

USS Carr Offloads HSL-48, Tons of Cocaine At Mayport

By MC1 Sean Allen
4th Fleet public affairs

The Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) and embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) offloaded 1.5 tons of cocaine and almost two tons of marijuana worth an estimated street value of \$114.1 million at Naval Station Mayport Nov. 30. Carr was returning from conducting Counter Transnational Organized Crime Operations (C-TOC) in the 4th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR).

Since Operation Martillo began in January 2012, more than 134 tons of cocaine has been disrupted at an estimated street value of nearly \$3.3 billion.

U.S. law enforcement agencies took custody of the drugs after they were offloaded in Mayport for transfer, testing and disposal.

Carr has been deployed since June 1, and after the offload will return to its homeport in Norfolk, Va.

The drugs were seized while the ship was assigned to U.S. 4th Fleet supporting Operation Martillo (Spanish for Hammer) in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific littoral areas off the coast of Central



Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, Rear Adm. Jon Matheson visits with family members from Helicopter Squadron 48 "Vipers" detachment onboard USS Carr (FFG 52) during the units homecoming after a 4th Fleet deployment to support Operation Martillo.

America. Operation Martillo is an inter-agency mission that began in January 2012 to combat the spread of organized crime in Central America and the use of the Central American waterways and southern approaches to Mexico and the U.S. as routes to smuggle illicit drugs, weapons, and cash.

While operating in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Carr team interdicted vessels smuggling drugs to Central America and eventually to the United States. During this

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Crewmembers of Helicopter Squadron 48 "Vipers" detachment disembark Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) at the units homecoming after a 4th Fleet deployment to support Operation Martillo. The embarked helicopter detachment participated in six interdictions of 3.3 tons of illicit drugs worth an estimated street value of more than \$114 Million.

Navy Focus On Force Levels

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

The Navy announced plans to suspend the Enlisted Early Transition Program (EETP) as leaders focus on maintaining current force levels, officials said Nov. 30.

"Today's challenges have shifted from reducing the end strength to stabilizing the force and filling gaps at sea," said Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk. "EETP will remain suspended until there is sufficient future need for this program."

EETP is a force shaping program that allowed approved Sailors to voluntarily separate from the Navy prior to the end of their enlistment. First implemented in 2008 to allow Sailors to request to separate up to 12 months early, the program was expanded in 2011 to allow eligible Sailors to separate up to 24 months early when the Navy experienced unprecedented retention and outstanding recruiting success. The voluntary early separation of selected Sailors allowed further stabilization and alignment of the force. Since then, the Navy has made significant progress in balancing the force, according to Van Buskirk.

Under NAVADMIN 359/12, released Nov. 30, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) will no longer accept requests to separate under this program. Requests received by NPC on or after the release date of NAVADMIN 359/12 will be

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Mayport Holds Holiday Safety Stand Down

By MC3 Damian Berg
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Naval Station Mayport along with the Navy Southeast Region Safety Department held a winter and holiday safety stand-down at the Beachside Community Center Nov. 28.

Ron Williamson, safety manager for Navy Region Southeast, opened the stand down with a brief on all the mishaps in the Southeast Region. This campaign highlights mishaps that happened in the Southeast Region in the past year.

"All our Sailor, Marine and base DOD personnel need to stay alert, aware, and safe this season," said Williamson.

"We need to utilize operation risk management during the holiday season. The military's goal is zero accidents or deaths," he added.



Sailors assigned to Naval Station Mayport respond to a question during a base-wide safety standdown held at the base community center. The standdown covered topics such as vehicle safety, depression and preventative measures associated with mishaps during the holiday season.

According to Williamson, the holidays bring opportunities for celebration with family and friends; but, unfortunately, they also account for a staggering increase in Navy accident rates.

To help raise the awareness the guest speaker Steve Verret, a comedian, did a skit on the subjects;

vehicle safety, insurance, accidents, drunk driving and depression.

"My challenge for you all is to always wear your seat belts and turn on your headlight every single day," said Verret. "We all need to realize the consequences when making bad decisions don't affect just you."



Safety Manager for Navy Region Southeast, Ron Williamson, gives a safety brief to Sailors at the Beachside Community Center onboard Naval Station Mayport during a base-wide safety standdown.

"I will be sure to take my time driving and making sure I use all the safety devices my car has to offer," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Juan Serret. "The stand-down emphasized how important our safety is

and especially during this time of year.

Holiday stress countermeasures were emphasized during the stand down. Topics to watch out for during this time of year include depression, excessive alcohol use and

staying in contact with loved ones.

Closing out the safety stand down Williamson said, "Please take your time, be careful and make smart decisions. We want everyone to have safe and happy holidays this year."

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Housing Holiday Shop-a-Thon
Balfour Beatty Communities will host a Holiday Shop-a-Thon at the Ribault Bay Community Center, 1201 Assisi Lane, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 15. This event is free and open to the public.



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Capt. Doug Cochrane

Shipmates,
Welcome Home to Cmdr. Canady and the crew of USS Klakring, who glided into port Saturday morning - it might have been "misting" a bit, but there were hundreds of smiling, shiny faces waiting for "Daddy" to come home! A special thanks to Navy Region Southeast Band for the entertainment while waiting for the ship to tie up, and the usual professional job by the Harbormasters, line handlers and Public Works employees for safely assisting the lines, brows and crane lifts. Merry Christmas shipmates, to you and all your families and loved ones!

Congratulations to all of our new petty

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officers. Well done and Bravo Zulu! I am very proud of your hard work and personal commitment that enabled each one of you to achieve the next career milestone! For those who came up just short of advancing, don't get discouraged. You need to keep the press on and hit the books NOW. I would love to see a 100 percent advancement rate from the March 2013 advancement cycle - let's do it! Another reminder for you first class petty officers, the E7 exam is approaching so enjoy the holidays, but be prepared on Jan. 17, 2013!

Tonight we have another great MWR sponsored event - Magical Christmas! Come on out to the Sea Otter pavilion, bring the kids and enjoy another first class MWR event!

We just completed our Holiday Safety Stand-down. Once again, Naval Station Mayport's Training Officer Willie Green put together an educational brief designed to heighten awareness dur-

ing this holiday season. Guest speaker Steve Verret emphasized vehicle safety and warned against drinking and driving. Please be vigilant and remember we have an excellent program in place called "CLUB 2000." This free program is designed to assist active duty Mayport Sailors who may need a responsible ride home after drinking. "CLUB 2000" 240-2401.

I cannot stress enough about safety during this time of year. During your holiday travels, think safety. Check your routes, your equipment and always have a travel plan. Driving sleepy is as bad as driving drunk. Take the extra time and be safe.

Lots of folks are not as fortunate as we are here at "Planet Awesome." Some ideas for the Christmas season are: Navy Exchange Giving Tree, the USO Giving Bags and of course Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

Be mindful of holiday scams. Protect your personal information and do not be a victim of identity theft. During the season we see a larger than normal amount of illegal scams designed to separate you from your money. Stay vigilant. Also,

spend wisely, develop a budget and stay within your financial means. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) has financial advisors available to help educate you on money management and financial planning. Take advantage of these resources.

Dec. 7 marks 71 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor. This Friday at 9 a.m., a pier side ceremony in remembrance of those lost during the 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor will be held aboard USS De Wert (FFG 45). Mayport Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is sponsoring this commemorative service.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) hotline number is 563-1254. This is serious and it affects us all. It will not be tolerated and I challenge everyone to respond and report if they are subject to or witness sexual assault.

It is an honor to serve with each and every one of you. Let us continue to be safe and take care of each other, especially during these holiday times. Continue sending your suggestions to the CO's suggestion box or email them at douglas.cochrane@navy.mil.

Deployments Impact Students' Academic Success



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

While being the child of a military service member can have a positive impact on the child, it can negatively impact his academic success. An article by Elaine Wilson in the American Forces Press Service reports that an Army study found "that children whose parents have deployed for a cumulative 19 months or more had lower school achievement test scores than children whose parents had deployed for a lesser time or not at all."

Wilson's article shared the findings of a two-year study on the effects of deployments on military children's academic success and emotional health.

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The study results placed the impact for children beginning at the 19-month mark of the parents' cumulative deployment time with the cumulative amount of time a more significant impact than the number of deployments.

Researchers explored the findings to determine if they revealed differences such as location of deployment or age, gender, and rank of parent. But similar results were found in all the differences. What they did find was something people have known intuitively for some time: while many military families are coping well with deployments, others are struggling.

Wilson provided in her article a number of recommendations on how to assist children struggling with deployment:

* Students need additional support with their homework and school work either online or in person,

* Installation leaders need to create a process to inform schools about which children

are military and the status of parental deployment,

* School counselors need better access to information on resources which can help military families, and

* Installations need to widely advertise the presence of school liaison officers and encourage them to foster a more collaborative effort with school administrators.

The U.S. Navy has certainly recognized the importance of these recommendations. School Liaison Officers (SLO's) have now been posted at every major Naval installation. The Navy SLO's have provided parents a myriad of resources available to military-connected families through indocs, Ombudsman assemblies, newspaper articles, and web sites. The web links include a variety of resources including online tutoring at www.TUTOR.com and SOAR (www.militarystudent.org), free test prep, and help for special needs children.

SLO's also provide train-

ing to parents to better inform them of resources available to them from a variety of military and civilian organizations. On November 13th, a Military Family Guidance Night was held at Finegan Elementary School. This event was designed to ensure that military parents have the tools to support their children's academic, social, and emotional achievement and success.

The focus of the program was on how the installation's SLO and the school's guidance program and teaching staff support the social and emotional implications of the transitioning student: deployment and separation, building confidence and resiliency, and supporting children through trauma and loss. The program shared guidance resources at the school and district level which are available to dependent military children who are experiencing academic and/or behavioral issues.

The presentation also shared what can be provided to military families on the installation side and out in the community, including CYP programs: child care, Youth Sponsorship, Teen Center, and sports; Fleet and Family Support Center pro-

grams: counseling, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), deployment support, and the Family Advocacy Program (FAP); MFLC; USO, Navy Marine Corps Relief, Military OneSource, and the American Red Cross.

Sixty-nine family members attended the program which began with dinner in the school cafeteria. Following dinner, the families participated in an introduction to the program, including a welcome by Commanding Officer Douglas Cochrane. Jose Sanchez, Exceptional Family Member Liaison, provided an overview of the EFMP program and other Fleet and Family Service Center Programs available to assist the families academically, socially, and/or emotionally.

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.

Happiness Always Starts With A Thankful Spirit



Chap Buster Williams
Surface Force Ministry Center

Happy Belated Thanksgiving to the finest Sailors in the fleet! This time of year is a reflective time for Americans and in my mind the holiday season always starts with Thanksgiving Day and rolls right on through Christmas and into the New Year. It drives me a little crazy to see all those Christmas decorations being put out at Halloween!

Most of us have some fantastic memories of

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previous holidays when we have gathered with family and friends to celebrate another year of God's blessings. Of course, the flip side is that this time of year is often when we miss our loved ones the most if we can't be with them for whatever reason. So I thought I would encourage us all to remember the true spirit of the holidays. I know how easy it is to get caught up in all the shopping and overall business of this time of year.

I think the reason I always start with Thanksgiving is because a thankful spirit is absolutely critical to enjoying any holiday, but especially the big ones this time of year.

Historically, Americans have always been a thank-

ful lot and for that I am grateful. One of the first things the Pilgrims did when they arrived on the Mayflower was to give thanks to Almighty God for a safe crossing of the Atlantic. Even though they arrived hundreds of miles off course and had faced all the hardships of crossing the Atlantic on such a small ship without any of the modern amenities, they bowed their

heads and hearts and gave thanks to God for the hope of a new beginning and to look to Him for future blessings. And we have remained a generally thankful nation ever since.

Of course there are times we do need to be reminded and prompted, because of our natural tendency to forget how good God has been to us and to take the blessings we have for granted. President Washington, and eventually President Lincoln, began the national holiday known

as Thanksgiving. Lincoln called upon the nation to give thanks in the middle of the bloodiest conflict of the Civil War. He knew that a thankful spirit would be essential to finding peace once again.

How has God blessed you this year and what are you particularly grateful for? I am thankful for my health, for my family (especially my beautiful and loving wife), and for the freedom I have as an American. I am thankful for my calling as a chaplain and for serving with some of the most

wonderful people on the planet. I am thankful for forgiveness (both from God and my neighbors) and the freedom to worship according to my conscience.

I am thankful to be an American where we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (mankind) are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And happiness always starts and ends with thanksgiving!

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Correction
Due to a reporting error, the Nov. 22 edition of **The Mirror** incorrectly identified the baker of USS Taylor's change of command cake as ship CSs. The baker was **Katina McCoy**. We regret the error.

Aircraft Carrier Enterprise Inactivated

From USS Enterprise Public Affairs

Nearly 12,000 past and current crewmembers, family and friends attended the inactivation of aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Dec. 1, 2012, at Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

Enterprise, the world's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, recently completed its 25th and final deployment and returned to its homeport of Naval Station Norfolk for a scheduled inactivation, held prior to the ship's terminal offload program and subsequent

decommissioning.

The inactivation ceremony was the last official public event for the ship, and served as a celebration of life for the ship and the more than 100,000 Sailors who served aboard.

The Chief of Naval Operations, the Commander of United States Fleet Forces, nine of twenty-three prior commanding officers, many decorated war heroes, and thousands of Enterprise veterans attended the event.

"Enterprise is a special ship and crew, and it

was special long before I got here" said Captain William C. Hamilton, Jr., the twenty-third and final commanding officer, during the ceremony. "Before I took command of this ship, I learned the definition of 'enterprise,' which is 'an especially daring and courageous undertaking driven by a bold and adventurous spirit.' Fifty-one years ago, this ship was every bit of that definition."

"Here we are 51 years later," he continued, "celebrating the astonishing successes and accomplishments of this engineering marvel that has roamed the seas for more

than half the history of Naval Aviation. Daring, courageous, bold, and adventurous indeed."

In honor of that spirit, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, in a video message played at the ceremony, announced that the name Enterprise will live on as the officially passed the name to CVN-80, the third Ford class carrier and the ninth ship in the U.S. Navy to bear the name.

Commissioned on November 25, 1961, the eighth ship to bear the illustrious name Enterprise, the "Big E" was the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

A veteran of 25 deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Pacific Ocean, and the Middle East, Enterprise has served in nearly every major conflict to take place during her history. From the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 to six deployments in support of the Vietnam conflict through the Cold War and the Gulf Wars, Enterprise was there.

On September 11, 2001, Enterprise aborted her transit home from a long deployment after the terrorist attacks, and steamed overnight to the North Arabian Sea. Big 'E' once again took her place in history when

she launched the first strikes in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

More than 100,000 Sailors and Marines have served aboard Enterprise during its lifetime, which has included every major conflict since the Cuban Missile Crisis. It has been home ported in both Alameda, Calif., and Norfolk, Va., and has conducted operations in every region of the world.

For more information on USS Enterprise, her legendary history, and Inactivation Week, please visit www.enterprise.navy.mil

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Klaking Returns From Final Sail

By Lt.j.g. Nichole Hansen
USS Klaking Public Affairs

USS Klaking returned home from her final deployment on Dec. 1.

Since her commissioning date of August 20, 1983, she has served the Navy through 29 years of service and 22 deployments, and she has had three homeports. She has traveled more than 3.2 million miles worldwide during her time of service with deployments to the Middle East, South America, Europe, and Africa.

Klaking is currently commanded by Cmdr. Darrell S. Canady who was born and raised in Hope Mills, North Carolina. He earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1994 from North Carolina State University.

Canady earned his commission through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. From there he completed the nuclear officer pipeline and served tours onboard USS John C. Stennis, at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, USS Carr, USS

Enterprise, USS Steven W. Groves, and USS Klaking. He has been Klaking's Commanding Officer since February 25, 2011.

On her 2012 AFRICOM deployment, Klaking served in the C6F and C5F AORs in support of maritime security operations providing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. During her time on station she completed more than 500 Fire Scout (MQ-8B) flight hours and conducted 14 replenishments-at-sea, during which she received more than 860,000 gallons of F-76, more than 20,000 gallons of JP-5, and more than 600 pallets of supplies.

Her port visits included Augusta Bay, Sicily, Port Victoria, Seychelles, Djibouti, Djibouti, Port Louis, Mauritius and Souda Bay, Crete. During these visits, Klaking Sailors participated in six community relations projects varying from beautification of a natural preserve to spending time with children who have been diagnosed with autism, schizophrenia, and other mental disorders.



-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

A Sailor from the guided-missile frigate USS Klaking (FFG 42) is greeted by family and friends as the ship arrives at Naval Station Mayport after a six-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Coast of South America. While deployed, Klaking participated in intelligence surveillance reconnaissance in support of anti-piracy operations utilizing Fire Scout, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

As this deployment comes to an end, the Sailors are excited to be reunited with their families and friends. However this is a bitter sweet ending for USS Klaking as she will decommission on March 22, 2013. She and her crew have proudly served this country keeping the Navy core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment close to their hearts and at the heart of their mission.



-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

Family and friends wait at Naval Station Mayport for the return of the guided-missile frigate USS Klaking.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Lt. Gary Pittman gets a big welcome home kiss from his wife, Angela.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Logistics Specialist Seaman Jonathan Winters holds his wife, Lauren, after the pair reunite pierside.



-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

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-Photo by Paige Gnann

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Eric Demoraes is greeted pierside by his mother and sister after returning to NS Mayport Saturday with USS Klaking.



-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

USS Klaking returns to its homeport of Naval Station Mayport after a six-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Coast of South America.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Lt. Adam Barry hugs his children, Hunter and Suzie, as his fiancée, Ada Stanford, watches the reunion pierside during USS Klaking's homecoming celebration on Saturday.



Fire Scout Breaks Endurance Records On USS Klakring Deployment

From NAVAIR

Four Fire Scout unmanned helicopters aboard USS Klakring (FFG 42) returned to Mayport, Fla. Dec. 1 after achieving several milestones during its six-month deployment.

On its third deployment with the Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 42 detachment, the Fire Scouts logged more than 500 flight hours in support of anti-piracy operations in the U.S. Africa Command Area of Responsibility and provided real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) support to combatant commanders.

With a record number of unmanned helicopters aboard Klakring, Fire Scout regularly maintained 12-hour days on station, regularly switching aircraft to provide continuous and thorough support. The system accomplished a new single-day endurance record, providing continuous ISR support for an entire 24-hour period. For the first time, HSL-42 conducted dual air vehicle operations, allowing the ship's commander to keep a constant watch on a target of interest.

"The real achievement on this deployment was a surge we executed to provide just over 24 continuous hours of ISR coverage in late September," said Lt. Cmdr. Jay Lambert, HSL-42 detachment officer-in-charge. "Completing this milestone required ten separate flights, refueling aircraft eight times, and having the ship setting flight quarters for launch or recovery twenty times. It took everyone on the air detachment and ship working together to make it happen and we are extremely proud of what we accomplished."

Since 2006, the Northrop Grumman-built Fire Scout system has flown for more than 5,000 flight hours - with more than half of the flight hours completed in 2012 on ship-based and land based deployments.

"Fire Scout continues to perform with a very high success rate, providing vital information to combatant commanders," said Capt. Patrick Smith, Fire Scout program manager. "There is a tremendous amount of interest shown for Fire Scout in the helicopter community."

-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

Senior Chief Sonar Technician - Surface Adam Obrien is greeted with a kiss from his daughter as he returns home to Naval Station Mayport after a six-month deployment aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Klakring (FFG 42). While deployed, Klakring participated in intelligence surveillance reconnaissance in support of anti-piracy operations utilizing Fire Scout, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Yeoman 2nd Class (SW) Kemario Latson talks with his one-year-old daughter, Aryanna, and wife Christa.



-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Rodricus Lewis is greeted with a hug from his daughter as he returns home to Naval Station Mayport with USS Klakring (FFG 42).



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Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Roarke Landin embraces his daughter as he returns home from a six-month deployment with USS Klakring.



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Senior Chief Naval Aircrewman John Chapman of HSL-42 hugs his daughter as he reunites with his family after returning with USS Klakring Saturday.

Navy Looks At New Outerwear Options

From Chief of Naval Personnel
Public Affairs

NAVADMIN 360/12 announced the optional wear of the Army double breasted black all-weather coat with all uniforms except the Navy Working Uniform (Type I, II and III) and Physical Training Uniforms, effective immediately.

"The Navy strives to provide Sailors with the best uniform options to maintain a professional

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appearance as well as improve protection from the weather," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Military Personnel Plans and Policy. "The addition of this all-weather coat provides Sailors with an additional choice."

NAVADMIN 360/12 also announced a wear test evaluation beginning this month of two types of cold weather parkas (CWP) under consideration for optional wear with service and service dress uniforms in cold weather environments.

The test will include 100 Sailors assigned to selected commands and staffs in Navy District Washington and Navy Regions Northwest, Midwest, and the northeast sector of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The test will run through March 31.

The Army double-breasted black all-weather coat will be available in select Navy Exchange Uniform Centers, on-line,

and NEX 1-800 call centers approximately sixty days after the release of the NAVADMIN. It is currently available at AAFES Uniform Centers.

The optional all-weather coat will eventually replace the current Navy all-weather coat according to the NAVADMIN. Details, timeline and cost will be provided in a future NAVADMIN.

For details on occasion for wear, manner of wear

and authorized optional components for the optional all-weather coat are listed in NAVADMIN 360/12.

For more information on uniforms and uniform policy, visit the Navy Uniform Matters website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/pages/default2.aspx>.

South Carolina Cyber Intrusions Prompt DoD To Notify Troops

By Nick Simeone
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department and South Carolina officials are notifying military members and families who paid state income taxes there that they may have been victims of information/identity theft as a result of several recent cyber intrusions.

South Carolina's Department of Revenue reported nearly four million Social Security numbers and several hundred thousand credit and debit card numbers belonging to current and former taxpayers may have

been stolen during cyber intrusions in August and September.

While the vast majority of the personal data is believed to have been protected by encryption, state revenue officials said about 16,000 accounts were not, and that anyone who filed a South Carolina income tax return as far back as 1998 could be affected.

The intrusions were discovered last month, officials said. While South Carolina officials believe their system is now secure, Gov. Nikki Haley said the state is offering one year of free credit

monitoring and identity protection to anyone who might have been exposed and applies for it. "The number of records breached requires an unprecedented, large-scale response," she said.

In addition to Social Security numbers and credit card information, defense officials said information usually found on the front of checks may also have been exposed.

DOD personnel and their family members who are current or former South Carolina taxpayers, especially those who are living abroad, are urged to visit www.ProtectMyId.com/SCDOR or contact Experian's national consumer assistance center at 1-866-578-5422 by January 31, 2013, to enroll in identity threat protection.

In addition, current and former South Carolina business owners may also contact Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp., officials said. Visit www.DandB.com/SC to initiate the registration process or call 1-800-279-9881.

An investigation into the source of the cyber intrusion continues.

Transition

returned without action. Requests submitted and received prior to the release of the NAVADMIN 359/12 will still be considered.

Commanding officers may no longer separate Sailors early under EETP. Commanding officers may still authorize voluntary early separation up to 90 days early in accordance with MILPIRSMAN 1910-102.

The Early Career Transition Program

(ECTP) is unaffected and remains an option for Sailors seeking an early release from active duty with an intent to continue their careers in the Navy Reserve.

For more information read NAVADMIN 359/12 or contact the NPC customer service center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672). For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc

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Offload



-Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Corey Barker

Sailors offload one-and-a-half tons of cocaine and almost 3 tons of marijuana from the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52). The drugs were seized while conducting Operation Martillo and are being turned over to federal authorities. The ship is returning after a six-month deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility conducting counter transnational organized crime operations.

multinational operation, Carr worked with forces from our Partner Nations, including Panama, Colombia, and Costa Rica.

In addition to Carr's interdiction, the ship disrupted the flow of 6,160 pounds of cocaine. Cmdr. Patrick Kulakowski, commanding officer of Carr talked about the teamwork involved in the deployment.

"Carr Sailors demonstrated flexibility and teamwork during this deployment, our mission required us to work with the Coast Guard, U.S. government agencies, and our partner nations. Despite the fact that this is Carr's final deployment, the crew performed as though it was the ship's first deployment," said Kulakowski.

Lt. Cmdr. Neil Kruger, executive officer of Carr

emphasized how important the flexibility of the crew was to the success of the mission.

"At the beginning of the deployment we operated in the Caribbean Sea, then on short notice we received orders to the Pacific, which required us to transit the Panama Canal, we did so successfully and continued our mission where we were needed."

Senior Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) Jacob Bristow, command master chief aboard Carr talked about not only the CTOC accomplishments of Carr but other milestones the crew achieved.

"Along with our success with C-TOC operations, 92 percent of our Sailors earned their enlisted surface warfare qualifications, and 49 percent of our Sailors who took

the advancement exam advanced, the crew did all this while preparing the ship for decommissioning."

Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. 4th Fleet was on hand for the offload and discussed the importance of C-TOC

and the success of Carr.

"Carr's deployment to Fourth Fleet in support of Operation Martillo was a huge success and demonstrates our clear commitment to work together with our partner nations and interagency community to combat the influence of organized crime and disrupt the flow of illicit drugs into the U.S. More than 80 percent of the narcotics entering Central America makes its way to U.S. markets via maritime littoral routes; with the main conveyance being by speedboats and submersible vessels. By teaming up with our partner nations and allied forces to scrutinize the littorals, our goal is to deny the ability to transit so that the sea lines are not free for illicit traffic," he said.

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.

U.S. military participation is being led by Joint Interagency Task Force-South, a component of U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM). Operation Martillo is a component of the U.S. government's coordinated interagency regional security strategy in support of the White House strategy to combat transnational organized crime and the U.S. Central America Regional Security Initiative.

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USS Robert G. Bradley Training At Sea



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Onboard USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) Ship's Serviceman 1st Class Anthony L. Wright instructs two other RGB Sailors during a Crash and Smash drill.



Sailors from USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) conduct RHIB operations to transfer personnel between ships, with Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Hilliar as the Coxswain, Ensign Matthew L. McCain as the Boat Officer, and Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Anthony P. Woo as the SAR Swimmer.



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Onboard USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) the sailors from HSC-22 Det 5 refuel the MQ-8B Firescout in preparation for launch.

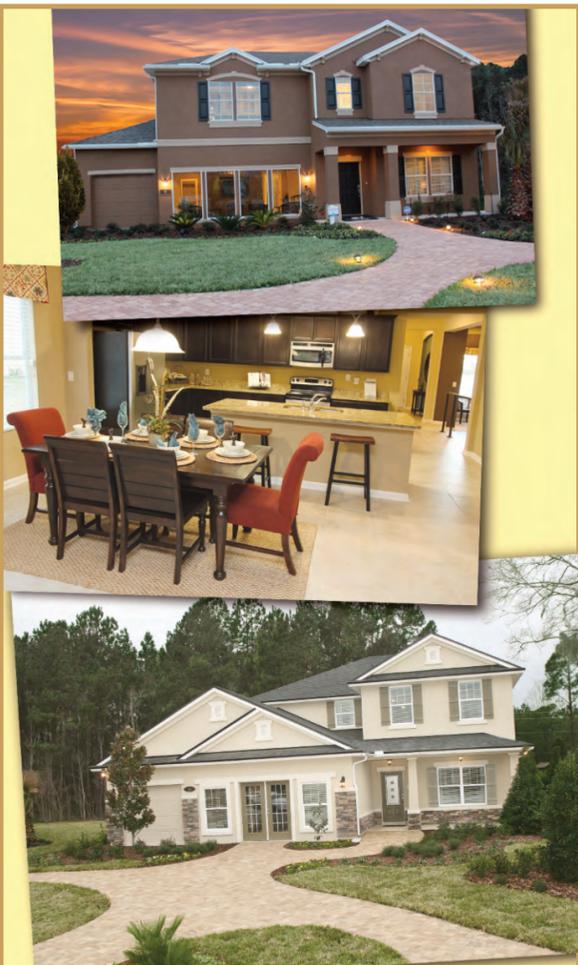
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USS Taylor Celebrates 29th Birthday

By Ensign
Caitlyn Levinson
USS Taylor PAO

The crew of USS Taylor (FFG 50) celebrated the birthday of the guided missile frigate while underway in support of IDCERTEX 13-2. The crew took a break from their daily activities to gather on the flight deck, pay tribute to Cmdr. Jesse Junior Taylor, the ship's namesake, and have some birthday cake.

USS Taylor is a 4,100 ton, 453-foot-long, Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, commissioned on Dec. 1, 1984. The commissioning was sponsored by Commander Jesse Junior Taylor's widow, Barbara A. Taylor. Taylor celebrates her 29th year of commissioned service.

"Our namesake, Commander Jesse Junior Taylor, made a courageous decision to try



-Photos courtesy of USS Taylor
Ensign Kevin A. Roberts speaks to the crew of USS Taylor (FFG 50) about the history of the Guided Missile Frigate and the sacrifices of Commander Jesse Junior Taylor.

to save a downed pilot even though it was not assigned mission," said Ensign Kevin Roberts. "He is the reason Taylor's motto is Proud Defender."



Electronics Technician Second Class Petty Officer George P. Murphy cuts cake bearing the guided missile frigate's name for her 28th birthday celebration.

Don't Go Broke Trying To Save

From Navy Personnel Command
Public Affairs

Give yourself a present this year by making a holiday budget and sticking to it, Navy leaders said Nov. 27.

The rewards of spending within your means will last all year-but sticking to your budget may be easier said than done.

Resisting the kids' pleadings for the latest gadget, or the pressure to buy gifts for everyone from schoolmates to service people can be stressful.

It's also hard to ignore the ads that tell you to "buy now - and pay nothing

until next year."

This holiday season; don't go "broke" trying to save. You may not be able to control how long a sale lasts, but you do have the power to decide that it's okay if you miss out on "the best prices of the year" for items that weren't on your shopping list.

Arm yourself with a plan and it will be easier to resist the allure of deep discounts on items you'd never even considered before you got to the store!

Make peace of mind a new holiday tradition.

"In terms of sales and

traffic, the Saturday before Christmas day is the busiest shopping day of the year," said Stacy Livingstone-Hoyte, personal financial management specialist at the Fleet & Family Support Center in Millington, Tenn. "If you did some planning and stick to your goals you can beat overspending during the holidays, all year and keep your peace of mind. Create a model of success you can enjoy for years to come."

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CNRSE Announces Sailor of the Year for 2012

By MC2(SW) Greg Johnson

Region Southeast Public Affairs

Air Traffic Controlman (AC) 1st Class (AW/SW) Sara Bailey, of Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) New Orleans, was named Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) Sailor of the Year for 2012 during a ceremony on board NAS Jacksonville Nov. 28.

The ceremony was the culmination of NRSE Sailor of the Year Week, during which five finalists selected from the region's 16 installations were invited to Jacksonville, Fla., to compete for the honor of Sailor of the Year and to participate in a series of recreational activities. During the week, the Sailors toured EverBank

Field, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars, and visited St. John's Town Center.

"All of our candidates for Sailor of the Year were outstanding Sailors and role models," said NRSE Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Mack Ellis. "What made AC1 stand out was her sustained performance of duties - primary as well as collateral. She is always ready to take on more challenging assignments."

According to Bailey, it was an honor to receive such a prestigious award.

"It's really incredible. It was a real shock to hear my name called because the rest of these Sailors here are all great examples of what a first class petty officer should be,"

she said.

She also stressed that she could never have made it this far by herself.

"I'm in the position I'm in today because of my Sailors and everything they've done. Honestly, they're really the ones that deserve the recognition," she said.

In addition to Bailey, the top five also included Personnel Specialist 1st Class (AW/SW) Nathaniel Ndikum of NAS JRB Fort Worth; Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW) Danielle Bradford of Transient Personnel Unit NAS Jacksonville; Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Jessica Brown of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay; and Master-at-Arms 1st Class Adam Turner of NAS Whiting Field.

Each Sailor was accompanied by a sponsor, who was either his or her command master chief or command senior chief. According to Ndikum, the time spent with their senior leaders was one of the most rewarding experiences of the competition.

"It's a really unique experience to have this many master chiefs in the same place at the same time. They've offered a lot of encouragement," he said. "It's also great to be with all of these great Sailors, too. The entire experience has been good. It provides a lot of motivation for us to take

what we learned here back to our commands and continue to make our Sailors better"

According to Bailey, the candidates were extremely nervous the day of the selection board, but the most successful approach was to be candid when answering questions.

"I went in there and just spoke the truth. If I didn't know the answer to a question, I didn't try to hide it. I just spoke from the heart and hoped for the best, and that approach apparently worked for me in the end," she said.

While the board could only select one Sailor of

the Year, all of the candidates should be extremely proud to have made it as far as they did, according to Ellis.

"It is truly a great accomplishment," he said. "To get from our deck-plates to this competition, that's absolutely a great accomplishment."

Bailey will go on to compete against Sailors from other regions for the honor of Commander, Naval Installations Command Sailor of the Year. The selectee from that competition will go on to compete for Chief of Naval Operations Sailor of the Year.



-Photo by MC1 Greg Johnson

Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) Sailor of the Year finalists wait as Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., the region commander, announces the 2012 Sailor of the Year during a ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. During the ceremony, Air Traffic Controlman 1st Class (AW/SW) Sara Bailey of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans was named NRSE Sailor of the Year.

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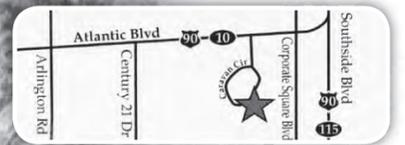
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Dec. 9: Kids' Christmas Bingo. 12:30 p.m. at Beachside Bingo. \$10 per person (includes bingo, hot dogs, soda, cookies, and prize drawing). Special appearance by Santa. 270-7204 or 270-5145

Dec. 11: Jingle Bell 5K/10K Run. 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

Dec. 11: All Khaki

MWR HAPPENINGS

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Dec. 12: Military Appreciation Day every Wednesday at Windy Harbor Golf Club. 18 Holes and a Cart Only \$15. Offer open to DOD, active duty, retired, and military dependents (Must provide proper ID)

Dec. 12: All-Hands Steak Night. 4-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club. Cost is \$12 per person. Purchase tickets in advance; limited tickets available at the door. Sponsored by the NAVSTA CPOA. For tickets, contact (904) 270-5126 x3115.

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

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Dec. 7: Youth Sponsorship Teen Bonfire. 5:30-8:30 p.m. behind Pizza Hut. Free food and drinks. 249-0347

Dec. 9: Kids' Christmas Bingo. 12:30 p.m. at Beachside Bingo. \$10 per person (includes bingo, hot dogs, soda, cookies, and prize drawing). Special appearance by Santa. 270-7204 or 270-5145

Dec. 13: Youth Drama Club Presents "It's a Wonderful Life". 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Dec. 15: Teen Trip to Avenues Mall. Depart Teen Center at 12:30 p.m.; return 5:30 p.m. Permission slip required. 246-0347

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

Dec. 7: TGIF Extreme Bowling Party. Every Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Free for Active Duty; guests \$5. Drink specials, half-price wings, music videos and light show!

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Dec. 9: Jacksonville Jaguars vs. New York Jets. Van departs 11 a.m. Cost \$10.

Dec. 10: Liberty Focus Group. 4 p.m. at the Liberty Center. We need your input and this is your chance to tell us your what you think of your Liberty Program. Free refreshments and attendees will be entered to win a prize.

Klaking Wives Work For Biggest Loser



Sonia Gomez, Laura Aceituno, Ruth La, Brandy Hampton get in a last minute workout on Nov. 30 before their husbands return to Naval Station Mayport with USS Klaking (FFG 42). The wives participated with other Klaking spouses in a Biggest Loser contest coordinated by Gomez, a certified personal trainer. Held from July 10 to Nov. 27, the spouses exercised, adjusted their eating habits and collaborated on menus. They started an online support group to share recipes, daily checkins and weight loss ideas. They worked out as a team as well as on their own. Gomez also coordinated weekly reward motivation gifts and collaborated with local make up artists, hair dresses and photographers to hold a photo shoot of the spouses slimmer physiques. By the time the ship returned on Dec. 1, the spouses had lost a total of 219 pounds. "I am very pleased to have been a part of their journey and proud to share a little of our world, hoping ou stories will inspire and encourage [others] to live a healthy lifestyle," Gomez said.

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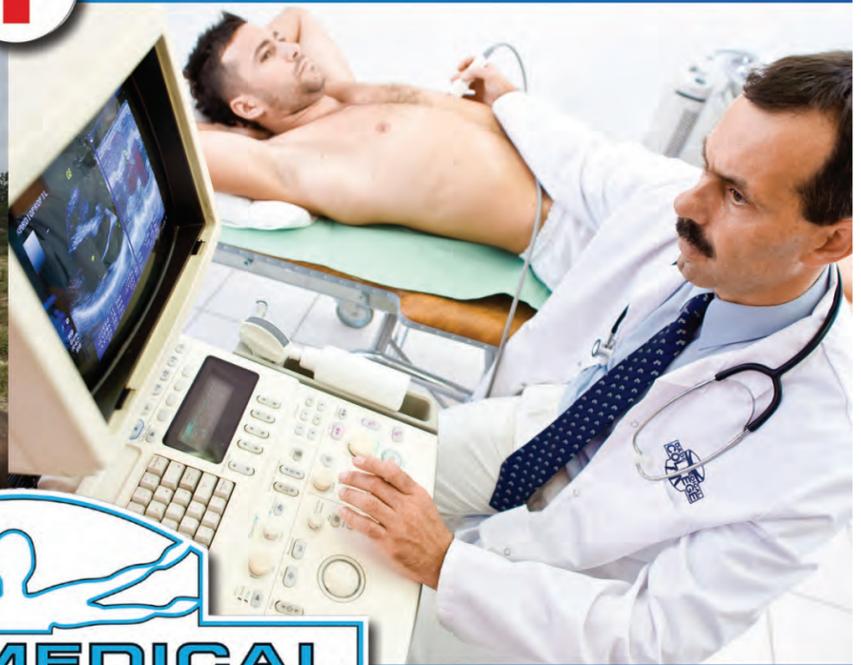
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Coast Guardsmen Volunteer In AB, PVB

By Petty Officer 1st Class Lauren Jorgensen
U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs

Coast Guard men and women from two Jacksonville, Fla.,-area units lent helping hands by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Atlantic Beach, Fla., as well as the Community Oyster Shell Recycling and Living Reef Restoration Project in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Nov. 30.

Volunteers from Aids to Navigation Team Jacksonville Beach, Fla., helped attach roof sheeting and siding to a Habitat for Humanity Wounded Warrior home off Mayport Road in Atlantic Beach. Contractors praised the Coast Guardsmen for their diligence and enthusiasm, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Christian Menendez, one of the volunteers.

"This was a great experience for us, and we look forward to helping with a future build in conjunction with Wounded Warrior Project and Beaches Habitat for Humanity," Menendez added.



-Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Zack Burgess
Petty Officer 2nd Class Juan Caraballo and Fireman Jacob Owens of Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Jacksonville Beach, Fla., install roof sheeting to a Habitat for Humanity Wounded Warrior home off Mayport Road in Atlantic Beach, Fla., Friday, Nov. 30, 2012. Contractors praised the Coast Guardsmen for their diligence and enthusiasm while volunteering.



-U.S. Coast Guard photo
Coast Guard men and women from Aids to Navigation Team Jacksonville Beach, Fla., volunteered at a Habitat for Humanity Wounded Warrior home off Mayport Road in Atlantic Beach, Fla., Friday, Nov. 30, 2012. The volunteers said they enjoyed their time working on the home and plan to volunteer again in the future.

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A second group of Coast Guard volunteers, assigned to Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville in Atlantic Beach, spent Friday morning at Guanna Tolomato Matanzas Research

Reserve in Ponte Vedra Beach collecting and bagging oyster shells,

which will eventually be returned to the water to restore a lost shoreline

and lure oysters to rebuild oyster beds where they once lived.



-Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Morreale
Coast Guardsmen assigned to Sector Jacksonville in Atlantic Beach, Fla., collect and bag oyster shells while volunteering at Guanna Tolomato Matanzas Research Reserve in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Friday, Nov. 30, 2012. Their efforts were in support of the Community Oyster Shell Recycling and Living Reef Restoration Project, with a goal of restoring a lost shoreline and luring oysters to rebuild oyster beds where they once lived.



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Atlantic Beach-Based Coast Guard Cutter Celebrates 50 Years Of Service

By Petty Officer 1st Class Lauren Jorgensen
U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs

The Atlantic Beach, Fla.,-based Coast Guard Cutter Hammer and its crew celebrated 50 years of serving boaters and the public in the coastal waters of Florida and southern Georgia Nov. 29.

The cutter's crew dressed the ship - a maritime tradition reserved for special occasions - donned more formal uniforms for themselves and took a few minutes to reflect on the cutter's past in honor of the milestone anniversary.

Hammer is an inland construction tender homeported at Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville in Atlantic Beach, is comprised of a 75-foot tug pushing a 68-foot barge and was placed in service Nov. 30, 1962, with a primary mission of marine construction of aids to navigation and piers.

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-Photo by PO1 Lauren Jorgensen

Atlantic Beach-based Coast Guard cutter celebrates 50 years of service Coast Guardsmen man the rails aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Hammer at Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville in Atlantic Beach, Fla., in celebration of the cutter's 50th year serving boaters and the public in the coastal waters of Florida and southern Georgia Nov. 29. Hammer joined the Coast Guard's aids to navigation fleet Nov. 30, 1962, and was tasked primarily with marine construction of aids to navigation and piers, which its crew continues to do today.

70-foot crane and pile-driving device, Hammer is manned by 14 enlisted personnel who are responsible for approxi-

mately 1,400 fixed aids to navigation from Sapelo Sound in Georgia south to Melbourne, Fla., and the St. Johns River from

Mayport, Fla., to Sanford, Fla. This area encompasses more than 420 miles of inland waterways.

"People often see us

and wonder what we do," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott Kahle, officer in charge of Hammer. "The improvements we make, along with the other local aids to navigation teams, provide a huge service to those who transit on the river and rely on the aids for safe navigation."

Kahle served on the Hammer for three years from 2001 to 2004 as a second class petty officer and said he's extremely grateful and honored to be back as the officer in charge.

He said although ATON is not the most glamorous Coast Guard mission, it's one of the oldest and has an enormous impact on the entire community, and the crewmembers know the value of their work.

Throughout the last 50 years, the Hammer has gone through 18 changes of command, numerous engineering plant mod-

ernizations, and advances in navigational positioning from the use of sextants to today's increased accuracy through the use of GPS.

The cutter's mission of providing safe and navigable waterways for the public and commerce remains unchanged

Although Hammer is primarily responsible for constructing and maintaining aids to navigation, like all other cutters,

it is a multi-mission asset and has been utilized in many different ways. Some examples of these secondary missions are marine environmental protection; marine safety; law enforcement; and ports, waterways, and coastal security.

Hammer was constructed by Gibbs Shipyard, Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla., but its original homeport was Ft. Pierce, Fla. It was relocated to Sector Jacksonville in July 1986.

FFSC Workshop, Class Schedule Set

From FFSC

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

Dec. 6, 10-11 a.m., **Craft Hour**, USO

Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

USO Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and play-

grounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

Dec. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m., **IA Children's Christmas Party**, CPO Club

Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., **Military Spouses 101 Workshop**, Building 1, Room 702

Dec. 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **SAPR VA Refresher Course**, Building 1 Room 1616

Dec. 11, 8-11 a.m., **SAPR VA Refresher Course**, Building 1 Room 1616

Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m., **CFS Forum**, FFSC Room 1616

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

Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-noon,

Employment Seminar, FFSC Room 607

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Dec. 13, 9-11 a.m., **Car Buying Strategies**, FFSC Room 702

Dec. 18, 9-11 a.m., **Active Parenting**, FFSC

Room 702

Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., **Anger Management Class**, FFSC Room 702

Dec. 17-21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.,

TAP Separate Workshop, Building 1 Room 1616

Designed for Military personnel within 90-180 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and how to successfully compete in the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes, employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days

of leaving the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-noon, **Employment Seminar**, FFSC Room 607

Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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Dec. 26, 9 a.m.-noon, **Employment Seminar**, FFSC Room 607

Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottle Tyme Playgroup**, USO

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Out in Town

Friday, Dec. 7

Mayor Alvin Brown invites residents to attend the inaugural Holiday at St. James celebration. The event will feature a craft bazaar from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Hemming Plaza, carolers, crafts for kids, an evening open house at City Hall, 117 West Duval St., and will culminate with a lighting of the St. James Holiday tree in Hemming Plaza from 4:30-7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and experience St. James for the holidays. Event is free and open to the public. Call (904) 630-3690 for application information.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. for a leisurely paced hike to discover the island's natural communities. Participants are encouraged to bring bug spray and bottled water. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Sunday, Dec. 9

Celebrate Christmas at Christ United Methodist Church's fourth annual Children's Christmas Celebration and Cookie Cantata starting at 11:30 a.m. Homemade cookies will be sold to support our various ministries. Crafts and fun activities

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will be available for children and their families and a visit from the jolly old elf himself will highlight the day. Join us in Wilson Fellowship Hall immediately following the choral cantata during the worship service. Call the church office at 249-5370 for information. www.neptunebeach-umc.org

Children eat a pancake breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus and then tell Santa what you want for Christmas at Isle of Faith UMC. Tickets are \$3 for children, \$5 adults and may be purchased at the door. Photos may be purchased. Two seatings; 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Benefits the Isle of Faith Dominican Republic Medical Mission.

Friday, Dec. 14

Duval County Extension Agency, 1010 N. McDuff Ave., will hold a Right Tree Right Place Workshop from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. This seminar will demonstrate how to complete a project by learning the importance of knowing your landscape codes, understanding the planting site and the selecting of the right tree for the site. Whether you are a homeowner, HOA, developer, contrac-

tor, landscape architect, or government employee, this seminar will educate and enlighten you. Speakers include UF/IFAS Extension Agents, JEA Arborist, and City of Jacksonville Code Enforcement. FNGLA and ISA CEU's available. Register online at: http://www.fufc.org/rtrp_jacksonville_registration.html

Or make checks out to Florida Urban Forestry Council and send to:

Larry Figart, Duval County Extension, 1010 N. McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Saturday, Dec. 15

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.

FRGs

USS Halyburton family readiness group will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6.

USS Simpson family readiness group will meet from 3-9 p.m. on Dec. 7.

USS Carney family readiness group will meet from 9-1 p.m. on Dec. 8.

USS Farragut family readiness group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.

USS Simpson family readiness group will meet from 3-9 p.m. on Dec. 13.

USS Underwood family readiness group will meet from 6-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 20.

No Dough Dinner

USO will hold a No Dough Dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Dec. 10. Pizza, salad and dessert will be on the menu.

Closed For Holiday

USO will be closed Dec. 22-25 for the holidays. It will reopen on Dec. 26 from 9-4 p.m.

Smiles Over Miles

Smiles Over Miles gives all active duty military service members the opportunity to send video messages back home for free, easily from any computer with an internet connection and webcam. The technology also comes with built in security, so messages are kept private and delivered via secure transmission. Sign-up now via the following link: <http://smilesovermiles.com>

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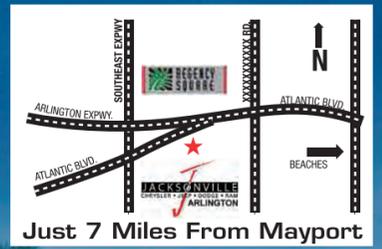
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