

CNO Talks Future; SAAM Policies

By MC2(SW) Salt Cebe
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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert joined U.S. Congressman Ander Crenshaw at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport April 3 to view current MILCON projects and meet with local and state representatives and talk Sexual Assault Awareness with Mayport leadership.

Greenert spoke with officers O-4 and above on April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and the strong

stance the Navy is taking to combat the issue.

Following the visit, Greenert and Crenshaw attended a lunch meeting at the Casa Marina Hotel in Jacksonville Beach with the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association to discuss defense issues and the future of the Navy.

"Mayport is a hub and a strategic area for the Navy. It's a southern command that is very important to us. Look how fast you can get out to sea from here," said Greenert. "Jacksonville is the center

of excellence for maritime patrol."

Crenshaw explained that there are plans in the works to increase naval fortitude in and around the city of Jacksonville.

"I think it's important to recognize the Navy just built a hangar for the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. It's the largest hangar the Navy has ever constructed," said Crenshaw. "That hangar is where all the P-8As on the East Coast

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Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert, U.S. Congressman Ander Crenshaw and the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport Base Public Works Officer Cmdr. Miguel Dieguez review future plans of expanding the fleet at NAVSTA Mayport. During the site visit, Greenert met with the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association to discuss defense issues and the future of the Navy. See CNO's blog comments on SAAM, Page 2.

Armed Forces Volleyball Games Underway



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U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Lucy Love bumps the ball as her partner, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Heidi Miller, waits for a return from U.S. Navy Lt. Ashley Musser and U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Mary Arvidson. The teams are practicing for the Armed Forces Beach Volleyball tournament currently underway at NS Mayport at the sand courts behind Beachside Community Center. Finals will be held April 14 starting at 10 a.m. with the women's consolation match and the men's consolation match at 11 a.m. The championship match will be 12:30 p.m. for women and 2 p.m. for men. For more information, call 270-5451/2.

Independence Departs For Homeport Of San Diego

By USS Independence (LCS 2)
Public Affairs

The littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) departed Naval Station Mayport April 9, embarking on the ship's maiden voyage to her homeport of San Diego.

The transit, led by the ship's Gold Crew, marks the successful completion of testing the ability of the ship's Mine Countermeasures (MCM) mission package to detect, localize, and destroy mines in a tactical environment.

Sailors from Independence and embarked MCM Detachment 1 conducted operations off the coast of Florida, training with organic assets including the Remote

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-Photo by MC2Gary Granger Jr.

The littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) pulls out of Naval Station Mayport as the ship begins transit to her homeport of San Diego. Sailors from Independence's Gold Crew and embarked Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Squadron, Detachment 1 are underway for the ship's maiden voyage to San Diego after successfully completing testing on the MCM mission package.



-Photo courtesy of USS Hué City

USS Hué City (CG 66) fires a missile during the first live SM-2 Missile Ex held in 10 years.

Hué City Goes Hot With Live Missile Ex

From USS Hué City Public Affairs

On her recent Group Sail with Carrier Strike Group Eight, USS Hué City (CG 66) broke the barrier after 10 years and fired a live SM-2 missile during work-ups for deployment.

"It was an awesome training opportunity," exclaimed Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Joshua Foux. "Simulated battle exercises simply don't measure up to firing a real SM-2."

Hué City and several DDGs from the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group performed the Missile Exercise. While in the Virginia Capes Operating Area, the ships encountered drones simulating aircraft launched missile threats. Using their AEGIS weapons systems, Hué City, Farragut, Laboon, Oscar Austin, and Jason Dunham successfully detected, tracked, engaged, and destroyed those drones in two separate events.

"The success of the Missile-Ex is the result of several hours, days, weeks and even months of preparation. The tactical and technical expertise of all involved was perfect...and it's great to see such a flawless, positive outcome to validate all the hard work," claimed Operations Specialist Senior Chief (SW) Timothy Mollock.

Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Stephen Cole, the Sailor who launched the SM-2 from Hué City called it an "exhilarating" experience and added that "[he] couldn't stop smiling that day."

Rear Adm. Michael Manazir, the commander of Carrier Strike Group Eight, said he enjoyed a front-row view from Hué City's CIC.

"This is an absolute success," he stated. "And I couldn't be happier for and prouder of Hué City to do this on top of her excellent Board of Inspection and Survey results from a few weeks before."

"I am extremely proud of the technicians and the watchstanders," said Lt. David Alverson, the Systems Test Officer on Hué City. "The success of this Missile Ex makes evident all the hard work and extra hours these sailors have put in for the past year. I also want to thank the Fleet Forces Atlantic Exercise Coordination Center

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For MWR Sports Challenge?

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Save Lives, Give Blood
NS Mayport will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. on April 24 in Bldg. 1



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CNO Greenert: We Have A Problem

Hello shipmates,

The Secretary of the Navy recently announced our "21st Century Sailor and Marine" initiative, which pulls together a set of objectives, policies and programs, new and existing, to maximize personal and family readiness.

I'd like to cover one of the five areas in the initiative: readiness. More specifically, it's a readiness problem that has grown at an alarming rate, and we have not been able to turn around - sexual assault.

Folks, we've got to face the facts—sexual assault is an attack on a Sailor. On average, these attacks take

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place every day. Yes, every day. These attacks include "blue on blue"—Sailor on Sailor—think about that. We've had a former commanding officer go to jail for ten years because he raped one of his Sailors and we have had junior officers and chiefs, who have also been charged and convicted of sexual assault. We have shipmates committing crimes against shipmates, and we all have to do something about it.

This is my problem and this is your problem. Sexual assault is unacceptable and its roots need to stop at all levels; I can't tolerate it and you shouldn't either. It undermines our Navy Core Values and Ethos, and it undercuts safety and readiness. We need to address it for what it is - a real danger.

It is important that we support sexual assault victims and hold offenders accountable. But what

we really need to do is prevent sexual assault before it occurs. Some call this "getting to the left of the event." This means taking a hard look at command climate, and I need your help in this regard. We need to watch our humor, our language and ensure it's appropriate for the work place. We need to prevent the abuse of alcohol, which is a primary contributor to sexual assaults. We need to promote responsibility for ourselves and each other. Sexual assault is not just happening at "some" commands, it is happening at your command.

We need to commit, as a Navy, to not accept this crime at our commands and get rid of the myth that it's just "part of life." It is not.

It's about changing attitudes. It is about leadership at every level getting engaged. It's about creating a safe environment of dignity and respect for our shipmates. It's about declaring and committing that we won't tolerate this in our Navy. And it is especially about "by stander intervention," stepping in when you see one of our shipmates threatening another. We stand to gain confidence

and trust in a Navy that cares about all of its Sailors.

In short, everyone needs to do something about it! In the coming weeks you will hear from your leadership on the prevention of sexual assault as we renew our emphasis Navy wide on this important issue. Let's face it together, there is no place for sexual assault in our Navy and I know we can resolve this with your effort and focus.

Rear

To read more blog entries by Greenert, go to <http://cno.navylive.dod-live.mil/>

Just Nine Weeks Remain In The School Year



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

With just nine weeks remaining in the school year, fewer for those seniors, does your child need help getting over the end-of-the year hump? **Tutor.com** offers help with homework, studying, and test preparation in more than 16 subjects from elementary math to physics. All military dependent students (of active duty military) worldwide can use the program, regardless of where they attend school.

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It is also about this time that the pressure to get high marks on exams kicks in. Students who get nervous before a test should be encouraged to try the following tips and strategies for keeping anxiety down and energy up for the next big exam.

Don't cram: Studying like crazy the night before an exam can leave your child exhausted and more

stressed out than before. Studying is more effective if done in small doses over several days.

Make up practice questions or take practice tests: Knowing the format and style of a test can reduce anxiety. Encourage students to always ask their teachers about how the test will be formatted. Studying is so much more effective when you know what types of questions you'll be answering.

Get a good night's sleep: Lack of sleep contributes heavily to anxiety. Be sure your child goes to bed on time the night before an exam.

Eat a healthy breakfast: Blood sugar is at its lowest in the morning. In order to think and problem-solve effectively, students need to refuel. But a good breakfast for one child is not the same for another. Figure out what works best for you child.

Read through the exam to budget time: By looking over the test, your child can avoid any unexpected surprises (and anxiety). Previewing also

insures finishing in the allotted time.

Read all directions: Some students are so anxious to get the test over with that they fail to read the directions.

Jot notes: Jotting down brief notes right away can help your child feel less anxious about forgetting important facts or key information. Some students write important formulas or critical dates in the margin as soon as they receive their test papers.

Answer easy questions first: Getting the easier questions out of the way builds self-confidence and allows your child the time to focus more clearly on the harder questions.

Organize thoughts before writing: Students who organize their writing responses before they start writing typically score higher. Having a plan or even a short outline insures a well-structured response which hits all the main points.

Think positively: Negative thoughts during a test (e.g., "I'm going to fail") can not only destroy

your child's confidence, but also take up valuable time which should be used to concentrate on the test!

Using these tips won't necessarily keep anxiety away completely. However, practicing these techniques can give your child the right skills to manage test stress when it does happen. So hopefully a combination of tutoring through Tutor.com and these test tips will help your child achieve success and readily promote to the next grade.

Judy Cromartie is the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport. If you have questions about this article, want a copy of the Un/Underfunded Mandates for Duval Schools, or have concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, she can be reached via email at judith.cromartie@navy.mil or by phone at (904) 270-6289 X1305 [office] or (904) 219-3894 [cell]. Or you can schedule a meeting with her in her office in Building One.

How Are You Being Of Service To Others?



Lt. Karen Rector
Surface Force Ministry Center

I began writing this article on the 4th of April, the 44th anniversary of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's assassination. Dr. King was in Memphis, Tennessee, trying to bring some peaceful resolutions to an ongoing sanitation strike that had led to rioting and looting in the streets of Memphis.

One of my most memorable classes in seminary was a class that focused on Dr. King and his work in the Civil Rights

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Movement by using non-violent means to change the hearts and minds of people. What impressed me the most was that he practiced what he preached. His life and the lives of his wife and children were threatened on a regular basis; his home bombed; he was put in jail on several occasions. He was also stabbed by a deranged woman in an earlier assassination attempt, the knife missing his heart only by millimeters. Time after time his reaction was to forgive and continue on with a non-violent approach.

In his biography, the writer talks about how Dr. King, in the last months of his life, had become more and more weary, and that all of the threats upon his life were really beginning to take a toll

on both his physical and mental health. In fact, even though he died at the age of 39, the doctor who performed his autopsy said his heart was that of a 60-year-old man. Yet, he pressed on day after day.

On April 3, one day before his assassination, he spoke at the Memphis Masonic Temple. In his

speech he used excerpts from a sermon he had preached just a few weeks before. It was a sermon entitled "The Drum Major Instinct," and focused on how human beings are, as he called them, "Joiners". We are quick to pick a side, and we so easily buy into things. Some join to gain prestige, fame, and fortune, while some join just to belong.

Many would say he had a premonition that his death was near. Dr. King had recently told his

wife that he didn't want a long funeral and that whoever spoke should keep it short. He didn't want anyone to mention his Nobel Peace Prize or his other awards. He simply wanted to be remembered as a man who tried to give his life in service to others, just as his Savior had done.

Even after 44 years Dr. King's words can and should speak to us and move us to action. Each of us has a choice to make. In the words of

Dr. King, everyone "Must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

What better time to be reminded of this than during this Easter season; a time when Christians remember the sacrifice of the perfect servant, Jesus the Christ.





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CNO Greenert Speaker At Midway Celebration

From Navy League Mayport

The Navy League of Mayport is hosting the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner, which will be held Saturday, June 9, at the Renaissance Resort, World Golf Village.

Guest speaker Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert; Veterans of the Battle of Midway, several widows

of Midway Veterans, and Veterans of all branches of the military have been invited to attend this year's dinner.

Also invited are Medal of Honor recipients and former prisoners of war in our area who have heroically answered the call of duty. Come meet these "national treasurers" and hear their adventures first hand.

The evening promises to be emotional and patriotic, and provides an excellent opportunity to

connect with survivors of what historians call one of the U. S. Navy's greatest sea victories and the turning point of World War II in the Pacific.

Ticket costs are: Active Duty E-6 and below, \$25; E-7 to O3, \$35; O4 to O5, \$45, O6 and above, civilians, and retirees, \$60.

The evening includes fine dining and entertainment. Uniform will be O4 and above - dinner dress white jacket; O3 and below - dinner dress white

jacket optional and civilian is black tie or business attire. Cocktails begin at 1800, dinner at 1900. Reserved seating.

Make checks payable to **NAVY LEAGUE MIDWAY DINNER**. Tickets may be purchased from:

Navy League Mayport, Bob Price, Phone 904-718-2118. Email: bpricex4@comcast.net

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Military Education Conference In April

From FL-ACME

The Florida Advisory Council for Military Education (FL-ACME) will be hosting their annual conference/meeting in St. Augustine, April 25-27 at the Casa Monica hotel.

FL-ACME is an educational organization comprised of public and private higher education institutions working together to provide information and better serve the military educational community. All Education Service Officers (ESO's) are encouraged to attend for professional development. The hotel is offering a per diem rate for Active Duty personnel and ESO's at \$95.00 per night; on a first come, first serve basis.

The FL-ACME offers an annual scholarship for Active Duty service members, National Guardsmen, and Reservists.

Military spouses are also eligible for a second award as long as the service member was stationed in the state of Florida during the application award year.

Applicants are reviewed by the FL-ACME scholarship committee and winners are announced at the end of the awarding period. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the April meeting.

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USS The Sullivans Continues Port Visits, Training During Deployment



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz

Sonar Technician Surface Second Class(SW) Jared Grier is at the helm with Boatswain's Mate Third Class Chadwick Lambert as the lee helm during seamanship training.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz

Cmdr. Derick Armstrong poses with a tour group from a troubled teen's center in Turkey.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz

Sailors from USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) are thanked for their contributions after helping to paint a troubled teen center during a community relations event in Haifa, Turkey.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz

Boatswain's Mate Second Class(SW) Kelly Pfaus sprays the starboard side refueling station during a fresh water wash down.



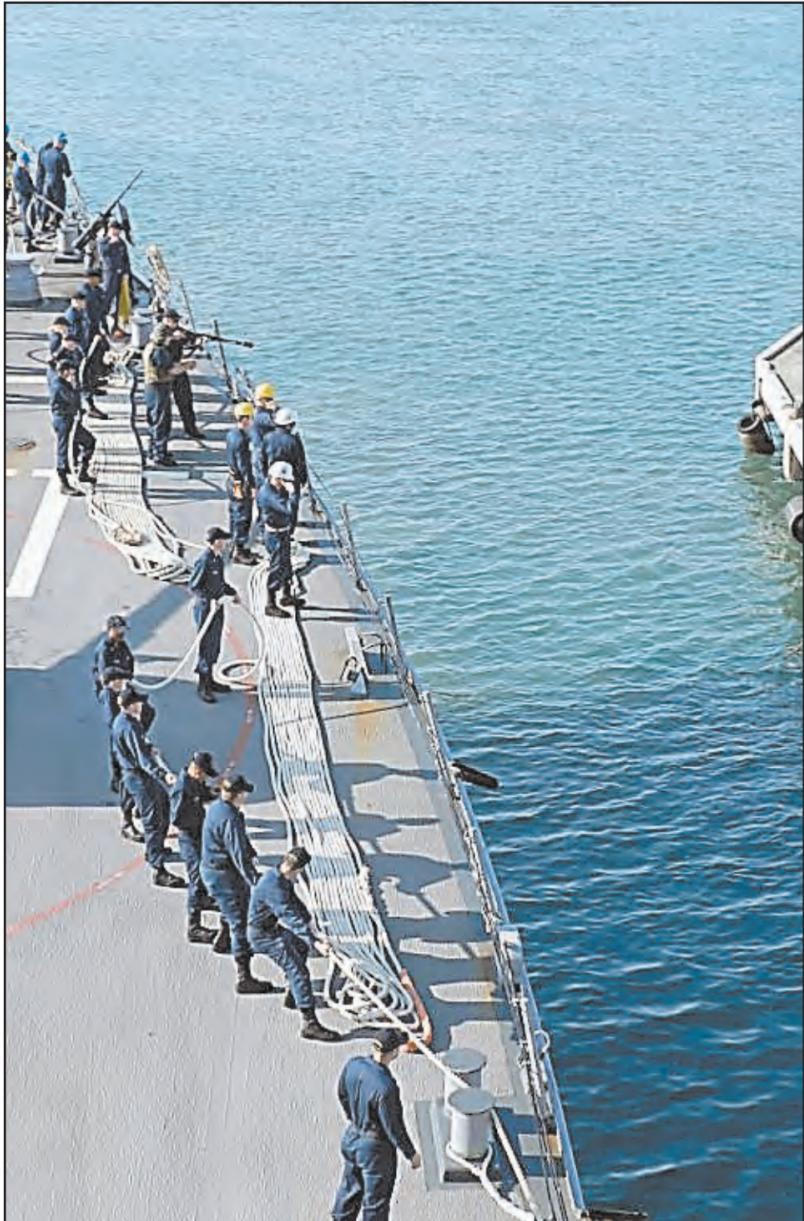
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Damage controlmen in hot suits conduct 'charlie checks,' looking for hotspots or hang-fires in the crash area during damage control drills.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz

Ensign Thomas Schwander supervises Sailors as they lower the flight deck nets in preparation for helicopter smash and crash damage control drills.



ENS Lauren Raines
Line handlers on board USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) assist the ship as she moors to a pier.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz
Sailors from the rescue and assistance response team start a P-100 firefighting water pump to put out a fire during rescue and assistance drills.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz
Chief Damage Controlman(SW) mentors his Damage Control Assistant, Lt.j.g. Andrew Marsh, after a rescue and assistance drill.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz
Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class(SW) David Jackson, left, and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class(SW) Gina Robles stand the low visibility detail and look out for contacts as USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) navigates through thick fog.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz
Command Master Chief(SW) Brian J. Porter cuts the Chief Petty Officer birthday cake.



-Photo by Ensign Aaron Schwarz
USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) Chief Petty Officer's Mess poses for a picture after celebrating the 119th birthday of the Chief Petty Officer.

April 13: 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

April 16: Registration Opens for Sand Dollar

The following activities target single or unaccompanied Sailors.

For more information, call 270-7788/89 or stop by the Mayport Liberty Center and pick up the monthly activity calendar with a complete listing of all upcoming Liberty events.

Apr 13: Springing in the Blues Jax Beach Festival.

Van departs Liberty Center at 5 p.m. FREE.

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April 14: Guns N' Hoses Boxing Event "Battle of the Badges".

Van departs 5 p.m. Sign-up deadline April 7. Cost \$5.

Apr 15: Springing in the Blues Jax Beach Festival.

Van departs Liberty Center at 11 a.m. FREE.

April 16: Chess Club &

The Surfside Fitness class schedule is as follows:

Monday

9:30 a.m., Zumba Basics
A fusion of hot, sexy and explosive Latin American and International dance music. Caloric output, fat burning and total body toning are maximized through fun and easy to follow dance steps. Come experience the ultimate dance party in this high energy, motivating class that is great for both the body and the mind.

11:30 a.m., Cardio, Combat and Core

4:30 p.m., TRX CORE Fusion

A fusion of Yoga, Pilates, NOFFS, CORE training, flexibility training, tissue management, breathing exercises, conscious relaxation and Tai Chi. This class will improve flexibility, strength and balance while enhancing posture, mental focus and coordination. Deter injury and the effects of stress. Experience an abdominal overhaul!

Tuesday

11:30 a.m., Zumba

A fusion of hot, sexy and explosive Latin American and International dance music.

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

4:30 p.m., Yoga

Wednesday

6:30 a.m., NOFFS

Nutrition & Fitness Series

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April 17: Spring

Forward 3K Walk/ 5K Run.

8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

April 20: Jamaican Me

Crazy Night.

9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Castaways Lounge. Live music, food, prizes, and more! 270-7205

April 21: UFC 145: Jones vs. Evans.

10 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

April 24-27: Spring

Sports Challenge.

Sign up deadline is April 13. 270-5452.

April 25: All-Hands Seafood Boil.

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 FRC. For

tickets, call AZC Nanney

at (904) 270-6100 x149

April 25: Spring Fling.

9 p.m. at Castaways lounge. Featuring Karaoke, food, giveaways and more! FREE. 270-7205

LIBERTY CALL

Tournament.

6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

April 17: Go-Karting.

Van departs 6 p.m. Sign-up deadline April 15. Cost \$10.

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April 20: Jamaican Me Crazy Night.

9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Castaways Lounge. Live music, food, prizes, and more! 270-7205

April 20: Ghosts & Gravestones Trolley of the Doomed Ride in St. Augustine.

Van departs 5 p.m. Sign-up deadline April 16. Cost \$5

April 21: UFC 145: Jones vs. Evans.

10 p.m. Live at Castaways. FREE. 270-7205

April 22: Boom Shaka'laka's Hawaiian

Cuisine Dinner Trip.

Van departs 1 p.m. Transportation Only

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April 25: Minute to Win It.

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9:30 a.m., Yoga

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APRIL 25

*0800 - Singles Tennis (Tennis Complex)
*0830 - 3 on 3 Basketball (Gym)
*0900 - Cricket Darts (Mayport Bowling Center)
*0930 - Laser Tag (See Other Pavilions)
*1100 - 8 Ball Pool (Mayport Bowling Center)

APRIL 26

*0800 - Swim Relay (Base Pool)
*0830 - Golf (Windy Harbor Golf Club)
*0930 - Dodgeball (Gymnasium)
*1030 - 3 V3 Soccer (Field 7 Behind Gym)

APRIL 27

*0830 - Volleyball (Beachside Community Center)
*0900 - Ping Pong (Beachside Community Center)
*0930 - Corn Hole (Sea Otter Pavilion)
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ATG Conquers Gate

By Lt.j.g. Patricia Kreuzberger
ATG Mayport PAO

The Gate River Run, the national championship and the largest 15-kilometer race in the United States, was held in downtown Jacksonville on Saturday March 10. Nine members of Afloat Training Group (ATG) Mayport - including ATG Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Roy Love - participated in the 35th Annual Gate River Run on March 10.

Senior Chief Lonsdale of ATG Mayport has been a part of the 15-kilome-

ter race for the last three years.

"I love running and the Gate River Run is a Tradition for me," he said.

Around 16,350 runners and walkers finished the 9.3-mile trek around Jacksonville with approximately 40 professional runners that competed for 82,000 dollars worth of prize money and the title of national champion. Along with the pro's, there were also participants that were running their first ever 15K.

Lt.j.g. Lauren Griebel of ATG Mayport completed a milestone with Gate with

her longest run to date.

"I cannot believe how many runners there were, and I had a lot of fun," she said.

The Gate River Run is a formidable challenge for anyone and all those who want to finish have to get across the daunting Hart Bridge in order to earn that finishers medal, but even if your legs begin to tire there are thousands of others around you to bring you to the finish line. With the race behind us now we all share our stories of triumph and pain and look forward to next year.

Women Volleyball Winners



-Photo courtesy of MWR

Lady Aces Take First in the Women's Volleyball with a 10 win 2 loss record for the season.

Kids Learn Water Safety At Mayport Pool

By Sarah Barthelemy

MWR

As the temperature rises, kids' attention turns toward hitting the water. Make sure they have all the information they need about water safety with Youth Swim Lessons at Mayport Pool.

Swim lessons are starting at the Mayport Pool on June 11. Classes run Monday-Thursday (excluding July 4) from 8-10 a.m. for youth swim lessons and last 45 minutes (parent and child classes are 30 minutes). Each session lasts two weeks. Registration for each session is held the Friday and Saturday prior to the start of each session from 8-10 a.m. at the Pool.

Classes are available from ages 6 months to 5 years. Introductory classes teach children about feeling comfortable in the water, exiting and entering the water safely and establishing an expectation of adult supervision near the pool. Later classes teach kids about combining arm and leg movements in the water, buoyancy and basic swimming skills. Classes are \$40 per child or \$35 if the child is enrolled in Mayport's Youth Summer Camp program.

Lap swim is Monday-Thursday 6 a.m.-1 p.m. Recreational swim for weekends only begins May 12 from 11 a.m. -6 p.m. Full Recreational swim begins June 8. Times are Sunday-Friday 1-6 p.m. and



-Photo courtesy of MWR

Registration is open for MWR's swim program at the Mayport Pool.

Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mayport Beach Lifeguards will also be on duty on the beach at that time from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mayport pool is also available for private pool parties seven days a week.

Parties may start as early as 6:30 p.m. and no later than 10 p.m. and may run as late as 1:30 p.m. Parties are \$60 per hour for up to 25 people. There is an additional \$30 per hour fee for increments over 25 people.

Game masters can also be provided to provide games and prizes for \$30 per hours. Party reservations must be made in person during normal pool hours and full payment is due at time of registration, cash or check only.

For more information on the pool, please call the Aquatics Office at (904) 270-5101.



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Members of ATG Mayport gather and hold up medals they received after completing the annual 15k Gate River Run.

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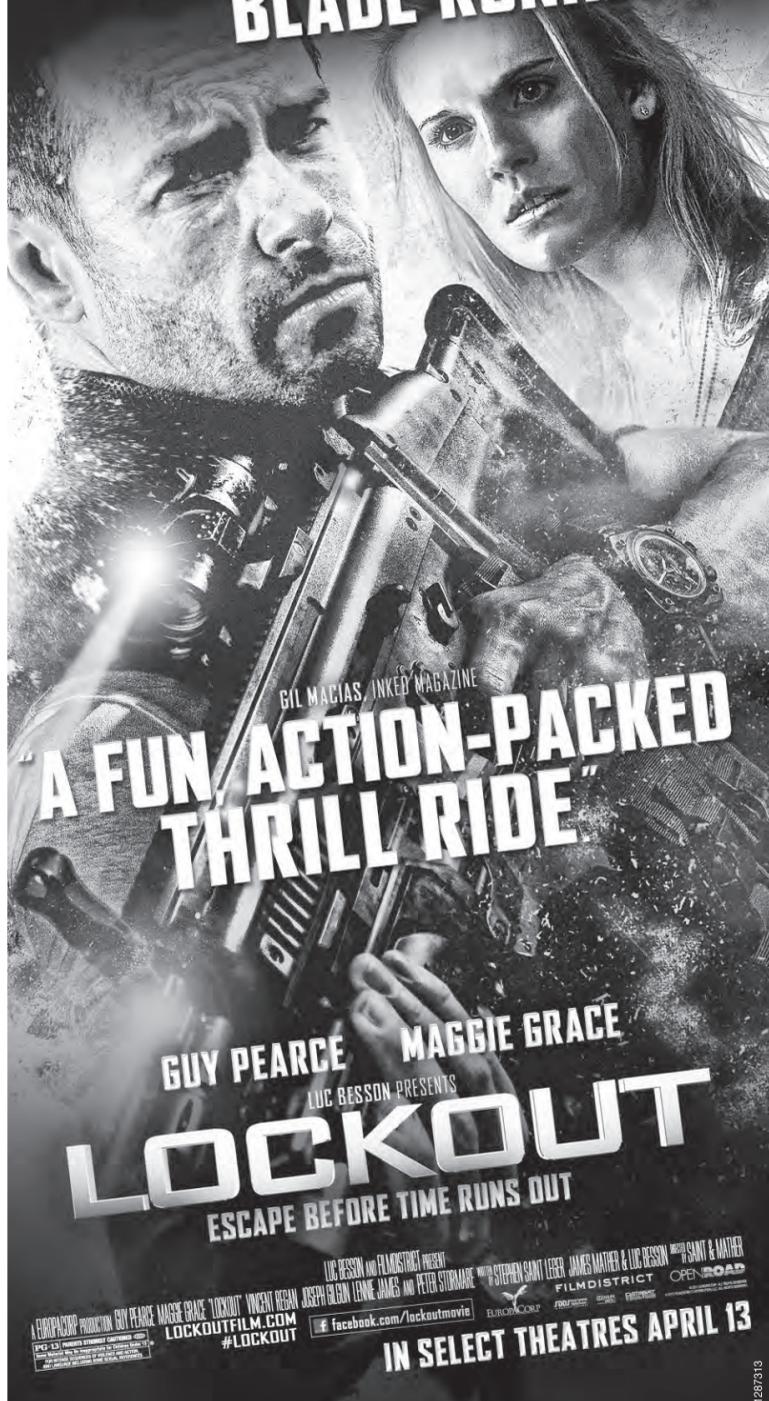


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Technical, Legal Experts Discuss Role Of Unmanned Maritime Vessels

By MC2 Eric Dietrich
U.S. Naval War College Public Affairs

More than two dozen technical and legal experts met March 20 and 21 to examine and discuss legal issues regarding the use of unmanned systems in a maritime environment at the Unmanned Maritime System Legal Workshop hosted by the U.S. Naval War College (NWC).

"This is the first time technical, unmanned maritime systems and international legal experts came together to discuss the role of these systems," said U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Andrew Norris, a member of NWC's International Law Department and the coordinator for the workshop.

Unmanned maritime systems are vessels designed to operate on-

or-underwater without a human operator onboard, similar to drone aircraft. But according to Norris, there are questions about how they should be classified within maritime and armed conflict laws.

"First and foremost, what's the status of these things," said Norris. "Are they vessels? Are they warships? Are they torpedoes? How should unmanned maritime systems be classified under the law? That answer really drives a lot of the other issues."

During the first day of the conference, invited participants discussed four main issues of unmanned maritime vessels: the status of various types of unmanned vessels, maritime "rules of the road", maritime zone issues and law of armed

conflict issues.

The importance of classifying what kind of object these unmanned systems was evident in the first day's discussion.

"There are international rules that control how and when, for example, a submersible vessel can operate in another nation's territorial sea," Norris said. "So what laws apply for unmanned systems?"

But for a fleet commander in a combat situation, the more important question about how these things can be used in sea warfare and comply with the law of armed conflict was discussed.

"There were discussions about what level of autonomous decision-making you have in a system like this," Norris said. "If the decision to fire a weapon is based on an

algorithm that's implanted in it, then how can a fleet commander use that asset and still comply with some of the law of war principles?"

The experts examined a scenario on the second day of the conference. During the scenario, unmanned vessels were being used in an innocuous role, such as surveillance. The scenario evolved to where unmanned vessels were employed in a combat role. The findings of the two day conference will be published later this summer. However, Norris cautions that the intent of the conference was not to come to any legal ruling on the unmanned maritime vessels but help guide the discussions that legal advisors will have on their roles and missions.

Shred Personal Papers With BBC

From Balfour Beatty Communities

Balfour Beatty Communities is teaming up with the Shredding Source, Inc. to offer residents of Naval Station Mayport and the surrounding area the opportunity to shred all of their unwanted personal documents at the Ribault Bay Community Center from noon-3 p.m. on April 19.

With the threat of identity theft coming largely from paper documents it is a good idea to shred all documents that are no longer needed, especially those that contain your personal information. This free event is open to the public and participants can bring up to 50 boxes of items to shred.

A mobile shred truck will be located in the parking lot of the community center, 1201 Assisi Lane in the off base housing community. The paper collected from the event will be compressed and securely transported to the paper mill. The recycled material is placed into tanks of hot water and bleached to break it down into pulp. From this pulp state, paper towels and toilet paper are created.

Some items that are suggested for shredding are: credit card statements, old checks, IRS tax returns and anything a thief could use to steal your identity. Unacceptable items are: cardboard, hard copy books, dry or wet trash, plastics or metals, hazardous materials and prescription bottles.

For complete guidelines for shredding and keeping personal documents, go to www.facebook.com/mayporthomes and click on the events tab.

BBC Scholarship Deadline Extended

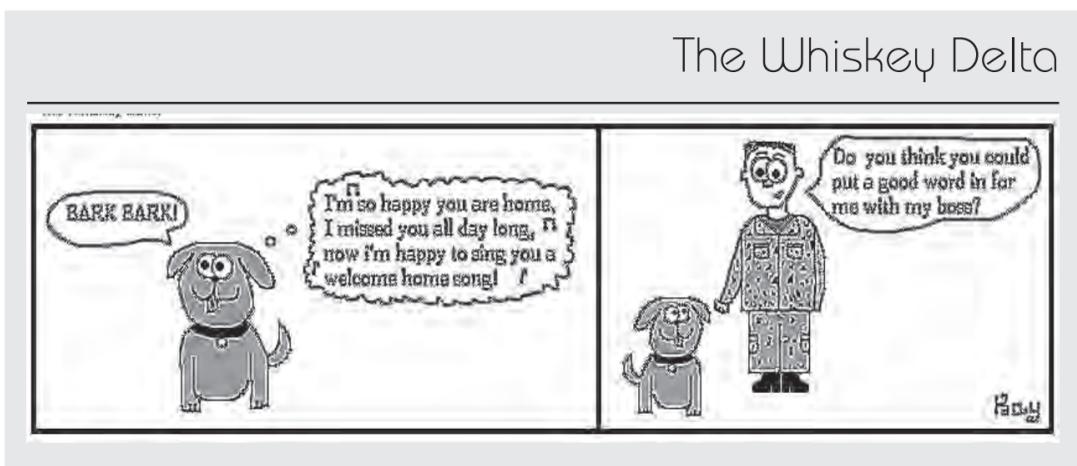
From Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel - active, disabled and fallen - and their families, has extended the application deadline for its academic scholarship program to May 15. High school and undergraduate students residing in Balfour Beatty Communities at Naval Station Mayport are eligible.

One of the Foundation's primary goals is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through academic scholarships for the children of

active duty service members that live in Balfour Beatty Communities family housing. With this extension, the Foundation hopes to ensure widespread awareness and participation in this important program.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are available online at <http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org/scholarships.aspx>. Completed applications should be sent via mail to the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073, attention Sharon Marcone.



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are going to be headquartered. It's a sophisticated aircraft. So clearly I think Northeast Florida is quickly becoming a center of excellence, not only for naval aircraft, but for the Navy in general."

Greenert spoke of the Navy's expansion plans in areas other than

Jacksonville. Greenert also expressed the importance of certain oversea locations and the benefits that they would offer to our global defense capabilities.

"We want to move four destroyers (DDG) to Rota, Spain. What that will give us is four DDGs in the

Mediterranean for ballistic-missile defense," said Greenert. "Rota (Spain), Sigonella (Italy), Naples (Italy), Suda Bay (Greece), the Suez Canal (Egypt), Djibouti and Bahrain all have big parts to play in the Navy's future."

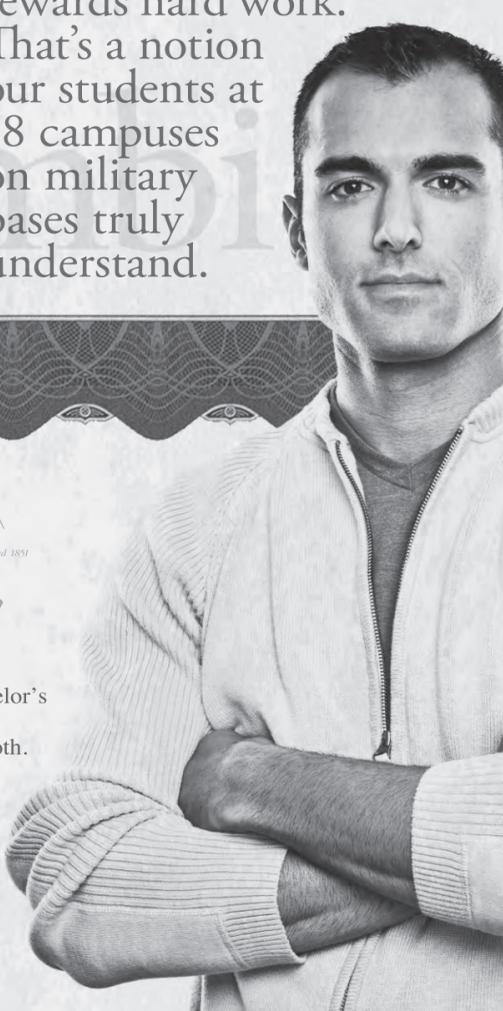
Greenert expressed his thanks to the people of

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Jacksonville. He wanted to make sure they knew how much the Navy appreciates their support.

"I want to thank Jacksonville for taking care of our Sailors and families. This is a great place to be stationed and it is very popular; thank you," expressed Greenert.

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Vicksburg Wraps Up Visit To Greece

By MC3 Scott Pittman

Enterprise Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) departed Piraeus, Greece, March 31, following a scheduled three-day port visit.

While in Piraeus, Sailors from Enterprise and Vicksburg enjoyed liberty ashore, took tours of the major historical sites of Athens coordinated by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and took some time to sample the local cuisine and do some shopping. Enterprise Carrier Strike Group Sailors and Marines also participated in several community relations (COMREL) projects, ranging from a basketball tournament with the Hellenic Naval Academy basketball team to visits to SOS Village, a home for underprivileged children, and a local medical clinic.

Vicksburg donated approximately 1,500 medical items to the clinic, ranging from adhesive bandages to cold wraps and other supplies, which Sailors and Marines then sorted through and packed into boxes, while others cleared space for more donations.

"It's important for our Sailors to participate in COMRELS because it gives them a chance to really experience the local culture, not just from the perspective of a tourist, but to see the real lives of the people of that country," said Lt. Cmdr.



The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65), the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69), and the Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) participate in an replenishment at sea. Enterprise, Vicksburg, and Supply deployed as part of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

-Photo by MC3 Daniel J. Meshel

Henry Holcombe, a chaplain aboard Enterprise.

Enterprise personnel also played in a basketball tournament at the Hellenic Naval Academy, and visited SOS Village, a place for underprivileged children, to help clean up, do some landscaping, and sort donated items for distribution.

"When out and off the ship, it feels good to be able to give

back to a community other than my own," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Sarah Coleman.

Many of those not participating in the COMRELS took advantage of a slate of trips arranged by MWR. MWR tours allowed Enterprise Carrier Strike Group Sailors and Marines to visit historical sites around Greece. One

tour took service members to Mount Parnassus, home of the Sanctuary of Apollo and Omphalos, believed by ancient Greeks to be the center of the world. Another tour brought Sailors to Corinth, home to the fountain of Pirene and the Bema. Other tours took Sailors to Cape Sounion, near the Aegean Sea and home to the Temple of Poseidon. Most of

the primary tours allowed service members to experience the rich, cultural heritage of the city of Athens, named for the goddess Athena. Tour routes took Sailors to the Parthenon, the Olympic Stadium, the Acropolis, the Theater of Herod Atticus, and the Theater of Dionysus.

"I chaperoned a tour that went around the historical sites of Athens, and I would volunteer to do it again," said Chief Electrician's Mate Bruscha Williams. "All the young Sailors aboard should take time to go on a tour because it's a great way to learn about the local culture, and maybe see some things they wouldn't come across if they were out exploring on their own."

Sailors and Marines also led tours aboard Enterprise for over 700 Hellenic military personnel (fire, police, and Embassy staff) and local residents.

Tour routes allowed visitors a glimpse into life aboard the carrier while Sailors demonstrated the capabilities of various aircraft and equipment.

Enterprise and Vicksburg departed Piraeus to continue supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

Capt. Logan Jones, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69), takes a pie to the face from Senior Chief Fire Controlman Gregory Maxwell during a fundraising raffle aboard Vicksburg. The raffle benefited the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

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USS Roosevelt CCAT Are Relentless

By Ensign Zachary Holliday
USS Roosevelt Public Affairs

In 2010, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) initiated a pilot program in an effort to improve the service life of in-service ships.

The program was, and remains, a means to battle not against pirates or terrorist, but against corrosion. The program was given the title, "CCAT" for Corrosion Control Assistance Team and the Roosevelt Deck Division, with the added assistance of select Sailors from all divisions on Roosevelt, have used the assistance provided through the program and made it one of their own.

Every day Chief Boatswain's Mate and his crew work tirelessly

to ensure that Roosevelt looks as good as she sails.

When asked how he always has a smile on his face, Fire Controlman 3rd Class Cardona said, "It is a matter of pride in the ship, crew, and myself to do my best and make Roosevelt look her best."

As a dedicated member of CM division, Cardona stated that he is really looking forward to the start of corrosion prevention work on the missile deck.

Although the work is accomplished by own ship's force, the assistance team has provided technical expertise and specialized tools that has been able to prevent unnecessary wear and tear and corrosion.



Members of Roosevelt's CCAT team taking pride in making their Ship the best looking Ship on the waterfront. -Photo courtesy of USS Roosevelt

Learn Your Education Options



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Juan Gallegos talks with a college representative during a college fair held at Naval Station Mayport on April 4 at Building 460. There are several colleges located in the building, including Central Texas College, Coastline College, Columbia College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Excelsior College, Florida State College Jacksonville, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, St. Leo University, Thomas Edison State College and University of Maryland University College.

Flippin' Burgers With FCPOA



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Machinist's Mate 1st Class Earl James of Harbor Ops flips burgers at the Naval Station Mayport First Class Petty Officers Association Burger Burn fundraiser held April 4 near the old Bank of America building. To find out how you can join FCPOA, call ET1 David Couch at 270-6148 or david.a.couch@navy.mil. Submit photos of your command's POAs to mayportmirror@comcast.net.

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April Is Sex Assault Awareness Month

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy announced Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and issued guidance to focus efforts on awareness and prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and command-level education in NAVADMIN 106/12, released March 28. The Department of Defense's SAAM theme this year is, "Hurts One, Affects All. Prevention of Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty."

In addition to this overarching theme, the Navy will highlight complementary weekly themes throughout the month.

"Sexual assault prevention is one key aspect of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative to increase the personal readiness of each and every Sailor within our Navy," said Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk, chief of naval personnel and director of the Navy's SAAM 2012 initiative.

"The weekly themes will underscore varying aspects of sexual assault and the Navy's efforts to raise awareness in order to eliminate this crime."

The four weekly themes are: "Hurts One," "Affects All," "Prevention is Everyone's Duty," and "We Will Not Tolerate Sexual Assault"

"Our goal is to foster a command climate in which reporting assault is embraced and encouraged while providing support to victims," said Van Buskirk. "We are also demanding a strict zero

tolerance policy for sexual assault and accountability of all offenders."

Commands will host mandatory education sessions to raise sexual assault awareness among Sailors. Commanding officers can either hold a single two-hour stand down or break the discussions into four 30-minute weekly sessions, according to the NAVADMIN.

Scripts and videos for each week's theme will be provided to commanding officers to help facilitate discussion throughout their commands. These engagement products, in addition to talking points, posters and other tools, will be posted to the Navy Personnel Command's Sexual Assault and Prevention website, <http://www.sapr.navy.mil>, according to the NAVADMIN.

Navy installations and commands around the world will be organizing activities to raise awareness of sexual assault throughout the month. All units are encouraged to participate and promote SAAM events in addition to the two-hour stand down in April, said Van Buskirk.

"Collectively, we can make a difference in preventing sexual assault by engaging all of our people in a meaningful manner to raise awareness to change behavior," said Van Buskirk.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative

which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department. The Department of the Navy (DoN) is working to aggressively prevent sexual assaults, to support sexual assault victims, and to hold offenders accountable.

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Tri-Base Job Fair For Military, Families

From FFSC

The Fleet and Family Support Centers of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., Naval Station Mayport and Naval Air Station Jacksonville are hosting the bi-annual Tri-Base Job Fair on April 18 at the Jacksonville Morocco Shrine Center

from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. More than 100 employers are registered to attend the event.

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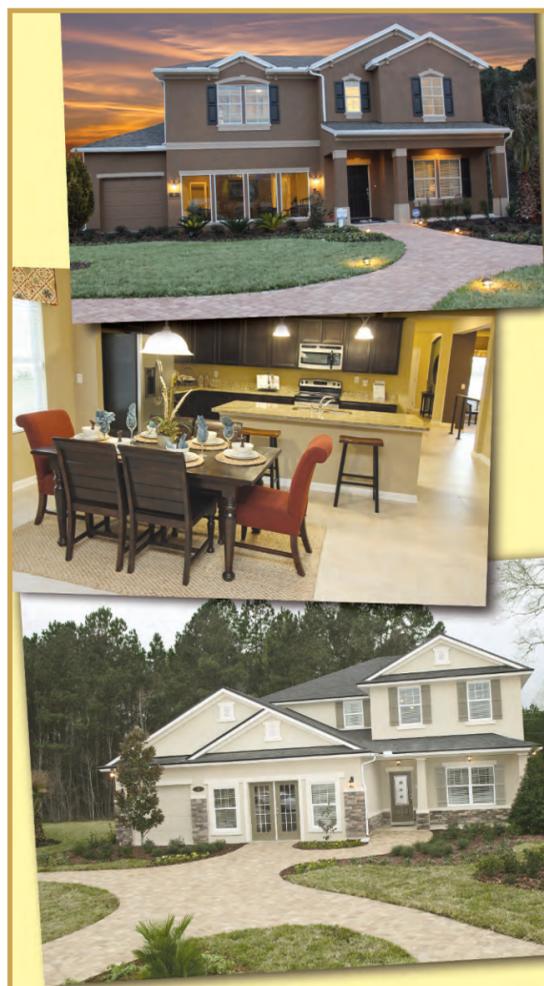
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FFSC Classes Available For Sailors, Families

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.

April 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Woman**, FFSC Room 702

April 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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

April 12, 10-11 a.m., **Story Tyme With A Sailor**, USO

April 16-20, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Command Financial Specialist Class**, Building One Room 1616

April 16, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., **Anger Management Class**, FFSC Room 702

What does *anger* do for you? Communicate for you? Keep people at a safe distance from you? Keep you in charge? For many people, anger serves them many uses, but all too often, it is at a high cost...usually of relationships, unhappiness

An English Tea for Expectant Moms
April 19
1-3 p.m.

Fleet and Family Support Center's New Parent Support Program is hosting a free English tea at the Base Chapel for all active duty and dependant expectant moms in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in April.

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in the workplace, and a general feeling of disdain. If you want to be able to break out of the "get angry/get even" syndrome, come to this class. Participants learn how anger and judgment are related, about irrational beliefs and faulty self-talk, what

"E + R = O" means, and the roles of stress and forgiveness in anger.

April 16-17, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **SAPR Advocate Refresher Class**, NAS Jax FFSC

April 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., **Tri-Base Job Fair**, Morocco Shrine center

April 18, 4:30 - 6 p.m., **Home Buying Seminar**, Building One Room 1616

April 18, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

April 19, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Woman**, FFSC Room 702

April 19, 1-3 p.m., **English Tea For Expectant Moms**, Chapel

April 19, 9- 12 a.m., **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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April 23-26 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Separatee Workshop**, Building One Room 1616

April 24, 6-8 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, Building One Room 104

April 24, 1-2 p.m., **Resume Writing For Military Spouses**, FFSC Room 719

April 25, 11 a.m. -12 p.m., **Raising Financially Fit Kids**, FFSC Room 719

April 25, 3- 4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**,

FFSC Room 702

April 26, 8a.m. -12 p.m., **FAP Key Personnel Training**, Building One Room 1124

April 26, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Woman**, FFSC Room 702

April 26, 9a.m.-12 p.m., **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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April 30, 1-4 p.m., **Relationship Communication**, FFSC Room 702

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By Appointment, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., **Resume Review**, FFSC TBD

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Ship Serviceman 3rd Class Phillip Carlos Oliviagalindo, of Lynwood, Calif., demonstrates his knowledge of the M203 grenade launcher during a training session aboard guided-missile frigate USS Taylor (FFG 50). Taylor is assigned to commander, NATO Task Force 508 supporting Operation Ocean Shield, maritime interdiction operations and counter-piracy mission in the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Independence

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Upon arrival in San Diego, Gold Crew will begin the process of turnover with the ship's Blue Crew, including a custody inspection of parts and an exchange of command.

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LCS3 Completes Second Round Of Builder's Trials

From Naval Sea Systems Command Office of Corporate Communications

The future USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) successfully completed the second round of builder's trials, April 4, in preparation for the ship's acceptance trials scheduled for late April.

The focus of builder's trials is to measure ship and system performance and identify possible construction discrepancies prior to demonstration to the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey. The ship conducted the first round of builder's trials in October 2011. During the two-day trial, Marinette Marine

Corp. conducted comprehensive tests intended to demonstrate the performance of the propulsion plant, ship handling and auxiliary systems.

"This was a great opportunity to test and operate all our shipboard systems," said LCS Program Manager Capt. John Neagley. "The Navy and industry team have done a great job preparing the ship for builders trials. We look forward to presenting this ship to INSURV during acceptance trials."

Following acceptance trials, LCS 3 is to be delivered to the Navy in June.

LCS is a fast, agile, focused-mission ship

designed to defeat asymmetric "anti-access" threats such as mines, quiet diesel submarines and fast surface craft.

In addition to Fort Worth, Milwaukee (LCS 5) is under construction

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Out in Town

Saturday, April 14

The Isle of Faith Church, 1821 San Pablo Road S., will hold its Family Dinner and Movie Night starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$3 children under 10. Call 221-1700 for tickets.

The Armis Club of Jacksonville in conjunction with the Meet-up.com and Jacksonville Public Library are hosting Family Game Day at various library branches around the city, everyone is invited to learn, play, and enjoy board games and make new friends. The Beaches Regional Branch, 600 3rd St, Neptune Beach, will be

RBC Heritage Golf Tournament Honors Active Duty

The Professional Golf Association and the Heritage Golf Tournament again honor active military personnel (active duty members and their families) at the 2012 RBC Heritage PGA TOUR Tournament on April 12-15. A valid military ID card is required for entry. While attending the tournament, military service members are invited to visit the Patriots Outpost. A Patriots Outpost has become a fixture at many PGA TOUR events across the country. The purpose is to provide a rest, relaxation and refreshment location for members of the armed forces and their families during the tournament. Members of the Hilton Head Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will serve as hosts.

The Outpost will be located in a stand-alone skybox overlooking the 16th green and will be

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held in the Community Room from 2-5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20

The Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association #290, 390 Mayport Rd., will hold a chicken fried steak dinner from 5-8 p.m. Donations \$10. Take out orders welcome. Open to the public. For more information, call 246-6855.

Saturday, April 21

The United Methodist Men of Christ United Methodist Church Neptune Beach, 400 Penman Rd., are cooking up a spaghetti dinner 5-7

p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12; 3 and under eat free. Take out is available. For more information, call 249-5370.

PAL will host the National PAL Mentoring Day FUNFEST from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Northside PAL Location (2165 W. 33rd Street). Potential mentors, mentees, and their families will enjoy free food, pony rides, games, arts and crafts, and music at the FUNFEST. The event's purpose is to raise awareness of the mentoring

program and to expand the program by recruiting new mentors and mentees. PAL will also be offering free vendor spots for community partners. For information on becoming a community partner or mentor for this event, please contact Larry Major, Mentoring Coordinator, at 355-3308 x 18 or email Larry.Major@jaxpal.com.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Little Talbot Island State Park, 12157 Heckscher Drive, will celebrate Earth Day with a volunteer beach clean up from noon-3 p.m. Help keep Florida clean and beautiful at one of the First Coast's premier

state parks. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided for this event. Closed-toe shoes, gloves, a hat and sunscreen are recommended. Park entrance fees waived for participants. Tell the staff at the ranger station you are here to volunteer for Earth Day and meet at pavilion number one. For more information, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

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The Webb Wesconnett Regional Branch Conference Room B, 6887 103rd St, will be held in the Community Room from 2-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

The Isle of Faith Church, 1821 San Pablo Road S., will hold its Yard Sale from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. to benefit Beaches Habitat. Call 221-1700 to donate items.

Tree Hill Nature Center, 7152 Lone Star Rd., will hold its 11th Annual Joseph A. Strasser Butterfly Festival from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This year's release will take place at 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting) and will feature a Dreamer from Dreams Come True helping release the butterflies.

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