

Ten Hoopen Is Fla. Top Volunteer Firefighter

From Staff

Capt. Douglas J. ten Hoopen has been named the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for 2012 by the Florida State Firefighter's Association (FSFA).

Ten Hoopen, who served as Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CHSMWL) until he was relieved on Aug. 1, has led a dual life as a Navy officer and a volunteer firefighters in the communities he has lived.

"He volunteer[ed] in every state he could in the fire/rescue service, which made FSFA's decision to name him to this



-Photo by Paige Gnann
Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Volunteer Services Coordinator, Lt. Donald Hinson, presents framed letters of appreciation to Capt. Douglas ten Hoopen, 2012 Florida Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

position very easy," said John Knoll, 2nd vice president for FSFA. "We at FSFA feel humble that we can only give him the award for Florida."

Ten Hoopen has served as a volunteer firefighter since he was 17 years old in New York and most recently has worked with the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (JFRD) at Station 55 in Atlantic Beach.

Like professional firefighters, ten Hoopen has to maintain a Florida certification as well as possess an EMT or paramedic certification, according to Jacksonville Fire & Rescue

Volunteer Services Coordinator, Lt. Don Hinson.

"They have to be just as qualified as career [firefighters]," Hinson said. "He is what I consider one of our go-to guys."

Most volunteer firefighters are there to keep up their qualifications in hopes of being hired by the area fire department, Hinson said. Ten Hoopen does it because its a passion.

Ten Hoopen received the award during FSFA's 85th annual conference on July 27 and a second presentation by JFRD at the CHSMWL change of command ceremony.

'Wood Brings Home 'Goods'

By Lt. Stephanie Homick

U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

The Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36), recovered 49 bales of narcotics from the Caribbean Sea during Operation Martillo, Aug. 3.

Underwood pursued a "go-fast" speed boat late Tuesday evening, Aug. 2, but it dumped its load before Underwood was able to effect a boarding. A Customs and Border Protection maritime patrol aircraft flying overhead, reported the "go-fast" dumping packages over the side and informed Underwood, who marked the position of the debris field in order to locate the packages in daylight.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Miguel Aponte, a member of the bridge watch team, spotted the first bale in the water around 8:15 a.m. Underwood Sailors manned the boat deck and loaded a team, including two members of an onboard U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement



-Photo by MC3 Frank J. Pikul
Sailors assigned to the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) and U.S. Coast Guardsmen assigned to Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 107 recover contraband from the water. Underwood is deployed to Central and South America and the Caribbean supporting Southern Seas 2012.

Detachment (LEDET), into a rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB). Over the next few hours, Sailors aboard Underwood used binoculars to search the surrounding

area for more bales while the RHIB team recovered anything spotted in the water.

"Right off the bat, we just start picking up bales that were floating in our area,"

said a member of the LEDET. "After that, the ship vectored us in to different sections that they could see from a further

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Bringing On Supplies



-Photo by MC2 Nick Scott

U.S. Navy Sailors heave a line during a replenishment-at-sea aboard 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 for Operation Enduring Freedom. Read more about Vicksburg, Page 11

Halyburton Deploys

By Lt. j.g. Andrew C. Legayada
USS Halyburton Public Affairs

Guided-missile frigate USS Halyburton (FFG 40) departed Naval Station Mayport Aug. 10 on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility after recently completing Basic/Integrated Phase training and certification.

Led by Cmdr. Bertram C. Hodge, Halyburton is one of eight Mayport-based Oliver Hazard Perry class ships. During her deployment, she will join other U.S. and coalition ships in support of Navy Maritime Interdiction Operations.

Halyburton will remain ready to provide deterrence, promote peace and security, while preserving freedom of the seas and responding to humanitarian/disaster missions as necessary.

USS Halyburton is the 34th ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of guided-missile frigates and has a crew of 220 Sailors and officers.

She is named for U.S. Navy Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class William D. Halyburton who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Battle of Okinawa.

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Capt. Doug Cochrane

Shipmates,
Huge drug bust under the belts of the crew of USS Underwood (FFG 36) as they recovered 49 bales of narcotics from the Caribbean Sea during Operation Martillo on Aug. 3.
Underwood, along with the Vipers of HSL-48 Detachment 3, recovered 1,225 kilograms of narcotics with a street value at more than \$27.5 million.
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. Amazing bust and team effort to

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keep this junk out of our country.
Fair winds and safe return for the crew of USS Halyburton (FFG 40) with their departure on Aug. 10. The ship is heading out on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility. During her deployment, Halyburton will join other U.S. and coalition ships in support of Navy Maritime Interdiction Operations. Be safe, and we look forward to your homecoming.
Thank you to everyone involved in the recent port visit of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).
Anytime we have a carrier visit, especially one picking up tigers, it takes a lot of hard work and coordination. Once again the Mayport team brought their "A game" and made it happen.
Last week, Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet and Brazilian Rear Adm. Wilson Pereira de

Lima Filho welcomed partner nation participants during PANAMAX exercise.
Representatives from 17 nations participated this year and drilled for many of the same 21st century threats encountered in today's land, sea, air and cyber environments.
Special thanks to our partners at U.S. 4th Fleet and Libby Swim of Ocean Breeze Conference Center for hosting spectacular receptions for all participants - and each of you that had a hand in making this exercise a success.
Calling all Navy actors...Naval Personnel Command (NPC) will be on base Aug. 26 to shoot a Navy-wide photo campaign called "Keep What You've Earned," a drug and alcohol prevention initiative. The location for the photo shoot is still being worked, but if you are interested in being one of the "stars" of the photo shoot, contact our base PAO Bill Austin at (904) 635-6599.
The Navy's focus on sexual assault is still front and center and needs our daily attention. This is not an issue to sugar-coat or pretend it's not a problem. On an average, two of our shipmates Navy-

wide are sexually assaulted daily.
Take advantage of all the resources we have at our Fleet and Family Support Center, and sound off if you or someone else has been sexually assaulted in any way shape or form. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) hotline number is 563-1254.
Congratulations to all of our Chief Selectees. This career milestone is significant, and your leadership, experience and deck plate mentorship is extremely important to our Sailors. Be safe during the induction, and get ready for increased responsibility.
Thanks to each of you for bringing your hard work and professionalism each day through our gates. Be safe and think safety at all times. OSHA team will be on board Naval Station Mayport the week of Sept. 17-20. Get smart on VPP!
For any safety or VPP related questions, contact Elvis Snerling at 270-5218 ext. 1529.
Keep sending those suggestions to the CO's suggestion box or email them at douglas.cochrane@navy.mil

Duval County Schools Host Open House



**Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer**

Most parents understand the importance of being actively involved in their children's education. But as children get older, parents frequently become less and less involved in their schools. However, research indicates that children are more likely to have a successful school year if the parents are involved in their children's school. One way to ensure that is to make a connection with the school by attending Open House.
Duval schools will begin their schedule of Open Houses on August 16th. (For area schools, see box.) And far from one more useless activity in an already over-scheduled life, Open House can actually provide a wealth of information for parents. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their children's teachers, the school counselor, the principal, and

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other staff. Whether your child has one teacher or several, it is an ideal opportunity to meet the teacher(s) in one fell swoop. In middle and high schools you'll follow your children's schedule by actually going to all of their classes. In all grade levels you'll find out important dates, including field trips and major class assignments; homework and test schedules; and most importantly how to contact the teacher.
Open House IS NOT the time to try to have a private conference with your child's teacher. How could it be private with several parents in line behind you also wanting a chance to say a few words about their children to the teacher? As someone who taught 27 years, let me assure you that what parents share with the teacher on Open House night other than a quick "Hello" or "I'm Jon's mom" rarely "sticks" in the teacher's mind. A high school teacher, for example, may have over 100 parents in attendance and, that is, if they teach the core. Pity the poor physical education teachers who teach many more

students than that. Open House IS the night to listen to what the teacher wants to share with you about the structure of the curriculum, how the class will be organized, the texts which will be used, frequency of homework, test schedules, make-up policies, and, most importantly, how to get in touch with the teacher. Write all of this down! It will make it much easier to remind your child of an upcoming deadline or the need to study for those weekly spelling tests.
Now that you know the regimen, you'll be better prepared to talk privately with the teacher about your concerns about your child. And because you have the teacher's preferred method for contact, it will be much easier for you to set up a parent-teacher conference.
Active parenting takes time, but the time you spend at an Open House will help your children be personally and academically successful. Your positive involvement and time, your child's time, and your child's teachers' time are all directly related to helping your child become tomorrow's suc-

cessful adult.
Judy Cromartie is the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport. If you have questions about this article, concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, or the date and time of an Open House not listed here, 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.

Area Schools 2012 Open House Schedule

Date	Time	School	Grades(s)
13Sept	6:30 p.m.	Abess Park ES	Pre K-2/CSS
20Sept	6:30 p.m.	Abess Park ES	3-5
06Sept	6:30 p.m.	Alimacani ES	Pre-K,K,1,3,5
13Sept	6:30 p.m.	Alimacani ES	K, 2, 4
18Sept	6 p.m.	Atlantic Beach ES	K, 2, 4
20Sept	6 p.m.	Atlantic Beach ES	1, 3, 5
06Sept	6 p.m.	Finegan, Joseph ES	All grades
28Aug	6 p.m.	Fletcher Middle School	All grades
10Sept	6:30 p.m.	Fletcher High School	All grades
30Aug	6:30 p.m.	Jacksonville Beach ES	1, 3, 5
06Sept	6:30 p.m.	Jacksonville Beach ES	K, 2, 4
28Aug	5 p.m.	Kernan Middle School	All grades
06Sept	6:30 p.m.	Kernan Trail ES	K - 2
13Sept	6:30 p.m.	Kernan Trail ES	3 - 5
28Aug	6 p.m.	Landmark MS	All grades
20Sept	6 p.m.	Mayport ES	All grades
28Aug	6 p.m.	Mayport MS	All grades
06Sept	6:30 p.m.	Neptune Beach ES	K - 2
13Sept	6:30 p.m.	Neptune Beach ES	3-5/ESE
28Aug	6:30 p.m. 1st session; 7:15 pm 2nd session	Sabal Palm ES	K, 2, 4/ ESE
30Aug	6:30 p.m. 1st session; 7:15 p.m. 2nd session	Sabal Palm ES	1, 3, 5
06Sept	6 p.m.	San Pablo ES	All grades
27Aug	5:30 p.m.	Sandalwood	All grades
23Aug	6 p.m.	Seabreeze ES	K, 1
23Aug	7:15 p.m.	Seabreeze ES	4, 5
06Sept	6 p.m.	Seabreeze ES	2, 3

For a complete listing of Open House dates/times, go to www.duvalschools.org. Search "Open House Schedule 2012."

Bikini Bottom Economics Good For America



**Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse
Columnist**

As an active duty Navy family, we are definitely feeling the strain of the economy and military cutbacks. With all this talk about the struggling middle class, who would have thought that rich guys like Ralph Lauren are in the financial hurt locker?
I mean, why else would he feel the need to pinch pennies by having the US Olympic Team uniforms made in China? The poor guy must be clipping coupons for foie gras and hitting early bird specials at Le Bernardin. Otherwise, he surely wouldn't have made a deal with the country that is currently our biggest Olympic, economic and political rival

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to design and manufacture our team uniforms. Right?
And, did anyone else notice that, despite the absence of stars and stripes, the US Olympic uniforms are emblazoned with HUGE Polo logos? Ralph Lauren *must* be financially strapped if he felt the need to shamelessly promote his brand at the expense of patriotism. Bless his shriveled, greedy little heart, he must really be strapped for cash.
But to be fair, Ralph's not the only one committing Olympic fashion faux pas this year. The Spaniards are being accused of wearing McDonald's uniforms, the reserved Brits are blinged out in metallic, and the stern Germans are uncharacteristically warm and fuzzy in baby blue and pastel pink. Are we in some sort of Twilight Zone of haberdashery or am I missing something

here?
If the Olympic Opening

Ceremony's Parade of Nations wasn't bizarre enough, the uniforms worn by athletes during competitions has me wondering whether pole dancing might soon be added as an Olympic event.
Most striking are the women's beach volleyball uniforms, which consist of booty-revealing bottoms that are about four square inches short of being thongs, and the tiniest sports bras ever made. And apparently track "shorts" are now

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NADAP Seeks Sailors Opinions

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

A Navy-wide survey was launched Aug. 6 to learn more about Sailors' alcohol use and the best ways to communicate abuse prevention and responsible use of alcohol messages, according to the Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) Office director.

The survey is completely anonymous, according to Dorice Favorite, director, NADAP program, and will take only five to eight minutes to finish.

"Every Sailor's feedback will be invaluable in helping to shape the messages we create, to determine the appropriate communication tactics, and identify effective tools to use to help prevent alcohol abuse in the Navy," said Dorice Favorite, director, NADAP program.

The "Right Spirit" campaign was created in 1995 and focused on alcohol abuse prevention education, de-glamorization of alcohol use, alternatives to drinking, and clear and enforceable policy guid-

ance from commanders. As a result, the Navy's "responsible use" policy on alcohol has led to an overall steady decline in alcohol use by Sailors.

"It is time to effectively revamp the Navy Right Spirit campaign," said Favorite. "NADAP is conducting qualitative and quantitative research to identify knowledge, attitude, behaviors, and practices associated with alcohol abuse in the Navy. Sailors have changed since we started the "Right Spirit" program

and we need a communications campaign that grows with them."

Sailors responses to the survey will help to inform a new social marketing campaign aimed at reducing alcohol abuse in the Navy.

To take the survey, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z3LNH7P>. The survey password is "Navy." The password is case sensitive. For security purposes, participants can only take the survey once from an IP address, which pro-

TECTS the integrity of the data. The survey will be online until Aug. 27.

For more information, visit www.npc.navy.mil.



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Check Heat Flag Before Exercise

From MWR

With summer here and the temperatures rising please be aware of the need for caution when participating in physical activities outdoors.

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is advised only for personnel who have been working out in similar weather for a minimum of 10 days; red flag-88-88.9 degrees-physical activity is advised for personnel who have been working out in similar heat for 12 weeks or more; black flag-90 plus degrees-vigorous outdoor activity is prohibited.

The flags are flown at the flag pole in front of the Gym, Building #1391, with updates provided three to four times a day. You can also call the Gym at 270-5451 to find out the heat flag index.

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passé - runners wear bikini underwear instead. Similarly, our women's diving team suits have extremely high-cut leg openings which expose the athletes' derrieres and guarantee a turbo wedgie with every dive.

What's the practical rationale for showing so much flesh? Was the fabric creating performance issues for these athletes? Too much drag perhaps? Based on how many times I've seen them reach back to pull their uniforms out of their rear ends, I highly doubt that the athletes find that the new thong-like bottoms enhance their performance.

Even some male athletes are over-exposed. Take the Men's Water Polo Team for example. Are they wearing those itchy-bitsy, teeny-weeny swim trunks to balance out the un-sexiness of their ridiculous swim bonnets that are fastened with big bows under their chins? They look like what might happen if an Amish cross-dresser got a job at Chippendales.

Now, if any group of athletes had a reason to expose more flesh, you'd think it would be our Olympic swimmers, who benefit from the smooth hydrodynamics of water against bare skin. But no, for some reason, they are wearing more fabric than ever this year. The men are forgoing skimpy "Speedos" in favor of conservative bicycle shorts, and the women are sporting knee-length wrestling uniforms. Go figure.

Other than fencers, whose uniforms not only cover every inch of flesh but also flash dramatically in bright robotic

green and red lights making them look like sword-wielding R2D2s, the only other athletes who insist on being totally covered are Olympic archers.

In keeping with the ancient tradition of the sport, one might reasonably expect an archer to be simply clad in a bark loincloth or animal pelt. However, for some unknown reason, they all dress like Gilligan, wearing buttoned up shirts, bucket hats, chinos and boat shoes. I keep wondering when the Skipper's going to show up and cheer, "Hey Little Buddy!"

As crazy as this year's Olympic clothing choices seem to be, I can't rule out the possibility that the attention-getting uniforms might just be a brilliant strategy for better ratings. Be it bare buttocks or bucket hats, I have to admit that I can't seem to tear my eyes away.

Let's face facts: more viewers lead to better ratings. Better ratings lead to more advertising. More advertising leads to more sales. More sales lead to more money in the pockets of businessmen like poor destitute Ralph Lauren. More money in Ralph's pocket might keep him from giving our jobs to the Chinese.

I'm not sure if that's top down or bottom up economics, but keeping an eye on Olympians' bottoms might just be improving our country's bottom line.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog, The Meat and Potatoes of Life, www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com

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Juliet Bitor, 5, shows off the stickers decorating her face during Vacation Bible School at the Mayport Chapel on Friday.



Children enjoy a snack at "Big D's Diner" during Vacation Bible School held at Mayport Chapel from Aug 6-10.



Campers watch an inspirational show at one of the activities planned at this year's Vacation Bible School.

Mayport Kids Enjoy Beach Bash At VBS

From Staff

Naval Station Mayport children gathered last week at the baase chapel for its annual Vacation Bible School celebration from Aug. 6-10. The children, ranging in age from 4 years old thru sixth grade, spent the week enjoying "Beach Bash" activities .

Their days were filled traveling to different centers where they will sing songs, watch skits, create crafts, play games and make new friends.

On Aug. 10, the children entertained their families and friends with a final song and skit performance.



Bitor and Klara Drozdowski enjoy a game of tag during outdoor play time at Mayport's Vacation Bible School.



Children answer questions during story time at Vacation Bible School.



Vacation Bible School campers spell out "Jesus Love Is The Best" during a skit and song performed for their families on the last day of VBS at Mayport Chapel.



Children perform a skit for their families during the closing performance.



All the campers from Vacation Bible School gather on stage to sing and perform for their families.



Four-year-olds play with stickers at one of the different centers set up at VBS.



Families watch as the children perform at the base chapel.



Left, a camper enjoys playing with the beach hats at one of the stations set up during VBS "Beach Bash." Above, older children throw ping pong balls in the inflatable hoops to score points for their teams.

Hellenic Naval Officers Embark USS Farragut

By MC3 A.J. Jones
USS Farragut Public Affairs

Two Hellenic naval officers arrived aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) as part of a midshipmen foreign exchange program, July 23.

The program brings junior officers and mid-

shipmen from partner countries throughout the region aboard U.S. Navy ships to help train them in surface warfare operations while fostering relationships with the crew.

"I greatly value the opportunity afforded by the program for my officers and crew to integrate

with members of foreign navies," said Cmdr. Glen Quast, commanding officer of Farragut. "These relationships will assist our ability to conduct exercises and operations in the future to increased maritime security."

The program gives foreign junior naval officers

and midshipmen from partner navies a chance to see how everyday evolutions and training are conducted on a U.S. Navy ship and provides them a personal qualification standard (PQS) in surface warfare. They also receive a sponsor to assist them with becoming accus-

tomed with shipboard life while completing their PQS.

"The program helps them broaden their horizons," said Ensign Jeff Heckelman. "It lets you know that there are other ways of doing things."

"The difference in the way things are done is

not drastic," said Ensign Alexandros Nikolakakis, a participating Hellenic navy officer. "Some of the watches are similar, and I really like the way the ship does general quarters drills because they are very realistic and in depth."

Underwood Celebrates U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

By MC2 Stuart Phillips
Southern Seas 2012 Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to guided-missile frigate USS Underwood (FFG 36) celebrated the U.S. Coast Guard's 222nd birthday, Aug. 4. The crew was joined by members of the Coast Guard's Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 107 who embarked aboard Underwood, July

18, to assist with the interdiction of drug traffickers.

"I'm happy to be out here on the Coast Guard's birthday operating with the Navy, doing counter-drug operations," said Maritime Enforcement Specialist 3rd Class Matthew Rincon, assigned to LEDET 107. "Hopefully we'll get some good work done out here."

Guardsmen and crew celebrated the birthday with a cake cutting ceremony on the mess deck.

"The Navy and the Coast Guard have a centuries-old history of working together," said Cmdr. Peter Mirisola, the commanding officer. "In every theater the Navy operates in all over the globe, the Coast Guard is there as one of our partner services. When

the Navy and the Coast Guard work together, the synergy that is created is a force multiplier for any mission we have going on. We share different tactics, techniques and procedures which allows us to learn from each other and enhances the overall mission capability of any unit."

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distance and then also the helo [helicopter] vectored us in."

An SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Vipers of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Eight Detachment Three (HSL-48.3) launched to assist the search from the air.

"Initially we took off, were given two initial points to go between, searching back and forth using a linear pattern," said Lt. j.g. Lance Herdon, one of the SH-60B pilots that flew the mission. "We got vectored in by the ship after calculating set and drift. We went to that area and began spotting the packages. We called back the position back to the ship and they began directing the RHIB over in that area. We orbited the area and continued to find more packages."

In the end, Underwood recovered approximately 1,225 kilograms of narcotics.

"Going wholesale price is \$22,500 per kilo. So estimated with 49 bales and 25 kilos per bale, we estimate about \$27.5 million" worth of narcotics recovered today, according to a Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) Special Agent familiar with the case.

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. Led by Joint Interagency Task Force (JITF) South, a component of U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Operation Martillo is a component of the U.S. govern-

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CPO Selectees In Double Digits On Gettysburg

By Lt.j.g. Aubrey Page
USS Gettysburg PAO

Chief induction is a time of the year that most first class petty officers optimistically await. For 10 first class petty officers aboard Mayport-based cruiser, USS Gettysburg (CG 64), the message sent out on July 31 means that they will be shopping for khakis.

After recently having the highest advancement numbers in the Atlantic

fleet, Gettysburg's commanding officer said he was not surprised by the number of chief selectees.

"These men and women work hard every day to make this ship great. They were leading at a Chief level and they will now be members of the mess. Gettysburg has an outstanding reputation and this group of chief selectees is part of that tradition," said Capt. Bob Hein.

As the induction process begins, Command Master Chief Brent Tidwell, looks on with pride at the selectees.

"I've watched these Sailors grow as leaders during my time onboard and our chief's mess is honored to be a part of their induction season as they transition from first class petty officers to chiefs," Tidwell said. "The chief's mess is excited to welcome them as broth-

ers and sisters."

The chiefs will be pinned on Sept. 14 in time to get underway to support Operation Joint Warrior, a semi-annual coalition exercise off of the coast of Scotland.

"I have waited for this

for 18 years and I am excited to learn from the chief's mess as I go through the inductions process," Chief Select Personnel Specialist (SW) Kelly Johnson.

"There are 10 of us, which is amazing,"

Johnson added. "We are working together to be ready for Sept. 14. It is also great that we get to put our new leadership role to work during such an important exercise as Joint Warrior 2012."

HSL-46 Armed and Ready



-Photos by MC3 Jeff Atherton

U.S. Navy Sailors load a Hellfire missile onto an SH-60B Seahawk helicopter from NS Mayport-based HSL-46 Det. 8 aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Nitze (DDG 94). Nitze is deployed as part of the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group to U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions for Operation Enduring Freedom.



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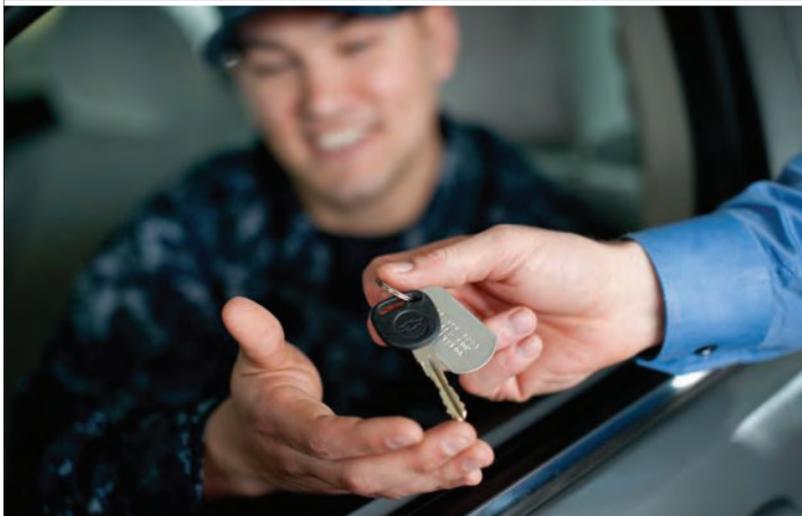
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USS Hué City Celebrates New 'Baby Dragons'

By Ensign Anastasia Abid
 USS Hué City (CG 66) Public Affairs

One of the greatest moments in life is the birth of a child. Multiply that by four and USS Hué City celebrates the birth of four new baby dragons. We have had two days with two births each already this deployment. Though each Sailor is ecstatic about the wonderful news, it is equally hard not being able to be physically present.

Advanced technology has allowed fathers and grandfathers to see their new borne babies almost instantly. The three new proud fathers include Jarrett Seibel, Brice Lovan, Loudelson Goby, and our proud new grandfather, Jason Franey. Each of which have been seen carrying around a photo of their new addi-

tion to the family.

One of the new fathers, Jarrett Seibel, was able to be on the phone to hear his son's first cries from the arms of his wife. While he could not be physically present, this was the next best thing.

"I am so blessed to be able to share such a special moment with my wife," says Seibel. Seibel looks forward to being reunited with his son and wife, but until then he intends to stay in close contact with his expanding family through phone and email.

Senior Chief Fire Controlman(SW) Jason Franey welcomes his newest granddaughter, Allison Paul, weighing in at 7lbs and 8oz.

"My daughter delivered my newest granddaughter today," said Franey. "She had two eyes and ears, one nose and mouth, and

ten fingers and toes! Mom and baby are doing great!"

It has been a great past couple of days aboard Hué City. With two more Sailors, EM2 Bradley and Lt. Peltier, expecting their bundle of joy in the next few days Hué City could be on track to have three days with two births each.

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One of the most difficult things for a parent is being deployed away from your child/children for a long period of time. Technology today has given deployed parents an opportunity to reach out to their children at home.

Founded in 1989, United Through Reading

has brought military families separated through deployment a little bit closer by allowing servicemembers to video record reading storybooks to their children.

One of the people in charge of this program aboard Hué City (CG 66) is Fire Controlman (SW/AW) Pedro Alvelo, who puts out the dates and times Hué City Sailors are able to read to their love ones.

"I've used this program for every deployment I have ever done and this is the first time I have been able to coordinate and take lead of it, with that I bring a lot of experience in showing what it has done for my family and seeing what it is doing for their families," said Alvelo.

Given a selection of books to choose from, Sailors read aloud while being recorded in a des-

ignated area on the ship and read to their children. The DVD is made and sent off to awaiting and sometimes surprised kids watching and reading along with their parents on television.

"It's a nice feeling to know that my kids will be watching me reading to them and knowing that mommy still care about them even though I am away," said Yeoman 1st Class (SCW/AW) Leydi Mendez. "I think this will boost moral of Sailors here knowing that we can send a little piece of our selves back home even though we cant physically be there, I think this program is great!"

Lt. Karen Rector, command chaplain aboard Hué City, helps out with finding the space on the ship to do the readings. Rector also coordinates with Alvelo on spreading

the word of the reading program throughout the ship.

"This program started with parents in mind but now it has grown to reach out to nieces, nephews and even classrooms watching you read to them," said Rector. "All the feedback that I have gotten from servicemembers has been positive, the kids love it. I see this program continuing on for a long time," said Rector.

Whether you're a parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent this program is a great way to communicate to a child in your life and make their day.

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 Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Hernan Senoren, from Oahu, Hawaii, conducts training with Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Fireman Chelvis Marshall, from Shepherd, Texas, on transferring electrical loads from shore power to ship's power aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66).



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Brandon Wilson, from McLoud, Okla., yells orders to heave around lines as the guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66) prepares to rig up during a replenishment at sea. Hué City 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.

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Blackshear Is NAVSUP FLC Jax Civilian Of Quarter

By Daphne Cassani
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville Director of Corporate Communications



-Photo by Daphne Cassani
Romie Blackshear, Jr., is NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville's WG Civilian Employee of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2012.

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) names its GS and WG Civilians of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2012. Romie Blackshear, Jr., of NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville's Mayport Bulk Fuel Division, was the winner in the WG category. The winner in the GS category is Steve Silver, deputy site director at NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Site NAS Jacksonville.

Blackshear expertly led operations of NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville's Mayport Bulk Fuel Division's receipt and issue of more than 11 million gallons of fuel and lubricants, including a 29,700-gallon defuel from a Fleet unit, which resulted in a return for credit and saved the Navy \$106,623.

During Tropical Storms Beryl and Debbie, Blackshear went out of his way to meet Mayport home ported ships' fueling needs. Instead of calling by phone, he visited each unit personally. Through this action, Blackshear enabled NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville to meet its customers' emergency fuel requirements.

Additionally, Blackshear has quickly become an essential player in the newly established, customer-requested process of delivering fuel directly to U.S. Coast Guard ships.

Blackshear is a sustained superior performer

tation. Silver is an invaluable asset and is recognized as NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville's GS Civilian of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2012.

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Silver's knowledge of supply and leadership abilities are demonstrated through his NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Site NAS Jacksonville's aviation supply support metrics, which are consistently the best among all Navy/Marine Corps Air Stations. As a matter of course, Silver works to develop and maintain great working relationships with the Aviation Support Detachment, NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville headquarters, NAS Jacksonville, CNAF staff, and personnel in customer commands. Throughout NERP Regional Go Live 3 (RGL3), Silver served as the primary point of contact for the NAS Jacksonville site working tirelessly to lead the implementation. As a result, NAS Jacksonville was the most prepared site for NERP implemen-

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Midshipmen aboard USS Philippine Sea perform a sea and anchor evolution as part of their shipboard training this summer.

Midshipmen Get Taste Of Life At Sea On USS Philippine Sea

By Seaman Matthew Muhl
USS Philippine Sea

Approximately 40 Midshipmen joined the Sailors of USS Philippine Sea during a 12-day underway to Virginia recently.

The officers-in-training, roughly half of them students from the Naval Academy and the other half from ROTC colleges all over the country, capped a three-week "surface cruise" with the cruiser to observe the seafaring lifestyle from the closest possible vantage point.

"The ship experience has been absolutely amazing," said Michael Hayes, a Third Class cadet

from the academy. "I'm very impressed by the routine on the ship, the character of the crew - how everybody has a purpose and what their jobs are. I feel like I've learned a lot in just these past couple of days."

Similarly impressed was Michael Hardin, another USNA student.

"The experience has been amazing," Hardin said. "I couldn't have asked for a better ship. I haven't been restricted to any areas."

One of those areas included the weather

deck, where the Mids learned the ropes of underway evolutions by actually manning some of the lines themselves.

"I learned how everything comes together on a ship," chimed Peter Brooke, a Second Class ROTC student from the University of Colorado. "You always talk about it, but you never actually get to see first-hand once you're on board. Everyone's always in contact with each other, and it all works very fluidly."

These summer cruises, which extends to various

types of naval vessels, are a required program for all Midshipmen, and a great opportunity for the guests to form relationships with the crew.

"I love the atmosphere of a smaller ship rather than being on a carrier where you can't expect to see the same faces everyday," Hardin added. "I love how you can come in the mess decks and see everybody everyday, and say hi to people, and get the same friendly response back because you work with them everyday."

Shipshape, Base CFL Meeting On Aug. 28

From Health Promotion by the Ocean

The Navy and Marine Corp Public Health Center directed eight-week Nutrition and Weight Management Course is starting here at Mayport Health Promotion on Aug. 28.

The class runs for 8 consecutive Tuesdays and runs from 9-11 a.m. It is open to active duty, Sailors on the Fitness Enhancement Program, adult dependents, and retirees.

Shipshape is an action-oriented weight management program focusing on nutrition education, increasing exercise, and behavior modification skills that support a healthy lifestyle.

The quarterly Health Promotion Command Fitness Leader meeting will be held on Aug. 16 at Health Promotion, Building 2050, Marshal Couch Drive from 9-10 a.m. All command Health Promotion Representatives and Command Fitness Leaders are welcome to attend.

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Vicksburg Trains Chief Selects For Leadership

By MC2 Nick Scott
Enterprise Carrier Strike Group
Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) began induction of four new chief selectees, Aug. 1.

The chief petty officer induction process, which began this week for selectees, culminates in a pinning ceremony aboard Vicksburg, Sept. 14. Chief induction is meant to train selectees in their new tier of leadership as well as provide mentorship. It has been a tradition since the creation of the rank of chief petty officer in 1893.

“Everybody looks at a chief petty officer as someone who has the answers,” said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Michael G. Burns, a chief petty officer selectee. “You have to be a subject matter expert in your field and be completely squared away, or else junior Sailors could lose faith in you.”

The induction process is one aspect making the E-7 rank in the United States Navy so unique.

“We are the only branch of service that has a rank

like chief,” said Burns. “I think it builds a camaraderie between us that the other branches don’t get to experience.”

Chief induction can be a rigorous and challenging process for some Sailors, but it is meant to offer training for the challenges ahead.

“Some people dread induction,” said Operations Specialist 1st Class Luis A. Sandoval, a chief petty officer selectee. “I don’t dread it at all. It’s not easy, but few things that are worth doing are, and it is a great learning opportunity.”

According to Sandoval, the combined experiences of the Chief’s Mess make induction an invaluable process.

“The chiefs that train us have so much knowledge and experience that can prepare us for the road ahead and show us how to deal with difficult situations,” said Sandoval.

The induction process is also meant to expand on leadership skills Sailors learned as first class petty officers and enhance them.

“One thing you have to ask yourself is ‘what kind of leader will I be?’”

said Fire Controlman 1st Class Lawrence Evans, a chief petty officer selectee. “You have to choose a leadership style that fits you and helps your junior Sailors. These are the questions they like us to reflect on during the induction process.”

Although the chief induction process has been around for more than a century, it has changed through the years.

“They have streamlined the whole process,” said Damage Controlman 1st Class Gary S. Lee, another of Vicksburg’s chief petty

officer selectees. “A lot has changed in the Navy over the last few years. One of the things you can do as a chief petty officer is effect real changes for good in the Navy.”

Vicksburg is on its 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.

Vicksburg At Sea



-Photo by MC2 Nick Scott

Above, U.S. Navy Sailors hold up chocks and chains to show the pilot of an SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter from HSL-46 Detachment Six they have been removed from the helicopter’s wheels prior to flight operations aboard 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. Above right, Fire Controlman 2nd Class George DeCoste performs a communications check aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69).



Vicksburg Trains Sailors In CPR

By MC2 Nick Scott
Enterprise Carrier Strike Group
Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) held cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, July 27.

CPR training is held every two weeks, and Sailors are encouraged to become qualified.

“I believe that Sailors should be CPR qualified,” said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Clayton Duke, who runs Vicksburg’s CPR training program. “Whether you are in the field, on a ship or on shore, you may need to resuscitate someone. Medical personnel may not always be the first ones on the scene.”

During the training Sailors are taught basic patient evaluation, and how to recognize respiratory and cardiac arrest. To earn their qualification they must demonstrate what they learned.

“I’ve been CPR qualified before, but it’s important to keep your qualifications current,” said Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Joshua Doane. “The training was very helpful. The focus was on what we could encounter in the Navy, and made sure to involve everyone in the class.”

Training keeps Sailors safe. CPR may be one of the most important qualifications a Sailor can have.

“Just like all Sailors need to be able to fight fires, we also expect them to know medical basics like CPR,” said Cmdr. Carl Brobst, Vicksburg’s executive officer. “We train Sailors to be first responders because loss of human life is not something I’m willing to gamble with. I expect to come back with the exact number of Sailors I left with every

time I go on deployment, and I can do that because of training like this.”

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Aug. 17: St. John's Town Center Shopping. Van departs 5 p.m. Transportation only. FREE

Aug. 17: Outdoor Movies- Journey 2- The Mysterious Island (PG-13). Film begins at Sunset behind Beachside Community Center. FREE. 270-7205

Aug. 18: Liberty Lock-In. Begins at 11:30 p.m. at the Liberty Center. Come for snacks, games, and more as we stay open all night!

Aug. 19: Paintball. Van departs Liberty Center at

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Aug. 20: Men's Summer Basketball Begins. Season ends Oct. 18. 270-5451

Aug. 21: 7v7 Fall Soccer Organizational Meeting. 11 a.m. at the Gym. 270-5451.

Aug. 22: 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 the NS Mayport CPO Selectees. For tickets, call (904) 270-5431.

Aug. 24: Dusk til Dawn Softball Tournament. Sign up by Aug. 16. 270-5451

Aug. 24: Shiver Me Timbers Party. 9 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. Featuring Rock Band LIFT. Come dressed in your best pirate costume. Prizes for best costume, most original and best couple. Food, giveaways, Open Mic with band, beverage specials and more. 270-7205

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SERMC Conducts Assessments, Repairs On RGB

By Susan Lawson
Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center Public Affairs

The Navy's Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) located in Mayport, Fla. performed a Total Ship Readiness Assessment (TSRA) on the USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) in preparation for the ship's Inspection and Survey (INSURV) scheduled for July 30-Aug. 2.

During the TSRA event, SERMC identified and assisted ships force in working nearly 900 jobs. Typically, these jobs would be given to ships force to write ship maintenance forms known as 2-Kilo reports, which they would then use to plan, document and perform the work themselves.

"Rather than handing over the immense number of jobs identified during the TSRA for ships force to work, we decided to partner with them and provide the support of our TSRA and maintenance assist teams (MATs)," said SERMC's Commanding Officer, Capt. Ronald Cook.

"Our work on the USS Robert G. Bradley is a great display of sailors helping sailors," said Cook.

TSRA is designed to assess shipboard systems and provides the opportunity for those problems to be remedied prior to the INSURV. The purpose of an INSURV is to inspect and assess the material condition of U.S. Navy vessels. These inspections are conducted on all Navy ships to ensure each is properly equipped, reliable and mission ready.

"Our TSRA and MAT teams look at many of the same systems during their assessments, so we took

this opportunity to work together and leverage off one other," said SERMC's Production Shop Department Head, Pat Shepler. "Our engineering department conducted the ship's TSRA event, and though they have a great depth of knowledge of the ship's systems and equipment they didn't, in many cases, have the time and manpower to conduct repairs during their findings."

"This work presented us with a perfect opportunity to pull in the Sailors from our MATs and from ships force, all of whom have a basic understanding of these systems and equipment, and place them under the guidance of the TSRA team. This helped all of the Sailors learn from our techs at the RMC, while providing the manpower and muscle needed to get the ship's discrepancies corrected," said Shepler.

"This particular event illustrates the value of TSRA in supporting INSURV preparations," said Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) Rear Adm. David Gale.

"It is important for all COs to understand that, under the Surface Force Readiness Manual construct, there are five phases to TSRA," said Gale.

"These phases are integrated with Type Commander and Afloat Training Group Readiness Evaluation events (READ-E). Each TSRA event is designed to support the ship during different phases of maintenance planning and Fleet Response Plan (FRP) training, deployment and sustainment," said Gale.

TSRA 1 is conducted

prior availability and deployment. This phase helps prepare ships for upcoming major maintenance availabilities by accomplishing technically mandated "life cycle" material assessments.

TSRA 2 is also conducted prior to an availability, but is conducted after the ship's deployment. This phase is integrated with READ-E to evaluate the condition of a ship's mechanical, electrical and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Collaboration, and Intelligence (C5I) equipment to minimize growth/new work discovery in availability.

TSRA 3 takes place during availability, at which time tanks and voids are assessed, along with other areas that are only assessable during a Chief of Naval Operations availability.

TSRA 4 is conducted after an availability, prior to the basic phase (xx), and is integrated with READ-E 5. During phase 4, assessments of hull, mechanical and electrical equipment and C5I systems are completed to ensure that ship is materially ready to exit maintenance phase of the FRP to prepare the ship to enter basic phase training.

TSRA 5/Ballistic Missile Defense Readiness Assessment (BMDRA) is completed prior to deployment in order to assess C5I systems and ensure readiness for deployment. In addition to conducting a TSRA event, SERMC also conducted eight MATs recently that helped train SERMC and ships force Sailors to repair the shipboard equipment.

SERMC CWO Promoted



-Photo courtesy of SERMC
SERMC Executive Officer Capt. Pierre Fuller, left, and SERMC Commanding Officer, Capt. Ronald Cook, right congratulate CWO5 Deborah Eady, Code 920 Production Officer, for her promotion to CWO5 on Aug. 1. Chief Warrant Officer Community supports the war-fighting capability and readiness of Naval Forces through leadership, technical proficiency, and experience. The Chief Warrant Officer program is the primary manpower source for technically specific billets not best suited for traditional Unrestricted Line, Restricted Line or Staff Corps career path Officers. Using critical enlisted experience, CWOs are committed to the continuous leadership, improvement, training and mentoring of Sailors.

Those teams include the auxiliary maintenance assist team; valve maintenance assist team; deck maintenance assist team, gas turbine maintenance assist team, watertight door maintenance assist team, electric motor-controllers and circuit breakers maintenance assist team, rigid hull inflatable boat maintenance assist team, and gunnery equipment maintenance assist team.

"There is an extensive amount of planning, hard work, and long hours that goes into a ship's preparations for INSURV," said Gale.

"INSURVs are extremely challenging for ships force, and can be equally demanding for the RMC. I'm very proud of the way SERMC and the leader-

ship and crew of the USS Robert G. Bradley have partnered in these weeks and months leading up to their INSURV to prepare for a successful inspection," said Gale.

For their INSURV preps, SERMC and USS Robert G. Bradley prepared the main engines and drive train for full power and steering checks, groomed Close-in Weapons Systems and 25mm chain guns to ensure they would be ready for demonstration. The teams also assessed and prepared the ship's auxiliary systems, such as air conditioning plants, refrigeration plants, and deck machinery for material checks.

Additionally, the teams cleaned and inspected more than 100 motor

controllers, repaired dozens of darken ship light switches, and repaired and inspected more than 90 watertight doors, hatches, and main and secondary drainage systems.

"Every space and every system is inspected for material condition during INSURV, which is why we reached out to support every work center on the ship," said Shepler.

"This kind of training can only be done in this type of an environment, where real life, real-time problems are discovered, identified and corrected," said Shepler. "And in the end, everybody wins."

FFSC Mayport Works To Help Sailors, Families

From FFSC

The following classes and activities are offered by the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and are free of charge. Pre-registration is required and childcare is not available. For more information about the classes or to register call 270-6600, ext. 1701. FFSC is located in Building One on Massey.

Aug. 16, 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,

Out in Town

Saturday, Aug. 18

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. and discover the importance of estuarine systems that surround the inshore sides of barrier islands like those of the Talbot Islands State Parks complex. This ranger-guided hike along the salt marsh will help point out why these areas are one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth, the many roles the salt marsh plays, the plant and animal life found in this natural community, and the impacts humans have on this system. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

The City of Atlantic Beach will show Dolphin Tale as its first summer Twilight Movie in

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

the Park. Based on true events, this family film is about Winter, a young dolphin who loses her tail in a crab trap, and Sawyer, the reserved 11-year-old boy who befriends her. Sawyer meets the rescued dolphin at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, a marine rehabilitation center where she lives. Sawyer rallies friends and family alike to save Winter and enlists a pioneering doctor to create a unique prosthetic appendage to restore the dolphin's ability to swim. Admission is free and open to the public, so bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks. The film is being shown at Jack Russell Park, 800 Seminole Rd, Atlantic Beach. Adults are asked to

accompany children. Free refreshments and fun for kids of all ages begins at 7 p.m. with the movie showing at twilight. Visit the AB website for special events page for upcoming events at www.coab.us/events.

Sunday, Aug. 19

Christ United Methodist Church will be hosting a back to school celebration for all children of the community from 11:30 a.m. Please join us for fun, food, games and giveaways as we bid farewell to summer and hello to a new school year. For more information, please contact the church office at 249-5370 or Hanna Thomas, Children's Ministry Leader, at [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.](mailto:thom-</p>
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Aug. 20-23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Separatee Workshop**, Building 1, Room 1616

Aug. 22, 11-12:40 p.m., **Car Buying Strategies**, FFSC Room 702

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Aug. 27, 1-4 p.m., **Relationship Communication**, FFSC Room 702

wacky@aol.com. Christ UMC - Wilson Hall, 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach.

Saturday, Aug. 25

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

Tijuana Flats is celebrating summer's end with the 48th annual Summer Beach Run and its unforgettable post-race celebration at 7 p.m. at Jacksonville Beach Seawalk Pavilion, 1st St. N, Jacksonville Beach. This family-friendly event will benefit the restaurant's Just In Queso Foundation, which provides aid to individu-

als, communities and organizations in need. Participants will not cross the finish line empty-handed. Directly after the race, runners will be treated to free food provided by Tijuana Flats, beer and live music. This event is the perfect opportunity to bring friends and families together to help the community, have fun and stay fit. The event includes both a five mile and a one mile fun run with a portion of the proceeds from the race benefiting the Just in Queso Foundation. To sign-up or for more information about the event, visit <http://www.1stplacesports.com>.

"Start Your Own Vegetables from Seed" Lecture and Hands-on: Take home your own planted tray at Duval County Extension Office 1010 N. McDuff Ave. from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$15. Pre-registration and

pre-payment is required, please contact Jeannie Crosby at 255-7450. Make checks payable to: DCOHAC and mail to: Duval County Extension Office, Attention: Jeannie.

Operation: Mmilitary Kids will host an end of the summer family event at Adventure Landing, 1944 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville Beach, 32250. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Each ticket includes all day access to Shipwreck Island Water Park, three additional activities and lunch for \$31. Sign up, register and pay on-line at <http://omkadventure-landingday-eorg.eventbrite.com/> to get this great price. This is NOT a drop-off camp, it is a family event and all youth must be accompanied by adults. There will be NO chaperones provided.

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