

Mayport Honors Midway Battle

By Paige Gnann

The Mirror editor

Sailors and local dignitaries commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway with a ceremony and wreath toss on June 4 aboard USS De Wert (FFG 45).

Guest speaker for this year's event was Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

"The Battle of Midway was undoubtedly the turning point of the war in the Pacific," Scorby said. "The victory at sea cemented the role of naval aviation in combat and this celebration affords us the opportunity to commemorate the heroic actions of the fighting men of the Pacific fleet. Celebrating the hard-earned victory at Midway provides an opportunity to ... recognize the courage and sacrifices of the brave veterans who fought there. It is a reminder of what makes our Navy great."

The Battle of Midway was fought between June 4-7 and is considered one of the most decisive battles of World War II. At the end of the three days, the

Japanese had lost four large carriers to the U.S. Navy, along with more than 100 trained pilots and 700 trained aircraft mechanics "whose technical expertise could not be easily replaced," Scorby

added.

"The victory at Midway defeated the Japanese attempt to draw the U.S. carriers into a decisive battle and also thwarted their attempts for further offensive

action," he said. "Today, the courage, valor and innovation of our people continue to be the key to the Navy's suc-

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70 Years After Battle Is Won



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Doug Cochrane, is joined by Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, and NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer, Capt. Roy Undersander, as they toss a commemorative wreath honoring the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway into the basin of NS Mayport on June 4.

Taylor Aids Yemeni Dhow

By Lt j.g. Jennifer Gabriel

USS Taylor Public Affairs

Guided-missile frigate USS Taylor (FFG 50) rendered assistance to a distressed Yemeni fishing dhow experiencing mechanical problems, May 19-21.

Aircrew members of an SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to Taylor's embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 48 Detachment 9, observed the Yemeni fishing dhow Nahda, approximately 190 nautical miles southwest of Salalah, Oman.

"We descended down to check the dhow and noticed there were a few people on deck. They began to wave their arms above their heads very similar to the international sign of distress," Lt. Jason Elfe, HSL-48 Det. 9 pilot. "These actions were not typical, based on previous encounters, and I had already noticed the vessel was not moving. Putting the

two together, I realized that the vessel was in distress."

Taylor deployed a rigid-hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) with members of its visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team, to assess the condition of the dhow and its nine mariners. The dhow's master reported engine and mechanical problems as the vessel sailed from Socotra Island to Shihir, Yemen. Two engine-men assigned to Taylor, confirmed the engine was inoperable.

Taylor immediately coordinated with the Yemeni Coast Guard to provide assistance with dhow. Due to the lack of propulsion and the dhow's location within the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC), Taylor remained overnight in close proximity to the dhow to ensure the safety of the crew.

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-Photo by MC1 Peter Santini

Members of the visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team of the guided-missile frigate USS Taylor (FFG 50) tow the disabled Yemeni fishing dhow Nahda. The dhow was deemed inoperable due to loss of its engine. Taylor is assigned to Commander, NATO Task Force 508 supporting Operation Ocean Shield, maritime interception operations and counter-piracy missions in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

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Vietnam War Proclamation Honors 50 Years

From American Forces Press Service

In a proclamation issued May 25, President Barack Obama urged Americans to remember the courage and sacrifice of U.S. military members who served during the Vietnam War, and he declared May 28, 2012, through Nov. 11, 2012, as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

In his proclamation, Obama called upon federal, state, and local officials "to honor our Vietnam veterans, our fallen, our wounded, those unaccounted for, our former prisoners of war, their families, and all who served with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities" during the 13-year commemoration.

"As we observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, we

reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with honor," Obama said in his proclamation. "We pay tribute to the more than 3 million servicemen and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from everything they knew and everyone they loved.

"From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and countless villages in between, they pushed through jungles and rice paddies, heat and monsoon, fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans," the president continued. "Through more than a decade of combat, over air, land, and sea, these proud Americans upheld the highest traditions of our armed forces."

Today, grateful Americans "honor more than 58,000 patri-

ots -- their names etched in black granite - who sacrificed all they had and all they would ever know," Obama said. "We draw inspiration from the heroes who suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war, yet who returned home with their heads held high. We pledge to keep faith with those who were wounded and still carry the scars of war, seen and unseen. With more than 1,600 of our service members still among the missing, we pledge as a nation to do everything in our power to bring these patriots home.

"In the reflection of The Wall," he continued, "we see the military family members and veterans who carry a pain that may never fade. May they find peace in knowing their loved ones endure, not only in medals and

memories, but in the hearts of all Americans, who are forever grateful for their service, valor, and sacrifice."

Obama urged citizens to "renew our sacred commitment to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam and those who awaited their safe return."

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, he said, the federal government will partner with local governments, private organizations, and communities across America to participate in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The 13-year commemoration, he added, will "honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have

ever faced."

No amount of words will ever be enough or fully worthy in praising military members for their service in the Vietnam War, nor any honor truly befitting their sacrifice, Obama said.

However, "it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor," he said, adding it's also important to "renew our commitment to the fullest possible accounting for those who have not returned."

Obama urged all Americans to provide "our Vietnam veterans, their families, and all who have served the fullest respect and support of a grateful nation."

Stop Your Child's Summer Learning Loss



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

Studies show that by the end of fifth grade children without summer learning opportunities are nearly three years behind their peers in reading. So what can you do to "Stop Summer Learning Loss?"

To avoid *Summer Slide* - that loss of learned skills and knowledge from the end of one school year to the beginning of the next year - you need to make sure that your child is actively reading and learning throughout the summer. Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's oldest and largest

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children's literacy organization, believes there is no better time than this summer to begin helping our children bridge the gap in learning between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next one. "Motivating children to read throughout the year is essential to building lifelong readers," says Carol H. Rasco, president and CEO of RIF. "And reading is the doorway to all other learning."

Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a November 2002 report from Johns Hopkins Center for Summer Learning "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of

re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

Most children will benefit from exposure to educational activities to help maintain their skills and get them started on the right foot come fall. Whether he is enrolled in a summer camp, participating in online/virtual learning, engaged in disguised learning, or enjoying a learning vacation, he can be learning.

Online/Virtual learning is available through Florida's Department of Education. Florida Virtual School (FLVS) and Connections Academy have partnered to become Florida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS FT). This new online partnership features tuition-free school for students in grades K-5 (returning families only) and 9-12. If you wish for your child to take a credit course for summer, please contact your child's school coun-

selor for permission.

Websites which can provide free and fun summer online learning include the following:

www.thinkfinity.org/games-and-tools [K-12 fun games and activities for long summer days]

www.khanacademy.org [all ages - 2100 videos & self-paced exercises covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history]

www.coolmath.com [fun games, puzzles, and more - all related to math]

http://freerice.com [great vocabulary game which donates 10 grains of free rice to United Nations World Food Program for each answer you get right. Adults can play too!!!]

Disguised learning has been the hallmark of great parenting forever. Whether you are shopping, cooking, working on the car, or attending a sports event, you can create learning experiences for your child. Shopping allows you to teach about price comparison while cooking invites lessons on nutrition and measurements - dry and wet. Working on the car involves the use of new tools and measurements. Baseball has statistics

galore. How is that ERA calculated?

Taking a trip to the Grand Canyon or just down the road to Hanna Park? Use this vacation or day trip as an opportunity to teach planning, time management, internet resources, and maybe even calculating gas consumption. Prior to leaving, use the internet to research the history of your destination and ask your child to report on various aspects of the site during your travel.

Whatever you do to keep the learning active, have fun with it! Visit your local library and explore more information on making this the summer when you stop the summer slide.

Judy Cromartie is the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport. If you have questions about this article or concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, she can be reached via email at judith.cromartie@navy.mil 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.

A Second Glance May Reveal Missed Gems



Lt. Cmdr. Jerome Cayangyang
NS Mayport Chaplain

Several years ago, after a night of being out on liberty during a port visit, I hit my rack and went on to listen to my Ipod. I was going through various songs and came across one I had listened to numerous times. It was a song I was very familiar with. But as I lay there with my ear buds on with the whole world tuned out I heard music and beats I had never heard before.

The same song came alive and sounded new. In fact I listened to the song over and over again wondering why I never heard the sounds before. Distinct instruments were being used that I never realized before.

The same thing happens to me when I watch movies more than once; watch reruns on TV, or reread a book. Every time I look at something I should be familiar with I find something I had not seen before.

Around us each day there are things we should be seeing and hearing that we overlook because

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of the business and routine of life.

How much of life has passed us by, how many significant moments have we overlooked, and how many opportunities have we squandered and missed because of all the noise and activity around us?

Noted Christian author Henry Blackaby writes in the book *Experiencing God* that God is always at work around us and he speaks to us through people, circumstances, prayer, and His word. I believe this too.

God is always speaking to us and drawing us to Him. He speaks to us through beautiful sunsets, the smile of a child, and the loneliness of a homeless man.

Sometimes we miss it. Sometimes we really don't want to see it. God speaks truth through our families, our wives, and our children.

God speaks to us through strangers and at times through our enemies. But we are too absorbed with ourselves to listen. My point is God is always speaking and revealing Himself.

Just because we are not paying attention does not mean God is not there. The veil between the natural and the supernatural world is very thin, and when we pray to God, he speaks and he answers.

He reveals himself.

As a Christian chaplain, I believe the answer to our deepest yearnings and our questions about life and purpose are within our grasp through the reading of God's holy word - the Bible.

The Bible says "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119: 105, English Standard Version).

You can keep coming to the Bible and discover new things every time you

read it.

Passages you may have read over and over before can come alive! While you won't find specific answers to whom you should marry, or where you should live, or what class to take, the stories and lessons of the Bible offers countless insight and wisdom to guide, inspire, and speak to our circumstances.

Take a moment to quiet your heart and say this prayer. Then spend some time reading the words of God. You might hear something in your spirit you have never heard before.

Almighty and Ever-living God, you are the source of all hope and meaning in life. In the busy-ness of routine, and in the midst of the noisiness of all our activities, we ask that you would quiet our hearts that we might hear you in ways we have never heard you before.

Remove any distractions so that we might see you and your mighty hand at work in the in the world around us and in course of daily lives.

Help us to see you in places we would have never imagined and may we encounter you in sur-

prising and unexpected, yet powerful ways.

Give us faith, hope and confidence as we navigate the uncertainties of human life. Help us to see the adventurous and abundant life you have called us to live. Bless our families and all those we love.

We ask all these things to the glory of your great Name. Amen.





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Master-at-Arms Gerardo Gonzalez is meritoriously advanced to Petty Officer Third Class after being the top graduate at the Master-at-Arms "A" school.



NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Doug Cochrane, congratulates Operations Specialist 2nd Class Miranda Y. Gonzalez who returned to duty on May 30 after a 10-month IA to Djibouti, Africa.



-Photos by MC1 William Townsend

Above, NS Mayport Sailors await the frocking ceremony held last Friday at the jetties.

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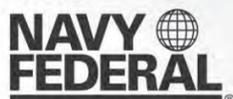
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The VBSS team provided Nahda's crew with food and water; and medical personnel assessed the mariners to be in good health.

Taylor towed Nahda toward Yemeni territorial waters May 20 because without any propulsion capability the dhow poses a hazard to navigation and unsafe to remain at sea. Taylor rendezvoused with a Yemeni Coast Guard rescue vessel to further support Nahda's

crew, May 21. Taylor departed the scene and continued its mission.

"The event was successful due to the combined effort of the VBSS team, the engineers, boatswain's mates, and qualified officers of the deck," said Lt. Michael Modeer, Taylor's navigator and VBSS boarding officer. "The team was able to safely prepare Nahda for tow and provide assistance to its crew during the transit."



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USS Vicksburg On Deployment

Vicksburg Visits Bahrain

By MC3 Nick C. Scott
Enterprise Carrier Strike Group
Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) completed a regularly scheduled port visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, May 28.

Sailors had the chance to explore the rich culture in Bahrain, while continuing U.S. 5th Fleet efforts to foster regional partnerships with locals in the country.

"Our Sailors displayed an incredible amount of professionalism ashore which can be directly linked to the positive relationship we have with Bahrain," said Lt. Cmdr. Noble Hetherington III, operations officer aboard Vicksburg. "By interacting with the local Bahrainis, we impact their view of Americans."

They were able to take advantage of the naval facilities in Bahrain, although Sailors still stood duty and performed regular maintenance on equipment while in port.

"Sailors were excited to have access to things like the post office and Navy Exchange," said Hetherington.



Photo by MCSN Eric Scot Brann
U.S. Sailors and Marines assigned to aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) go for the ball during a basketball tournament sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain.

"Most ports we visit don't offer these facilities," he added.

In addition to facilities on base, Sailors took part in Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) tours

such as go-cart racing, a beach barbeque at a local resort, fishing, a local water park and a Bahrain dolphin resort.

"I went to the beach barbeque," said



-Photo by MCSN Eric Scot Brann
U.S. Sailors and Marines assigned to aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) pose for a photo with local teammates after a basketball tournament as part of "America Week" sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain. "America Week" was held to celebrate cultural and economic ties between the U.S. and Bahrain. Enterprise and Vicksburg are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operations Specialist Seaman Derek Marsik, assigned to Vicksburg. "I had a great time, it was the perfect place to relax and unwind."

Other Sailors took advantage of downtime and the city of Manama.

"I was impressed by the continued growth of the city since I was here last," said Operations Specialist

1st Class Tywone James. "This is the 12th time I've been here and every one has been friendly every time I've visited. The facilities were even better than I remember them being and I definitely want to come back for the Formula One series one day."

Vicksburg is on its final deployment, operating

with Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, and is slated to decommission in 2013.

Vicksburg is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



-Photo by MCSN Gregory White
A Marine renders a salute during a memorial ceremony commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway aboard aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) as the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) follows. The previous USS Enterprise, CV-6, played a key role in the battle. Enterprise and Vicksburg are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott
Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Julius Allen, assigned to the Big Irons of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 46, logs maintenance assignments aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69).



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott
Capt. Logan Jones, right, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69), gives Capt. Benoit Courau, commanding officer of the French navy destroyer FS Cassard (D614), a tour of Vicksburg.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott
Sailors assigned to the French navy anti-air frigate FS Cassard (D 614) board the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) during a visit, board, search and seizure (BSS) exercise.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott
Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Clayton D. Duke demonstrates casualty procedures on Ensign Michael S. Wilkinson for Hospitalman Jacob A. Bryant aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69).



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

Chief Logistics Specialist Michael D. Barry, right, and Engineman 2nd Class Jason Moyer participate in an all-hands working party aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69).



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

Quartermaster 2nd Class Arden M. Lamb participates in an all-hands working party aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) during a replenishment at sea with Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6).



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

U.S. Navy Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69), watch a replenishment-at-sea between Vicksburg and Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6).



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Above and left, members of the Step Afrika! percussive dance group perform aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69). Vicksburg is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

Sailors assigned to the French navy anti-air frigate FS Cassard (D 614) arm wrestle U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) after a visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) exercise.



-Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Anthony J. Sims prepares pasta sauce for the crew's dinner aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69). The ship's galley prepares four meals a day for a crew of 365 Sailors.

Lithium Battery Mailing Prohibited

By Debbie Dortch

NAVSUP Corporate Communications

Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), which oversees Navy postal operations, announced May 11, it is providing guidance to the fleet about new United States Postal Service (USPS) prohibitions regarding lithium batteries.

According to the USPS announcement, beginning May 16, mail to or from APOs/FPOs are prohibited from containing lithium or products containing lithium. The prohibition also applies to international mail. The prohibition is in effect pending further USPS review of investigations for safety.

"Customers should understand that postal



clerks at these locations have been instructed to question patrons and check customs labels for any declarations of lithium batteries or electronic equipment to determine whether lithium batteries are in the shipment," said NAVSUP Navy Postal Subject Matter Expert Tom Rittle. "Upon identification of packages containing lithium batteries, customers will have the option to remove the batteries or not mail the package."

The prohibition applies regardless of quantity, size, watt-hours, and whether the cells or batteries are packed in

equipment, with equipment, or without equipment.

For more information about the prohibition, see USPS Postal Bulletin 22336 at <http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22336/pdf/pb22336.pdf>.

The NAVSUP and Navy Supply Corps team share one mission-to deliver sustained global logistics capabilities to the Navy and Joint warfighter. NAVSUP/Naval Supply Corps' diverse team of more than 25,000 civilian and military personnel oversee a diverse portfolio including supply chain management for material

Effective May 16, 2012 until further notice, customers may not tender electronic devices containing lithium batteries, including equipment with non-removable lithium batteries in Outbound International Mail.

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Roth TSP To Expand Readiness Options

By Claudette Roulo

American Forces Press Service

A major retirement savings tool available to all service members and DOD civilians is the Thrift Savings Plan, and soon there will be a new way to save for retirement - the Roth TSP, a senior Defense Department official said.

The Roth TSP, which uses after-tax dollars, will begin phased implementation this month for the Marine Corps, and in July for DOD civilians, said Barbara Thompson, the director of the Defense Department's Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth.

The Roth TSP plan will

be available for Navy, Air Force and Army members in October of this year, Thompson said.

The phased implementation will ensure each customer's taxable wages and TSP contributions are computed accurately, according to Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials. The schedule allows for thorough testing of the needed complex changes made to the various civilian, active duty military and reserve component payroll systems, DFAS officials said.

The TSP website "has a wealth of information to help guide you on the differences between the

[TSP] plans," Thompson said.

Financial readiness, including choosing the right investments and savings plans, is crucial to service members' financial futures, Thompson said. Service members should start saving for retirement early, she said, because they never know what path their careers might take.

"If you don't put something away in that retirement plan, you may not have something if you don't reach your 20 years as a military member," Thompson said.

And, because of compound interest, she added, service members

who wait to save until late in their careers can lose hundreds of thousands of dollars.

However, financial readiness "also includes debt management, managing your credit card[s] and basically [practicing] impulse control on your buying to make sure that you don't live outside your means," Thompson said.

Free financial consulting services are available through installation family assistance centers and Military OneSource, Thompson said. Military OneSource provides advice and assistance for service member family issues such as deploy-

ments, parenting, financial management, education, child care, military spouse employment, and more.

Military financial consulting services also can assist military members in making the right financial management decisions for their particular circumstances, she said.

Financial management tools offered through Military OneSource aren't just for active duty service members, Thompson said, noting reserve component members "who

are geographically isolated or those who may want to do it from the convenience of their home ... can call Military OneSource and get that service."

In any event, financial decisions should not be made in isolation, Thompson said.

"It's important to get expert advice," she said, "and our personal financial counselors - both on the military installations and through Military OneSource -- are certified financial counselors."

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USS Underwood Completes UNITAS Pacific Exercise Scenario Phase

By MC2 Stuart Phillips
Southern Seas 2012 Public Affairs

The Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) completed the Exercise Scenario Phase (ESP) of UNITAS Pacific (PAC), May 23. Underwood operated closely with ships from Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru during the two-day event.

"Basically, it entails multi-national cooperation," said Lt. Lori Rose, Underwood's operations

officer. "We have the different units from the different navies coordinating in one force, the Blue force, going up against another force which is the opposition force. It gives us a chance to exercise the lessons that we've learned from being out here in the previous days."

The ships engaged in a variety of exercises, ranging from maritime interdiction operations, counter-piracy events, air warfare, surface warfare, and anti-submarine warfare.

"This was the culmi-

nation of all the little things we've been doing up until the last few days of UNITAS PAC," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Brent Hall. "It's more of a "be on your guard" type training. We set the ESP scenario and have no idea what's coming or when it's coming, so we have to just be on our toes from start to finish."

Coordinating the exercises among the ships while maintaining a high operational tempo had its challenges, but proved to

be a good opportunity for the navies to learn from each other.

"I've learned a lot of different techniques and a lot of different ways to execute certain types of events," said Hall. "The other navies have different ways of carrying out their executions, but this broadened my horizons and gave me some more options to fall back on and put to use in the future sometime. I think this has been an excellent exchange of techniques and strategies between

the navies."

UNITAS PAC 53-12 is an annual naval exercise where the U.S. Navy and South American navies increase interoperability with each other and promote maritime security in the region. Underwood is representing the U.S. Navy during UNITAS PAC and is deployed to Central and South America and Caribbean in support of Southern Seas 2012.

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Three Sea Cadet Groups Visit NS Mayport

From U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
Manatee Division



-Photo submitted
Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Zach Thalji of USS Robert G. Bradley shows Sea Cadets Vickers and Pickard some damage control tactics during a ship tour.

Three U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps divisions spent an action packed weekend on base at Naval Station Mayport.

Cadets from Dunn's Manatee Division who drill in Yankeetown, FL invited the Tampa Bay Division, which drills at Mac Dill Air Force Base, and the Gulf Eagle Division, which drills in Ft. Meyers, Fla., to experience life in the Navy.

"It took hours of planning and coordinating, but allowing the cadets to be on base and hear firsthand about different opportunities is invaluable," said Led by Lt. Todd Dunn, the Sea Cadets leader.

In all, there were about 16 adult leaders and almost 60 cadets that made their way to Mayport on a Friday

evening via carpools. Everyone was privileged to stay at the Navy Lodge right on the beach. Squads of six cadets took turns standing watch throughout the night.

At morning muster, everyone was buzzing with excitement. During reveille national anthems from Spain and Brazil also played after the United States anthem since there was a Spanish ship and a Brazilian submarine in port. After some marching and physical training, cadets lined up in the mess hall for chow and were treated to pancakes, eggs and bacon.

A short drive later the group was at Fourth Fleet Operations Center. Before entering, cadets were officially welcomed to the Naval Station by the Navy League of the United States President of the Florida Region William

Dudley.

"Mr. Dudley was instrumental in making this event possible," Dunn explained to the cadets.

Small groups were led into a room filled with computers and large screens by Lt. Tommy Groves.

The commander of the room provided the cadets an overview of her responsibilities and discussed the importance of the Panama Canal and the support of other countries to ensure the security of passage through the area.

In the afternoon, the group was treated to a tour of USS Robert G. Bradley.

Sailors led the cadets around the ship and they were shown guns the boat is equipped with including the CWIS with bullets that are larger than a man's hand and can track a target over a mile. They

were even able to climb through a hatch.

Seaman Ricketts exclaimed, "I've never climbed so many stairs in my life", giving evidence to the rigors of sea life.

Cadets had a thrill when they were each given an opportunity to use the fire hose on board. They learned how to aim the hose and then exchange the nozzle with the person behind them in line.

Once back on shore, everyone joined the party being thrown by USO for Military Appreciation Day. This was time for cadets to swim in the pool, surf at the beach or just relax and enjoy their fellow shipmates and talk about the day's events.

Manatee Division drills at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown, in Yankeetown, Fla.

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Roosevelt Part Of Fleet Week

From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

Six U.S. Navy ships, three U.S. Coast Guard cutters and 12 coalition ships from around the world sailed into New York harbor to commence Fleet Week New York 2012, May 23.

Approximately 6,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen descended upon the city to celebrate the 25th Fleet Week New York, taking place May 23-30. This year the sea services join together to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Fleet Week has been New York City's celebration of the sea services since 1984. It is an unparalleled opportunity for citizens of New York and the surrounding area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's maritime services.

Navy ships participating in this year's commemoration include multipurpose amphibious assault ship Wasp, the Ticonderoga-class cruiser

USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers USS Mitscher (DDG 57), USS Gonzalez (DDG 66), USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) and USS Roosevelt (DDG 80).

Throughout the week, a number of exhibits and displays showed off the technology of the maritime services to include air shows and ground demonstrations by members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard team.

This year, Fleet Week New York is one of the signature events around the country commemorating OpSail 2012, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star-Spangled Banner. The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, all who served in the nation's conflicts since then, and who are defending freedom around the world today.



-Photo by MC2 Jason Daniel Johnston
Engineman Fireman Apprentice Elecia Weatherspoon, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), leads students in a group dance while the Navy Band performs during a Fleet Week New York 2012 event at the Madison Square Boys & Girls Club of Harlem. Fleet Week New York 2012 marks the 25th year the city has celebrated the nation's sea services. The seven-day event coincides with the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and will host more than 6,000 service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard team in addition to coalition ships from around the world.



-Photo by MCSN Molly Anne Greendeer
Television host Kelly Ripa, right, speaks with naval officers during a commercial break on Live with Kelly during Fleet Week New York 2012.



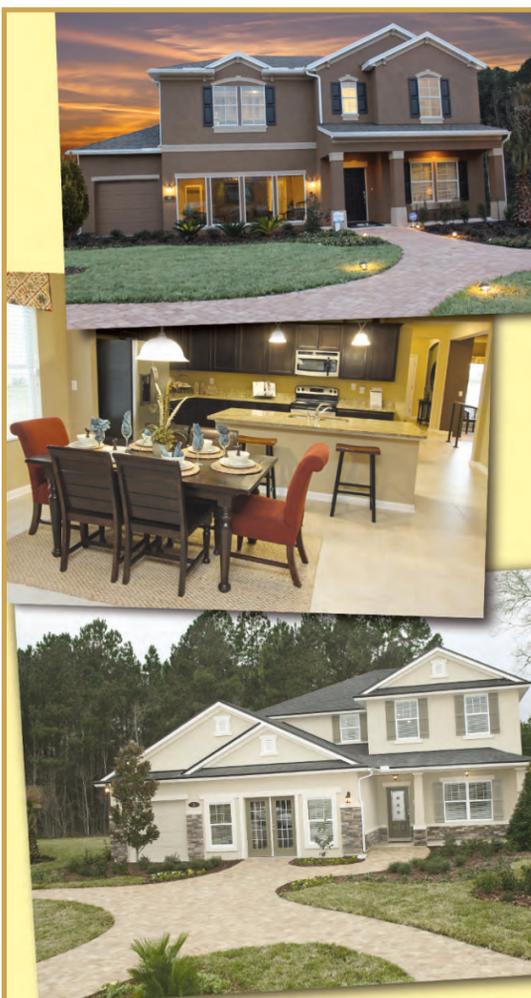
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Al Roker, an anchor on The Today Show, gives a shout out to Sailors and Marines in Rockefeller Center while taping The Today Show.



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Above, Sailors pose for photos during Fleet Week. Bottom left, A military honor guard leads the procession in the 145th Kings County Memorial Day Parade in Brooklyn during Fleet Week New York 2012.



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Above, Command Master Chief Robert L. White, Naval Station Mayport and Command Master Chief Herbert Ellis, CNRSE, participate in a wreath laying ceremony during the 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Midway aboard the guided-missile frigate USS De Wert (FFG 45) at Naval Station Mayport. The commemoration took place to pay tribute to the Sailors and Marines who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Battle of Midway. Left, Naval Station Mayport's color guard parade the colors. Below left, Capt. Douglas Cochran, commanding officer Naval Station Mayport, introduces guest speaker, Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Southeast. Below right, Seaman Andrew Fields lowers his head during the invocation of a 70th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Midway ceremony

-Photos by MCSN Damian Berg



Midway

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cess.... We remember this historic sea battle, a battle that changed the course of history and established the proud traditions that clearly show we are the greatest Navy

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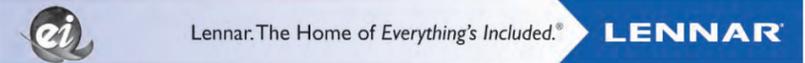
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- Want to see more muscles in the mirror? Perfect your form and technique in a resistance training class designed to maximize muscle strength. This full body strength training class will challenge every major muscle group and includes core training specifically designed to build and strengthen the muscles of the abdomen and back.
- Tuesday**
11:30 a.m., Zumba
- A fusion of hot, sexy and explosive Latin American and International dance music. Caloric output, fat burning and total body toning are maximized through fun and easy to follow dance steps.
- 4:30 p.m., Yoga
- Wednesday**
6:30 a.m., NOFFS Nutrition & Fitness Series
- NOFFS (Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling Series) is a program designed to improve the operational performance of Navy personnel through fitness and nutrition. Emphasis is placed on injury prevention via tissue management and refueling. This is a 4-week program for CFLs and ACFLs only.
- 11:30 a.m., Strength Training For Women
- 4:30 p.m., Zumba
- Thursday**
7 a.m., Sunrise Yoga
- Oceanfront Yoga (weather permitting) will transform your body and your attitude. Start your busy day with stretch, strength and stress relief.
- 11:30 a.m., Zumba
4:30 p.m., Kickboxing
- Friday**
11:30 a.m., Zumba Basics
11:30 a.m., The After Party
- Everyone is invited to the after party! After a long week of

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physical training, tissue management along with flexibility, stability and mobility training will help you recover, rejuvenate and get you ready to do it all again on Monday. Don't become a victim of overuse injuries, see and be seen at the after party.

Mayport Sandbox Monday
6:30 a.m., HIT

Provides a solid foundation to H.I.T. (**High Intensity Training**). Focus is placed on development of proper form & mechanics for various lifts & bodyweight movements. Participation will result in a solid platform to begin mastery of Olympic and Power lifts. Workouts WILL be intense and WILL push you to your limits. Participants must possess a strong fitness base to attend and are encouraged to initially participate in any of the Bootcamp classes offered.

7:30 a.m., Intro to HIT
11 a.m., HIT
Noon, Intro to HIT

A four-part prerequisite training program, which will prepare Mayport's personnel for safe and effective incorporation into Mayport's HIT program. All four training segments of Intro to HIT must be completed before entry into HIT and participation in the WOD (workout of the day). Intro to HIT includes protocol review, physical assessment, Rowing 101, pillar and movement preparation, flexibility training, tissue management, refueling and the fundamentals of the Olympic lifts, the squat and the pull-up.

Tuesday
6:30 a.m., Command Bootcamp

Take your entire command to the next level, oceanfront! This command class is packed full of

challenging cardio drills, muscular resistance training and explosive intervals. Meets at the Sandbox and can accommodate 200+ personnel, weather permitting.

6:30 a.m., HIT
11 a.m., HIT

Designed for those in superior shape. Will build onto an already strong fitness and skill base accomplished in H.I.T. Level 1. Includes Olympic and Power lifts, Gymnastics and intense modalities of conditioning.

Noon, Intro to HIT

Wednesday
5:30 p.m., HIT
6:30 p.m., Intro to HIT

Thursday
5:30 p.m., HIT
6:30 p.m., Intro to HIT

Friday
6:30 a.m., HIT
7 a.m., TRX
7:30 a.m., Intro to HIT
11 a.m., HIT
Noon, Intro to HIT

The new Gymnasium class schedule is as follows:

Monday
11:30 a.m., Spinning
5:45 p.m., Kids Clinic

This clinic is designed for children ages 10-14. It teaches how to safely use fitness equipment and provides general information on exercise and fitness workouts. Held at Surfside Fitness Center. After completion of the course, participants will be issued a card which will allow them to use the facility when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Tuesday
11:30 a.m., Weight Training For Warfighters
4:30 p.m., Spinning

Wednesday
11:30 a.m., Spinning
11:30 a.m., Rowing 101
4:30 p.m., Weight Training

MWR Co-Ed Softball



Summertime CO-ED softball league is starting June 11. Open to Active Duty, Dependents, Reservists, Retirees and DOD employees. Teams need only two women to participate in the league. Games begin at 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays. If you are interested in participating and do not have a team contact the gym and we can put you on a team. For More information contact Rita at 904-270-5451.

For Warfighters

Thursday
11:30 a.m., Spinning

Friday
7 a.m., Spinning
Water Aerobics

These classes meet at the Base Pool weather permitting

Monday
9:30 a.m., Aqua Fitness

You'll stay cool while gaining strength and endurance. Our aqua fitness program includes shallow, deep, resistance and Aqua Therapy classes.

Tuesday
9:30 a.m., Aqua Fitness

Wednesday
9:30 a.m., Aqua Fitness

Thursday
7 a.m., Command Aqua
9:30 a.m., Aqua Fitness

Friday
9:30 a.m., Aqua Therapy

This aqua program is reserved for those who have special physical programming needs and who are unable to exercise out of the water. This program involves hydro-therapy designed to address mobility issues.

Command fitness classes are designed for groups of

all sizes and all fitness levels. Make the mundane Command PT more motivating with the help of Mayport's certified Navy Fitness Instructors. Classes are designed to meet the specific needs of Active Duty personnel, whether preparing for PRT, improving overall individual fitness levels (cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and flexibility) or maintaining healthy fitness habits throughout the year.

The Mayport Sandbox is a high intensity (H.I.T.) outdoor workout area located oceanfront behind Surfside.

The area includes a Pull-up Bar and Ring rig, Kettlebells, Sleds, Tires, TRX Suspension Frame, Slam Balls, Ropes, Ab Mats, Sledge Hammers, Farmers Walk, Olympic Lift area and equipment, Monkey Bars, Low Crawl, Sprint and Drag area. H.I.T. training involves functional programming that will take your workout to the next level. Both open Sandbox hours and instructor led classes are provided by Olympic Lift and Crossfit certified Mayport Fitness Team members.

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.

- June 8: 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
- June 9: Wild Wing Café Dinner Trip.** Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation Only.
- June 10: St. John's Town Center Shopping Trip.** Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation Only.
- June 11: Chess Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.
- June 12: Summer Beach 5K Run/ 3K Walk.** 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.
- June 12: 4v4 Beach Volleyball Organizational Meeting.** 11 a.m. at the Gym. 270-

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5451. **June 13: Military Appreciation Day** every Wednesday at Windy Harbor Golf Club. 18

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June 13: 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 Colormania Bowling, drink specials, request your favorite music all day long and more. 270-5733

June 13: 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, (904) 270-6332 x215

June 15: Regency Mall Trip. Van Departs Liberty Center 12 p.m. FREE

June 15: 1980s Party. 9 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. Featuring live band Upper Limit plus best 80s costume contest, free food and prizes.

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FFSC Workshop, Classes Available In June

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.

June 7, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FFSC Room 702

June 7, 8 a.m.-noon, **The Job Search**, Building 1, Room 1615

June 7, 9 a.m.-noon, **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.

FFSC Plans Job Search Workshops

From Staff

Naval Station Mayport Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will hold a series of three four-hour job search workshops in June.

The first workshop will focus on "Getting Started and Resume Preparation" on June 7 from 8 a.m.-noon in Building One Room 161.

The second workshop is "Conducting a Job Search and Networking" scheduled for June 14 from 8 a.m.-noon in Building 460, Classroom A.

The third workshop will be held on June 21 from 8 a.m.-noon on "Interviewing Skills" at Building 460, Classroom A.

There is limited seating and early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call FFSC at 270-6600, ext. 1700.

June 11, 6-7 p.m., **IA Family Connection Group**, USO

June 11, 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 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.

June 12, 6-7 p.m., **Exceptional Family Member Support Group**, Building 1 Room 104

June 12, 9-11 a.m.,

Active Parenting, FFSC Room 702

June 12, 1-3 p.m., **Command Financial Specialist Forum**, FFSC Room 719

June 13, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

June 14, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FFSC Room 702

June 14, 8 a.m.-noon, **Conducting A Job Search and Networking**, Building 460 Room A

June 14, 9 a.m.-noon, **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.

June 16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., **FRG Leadership Training**, Building 1, Room 1616

June 18-21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Retiree Workshop**, Building 1 Room 1616

June 19-20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **Million Dollar Sailor**, FFSC Room 719

June 20, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

June 21, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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June 21, 1:30-3 p.m., **Conflict Resolution For Women**, FFSC Room 702

June 21, 8 a.m.-noon, **Interviewing Skills**, Building 460 Room A

June 25, 1-4 p.m., **Relationship Communication**, FFSC Room 702

June 25-29, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., **SAPR Advocate Initial Class**, Building 1 Room 104

June 26, 6-8 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, Building 1, Room 104

June 26, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., **NS Mayport Job Fair**, Beachside Community Center

June 27, 3-4:30 p.m., **Managing Anger Group**, FFSC Room 702

June 27, 11 a.m.-noon, **Financial Planning For Deployment**, FFSC Room 719

June 28, 9 a.m.-noon, **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.

SAPR, Suicide Prevention Topic For Workshops, 'All Hand'

From USFF

U.S. Fleet Forces Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) and Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training Workshops to be held on board NS Mayport on June 13-14 at the Ocean Breeze Conference Center.

There are specific times set up for each of the target audiences including the All Hands session on Thursday, June 14 at 2 p.m.

Reservations for the workshop are required. POC for reservations is Marie Parker, 757-836-3573, e-mail: marie.parker@navy.mil.

This training workshop is intended to provide leadership and program managers with available resources and assistance in implementing OPNAV and USFF requirements in execution of SAPR and suicide prevention policy. Eric Hipple, a retired NFL quarterback from the Detroit Lions and expert in coping with stress, bystander intervention, and building resiliency will provide part of the training. Additional training on changes to policy and the integration of chaplains into the command SAPR and suicide prevention programs will also be provided.

June 13, 8-11:30 a.m., **CO/XO/OIC/CMC/COB, SAPR advocates, POCS Suicide Prevention Coordinators**

Traning Provided Policy/Program updates, chaplain integration "What We Don't Know.."

June 13, 12:30-4:30 p.m., **Front Line Supervisors (E-5 to E-9, 0-1 to 0-4) Policy awareness, chaplain integration, "What We Don't Know.."**

June 14, 8-11:30 a.m., **SAPR Advocates, POCS Suicide Prevention Coordinators**

Policy/Program updates, chaplain integration "What We Don't

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June 14, 2-3 p.m., "Comedy Is The Cure - Happy Hour" All Hands Ocean Breeze Conference Center

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Out in Town

Thursday, June 7

Fresh and saltwater anglers of all types are encouraged to save the date for the Third Annual GATE Jacksonville Fishing Rodeo benefitting The St. Johns River Alliance scheduled for Thursday, June 7 to Sunday, June 10 at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. Register at select GATE convenience stores throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia (Store locations: www.jacksonvilleroodeo.com/rodeo/tickets) and Strike Zone Fishing, 11702 Beach Blvd. Registration will also be available at the tournament site Thursday, June 7. The general tournament entry fee is \$40 (plus tax) per angler Jackpot tickets are \$375 per boat (king fish plus tax) and \$175 per boat (redfish plus tax) plus the general angler fee. This family-friendly event will offer participants the chance to fish for a total of 18 different offshore and inshore saltwater species, as well as freshwater species.

The Renaissance World Golf Village Resort is hosting a Day of Discovery on June 7. The Bar at Villagio will feature "An Evening with Wade Tower," performing all the Sinatra classics with Michael Buble mixed in. For more details, please visit www.worldgolfrenaissance.com.

Saturday, June 9

The United Methodist Women of Fort Caroline United Methodist Church, 8510 Ft. Caroline Rd., will hold its Yard Sale at the church from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. The United Methodist Men of Fort Caroline United Methodist Church are cooking up a fish fry including fish, grits, cole slaw, and hushpuppies from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults; \$5 for ages 5-12; FREE for under 5. Take out is available. For more information, call 744-1311.

In conjunction with

FRG Meetings

USS Taylor family readiness group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on June 7.

USS De Wert family readiness group will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on June 13.

USS Simpson family readiness group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on June 14.

USS Halyburton family readiness group will meet from 6-7 p.m. on June 18.

HSL-48 family readiness group will meet from 6-8 p.m. on June 19.

USS Underwood family readiness group will meet from 6-8:30 p.m. on June 21.

USS Farragut family readiness group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on June 22.

No Dough Dinner

USO will hold its No Dough Dinner from 5-7 p.m. on June 11 and June 25.

Veterans Farm Needs Your Support

Veterans Farm is a farm in Jacksonville that strives to help disabled combat veterans get back into society through the use of horticulture therapy. Veterans work on the farm and develop skills to help them overcome their physical, mental, and employment problems. We grow datil peppers and blueberries that carry our Veteran's Farm label. Wal-Mart is having a "Get on the Shelf" contest, similar to American Idol. If we win, Veteran's Farm products will be on Wal-Mart shelves all over the country. The more products we sell, the more vet-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

the Third Annual GATE Jacksonville Fishing Rodeo, Anglers for Conservation, GATE, Coastal Angler Magazine and the Southern Kingfish Association will host a "Hook Kids on Fishing" event from 9-11 a.m. To be held at Metropolitan Park, kids ages 6 to 16 will participate in clinics on casting, conservation, safety, knot tying, catch and release tactics, and more for free. The first 100 kids to register will win a free rod, reel, and tackle box courtesy of Anglers for Conservation. To register or for more information, call (904) 461-6773.

"Bikers Tracking a Cure For Diabetes," is a motorcycle ride that will venture over five of Jacksonville's bridges on and hopes to generate significant revenue for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) North Florida Chapter's outreach programs and research initiatives. The JSO police-escorted ride will start and finish at Adamec Harley Davidson located at 8909 Baymeadows Road in Jacksonville. The cost for a rider is \$25 and a passenger is \$15. Following the ride there will be live music, food, drinks, a silent auction and prizes. Bikers will take off at 10:30 a.m. and return around noon. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. To participate on June 9, please register at <http://jdrfevents.donordrive.com/event/bikerstrackingacureforjdrf> or contact Cheryl Smith at csmith@bbri.com. People may also register the day of the event at Adamec Harley on Baymeadows.

Tuesday, June 12

Come enjoy making Dill Pickles and take home some of the product made at the Duval County Extension Canning Center, from 9

a.m.- noon or 1- 4 p.m. Class space is limited. Cost is \$20 per person. Pre-registration and pre-payment should be made by Thursday, June 7th. To register call Jeannie at 255-7450.

Thursday, June 14

The Duval County Extension Office/UF IFAS will be offering a prep class for people who would like to take the arborist certification test and become a certified Arborist. This four part series will be on June 14, 21, 28, and July 5th. It will be from 5-9 p.m. and cost \$50 per person.

This course is designed to review some of the important concepts of the Arborist Certification Study Guide. This course will augment any study program you may be currently doing. It does not take the place of studying for the exam. Each participant will receive a notebook with program notes.

These classes will be held at the Duval County Extension Office, 1010 N McDuff Ave. Jacksonville. You can register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3404048601> or make check payable to DCOHAC and mail to Larry Figart, 1010 N McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32254. For questions or more information please call Larry Figart at 904-255-7450. Deadline to register is with payment is Friday, June 8.

The FORTY AND EIGHT (La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux) is proud to announce their hosting of the 2012 Flag Day ceremony at the BVMP Park. The program will feature the "Retirement of the Flag," and, participation of the 40 & 8 Engine and Car representing French trains that transported "Doughboys" into battle during WWI.



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Saturday June 16

Please join us at the Duval County Extension office at 1010 N. McDuff Avenue, for a free workshop on "What You Need to Know and May Not have Considered When it Comes to Community Gardens"; from 9 a.m.

- 12:30 p.m. This workshop will give you a good understanding of getting started, basis regulatory/zoning laws, funding, and writing grants. Please contact Jeannie Crosby @ 255-7450.

Vettes at the Village returns for its 13th year at World Golf Village on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hosted by North Florida Corvette Association, Corvette Club of Mandarin and Jacksonville Corvette Club, Vettes at the Village is free and open to the public. The people's choice car show displays over 100 new, classic and custom Corvettes along the Walk of Champions at World Golf Village. A \$25 donation is requested for cars registered before May 30 (after June 1, \$30). Proceeds from registration will benefit the Wolfson Children's

Hospital. For registration information, visit www.nfca.net.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 14-4 as a public service is offering an About Boating Safely class. The location is the Captain's Club at 13363 Beach Blvd. between Hodges and Kernan. The class will start at 7:30 a.m. and will end around 5 p.m. The program meets the Florida State requirement for a Boater's Safety Card and costs \$25 including materials. Contact Mike at 904-502-9154 for more information or to register. Log onto our website at www.uscgjaxbeach.com Get checked! We'll meet you at your home or marina, check your boat's safety equipment, and provide a Seal of Safety decal at no charge. Call Brant at 904-758-3402 for this service.

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