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## New York Comes To Mayport



-Photo by MC2 Adam Henderson

USS New York (LPD-21) enters the channel leading into Naval Station Mayport as part of the ships homeport shift from Naval Station Norfolk to Naval Station Mayport. Left, USS New York Commanding Officer, Capt. Jon Kreitz, talks to the crowd of welcoming Mayport contingency during the homeport shift.

**By MC1 Michael Wiss**  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Detachment Southeast

The Mayport community welcomed over 350 new neighbors to Northeast Florida when USS New York (LPD 21) changed homeport from Naval Station Norfolk to Naval Station Mayport on December 6.

USS New York is one of three ships that make up

IWO JIMA Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) the Navy is moving from Norfolk, Va., to Mayport, Fla. The other two ships — USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) and USS Fort McHenry (LSD-45) — are slated to arrive as early as 2014. The three ships will bulk up the Navy's fleet at Mayport, as the station's frigates are retiring. USS Underwood and USS

Klaking were decommissioned in March. According to U.S. Rep. Alder Crenshaw, R-Fla. The move is a win-win situation for the Navy and the Mayport community.

"As Congress deals with very difficult budget decisions, this is promising news for national security and the First Coast," Crenshaw said in a statement. "This first phase

of the amphibious ready group move to Mayport underscores the Navy's commitment to a strategic dispersal of assets — a strategy I have long advocated on Capitol Hill."

USS New York is not the first Navy ship to hold that state's name, but never before has the name had so much meaning. The amphibious transport dock was built with

7 ½ tons of steel from the World Trade Center. USS New York is not the only ship that will be named to commemorate the attacks, but it is the first. USS Somerset is under contract and the USS Arlington will follow. According to USS New York's Commanding Officer Capt. Jon C. Kreitz, although leaving Hampton Roads was dif-

ficult, maritime strategy is the main job for the new ship.

"This is just the first of three ships going down there to make sure that Mayport remains that second strategic homeport for the fleet," he said "There's a big part of us that didn't want to leave Hampton Roads, at the same time, we're very

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## Housing Shines For Base Holiday Lighting Contest

From BBC

'Tis the season for spending time with family and friends! Balfour Beatty Communities has events planned for their residents to celebrate the holiday spirit!

The Holiday Lighting Contest will be held on Dec. 17 from 5-7 p.m. in Bennett Shores East, Bennett Shores West, Ribault Bay and Marsh Cove.

Outdoor holiday decorations will be judged and one winner will be selected from each neighborhood. Please have holiday lights/décor turned on if you wish to participate. Winners will be presented with a contest winning yard sign on Dec. 18.

Santa Clause is coming to town on Dec. 20! With

help from NS Mayport's Fire Department, Santa will be visiting all neighborhoods between 1-3 p.m. Santa will be riding around in a fire truck beginning in Bennett Shores West. The route will take him down the main roads of the neighborhoods with Bennett Shores East, Ribault Bay and Marsh Cove to follow.

Be sure to be outside to give our visitor from the North Pole a warm Florida welcome!

Following this event, please visit the Ribault Bay Community Center for some family-friendly Christmas Trivia from 4-6 p.m. Trivia questions will be holiday themed and milk and cookies will be served. Santa Clause

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## USS Samuel B. Roberts Hosts Pearl Harbor Day Memorial

**By MC2 Marcus L. Stanley**

Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Detachment Southeast

Sailors, family and friends came together aboard USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) for a ceremony to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Also in attendance was Charles Ellis, Duane Reyelts and Henry Griffin who served during that dreadful attack which lasted 90 minutes, taking the lives of more than 2,300 service members and wounding more than 1,200, immediately plunging the United States into World War II Dec 7, 1941.

"It feels wonderful just to be able to be here at this stage of my life," said Ellis. "I am honored to

represent those who lost their lives on that day at Pearl Harbor."

This year's historic commemoration, "Sound the Alarm," examines how thousands of Americans answered the call to duty in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Today these men are commemorated and we will never forget their sacrifice," said Cmdr. Erica L. Hoffman, Samuel B. Roberts commanding officer. "We can still hear the accounts of those in their own words who answered the call when the alarm was sounded. Reading their words, listening to their voices and seeing their faces will forever connect us to them."

During the ceremony everyone in attendance,

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-Photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

Harold Davis, the oldest veteran in Jacksonville, Florida, salutes after laying a wreath over the side of guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) in commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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**Capt. Wesley McCall**  
NS Mayport Commanding Officer

Shipmates,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the crew and families of USS New York (LPD 21) to Naval Station Mayport. As a relative newcomer to the area myself, I can assure you that you have just made the transition to the finest installation in the U.S. Navy and to the most military friendly city in the country. WELCOME HOME!

I want to thank USS Samuel B. Roberts and her crew for hosting the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony on Dec. 7. It is important to remember that

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more than 70 years ago our nation was attacked without warning – forcing us into war. It's easy to see the parallels of that day and the current war we are waging, especially as we welcome USS New York to our basin. Like many service members who joined after the attack on Pearl Harbor, I know many of you joined the Navy in response to the attack of Sept. 11, 2001. I am proud that the same fighting spirit and resiliency that was alive in 1941 is still alive and well in today's Navy.

Congratulations to Machinist's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bryan Pentlin for being selected as Naval Station Mayport's Sailor of the Year. I am very proud to have someone of MM1 Pentlin's work ethic and dedication on our team. He has shown time and time again, his willingness to give 100 percent for his department, Naval Station Mayport and the U.S. Navy.

# Are You Thinking About Homeschooling?



**Judy Cromartie**  
School Liaison Officer

Homeschooling is an educational option which military families are choosing more and more frequently. Since a typical military family moves every two to four years, homeschooling can provide continuity in education and eliminate the stress of leaving one school district and moving to another.

The goal for the homeschooling parent is to

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identify how and when their child learns best and to adapt the teaching style to the child. Finding that special curriculum which works best for the child can sometimes be challenging. Also the costs associated with homeschooling may vary depending on the method and/or curriculum selected by the family. Listed below are few examples of the most popular types of homeschooling programs available to families:

**I n t e r n e t** Homeschooling: Online curriculum programs, public and private distance learning, and homeschooling support academies are available via the internet.

Depending upon the program or tutors, expert advice and resources may be found to assist the parent with homeschooling their children.

**Montessori Method:** The Montessori Method emphasizes error-less learning in which children learn at their own pace to develop their full potential. The Montessori homeschooling curriculum emphasizes beauty and avoids things which are confusing or cluttered. Learning material is kept well-organized and ready to use. Although Montessori materials are available for high school students, most homeschoolers use the Montessori Method for

Bravo Zulu shipmate!

The Army-Navy game is this Saturday afternoon, but prior to the big game, our MWR department is sponsoring its own Army-Navy flag football game on Dec. 14 on Field 7 behind the Fitness Center. USS Vicksburg and HSM-40 will face down teams from the Jacksonville Army Recruiting Battalion starting at 1 p.m. Immediately following our flag football victories, MWR will set up a 20-foot TV screen at the Beachside Community Center and host a tailgate party starting at 2:45 p.m. There will be free food and t-shirts while supplies last. It's sure to be a great time! GO NAVY - BEAT ARMY!!!

For all of you Christmas light enthusiasts, it's time for the annual Mayport Holiday Lighting Contest. Judges will be out on Dec. 17 from 5-7 p.m. in Bennett Shores East, Bennett Shores West, Ribault Bay and Marsh Cove. Outdoor holiday decorations will be judged and one winner will be selected from each neighborhood. We will present winners with a contest winning yard sign on Dec. 18. I know a lot of you have already put

up great displays. I can't wait to see the winning homes.

Speaking of Christmas lights, Reyna and I had a great time at the annual Magical Christmas festival hosted by MWR. Santa arrived at Mayport in style riding the Polar Express and I saw a lot of smiling faces as I walked around Sea Otter Pavilion that night. I especially enjoyed the performance from the children at the Youth Activities Center. We certainly have a lot of talented children here at Mayport!

Since this will be my last column of the year for The Mirror, I want to stress to each and every one of you how very important it is to make wise choices over the holidays. This is a time for joy and happiness. Don't let one stupid decision ruin the rest of your life. If you're going to drink, don't drive. Have a very happy and safe holiday!

Please continue sending your suggestions to the CO's suggestion box or email them to wesley.mccall@navy.mil.

younger children.

**School-at-Home:** Most families follow the school-at-home approach which comes with textbooks, study schedules, grades, and record keeping. Also School-at-Home is the style most often portrayed in the media because it is so easy to understand and can be accompanied by a photo of the children studying around the kitchen table. This program is the most expensive, and it also requires much more work on the part of the parent in following a study schedule and maintaining records.

Recently, many states have enacted legislation requiring public school access for homeschoolers. Related services such as speech and language, physical therapy, or assistance in traditional academic areas such as math

and reading may be available in Florida. Parents should check with the individual district.

So how do you know which type of curriculum to select for your child and what the state you will be moving to requires for home school enrollment? The HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association) website at [www.hsllda.org](http://www.hsllda.org) is a great resource for providing information about

\* the legal options for home schooling in every state,

\* federal and state legislation relating to homeschooling,

\* curriculum information and resources,

\* homeschool organizations in your state, and

\* resources and an online form to contact Florida HSLDA staff for help.

When you start out, you may tend to bring the classroom into your home as that is what you experienced in school. The HSLDA website stresses that it's okay to simply create a learning environment within your home and to enjoy learning along with your children. Education begins with the parent!

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](mailto:judith.cromartie@navy.mil) or by phone at (904) 270-6289 X1305 [office] or (904) 993-5860 [cell]. Or you can schedule a meeting with her in her office in Building One.

# Remember Christmas Is More Than A Good Reason To Shop



**Chaplain Darin Dunham**  
CHSMWL Chaplain

It is that special time of year again. That annual season that our culture revolves around. That momentous occasion that harkens the beginning of the most magical time of year. A marquee event that has come to represent all that we are and what we hold most dear. I am referring of course to Black Friday. But wait! There is more... this year, for this first time ever, we saw the birth of Grey Thursday as major stores and vendors across this great nation of ours brought their employees back in after a quick turkey lunch to open their doors for us... even before the famous midnight shopping rush of Black Friday began. But what if you didn't have the chance to whip out the ol' credit card and try

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to single handedly stimulate the economy on Grey Thursday or Black Friday? Have no fear, Cyber Monday is here! From the warm confines of your home, (or cool if you are experiencing a JAX winter), you can shop, shop, shop in your P.J.'s and slippers. Who needs Santa? Amazon, Target, Walmart, and more... will deliver toys, straight to your door.

It wasn't always this way. Once upon a time, less than a generation ago, the Christmas season drew people back to family traditions. Oh, there were still presents and gifts to be sure, but it seems to me there was more. And I am sure for many, maybe even most, in the intimacy and privacy of your home you work hard to preserve your most cherished Christmas and holiday traditions. But what is reflected in our culture?

I few years ago I had the unique experience of being stationed in Singapore. A remarkable country, a city state, that has a hybrid of major world religions repre-

sented in its demographics. As a chaplain, and a religious minister, I was frankly very impressed in how their government was able to recognize and allow each faith representation to celebrate the most meaningful days on their religious calendars. Ramadan, Deepavali, Hanukkah, to name a few but also...yes, Christmas. It was a surreal experience to go to shopping malls and hear traditional Christmas carols being played...not just "jingle bells" or "Santa Baby". Nativity scenes on public property, floats down the

street, scripture verses on bill boards, and it wasn't weird...even in a country whose predominant religions are Buddhist, Muslim, Taoism with a smattering of Christian and Hindu. No lawsuits, no religious hostility, just mutual respect and the freedom to recognize why this time of year is so special for many. And it really isn't about Grey Thursday, Black Friday, Cyber Monday or shopping.

Whatever your religious affiliation, I hope you would agree with me that we need our faith. Especially at this time of year. We need to be reminded that "life, liber-

CATHOLIC CHAPELS COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS		
15 Dec 2013	Third Sunday of Advent	9:00am
22 Dec 2013	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00am
24 Dec 2013	Christmas Eve	5:00pm
25 Dec 2013	Midnight Mass	11:45pm
25 Dec 2013	The Nativity of the Lord	9:00am
29 Dec 2013	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	9:00am
01 Jan 2014	Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am
05 Jan 2014	The Epiphany of the Lord	9:00am

PROTESTANT COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS		
Saturday	Protestant Women of the Chapel	6:30pm
14 Dec 2013	Family Dinner	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Service	10:30am
15 Dec 2013	Christmas Cantata	
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Service	10:30am
22 Dec 2013	Candle Light	7:00pm
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Service	
24 Dec 2013	Children's Christmas Pageant	
Sunday	First Sunday after Christmas Day	10:30am
30 Dec 2013	Eve of the Epiphany	10:30am
Sunday	Sunday	10:30am
05 Jan 2014		

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## Correction

Due to a reporting error, guest speaker at the Helicopter Maritime Strike Weapons School Atlantic change of command was misidentified in the Nov. 28, 2013 edition of The Mirror. Guest speaker for the event was Capt. Daniel E. Boyles, Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

**Command Chaplain**  
Lt. Cmdr.  
Jerome Cayangyang

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Monday-Thursday  
11:30 a.m.  
Holy Day of Obligation  
(call chapel for schedule)  
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or upon request  
CCD, RCIA & Adult Ed:  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Baptisms  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic Youth Group  
2nd & 4th Sunday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Protestant Worship**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.  
Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Baptism: For information,  
contact your chaplain  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
Protestant Youth Group  
1st Friday Youth Quak Trip  
6:30 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Friday at Chapel  
5-8:30 p.m.  
PWOC  
2nd Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
PMOC  
3rd Saturday Prayer Breakfast  
9 a.m.  
MOPS  
1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

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# U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Speaks At SOY luncheon

By MC2 Adam Henderson  
U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Jon Matheson, Deputy Commander U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet spoke to Sailors of the Year (SOY), Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ) and Blue Jackets of the Quarter (BJOQ), during a luncheon held aboard Naval Station Mayport Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Sailors in attendance were from U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet and other various commands throughout the base. The event was sponsored by the Mayport Navy League.

Matheson talked to the Sailors and expressed his gratitude about speaking at the event.

"Standing here just looking out at this incredible crowd of talented shipmates you just look fantastic and I am extremely proud and priv-

ileged to be here speaking to all of you."

Among the Sailors in attendance was Information Systems Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class Faith Elbert, Operations Specialist 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ronald Fogle, Intelligence Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Phil Dalupang, Intelligence Specialist 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Kathleen Parker and Electronics Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Melinda Lumpkin.

Elbert talked about being recognized as 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet's senior SOY, and what a great honor it has been to mentor her junior Sailors that work for her.

"I think it important to be a good example to the junior Sailors in the command, and that is what I strive for. This lunch is great opportunity to be recognized and to interact with other Sailors from various commands."

4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Command Master Chief David Tellez attended the luncheon and talked about how proud he was of the 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Sailors.

"These Sailors represent our command well and I am pleased that the Navy League and Naval Station Mayport have held this luncheon for them to be recognized not only by senior leadership but their peers as well."

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet employ maritime forces in cooperative maritime security operations in order to maintain access enhance interoperability and build enduring partnerships that foster regional security in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility.

## Whitman Visits 4th Fleet



-Photo by MC2 Adam Henderson  
Force Master Chief Susan Whitman speaks to the enlisted community at U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet during on office call Dec. 6.

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will be making a special appearance, so be sure to bring your cameras!

Other events hosted at the Ribault Bay Community Center will be Christmas Movie Night

on Dec. 18 from 5-7 p.m. and Christmas Craft Day on Dec. 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding these or other events host-

ed by Balfour Beatty Communities, please call 904-372-4702 or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mayporthomes](http://www.facebook.com/mayporthomes).

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# Commissary Christmas Store Hours Schedule

From Mayport Commissary

Santa will visit the Mayport Commissary on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available (on a first come, first serve basis). There will be

drawing for give-a-ways including \$25 gift cards, IPAD mini, toddlers basketball hoop, etc. come on out and enjoy yourself while picking up those last minute items needed for your holiday meal.

Commissary will be open:

- Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Dec. 30, Closed
- Dec. 31, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, Closed
- Jan. 2-4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Chaplain

ty and the pursuit of happiness" does not begin nor end with ourselves. As we elbow fellow shoppers away from the last deal on display, we need to be reminded that there are greater treasures in life, and most of them do not come in boxes, but rather in relationships. Our faith helps us to remember. As we rack up debt on things we want, we need to be reminded that real peace and lasting joy don't come from material possessions. Our faith helps us to remember. Even when faith seems to contradict our culture, there is a value there, as it brings

balance to our outlook on life.

Faith helps return meaning and substance to a holiday season. Faith accentuates and encourages the most precious and beloved of family traditions. Faith takes the focus off of me...and you and puts it on us.

As you bravely battle through the hustle and the bustle, the madness and mayhem of the shopping malls this year, remember to share in the prayer and promise of "peace on earth, and good will to men".

And as you dream about what gift you want most this year, take time

to turn to your faith and ask what God wants for a Christmas gift. The answer of course, is you.

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# Mayport Families Enjoy Festivities

## MWR Hosts Annual 'Magical Christmas' Event



From Staff

Families of Naval Station Mayport Sailors bundled up and kept warm with fun activities at the annual MWR Magical Christmas on Dec. 5 at the Sea Otter Pavilion.



This year's festivities included Christmas event hosted by MWR on music by Dec. 5.

the Navy Southeast Holiday Brass Band and performances by the Youth Activities Center.

Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to the children's Christmas wish lists. The kids also got a chance to enjoy free arts and crafts and mini-games at the event.

For more information about events happening throughout 2012, call MWR at 270-5228.

Families gather around a fire pit to roast marshmallows at the annual MWR Magical Christmas.

Photos by Paige Gnann



Santa Claus holds 16-month-old Ralph Seibel and poses for a picture after visiting with children during the annual MWR Magical Christmas.



Magical Christmas included several different arts and crafts activities for kids of all ages to enjoy.



Children design their own Christmas cards with stickers and construction paper.



Evan Torres, 8, spins the holiday wheel to win a prize.



Isabella Casanova, 1, is fascinated with "Raggedy Ann" as her father, Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Fernando Casanova of USS Farragut, poses for a picture at Santa's Workshop.



Families get a sweet treat at the hot chocolate and cookie tent.



Kids make special reindeer food for Christmas night.



Children from the Child Development Center perform with Frosty the Snowman in front of the crowds attending the annual MWR Magical Christmas Dec. 6 at Sea Otter Pavilion.



Xaiden Quillon, 4, and his sister, Heaven, 3, get their picture taken in front of an inflatable igloo.



Leone Butler, 4, watches as her sister, Layla, 2, sticks her head in a elf cut out at the Magical Christmas holiday event sponsored by MWR Mayport.



A snowstorm hits Naval Station Mayport during Magical Christmas as flurries fill the air thanks to a snow machine provided by MWR.



Kenneth Velasquez, 7, waits for the performances to begin at the annual Magical Christmas.

# Truman CSG Passes Deployment Midpoint

From USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Public Affairs

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HST CSG) passed the approximate midway point of its 2013-2014 deployment Dec. 6.

HST CSG deployed from Norfolk, Va., and Mayport, Fla., in late July and after transiting the Atlantic Ocean and U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR), entered the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR Aug. 18 to conduct maritime security operations, support theater security cooperation efforts and support Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

HST CSG is currently the only continental U.S.-based carrier strike group forward-deployed.

"I could not be more proud of the performance of our Sailors and Marines," said Rear Adm. Kevin Sweeney, commander, HST CSG. "Their efforts in supporting coalition warfighters on the ground in Afghanistan and maritime operations throughout the region have been the key to building trust and confidence with our partner nations."

HST CSG includes the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), the guided-missile cruisers USS Gettysburg (CG 64) and USS San Jacinto (CG 57), the guided-missile destroyers USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) and USS Mason (DDG 87); Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3; and embarked Carrier Strike Group 10 and 1st Combined Destroyer Squadron staffs.

Harry S. Truman, the strike group's flagship, has teamed up with CVW-3



Sailors assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64), operate a rigid hull inflatable boat in the Gulf of Oman. Gettysburg is deployed as part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

-Photo by MC3 Class Lorenzo J. Bureson

to launch more than 7,000 sorties, amassing more than 19,700 flight hours, since departing for deployment. Nine days after entering the 5th Fleet AOR, an F/A-18C Hornet, assigned to the "Checkerboards" of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 312, piloted by Marine Lt. Col. Joseph Reedy, commanding officer of VMFA-312, launched from Harry S. Truman in support of OEF Aug. 27. Since that time, CVW-3 squadrons have flown more than 8,900 hours and 1,500 sorties in support of OEF.

Squadrons assigned to CVW-3 include the "Seahawks" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron 126, the "Zappers" of Electronic Attack

Squadron 130, the "Ragin' Bulls" of Strike Fighter Squadron 37, the "Gunslingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron 105, the "Swordsmen" of Strike Fighter Squadron 32, the "Dusty Dogs" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 7 and the "Swamp Foxes" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 74.

"It's inspiring to watch the young men and women of Truman and Carrier Air Wing 3 work so closely together," said Capt. Bob Roth, Harry S. Truman's commanding officer. "It's their hard work and tireless dedication to the mission that keep the jets launching, in the air, and supporting the warfighters on the ground in Afghanistan."

Capt. Sara Joyner, commander, CVW-3, also spoke of the teamwork that makes HST CSG's support of OEF a success.

"Whether from the air wing or from Truman, every Sailor and Marine understands the importance of what we're doing out here and how vital teamwork is to our success," she said. "The ship and air wing team work side by side, every day for hours on end, in all sorts of conditions, to make sure we can get support to those who need it on the ground."

Each ship in the strike group has made an impact on regional security and safety by providing assistance and medical support to fishermen and merchants on multiple

occasions, and by participating in theater security cooperation exercises.

Other major highlights of the deployment thus far include port visits to Marseille, France; Manama, Bahrain; and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates; a Thanksgiving Day visit by the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens; and the advancement of approximately 350 Sailors.

During the first 136 days of the deployment, Sailors and Marines consumed more than 15,175 gallons of milk, 52,718 lbs. of beef, 134,203 lbs. of chicken, 5,560 lbs. of hot dogs, 108,435 lbs. of fresh vegetables and 10,975 dozens of eggs.

"I'm proud of my Ney Award-winning Sailors for being able to feed a crew of over 5,000 Sailors and Marines four times a day, seven days a week," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brian Armstrong, Harry S. Truman's food service officer. "They work long hours to prepare enjoyable meals while keeping the galleys to the highest standard of cleanliness to ensure the good health of the crew and maintain the Truman standard. They've done an incredible job for the first half of this deployment and I know they'll continue their stellar performance till the end."

To date, Harry S. Truman has completed 16 underway replenishments (UNREP), during which more than 11.4 million gallons of JP-5 fuel was received, 9.5 million gallons of which was issued to aircraft for flight operations.

UNREPs also supplied the ship with essential food and repair parts required for daily operations of an aircraft carrier. Harry S. Truman also processed a combined 259,051 lbs. of incoming and outgoing mail.

"Over the past four-and-a-half months, this ship has done amazing things from supporting OEF, completing a physical readiness test while on a combat deployment, had numerous Sailors advanced, Sailors getting multiple warfare qualifications, and Sailors continuing their education," said Harry S. Truman Sailor of the Year Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Ryan Smith.

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-Photo by Michael Leger  
Sailors and Marines man the rails of USS New York as it pulls into the basin at NS Mayport during its homeport shift on Dec. 6.



-Photo by Paige Gmann  
Sailors from USS New York (LPD 21) salute the flag before boarding the ship after it shifts homeport to Naval Station Mayport on Dec. 6. The ship was welcomed to its new home by local politicians, Navy leadership, as well as friends and family of the crew. See all the photos online at [www.mayportmirror.com](http://www.mayportmirror.com).



-Photo by Paige Gmann  
Friends, families and dignitaries welcome USS New York to Naval Station Mayport during its homeport shift on Dec. 6.



-Photo by Paige Gmann  
Aiden Duggan, 4, along with mom Tracey, and sister, Maddison, 2, look for Chief Engineman Jeremy Duggan as he pulls into the Mayport basin on board USS New York.

## New York

excited to be a part of the Mayport family."

Many Navy families had the daunting task of moving from Norfolk to Mayport in a short amount of time. According to Operations Specialist 2nd Class Thomas Devore, it was tough moving suddenly but the many activities offered on Naval Station Mayport and the surrounding areas are worth the stress of moving to a new area.

"We were able to get base housing in only two days," he said. "The help

from the Fleet and Family Support Center was fantastic."

"It was a little hectic moving two small children, but we made it work," said Angela Devore. "I am looking forward to the many beaches in the area. When the kids get a little older, we are definitely going to Disney World."

The San Antonio Class LPD (USS New York) ships are used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies. These ships support amphibious assault,

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The Navy is committed to strategic dispersal and at least two viable East Coast surface ship homeports as well as the preservation of the ship repair industrial base in the Mayport area.

According to Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer Capt. Wesley McCall the addition of up to 2,000 families to the area after all is said and done will be a boost for national defense and to the economy of Mayport.

"I think we're going to see some significant growth with USS Fort McHenry and USS Iwo Jima coming next year and the new littoral combat ships soon to follow," he said. "You bring 2,000 new families here; the benefits are going to be

pretty substantial. The Sailors and their families aboard USS New York are the ones who will benefit the most. Jacksonville and especially the Mayport area are huge military supporters."

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USS Samuel B. Roberts, Cmdr. Erica Hoffman, COMDESRON 14, Capt. Ryan Tillotson, and NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Wes McCall, stand with Pearl Harbor survivors after a memorial ceremony held aboard SBR on Dec. 7.

In honor of the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Sailors, family, friends and survivors of the attack laid flowers and wreaths over the side of guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58). This year's historic commemoration, "Sound the Alarm," examined how thousands of Americans answered the call to duty in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

-Photos by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley



Cmdr. Erica L. Hoffman, commanding officer USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) gives a challenge coin to Pearl Harbor survivor Henry Griffin during a ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



Capt. Wes R. McCall, commanding officer Naval Station Mayport shakes hands with Pearl Harbor survivor Henry Griffin after a ceremony aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58).

## Pearl Harbor

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beginning with the Pearl Harbor survivors, was given the opportunity to lay a wreath or flowers over the side of the ship.

"It is an honor for us to be here to pay tribute to those who served before and laid the groundwork for all of us in uniform today," said Capt. Wes R. McCall, commanding officer Naval Station Mayport. "It was a wonderful ceremony and we thank the Capt. Hoffmann and her crew for doing such a fantastic job.

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**Dec. 18: Game Night.** 7:30 p.m. at Castaway's Lounge. Enjoy a nigh of your favorite games: Life-Sized Jenga, Twister & more. 270-7205

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**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

**Dec. 11: All-Hands Steak Night.** 4-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club. Cost is \$12 per person. Purchase tickets in advance; limited tickets available at the door. Sponsored by the Mayport Area CPOA. For tickets, call MAC Dennis Mattingly (904) 270-5940 x1228.

**ITT**  
**Disney Jr Live: Pirates and Princesses.** Tickets are now on sale for Monster Jam on March 8, 2014 at the Times Union Moran Center. Tickets \$15 each; available only at ITT on base. 270-5145

**Ringling Bros Barnum and Bailey Circus.** Special military discount tickets available for shows Jan. 17-19. \$15 per ticket. 270-5145

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.

**Dec. 15: Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Buffalo Bills.** Van Departs 11 a.m. at Liberty Center. Cost \$15.

**Dec. 16: Mall Trip: Town Center.** Van departs

Liberty Center at 4 p.m.; transportation only.

**Dec. 18: Help Feed the Homeless.** Van departs 2:30 p.m. Sign up dead-

line Dec. 17.

**Dec. 19: Billiards Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Dec. 21: Movie Trip.**



Van departs Liberty Center at 5:30 p.m.; transportation only.

**Dec. 22: Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Tennessee Titans.** Van Departs 11 a.m. at Liberty Center. Cost \$15.

**Dec. 26: Chess Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

**Dec. 27 Ping Pong Tournament.** 6 p.m. at Liberty Center.

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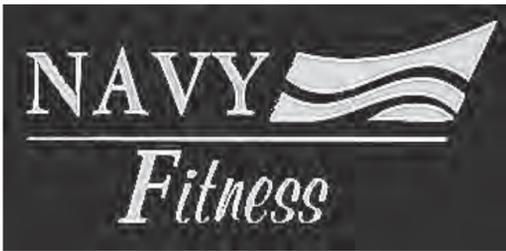
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**Sunday Nights: Bowling Family Fun Night.** 4-7 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Cost is \$10 per person and includes your choice of a ¼ lb hamburger or a hot-dog with fries and a soda, All-You-Can Bowl with shoes, music videos, light show and colored head-pin bowling for prizes. 270-5377

**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)

**Intramural Sports**  
**Dec. 14: Army Navy Football Party.** Free tailgating. Flag football behind the gym. 12:30 p.m. Mayport vs. Army. 1 p.m. Mayport Gold vs. Army. Army vs. Navy College Football Game at 3 p.m. at Beachside Community Center. 270-5451.

**Mayport Bowling Center**  
**Friday Nights: Xtreme**

**Bowling.** 8-11 p.m. 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

## Catch Army vs. Navy Football



-Photo by Paige Gnan

Players from the ex-USS Klakring take on the Army last year during the annual Army vs. Navy flag football game during some good spirited competition prior to the college match up. This year's game will feature USS Vicksburg and HSM-40 against teams from Jacksonville Army Recruiting Battalion starting at 1 p.m. Afterwards, MWR will set up a 20-foot TV screen at the Beachside Community Center and host a tailgate party starting at 2:45 p.m. There will be free food and t-shirts while supplies last.

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GROUP EXERCISE ROOMS 2 & 3					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0730 Running Clinic	0730 Command Bootcamp ◊	0630 NOFFS ◊	0600-0830 Command PT By Appointment ◊	0730 Zumba	
0930 Yoga	0930 CORE & Flexibility	1130 Strength Training For Women	0930 Fitness Fundamentals	1130 Yoga	
1130 Circuit Conditioning	1130 Zumba	1230 Flex 'N' Stretch	1130 Step		
1700 Cut 'N' Core	1630 Step	1730 Zumba	1730 Circuit Conditioning		
1800 Flex 'N' Stretch	1800 Yoga				
GROUP EXERCISE ROOM 1					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0700 TRX	1130 TRX	1130 Yoga	0700 Sunrise Yoga		
1800 Zumba	1300-1500 CFL NOFFS/TRX By Appointment ◊	1800 Kids Clinic	1800 TRX		
NATATORIUM					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0930 Aqua Toning	1630 Deep Aqua	0930 Aqua Fitness	0930 Aqua Rehab	0730 Command Aqua ◊	
1430 Aqua Rehab		1630 Deep Aqua		0930 Aqua Toning	
STRENGTH/CARDIO B					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1130 Steel Anchor	0700 Rowing	1130 Steel Anchor	1130 Rowing	1500 Steel Anchor
INDOOR CYCLING ROOM					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1130 Cycling		1130 Cycling	1130 Cycling	1530 Cycling	
HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING (HIT) AREA					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1130 Intro to HIT	0700 HIT	1600 HIT Mobility	1130 HIT		1130 Intro to HIT
1500 Olympic Lifting	0930 Intro to HIT	1630 HIT	1630 HIT Gymnastics		
1800 Intro to HIT	1130 Intro to HIT				

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From FFSC

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**Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-noon, Tottle Tyme Playgroup, USO**

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

**Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m., Healthy You, Healthy Family, FFSC Bldg. 1,**

Room 607

**Dec. 16-20, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Transition GPS Separate Workshop, FFSC Bldg. 1, Room 1616**

**Dec. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, Part 1: Organizing Your Job Search & Networking, FFSC Bldg. 1, Room 607**

**Dec. 18, 1:30-3 p.m., Part 2: Targeting Your Resume, FFSC Bldg. 1, Room 607**

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**Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m., Healthy You, Healthy Family, FFSC Bldg. 1,**

Room 607

**Dec. 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Part 1: Organizing Your Job Search & Networking, FFSC Bldg. 1, Room 607**

**Dec. 25, 1:30-3 p.m., Part 2: Targeting Your Resume, FFSC Bldg. 1, Room 607**

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## VA Warns of Marketing Scam

By Claudette Roulo  
American Forces Press Service

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently posted an alert on its Facebook page warning of a marketing scam targeting veterans.

A marketing company has purchased telephone numbers that differ by one digit from the VA's national call center and the GI Bill call cen-

ter. Callers who misdial and reach the fraudulent numbers will be offered a gift card in exchange for personal and financial information - including credit card information.

According to the warning, after the caller's information is obtained, they may even be transferred to the VA number they were attempting to reach.

The VA will never ask

for credit card or banking information over the phone. Law enforcement authorities have been notified of the situation.

The VA's national call center number is 800-827-1000, and the GI Bill call center's number is 888-442-4551. VA's customer service numbers can be verified online at <https://iris.custhelp.com/>.

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Help local service members in need this holiday season. The Mayport and NAS Jacksonville USO centers are in need of food donations for our holiday food basket program to help provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to service members in need as well as toy donations.

**JCPenney Round Up**

Beginning Dec. 1-31, JCPenney customers, in-store and on-line, will be asked to round up for the troops. Let's say your purchase is \$14.67, if you round up, that 33 cents will go to the USO. A little goes along way. As you do your holiday shopping this year (Dec. 1-Dec. 31), please consider purchasing at least one gift from JCPenney or jcp.com and rounding up for the troops.

**Project St. Nick**

Hands on Jacksonville is in need of volunteers to help with Project St. Nick, in which they visit various schools in Duval County and provide the children a backpack with reading

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books and toys. We are in need of volunteers for this project. For more information or to volunteer, visit: [www.handsonjacksonville.org](http://www.handsonjacksonville.org). For groups interested in volunteering, please contact Jenny O'Donnell at [jenny@handsonjacksonville.org](mailto:jenny@handsonjacksonville.org).

**Harlem Globetrotters**

Enjoy a military discount on tickets to see the Harlem Globetrotters on Friday, February 28th at 7:00PM at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Please see attached flyer for more information on ticket prices and ordering.

**Calling All Chili Cooks**

Join us for the 3rd annual Jax USO Chili Cook Off on March 15 from noon-5 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Association on Collins Road. Visit [jaxusochilicookoff.com](http://jaxusochilicookoff.com) for more information on rules and sign ups.

**Military Spouse COMPASS Program**

COMPASS is a spouse-to-spouse mentoring

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**Are You Ready For Some Football?**

Jaguar Ticket sales will begin at noon. Price is \$15 per ticket (cash only). All active duty members, including Florida National Guard, Reserve personnel who are on current active duty orders and dependents are eligible to purchase/use these tickets. Tickets are first come, first served.

**Recycling**

Recycling has come to the Greater Jacksonville Area USO. If you have any office paper, shred-

**NOSA Holiday Bazaar**



*-Photo by Paige Gnann*  
Shoppers check out the wares at the annual Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Mayport Holiday Bazaar held Dec. 7 at the Mayport USO. Local artisans and vendors helped shoppers with their Christmas lists while supporting NOSA's charitable fundraising.

ded paper, old magazines, and newspapers that you would like to donate, please bring it to either the Mayport or NAS JAX USO Center. Help support the troops with your unwanted paper!

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able to all service members with email, Internet and word processing. Fax, copy and free notary service is also available.

**There is a full kitchen, showers,** a quiet reading room and a meeting room available at the USO. The USO is available for meet-

ings, support groups, receptions, parties and pre-deployment briefs.

For more information about activities or meeting availabilities, call 246-3481 or stop by the center at 2560 Mayport Road.

reservations are necessary and the program is free.

The Beaches Museum & History Park announces the arrival of the Polar Express at Pablo Station from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Children can meet Santa and the Conductor on a real steam engine and receive their own golden bell. Letters to Santa can be written and posted on the Polar Express. Santa will reply to each letter via email. Crafts, games, and refreshments will also be available. The event is free, but donations are encouraged to help support family events at the museum. The Polar

Express will also be available:

Sunday, December 15, from noon-3 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, from noon-3 p.m.

Pablo Station is located in the Pablo Historical Park in front of Beaches Museum at 381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

More information can be found at [www.BeachesMuseum.org](http://www.BeachesMuseum.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 15**

Isle of Faith United Methodist Church will hold FX Family Worship, at 10 a.m. FX is a fam-

ily oriented, fun, outside the box worship service. Drama, comedy, music! All welcome.

Celebrate Christmas at the Christ United Methodist Church annual Family Christmas Celebration and Cookie Cantata at 11:30 a.m. at 400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach. Crafts and fun activities will be available for children and their families and a visit from the jolly old elf himself will highlight the day. Call the church office at 249-5370 for information. [www.neptunebeach-umc.org](http://www.neptunebeach-umc.org)

**Out in Town**

**Thursday, Dec. 12**

Beaches Museum & History Park will host an exhibit reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for its new exhibit featuring Bernardo de Galvez, who was a significant contributor in the fight for our independence during the American Revolution. Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for museum members.

**Friday, Dec. 13**

The Duval County Extension Offices/UF IFAS will be offering a Winter Workshop from

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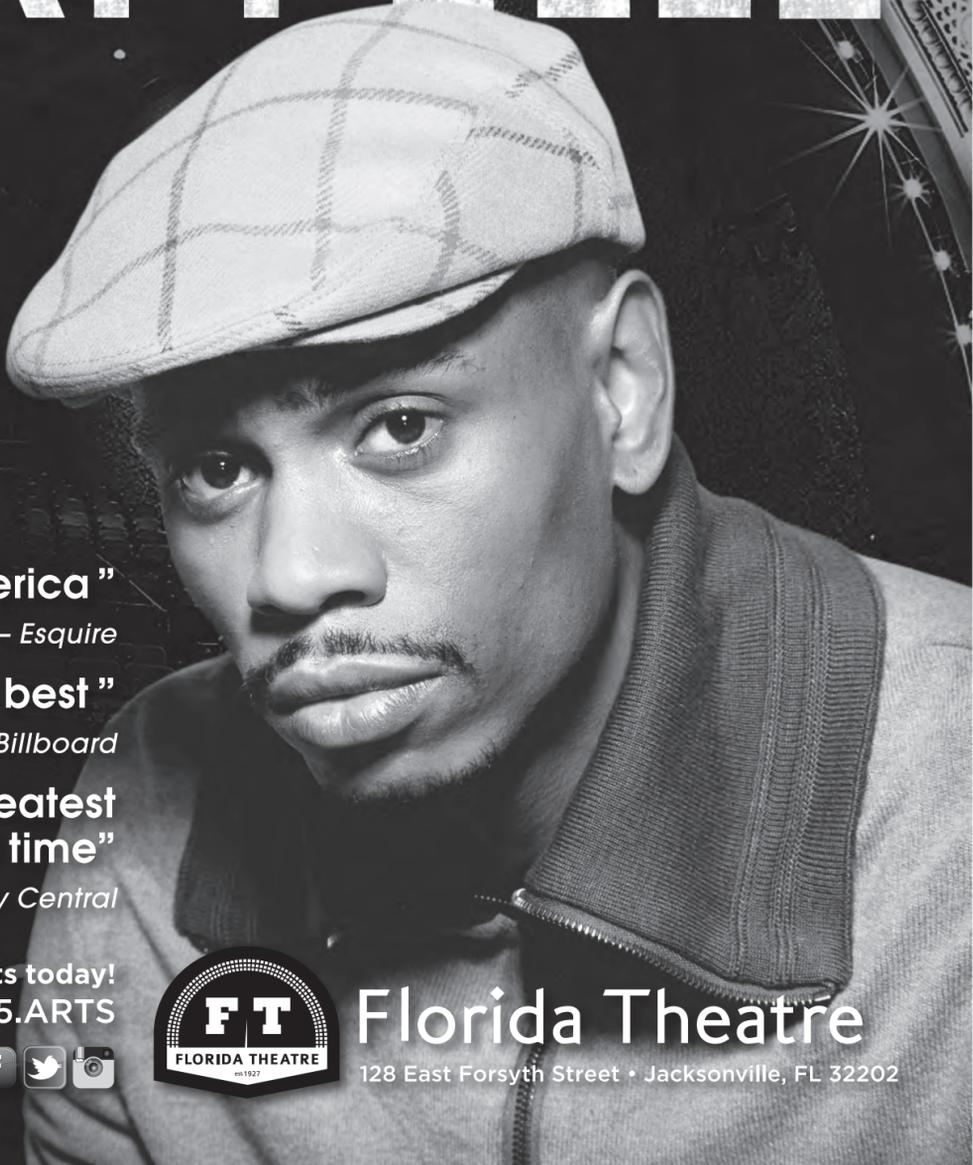
9:30-noon at the Duval County Extension Office, 1010 N McDuff Ave. The cost is \$10 to attend. Topics include Repotting Orchids, Winter Garden Tips, and Make and Take Seed Starting. To pre-register, please call Becky at 904-255-7450 or email her at [beckyd@coj.net](mailto:beckyd@coj.net) with your name and phone number then mail payment to Winter Workshop, 1010 N McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, Fla., 32254.

Make check payable to DCOHAC. Deadline for payment is Tuesday, Dec. 10. Class is limited.

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

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

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