

New Move For HRO

By MC1(SW) Greg Johnson

Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), presented five Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and 44 letters of appreciation to members of the CNRSE Human Resources (HR) Program during a ceremony on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville April 17.

The ceremony was held four days prior to the decentralization of the HR Program, which will re-assign the majority of CNRSE HR specialists from region headquarters to major commands on board installations throughout the region.

“Our CNRSE team is proud of the outstanding services the HR Program has provided over many years across the Southeast Region,” Scorby said. “Meeting our Navy mission would not be possible if it were not for the strong support we’ve received from each member, especially in the areas of labor employee relations, equal employment opportunity, worker’s compensation, and staffing and classification for more than 4,000 customers in theater.”

Prior to decentralization, approximately 75 HR specialists throughout the region fell under CNRSE responsibility. As of April 21, 57 of them will be transitioned to other major

commands, such as Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Fleet Forces Command and Naval Education and Training Command. The new Navy-wide model will position HR specialists at each major command, whereas CNRSE had previously been servicing about 75 percent of all civilian employees in

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the region.

The decentralization plan was created last year by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs with the goal of delivering more streamlined and customer-focused support. According to Sarah Overstreet, CNRSE Human Resources director, the transition comes with distinct benefits.

“One of the major advantages to this change in HR servicing is that HR professionals will be able to focus only on the major command to which they are assigned and will not be required to focus on several different commands at the same time,” she said. “This focus provides the opportunity for better customer service through specific, command-focused HR servicing and better partnerships with customers.”

The new model may have advantages over a centralized approach, but the transition itself presented some logistical challenges. It required extensive planning and preparation to pack and organize hundreds of files and casework, Overstreet said.

During the ceremony, Scorby expressed his appreciation for each of the program member’s efforts throughout the process.

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Sgt. Bethzabe Delgado, noncommissioned officer in charge of Naval Station Mayport’s Veterinary Clinic gives Electronic Technician 3rd Class Juan Serret’s dog, Inti, an ear infection check during an annual check-up. The Mayport Clinic not only helps take care of the military working dogs on Mayport, they also take care of minor issues with pets for active duty and retired service members.

Base Veterinary Clinic Keeps Mayport Pets Healthy

By MC3 Damian Berg
 Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Southeast

With a staff of one active-duty Soldier and four civilians to carry out its mission, Naval Station Mayport’s Veterinary Clinic schedule can be a dog-eat-dog world, but the health of the furry four-legged companions is the number one priority for the staff of the clinic.

“We are a basic clinic that offer preventive services,” said Sgt. Bethzabe Delgado, noncommissioned officer in charge of Mayport’s Veterinary Clinic. “We treat your pets like our family. I call them my babies.”

In addition to annual checkups and vaccinations, Delgado and her staff train the military working dog (MWD) handlers for canine medical emergencies in the field such as heat stroke, CPR and basic medical checks. When MWDs are stateside the clinic also



-Photo by MC3 Damian Berg

Susan Zur, veterinarian technician for Naval Station Mayport’s Veterinary Clinic, holds one of her four-legged patients still while Dr. Valeri Benham, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for Mayport’s Veterinary Clinic performs an annual check-up.

ensures that the dogs are healthy enough to perform their daily duties.

“They always give us good training,” said Chief Master-at-Arms James Watkins, Mayport’s Kennel Master. “Anytime our dogs are sick for whatever reason they come in no matter what time it is. They really take good care of our dogs, and us. I can’t say enough good things about them at the clinic.”

The Army provides veterinary services to all the components of the Department of Defense, but they also provide services to all active duty members, retirees, reservist and their family members.

“The Army is the only branch that has a veterinary corps, so not only do we support the Army but we support the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force as well,” said

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USS The Sullivans Welcomes New CO

From USS The Sullivans Public Affairs

Capt. Wesley A. Smith was relieved by Cmdr. Samuel F. de Castro on April 17 as commanding officer of USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) during a pierside ceremony at Naval Station Mayport.

Smith reported to The Sullivans as commanding officer in May 2012 and oversaw a highly successful training cycle and Independent Deployment certification. His next duty assignment will be as commanding officer of USS Philippine Sea (CG 58). De Castro assumes command of the guided mis-



-Photo courtesy of USS The Sullivans

COMDESRON 14 Commodore Paul Flood congratulates Cmdr. Samuel de Castro as he assumes command of USS The Sullivans from Capt. Wesley Smith during a change of command ceremony on April 17.

sile destroyer after serving as her executive officer for the past 18 months. He is a native of Buffalo, New York and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1996.

De Castro began his naval career serving aboard USS Ramage (DDG 61) as Communications officer. He subsequently served on USS Peterson (DD 969) as Auxiliaries Officer; and as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer on board USS Mahan (DDG 72). His shore tours include Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he

earned a Master’s Degree in National Security Affairs; an assignment as Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Defense (CBRND) Action officer and Requirements officer within the Surface Warfare Division on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N86); and on the Joint Staff as Branch Chief for Battle Management Aids at the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization (JIAMDO).

The Sullivans departs in June 2013 on a Ballistic Missile Defense deployment to the Persian Gulf.

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Beginning A Conversation Starts With A Word



Chap Thomas Bingol
Surface Force Ministry Center

It was a situation that is common to most of us, completing a General Military Training or GMT, part of our annual training on SAPR - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

As we gathered to watch elements of the latest

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SAPR-F video, the instructor emphasized the CNO's desire to get to the "left" of this issue; in other words, to become more proactive and less reactive to the issue of sexual assault.

As I watched the video, I realized that sexual assault always has some element of silence. Warning signs could go unnoticed, bystanders may miss the opportunity to intervene and worst of all, someone may suffer in silence; points which the SAPR-F and SAPR-L bring to light. "Getting to

the left" of sexual assault requires people to enter that difficult terrain of silence and uncomfortable feelings.

Perhaps we need to remember that avoiding conversations, just because they take us out of our comfort level, does not resolve the matter or make them any less comfortable to discuss at a later time.

All conversations begin with the different connections to the topic. As a former hotline advocate, I have been engaged in conversations regarding

sexual assault, aftercare, and prevention since 1985. What the Navy has been able to accomplish in nearly three decades is significant, but there is still more work to do.

My aim is not to lull people into the desire for a simple fix, or to provide a one-size-fits-all, "sound-byte theology."

This topic requires listening and learning together. Sexual assault has touched the lives of so many people in our world, that even the conversation may open past experiences and hurts. As a Chaplain, this conversation also provides a unique opportunity to look to Scripture. We not only look at the chapters

and verses that present various images of God as strong deliverer, law-giver, orderer of the world in the face of chaos, God as the hidden one, God as the compassionate one, especially amidst the storms of feeling alienated, alone, or forsaken.

I'm sure that we all would like to "Get to left of Sexual Assault." We continue to strive to prevent the pain and chaos this violence can bring to it victims and their families and eradicate this act of violence.

As Martin Luther one described the impact of war as "how dense the darkness...and the whole chaos of evils which war brings in its train" we

understand that sexual assault also brings darkness and chaos to the lives of its victims. crime. Yes, we need to enter the conversation about what sexual assault is and how it has no place in our Navy.

As a Chaplain, the people of faith have been engaged in conversations of struggle and brokenness throughout the Church's history.

On March 29, the President issued a Proclamation declaring "National Sexual Assault Prevention Month." There has been no better time to open this conversation and lend a voice then now.

How Do I Get Help For My Special Needs Child. . .From School District And Navy?



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

To get help for your child, you must become an advocate for him. Why should you do this? Well, you are a natural advocate for your child. You were his first teacher, his most important role model, and you have his best interests at heart! Because you will be involved with your child for life, you need to be an active participant in plan-

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ning his education.

As your child's advocate, your first step is to learn as much as you can about the special education services available at your child's school and from the district. You will need to gather information about the processes used to make the decisions about your child and who are the people making these decisions. Who are the specific individuals in your child's school and at the district office you will work with to secure those services designed to meet your child's special needs? Since your child is entitled to an "appropriate"

education, not the "best" education, nor an education that will "maximize your child's potential," you must know these individuals, the processes, and the State and Federal laws, especially *The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004*.

What do you currently know about your child's disability and educational history? Remember, the district only has to provide an "appropriate" education. Your main goal is to ensure that your child is provided with "special education and related services [which are] designed to meet [the

child's] unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living..." 20U.S.C. 1400(d). You will not be able to determine if what they are offering is appropriate if you don't know what has been tried before, whether it worked or not, and if it worked, how well.

Another important goal involves building a healthy working relationship with the school staff. Because you will be working with the school staff to design or revise your child's Individualized Educational Program (IEP), you will need your knowledge of special education law, his disability, and his educational history. By maintaining a cordial relationship with school personnel, you will find them more willing to

listen to your concerns, to discuss issues, and to craft accommodations which specifically address your child's needs, resulting in that *appropriate* education for your child.

Are you the only one advocating for your child? Absolutely not! Teachers, school staff, and school- and district-based administrators are available to provide support to you and your child. But as you know, schools and district special education departments are woefully understaffed. They will evaluate your child and make recommendations to you about educational services. However, these evaluations and resulting recommendations will vary from school to school and from individual to individual as the educational background and

training of these individuals is quite varied.

A lay advocate can also advocate for your child. These individuals use their specialized knowledge and expertise to help parents resolve problems with schools. They can attend meetings with you, help you craft letters, negotiate for services, and advise you about your legal rights and responsibilities. If this service sounds like what you need to get help for your special needs child, contact me at the email or phone below for information about local lay advocates.

Another individual who can help is the Exceptional Family Member Program Liaison (EFMP) at your installation. If you have a spe-

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Expect Unexpected When You're Expecting



Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse Columnist

April is the month of my son's birth. But don't worry, I won't bore you with a dreaded "childbirth story."

Everyone thinks their account is unique, but all the stories are basically the same: The Pre-Labor Part; The Decision to Go to the Hospital Part; The Agonizing Pain Part; The Rationale for Using/Not Using Pain Meds Part; and The Actual Birth in Excruciating Detail Part.

After listening to a few of these tedious chronicles, I'd rather endure a grade three episiotomy than hear another one.

Back in the day, I surely annoyed a few friends with the bothersome tales of the births of my three children, but I've learned my lesson. Nowadays, I only tell the parts of my childbirth stories that were totally unexpected.

For instance, while pregnant and stationed in Monterey, I religiously read my "What to Expect" book, meticulously recording my weight, circumference, bowel movements, mood swings and gas bubbles in the spiral-bound

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pregnancy journal.

Somewhere around the 35th week, I read that my obstetrician would likely perform a "breast check" to be sure that I would be able to breastfeed my newborn. I waddled off to my monthly appointment, fully prepared.

At my scheduled visit with Doc Walker, an old-fashioned obstetrician who'd seen it all before, he performed his normal evaluation.

He asked me to sit up, and as I started to reach around to undo my bra for the breast check, he patted me on the knee, and started to leave the room.

"But wait!" I shouted, "Aren't you going to check my breasts?!"

With a smirk, he turned and said, "Have you been reading that book again?"

Completely embarrassed, I nodded. "Alright then, let's see em."

Mortified, I had to submit to the unnecessary exam that I had demanded, and worried that Doc Walker thought I was either a hypochondriac or a pervert.

Despite that shameful scene, I was still determined to have the perfect birth experience. Like many first-time-soon-to-be-parents, my husband and I attended birthing classes together, eager to learn the LaMaz methodology. When my labor started on the evening of April 3, 1993, my

husband rose to the occasion, coaching me through multiple "hee-hee-hoos" and holding my hand. But by the seventh hour in the hospital, he was getting tired. And besides, I was delirious.

An orderly brought a dinner tray into our room, but I was forbidden to eat anything but ice chips in the event that emergency surgery was needed. My husband graciously "jumped on the grenade" and ate the meal himself.

As my husband finished his last morsel of carrot cake, a slender young redheaded nurse sauntered in to take her shift on the ward; and our forgotten camcorder which had been placed in the corner of the room to record the labor, regrettably memorialized the following on film:

My husband stands, glances at me on the right side of the screen - apparently asleep - and then begins to engage in seemingly flirtatious chitchat with the nurse to the left of the screen.

"So, where do single folks like you hang out around here?" he says. The

nurse smiles, checks some medical equipment, and begins to tell him about the local bar scene.

As they casually converse, the "bum-bum" of the heartbeat monitor grows faster. My eyes open. I reach for the bedrail. Still delirious, I huff and puff alone through waves of painful contractions, unaware that my husband is discussing the best night club for dancing only a few feet away.

At the left of the screen, one sees the attractive nurse obliviously throw her head back in laughter at something witty my husband has said, while at the right

of the screen, I maintain a death grip on the bedrail.

Although I faithfully read my "What to Expect" book, our childbirth stories include some unexpectedly embarrassing twists and turns to include unscheduled breast checks, delirium, and labor room flirtations. Despite it all, I delivered a beautiful baby boy in the month of April, which was exactly what we were really expecting all along.

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



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The World Series And The Marines



Lt.j.g. Patricia Kreuzberger
ATG Mayport

While reading James Hornfischer's "Neptune's Inferno: The US Navy at Guadalcanal," I learned that when Lt. Gen. "Chesty" Puller's Marines were surrounded by enemy forces they signaled a United States Navy destroyer, USS *Monssen* for assis-

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tance.

According to Hornfischer, the Skipper of USS *Monssen* could not be sure that the signalman was an American. To determine the nationality of the Marine, they simply asked who had won the World Series. W

hen the signalman replied correctly, a landing craft was sent ashore and the Marines were rescued.

This made me wonder if there was a question you could ask fellow service members today to confirm if they were an American. I did not feel confident there was such a question with the internet and multiple profes-

sional sports teams competing for our attention.

To test my theory, I started a simple survey.

I asked three popular culture questions to see how many would get it correct and then I asked what question they would ask to confirm someone was an American.

A total of 40 service members were polled, 11 percent were Coast Guard and 14 percent were female. The questions were:

"Who won the 2012 World Series?"

"Who won the last Super Bowl?"

"What movie just won the Oscar for picture of the year?"

Ninety-five percent of those polled knew who won the last Super Bowl, but only 37 percent knew who had won the 2012 World Series and even less, just 34 percent, knew the picture of the year. After asking what question would you ask if you had to challenge a signalman, I got some great responses.

What day of the week is the Super Bowl always played?

What sport makes March "crazy"?

What Navy SEAL turned

professional wrestler later became an American Governor?

How many questions did you know, and what would you ask?

The U.S. Navy's offensive in Guadalcanal during World War II is remarkable, because there were Navy warships, land-based Marines,

Coast Guard and pilots from multiple units and services all attempting to work towards a common goal. J

ames Hornfischer's book is on the 2013 CNO Professional reading list, you can download the book for free through the NKO website. Until we meet again, keep reading!

Never Quit 2013

Navy Recruiting District Jacksonville needs volunteers to assist with the Warrior Challenge and a red carpet awards ceremony during the 2013 Never Quit Beach event on May 19 from 5:45 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call or email MC1 Brianna K. Dandridge at 904-396-5909 ext 1150. For more information about Navy Quit, go to <http://neverquitnever.com/>

HR

"This was obviously no easy feat, as you completed the transition while still serving customers and providing the services required with your everyday workload," Scorby said. "Were it not for your willingness to work long hours and pay attention to a host of details, this decentralization process would not be possible, and for that, our Navy owes each of you a debt of gratitude."

While decentralization is a major transition for HR specialists throughout the region, civilian employees should not expect to see many changes in the way they receive services, Overstreet said.

"HR services will con-

tinue regardless of the change in the delivery model. There may be a change in the HR professional who currently provides HR services to them, but the new servicing model will include a primary and a secondary HR professional for each functional area," she said.

Most services under the new system will be provided from NAS Jacksonville, but HR professionals will be responsive to phone calls and e-mails and are available to meet via video teleconference, she added.

Additional information regarding the specific processes and procedures of regional delivery of HR services will be published in the near future.

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Vet

Cpt. Alicia Moreal, officer in charge of Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport Veterinary Clinic.

With all of the services the clinic provides, their mission is to keep the military families and their pets happy and healthy with preventative measures.

"Good health is impor-

tant for everyone in the family including those with fur and four legs," said Delgado. "The Mayport Vet Clinic helps your pet live a long, fit life."

The Mayport Clinic is open Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 904-270-7004 or email Mayportvetclinic@gmail.com.

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School

cial needs child with a current IEP, you should be enrolled in EFMP. Jose Sanchez, EFMP Liaison NS Mayport, has as his role to assist with completion of EFMP enrollment forms; empower families with resource referrals, educational programs, and consultation; provide information on Tricare Extended Healthcare Option (ECHO); coordinate with military programs, medical facilities, and community agencies to create a network of support for each EFMP family; and connect families with networking and social opportunities with-

in their area.

Jose's office is located in Building One (FFSC) and he can be reached at (904) 270-6600 x1713 or by email at jose.sanchez3.ctr@navy.mil.

Judy Cromartie is the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport. If you have questions about this article or concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, she can be reached via email at judith.cromartie@navy.mil or by phone at (904) 270-6289 X1305 [office] or (904) 993-5864 [cell]. Or you can schedule a meeting with her in her office in Building One.

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Florida Fallen Heroes Banquet

The Timothy J. Seamans Memorial Foundation will host the Florida Fallen Heroes Banquet on May 3 from 5-10 p.m. at the Jacksonville Fire Fighters Association Hall, 618 Stockton Street.

Keynote Speaker will be the Honorable Ron De Santis, Congressman, 6th

District of Florida, who is also a Reserve Navy JAG Officer and Iraqi War Veteran.

Guest Speaker will be retired Col. Carl B. Crumpler, USAF, a Vietnam Veteran and POW.

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Vicksburg Wins Sports Challenge

From Staff

Only 25 points separated first and second place, and that was all that USS Vicksburg needed to be named winner of the 2013 MWR Spring Sports Challenge.

Scoring an overall 1150 points, Vicksburg's win at Beach Volleyball on Friday afternoon edged U.S. Coast Guard Mayport out of the slot into second place with 1125 points. Third place overall winner this year was FRCSE Mayport with 950 points.

Competing over four days, April 16-19, this season's Sports Challenge had more than 400 participants from 22 different commands from Naval Station Mayport and U.S. Coast Guard.

The first day opened with a win for HSM Weapons School in the CO/CMC Canoe Race. HSL-48 won the Experienced Canoe Race. USS Vicksburg had its first win of the Challenge in See Challenge, Page 5



USS Vicksburg receives the First Place trophy as the winners of the 2013 MWR Spring Sports Challenge, beating out 21 other commands.

-Photos by Paige Gnam



A Sailor takes off on the next leg of the Swim Relay competition.



A Coastie from Ant Jax tries to make it to first in Kickball.



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Jon Zezulka of USS Vicksburg, third from right, is named MVP award winner. He participated in 6 events.



HSM Weapons School wins the CO/CMC Canoe Challenge and the right to hang the trophy at the squadron until the Fall Challenge.



Sailors pedal hard and head for the finish line during the Auto Racing competition. HSL-48 took first place in the pedal car event.



USS Vicksburg wins Beach Volleyball, taking the overall lead from USCG Mayport and winning the Spring Challenge.



USS Vicksburg ends up in Lake Wonderwood during the CO/CMC Canoe Challenge.



COMUSNAVSO/4thFlt plays against HSL-48 during 3v3 Soccer.



A Sailor goes for his ball during the 8-Ball event at Beachside Community Center.



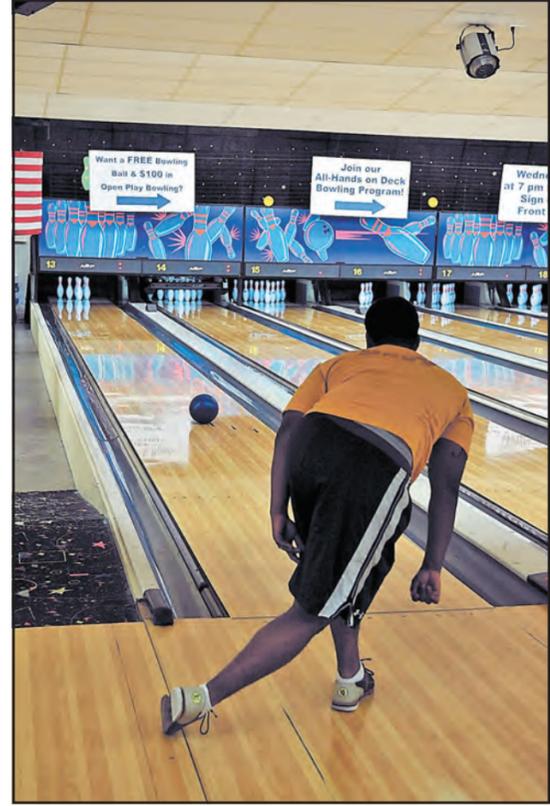
ATG Mayport tries to work together in the 4-Person Plank Walk event, one of the new events added to this year's Sports Challenge.



Members of Ants Jax try to get out the other team during a round of Dodgeball. -Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe



HSL-60 yells encouragement to its TugWar team as they pull against USS Vicksburg.



A Sailor tries for a spare during Bowling. -Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe



Lt.j.g. Patricia Kreuzberger of ATG Mayport throws a bean bag during a game of Cornhole.



Teammembers from USS The Sullivans try to hit their target during Balloon Launch.



-Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe
A Sailor tries for a spare during Bowling.



A Coast Guard team flips a tire during the Strong Man Competition.



-Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe
A Sailor serves to his opponent during Tennis competition.



A Sailor goes for the shot during the Basketball Shootout.

-Photo by MC2 Salt Cebe

Challenge

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3-Point Basketball Shoot Out as USCG Mayport started its path with a win in Volleyball and USCG Mayport went to The Sullivans.

On day two, USCG Valiant swam to victory in the Swim Relay event, while HSL-48 proved its strength in the Strongman Competition. USS Farragut brought home a win with the new event, Homerun Derby. USCG Mayport brought home the win in Kickball.

On day three, USS Vicksburg took the day in Golf and Cricket Darts. ASD ruled the 8-Ball Pool and Cornhole. HSL-60 racked points with Tennis. USCG Ant Jax won 3v3 Soccer.

The last day of competition, USS Vicksburg spiked a win in Volleyball and USCG Mayport pulled out a victory in TugWar and 4-Person Plank Walk. Balloon Launch was ruled by FRCSE Mayport and HSL-48 pedaled to a win in Auto Racing.

Points were awarded to HSL-60, USS Vicksburg, HSL-48, USCG Ant Jax and USCG Valiant after an accident during Arm Wrestling caused the event to be closed.

Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Jon Zzulka of USS Vicksburg was named MVP for this year's Sports Challenge.



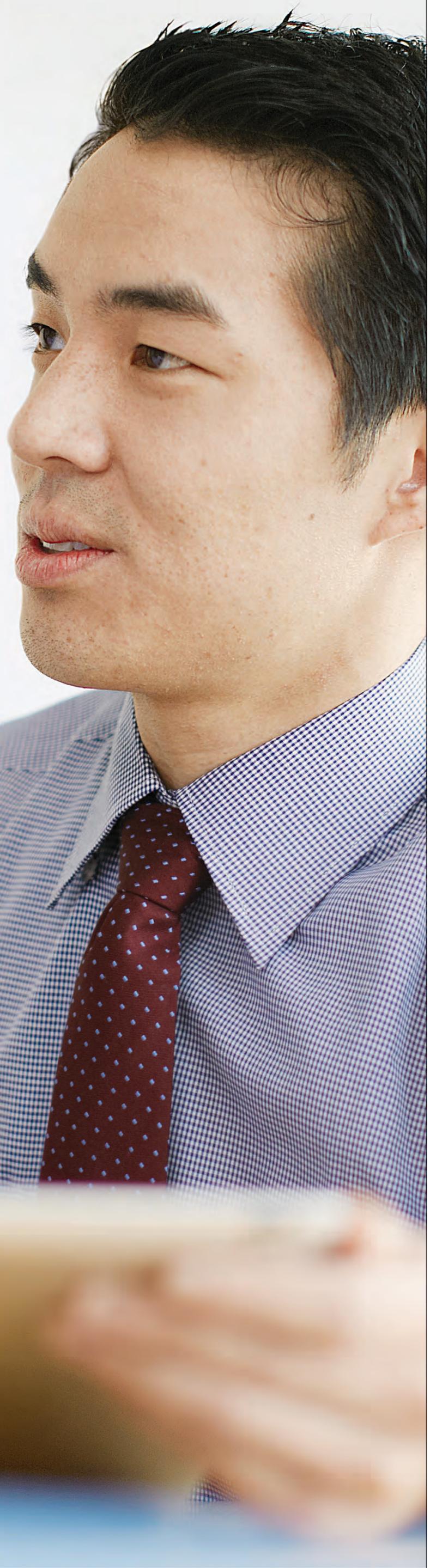
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Gettysburg Volunteers Get Shredding



Sailors assigned to USS Gettysburg (CG 64) volunteer assisting the local community during a Second Harvest food drive and shred day. The event was held by Channel 4 News, Jacksonville (WJXT) and powered by Gettysburg Sailors.

Operations Specialist 2nd class Randy Morales assigned to USS Gettysburg (CG 64) volunteers for a Second Harvest food drive and shred day.

By Ensign Kiley Provenzano
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Sailors aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) volunteered at the News 4 Jax studio for the annual Shred Day donation drive. News 4 Jax hosts an annual food and donation drive for the local Jacksonville community and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Volunteers assist the news station by helping move donated goods from vehicles to the staging area for Second Harvest.

Last year, the event grew by more than 1,000 cars and 16 tons of donations. The 2013 event saw even greater growth.

This year, Gettysburg along with the 125th Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard helped gather 21,077 lbs of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank and \$416.25 in cash donations, creating 19,773 meals for families in need in the local Jacksonville area.

Gettysburg provided almost 40 volunteers for this event, staging two shifts to bring in the donated goods.

Electrician's Mate 1st Class Gerrad Denne helped organize Gettysburg's volunteer force including several of

his fellow First Class Petty Officers.

Gas Turbine Service Technician-Mechanical 1st Class Terence Erroch said he enjoyed the event, because in addition to contributing daily through his work on the ship, "it was good to get

out into the community."

Seaman Jessica Wilkens, who volunteers regularly, said she thought this opportunity was unique, because it was with people she knew as part of the Gettysburg family.

Shred Day allowed

Gettysburg Sailors to give back to the community that has so readily supported them.

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NAVADMIN Soliciting Sailors For RDC Duty

By **Scott A. Thornbloom**
Naval Service Training Command
Public Affairs

The Navy is recruiting Sailors to become the molders of future Sailors as Recruit Division Commanders (RDC) at Recruit Training Command (RTC), the Navy's only boot camp, and Officer Training Command (OTC) as announced in NAVADMIN 085/13 April 1.

"Being an RDC is one of the most important jobs that there is in the Navy," said Rear Adm. (Select) Dee L. Mewbourne, commander, Naval Service Training Command (NSTC). "RDCs are the first Navy leaders our recruits see when they report to RTC to begin their Navy careers. They need to be the 'best of the best' and top Sailors because they are charged with molding a disciplined enlisted Sailor to send out to the fleet."

Headquartered in Building 1, the historic clock tower building on Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., NSTC oversees 98 percent of initial officer and enlisted accessions training for the Navy. NSTC oversees the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) at more than 160 colleges and universities, OTC on Naval Station Newport, R. I., Recruit Training Command (RTC), the Navy's only boot camp, at Great Lakes, Ill., and Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) and Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) citizenship development programs at more than 600

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high schools worldwide.

OTC has an average of 18 Chief and Senior Chief RDCs. They provide mentorship and physical training in four of the five schoolhouses at the command; Officer Candidate School (OCS), Officer Development School (ODS), Direct Commission Officer Indoctrination Course (DCOIC), and the Naval Science Institute (NSI).

"We are looking for Chiefs and Senior Chiefs who are physically fit, motivated and want to make a difference in shaping the future of the Navy," said Master Chief Electronics Technician (SW/AW) Matt Anuci, the Senior Enlisted Leader of OTC.

Anuci said it is not well-known around the fleet that RDCs, who most people associate with RTC, are also assigned to OTC.

"We're such a small command (OTC in Newport), compared to RTC. When nearly 40,000 recruits go through RTC each year the natural assumption is that's the only place where RDCs are stationed," Anuci said. "The Navy also sends E-5 and E-6 RDCs to Great Lakes. Newport is completely different because our billets are limited to only a select few senior enlisted."

Anuci explained that OCS needs senior enlist-

ed RDCs because of "the opportunity to mentor and mold and develop the division-officer-to-chief relationship that is a constant in the fleet."

NAVADMIN 085/13 also applies to any senior enlisted Sailors who might want to become RDCs. After attending RDC "C" School at RTC, they would then accept orders to OTC in Newport.

NAVADMIN 085/13 also states that "RDCs are rewarded for their dedication and hard work with the following benefits: \$450 per month special duty assignment pay; additional annual clothing allowance of \$220; free dry cleaning while actively training a recruit division; opportunity to earn a master training specialist qualification; guaranteed choice of coast assignment (upon completion of tour; advancement rates to chief and senior chief are close to double the Navy-wide averages; award of recruit training service ribbon; participation in the RTC Command Meritorious Advancement Program for second class petty officer."

RTC's Command Master Chief Christopher R. Angstead, in a recent NSTC Youtube video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqskHbvkWm>), invited potential RDCs to

become a member of the RTC team.

"We have a unique responsibility here at Recruit Training Command to train volunteers into basically-trained, physically fit Sailors through screening, equipping, education and military bearing. To meet these training demands we need to increase our Recruit Division Commander manning levels," said Angstead. "If you are a highly motivated second class, first class, chief or senior chief and want to be a vital part of forging our Navy of the future, consider joining our Recruit Training Command team."

The NAVADMIN also says the "RDC assignment is challenging, but rewarding. It offers a number of significant professional development, leadership, and career advancement opportunities. Hard-charging, disciplined Sailors who process strong character, personal integrity and want to pursue the most challenging duty ashore are encouraged to volunteer for duty as an RDC."

"There's a sense of accomplishment being an RDC," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Laura Stout, from Cedarsburg, Fla., who has been an RDC for two years and has

"pushed" five divisions. "You get to see these young people go from not knowing anything about the Navy when they first arrive to marching across the drill deck at graduation with so much pride and so ready to go out to be part of the Navy. It's a great feeling."

The NAVADMIN continues to say "initial orders are to RDC "C" School via a three-week intermediate stop at a Navy Instructor Training Course to obtain the 9502 (Military Training Specialist) Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC). The course is conducted at multiple Navy sites and is a prerequisite for RDC duty. Candidates must pass RDC "C" School which is a 13-week physically challenging, intensive, hands-on training course that provides prospective RDCs with the skills, perspective, and physical readiness to succeed as an RDC. All candidates will be required to pass the RDC Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) which mandates completion of the run portion of the Physical Readiness Test (PRT) during RDC "C" School. The most common reason for attrition during training is RDC PFA failure."

Interested Sailors should submit a 1306/7 (Enlisted Personnel Action Request), requesting duty as an RDC to their rating detailee.

NAVADMIN 085/13 stresses that in order to reach the 100 percent requirement of 601 RDCs (as of April 2 there were 453 RDC assigned to RTC), openings for approximately 200 RDCs are anticipated each year.

Reference A of the NAVADMIN contains screening requirements and instructions for application submissions.

Some of the requirements listed in the MILSPERMAN (Military Personnel Manual) can be waived.

Additional information can be found on the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) website at www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS.mil/BUPERS-NPC/enlisted/detailing/shorespecialprograms/pages/RDC.aspx/ or contact Chief Yeoman Lakeshia Patterson, PERS-4010D, at (901) 874-3878/DSN 882 or Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joshua McCullough at (901) 874-3855/DSN 882.

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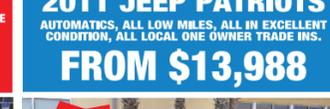
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HSM-40 Trains Australian Pilots

By MC2(SW) Salt Cebe
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Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 40 is training Royal Australian Navy (RAN) pilots and maintainers of 725 Squadron in the operation and maintenance of the MH-60R Seahawk helicopter.

Forty-two Australian pilots and 40 Australian maintenance personnel are being extensively trained in the operation and upkeep of the MH-60R.

Australian sailors started arriving in late January and will continue training with the U.S. Navy until July.

The entire interoperability training process will continue until the RAN is ready to take what they learned back to Australia and continue to establish the 725 Squadron.

"Essentially we're training the Australian pilots to fly the MH-60R Seahawk

helicopter in preparation for them to form their own training squadron at Naval Air Station Jacksonville," said Cmdr. Mike Hansen, Instructor Pilot, HSM 40. "They will operate from there for a couple of years before they ultimately form their own squadron in Australia."

This opportunity provides the Australian Military members with the chance to gain valuable experience and insight into U.S. Navy Helicopter Operations.

"At this stage we've done simulator training, System training, and I just concluded my second MH-60R flight. The amount of material that the instructors throw at you is extensive," said Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Carey, Royal Australian Navy pilot.

"This training process here in Mayport and Jacksonville will have



Chief Naval Air Crewman (Tactical Helicopter) Sean Hughes of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 40 shares a laugh while going over pre-flight inspection points with Chief Glen Watson of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). HSM 40 is training 42 RAN pilots and 40 maintenance personnel from RAN 725 Squadron in the operation and maintenance of the MH-60R Seahawk helicopter.

-Photos by MC2 Salt Cebe



Lt. Cmdr. Josh Carey of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) completes pre-flight checks on a MH-60R Seahawk helicopter with Lt. Heather Talley of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 40. HSM 40 is training 42 RAN pilots and 40 maintenance personnel from RAN 725 Squadron in the operation and maintenance of the MH-60R Seahawk helicopter.

a duration of approximately two years," stated Executive Officer 725 Squadron, Lt. Cmdr. Todd Gynnn.

"We talk a common language of aviation. The relationships that we're

forming with HSM 40 will endure and will far surpass the time that we spend here in America."

It is vital that the United States and its allies continue to train and fight together in a multina-

tional environment. The training of the RAN goes a long way to ensure that everyone can communicate effectively and execute the mission, no matter where the battle takes place.

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May 12: Mother's Day Bingo- 12:30 p.m. at Beachside Bingo. 5x \$1000 Jackpots, 1x \$500 Quinella, free food, extra drawings and more. 270-7204

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Every Thursday: Trivia on Tap. 5:30 p.m. at Castaways. Test your general trivia knowledge! The winning team of four takes home awesome prizes! 270-7205

April 25: Bar Biathlon. 7 p.m. at Castaway's Lounge (after Trivia). Test your skills at darts and billiards in our biathlon. Overall winner takes away a championship trophy.

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May 1: Poker Tournament. 7 p.m. at Castaways Lounge. Test your card shark abilities for great prizes. Free to enter. 270-7205

May 3-5: Cinco De Mayo Weekend. All Weekend at Castaway's Lounge. Break out the sombreros; we'll be celebrating all weekend long with drink specials and more! Take a shot at our piñata on Friday Night. 270-7205

May 10: Castaway's Comedy Night. Featuring Comedian Cash Levy. 6 pm at Castaways. 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.

May 12: Foc'sle Lounge All-Hands Mother's Day Brunch. Seatings at 10 am and 1 pm at Foc'sle; **Reservations required.** Bring your favorite lady out for a lovely all you can eat brunch featuring omelet bar, champagne fountain, carving station and more. The first 100 moms will receive a free rose. To reserve your spot, please call (904) 270-5431

or (904) 270-5313

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Shipwreck Island Season Passes on Sale: \$89.50 per pass.

Coke Zero 400 Tickets on sale. Race is July 5-6 at Daytona International Speedway.

Showing Appreciation



-Photo by Sarah Barthelemy

The Mayport Auto Skills Center held Customer Appreciation Day on April 19. Customers were able to meet with vendors, have their questions answered, receive free electrical tests and more at this event.

YAC Drama Club Presents



-Photo by Sarah Barthelemy

The Mayport Youth Center Drama Club held a production of "Little Rascals" on April 18 at the youth center. Members of the "He-Man Woman Haters Club" lead the audience in the official club oath.



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On The Messdeck

Bogey's Specials

Thursday, April 25

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Blackened Tilapia Sandwich, \$ 6.95
BBQ Pork Salad, \$7.95

Friday, April 26

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, \$ 6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich, \$6.95
Pot Roast, \$7.95
Egg Salad Sandwich, \$4.25

Monday, April 29

Shrimp Po Boy, \$8.50
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, \$6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich, \$6.95
Steak Caesar Salad, \$10.95

Tuesday, April 30

Tuna Melt, \$7.95
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, \$ 6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich, \$ 6.50
Taco Salad, \$7.95

Wednesday, May 1

8 Oz NY Strip Steak, \$10.95
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, \$6.50
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich, \$6.95

Mayport Bowling Center Specials

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 lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, 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

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Smashed Sandwich, \$8

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Big Chief Grilled Cheese Sandwich, \$7

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Intramural Sports

April 26: Dusk til' Dawn Softball Tournament. Sign up by April 18. 270-5451.

May 6-9: Pre Season Soccer Tournament. Sign up by Apr. 30. 270-5451.

May 14: Spring Forward 3K Walk/5K Run. 8:10 a.m. in front of the gym.

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 hot-dog with fries and a soda, All-You-Can Bowl with shoes, music videos, light show and colored head-

pin bowling for prizes. 270-5377

May 12: Mother's Day Family Bowling Special. Moms bowl half-price all day, including family fun bowl. At least one child must accompany mom; bowling must be completed by 7 pm. 270-5377

May 27: Beat the Heat Memorial Day Special: Just \$12 for 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, ¼ lb hamburger or hot dog with fries, a soda and an ice cream sundae for dessert! Kids 4-5 years old \$7; Kids 3 and under FREE. Holiday hours 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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)

Aquatics

May 1-7: American Red Cross Certified WSI Certification Course. Participants must attend all 30 hours of training to be certified. Cost is \$200 for Military/Dependents/DOD and \$250 for

Civilians. Sign up at the Base Gym or the Pool. For more information, please call (904) 270-5452 or (904) 270-5101

May 11: Pool Open for Recreation Swim Open on Weekends. Saturdays 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Sundays and holidays 1-6 p.m. Full hours begin Friday, Jun. 7. Active Duty and children ages 2 or under free. Entrance fees are ages 13-15 \$1.50, and ages 16 or older \$2.00. Season passes available for sale at IIT. 270-5101/5425

The new **Surfside Fitness class schedule** is as follows:

Monday 11:30 a.m., Kickboxing
Learn basic kicks, punches and balance moves in this calorie burning, sweat producing knock out of a workout.

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Yoga
11:30 a.m., Zumba

Wednesday 11:30 a.m., Strength Training For Women

Thursday 9:30 a.m., Strength Fundamentals
11:30 a.m., Zumba

Friday 9:30 a.m., Zumba Basics
11:30 a.m., Strength

Training For Women

Mayport Sandbox

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

Monday 7-8:30 a.m., Open Sandbox
7:30 a.m., Command Bootcamp
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Open Sandbox
Tuesday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Open Sandbox
Wednesday 7-8:30 a.m., Open Sandbox
7 a.m., NOFFS

9:30 a.m., TRX Suspension Training

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Open Sandbox

Thursday 7 a.m., Sunrise Yoga
7-8:30 a.m.

Open Sandbox
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Open Sandbox

Friday 7-8:30 a.m., Open Sandbox

7 a.m., Command

Bootcamp

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Open Sandbox

Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Open Sandbox

The new **Gymnasium class schedule** is as follows:

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

Tuesday 11:30 a.m., Steel Anchor
4:30 p.m., Spinning

Wednesday 7 a.m., Rowing
11:30 a.m., Rowing

11:30 a.m., Spinning

Thursday 5:30 p.m., Steel Anchor

Friday 7:30 a.m., Spinning
11:30 a.m., Rowing



Liberty Center.

May 2: Ping-Pong Tournament. 5 p.m. at Liberty Center.

May 3: Mall Trip: Town Center. Van departs Liberty Center at 6 p.m.

May 5: Scary Movie Marathon. 2 p.m. at Liberty Center. Free Popcorn!

May 6: NBA2K13 Tournament. 6 p.m. at

Liberty Center.

May 7: Snag Golf. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

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.

April 26: Madden 13 Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

April 28: Action Movie Marathon. 2 p.m. at Liberty Center. Free Popcorn!

April 29: Killer Bunny. Will you win the quest to find the Magic Carrot? 5 p.m. at Liberty Center.

April 30: COD: Black Ops Tournament. 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

May 1: Texas Hold'em Tournament. 7 p.m. at

April 26: Operation Megaphone Worldwide Lock-In. 7 p.m.-7 a.m. at the Teen Center. \$15 advanced sign up, \$20 day of if space permits. Permission slip required.

May 24: Outdoor Movies - Hotel Transylvania (PG). Film begins at Sunset behind Beachside Community Center. FREE. 270-7205

May 31: Outdoor Movies - Wreck It Ralph



Child and Youth Programs

(PG). Film begins at Sunset behind Beachside Community Center. FREE. 270-7205

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

HSM-46 Sailor Becomes Mayport's First DoD SAVI Advocate

By MC3 Damian Berg
Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Detachment Southeast

In 1990, the Chief of Naval Operations formed the Navy Women's Study Group.

This group with the support of Navy leadership formed the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Program.

Now more than 20 years later Yeoman 1st Class Maria Davidelacruz takes the next step in helping the fight against Sexual Assault, by becoming the first Department of Defense (DoD) SAVI certified Sailor stationed aboard Naval Station Mayport.

"It's awesome that our first DOD certified Sailor is a female", said Amie McKague, Naval Station Mayport Fleet and Family Support Center's counseling and advocate program advisor. "The numbers show that more women are assaulted, but a thing to remember is men can be also."

Davidelacruz is not the first ever-female SAVI at Mayport, however she is the first to receive the DoD SAVI certification.

According to the new instruction released Jan. 1, 2013 all Sexual Assault



Davidelacruz displays her certification for Department of Defense Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) advocate.

Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates must complete the DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) by Oct. 1, 2013.

The goal of the SAVI program is to provide a comprehensive, standardized, gender-neutral, victim-sensitive system to prevent and respond to sexual assault throughout the Navy.

This program has an important role in the never-ending battle against an ever-present danger amongst all military personnel.

"One of the things I feel our advocates bring



-Photos by MC3 Class Damian Berg

Yeoman 1st Class (AW) Maria Davidelacruz (left) and Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (AW/SW) Julemarie Hayes, both from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 46, go over the requirements to become Department of Defense Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) advocate. The goal of the SAVI program is to provide a comprehensive, standardized, gender-neutral, victim-sensitive system to prevent and respond, to sexual assault throughout the Navy. This program has an important role in the never-ending battle against an ever-present danger amongst all military personnel.

to this program is unique is that they wear the uniform and its someone that is relatable in the military aspects of life that also understand the challenges in the military," said McKague, "but also they are trained to understand

sexual assault, so they provide a great balance in the military aspect and sexual assault."

According to an NBC News article with former

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, sexual assaults in the military is a problem he believes could be six times greater than reported.

Panetta said 3,191 sex assault cases were reported in the military in 2011, but because so few victims come forward, he believes the real num

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NMCRS Thanks Its Volunteers

Dear Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Volunteers;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, thank you for your boundless enthusiasm, heartfelt compassion and enduring devotion to the men and women who wear the uniform of our nation's Naval Service.

Every day, I'm inspired by your example. You listen, educate, mentor and guide Sailors and Marines, as well as their wives and husbands, grieving family members, and widows and widowers. You're always there with a ready smile, nonjudgmental solace, and the peace of mind that only comes through sound financial counsel.

You are military spouses, stay-at-home moms, parents, grandparents, active duty members, retirees, students and patriotic citizens. You are problem solvers, administrative experts, financial management gurus, retail specialists, artisans and crafters, infant layette providers and crisis managers. You are the heart and soul of the Society.

In 2012, more than 3,700 Society Volunteers gave 300,000 hours of their time. That equates to 7,500 work weeks and over 144 years of service! Collectively, you presented 794 Budget for Baby workshops, knitted and crocheted 7,080 baby blankets, helped 108,131 thrift shop customers and provided more than \$42 million in financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans and grants to 63,650 clients. You made a difference every hour of every day!

I am honored to publicly recognize your contributions and loyal support to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society during National Volunteer Week 2013.

With deepest gratitude,
Admiral Steve Abbot,
U.S. Navy (Retired)
President and Chief Executive Officer



NS Mayport Executive Officer, Cmdr. Pat Pickard, right in uniform, stands with Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society staff, volunteers and Mayport command representatives during a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at Ocean Breeze Conference Center on April 19. NMCRS is currently conducting its annual funddrive, which directly supports active duty and retired Sailors in the Mayport area.

Photo by ET3 Michelle Maltese

Naval Officers' Spouses' Association Mayport invites you to an...

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Saturday, May 4, 2013
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Checks can be made out to NOSA Mayport and mailed to: 3835 Ozburn Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32227 Tickets may also be purchased at any NOSA event.
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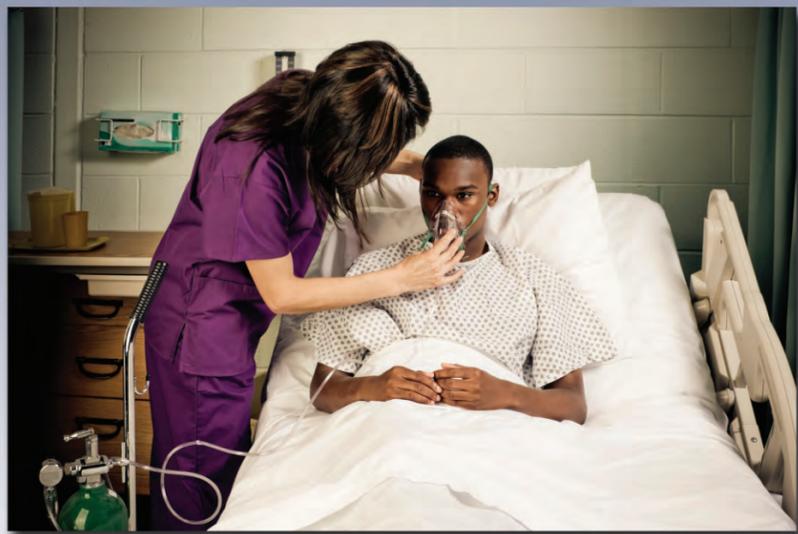
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Mayport Hosts Triathlon Series

From Beaches Fine Arts Series

The Beaches Fine Arts Series is pleased to announce that its major fundraising efforts, the BFAST triathlons, will move in 2013 to the Naval Station Mayport. The 2013 races, scheduled for Saturdays, May 18, June 8 and July 13, feature sprint distances for all three dates, in addition to a newly added Olympic distance race for the July race.

The sprint distance includes a ¼ mile ocean swim, 16.8 mile bike and 3.4 mile run. The Olympic distance is comprised of a .9 mile swim, 25.2 mile bike and 6.2 mile run. The race course is designed to show off the beauty of Mayport Naval Station and its ships.

Beaches Fine Arts Series has presented

triathlons as its major fundraisers for the past 27 years. The races began in 1986 at the old Sea Turtle Inn in Atlantic Beach. In 1996, the races moved to Mickler's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, where they remained until 2001, when they took place for a brief 2 year stint in Hanna Park, moving back to Mickler's Landing in 2003. Since 2003, the races have always taken place at Mickler's Landing. The move to the Naval Station will allow the races to expand.

To register for the races, please go to www.active.com/BFAST. To volunteer for any of our races, please access the registration website as well, call our offices, or email us at volunteer@beachesfinearts.org.

org.

All proceeds from these races benefit the free programs of Beaches Fine Arts Series, which brings world-class artists to the area in concerts and educational outreach programs. BFAS is a 501-c3, nonprofit organization in its 40th year of operation.

Free triathlon clinics will be held to prepare triathletes for the upcoming series. The first clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 30 from 7-9 p.m. at Mayport USO Center, 2560 Mayport Rd. This clinic will encompass all areas of triathlon competition, including race preparation, nutrition and race-day procedures. Call 247-6570 or email Martha@beachesfinearts.org to reserve a space.

The next clinic will be the HAMMERHEAD Onsite Triathlon Tutorial on Saturday, May 4 from 7:45-10 a.m. at Sea Otter Pavilion on Naval Station Mayport. This clinic will be a hands-on run through of the sprint triathlon, including swim, bike and run, with transitions. Please call 904-247-6570 or email Martha@beachesfinearts.org to reserve a space.

The Beaches Fine Arts Kids Triathlon will be held on Sunday, June 23. Please contact the office at 904-270-1771 for location information. The triathlon engages children in physical fitness through a swim, bike, run race that is gauged to their abilities, with two levels of participation.

Fleet-Wide Engagement Harvests Priorities

By Navy Warfare Development Command Public Affairs

The Navy's centralized program for Fleet Experimentation (FLEX), led by Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC), held a fleet-wide live and virtual event last week to glean the fleet's priorities and plans for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Other stakeholder organizations presented planned events that can be leveraged for future experimentation efforts, directly feeding the devel-



opment of an FY14 execution plan.

"NWDC invited representatives from each numbered fleet and Warfare Center of Excellence to present their top priorities, and also to share planned events and exercises that could support experimentation," said Rear Adm.

Terry B. Kraft, commander, NWDC. "Now more than ever, it is critical to pinpoint overlapping interest areas in order to deliver a comprehensive FLEX plan that will meet the warfighter's future needs."

The FLEX program, led by NWDC on behalf of U.S. Fleet Forces

Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet, designs and executes collaborative, synchronized and relevant experimentation based on near-term fleet priorities and capability gaps. These experimentation events result in tangible products for the warfighter, frequently in the form of new and updated doctrine.

NWDC's director of Fleet Experimentation, Capt. Steve Faggert led the workshop, hosted

online to allow participation from around the globe with a small footprint at NWDC for commands located in the vicinity of Norfolk Naval Station.

"This was an opportunity for the fleet to tell us directly how our efforts in FY14 can get them one step closer to solving their biggest challenges," Faggert said. "The fleet's voice in this conversation is crucial. Our ultimate goal is to put a tangible

product in the hands of the warfighter where a capability gap once existed."

FLEX harvests innovative ideas generated by members of the fleet and other military and government organizations. Submissions are accepted for review year-round through a classified Navy website, which is also used to promote awareness of all Navy experimentation efforts that involve fleet assets.

Navy Uses Crowdsourcing To Seek Energy Fixes

From Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division

Director of the Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division (OPNAV N45), invited the fleet and the general public in February to submit their ideas to improve how the Navy uses and thinks about energy.

In a follow-up Navy Live blog entry posted April 17, Rear Adm. Kevin Slates highlighted several of the more than 50 innovative ideas received from the Navy community, industry and the general public.

The ideas ranged from simple personal acts, such as turning off computers and lights at the end of the day, to more complex

approaches such as having "tiger" teams evaluate recently installed energy efficient technologies to ensure they work as advertised. Other ideas included replacing thick manuals aboard ships with tablet devices, and adding hydropower capture technologies to existing water distribution systems to create electricity.

Reducing the Navy's energy use and footprint improves combat capability and aligns with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' five aggressive energy goals. In pursuit of those goals, the Navy has been working to increase the use of energy-wise technologies and processes ashore and at sea, explore advanced biofuel

blends as drop-in replacements for petroleum, incorporate energy considerations in the acquisition process and increase energy awareness among Navy personnel.

"Technology is certainly a piece of the puzzle for becoming a highly energy efficient warfighting force-but we'll never solve that puzzle without

changing our energy culture," said Vice Adm. Phil Cullom, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4). "This crowdsourcing effort can help get creative, culture-bending energy ideas quickly from the deck plate Sailor and outside partners to the right decision makers, and that's what we need."



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Volunteers Help Clean Up St. Johns River

By Scott Dombrosky
Water Quality Program Manager

Military and civilian personnel at Naval Station Mayport joined with the City of Jacksonville Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission and hundreds of volunteers at other locations around Duval County when they hit the beach and the Jetties for the 2013 St. Johns River Celebration Cleanup held recently.

Volunteers spent two hours picking up trash and debris from these areas resulting in the collection of many large bags of trash in addition to a multitude of other odds and ends that had washed ashore.

The largest group to turn out for the event was the approximately 24 cadets and adult volunteers from the Navy JROTC at Terry Parker High School. Several other Navy organizations and family groups also came out to participate together in the cleanup.

Every year, count-



-Photos submitted

Above, a volunteer picks up bags of trash along the jetties on the north end of Mayport's beach. Right, a volunteer and her son join others picking up trash along the Mayport Jetties as part of the St. Johns River Celebration Clean up held recently.

less marine mammals, sea turtles, seabirds, and other animals are sickened, injured, or killed because of dangerous items that are carried by rain water and wind into rivers and ultimately the ocean.

These animals are poisoned, choked, or entangled by carelessly discarded trash such as fishing line, Styrofoam, plastic

bags and bottles, and cigarette butts.

The work of volunteers to remove these items is important and greatly appreciated.

A further goal of this event is to help people to understand that when they don't properly dispose of their trash it poses a long-term hazard to wildlife, people, and the environment.



Out in Town

Saturday, April 27

Bring your coffee and camera with you and join a park ranger at 6 a.m. to watch the sun rise over the Fort George River, get answers about park resources and get some amazing photos. 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. For more information, contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320.

The 37th Annual Pioneer Days Festival is just around the corner. Along with the usual features of Arts and Craft vendors, a great Food Court, Heritage Village, Kids Korral, Shoot-Out Re-enactments and live entertainment, this year we will have the Seminole Indian Dance Circle, a special Railroad history display, a Business Expo and much more. For more information see our web site, www.highsprings.com or call 386-454-3120.

Sunday, April 28

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-2 presents "About Boating Safely."

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Education ID Card. Contact Charles Hayes at (904) 652-7767 or e-mail: Charles.s.hayes@gmail.com for more information.

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Court, Heritage Village, Kids Korral, Shoot-Out Re-enactments and live entertainment, this year we will have the Seminole Indian Dance Circle, a special Railroad history display, a Business Expo and much more. Come to High Springs on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th and join in the fun! For more information see our web site, www.highsprings.com or call 386-454-3120.

Tuesday, April 30

The Duval County Extension Offices/UF IFAS will be offering a free workshop on Spring Irrigation Tune-up at West Regional Library, 1425 Chaffee Road S., Jacksonville, Fla. The time is 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. In times of drought be sure your irrigation system is in top shape. Not everyone has in-ground irrigation, so we will cover hand-watering tips, plus the city ordinances and more. To pre-register, please call Becky at 904-255-7450 or email her at beckyd@coj.net with your name and phone number.

Saturday, May 4

The Jacksonville Public Library invites comic book enthusiasts and nerds -from the super young to the super old - to don their favorite superhero costume and come

out for three hours of fun and fantasy during the Beaches First Annual ComicCon event at the Beaches Branch Library, 600 3rd St., Neptune Beach, from 2-5 p.m. This free event is being held in collaboration with the nearby Superhero Beach comic book shop, 1124 N. 3rd Street, which is sponsoring free comic book day during its "May the 4th Be With You" event.

Join a Park Ranger at 2 p.m. for a presentation and leisurely guided hike through different Florida ecosystems on a quest to characterize tracks left by an assortment of critters. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, Florida, will host a Union Garrison event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 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. Ladies in their dresses, sutlers

displaying their wares and drummer boys bring every part of the civil war era to life. 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.

Sunday, May 5

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, Florida, will host a Union Garrison event from 9 a.m.-noon. Fees include the \$6 per vehicle Park entrance fee plus \$2.00 per person Fort admission.

Tuesday, May 7

Beaches Photography Club will meet at the Beaches Library, 600 3rd St., Neptune Beach, from 6-8 p.m. Jack Varney will present practical and technical tips on "Getting it Sharp" in 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. For more information www.beachesphotographyclub.org

Salute To Florida's Heroes Concert

The Camp Blanding Museum will be hosting a concert starring Montgomery Gentry at the Keystone Heights Airport, 1700 Airport Road, Stark, Florida on Saturday, April 27. Gates will open at 11:30 a.m., entertainment starts at noon; NO COOLERS or umbrellas allowed. All children over the age of 3 must have a ticket purchased. Food and beverage vendors will be available for sales. Tickets can be purchased at: www.flheroes.org

Chonda Pierce's "Girl Talk"

See Chonda Pierce's "Girl Talk"-The queen of clean comedy at the Florida Theatre on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. To take advantage of the buy one, get one free ticket offer, tickets must be purchased at the Box Office via phone (904) 355-2787 or in person with the password "I love the Florida Theatre." You must present your military I.D. at the box office.

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USO NEWS

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Free Tickets Bellamy Brothers In Concert

Come see the Bellamy Brothers in concert at The Morocco Shrine Center Auditorium, 3800 Saint John's Bluff Road, South, Jacksonville on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Greater Jax Area USO has received a limited number of free tickets that will be available at NOON today at both your Mayport and NAS Jax USO centers. Tickets are first come, first served and are open to Active Duty, Retirees, Reservists,

National Guard, and DOD. The show will also be featuring Jacksonville's singing sensation Rion Page, with Special Guest "Linda Davis & Company" In the Round. For more information, call 642-5200, Ext. 11 or 13.

No Dough Dinner

The Mayport USO Center will host a "No Dough Dinner" on April 29 from 5- 7 p.m. This is free for Active Duty Service Members and their immediate families. The wonderful staff and volunteers will serve tacos, refried beans, rice, salad, and dessert.

Barking In The Streets

Bring the family out and enjoy drinks, music, food and more to support K9sForWarriors. The event will be held Sunday, May 5 from 1-6 p.m. at the Adamec Harley-Davidson on Baymeadows Road. For more information on tickets and K9sForWarriors, visit K9sForWarriors.org.

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.

Greater Jax USO Zoo Night - Wristbands On Sale

The Greater Jacksonville USO is having a USO night at the Jacksonville ZOO on Friday, May 3. We will begin selling wristbands today at noon. Enjoy a night at the Jacksonville Zoo with the family on Friday, May 3rd (see attached flyer). Wristbands are \$2.50 each; cash only please. Wristbands are open for purchase by Active/Retired/Reservists/National Guard/ and Veterans (with ID).

Wristbands can be purchased at the NS Mayport USO, NAS Jacksonville USO. Wristbands will be sold today from noon till 1pm at the Off-Crew Building onboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Military Wives Vendor Show - May 4

Join the Mayport USO for another wonderful Military Wives Vendor Show. This event is free and open to the public. There will be raffle tickets and food for sale. For more information, or to sign up as a vendor, email: milwivesbusinessesandevents@gmail.com

The Players Military Job Fair-May 5

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

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.

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