christmas. Santa visited with children and took notes for their wish-list of special toys.



Markus Blakely, 4, takes a rest on a hay bale as he holds his goody bag gathered from different activity stations set up at the event.



Children from the Youth Activities Center perform Christmas songs during MWR's Magical Christmas on Dec. 8 at the Sea Otter Pavilion.



A young boy tries to ring a candy cane with a frisbee at one of the booths.



Mike the Clown from Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus talks with children at the festival.



A young boy makes reindeer food, one of several activities set up at the event.

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# DFAS To Release 2011 Tax Statements Via myPay, U.S. Mail

From DFAS

Electronic and postal delivery of 2011 tax statements for military service members, military retirees and federal civilian employees paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will begin by mid-December through January with all customers receiving their W-2s and 1099Rs by Jan. 31.

For most, tax statements will be available online using the DFAS myPay pay management system (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>) a week or more earlier than delivery via mail.

2011 tax statement myPay and USPS mail schedule:

\* Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Benefit

\*\* Permanent Change of Station

Military non-appropriate fund civilian employees receive tax statements from their respective military service. Army NAF employee tax statements are made available via myPay.

The myPay advantage While tax statements are available on myPay earlier than waiting for an envelope in the mail, there are other advantages to using the online system throughout the year.

Availability: Tax statements available on myPay will

remain online for one year. These, as well as other documents such as leave and earning statements, may be printed or downloaded for storage on computer hard drives, CDs, DVDs or flash drives.

Except during periodic system maintenance periods, myPay is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The only requirements are valid login credentials (ID and password) and a computer connected to the Internet.

The inner circle: myPay users have a need to allow trusted individuals to access their pay documents and information. Military members deployed away from home may wish to have their spouses, parents or other associates to retrieve information for tax preparation purposes. An elderly retiree may desire to grant access to his or her tax accountant or legal guardian.

Users can establish limited access passwords for their family members or other trusted individuals by logging in and establishing access in their Personal Settings. Individuals granted limited access to a myPay account may retrieve documents or view information but cannot make changes to existing addresses, bank accounts, allotments or other pay account information.

Security: While each pay account customer has a personal responsibility to keep their login information secure, myPay uses security tools that surpass industry standards to keep that customer's pay information safe.

Recently, myPay was changed to allow customers accessing the system using a Computer Access Card (CAC) enabled computer to log in without using their login ID or password. This change made the system even easier to use while not compromising its security.

Savings: By using myPay, each military member, retiree and federal civilian employee saves their department or agency the cost of mailing documents. While each individual W2, 1099R or LES might be inexpensive, the overall costs of mailing millions of individual documents can become substantial. When combined with the environmental costs of paper, printing and delivery, using myPay is one way each individual can contribute to ensuring funds are available for their department's mission, such as supporting the needs of military men and women for DoD customers.

Form/Document	Date available on myPay	Dates mailed via the U.S. Post Office
Retiree Annual Statement (RAS)	Dec. 4, 2011	Dec. 19, 2011 - Jan. 10, 2012
Retiree 1099R	Dec. 15, 2011	Dec. 19, 2011 - Jan. 10, 2012
Annuitant Account Statement (AAS)	Dec. 14, 2011	Dec. 19-31, 2011
Annuitant 1099R	Dec. 14, 2011	Dec. 19-31, 2011
Active Duty Air Force, Army, Navy W-2	Jan. 24, 2012	Jan. 24-29, 2012
Reserve Air Force, Army, Navy W-2	Jan. 6, 2012	Jan. 6-9, 2012
Marine Corps Active & Reserve W-2	Jan. 16, 2012	Jan. 19-21, 2012
Civilian employee W-2 (DoD/Non-DoD)	Jan. 5, 2012	Jan. 7-15, 2012
Military VSI/SSB W-2*	Not available via myPay	Jan. 4-5, 2012
Savings Deposit Program 1099INT	Jan. 21, 2012	Jan. 21-22, 2012
Vendor Pay 1099	Not available via myPay	Jan. 20-25, 2012
Vendor Pay MISC W-2	Jan. 31, 2012	Jan. 20-25, 2012
Travel PCS** W-2	Jan. 31, 2012	Jan. 20-25, 2012
Army Non-Appropriated Fund Civilian Pay W-2	Jan. 20, 2012	Not available

# Absentee Voting Guidelines Released For Overseas

From Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Voting Assistance Program and the Military Postal Service Agency yesterday announced absentee ballot mailing date guidelines that apply to various overseas locations.

Military members serving overseas and other U.S. citizens living abroad must consider mail transit times when submitting their absentee ballots to vote in upcoming presidential, Senate, House, gubernatorial, state legislature, local and other

elections.

The 2012 U.S. presidential election, for example, will be held Nov. 6, 2012.

Officials recommend that absentee voters sending ballots from the following countries mail them out no later than:

- Iraq: 22 days before the election;
- Afghanistan (excluding air stop locations), Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Oman and Turkmenistan: 17 days before the election;
- Germany: 11 days before the election;
- Afghanistan air stop

locations, Bahrain, Cuba, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates: 10 days before the election; and

- Japan, Korea and the Philippines: seven days before the election.

For a full list of absentee ballot mailing dates for overseas locations, visit [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov).

Military members serving overseas may express mail their absentee ballots free of charge from any APO/FPO/DPO or American embassy and consulate -- ask to use

the Express Mail Label 11-DoD. This label allows voters to track their ballots at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

The federal write-in absentee ballot is used as a backup ballot. Thirty days prior to an election, if voters believe they'll not receive their state ballot in time to vote and return it, they can vote using the FWAB. This ballot is accepted by all states from any overseas or military voter who has registered and requested a ballot for 2012.

# Phone Cards To Deployed

By Kristine M. Sturkie  
Navy Exchange Service Command  
Public Affairs Office

Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) announced military members underway or forward-deployed during the holiday season have been given a free \$10 phone card to call loved ones back home.

This is the tenth holiday in a row that NEXCOM has offered free phone cards to deployed military members.

"We are honored to be able to give free phone cards to our military men and women who do so much and sacrifice so much throughout the year to protect our country," said Jennie Zack, NEXCOM personal telecommunications specialist. "These free phone cards are a way to thank them for their service especially during the holiday season when they are away from their loved ones."

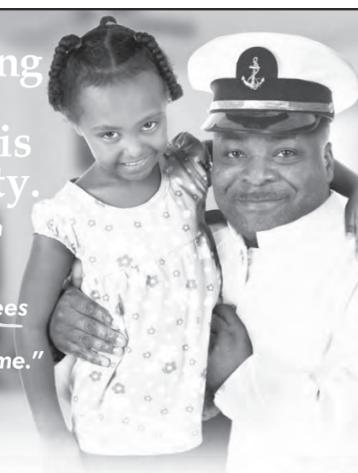
NEXCOM will distribute \$10 AT&T prepaid phone cards to those ships with AT&T Direct Ocean Service that will be deployed and away from their homeport for the December holiday season including Coast Guard vessels, submarines as well as forward deployed forces. NEXCOM expects to distribute nearly 45,000 free phone cards during the holidays.



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**THIS WEEKS ANSWERS**

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# NORAD Gears Up To Track Santa Claus

By Cheryl Pellerin  
American Forces Press Service

For the 56th year running, the North American Aerospace Defense Command will add the job of tracking the global flight of Santa on Christmas Eve to its mission of North American aerospace warning and control.

"NORAD stands the watch protecting the skies of North America 365 days a year, but on Christmas Eve the children of the world look to NORAD and our trusted partners to make sure that Santa is able to complete his mission safely," said Army Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr. Jacoby commands NORAD, as well as U.S. Northern Command, both based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

The NORAD Tracks Santa mission "is a duty to the children of the world," he added, "and a privilege we've enjoyed for 56 consecutive years."

From a NORAD video of the 2010 Santa flight, a military specialist looks up from a bank of computer screens:

"Sir," he says, turning to look at the camera, "we've picked up 'Big Red' on the radar. He's entering from the northeast."

"Recommend fighter escort as he transitions over North America," the specialist adds, as the video shows an F-16 moving down the runway.

This year, the NORAD Tracks Santa website went live Dec. 1 and features a



-Courtesy graphic  
The North American Aerospace Defense Command based at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., will again track Santa Claus on his annual Christmas Eve flight to deliver presents to children around the globe.

Countdown Calendar, a Kid's Countdown Village with holiday games and activities that change daily, and video messages from students and troops from around the world.

The website is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese and Chinese.

For the first time, using free apps in the Apple iTunes Store and in the Android market, parents and children can use their smart phones to count down the days until Santa and his reindeer take off from the North Pole to deliver presents to kids everywhere.

Facebook, Google+, YouTube and Twitter also offer tracking opportunities. Santa followers can type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get

started. And that's not the only technology that goes into the Santa tracking mission. To track the big man in red, NORAD uses radar, satellites, Santa cams and fighter jets.

A NORAD radar system called the North Warning System consists of 47 installations strung across the northern border of North America. On Dec. 24, NORAD monitors the radar systems continuously for indications that Santa Claus has left the North Pole.

The moment radar indicates a lift-off, satellites positioned in geo-synchronous orbit at 22,300 miles from the Earth's surface are equipped with infrared sensors, which enable them to detect heat. Rudolph's bright red nose gives off an infrared

signature that allows the satellites to detect Santa's sleigh.

NORAD starting using the Santa cam network in 1998. Santa cams, according to NORAD, are ultra-cool, high-tech, high-speed digital cameras prepositioned at many locations around the world. They use the cameras once a year to capture images and videos of Santa and his reindeer.

In the air, Canadian NORAD pilots flying the CF-18 fighter will intercept and welcome Santa to North America.

In the United States, American NORAD fighter pilots in F-15s, F-16s or F-22 Raptors will fly alongside Santa's airborne sleigh pulled by his famous reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.

Once data is collected on Dec. 24, it is pushed into Google Maps and Google Earth so families all over the world can follow Santa.

Thanks to these systems and technologies, starting at midnight Mountain Standard Time on Dec. 24, visitors to the NORAD

Santa website can watch Santa's progress around the globe.

It all started in 1955 when a Sears media advertisement directed kids to call Santa Claus but printed a telephone number that rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center.

The colonel on duty told his staff to give all children who called in a "current location" for Santa Claus. The tradition continued when NORAD replaced CONAD in 1958.

"The [NORAD Tracks Santa] effort," Jacoby said, "could not be carried out without the superb assistance of numerous government and nongovernment contributors."

Sponsors of this year's program include Acuity Scheduling, Big Fish Worldwide, Carousel Industries, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council, General Electric, the National Tree Lighting Ceremony, RadiantBlue Technologies Inc., thunderbaby studios, the U.S. Coast Guard Band, the U.S. Merchant

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"It is the generosity of these contributors, the hard work of the more than 1,200 volunteers who man the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center, and vigilance of the Canadian and U.S. forces who work at NORAD that guarantees the program's success each and every year," Jacoby said.

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

Dec. 15, 9-11 a.m., **Car Buying Strategies**, FFSC Room 1615

Dec. 15, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FSC Room 702

Dec. 15, 9-11 a.m., **Tottle Tyme 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 play-

grounds. 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.

Dec. 21, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

Dec. 22, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FSC Room 702

Dec. 22, 9-11 a.m., **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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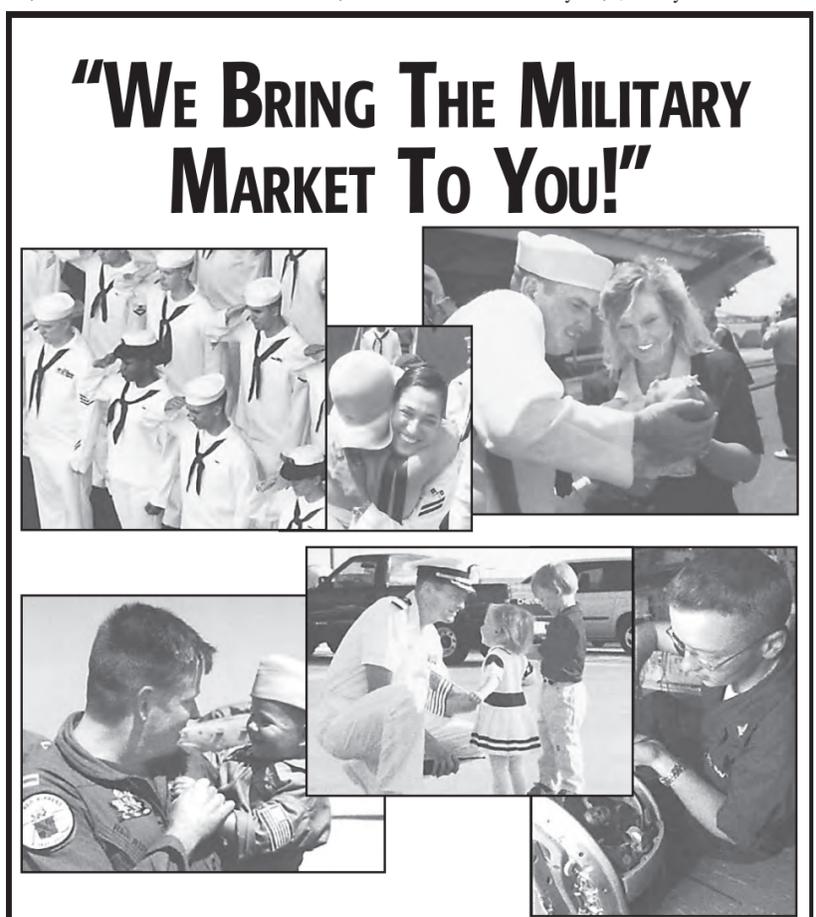
Dec. 27, 2-4 p.m., **Relationship Communication**, FFSC Room 702

Dec. 28, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

Dec. 29, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FSC Room 702

Dec. 29, 9-11 a.m., **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Out in Town

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. to learn about the many common species that inhabit the natural communities of the undeveloped barrier islands of northeast Florida. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**  
Christ United Methodist Church will host a Live Nativity from 5-9 p.m. on the front lawn of the Church on Sunday Evening at 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach.

**Saturday, Dec. 24**  
Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. to learn about

the difference between a conch and a whelk, or a cockle and a clam? Discover how to identify many of the frequently found shells that wash up on the Talbot Islands State Parks shores. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Please join Christ United Methodist Church Neptune Beach, 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach at 11:30 a.m. as they celebrate the birth of our Savior. Two services will be available to bring

your family and friends to usher in Christmas morning at 7 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve and Candle Lighting Service 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Communion Service. Services will be held in the sanctuary at 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach.

**Saturday, Dec. 31**  
The Talbot Islands have a rich cultural history that dates back over 5,000 years. Join a Park Ranger at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. for a look into these past cultures and the artifacts they left behind.



## Merchandise

AC, Heating, Fuel Antiques Appliances Arts & Crafts Auctions Building Supplies Business/Office Equipment Clothes Collectibles Computer Craft/Thrifty Stores Electronics Estate Sales Farm/Planting Fruits/Vegetables Furniture/Household Garage Sales Garden/Lawn Hot Tubs/Spas Jewelry/Watches Kid's Stuff Machinery & Tools Medical Miscellaneous Merchandise Musical Merchandise Photography Portable Buildings Public Sales Sporting Goods Tickets Trailers  
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## Collectibles

**Collectibles: Charming Tails: Harvest Time Honeys \$20, Teamwork Helps \$15, Home Sweet Home \$15, Be Thankful For Friends \$20, I'm All Ears \$20, Pumpkin Harvest \$20, The Bearsley Family (Special Edition); #5300764-\$20, Capodimonte pcs (various), King headboard: Solid Oak, dual-lights, mirrored, end cabinets, exc. cond. Twin-recliner loveseat. Will email pics. Atlantic Beach 904-304-4014. 9am-4pm**

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