

SERMC Reaches Excellence

By Susan Lawson

Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) Rear Adm. David Gale selected Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) as the 2012 Regional Maintenance Center Excellence Award winner Feb. 13 in Norfolk.

SERMC is located on Naval Station Mayport and provides surface ship maintenance and repair support to U.S. Navy ships in the southeast region of the United States, ships

visiting the region, and to those in need of emergent repair support as directed by CNRMC.

"SERMC's performance exceeded expectations and milestones throughout 2012," said Gale. "The command provided southeast region ships and visiting ships with outstanding maintenance availabilities, fleet technical assistance and emergent repairs."

An availability is a scheduled event during which a ship undergoes repairs, maintenance and/or modernization.

Throughout 2012, SERMC completed seven Chief of Naval Operation (CNO) availabilities, 34 surface ship Continuous Maintenance Availabilities (CMAVs) and two decommissioning availabilities. In August 2012, after USS Porter (DDG 78) collided with a large Japanese-owned merchant vessel near the Strait of Hormuz, SERMC's Commanding Officer, Capt. Ron Cook and his Chief Engineer Phil Schmid quickly responded to support Gale, who led damage

assessments and initial repairs.

"The repair team arrived in Dubai on Aug. 15, which gave them virtually no advance notification to prepare for this effort. Despite the inherent challenges, their ability to arrive and immediately help assess damage and support repair recommendations was commendable," said Gale.

Last July, SERMC's Engineering and Production shops teamed with ships force on the USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) to perform a

Total Ship Readiness Assessment (TSRA) in preparation for the ship's Inspection and Survey (INSURV).

During the assessment, SERMC identified and assisted ship's force in working nearly 900 jobs. Typically, these jobs would be given to the crew 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 ship's force to work, SERMC partnered with them and provided the support of their Engineering and Production (Code 200/900) shops.

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

USS Hué City Deploys With IKE CSG

From Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

The Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (IKECSG), with nearly 4,500 Sailors, deployed from Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Station Mayport, Fla., Feb. 21, to support operations in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleets.

The aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), commanded by Capt. Marcus A. Hitchcock, along with German Frigate FGS Hamburg (F220), commanded by Commander Ralf Kuchler, departed from Naval Station Norfolk, and the guided missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66), commanded by Capt. Dan Uhls, from Naval Station Mayport.

Eisenhower and Hué City returned three months earlier than previously scheduled in order to resurface its flight deck prior to a planned redeployment.

The IKECSG is redeploying to support carrier strike group presence requirements in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet area of operations.

Working with allied and partner maritime forces, the IKECSG Sailors will focus heavily on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.

"This strike group is tested and always ready for the next mission," said Rear Adm. Michael C. Manazir, CSG 8 commander. "I'm proud of



Meagan Usry waves goodbye as the Ticonderoga Class guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG-66) departs Naval Station Mayport Feb. 21. Usry's husband Sonar Technician Surface Seaman Keith Usry serves on board Hué City. Hué City joins the USS Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group on a six-month deployment. Read more on USS Hué City, Page 18.

-Photo by MC1 Sean Allen

the versatility and flexibility of every Sailor in this strike group. They have proven that we can meet all tasks set out for us by our fleet commanders."

"I look forward to once again playing a part in ensuring the security of interna-

tional waterways and building partnerships around the world," Manazir added.

For this deployment, IKECSG is comprised of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 8, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN69), embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, embarked

Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28, German Frigate FGS Hamburg (F220) and USS Hué City (CG 66). Aircraft squadrons of CVW-7 include strike fighter squadrons VFA-143 "Pukin Dogs," VFA-131 "Wildcats," VFA-83 "Rampagers" and VFA-103

"Jolly Rogers," tactical electronics warfare squadron VAQ-140 "Patriots," carrier airborne early warning squadron VAW-121 "Bluetails," Fleet Logistics Support Squadron VRC-40 "Rawhides" and helicopter anti-submarine squadron HS-5 "Nightdippers."

New Skipper For HSL-48

From HSL-48

Cmdr. T. T. "Bart" Simpson was relieved by Cmdr. Eric J. Bower on Feb. 22 as commanding officer of HSL-48 ("Vipers") during a change of command ceremony aboard Naval Station Mayport.

Simpson reported to the Vipers in July 2010 and upon taking command, he sent an unprecedented seven helicopters detachments to sea during CY 2012, totaling more than 7,000 flight hours during his tenure.

Simpson will report to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower to assume duties as the Navigation officer.

Bower assumed the duties as commanding officer after serving as executive officer since November 2011.



-Photo by Lt. Justin Cooper

Cmdr. Tyrone Simpson, outgoing commanding officer of HSL-48, speaks at the change of command ceremony before handing over command to Cmdr. Eric Bower.

Are You Saving?

From American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials have designated this week as "Military Saves Week" to highlight the need for military families to reduce debt and save for the future, a key to force readiness.

The event is part of the yearlong Military Saves campaign, an opportunity for leaders to stress the importance of good financial habits to all members of the force and their families to encourage saving, reducing debt and building wealth, officials said.

Visit <http://www.militarysaves.org> for more information about Military Saves or call FFSC at 270-6600 for classes.

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Forgiveness Is A Very Powerful Thing



Chap Luke Wilson
Surface Force Ministry Center

We all have wounds sometimes, whether they are emotional, physical, or spiritual. Some may be small and relatively easy to get over. But other wounds can be big, serious, and deep. These wounds may hurt for days, weeks, months, or even years. Wounds like this can become a part of us and impact our life. So what should we do when we are hurt by others? Should we try to get even?

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Should we forgive? We learn from Scripture to not condemn and we will not be condemned, and to forgive and we will be forgiven (Luke 6:37). If we insist on getting even and seek revenge, I wonder if that is like saying that we can handle this better than God. Scripture also teaches us that God will do the judging, that God will take care of it (Romans 12:19). The question is – do we trust that God will ultimately take care of everything?

Are any of us perfect? No. That means that all of us at times have wounded someone and been wounded by someone. So there are times when we all need to forgive and be forgiven. So what is forgiveness? It is impor-

tant to understand what forgiveness is and what it is not. Forgiving does not always mean forgetting. Forgiveness does not mean that there are no consequences. It's not the same as pretending that unacceptable behavior is acceptable. If we forgive someone, it doesn't mean that we no longer feel pain or that we are finished grieving. Forgiveness does not always immediately lead to trust and reconciliation. So, what does it mean to forgive someone? Forgiveness is like a cancelled debt. It means giving up the perceived right to get even, giving up the attitude that "you owe me."

Of course, this is all easier said than done.

For minor mistakes and offenses, we might be able to forgive quickly. We can try to accept others' imperfections and remember our own flaws. But for more major offenses and betrayals, we might need to go slowly and get help and support from others to work towards forgiving someone. We can remind ourselves that the relationship with our loved one or friend is more important than the offense. We can also remember the times we have needed forgiveness and seek to develop compassion for the other person. We should take the time we need, patiently work through any painful feelings, and then strive to forgive and move forward.

Forgiveness is really more about the one forgiving than the one being forgiven. There are many benefits to forgiving oth-

ers. Forgiveness overcomes bitterness and helps us move beyond pain. Forgiveness can increase our capacity for love and make reconciliation possible. When we forgive someone and set them free, it's like we're really setting ourselves free.

There has been a great deal of research about forgiveness, not only from a spiritual perspective but also in the context of counseling and education. Research has shown that forgiveness interventions in counseling are successful in treating many problems, including substance abuse and addiction, anger and depression, and relationship problems. Research indicates that some of the benefits of forgiveness are: 1) happier marriages and families, 2) better emotional and physical health, 3) lower

levels of anger and hostility, and 4) reduction in stress responses and other behaviors related to cardiovascular disease. Forgiving leads to personal growth and progression in many ways.

Forgiveness takes courage and strength. When we forgive, we try to see things from the other's perspective and to develop increased empathy and understanding. Also, even though forgiving is not the same as forgetting, we try to stop dwelling on the past. Although we may still remember that we were wronged, we no longer hold it against the other person. We choose to let it go. Forgiveness is a liberating gift we can give to the other person and to ourselves.

Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? My hope and prayer is that each of us

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Special Program Planned For Academically Advanced Elementary, Middle School Students



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

For the past several weeks I have written articles about students with special needs, students struggling academically, and students who need financial aid. This week the focus is on academically advanced elemen-

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tary and middle school students.

Whether your child has been identified as gifted or not, Duke University's TIP Program may be just the ticket you need to help you better understand, motivate, enrich, and academically challenge your child. The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) identifies gifted students and provides resources to nurture the development of these exceptionally bright

youngsters.

Because giftedness is greatly misunderstood, students with advanced intellectual and academic abilities confuse and challenge educators and, especially, their parents. Duke TIP is committed to serving this unique group of students by providing services and programs beyond what is offered in the classroom. Through Duke TIP a whole range of activities and programs are accessible to parents and teachers to meet the

individual needs of gifted children.

For a variety of reasons, many gifted children simply do not reach their full potential. Exceptionally bright students often go unrecognized because they hide their talents, underachieve, or exhibit behavioral problems. In addition, a disproportionately large number of minority group students, youngsters from families where English is not the primary spoken language in the home and children from less affluent families are at risk for not being identified as gifted. Beginning at critical points in education,

Duke TIP gives students a chance to learn more about their abilities.

Qualifying fourth and fifth grade students may participate in Duke TIP's 4th/5th Grade Talent Search (formerly MAP) program and may take advantage of its optional above-level testing. Through Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search program, which focuses on the identification, recognition, and support of high-ability students, qualifying seventh grade students take college entrance exams alongside high school students. A large number of 7th grade Talent Search partici-

pants outscore many high school students.

To learn more about this very special program, check with your school counselor or go to www.tip.duke.edu/7benefits.

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Military Spouse Columnist

To everyday civilians, "the pursuit of happiness" typically involves career, home, love, and family. It's no different for military families, with one important exception: ORDERS.

Unlike their civilian counterparts, active duty servicemen and women must pursue their happiness within the strict confines of written military orders, which are lengthy documents that appear to be written in alien code.

Military orders seem riddled with gibberish, and might be easily replicated as follows: Sit on a computer keyboard for about ten minutes, periodically shifting positions. Once enough "XXXXXXXXs" and "UUUUUs" have been typed, print out about 15 pages; staple. Trust me, even the most seasoned soldier or Sailor wouldn't immediately notice the difference.

However, buried amongst the seemingly nonsensical verbiage are key phrases such as "Report no later than August 2013" and "Newport, Rhode Island," which, although embedded in gobbledygook, are

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important mandatory instructions regarding the next couple of years in a servicemember's life.

We are a Navy family who's seen our share of military orders.

Our most recent written orders arrived a month ago. Besides "RTTUZYUW" and "UUUU--RHMCSSU" my husband's orders indicate that this summer, he must report to a new job at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Our last orders instructed my husband to report to Naval Station Mayport, Florida in March 2011, and before that to Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany in July 2008. Before that Djibouti, East Africa. Before that Norfolk, Virginia. Before that Molesworth, England. Before that, Monterey California. And so on, and so on.

I can't prove it without the assistance of an experienced cryptographer, but I think that our orders might also contain mandates such as "/// GET OVER IT///" or "/// NO WHINING--YOU'RE IN THE MILITARY///." We *must* follow military orders regardless of inconvenience or hardship, like moving your son before his senior year, or leaving the church that you like so much, or separating your youngest after she finally made a new best friend. None of that matters. We are at the mercy of the U.S. Navy.

So why do we continue to let ourselves get ordered around?

In today's unstable economic climate, one might think that mere job security is what motivates military families to keep following orders, and with all the news of "fiscal cliffs" and "sequestration" there is some truth to this.

However, regardless of job security, a deep attachment to a military culture develops. With each successive move, military families not only become more resilient, but also cultivate a strong

identity and pride in their unique lifestyle. Believe it or not, we become so accustomed to being ordered to go somewhere new, we often look forward to it after being in one place for a couple of years.

I must admit, I've wondered if our affection for military life might be a twinge of Stockholm syndrome. Or maybe it's rooted in fear of what's on the outside, like long-term prisoners who are afraid to be released. Or maybe it's a compulsion, like Pacino's Michael Corleone in Godfather III ("Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!")

Truly, I know our affini-

ty for this lifestyle is rooted in honor, duty, courage, loyalty, patriotism and sacrifice for others. These concepts have become muddled in today's society, so we feel fortunate to raise our kids in a military environment where those virtues are emphasized. We live and work with other military families who have a common understanding of good and evil, right and wrong. We don't need a permanent hometown – it's the similar sense of values and camaraderie with fellow military families that make us feel at home.

No doubt about it: non-military families are fortunate to put down roots in

one place where they can make close friendships and foster stable school, family and community ties. They might not understand how a family like mine could be happy about moving to Rhode Island after less than two years in Florida.

But we *are* happy about our ninth move in 20 years, because it's part and parcel of our military lifestyle. To quote a common saying which adorns many a Sailor's front door, "Home is where the Navy sends us."

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



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Importance Of Civilians To Navy Mission

From CNO Jonathan Greenert

Shipmates,
I am re-purposing a memo I signed [Feb. 20] about the "Importance of Civilians to our Navy Mission" that is being released to all our Navy Civilians:

Navy Civilians are essential to what we do as a Navy. You repair and maintain our ships, aircraft and combat sys-

tems; plan and manage our budgets; and design and engineer our future force. Your efforts remain absolutely essential to our ability to be ready to fight and win today while preparing for tomorrow's challenges.

Today, 186,000 Navy Civilians serve in every state and 20 countries overseas. I have seen firsthand your dedication,

pride and unwavering commitment and I appreciate your steadfastness through this challenging time.

As we prepare for potential budget shortfalls, I remain focused on supporting our Sailors, Civilians and their Families and funding our most important missions. Today the Defense Department notified

Congress that it plans to furlough Civilian personnel if sequestration goes into effect. If sequestration begins March 1, furloughs would begin in late April. Information on the furlough process and your rights and benefits is at: http://www.navy.mil/docs/CivilianFurloughsInfoImpacts_19FEB13.ppt. I will do everything possible to keep you informed

and direct you to resources available to you and your families.

The Navy will remain on the front line of our nation's efforts in war and in peace. Navy Civilians will continue to play a critical role in those efforts, even in the face of budget uncertainty and fiscal challenges. Thank you for the incredible work you do each and

every day, and for carrying forward our more than two-century tradition of warfighting excellence and resilience.

DOD Preparing For Civilian Furloughs

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta has notified Congress that the Defense Department is prepared to implement furloughs for civilian personnel in response to the threat of sequestration.

In a memo to all employees, Panetta vowed to continue working with Congress to avoid sequestration, which would add \$470 billion to the \$487 billion in defense spending cuts the department already is making over the next 10 years. If Congress cannot agree on an alternative deficit reduction plan, the cuts go into effect March 1.

Panetta and every other defense leader have called the cuts dangerous. They would come on top of cuts imposed by operating under a continuing resolution. For fiscal year 2013, the effect will be further magnified, because the cuts must be done in the final six months of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

"In the event of sequestration, we will do everything we can to be able to continue to perform our core mission of providing for the security of the United States," Panetta wrote in the memo, "but there is no mistaking that

the rigid nature of the cuts forced upon this department, and their scale, will result in a serious erosion of readiness across the force."

Panetta and DOD leaders long have expressed deep concern about the direct impact sequestration will have on military personnel, civilian employees and families. Flexibility in sequestration is limited, the secretary said in his memo, noting that while military personnel are exempt from direct impact, services on bases will deteriorate, and families may feel the pinch in other ways.

Civilian employees will be furloughed if sequestration is triggered. Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter said last week that civilian employees could lose 20 percent of their normal income through September.

"I can assure you that, if we have to implement furloughs, all affected employees will be provided at least 30 days' notice prior to executing a furlough, and your benefits will be protected to the maximum extent possible," Panetta wrote.

DOD will work to ensure furloughs are executed in a consistent and appropriate manner,

the secretary said, and Pentagon officials also will continue work with employee unions.

"Our most important

asset at the department is our world-class personnel," Panetta wrote. "You are fighting every day to keep our country strong

and secure, and rest assured that the leaders of this department will continue to fight with you and for you."

Lunch Time Class With ERAU

From ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) will be organizing a series of Lunch Time classes if a minimum of students show interest. The requirements to launch this project is a minimum of seven students.

All classes offered will be business core related and could be used in any general education core. We will like to begin these classes in the spring term on May 31 in Building 1553 (FRC) near the base helicopter squadrons. Classes will run from

Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon in the training room. There are some general requirements that need to be completed if you are not currently enrolled in ERAU.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information at 904-249-6700/mayport@erau.edu Bring in a new student referral and you could be eligible for a textbook reimbursement of up to \$50. Go to <http://worldwide.erau.edu/admissions/finance/scholarships/index.html> for current scholarships available.

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can remember when we have needed forgiveness from God and others, that we can forgive as we have been forgiven, that we can give to others what has been given to us, and that we can set someone free and in the process set ourselves free too.

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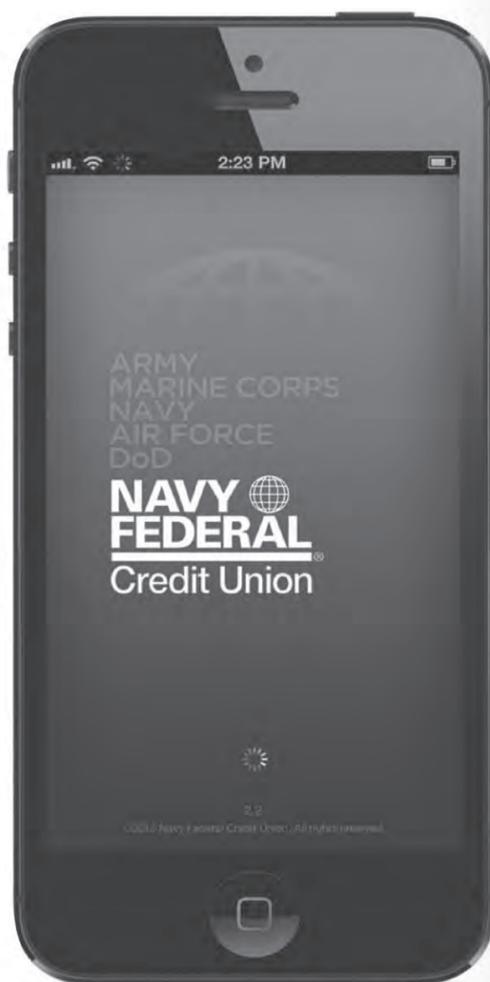
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Navy Updates Hazing Reporting Policies

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy initiated new measures to track and prevent cases of hazing, as announced in Naval Administrative message 137/13, released Feb. 20.

Hazing occurs when a service member causes another to be exposed to cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful activities. Hazing can be physical, verbal, or psychological in nature. This behavior is contrary to the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commit-

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ment, as expressed by Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, chief of Naval Personnel.

"Hazing has no place within the Navy's culture of dignity and respect for every Sailor," said Van Buskirk. "It diminishes our Sailors' trust in their Shipmates, their unit and our organization, it affects readiness, and it will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of

every Sailor and deckplate leader to both reject and report hazing."

The NAVADMIN establishes the Navy Office of Hazing Prevention (OPNAV N137) as the lead entity for hazing policy and tracking substantiated cases. Within each command, hazing is tracked by assigned command managed equal opportunity (CMEO)

program managers, equal opportunity advisors, and equal opportunity program managers, who will then work with commanding officers to ensure timely reporting of incidents.

Reporting procedures are outlined in the NAVADMIN.

The Navy Office of Hazing Prevention is working to expand the Military Equal Opportunity Network (MEONet) database to include tracking information on hazing incidents.

MEONet is a standalone online web-based program that standardizes, tracks and reports administrative actions associated with the primary duties of EO advisors and CMEO program managers.

Tracking substantiated hazing events is vital to determining the extent to which these events are occurring and the nature of such events, as well as analyzing trends. Incidents of hazing will be reported by the Navy Office of Hazing

Prevention to the Chief of Naval Personnel quarterly.

The full Department of Navy policy on hazing can be found in SECNAVINST 1610.2A.

For more news from the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion, visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/diversity>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel - Office of Diversity and Inclusion, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity

Monitor Sailors To Be Interred At Arlington

By Lt. Lauryn Dempsey
Navy Office of Information

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that remains recovered from the USS Monitor will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

A ceremony will be held March 8 to honor the two unknown Sailors. The specific date of the interment was chosen to honor Monitor's role in the Battle of Hampton Roads 151 years ago.

"These may very well be the last Navy personnel from the Civil War to be buried at Arlington," said Mabus. "It's important we honor these brave men and all they represent as we reflect upon the significant role Monitor and her crew had in setting the course for our modern Navy."

The Brooklyn-built Monitor, the nation's first ironclad warship, made nautical history after being designed and assembled in 118 days.



-Photo by MC2 Gina K. Morrisette

The facial reconstruction of two Sailors whose remains were discovered inside the gun turret of the USS Monitor after it was raised from the ocean floor in 2002 are revealed during a ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. The ceremony is part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hampton Roads on March 8 and 9, 1862, when Monitor and CSS Merrimac fought in the first ironclad battle in naval history. Monitor sank off Cape Hatteras, N.C. later that year. While much has been learned about the physical characteristics of the two Sailors, their identities remain a mystery.

Commissioned Feb. 25, 1862, the Monitor fought in the first battle between two ironclads when it engaged CSS Virginia in

the Battle of Hampton Roads March 9, 1862. The battle marked the first time iron-armored ships clashed in naval warfare

and signaled the end of the era of wooden ships.

Though the Monitor's confrontation with the Virginia ended in a draw,

the Monitor prevented the Virginia from gaining control of Hampton Roads and thus preserved the Federal blockade of the Norfolk-area. Months later, 16 Sailors were lost when the Monitor sank Dec. 31, 1862 in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C. Her wreck was discovered in 1974 and designated the nation's first national marine sanctuary, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Starting in 1998, the Navy, NOAA and the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va., began working together to recover artifacts from Monitor. During the summer of 2002, while attempting to recover the ship's 150-ton gun turret, Navy divers discovered human remains inside the turret. The remains were transported to Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) in Hawaii for possible iden-

tification.

JPAC, with the assistance of the Navy Casualty Office and NOAA, conducted a comprehensive effort to identify the remains of the unknown Sailors, to include time-demanding and detailed genealogical research. Given the age of the remains, efforts to identify them were unsuccessful. However, JPAC was able to narrow down possible descendants of the unknown Sailors to 30 family members from 10 different families.

"The decision to lay these heroes to rest in Arlington, honors not only these two men but all those who died the night Monitor sank and reminds us, that the sacrifices made a hundred and fifty years ago, will never be forgotten by this nation," said David Alberg, Superintendent of NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

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Ensure Your Awards Are In Your Record

By MC2 Andrea Perez
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Changes to how the Navy processes awards makes it easier for Sailors to confirm their personal decorations and medals are reflected in their Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), officials said Jan. 29.

NAVADMIN 016/13 outlines the steps Sailors should take to verify their awards are accurately reflected in the Navy Department Awards Web Service (NDAWS) and their OMPF. All personal awards, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and higher, should be showing in a service member's record.

"In the past, award citations or certificates received directly from the member for the OMPF were not accepted, since they were required to be mailed from the command authorized to enter the award

into NDAWS," said Jim Giger, head of Records Management Policy Branch (PERS-313), Navy Personnel Command (NPC). "Sailors will now be able to send in copies of their own award citations or certificates for their OMPF if the award is accurately reflected in NDAWS."

Before a Sailor requests a missing award citation or certificate be added to their OMPF, they should verify the award is recorded in NDAWS by visiting the U.S. Navy Awards website at <https://awards.navy.mil> and launching the "Personal Awards Query."

If a Sailor's award is recorded in NDAWS, but missing in their OMPF, they should mail a legible, clean copy of the signed award citation, or certificate in the case of Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals, with the service member's full social

security number printed in the upper right hand corner, to PERS-313 at:

Navy Personnel Command PERS-313 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3130

According to Giger, if a Sailor's award is not reflected in the NDAWS database, the citation will not be accepted by NPC for entry into the service member's OMPF. To resolve this conflict, a Sailor must contact their command's NDAWS coordinator, since only NDAWS coordinators can enter approved awards into the NDAWS database.

The NDAWS coordinator will need an original copy of the award citation/certificate and, if available, a copy of the orders from the service or joint approval authorities. Once and award is entered and reflected in the database, the NDAWS

coordinator will then submit the award citation or certificate to NPC for entry into the service member's OMPF.

Awarding authorities must submit a completed OPNAV Form 1650/3 and award citations or certificates to their NDAWS coordinator for entry into NDAWS. A list of NDAWS coordinators is available on the U.S. Navy Awards website.

"It is important that only authorized personal awards are reflected in both NDAWS and in a service member's OMPF" said Giger. "And ensuring only those award citations or certificates that are accurately reflecting in NDAWS are included in the OMPF will increase the integrity of both NDAWS and the OMPF"

Per NAVADMIN 016/13, Sailors submitting a selection board package with an award citation or certificate not already in their OMPF, but

recorded in NDAWS, will automatically have the award added to their OMPF. Those Sailors can expect to see the award citation added to their OMPF four to six weeks after the selection board has adjourned, said Giger.

Sailors can access their OMPF anytime online for the most up-to-date service record information by visiting BUPERS Online (BOL) at <https://www.bol.navy.mil>.

For more information, read NAVADMIN 016/13, visit the NDAWS Web Page on the NPC website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/recordsmanagement/pages/awddedcor medal.aspx> or call the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC or 1-866-827-5672.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

Taking Road Less Travelled



-Photo by MCC Sam Shavers
Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus observes training at Naval Special Warfare Center Detachment Kodiak. Additionally, Mabus officiated a promotion and awards ceremony and held all-hands call in which he thanked the Sailors for their service and sacrifice and discussed issues currently affecting the fleet including operational and personnel issues and the potential impacts of sequestration and the Continuing Resolution on the Navy.

All Hands Magazine ReLaunched Online

By MC2 Todd Frantom
Defense Media Activity - Navy

The Navy relaunched its flagship magazine, "All Hands Magazine," for Sailors and their families as an online publication at www.ah.mil.

The new online version will feature stories, photos and videos about topics that are relevant to Sailors and their families. The magazine will highlight Navy culture and heritage, and it will aim to be an informative and entertaining resource Sailors and their families can use to make decisions regarding their Navy careers.

"All Hands Magazine is a Web publication for Sailors by Sailors," said

Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Navy chief of information.

For almost 90 years, the print version of All Hands Magazine greeted Sailors everywhere. It started as a typewritten news bulletin, but over its lifespan it grew in style and stature. The Navy stopped printing a physical monthly version of the magazine in Dec. 2011.

"My intent is to bring that same sense of purpose and tradition forward with this online magazine," said Kirby.

The first issue will feature stories about how sequestration and the continuing resolution will affect the Navy if they occur; recruit divi-

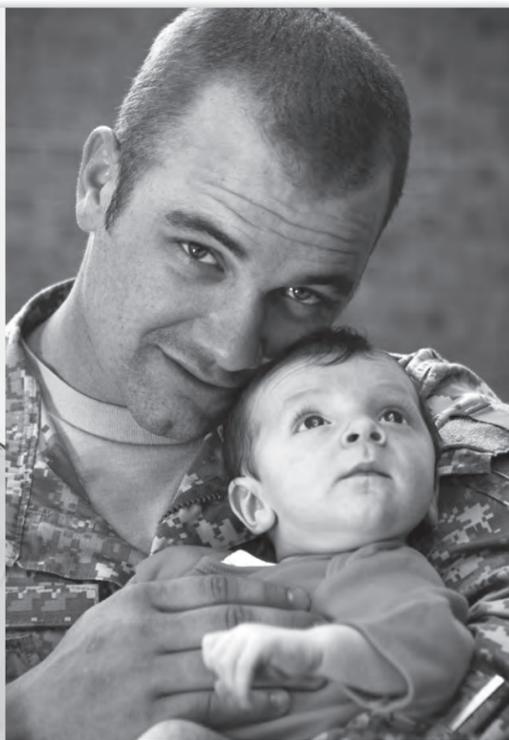
sion commander duty; changes to the Navy's enlisted detailing process and more. Additionally, the website will allow readers to comment and share content across various popular social media channels.

According to its mission statement, the goal of "All Hands Magazine" is to "include articles, information, imagery and videos that are relevant to Sailors and their families. It will explore issues that are of concern to Sailors and provide information that Sailors and their families can use to make decisions regarding their Navy careers."

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NS Mayport Puts Its 'Shield' Up



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Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Shawn Shirley, and Master-at-Arms Seaman Robert Marshall hold down "bad guy" Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Nicholas Converso after MA2 Bohannon and his military working dog, Milko apprehend the suspect during Citadel Shield 2013.

From Staff

Naval Station Mayport joined naval bases throughout the Continental U.S. in conducting the annual Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism (FP/AT) exercise Citadel Shield (CS) 2013 February 19-23.

The annual exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units.

The CS 2013 exercise tested different areas of the Navy's anti-terrorism program and naval secu-

rity force personnel's ability to respond to real-world threats.

Thursday and Friday, the Security teams responded to real world scenarios including a IED hidden in a truck and a hostage situation in the old Bank of America building near the Mayport Gym.

Security coordinated efforts with Mayport's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6, as well as Mayport Fire & Emergency Services, NCIS, FBI and The Salvation Army.

"As with every exercise,

it's great to get all the first responders together and practice in an integrated and controlled environment," said Naval Station Mayport Security Officer, CWO4 Chuck Mogle. "We had the good fortune of going outside the installation and working with the FBI. This will help us if there ever was an unfortunate real-life event."

"Although we were constrained this year with limited funding, we were still able to maximize our training efforts and gain a lot of lesson learned from the scenarios we enacted," Mogle added.



Master-at-Arms Seaman Genesis Garibay works with military working dog Axel to locate explosives during a Citadel Shield training exercise Thursday.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Naval Station Mayport's Security participates in an active duty shooter drill as the observance teams watch their maneuvers during the Citadel Shield exercise.



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Naval Station Mayport's Security team observes as Officer Michael Cokus inspects a vehicle with "suspect" Converso during a simulated IED scenario as part of the Citadel Shield exercise.



-Photo by MC3 Damian Berg

FBI Agents participate in an active shooter drill during Exercise Citadel Shield 2013. Citadel Shield is an annual Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism exercise conducted on naval bases and installations throughout the continental United States.



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A Citadel Shield participant unloads his weapon into a clearing barrel during one of the scenarios as Chief Gummer's Mate Heather Scott checks the process.



-Photo by MC3 Damian Berg
Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Robert Blanton and his military working dog Rudy participate in an active shooter drill for Exercise Citadel Shield 2013.



-Photo by MC3 Damian Berg
An FBI Agent briefs Sailors from Naval Station Mayport on the status of the event during an active shooter drill for exercise Citadel Shield 2013. Citadel Shield is an annual Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism exercise conducted on naval bases and installations throughout the continental United States.



Sailors from Naval Station Mayport participate in an active shooter drill for Exercise Citadel Shield 2013.

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Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Christopher Hernandez has his gear checked by a safety observer during Citadel Shield exercise on Friday. The Salvation Army also participated in the event to train their crew on disaster situations.



-Photo by Paige Gnann
Master-at-Arms 1st Class José Pacheco and Officer Kathleen Duncan stake out the old Bank of America building after a hostage situation is reported during the Citadel Shield exercise held last week at Naval Station Mayport.



-Photo by Paige Gnann
Explosive Ordnance Disposal 1st Class Zach Phillips sends out a robot to check for potential explosives during one of the anti-terrorist/force protection exercises conducted during Citadel Shield 2013 at Naval Station Mayport.

NEX Accepts Manufacturers' Coupons

From NEXCOM

Customers know they can save money every day by shopping their NEX. In addition to the average 21 percent savings and no sales tax, customers can also save money by using manufacturers' cents off coupons on their NEX purchases.

"Redeeming coupons provides our customers another way to save money when shopping at their NEX," said Richard Dow, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) Senior Vice President Store Operations. "Coupons are

a great way to save even more when shopping for the necessities your family needs."

In fiscal year 2012, NEXs accepted nearly 1.6 million manufacturers' coupons that generated just over \$2 million in additional savings to customers.

NEXs accept current valid manufacturer's coupons for the item featured on the coupon, subject to its terms and conditions. This includes on-line Internet coupons, except for those coupons offering free products, coupons for

Proctor & Gamble (P&G) products or those determined to be fraudulent. The NEX does not "double" or "triple" the face value of a manufacturer's coupon.

The NEX accepts scratch-off, percent and cents-off coupons from the Army Air Force Exchange System (AAFES), the Marine Corps Exchange System (MCX) and the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGX). These can be percent and cents-off in-store coupons, coupons presented in a coupon book,

or printed from Facebook. All coupon terms and conditions apply. The NEX also accepts a manufacturer's coupon and NEX coupon, or coupon from another Military Exchange Service, on the same item. The combination of the two coupons cannot exceed the price of the product; money is not returned to a customer on the redemption of coupon(s) which exceeds the price of the product. Only overseas NEXs accept expired coupons for up to six months past its expiration date.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) oversees 100 Navy Exchange (NEX) facilities and nearly 300 stores worldwide, 40 Navy Lodges, Ship's Stores, the Uniform Program Management Office, the Navy Clothing Textile and Research Facility and the Telecommunications Program Office. NEXCOM's parent command is the Naval Supply Systems Command. NEXCOM's mission is to provide authorized customers quality goods and services at a savings and

to support quality of life programs for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their families. NEXs and Navy Lodges operate primarily as a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business instrumentality. NEX revenues generated are used to support Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs. In FY11, \$2.7 billion in sales were generated with \$42.8 million in dividends provided to Navy MWR programs.

Select NEXs to Sell Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Benefit Sales Tix

From NEXCOM

Beginning in March, customers at select NEXs will be able to show their support for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) by purchasing a \$5 benefit sale ticket.

The benefit sales ticket will entitle customers to specific percent-off discounts for a one-time purchase on either April 22 or 23, 2013. The \$5 donation will be passed onto NMCRS on behalf of customers.

The benefit sales ticket entitles customers to tiered discounts depending on the type of merchandise with some exclusions.

Merchandise store-wide is 10 percent off, but excludes merchandise

previously purchased, existing layaways, special orders, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, electronics, cameras, computers, video games and systems, uniforms, gas, DVDs, CDs and concession departments, home delivery, Keep it New and Tempurpedic.

The discount also cannot be applied to e-commerce, all gift cards and prepaid cards, Autoport services and the Exchange Catalog.

The benefit sales ticket also offers 10 percent off the entire stock of fine jewelry, excluding Rolex watches, Omega watches, Maui Divers and Pandora jewelry.

With the benefit ticket, customers will receive 20 percent off the entire

stock of regular priced apparel, shoes, watches and sunglasses. Already reduced furniture with prices ending in .94, .96 or .97 will be 30 percent off. The maximum discount for any item is \$250.

NEXs participating in this event include NEX Mayport, Jacksonville, Fla., and NEX Kings Bay, Ga.

This promotion has proven to be very popular with customers over the past several years.

Last year, customers donated a total of \$291,593 to NMCRS. Navy MWR also benefits through increased profits generated through this promotion.

Students Encouraged To Submit Earth Day Poster

From the city of Jacksonville

Jacksonville students are encouraged to tap their creativity for the Environmental Protection Board's (EPB) 2013 Earth Day Poster Contest. The competition is open to all students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Entries received from kindergarten through second grade must be class projects. All other entries may be individual or group entries.

This year's contest theme - which must appear somewhere on the poster - is "Shades of Green." The posters should show how even one person's actions can make a positive impact on the local environment.

Awards are sponsored by CSX Transportation, and all entries will receive a certificate of participation. Photos of the winning posters will be displayed on the EPB website. First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each category below:

- Kindergarten through second grade
- Third through fifth grade
- Sixth through eighth grade
- Ninth through 12th grade
- Ninth through 12th grade (computer enhanced)

The first place award is \$150, the sec-

ond place award is \$100 and the third place award is \$50.

Posters between 30 x 36 inches and 16 x 16 inches may be submitted until 5 p.m. on April 1 to the Environmental Protection Board, 214 North Hogan Street, Fifth Floor, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

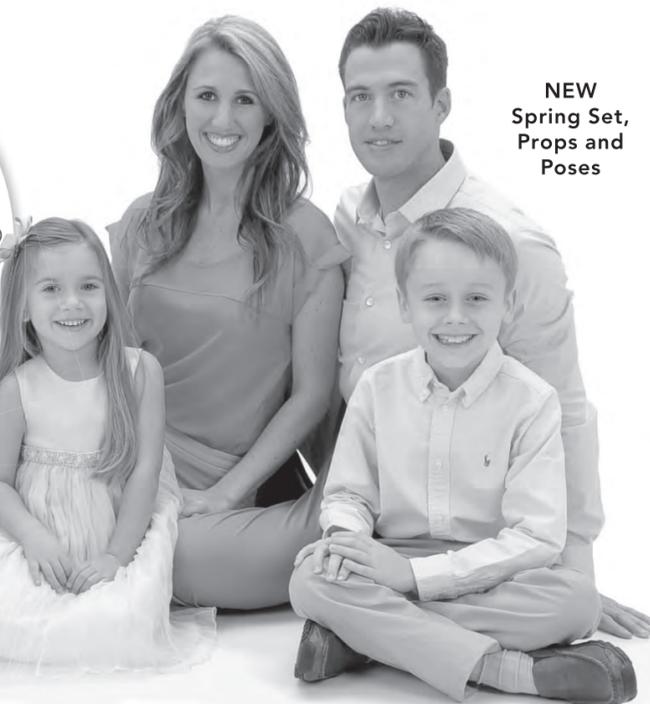
The EPB is partnering with the Jacksonville Public Libraries for this contest. Entries may be dropped off in the Children's Section of each of the libraries listed below until Friday, March 29.

- Main Library
303 N. Laura St. 32202
- Pablo Creek Regional
13295 Beach Blvd. 32246
- Southeast Regional
10599 Deerwood Park Blvd. 32256
- Charles Webb-Wesconnett Regional
6887 103rd St. 32210
- Bradham-Brooks Branch
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2013 Players Championship Birdies For Charity Campaign

The Greater Jacksonville Area USO is pleased once again to be participating in the 2013 Players Championship Birdies for Charity Campaign held in May in conjunction with The Players Championship. For more information visit www.birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com to participate and become eligible to win a fabulous grand prize.

Eric Clapton Ticket Drawing-Enter To Win

The Greater Jacksonville Area USO is doing a ticket drawing for three free pairs of tickets to the Eric Clapton concert on Tuesday, March 26, at the Veterans Memorial Arena but you can't win if you don't enter. The drawing is limited to active duty only with one entry per dual service family. To enter, please send your first and last name, email address, command, and contact number to drawing@usojax.com. The deadline to enter is Friday, March 15.

Disney On Ice Tickets-This Week

The Mayport and NAS USO centers is selling lower level tickets to the Friday, April 5 performance of Disney on Ice. Lower level Tickets are \$10 each and are cash only. Tickets are open to Active/Retired/Reservists/ National Guard/ and Veterans (with ID). Share a great evening with your family. Call the Mayport USO

(246-3481) or the NAS USO (778-2821) to reserve your tickets. Sorry, no refunds/exchanges on tickets purchased for the Thursday night performance.

Calling All Veterans And Military Families-JTA Survey

JTA needs your help to complete a Veterans and Military Families Transportation Options survey in connection with a grant for regional transportation assistance. If you haven't already, please complete the survey at: <http://bit.ly/one-call-oneclick>. The survey deadline is Feb. 28.

USO Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual USO Golf Tournament will be held at NAS JAX Golf Club on March 22 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Lots of fun, prizes on course and refreshments and food after completion of play. Funds raised go directly to support the troops and their families. We are limited to 30 foursomes.

2013 Honda Classic-Free Admission

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Hiring Our Heroes Military Spouse Employment Program

The Military Spouse Business Alliance presented by Capital One is bringing you a one-of-a-kind Hiring Fair and Career Forum on Feb. 21 for spouses of active duty, guard, reserves and retired veteran population. Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Members of Guard and Reserve Components are also welcome. All are encouraged to attend. See attached flyer for more information. For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202, 463-5807.

Relay For Life-NS Mayport

Join Relay For Life and NS Mayport in fighting cancer. NS Mayport will host its first Relay For Life on April 13-14 with the opening ceremony beginning at noon. The theme this year is "Seek and Destroy". This event is open to family, friends, coworkers, and those wishing to join the fight against cancer. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/MayportFL.

The Players Military Job Fair-May 5

New Benches For Mayport USO



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Kalani Patao, 9, joins other members of her Girl Scout Troop 1335 in painting new benches donated to the Mayport USO by the Junior Girl Scouts. The wood was purchased with funds they had saved more than three months and assembled by Chief Hull Technician Charles Johnson of SERMC, father of Arielle Johnson, who is in the troop. The benches will get lots of use at the USO with all the Special events, No Dough Dinners and Ceremonies that are held for the Military Personnel. The service project helps the girls work towards their Bronze Award in Girl Scouts.

In partnership with Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition, The Players will welcome active duty, reservists, retired military, veterans, and military spouses to TPC Sawgrass on Sunday, May 5 to participate in its second annual job fair. Information on local educational institutions with veterans programs, career counseling, and resume writing assistance will also be provided. The job fair at The Players will take place in "The Turn" hospitality venue. Companies interested in participating may contact Bill Hickley at bill.hickley@incepture.com

Supporting America's Heroes

The American Red Cross is expanding services to provide assistance and resources to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to help support their tran-

sition into civilian life. Emergency needs that may warrant assistance may include medical and dental needs, rent assistance, utility payments, and food; access to referral services; or other assistance depending on need. Applicants for these funds must demonstrate financial hardship, and/or lack of other available resources due to participation in OEF or OIF. Eligible veterans include those of all services, the Reserve component and National Guard.

For more information, please contact a Red Cross Military Services caseworker at (904) 246-1395

Recycling

Recycling has come to the Greater Jacksonville Area USO. If you have any office paper, shredded paper, old magazines, and newspapers that you would like to donate, please bring it to either

the Mayport or NAS JAX USO Center. This will be a great fundraiser for the USO so please help us fill the bins. Help support the troops with your unwanted paper!

There is a computer resource center available to all service members with email, Internet and word processing. Fax, copy and free notary service is also available.

Watch TV or a movie from the video library. Service members can also enjoy video games or use the sports equipment.

There is a full kitchen, showers, a quiet reading room and a meeting room available at the USO. The USO is available for meetings, support groups, receptions, parties and pre-deployment briefs. A TV, VCR and overhead projector are available.

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Blackened Tilapia Sandwich with a side, \$6.95
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Soup: Chicken and Dumpling
Tuesday, March 3
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BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Fries, Chips Or Slaw, \$6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich with Fries, Chips Or Slaw, \$6.50
Chicken Caesar Tortellini, \$7.95
Soup: Chili
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BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Fries, Chips Or Slaw, \$6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich with Fries, Chips Or Slaw, \$6.95
Chicken Cobb Salad, \$7.95
Soup: Chicken and Dumpling

Mayport Bowling Center

Thursday
Cheeseburger with fries and 20 oz soda, \$6
Friday
2 chili dogs, fries, and 20 oz. soda, \$5
2-pieces fish, fries, and 20 oz. soda, \$6.25
Fish sandwich (2 pieces), fries, and 20 oz. soda, \$6.25
Monday
Chicken patty sandwich with, fries and 20 oz. soda, \$6.25
Tuesday
BBQ beef sandwich, fries and 20 oz. soda, \$5
Wednesday
Hamburger with jalapenos, grilled onions, fries and 20 oz soda, \$5.75

Auto Skills Center
March Special: Tire Balance, pay for 3, get the fourth one free and 4-wheel brake job \$150 (most vehicles). 270-5392
Tire Special: Buy four tires and receive free alignment on those tires for life (must show receipt to receive alignment). 270-5392

Beachside Bingo
Tuesdays: Special Pricing! Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Beachside Bingo. \$18 for a 3 pack, \$20 for a 6 pack, and computers are just \$50 for a 3-6 pack. Plus door prizes nightly, lots of surprises and an additional \$5 off for all active duty military (must show valid ID). 270-7204

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

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Bingo Special. 12:30 p.m. at Beachside Bingo. Costume contests, cupcakes contest, double payouts on hard cards, Lucky leprechaun's Pot of Gold Game and more. 270-7204

March 1: Freedom Friday- Arcade Night and Movie. 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost is \$8 advanced sign-up and \$10 day of, space permitting. 270-5680

March 15: Freedom Friday- Rock Your Shamrock. 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Wear your green and dance with DJ Derek! Cost is \$8 advanced sign-up and \$10 day of, space permitting. 270-5680

March 20: Teen Employment Orientation. 4-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. This orientation will provide you an overview of the employment program, hiring process, resume help, and more.

This orientation is highly recommended to any teen interested in our Teen Employment Program. Open to all active duty dependents ages 15-17 by Apr. 30,

March 31: Beachside Bingo will be closed for Easter Sunday

Castaway's Lounge
March 8: Poker Tournament. 7 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. Test your card shark abilities for great prizes. Free to enter. 270-7205

March 15: Luck O' the Irish St. Patrick's Day Weekend Party. 8 p.m. at Castaway's Lounge. Wear your best green outfit and enjoy DJ entertainment, drink specials, and more. 270-7205

Every Sunday: NASCAR at Castaway's: Sprint Cup Series. Watch every race on our Hi-Def TVs! 270-7205

Foc'sle Lounge CPO Club

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

Chicken Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Foc'sle Lounge. Enjoy a two-piece fried chicken plate

with two sides for only \$7.00. 270-5431

ITT Discover Disney Florida Resident Special: 3-Day Discovery Disney pass starts at \$117. Tickets valid through June 17, 2013. Blackout dates apply. 270-5145

Universal Military Salute: All active duty military, retirees, reserves or national guard can receive one complimentary Park-to-Park pass for Universal Studios Orlando or Islands of Adventure (while supplies lasts). All three days must be used within a 14 consecutive day window. Tickets valid through June 30, 2013. Must have valid military ID to activate ticket at front gate. 270-5145

Blue Man Group at Universal Studios: Active duty, retirees, reservists and children only pay \$29 per ticket; Regular tickets \$44 per person. 270-5145

St. Augustine Trolley Tours: Adult tickets buy one, get one free. 270-5145

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Mayport Bowling Center

Friday Nights: Xtreme Bowling. 8 p.m. to Midnight every Friday at Mayport Bowling Center. \$10 include 2 hours of black light bowling, shoe rental, prizes and dazzling laser light show. 270-5377

Saturday Nights: Xtreme Bowling. 8-11 p.m. every Saturday at Mayport Bowling Center. \$10 include 2 hours of black light bowling, shoe rental, prizes and dazzling laser light show. 270-5377

Sunday Nights: Bowling Family Fun Night. 4-7 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Cost is \$10 per person and includes your choice

of a ¼ lb hamburger or a hotdog with fries and a soda, All-You-Can Bowl with shoes, music videos, light show and colored headpin bowling for prizes. 270-5377

March 20: Command Bowling Challenge. 4 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Open to all military and civilian employees assigned to commands at NS Mayport. is a Free Bowling Party (up to 120 people) + 100 Instant Party Bowling Coupons (over \$2500 value). Teams will play 3 games of bowling: 8 Pin No Tap, 9 Pin No Tap and Conventional Scoring. Total pins knocked down wins the Grand Prize! Captain's Cup Points awarded. Cost is \$75 per team. 270-5377.

Windy Harbor Golf Club

Wednesdays: 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)

March 6: Cobra Demo Day. 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.



Child and Youth Programs

2013. 270-5680

March 26-27: Teen Career Launch. 9 am-3:30 pm at the Youth Center. Teens will learn the ins and outs of the hiring process including how to write a resume, mock interviews, judging experience and skills and much more.

This program is highly recommended for anyone interested in the Teen Employment Program.

Open to all active duty dependents ages 15-17 by April 30, 2013. 270-5680

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

Feb. 28: Ping-Pong Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

March 1: Command



Break-In. Look for us at Barracks 1586 & 1587 and the Galley to get the latest news on your Liberty program.

March 2: Paintball. Van departs Liberty Center at 7:30 a.m. Cost

\$15 (includes paintballs, gear and transportation).

March 4: Billiards Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

March 6: College Workshop. 4:30 p.m. at the Liberty Lounge. Representatives from FSCJ will be here to show you how to get started on your education. Free refreshments.

Sign Up For Spring Break Camp At YAC

From MWR

Spring is in the air here at Mayport and, for the children of Mayport that means just one thing: Spring Break Camp from March 25-29 at the Mayport Youth Activities Center.

During this great camp, kids ages 6-12 can get out and about with great activities, games, trips and more. Campers are fed breakfast, lunch and snacks every day. Registration opens March 4 until full.

Parents can register their child Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Parents of children in the Before and After School Program may register from 6-8 a.m.

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MWR Sports/Fitness

Softball In Full Swing

By Rita Hammerstad
MWR Sports Coordinator

Naval Station Mayport's ball fields lit up with the opening of the 2013 Men's Softball Captain's Cup season starting with HSM-40 "Airwolves" taking on Air Operations "Air Ops" in a six-inning battle on Feb. 19.

Airwolves opened with three runs holding Air Ops scoreless in the first inning. They picked up seven runs in the second allowing Air Ops to score only one run.

Airwolves scored two runs in the third inning allowing Air ops only one run. Airwolves continued their streak by picking up six more runs in the fourth holding Air Ops scoreless making the score 18-2. In the fifth inning Airwolves scored an additional two runs, as Air Ops started to fight back with a nine-run inning. In the final inning, Airwolves scored three more runs holding Air Ops to only one run and finishing the game with a final score of 23 - 12 Airwolves.

The game of their double header Air Ops took on USS Taylor "The Taylor". This game was a five-inning battle. The Taylor pulled out to an early lead scoring seven runs in the first three innings holding Air Ops to one run in the first three innings.

The Taylor added to their score with three more runs in the fourth

inning. Air Ops sticks got hot as they attempted to comeback scoring 12 runs in the fourth inning taking the lead 13-10. The Taylor battled back scoring 13 runs in the fifth and final inning, holding Air Ops to one run making the final score 24-14 The Taylor.

At the same time The Taylor and Air Ops were playing, Harbor Operations "Saltwater Cowboys" were playing against the Airwolves.

Airwolves started off by scoring a run in the first inning, but going scoreless in the next two innings. Saltwater Cowboys started the first three innings scoreless. In the fourth inning both teams managed to each score one run. Saltwater Cowboys outscored the Airwolves in the fifth inning, three runs to two runs, tying the game at four all. Saltwater Cowboys scored six more runs in the sixth inning. Saltwater Cowboys held the Airwolves scoreless in the final two innings, starting off their season with a 10-4 victory.

The final game of the night was the Saltwater Cowboys against The Taylor. This was a tight battle game, going into extra innings for a winner.

The Taylor took the lead in the first inning by outscoring Saltwater Cowboys six runs to five. Saltwater Cowboys tied up the game outscoring The Taylor in the second inning by scoring 4

to 3. The Taylor scored another run in the third inning, but went scoreless in the fourth and fifth innings. Saltwater Cowboys went scoreless in the third and fourth inning, pulling their sticks together to score three runs in the fifth inning, giving the Saltwater Cowboys the lead 12-10. The Taylor reclaimed the lead by scoring five runs in the sixth inning, and Saltwater Cowboys only scoring two runs. Saltwater Cowboys tied up the game at 16 in the seventh inning. Both teams went scoreless in the Eighth inning. Saltwater Cowboys gave up one run in the ninth to allow The Taylor to pick up the lead. The Taylor's defense went back to work and held Saltwater Cowboys scoreless in the bottom of the ninth to take home the win with a final score of 17-16.

Captain's Cup Softball is still open to teams. For more information on how you can get your team involved in the league contact Rita @ 904-270-5451.

March 9: Men's Beach Volleyball Tournament. Volleyball Courts behind Beachside Community Center. All-military teams \$40, military/civilian teams \$45, all-civilian teams \$50. Register by March 1.

March 12: Catch a Leprechaun 3K Walk/5K Run. 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

MWR 'HITs' It In Sandbox



-Photo by Paige Gnann
Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Doug Cochrane stands with Becky Callender and Cmdr. Andy Hunt, the winners of MWR's first Mayport Sandbox Smackdown held behind Surfside Fitness Center on Feb. 15. Thirteen participants competed for top male and female in events such as Olympic Lifts, Gymnastics, Sprints and Plyometrics.

Donut Relays At Lock In



-Photo courtesy of MWR
Teens participated in a donut relay at the Mayport Teen Center Lock in on Saturday, Feb. 16. There were games, challenges, snacks, a bonfire and more for all to enjoy throughout the night and into the early morning.



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Life At Sea With Robert G. Bradley



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Gas Turbine Mechanical Fireman Huffine checks out a sample of JP-5 while Gas Turbine Electrical 1st Class Kim reports down to the Central Control Station that the fuel sample is clear and bright during an underway replenishment onboard USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49).



-Photo by Ensign Matthew Roberts
Sailors on board USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49) take on supplies at a CONREP station during an underway replenishment.



-Photo by CTTSA Robert Routon
Information Technician 3rd Class Corey Wisdom stands watch as a Master Helmsman in Aft Steering during Sea and Anchor onboard USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49).



-Photo by Ensign Matthew Roberts
Aerographers Mate 1st Class Corey Kelley and Aerographers Mate 3rd Class Nicolas Matta take weather measurements and observe the cloud formations to aid with flight operations on board USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49).

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Navy Housing Offers Rental Partnerships

From Commander,
Navy Installations Command
Public Affairs

Moving is costly, and for service members, the cost of moving to a new duty station every few years can really add up. Navy Housing's Rental Partnership Program, better known as the RPP, helps service members and their families save money on their moving costs associated with renting a home.

The RPP provides ser-

vice members with an affordable alternative for off-base housing and defrays some of the costs incurred as a result of their relocation. Benefits include reduced rents, reduced or no security deposits, and reduced or no application or administrative fees.

"Greater than 75 percent of our service members live in the community, and we are committed to providing them

with services that meet their needs and help them save money," said Corky Vazquez, Navy Housing Program director.

Local Navy Housing Service Center (HSC) staffs seek out desirable neighborhoods and homes and negotiate with landlords to enroll them in the RPP.

"Our Navy HSC staffs are knowledgeable of the community surrounding their bases. They are

uniquely able to create and foster relationships with local landlords and property owners through the RPP," said Mike Bowlin, Navy Housing Services Program. "Service members that take advantage of the RPP have confidence that the property has Navy Housing's seal of approval."

In addition to meeting landlord requirements, every property must pass

a safety inspection by the Navy HSC before being accepted into the RPP. All full-time active duty service members, married or single, eligible to receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), are eligible to participate in the RPP. Service members cannot be rejected because of a poor credit history or score. The service member's BAH is used to match the service member to appropriate

RPP properties; no additional income is needed to qualify.

The RPP is operated at many Navy bases worldwide. Service members are invited to contact their local Navy HSC to learn about availability of the RPP at their duty station by visiting Navy Housing's website at: www.cnic.navy.mil/Housing. For more information about the RPP, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/RPP.

Looking Down Range



-Photo by MC2 A.J. Jones

Chief Warrant Officer Avery Dunn looks through a range finder aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99). Farragut is deployed with the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions for Operation Enduring Freedom.

BBC Scholarship For Residents Applications Due

By Balfour Beatty Communities

Recognizing the importance of education and its continuing rising costs, Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is once again offering scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year to high school and undergraduate students of military members residing in family housing.

"We encourage our family housing residents with high school and undergraduate students to apply for Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarships," said Chris Williams, president of BBC Foundation, "it's a difficult economy out there and every bit helps."

Scholarships are valued up to \$2,500 with the possibility of being larger for exceptional submissions. The application details and requirements can be found at www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2013.

B a l f o u r B e a t t y

Communities, responsible for the privatized family housing at Naval Station Mayport, formed Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel - active, disabled and fallen - and their families in 2009.

One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of active duty military members that reside in family housing.

According to Williams, "Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to providing a quality living environment that supports the diverse interests and needs of our military families. Through Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, we say thank you for the work that military members do and the sacrifices their families make."

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USS Klakring Sailors Give Back To Jax

By Ensign Sierra Rooney
USS Klakring PAO

Sailors from USS Klakring (FFG-42), homeported at Naval Station Mayport, volunteered their time to serve the community by participating in a community relations project throughout February.

Seventeen of Klakring's Sailors are volunteering at a Habitat for Humanity build site in St. Augustine, Fla. They participated at four worksites, working side by side with several civilian volunteers. Additionally, several Sailors helped paint one site, while Klakring's Boatswain's

Mate 1st Class Angel Delgado added final décor touches by hanging curtains.

For many of the Sailors, including Sonar Technician Surface 3rd Class Grigorie Draghici, this was their first COMREL with USS Klakring. "COMRELS are our way to

give back to a community that continues to support us and offer us a home," said Chief Damage Controlman Chase Hampton responded. "We are excited to be able to contribute to the Jacksonville area's continued prosperity through this project."

USS Klakring is currently in her final months of service, making preparations for decommissioning on March 22. She will continue to participate with the Habitat for Humanity project throughout her decommissioning period.

SPS Building Skills, Structures In Belize

By U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ashley Hyatt
Southern Partnership Station public affairs

Navy Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 (CBMU) Seabees and the Riverine Squadron 2, Det. 2 (RIVRON 2) arrived here to set up for the start of Southern Partnership Station 2013 on Feb. 19.

This was the first stop in a multi-country deployment in the U.S. Navy's 4th Fleet area of responsibility. Both units will stay remain in Belize and work hand-in-hand with their Belize Defense Force counterparts for nearly three weeks to build part-

nership and interoperability.

Seabees will work to build a multi-purpose open bay structure, known as a seahut, and provide the materials for up to two additional buildings.

"We are here not only to build a seahut with the Belizean Defense Force, but also pass on our knowledge so they can accurately and efficiently build more in the future," said Builder 2nd Class Nathaniel Devincentis, CBMU 202.

RIVRON 2 will share their expertise with the Belizean Defense Force

and help them improve their skills in areas such as interdiction and inserts and extracts of security teams on the water.

"Our end goal is to give the Belizean Defense Force what they need to succeed. If they learn it and implement it, then it's a good day for us," said Chief Boatswain Mate Jason Hatfield, RIVRON 2.

The two units have separate missions but share a common purpose; to maintain a strong relationship with the Belizean Defense Force and share ideas, experience and technology.



-Photo by U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ashley Hyatt
Sailors stack bottled water in Belize. Troops from various branches of the U.S. military are deployed to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility to conduct Southern Partnership Station 2013.

New Medal Retains Place In Order Of Precedence

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

The new Distinguished Warfare Medal will retain its place in the order of precedence among military decorations, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said Feb. 19.

Much of the public discussion of the new medal has centered on its precedence. It ranks below the Distinguished Flying Cross and above the Bronze Star.

"We are not diminishing at all the importance of the Bronze

Star -- that remains an important award for our combat troops and will remain so," Little said in a meeting with reporters.

Senior civilian and military leaders decided on where to place the new medal in the order of precedence, he added. "We expect this award to be granted pretty rarely, and that factored in to the decision [on its precedence]," he said.

Juliet Beyler, the Defense Department's acting director of officer and enlisted personnel management, said in an inter-

view after the announcement of the new medal that technological developments on the battlefield have changed the way service members fight.

"The services all came forward and said there are people ... who are doing incredible things, and we wanted the ability to recognize them for those things," she said.

Service members do not have to be physically present on the battlefield to contribute to success in combat.

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pilots and cyber specialists can be thousands of miles away from combat and make contributions to victory.

To be eligible to receive the award, a service member has to have direct, hands-on employment, such as an unmanned aerial vehicle operator dropping a bomb or a cyber specialist detecting and fending off a computer network attack.

Combatant commanders must certify the impacts of the action before the award is forwarded to the service secretary

for approval.

The secretaries may not delegate that authority.

Officials stressed that the medal is meant to recognize actions with direct effects on combat.

Other awards are available to recognize service over a length of time, officials added, noting that the Distinguished Warfare Medal is not an end-of-tour award.



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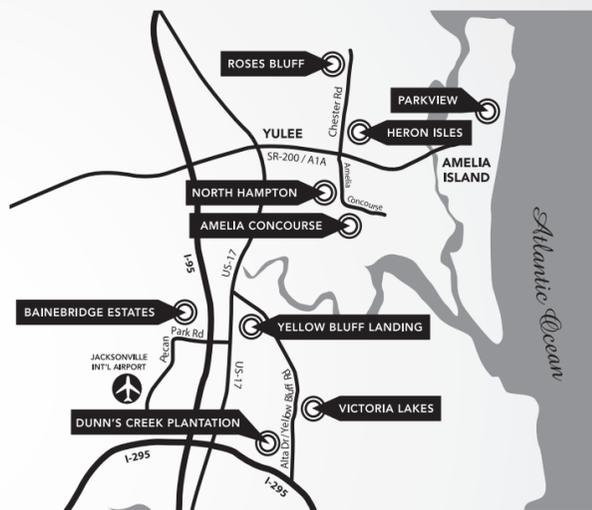
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First Littoral Combat Ship To Deploy In March

By MC1 Jen Blake

Defense Media Activity - Navy

During a media availability Feb. 21, Navy officials announced the littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) is on track to begin its first deployment March 1.

This milestone was announced by the LCS Council, a group established by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert Aug. 22, to oversee continued fleet testing and the introduction of the LCS.

"Addressing challenges identified by these studies, on the timeline we require, necessitates the establishment of an empowered council to drive the action across acquisition, requirements and fleet enterprises of



-Photo by MC1 James R. Evans

The littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) is underway conducting sea trials off the coast of Southern California. Freedom, the lead ship of the Freedom variant of LCS, is expected to deploy to Southeast Asia this spring.

the Navy," said Greenert.

The output of the council is intended to assist in maximizing the expansive potential capabilities of LCS and its associated mission packages in global fleet operations for the joint warfighter.

"I am confident we are on a path of success for LCS," said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. "This council will continue to unify our efforts to implement operational lessons learned from our research and development ships to further ensure successful fleet integration."

LCS ships are designed to employ mission packages that address capability gaps in the areas of surface warfare, mine countermeasures, and anti-submarine war-

fare. Due to its modular design, each LCS ship can be reconfigured to perform one of those three distinct missions in a short period of time.

Freedom's deployment will demonstrate her operational capabilities, and allow the LCS Council to evaluate crew rotation and maintenance plans. The ship will operate forward from Singapore and spend eight months in theater conducting maritime security operations, participate in international exhibitions and exercises to highlight U.S. strategic intent in the region, and reassure U.S. partners through bilateral and multilateral interoperability.

Association of Naval Services Officers Convention Cancelled

By Ensign

Amber Lynn Daniel

Diversity and Inclusion Public Affairs

The President of the Association of Naval Services Officers announced the cancellation of their convention Feb. 14.

NAVADMIN 029/13 announces the official cancellation of the ANSO Convention which was scheduled to take place from May 6-10 in Arlington, Va.

"In light of the recent correspondence concerning our very drastic funding shortfall in our operations and maintenance account for the Navy, and the direction we all need to take to minimize, if not

eliminate, our spending in non-mission essential areas, I have canceled this year's face-to-face ANSO Symposium," said retired Rear Adm. William Rodriguez, president of ANSO.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert issued his latest guidance Jan. 25 on yearlong continuing resolution and sequestration. In his message, all temporary travel, duties and professional training not deemed mission essential, to include attendance at conference, will be curtailed.

"Based on the challenges of facing the continuing resolution

and potential impact of sequestration, the chief of Naval Operations has given us all clear direction," said Cmdr. Angela Katson, Director of the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion. "The Navy greatly appreciates the mission and value that all the sea service affinity groups provide, and we appreciate the critical support ANSO has provided to our officers and Sailors since their inception."

In light of Greenert's Jan. 25 message, ANSO announced its decision Jan. 30 to cancel the 2013 in-person convention. ANSO is currently exploring alternatives to the

2013 convention, including a possible webinar symposium.

"Our ANSO board of directors and I are exploring ways to continue our symposium in a virtual way, in lieu of having a face-to-face symposium this year," said Rodriguez. "Our focus for our 2013 'virtual' symposium, similar to our 2012 symposium, will maintain our course of continuing to grow our current sea service hispanics to be tomorrow's sea service leaders, even during these challenging fiscal times."

ANSO is continuing planning for a 2014 convention to be held in Washington, D.C.

75-Day Leave Carry Over Policy Extended

By MC2 Andrea Perez

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The 2010 law that allowed Sailors to carry over up to 75 days of leave has been extended to 2015, per NAVADMIN 026/13.

The 2013 National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama in January, extended the expiration of the 75-day leave carry-over policy from Sept. 30, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2015. Afterward, leave carry-over will be reset to 60 days and any leave balance in excess of 60 days will be lost.

Special Leave Accrual for service members assigned to hostile fire or imminent danger areas, certain deployable ships, mobile units, or other duty remains unchanged and Sailors should review MILPERSMAN 1050-070 for more information.

Further extensions of the 75-day leave carry-over policy are not expected beyond 2015 and therefore, Sailors are encouraged to work with their chain of command to manage excess amounts of leave.

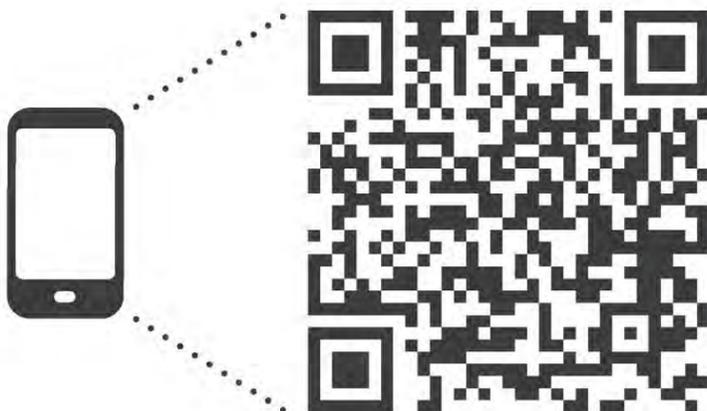


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Medical/Dental No-Shows Affect Patient Access

By Cmdr. Julie Lundstad

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Associate Director of Medical Services

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville - its hospital and five branch health clinics in Florida (Jacksonville, Key West and Mayport) and Georgia (Albany and Kings Bay) - takes pride in the time and care provided to its patients. And while some appointment cancellations are inevitable, when a patient doesn't show up, it prevents another patient with an urgent need from being seen at that time.

Last year in one clinic alone (pediatrics), eight percent of appointments were lost due to patient no-shows. That's nearly seven appointments a day (1,519 total)—at a cost of \$107 each (\$162,533 total)—that couldn't be used by other patients. NH Jacksonville wants to partner with its patients to reverse this trend.

In the private sector, some health providers charge a no-show fee for cancellations made less than 24 hours beforehand—some go as far as charging a fee for each 15 minutes a patient is late. While military treatment facilities don't

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function that way, it's important that patients understand the impact of no-shows on others.

To cancel or reschedule, please call Central Appointments at (800) 529-4677 (or the clinic directly) well in advance—24 hours in advance is recommended—so the time slot can be used by another patient who needs care. The care team and all of its patients appreciate it.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville's priority since its founding in 1941 is to heal the nation's heroes and their families. To find out more, visit the command website at www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax, 'like' at www.facebook.com/NavalHospitalJacksonville, follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/NHJax and view the YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/NavalHospitalJax. Sign up for email updates at nhjaxconnect@med.navy.mil.



-Photo by Jacob Sippel
Michelle Harris, Naval Hospital Jacksonville medical support assistant, hands Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Hermiedave Asistio a check-in sheet before his appointment at family medicine Jan. 31.

Teaching Children To Love Their Teeth

By Charlotte Caldwell

TRICARE Management Activity

Show children how to love their teeth this month and all year long. During National Children's Dental Month, parents can teach their children healthy oral care tips and schedule annual check-ups with their family dentist.

"Forming healthy oral care habits during childhood is important," said Lt. Col. Kathleen Gates, acting TRICARE Dental Branch Chief. "Beginning a healthy routine as a child encourages healthy behavior into adulthood."

Eligible TRICARE beneficiaries not on active duty have two options for dental care coverage, the TRICARE Dental Program

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George Washington's false teeth were not made of wood. He had dentures made from a combination of human teeth, animal teeth, and ivory.

1. Your mouth produces two to four pints of saliva, or spit, in a day.
- 2 That is about enough to fill an empty gallon-sized milk carton in two days.

Teeth are like fingerprints—everyone has different dental patterns, even identical twins.

or the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

Both dental programs cover dependent children for routine dental care such as annual exams, cleanings and x-rays, as

well as dental emergencies and orthodontics.

Costs and coverage details vary according to program and enrollment status, and the type of care received. Interested

active duty family members, National Guard and Reserve members and their families can get more information or enroll at www.tricare.mil/dental.

Brushing and flossing daily are important tools to prevent cavities and gum disease caused by food debris and drink residue left in the mouth.

Bacteria in the mouth use these to form plaque that can damage teeth and gums and cause cavities.

To remove plaque and maintain healthy teeth, the American Dental Association recommends children brush at least twice a day.

Brushing in the morning after waking up and

again before going to bed should be a regular part of every child's daily routine.

Teaching children healthy oral care habits is not just important for healthy smiles, but for their overall health in the future. The good oral care habits children form while they are young can help keep them healthy as adults.

For more information or to enroll in a TRICARE dental program go to www.tricare.mil/dental.

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NH Jacksonville Welcomes New Ombudsman

By Keats Reynolds

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs Assistant

Oakleaf Club of Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville member Molly Croft has been appointed, by NH Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer, as command ombudsman.

Since being introduced into the Navy in 1970, the Ombudsman Program has ensured that issues and concerns of Navy families are addressed. It is a command operated program intended to improve communication between the command and a sailor's family members. The position is considered an official Navy volunteer, which means that it must be filled by someone with a desire to serve others. They also need to be very structured as they are required to disseminate information throughout the chain of command. They provide important information to



Molly Croft
NH Jax Ombudsman

help families obtain valuable resources during their loved ones' careers. Ombudsmen are considered the "go to" people for guidance.

NH Jacksonville's commanding officer trusts Croft will do a great job linking together command families and command leadership. "The Navy ombudsman plays a critical role supporting our Navy families—something especially important for our families with deployed spouses," says Shaffer. "I have utter confidence Ms. Croft will do

an outstanding job guiding our families in the right direction through various challenges they may face time-to-time, serving as their advocate and helping them navigate available resources."

Oakleaf Club of Naval Hospital Jacksonville President Nichol Lee concurs with Shaffer. Lee says Croft brings to the position a great amount of experience and enthusiasm. "We are very excited to have Ms. Croft on board as the command ombudsman," says Lee. "We look forward to collaborating with her on future endeavors to benefit the families of our amazing Naval Hospital Jacksonville heroes."

Croft found her calling to serve as an ombudsman while her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Coby Croft, was stationed at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain. In 2004, her husband was deployed after a tsunami occurred in Indonesia.

This left Croft, a mother of three, with many apprehensions and questions about who she could turn to without her spouse being there to help. That feeling of helplessness and anxiety inspired her to aid others by becoming the command ombudsman until their relocation to NH Jacksonville in 2012.

"My husband has deployed four times, and my children have been various ages and stages during each deployment," recalls Croft. "The levels of support that we needed changed from one to another."

Croft enjoys helping families on a personal level. And she feels NH Jacksonville is uniquely positioned with its high level of Individual Augmentee (IA) deployments, with up to eight percent of its active duty staff deployed around the globe providing combat, humanitarian and disas-

ter care. "It can be very lonely and isolating with individual deployments," says Croft. "Helping a family find resources and providing them with the support they need is very satisfying because I've been that spouse, and I've walked in those shoes."

Along with empowering family members with resources they need to help themselves, the ombudsman is also available to help resolve conflicts that may arise between the command and family members from a confidential, nonbiased viewpoint. The ombudsman helps develop fair solutions to complex and difficult problems. When Croft became an ombudsman, she took an oath to uphold strict confidentiality. "I take very seriously the confidence given to me by the families who contact me," assures Croft. "I've been trained through the Fleet and Family Support Center and con-

tinued monthly trainings, maintaining updated resources to best serve the families of the command."

Contact the command ombudsman at nhjaxom-budsman@gmail.com or call (904) 508-7610. Mrs. Davis, NBHC Mayport's ombudsman can be contacted at nbhcombudsman@gmail.com or (904) 303-5596.

Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Mayport is one of Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's six health care facilities located across Florida and Georgia. Of NH Jacksonville's patient population—215,000 active and retired sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen, guardsmen and their families—more than 57,000 are enrolled with a primary care manager at one of its facilities.

Moving? Add Medical Records To Packing List

By Charlotte Caldwell
TRICARE Management Activity

There are often loose ends to tie up before moving. This can be especially true when a family is moving from one TRICARE region to another or transferring overseas. One thing families need to add to the packing list are copies of medical records for everyone who is moving.

Up-to-date medical records are important tools for health care providers to deliver continuity of care, and they are especially useful when

patients switch providers. Medical records help providers understand their patients' medical history for diagnosing conditions, prescribing treatments and avoid potential hazards like allergies or harmful drug interactions.

One tool available to TRICARE beneficiaries is TRICARE Online (TOL). TOL lets eligible TRICARE beneficiaries access personal health data captured during treatment at military hospitals and clinics via the Blue Button. Available Blue Button personal health

data includes lab results, notes from doctor's visits (known as encounter notes), problem lists, and medication and allergy data documented in military and Veteran's Affairs electronic health records. Individuals can find out what TOL offers them by creating an account at www.tricareonline.com.

Need help to register or use TOL? TRICARE TV has a video tutorial to help beneficiaries navigate TOL and manage their personal health data. The tutorial can be viewed online at

www.youtube.com/tricarehealth, look for the "Manage Your Personal Health Record" title.

Beneficiaries should request copies of their complete medical records from their primary care manager (PCM) before moving or switching doctors. Some civilian PCMs charge a fee for providing copies. TRICARE covers the cost of those fees for active duty service members only. All other beneficiaries are responsible for paying the fee and will not be reimbursed.

Once a beneficiary has

selected a PCM in their new location, they can request that their medical records be sent directly by mail. Sending medical records by mail could mean a delay in receiving them, and beneficiaries may still have to pay an administrative fee. Not all PCMs will send medical records by mail, so beneficiaries should plan to transport copies of their own records and keep them secure.

Beneficiaries should talk with their PCM about transporting their medical records well in advance of

a move. For more information or to register in TOL, go to www.tricareonline.com. For information about personal medical records go to www.tricare.mil and click on Medical Records and Privacy under the Medical tab from the home page.



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USS Hué City Completes First 2013 Deployment Replenishment At Sea

By MC2(SW) Matthew R. Cole
USS Hué City Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66) completed their first replenishment at sea

(RAS) of the ship's 2013 deployment with Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE 13) on Feb. 23.

During the RAS, Medgar Evers used the time to practice load-

ing and off loading pallets to Hué City in order to hone its skills, which is essential to both ships' missions. Conducting a successful RAS evolution allows the ship to remain at sea for extended peri-

ods of time without having to pull into port to refuel or take on cargo.

"This was the first of many replenishments we will conduct with Medgar Evers, so this just builds our working relationship," said Ensign Corey Schulz, Hué City's 1st Lieutenant. "I was really impressed with everyone today, this being the second half of our deployment and everyone able to jump right back in the saddle

and accomplish our mission."

Hué City successfully received more than 152,000 gallons of fuel for the ship and embarked helicopters. The evolution highlighted the crew's proficiency as well as Hué City's ability to work alongside other ships.

A RAS is an all-hands evolution and every Sailor plays an important role. During the evolution, Sailors form

a qualified bridge watch team, including a master helmsman responsible for maneuvering the ship at a close but safe distance from the replenishment ship. Other required duties include safety observers, rig captains, riggers, signalmen and phone talkers.

Every department on the ship provides personnel to act as line handlers. Engineering personnel test samples of the oncoming fuel and advise the ship when to secure pumping. Gunner's mates are on station to fire shot lines between the ships. Supply personnel move and secure oncoming supplies within the ship. It is an exercise that truly requires the crew to come together and work as one.

"The reason it was a successful evolution was because everyone was safe and on their toes making it nice and quick," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Daven Arce. "The most important aspect to any evolution is everyone stays motivated to look out for each other and work together as a team, and we have a good team here."

Hué City is on deployment to support maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.



-Photo by MC2 Matthew R. Cole
Above, Sailors assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66) secure the anchor for sea during sea and anchor detail. Right, Seaman Recruit Anna Colins, assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66), speaks to the pilothouse during sea and anchor detail as the ship begins its deployment.

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Working In Confined Spaces



-Photo by Paige Gnann
Members of Naval Station Mayport's Fire & Emergency Services team race to set up a tripod as part of a confined space exercise held Feb. 9 at Mayport's new swimming pool. The pool is part of the new addition to the Mayport gym construction currently underway. The rescue team set up a dummy and practiced rescue drills during a real-time scenario at the pool.



-Photo courtesy of F&ES
NS Mayport Fire Inspector Moises Colon stands with MWR Youth Counselor Brandy Wainwright and members of the Youth Activities Center 4-H who collected teddy bears for the base fire department during a teddy bear drive.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Properly

From Mayport Environmental

Half empty cans of paint, an aerosol can without a spray tip, unwanted insecticides, and old containers of transmission fluid - chemicals that you will probably never use again but don't know what to do with - these are all examples of what is commonly termed Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Because they are so commonplace within the community, the cumulative effect of HHW, if not properly discarded,

can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

To properly dispose of household hazardous wastes throughout the year, you may bring materials to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2675 Commonwealth Ave. The HHW Facility is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. In addition, the City provides HHW mobile collection events at various locations throughout Jacksonville. They will be held from 9 a.m. until 3

p.m. at the following locations:

March 16, 2013 - Blue Cypress Park: 4012 University Blvd. N.

Naval Station Mayport departments and other Navy organizations must arrange for disposal of hazardous waste through the Public Works Department Hazardous Waste Facility (Bldg. 1986) - call 270-6468. To report improper dumping of household hazardous waste on the Station, please call 270-6781 or 270-6070.

NS Mayport Gets Cuddly For A Cause

By Fire Inspector Moises Colon

First Coast Navy Fire & Emergency Services

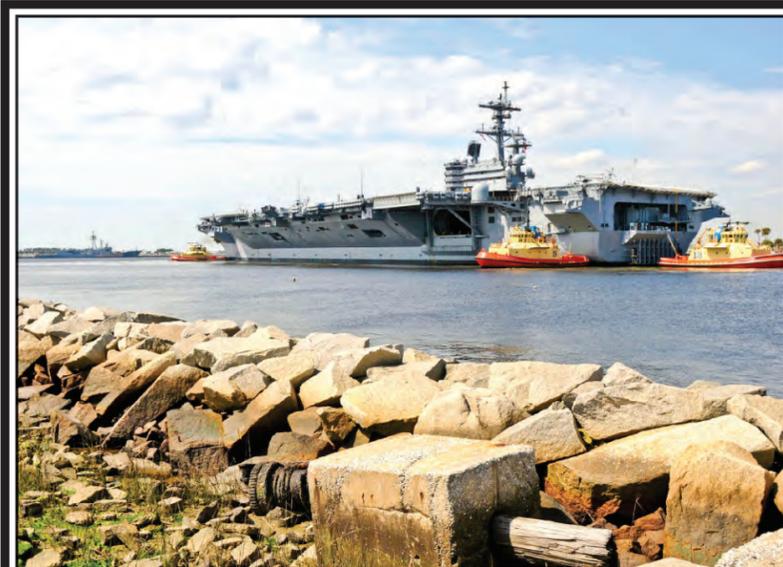
Members of the teen center, with the help of youth counselor Brandy Wainwright, participated in a 4-H teddy bear drive at Naval Station Mayport last week.

Their goal was to collect teddy bears for the local base fire department.

The toys collected will be given to children during emergency calls with the hopes of providing comfort during traumatic experiences. The teens are members of the 4-H club, which is the nation's largest youth development organization.

In addition to the teddy bear drive, the teens recently collaborated with

fire inspectors at Naval Station Mayport to create and star in a fire prevention skit. The original skit was performed during Fire Prevention Week with the intention of educating Mayport's youth on fire safety. The skit was digitally recorded and is currently being used for training by the fire prevention office.



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Retiree News

Explaining Arrears Of Pay

From the Retired Activities Office

When a retiree dies, his or hers retired pay ceases upon notification to DFAS. This can be done with a phone call to DFAS (800-321-1080). It should be done as soon as possible in order to prevent any overpayment of retired pay that could cause future monetary problems with DFAS.

However, the beneficiary (normally the spouse) is entitled to the pro-rated amount of his or her military member's final month's retired pay. This is called the arrears of pay (AOP). When DFAS is notified of the service member's death, they will reclaim the final month's retired pay and conduct an audit of

his or hers account to compute the amount of the AOP.

To receive this final payment, a DD Form-1174, Claim for Unpaid Compensation must be filled out and filed with DFAS with a copy of the long form death certificate. This can be done either by submitting the form via mail or online at the DFAS web site (<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>).

A blank DD-1174 form is normally sent to the beneficiary by the DFAS Retired Pay and Annuity section. It can also be obtained at the NAS Jax Retired Activities Office at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

However the form is submitted,

a copy of the long form death certificate has to accompany the 1174 or faxed separately to DFAS Retired Pay and Annuity Section (800-469-6559).

If the 1174 and death certificate are faxed to DFAS, ensure there is adequate reference to the service member (full name, address, Social Security Number or service number, phone number and name for point of contact on both pieces of documentation).

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Out in Town

Saturday, March 2

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., is kicking off Garden Month 2013 with a Free Community Day and Plant Sale starting at 9 a.m. The Cummer is dedicating the entire month of March to the historic gardens. Garden Month 2013 kicks off with a Free Community Day featuring live music, art-making activities, a plant sale, The St. Johns Riverkeeper Rain Barrel Sale and artist demonstrations in the gardens. Plant Sale vendors include Anita's Garden Shop, Flying Dragon Citrus Nursery, Native Gardens Nursery, Philips Garden Store, Rockaway Garden Center and Trad's Garden Center. Community Day coincides with the launch of Weaver Free First Saturdays at The Cummer, which opens the Museum to the public for free the first Saturday of every month. Artist Demonstrations in the Gardens: Noon to 3 p.m. For more information, please call (904) 899-6038 or visit www.cummer.org. For more information about the Plant Sale, please call The Cummer Store at (904) 899-6035.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park will host a Union Garrison event on Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3 at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach. This program will allow visitors to interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1864. The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Come join in this unique, family friendly event. Fees include the \$6 per vehicle Park entrance fee plus \$2.00 per person Fort admission. For additional information, contact the park at (904) 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

North Atlantic right whales visit Northeast Florida waters to give birth to calves December through March. Join a ranger at 2 p.m. to learn about one of the world's most endangered large mammals. 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, March 3

Fort Caroline United Methodist Church, 8510 Ft. Caroline Road will begin a new church service at 1:10 p.m. The service, entitled *Life Redeemed 1:10*, features

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current praise music and is targeted for college-going youth. Join us! For more information, call 744-1311.

Monday, March 4

A Canning Workshop "Freezing Products" come learn to freeze products in jars and plastic containers, at Duval County Canning Center, 1010 N. McDuff Ave., at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 with limited space; with pre-registration and pre-payment being required. Please contact Jeannie Crosby at 255-7450. Make checks payable to: DCOHAC and mail to: Duval County Extension Office, Attention: Jeannie.

A Canning Workshop "Splenda Product - Pomogranate Jelly" come learn to make and take home some of the product made at Duval County Canning Center, 1010 N. McDuff Ave., at 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 with limited space; with pre-registration and pre-payment being required. Please contact Jeannie Crosby at 255-7450. Make checks payable to: DCOHAC and mail to: Duval County Extension Office, Attention: Jeannie.

Tuesday, March 5

Beaches Photography Club will meet on at the Beaches Library, 600 3rd St., Neptune Beach, 6-8 p.m. The program will be a presentation by Olis Garber on Bird and Landscape Photography. This is a free event with people of all ability levels and camera types welcomed and encouraged to come and learn more about photography.

Saturday, March 9

The Talbot Islands have a rich cultural history that dates back over 5,000 years. Join a Park Ranger at 2 p.m. for a look into these past cultures and the artifacts they left behind. 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.

Duval County Staff are offering an irrigation class on water saving techniques, tuning up your irrigation system and low volume irrigation for gardens from 9 a.m.-noon at Duval County Extension, 1010 N. McDuff Ave. We are offering a free water savings kit to the first 50 registrants. Call Becky at 255-7450 to pre-register or email her at beckyd@coj.net with your name and phone number. Cost is \$5. You can pay at the door.

Orlando Harley-Davidson will host a pair of events benefiting Operation Giveback www.operation-giveback.org to honor the heroic sacrifice

of America's veterans and their families. Starting at 11:45 a.m., a large motorcycle convoy will travel on surface roads from the Orlando Harley-Davidson South Dealership on 192 in Kissimmee to the Orlando Harley-Davidson Historic Factory Dealership. Starting at 1 p.m., hundreds of riders and members of the public will be treated to entertainment and food. A \$10 donation (cash or check) per rider and a \$5 donation per passenger will be required. All proceeds will benefit wounded warriors, their families and the children of our fallen heroes. For more information, visit www.orlando-harley.com

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park is partnering with the Friends of Fort Clinch, Inc., Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and Fish Florida to conduct a Kids' Fishing Clinic from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, to teach lessons on knot tying, fishing ethics, tackle, habitat, casting and more. The clinic is open to children ages four to 16 and will be held on the Atlantic Fishing Pier at Fort Clinch State Park. The first 500 kids will take home their own rod and reel combo. Bring your family to enjoy a fun day of saltwater fishing. For additional information, please contact the park at (904) 277-7274 or visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Tuesday, March 12

The Duval County Extension Office along with Standard Feed & Seed, Dinsmore Feed & Supply and Purina Animal Nutrition is offering a Small Scale Poultry Production Workshop from 6-8:30 p.m. This free workshop will cover breed selection, nutrition and feeding, basic management of recycling chicken litter, current regulations and petition update, general tips and an Q & A panel. Everyone in attendance will receive a coupon for two free chicks. Light refreshments will be served. To pre-register call Becky at 904-255-7450 or go to <http://raising-poultry2013.eventbrite.com>. This workshop will be located at the Duval County Extension Office at 1010 N McDuff Ave.

Friday, March 15

Duval County Extension is offering a Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop on from 10 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$45. Pre-registration with payment is due

18th Annual St Johns Celebration Cleanup

From Mayport Environmental

Volunteers are needed to collect litter and debris on the beach and along the Jetties at Naval Station Mayport for the 18th Annual St. Johns River Celebration Cleanup on March 16.

Participants should plan to meet at 9 a.m. on March 16 at Jetties Pavilion #3 (the eastern-most covered pavilion) near Pelican Roost RV Park on Bon Homme Richard Street.

This event will run until approximately 11 a.m. - volunteers are welcome to participate for part or all of that time frame. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Community Service hours may be earned from participation in this event.

To learn more, call Keep Jacksonville Beautiful at (904) 630-3420 or visit www.coj.net (keywords: St Johns River Celebration) or contact Naval Station Mayport Water Quality Program Manager, Scott Dombrosky at 270-6781. Pre-registration is not required.

by Monday, March 11. Please make check for \$45 payable to DCOHAC and mail to Rain Barrel Workshop, 1010 N McDuff Ave. The class is limited in size. Please bring a vehicle big enough to get the 55-gallon plastic drum home. Sorry, no deliveries. For questions, please call Becky at 904-255-7450.

Saturday, March 23

Why are we fascinated with monsters and the mysterious? Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. for a discussion on the different types of shark teeth that can be found on the area's beaches. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. The program is free.

Saturday, March 30

Go on a nature hike with a park ranger at 2 p.m. through the forests of Fort George Island and learn about the history, people, and places that once called this island home. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park.



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Mayport Goes To War

Taking A Look Back At NS Mayport's History

By Joe Pickett
Former Station Librarian

Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of an article first published on June 1, 1990. It is the first in a series that follows the history of Naval Station Mayport from its beginnings to present day.

In April 1939, the Navy department implemented plans for the establishment and construction of an aircraft carrier base on the East Coast of the United States. One of several locations considered was a site near Mayport at the mouth of the St. Johns River. In December 1939, Ribault Bay was selected.

On Oct. 27, 1940, a relatively obscure naval Reserve officer was called to active duty to establish and assume command of the new U.S. Naval Frontier Section Base at Mayport. Two months later, Lt. Cmdr. Maynard R. Sanders, a 27-year veteran of the Naval Reserve, assumed his duties during the commissioning ceremonies held at the old U.S. Naval Reserve Armory in the southside of Jacksonville. Sanders served as the section base commanding officer until he was reassigned to the position of district personnel officer, with the rank of commander, at the Sixth Naval District in Charleston, S.C.

The land surrounding the bay was purchased in 1941, and construction of barracks, mess hall, dispensary and administration facilities and dredging of the bay was started immediately. But in May of that year, Congress shelved the plans for the carrier facility, opting instead for a crash boat and patrol boat training facility.

In December of 1940, the dark clouds of war were gathering just beyond the horizons of the Atlantic and Pacific

Oceans, and they were aimed at America. One year later, the whirlwinds of German and Japanese aggression swept those clouds toward the United States with all the fury of a hurricane.

Two events were the catalysts that plunged America into a second world war in the relatively short period of 23 years.

On Oct. 31, 1941, a German submarine, U-552, torpedoed and sank the American destroyer USS Reuben James in the North Atlantic. Of the entire crew of about 160, only 45 were rescued.

On Dec. 7, Japan unleashed the might of its naval, sea and air forces against an unsuspecting military and civilian population at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On Dec. 11, Germany and Italy declared war against the United States.

At the time of the attack on our fleet at Pearl Harbor, the Atlantic Fleet consisted of four old battleships, New York Texas, Arkansas and Wyoming; four heavy cruisers, San Francisco, Tuscaloosa, Quincy and Vincennes; Destroyer Squadron 10; and two aircraft carriers, Ranger and Wasp.

During the critical months of 1942 and early 1943, the Atlantic Fleet had been dispersed either to the North Atlantic for convoy duty or to North Africa and the Mediterranean. Shipping along the East Coast of the United States was most vulnerable to attack by German submarines. With the dispersal of the Atlantic fleet, the shipping lanes along the East coast from Halifax to the Panama Canal were left unprotected. Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, commander in chief of Hitler's submarine service, unleashed his U-boats and aimed



-Official U.S. Navy Photo
Sailors work at the U.S. Naval Reserve Armory located in the southside of Jacksonville. Sailors stationed at the Armory would later man a newly-created U.S. Naval Frontier Section Base at Mayport.

them toward the United States on Jan. 13, 1942.

"Operation Drumbeat," Doenitz's code name for the operation, became a reality. America was soon to find its Atlantic Coast beaches covered with fuel oil and the bodies of dead seamen, and its offshore waters the graveyard of sunken ships.

In this, the first of several articles detailing the history of the naval station, I briefly touched on the activities involving the creation of the station. Future articles will cover the period from 1939 to 1946, when the station was deactivated. The history will be composed of data collected from photographs taken of the station between 1939 and 1945, interviews with surviving veterans of the Mayport Naval Reserve

veterans who served here during the war years, and from documents donated

to the library's collection by various patrons, including Helen Sanders

and Ida Crozier, the wife and daughter of the late Capt. Maynard R. Sanders.

Initiative Reduces Disability Claims VA Processing Time

From a Department of Veterans Affairs News Release

The Veterans Affairs Department has launched a new initiative that could eliminate the requirement for an in-person medical examination for some veterans and shorten the time it takes to process disability compensation claims.

Officials said the initiative - called Acceptable Clinical Evidence, or ACE - was developed jointly by the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration to provide a veteran-centric approach for disability examinations.

Use of the ACE process opens the possibility of doing assessments without an in-person examination when there is sufficient information in the record, officials said.

Under ACE practices, a VA medical provider completes a disability benefits questionnaire by reviewing existing medical evidence. This evidence can

be supplemented with information obtained during a telephone interview with the veteran, officials explained, alleviating the need for some veterans to report for an in-person examination.

"ACE is a process improvement that will help us meet our goal to eliminate the claims backlog and provide more timely benefits to our veterans, their families and survivors," said Allison A. Hickey, VA's undersecretary for benefits. "The initiative also saves veterans the inconvenience and costs associated with attending a medical examination."

When a VA medical provider determines VA records already contain sufficient medical information to provide the needed documentation for disability rating purposes, the requirement for veterans to travel to a medical facility for an examination may be eliminated.

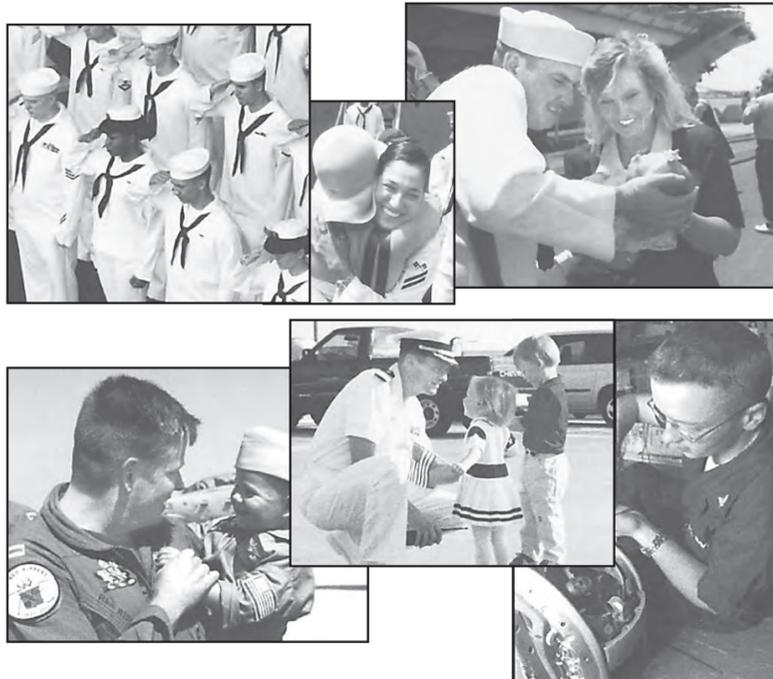
If VA can complete a

disability benefits questionnaire by reviewing medical records already on file, it will use the ACE process. This would then expedite the determination of disability ratings, officials said, in turn eliminating the wait time to schedule and conduct an exam from the claims process.

During a 15-month pilot test at one VA regional claims processing office, officials noted, 38 percent of claims submitted were eligible for ACE.

The ACE initiative is a part of a five-year effort by the Veterans Benefits Administration designed to improve claims processing, officials said. The goal of the transformation plan is to eliminate the claims backlog and process all claims within 125 days with 98 percent accuracy in 2015.

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