

Happy Birthday, 4th Fleet!



-Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Corey Barker

Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. Fourth Fleet cuts a birthday cake at barbecue celebrating the fourth anniversary of the reestablishment of U.S. Fourth Fleet on July 12, 2008.

By U.S. Fourth Fleet public affairs

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. Fourth Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F) celebrated the command's fourth birthday with a family-style barbecue at Stark Park on Naval Station Mayport, Fla., July 20.

The entire staff and their families were invited to the birthday event organized by the com-

mand's morale, welfare and recreation committee. Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, COMUSNAVSO/C4F announced the winners of the week-long sporting competition, a command t-shirt design contest and awarded two trophies to the command basketball team for winning the Naval Station Mayport competition before cutting the official birthday

cake.

"I think everyone enjoyed themselves today and it was nice to take a pause and recognize how far we have come in four years as a fleet command," said Command Master Chief Mauricio Rueda.

The combined command was officially reestablished on July 18, 2008 by the then Chief of Naval

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TRICARE Prime Fees To Increase

From TRICARE

The fiscal year 2013 TRICARE Prime enrollment fees for uniformed service retirees and their families go into effect Oct. 1, 2012. The Prime enrollment fees for 2013 are \$269.28 for retirees, and \$538.56 for retirees and their family members.

Survivors of active duty deceased sponsors and uniformed services medically retired service members and their dependents are exempt from annual fee increases. Their enrollment fee is frozen at the rate in effect when they were classified and enrolled in TRICARE Prime. Their fee remains frozen as long as there is no break in their TRICARE Prime enrollment.

As always, active duty service members and their families have access to TRICARE Prime with no enrollment fee.

The 2013 fees are based on the cost of living adjustment retirees received in 2012. The adjustment was applied to the \$260 (individual) and \$520 (family) 2012 Prime enrollment fees. Because of this, most retirees who were enrolled in Prime prior to Oct. 1, 2011, will see a more significant increase since their enrollment fee remained at the 2011-levels of \$230 and \$460 per year.

Beneficiaries can opt to pay their enrollment fee monthly, quarterly or annually. Before deciding to pay annually, beneficiaries should keep in mind that in most cases enrollment fees are non-refundable, and Congressional changes to fees in the 2013 budget could occur. For this reason, it's recommended that beneficiaries pay their enrollment fee monthly or quarterly. To learn more about TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, please visit www.tricare.mil/costs.

Bataan Hosts NMCC Basketball At Mayport

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

The Navy announced July 23 the 2012 Navy-Marine Corps Classic basketball game hosted by the city of Jacksonville, Fla. will be played on board USS Bataan (LHD 5). Additionally, accompanying the Bataan as a representational Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) will be

USS Mesa Verde (LPD 18) and USS Carter Hall (LSD 50).

The game, to be played Nov. 9, will feature a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) matchup between the University of Florida Gators and the Hoyas of Georgetown University. The game will be the

first of the 2012-13 regular season for both teams and is one of the highlight events of a week in Jacksonville, Fla., honoring military members and their families.

"The Navy is America's Away Team; when we are on the job, we operate forward

around the globe and often out of sight of the American people," said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. "This is a unique opportunity to showcase the Navy, and to join together to honor our veterans and active duty military. This event reaffirms the Navy's long-term

partnership with the City of Jacksonville and the surrounding community."

The Bataan ARG is a representation of the group of ships the Secretary of the Navy announced earlier this year that will be homeported in

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Teams Compete For All American Platter Title

By Ensign Julie Rosa
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center
Jacksonville

In celebration of summer, the Mayport Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) hosted the All American Platter Culinary Competition July 11 at the NAS Jacksonville Flight Line Galley featuring burgers as the main course. Six teams competed in the cook-off showcasing their original recipes.

Galleys that participated in the "bout" were Naval Station Mayport's Oasis Galley, NAS Jacksonville's Flight Line Café, USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), USS Carney (DDG 64), Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Child Street Café, and USS De Wert (FFG 45).

The competition was based on the concept of the all-American summer meal with each team providing a burger, a side of baked beans or potato salad, and a veggie basket to show off their culinary prowess. Each team was permitted to bring



-Photo by Daphne Cassani

Prior to serving their plates to the judges, (left to right) CS2 Alex Moleon, CS2 William Freshwater, CS2 Marnika Ash, and CS2 Nikita Thompson display their original lamb burger creation, which was first grilled then wrapped in puff pastry and baked to a golden brown. This platter was the ultimate winner of the All American Platter Competition held July 11 at the NAS Jacksonville Flight Line Café.

in a ground meat of their choice, along with their own special ingredients for side items. The final

presentation was to be restaurant quality worth \$30 to a paying customer. Competition judges

included local Executive Chefs David Bearle, First Coast Technical College, and Jean-Stephanie

Poinard, Bistro De Leon. In addition to Bearle and Poinard, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC)

Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Head, NAVSUP Director of Food Service Cmdr. Danny King, and CWO5 Todd Grunlien, the officer in charge of NFMT Norfolk, served as judges.

Prizes were awarded for first, second, and third place. The highest honor went to NAS Jacksonville's Flight Line Café team, Culinary Specialist (CS) 2nd Class petty officers: Nikita Thompson, William Freshwater, Alex Moleon, and Marnika Ash.

This team set themselves apart from their competition by being the only team to create an original burger made from something other than the traditional ground beef. Their burger creation was a lamb burger seasoned with garlic, minced mushrooms, onions, and fresh herbs, and served inside a golden baked puff pastry.

When asked early in the competition if the Flight Line team had an advan-

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What qualities do you think make a good Chief Petty Officer?



OS3 Laquanta George
NS Mayport

I want a Chief that's motivational and willing to help the people that work under them.



AC2 Crystal Parker
Air Ops

Someone who is dedicated and loyal to the people they work with.



ATAN Nathan Clark
FRCSE Det Mayport

Lead by example, not be hypocritical.



MA2 Kirk Martin
Security

Better leadership. Just because you get those anchors, you're not all knowing. Learn from a good chief, because you'll become a better overall chief.



YN2 Robert Stokes
C4F

Take care of your people and I guess honesty.



ENC(SW) Nicholas Mudd
USS The Sullivans

Honor, Courage and Commitment. That's easy. Also not being afraid to put everything out there.

Are Your Kids Surfing the Waves or the Net?



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

Children are spending more of their time online than ever before. During the summer the time online escalates, especially in a home in which both parents work. According to one study, 8-18 year-olds spend an average of 1.5 hours a day using a computer outside of school. How many hours a day this summer are your children "surfing"?

As use of the Internet

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and online technologies becomes more a part of our everyday lives, it is important you ensure that your children understand how to use these powerful tools and how to protect themselves from becoming cyber victims.

Children of all ages face online risks, including the following:

*** Inappropriate Content:** Children may come in contact with individuals with malicious or even criminal intent, such as bullies and predators.

*** Inappropriate Content:** Children may be exposed to inappropriate content while online, such as violent or sexually explicit material.

*** Inappropriate Conduct:** Children have a

sense of anonymity while online and may do things that they would not do when face to face with someone.

*** Identify Theft:** Because of the perceived sense of anonymity online, children may post personal or identifying information which can then be used by identity thieves.

How do I keep my children safe?

There are steps parents can take to help keep children safe on-line:

*** Computer Location:** Keep your computer in a central and open location in your home.

*** Supervise Access:** Supervise your child's computer access and monitor the types of sites

visited. Consider using parental control tools on your home computer. These tools are provided by some Internet Service Providers or are available for purchase as a separate software package. You may be able to set some parental controls within your browser. As an example, in Internet Explorer click on Tools on your menu bar, select Internet Options, choose the Content tab, and click the Enable button under Content Advisor. (For other browsers, contact the vendor to determine what parental controls are included.)

*** Establish Rules:** Create guidelines for your child's computer use, including the amount of time which may be spent online and the type of sites which may be visited. Post these rules near the computer.

*** Personal**

Information: Teach your children not to post or share personal information such as their photographs, addresses, ages or activity schedules. Create a safe screen name which does not reveal personal information about your child.

*** Web Filtering:** Use web filtering software which restricts access to inappropriate websites and content.

*** Communication:** Maintain an open line of communication. Encourage your children to come to you if they feel threatened online.

*** Cyberbullying:** Teach children not to respond to cyberbullies. Report incidents of cyberbullying to school administrators and local law enforcement when appropriate.

Here are two great websites focused on protecting children online. Use these to educate your

children about the various aspects of cyberbullying or just all around online safety.

*** NET CETERA:** Chatting with Kids About Being Online:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/tech/tec04.pdf>

*** Netsmartz**
<http://www.netsmartz.org/index.aspx>

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.

Trusting God Means Letting Go Of Fears



Lt. Buster Williams
Surface Force Ministry Center

The psalmist tells us, "They that trust in the Lord shall not be removed but abides forever."

What is trusting in God? It reminds me of the story

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of a young man that fell off a cliff at night and he grabbed a branch as he was falling. As he was hanging there for dear life, he said to God, "God help me" and the voice came back saying, "Let go my son".

So the young man said, "What? And the voice came again saying, "Let go my son."

The man thought about it all night. He was still holding on getting extremely tired by the second, but he decided to

hold on and not let go.

Soon afterwards daylight appeared and the man realized he was only four feet from the ground! It was easier for him to trust to his sight than to an unseen God.

Walking by faith is trusting God when we cannot see the light. We must trust God to be that light for us and know that He will not lead us astray. We should never look to the bigness of our circumstances but to the bigness

of our God.

In this military environment we must learn to have confidence in God regardless of the circumstances around us. Like the young man hanging on for dear life, if he had only let go he would have saved himself from a lot of stress, fear, and a great deal of pain.

God has been a part of America since its conception and we, as Americans often turn to Him in times of need. The challenge and opportunity before us is to take that trust and apply it to our experiences in the Navy.

Our faith should make

a practical difference in how we live and be seen in the day-to-day decisions we make.

What is also of great importance to people of faith is our responsibility we have to pray for our leaders and for all those in authority over us.

It is ever so easy to second guess those in authority, but how hard it seems to remember to pray for them! Today we have a lot of challenges as a nation and as a Navy.

Many in our country are struggling financially, socially, or in any variety of other areas. Our leaders need wisdom on how

to protect our country from the challenges of terrorism, help us improve our economy, and at the same time maintain our freedoms under the Constitution.

When the Bible says, "those who trust in God will be as Mt. Zion" I believe it is saying that when difficulties come, when trouble comes our way, when the storms of life are raging, we can trust in God.

We can let go of the limb and know that He will place our feet on solid ground as we trust in Him.

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Chapel Holds VBS Beach Bash

From Mayport Chapel

Come and join Naval Station Mayport Chapel for "SonSurf Beach Bash VBS" from Aug. 6-10 for children 4 years old thru sixth grade.

Children will gather each day in the main chapel at 8:30 a.m. with songs and skits. The day will be filled traveling to different centers where they will sing songs, watch skits, create crafts, play games and make new friends. Each day ends with activities and pick-up in the main Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

On Friday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m., there will be a performance by the campers for their families followed by a luncheon. Come by the Chapel during normal working hours to register or call 270-5212 for further information.




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For more information or other worship opportunities and religious organizations in Jacksonville, call 270-5212.



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NEX Mayport Is 2011 Bingham Runner Up

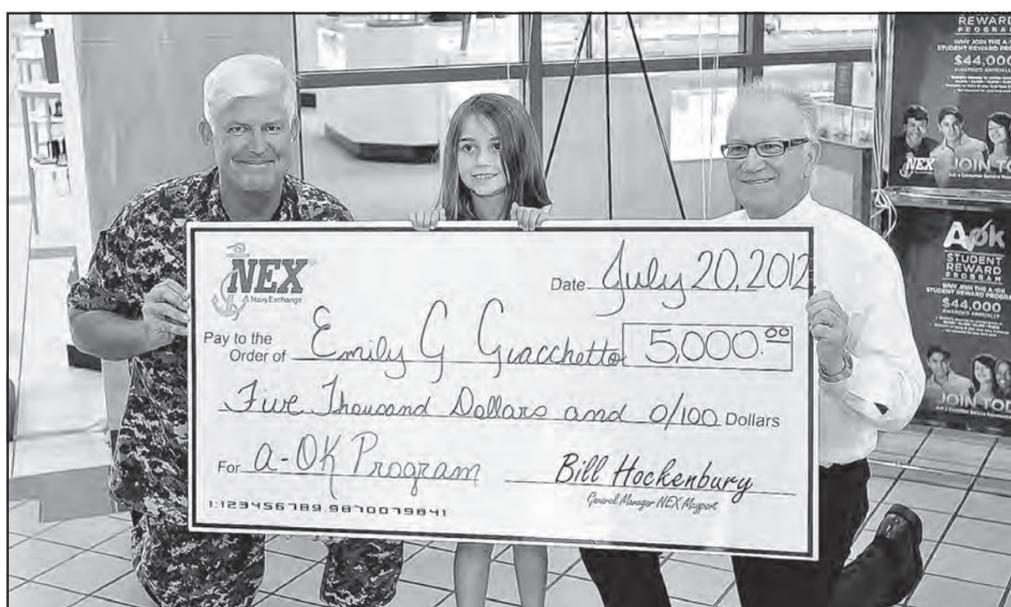
From NEXCOM

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has announced its Bingham Award winners for 2011 and NS Mayport is runner up in the Sales \$3-\$85 million category with the winner Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn.

Winners of the Bingham Award are those NEXs that showed superior performance over the past year in service to Sailors and their families.

"Being a Bingham winner or runner-up is more than just a one day recognition, it serves as a benchmark for other NEXs across the enterprise to emulate," said Robert J. Bianchi, Chief Executive Officer, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "The men and women who wear the cloth of our nation, and their families, are truly the ones who benefit from the great

NEX Pays For Good Grades



Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Doug Cochran and NEX Mayport Manager Bill Hockenbury present a check for a \$5,000 savings bond to Emily Giacchetto after she won a drawing as part of the NEX's A-OK Student Reward Program. Four times a year, NEX offers eligible full-time students with a B-grade point average or better the chance to enter a drawing to win a savings bond for their good grades.

-Photo by FC2 Robert Leonard

level of customer service these NEXs deliver each and every day! And in the end, that's what really counts! Congratulations to all NEX managers and associates who worked so very hard to achieve this prestigious award."

The Bingham Award Program was established in 1979 to recognize excellence in customer service, operations and management at NEX activities. The award is named after the late Capt. W.H. Bingham, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy Reserve. Bingham was the Chief Executive Officer of the R.H. Macy's company and was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy in 1946 to lead an advisory board for the establishment of the Navy Exchange.

The Bingham Awards will be presented during local ceremonies to be determined at a later date.

Culinary

tage because they were cooking in their own galley, Moleon replied, "No, as long you can cook, you're good."

USS Carney team of three, which included Culinary Specialist 1st Class Keith Combo, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Katherine Ledford, and Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Rene Millington, won second place with their Roasted Jalapeno Cheddar Burger. The Oasis Galley team, which included Milliken Wayne Rickerson, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Yara Mack, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Jose Villafane, and Culinary Specialist

3rd Class Terri Crump, took third place with their Seven Seas Bourbon Cheeseburger.

Both spectators and competitors enjoyed this burger showdown, and the culinary specialists particularly relished the opportunity to display their skills. "The purpose of these competitions is to keep CSs savvy in their scratch cooking skills, and to show everyone that they don't just heat things up," Master Chief Culinary Specialist Michael Carter, NFMT Mayport's officer in charge said, "They can cook!"

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USS Simpson Returns From African Partnership Station 2012 Deployment

By Ensign Joseph A. Schnieders
USS Simpson Public Affairs
 USS Simpson, under the leadership of Commanding Officer Cmdr. L. H. Milliken, successfully met all operational requirements during its 6-month deployment to the African Command Area of Responsibility and is now transiting west to their homeport of Mayport, FL. During their time working for Commander Sixth Fleet/ Naval Forces Africa (NAF) they completed three major multi-national training exercises: Obangame, Saharan and Phoenix express, and three African Maritime Law Enforcement Partnership (AMLEP) missions with the host nations of Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, and Senegal and The Gambia. Additionally, Simpson volunteered for 5 Community Relation projects in Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, and Cape Verde.

"This deployment has been a great success and Simpson and her Sailors excelled in every mission area," Milliken said. "We can leave the [area of responsibility] with our heads held high." Simpson deployed on Jan. 17 and transited to



Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW) Gerald Benno holds his son, 2 year old David, as he reunites with his wife, Andrea, after returning to Naval Station Mayport with USS Simpson (FFG 56).

Funchal, Portugal for a brief fuel stop before a liberty stop in Rota, Spain. Following that, the operational mission began off the West Coast of Africa. They stopped in Casablanca, Morocco

for a Theater Security Cooperation event, including a series of office calls with military and political leaders. They also held a reception for several dignitaries and picked up 12 Africa

Partnership Station riders that would be on board for the next month. The ship continued south, stopping in Dakar, Senegal, and then entered the Gulf of Guinea where they would spend the next

month and a half. During that time Simpson visited Tema, Ghana and Lagos, Nigeria and holding receptions in each port plus making office calls to visit military and political leaders and con-

ducting training on board for the Nigerian and Ghanaian Navies in damage control, first aid, and VBSS tactics/procedures. Following the crucial port time required in build-
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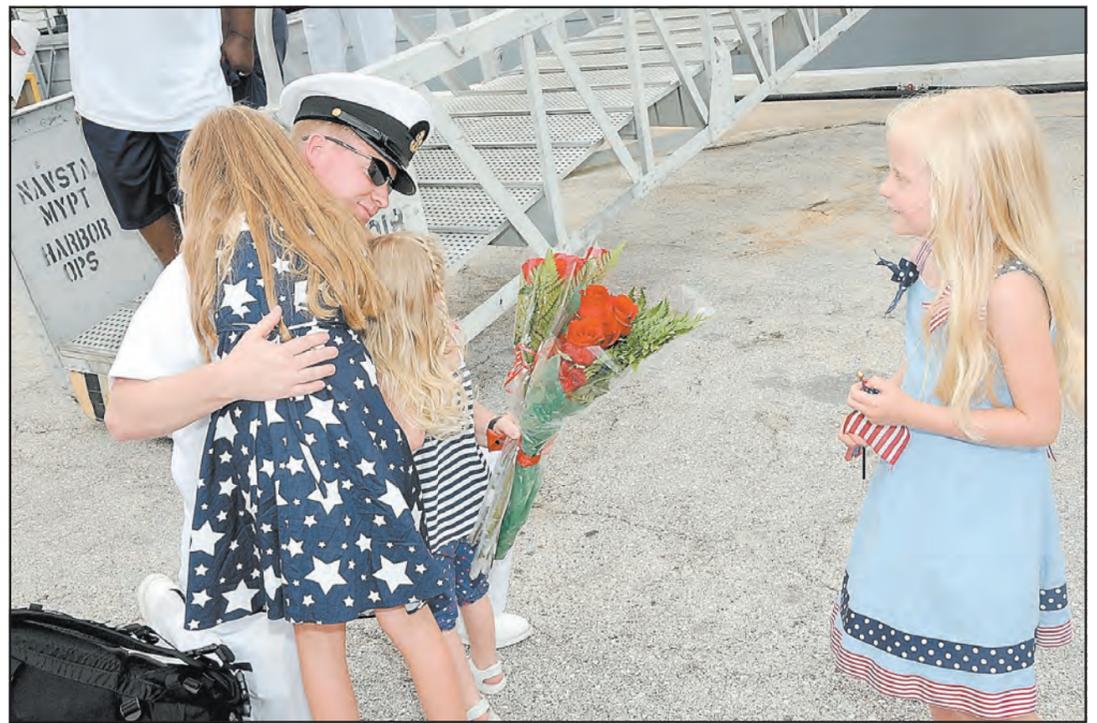
Operations Specialist 3rd Class Corey Vets says hello to his 9-month-old daughter, Fiona, and wife, Bianca, after returning to Naval Station Mayport with USS Simpson.



Chief Electronics Technician (SW/AW) Ruben Rodriguez gets warm welcomes from his sons Santiago, 4, and Ruben, 6, and wife, Silvia after returning home with USS Simpson on July 17.



Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Ashley Ontiveros holds his 2-year-old son, Andrew.



Chief Quartermaster Cleveland Gray gets big hugs from his daughters Abigail, 9, and Isabel, 4, as Ashley, 6, waits her turn to welcome her father home.



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) (SW) Courtney Haugabook gets a welcome home kiss from his wife, Shantel.



Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Sean Joker gets the "first kiss" from wife Sonia.



Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Dean Mazur gets "first hug" from wife Kim.



Allie Rooney, Ambrey Derber and Laura Bylls get emotional as they see USS Simpson pull pierside July 17.



Big sister Alex Johnson, 7, helps her brother Zander, 4, find their father, Yeoman 3rd Class Ronnie Johnston, on USS Simpson as the ship pulls pierside.



Friends and family members of USS Simpson wave and yell to their Sailors as USS Simpson pulls into port on July 17 after a six-month deployment.



A Sailor waves to his friends and family waiting on the pier at Naval Station Mayport as he returns after a six-month deployment aboard USS Simpson.



USS Simpson Sailors wait to disembark and reunite with their families pierside as other families board the ship to locate their Sailors during the ship's homecoming on July 17.



New dad Operations Specialist 2nd Class Michael Moore is greeted by his wife and new daughter.



Chief Logistics Specialist (SW) Shane Neuhaus reunites with his family during USS Simpson's homecoming on July 17.



New dad Operations Specialist 2nd Class Michael Moore is greeted by his wife and new daughter.

Simpson

ing relationships with the host nations, Simpson executed Obangame Express. Nine nations including Nigeria, Ghana, The Congo, and Togo sent liaison officers to five foreign naval warships. The main goal of the exercise was enhancing the proficiency of the partner nations in areas such as conducting at-sea boardings of fishing vessels. After fulfilling all mission requirements in the Gulf of Guinea.

Simpson addressed the problem of a large population of "slimy pollywogs" embarked on board and steered the ship towards Davy Jones territory by the equator. The ship crossed at 0° 00' 00" N, 0° 00' 00" E and cleansed this disturbing amount of pollywogs and emerged with 144 brand-new Emerald Shellbacks. Included in this number of new trusty Shell Backs were several African Ship

Riders that partook in the unique naval tradition. Moving north, Simpson embarked a boarding team from Sierra Leone and assisted in the deployment's first AMLEP operation. During this mission, the ship covered 153,600 square nautical miles, completing 31 boardings resulting in more than \$900,000 in fines, the seizing of five vessels and 310 tons of illegal catch and 22 arrests.

After the completion of Cape Verde AMLEP, Simpson participated in Saharan Express with several African nations, conducting further training in VBSS tactics to help these countries protect their economic waters. The ship proceeded up to the Mediterranean for some well deserved R&R and more partnership in training. In Souda Bay, Crete, the ship's VBSS team supported a 10-day land based training of

boarding techniques with several nations at the NATO MIO Training center before departing to participate in the multinational Phoenix Express. This exercise included five days of boardings, formation steaming, photo exercises and underway replenishment training with the assistance of the Fleet Oiler Kanawha. Simpson travelled to Augusta Bay and Naples, Italy before proceeding back down the West

Coast of Africa. The last operational requirement for Simpson was the joint AMLEP with the nations of Senegal and The Gambia. This mission featured boarding teams from both nations along with a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment for 15 days. Simpson completed one last port call to Dakar, Senegal before arriving in Mindelo, Cape Verde to starting their transit home.

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USS Nicholas Offloads 4 Tons Of Drugs At Mayport

From U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided missile frigate USS Nicholas (FFG 47) delivered more than four tons of cocaine and marijuana to Naval Station Mayport, Fla., seized from drug interdictions conducted in support of Operation Martillo, July 17.

Crew members offloaded approximately 3,408 kilograms (7,500 pounds) of cocaine, and 109 kilograms (239 pounds) of marijuana, with an estimated wholesale value of more than \$93 million. The amount of cocaine seized was enough for 7.2 million doses, each dose approximately the same size as a sugar packet.

USS Nicholas is returning to port after a 175-day deployment supporting counter illicit trafficking operations aimed at disrupting transnational organized crime and keeping drugs off the streets.

"With the help of some partners in the region we accomplished what we set out to do; disrupt the drug trade," said Cmdr. Stephen Fuller, USS Nicholas commanding officer. "Interdictions are challenging, but with the help of other naval units, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the partner nation navies, we executed a successful deployment."

During the deployment, Nicholas with embarked U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Law Enforcement



-Photo by MC1 Toiete Jackson
More than 7,500 pounds of cocaine and 240 pounds of marijuana recovered from drug interdictions in support of Operation Martillo arrives at Naval Station Mayport aboard the guided missile frigate USS Nicholas (FFG 47) for offload. Operation Martillo (Spanish for 'hammer') is a U.S., European, and Western Hemisphere partner nation effort targeting illicit trafficking routes in coastal waters along the Central American isthmus.

Detachment (LEDET) conducted a combination of six disruptions and interdictions while in the Caribbean Sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific coastal waters of South and Central America.

Also during the deployment, Nicholas transited the Panama Canal twice, conducted passing exercises and an officer exchange with the Colombian Navy, certified 22 pilots through Helicopter Anti Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 42 Detachment 9, four underway replenishments with a Chilean oiler, celebrated the anniversary of the War of 1812, and a "Crossing the Line" ceremony when the ship

crossed the equator.

U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels, U.S. military and patrol aircraft from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency, along with the support of allied and partner nation (PN) forces assisted with patrolling coastal regions from Colombia to Mexico to detect and monitor illicit traffic in order to cue and support PNs and U.S. interagency interdiction efforts.

Patrol airplanes from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 77 (VAW-77), Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) operating from El Salvador and U.S. Customs and Border Protection long range

patrol aircraft operating from Jacksonville, Fla. And Corpus Christi, Tex., use sophisticated sensors to detect suspicious vessels and coordinate interdictions by the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and partner nations patrolling the region.

More than 80 percent of the narcotics entering Central America and largely transiting through Mexico on their way to U.S. markets enter via maritime littoral routes, with the main conveyance being "go-fast" boats.

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Information Technician 2nd Class Matthew Henderson (left) is served a hotdog by Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Brennan during a birthday barbecue celebrating the fourth anniversary of the reestablishment of U.S. Fourth Fleet on July 12, 2008.



Information Technician Seaman Chad Reed tosses a beanbag while playing a game at a birthday barbecue party at Stark Park celebrating the reestablishment of U.S. Fourth Fleet July 20. U.S. Fourth Fleet was stood up on July 12, 2012 in Mayport.



Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Petergay Sterling (left), Information Technician 2nd Class Faith Goodwin and Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class Mandi Sneyd are the official barbecue divas at a birthday party at Stark Park for the fourth anniversary of the reestablishment U.S. Fourth Fleet July 20.



Children of U.S. Forth Fleet staff enjoy a bounce tent at a birthday barbecue party for U.S Fourth Fleet July 20. The Command was reinstated on July 12, 2008 and is responsible for U.S. Navy ships, aircraft and submarines operating in the Caribbean, and Atlantic and Pacific Oceans around Central and South America.

C4F

Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and is responsible for U.S. Navy ships, aircraft and submarines operating in the Caribbean, and Atlantic and Pacific Oceans around Central and South America.

ment of the Fourth Fleet in 2008 was a clear indication of the immense importance of maritime security in the southern part of the Western Hemisphere, and sends a strong signal of partnership to the civil and military maritime services

in Central and Latin America," said Harris. U.S. 4th Fleet was originally established in 1943 as one of the original numbered fleets, and was given a specific mission. During World War II, the U.S. needed a command in charge of protecting against

raiders, blockade runners and enemy submarines in the South Atlantic. U.S. 4th Fleet was disestablished in 1950 when U.S. 2nd Fleet took over its responsibilities. (COMUSNAVSO/C4F supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-

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MWR HAPPENINGS

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Aug. 1: Lunchtime Bingo. Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Beachside Bingo. Two \$500 payouts every week. Buy two, get one free. Still only \$13.00 per pack. 270-7204

Aug. 3: TGIF Extreme Bowling Party. Every Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Free for Active Duty; guests \$5. Beer & drink specials, half-price wings, awesome music videos and light show! 270-5377

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Aug. 7: Men's Summer Basketball Organizational Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Gym. 270-5451.

Aug. 7: All Khaki Wings and Trivia Night. 3-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Foc'sle CPO Club with 40-cent wings, drink specials and all-you-can-drink soft drinks for \$1. Trivia begins at 5:30 p.m. All Khakis welcome (Chief Petty Officers, Officers and their guests). 270-5431

Aug. 8: 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. For tickets, (904) 270-5431

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Harbor Golf Club. 18 Holes and a Cart Only \$15. Offer open to DOD, active duty, retired, and military dependents (Must provide proper ID)

Aug. 10: Summer Swim Lesson Session V Begins. Registration is Aug. 3 & 4 at the pool from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$40 per child/adult; \$35 if child is enrolled in Youth Summer Camp. 270-5101.

Aug. 10: Beach Blanket Bingo. 12:15 pm at Beachside Bingo. Wear your sun hats and shades; dig in the sand for prizes, double payouts on all hard cards, free hot dogs and chips and more. 270-7204

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Aug. 11: UFC 150: Henderson vs. Edgar. 9 p.m. at Castaways

Lounge. 270-7205

Aug. 14: Go the Distance 10K Run/ 5K Walk. 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

Aug. 14: Men's Summer Softball Organizational Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Gym. 270-5451.

Aug. 15: Just For Fun Wednesdays. Every

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Aug. 15: 12 Signs Astrology Party. 9 p.m. at Castaways Lounge.



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Register from July 16 -Aug. 15

Soccer Ages 5-14: Age determined as of August 1, 2013		
Age:	Military	CIV/DOD
5-11	\$35	\$45
12-14	\$45	\$55

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Age:	Military	CIV/DOD
Cal Ripkin (6-12)	\$55	\$65
Babe Ruth (13-18)	\$65	\$75

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 Youth Sports Coordinator: (984) 270-5818

KID ZONE

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July 26: Bar Olympics. 9 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. Patrons can go for the gold in our Karaoke Competition, Wing Eating Contest, Jenga Tournament and more! There will be free food, giveaways, prizes and beverage specials. 270-7205

July 26: Jacksonville Suns Baseball. Van

departs Liberty Center at 5:30 p.m. Gator Country Night! FREE.

June 27: Outdoor Movies- Mirror Mirror (PG). Film begins at Sunset behind Beachside Community Center. FREE. 270-7205

July 28: Riverside Arts Market. Food, music & more. Van departs 9 a.m. Transportation Only.

July 29: Ice Skating. Van departs 1 p.m. Cost \$5

July 30: Captain's Cup

Intramural Flag Football Begins. Season ends Oct. 4. 270-5451.

July 31: Ping-Pong Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

Aug. 1: Chicken Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Foc'sle Lounge. Enjoy a two-piece fried chicken plate with two sides for only \$7.00. 270-5431

Aug. 1: Command Break-In. Look for us at

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Aug. 2: Adventure Landing. Van departs Liberty Center at 5 p.m. Transportation Only.

Aug. 3: WWE Raw World Tour. Van Departs Liberty Center 5 p.m. FREE

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Aug. 4: Riverside Arts Market. Food, music & more. Van departs 10 a.m. Transportation Only.

Aug. 5: Buffalo Wild Wings Trip. Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation Only.

Aug 6: Pool Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

Aug. 7: Men's Summer Basketball Organizational Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Gym. 270-5451.

Aug. 8: 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. For tickets, (904) 270-5431

Aug. 8: Military

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Aug. 9: Jacksonville Suns Baseball. Van departs Liberty Center at 5 p.m. Sign-up deadline Aug. 8. FREE

Aug. 10: Jacksonville Jaguars vs. New York Giants Football. Van departs 5:30 p.m. Cost \$8.

Aug. 10: Outdoor Movies- Hugo (PG). Film begins at Sunset behind Beachside Community Center. FREE. 270-7205

Aug. 10: 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

Aug. 11: UFC 150: Henderson vs. Edgar. 9 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. 270-7205

Aug. 12: Ichnetucknee Tubing Trip. Van departs 7 a.m. Cost \$10.

Aug. 13: Pinewood Derby Registration. All Day at the Liberty Center.

C4F, Harbor Ops Split Championships



-Photo by Rita Hammerstad

Throughout the Basketball season 4th Fleet (CAF) has been the team to beat. The CAF team broke loose and dominated the courts each week for 16 weeks. The team took the League Championship with a 19-0 undefeated season. The CAF team seemed untouchable. Throughout the season teams made requests to play CAF in the hopes of giving them a loss but it wasn't until the playoffs that they were caught off guard and beaten. The Harbor Ops FAB 5 were exactly that "fabulous" during the Playoffs. FAB 5 took out the Coast Guard then USS Carney leaving the only team CAF between them and the Playoff Championship. Both teams battled hard in the finals keeping it tight until the last few minutes of the game when FAB 5 made their fast break and took control of the game giving CAF their first loss and FAB 5 the Playoff Championship. The meeting for the Summer Basketball season is Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. in the gym. For more information on how you can get your command involved contact Rita at 904-270-5451.

Basketball

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Decisions about pre-game activities, ticket distribution and seating configuration have yet to be finalized.

For more information about USS Bataan, go to: <http://www.bataan.navy.mil/>. For more information about USS Mesa Verde, go to: <http://www.mesa-verde.navy.mil/>. For more information about USS Carter Hall, go to: <http://www.carter-hall.navy.mil/>.

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FRG Sends Care Packages To USS Vicksburg Sailors

By MC2 Nick Scott
Enterprise Carrier Strike Group
Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) raffled care packages sent by the Family Readiness Group (FRG) July 19.

Twenty-five boxes filled with gifts ranging from \$15 to \$130, donated by spouses of the crew and the Family Readiness Group (FRG), were raffled to Sailors to raise money for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) homecoming celebration for Vicksburg later this year.

"It was a great morale booster for the crew," said Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Jay R. Hill, who won two boxes after purchasing 60 tickets in the raffle. "I was excited to see what was in all the boxes. They turned it into a major event and it was good to see such a big turnout."

Hill was one of several Sailors who ended up winning more than one care package.

"I can't believe I won two boxes," said Hill. "I got exactly what I wanted in my boxes."

Hill's boxes were filled with snacks and movies. Sailors who won multiple boxes shared the wealth. Capt. Logan Jones, commanding officer of Vicksburg, won two boxes and gave both away to his crew.

"I gave one of my boxes away so a shipmate could give it to his wife," said Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Eric F. Woodruff, who won three boxes after



-Photos by MC2 Nick Scott
U.S. Navy Sailors store supplies during a replenishment-at-sea (RAS) aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69). Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) conducted a simultaneous RAS with Vicksburg and aircraft-carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65), background.

purchasing 25 tickets.

"I was surprised to have won one box, let alone three," said Woodruff. "I mostly got what I wanted, but one of the boxes was clearly meant for females, so I gave it away."

Woodruff's boxes were filled with energy drinks, snacks and a beauty kit. The opening of the gift boxes was an entertaining event for the crew, but the reason for the raffle was to raise money for a homecoming ceremony for Vicksburg.

"We raised \$1,818 from the raffle," said Chief Master-at-Arms (SW/AW) Dennis Mattingly, who was one of the Sailors in charge of the event. "We are looking forward to a big homecoming."

"It's nice that the [FRG] is doing all of this to keep



Senior Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician Jamie Johnson transfers supplies for storage during a replenishment-at-sea aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69).

the troops entertained. We really do appreciate all the support we get from our spouses and loved ones."

Vicksburg is on her final deployment and is currently operating in

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.



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Coast Guard Mayport Rescues Five From Nassau Sound

From U.S. Coast Guard

Five boaters are safe after a U.S. Coast Guard boatcrew from Station Mayport, Fla., rescued them after their boat drifted aground Friday morning, in Nassau Sound about one mile east of the Heckscher Drive Bridge.

The captain of the 115-foot fishing vessel, Amazing Grace, notified Coast Guard operational watchstanders from Sector Jacksonville via VH-FM radio channel 16 at 6:47 a.m., that while the crew was asleep the vessel had drifted aground and began taking on water.

A Coast Guard Station Mayport, Fla., 45-foot Response Boat - Medium crew arrived on scene at approximately 7 a.m. Since the area was too shallow for the RB-M crew to come alongside the fishing vessel, the Coast Guardsmen passed a de-watering pump to the crew of the Amazing Grace.

After the pumps could not keep up with the flooding, the five boaters abandoned the vessel, donned their life jackets and with the help of Nassau County Sheriff's Office, were transferred aboard the Coast Guard RB-M.

The boaters were trans-



-Photo by Fireman Apprentice Samantha Green
Five boaters are safe after a U.S. Coast Guard boatcrew from Station Mayport, Fla., rescued them after their boat drifted aground Friday morning, one-mile east of the Nassau Sound Bridge. With the help of Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the boaters were transferred aboard the Coast Guard RB-M.

ported to Station Mayport with no injuries reported.

"Nassau Sound is a notoriously shallow area, and we respond to grounded vessels there often," said Petty Officer Stephan McClellan, the coxswain of the RB-M. "All boaters should have navigational awareness before

taking their vessel out and refer to nautical charts for water depths and known hazards."

The names of the boaters are not being released.

There are no reports of pollution and the vessel's owner is working with a commercial salvage company to recover the vessel.



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USS Underwood Resupplies In GTMO, Prepares For Operation Martillo



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Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Dmitry Spiridonov secures the accommodation ladder on the port side of the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) as the ship departs U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



-Photo by MC2 Stuart Phillips
Sailors man the rails on the foc'sle as the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) departs U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Underwood is deployed to Central and South America and the Caribbean in support of Southern Seas 2012.

By MC2 Stuart Phillips
USS Underwood

The guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) arrived at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba to resupply and embark a U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment (LEDET) for Counter Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC) operations July 18.

The efforts are in support of Operation Martillo and Southern Seas in the

Caribbean Sea, and the arrival provided a variety of opportunities for Underwood and her crew while in a Navy port.

"GTMO is extremely important to the U.S. Navy, especially while we're operating down in Fourth Fleet," said Underwood's Command Master Chief (SW) Michael Bates. "We can accomplish some things we haven't been able to do since we left Mayport, like use a gun range.

We're getting over 60 Sailors qualified on the M-16, M-9, and shot gun qualifications to include low-light, which is almost impossible to do while at sea."

Underwood made good use of Guantanamo Bay's logistics support to the fleet, such as taking on high quality fuel and much needed stores.

"We're getting refu-

eled while we're here," said Bates. "The pier services are outstanding; they're a lot better than a lot of the countries we go to. Here we can also get supplies equal to those

in the mainland U.S., send off and receive mail and we can get important parts that we need. GTMO is very strategic in

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Seaman Jonathan Howard (left) displays the chocks and chains from an SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to HSL-48 to the landing signalman enlisted, Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Guanqun Sun, aboard USS Underwood during flight quarters.



Sailors heave in a mooring line aboard Underwood as the ship departs U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Dmitry Spiridonov secures the accommodation ladder on the port side of Underwood.

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Seaman Damon Davis fires an M16 rifle during a small arms qualification at a gun range on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



-Photo by MC2 Stuart Phillips
Navy Career Counselor 1st Class (SW) Robert Ehrhart carries a fire extinguisher to the flight deck as he stands by as an emergency fire fighter during flight quarters aboard Underwood.



-Photo by MC2 Stuart Phillips
Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Dennis Fairbanks (right) waits to pass a MK 75 76mm cartridge to Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Matthew Matczak during an ammunition transfer aboard Underwood.

Underwood

our operations down in South America and the Caribbean and it's a great mid-deployment stop for the ship."

Underwood Sailors took care of medical and dental requirements while in Guantanamo Bay.

"Having that option helps us, the corpsman, keep the medical readiness of Underwood at 100 percent," said Hospital

Corpsman First Class Joseph Swanson, who is stationed aboard Underwood. "We're having expiring dental exams and expiring audiograms taken care of while we're here. We're able to keep the crew's medical readiness at 100 percent and we can catch things early as far as hearing loss and dental problems. We can get them taken care of

now and be fully ready to complete our deployment."

Before getting underway, Underwood embarked U.S. Coast Guard LEDET, based in San Diego, to assist in the next phase of deployment, Operation Martillo, which focuses on counter-transnational organized crime (C-TOC).

"We'll be conducting

counter-drug operations in the Caribbean," said Lt. (j.g.) Eric C. Watkins, officer in charge of LEDET 107. "What's unique about our team is that the Navy doesn't have the authority to enforce domestic law, so we, the Coast Guard, come aboard and provide law enforcement when we conduct boardings and interdictions."

Underwood is deployed to Central and South America and the Caribbean Sea in support of Southern Seas 2012 and attached to U.S. Fourth Fleet. COMUSNAVSO/COMFOURTHFLT supports U.S. Southern Command joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward pres-

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Hué City Enjoys Stop Along Riviera

By Lt.j.g. Colin Ryan
USS Hué City Public Affairs

USS Hué City (CG 66) visited Cannes, France, for her first port-of-call during her 2012-2013 deployment with the Eisenhower Strike Group. Hué City Sailors had the opportunity to go wine tasting, visit the Riviera's fine beaches, and even toboggan down the slopes of the Alps.

"The MWR tour to Nice [a nearby city in the Riviera] was maybe the best I've ever had," said Chief Gunner's Mate Joseph McLendon. "And I'm sure my wife will enjoy the fine bottle of wine I bought for her as a present."

"The food was good, the people were friendly...this was a great port!" added Lt. Ryan Culbertson of the HSL-48 Air Detachment.

Hué City also went to great lengths to integrate with the local populace during its visit. On Independence Day, a holiday celebrated in Cannes as well, several Hué City Sailors attended a cer-



-Photo by MCSN Darien Kenney
Dr. Tran with several Hué City officers. Dr. Tran, a Vietnamese refugee who joined the French army, grew up in Hue, the site of the battle after which the ship is named.

emony honoring the crew of a B-24 bomber which was shot down near the town during the Allies' efforts to liberate France from Nazi German occupation.

Among the speakers was Rear Adm. John Sadler, Commander Naval Air Forces Reserve Europe. His speech emphasized the commonalities between the United States and France. "The United States like-

ly would not have won its independence without French help," he claimed, "and, likewise, we re-paid the favor by fighting for freedom against Nazi tyranny...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are rights recognized by both of our great nations."

Later that day, the ship invited local members of the Navy League, several European military officers, and local dignitaries to the ship for dinner and

cocktails. All the attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"The ship's hospitality was truly exceptional!" exclaimed Michele Felizzola, a local husbanding agent. "I had a great time, and the crew was incredibly friendly."

"It was an honor to be here," said Dr. Tran Huu Tri, a former resident of Hue who fled Vietnam following the war and joined the French Army.

The French Riviera

is not a bad choice for a ship's first liberty port in two years. Hué City Sailors received some well-deserved rest and relaxation, and interaction with the locals certainly left a good impression of the ship and the U.S. Navy.

"Cannes was one of the best ports I've ever visited," claimed Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Richard Bradley. Few aboard Hué City would disagree.

Haly BMC Foster Retires

By Lt.j.g. Andrew C. Legayada
USS Halyburton PAO

On July 6, Halyburton said her farewells to Chief Boatswain's Mate Timothy Foster. Enlisting in 1989, he is retiring after 23 years of dedicated Naval service. Held at the Naval Station Mayport Chapel, Foster was joined by his family, friends, and the Halyburton crew.

The ceremony began with the benediction provided by Foster's home-

town pastor, Reverend Alvin Green of Columbus, Georgia. The Halyburton crew presented Foster a shadow box that displays his accomplishments throughout his military career. His son, Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Kedric Foster was also in attendance to pass to his father the U.S. flag, which has been flown over Naval Station Mayport.

His positive impact in the workplace through

seasoned professional guidance has helped develop junior Sailors into mature petty officers and junior officers into professional mariners.

"We call each other "brother" in the Chief's Mess and I am proud that I've had the opportunity to get to know Tim. He truly was my brother and he will surely be missed," said Senior Chief Quartermaster Randal King.

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For more information about the classes or to register call 270-6600, ext. 1701. FFSC is located in Building One on Massey.

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

July 26, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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July 31, 6-8 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, Building 1 Room 104

July 31, 9-11 a.m., **Active Parenting**, FFSC Room 702

Joining The Team



-Photo by BM3 Ashley Monroe

Naval Station Mayport Command Master Chief Bob White, left, and Executive Officer, Cmdr. Pat Pickard, right, join the new Ombudsman graduates and their command representatives for a photo after they completed Ombudsman training with Fleet and Family Support Group. The new graduates are Caroline Addicott, Tiffany Googin, Stefanie Sanders and Muffin Hein.

Out in Town

Saturday, July 28

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Pepsico present the 5th Annual Wal-Mart Back to School Fest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Jacksonville Landing. Free backpacks will be distributed while supplies last.

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Join all kinds of watercraft for the Aquapalooza on-the-water event and concert at Fort George Island on from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aquapalooza is about boating, great music,

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fun and togetherness with family and friends. The event is for all who love life on the water. Aquapalooza is a free event but boaters are encouraged to register at www.aquapalooza.com or <http://www.marinemax.com> and go to the events page for some free giveaways. For more information, check out the MarineMax Jacksonville Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000100608104>.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. for an intriguing presentation and gain insight into the spider's world. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park.

EverBank Field, the Jacksonville Jaguars and SMG are working together to host the 2nd Annual 5K Stadium Challenge, a fundraising

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Saturday, Aug. 11

Christ United Methodist Church invites the community to an old-fashioned fish fry, hosted by the United Methodist Men. Dinners will include fish, hush puppies and all the trimmings, all for only \$7 for adults

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Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. and learn about the lifecycle of the sea turtle and the importance of these creatures. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. **Saturday, Aug. 18**

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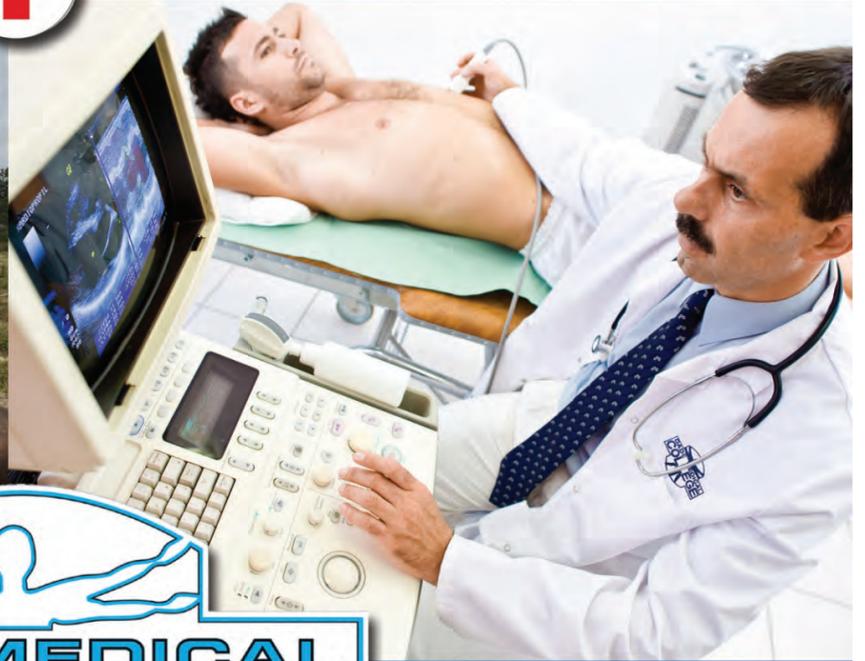
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