

Navy College Office Reopens

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The Navy College Office Mayport is reopening effective immediately.

Striving toward a college education is a major benefit of serving in the military.

Most commands encourage their military members to use available tools such as tuition assistance (TA) while on active duty and the GI Bill after separating. Gaining the knowledge on how to apply for this has been limited for Sailors at Naval Station Mayport, but the Navy College Office is making strides to make sure Sailors are given the proper resources to continue their education.

The Naval Station Mayport Navy College Office has extended customer service hours from two to four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 7a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Command Indocs and NCPACE Orientation Services are conducted by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Naval Station Mayport office is not a fully staffed facility like Naval Air Station Jacksonville, but according to Navy College Office Director Mayport Bridget Pogue, no matter how big the office is, serving the Sailor is the top priority.

“Higher education is very beneficial for Sailors who want to stay in the military and is a key element to pursue a career in the civilian world,” she said. “A college degree can help with promotion, awarding points on the advancement exam and is important to have that degree to put on a resume for your second career after your military service ends.”

The facilitator performs many tasks including:

- Base Indoctrination, given once a month to explain about what the base and community have to offer during your tour at Naval station Mayport.
- Conducting a TA workshop (every

TA Policy Changing In FY-15

From Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs Office

Effective immediately, commanding officers and officers-in-charge may approve waivers to the one-year requirement that Sailors must be on board their first permanent duty station (PDS) to be eligible for Tuition Assistance (TA) according to NAVADMIN 190/14 released Aug. 21.

In addition to command triad waiver approval, Sailors must meet all existing requirements for participation eligibility.

The NAVADMIN also detailed changes to the grade and fee policy for TA for courses starting after 1 Oct. to align with recent Department of Defense TA policy.

Successful course completion will be defined as a grade of “C” or higher for undergraduate courses, a “B” or higher for graduate courses, and a “Pass” for “Pass/See TA, Page 10

Thursday) to explain how to apply and the rules and regulations involved in the TA system.

•Scheduling instructors for the Program for Afloat College Education (PACE) for all shipboard commands at Naval Station Mayport.

•Individual counselor to help prepare a college schedule program to meet the customer’s college goals.

According to Pogue, the extension of the hours will allow a more opportunities to help people with their questions and concerns with their college needs.

“This allows us more time to set up classes and more time to set up appointments for personal counseling,” she said. “We want to provide people the opportunity

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-Photo by YNSN Andrew Wright

KptLt Anika Herrmann, middle, gives training to a couple of junior officers on navigation fundamentals and the speed triangle on the bridge of USS Hué City.

USS Hué City Navigator Enters ‘Uncharted Waters’

By Ensign Raven Stevenson
 USS Hué City Public Affairs

USS Hué City’s Foreign Liaison Officer is making history at Naval Station Mayport and abroad.

Kapitänleutnant (KptLt) Anika Herrmann has been the Foreign Liaison Officer (FLO) on board USS Hué City since her arrival in October 2013 through the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP). PEP allows for an exchange between the U.S. Navy and personnel from other military services in participating NATO countries.

During her tour in Hué City, Herrmann was able to become the first woman in the German Navy to be qualified and desig-

nated as Navigator. She is also the first German officer to have completed the Surface Navigator course at SWOS Newport, and subsequently be designated as the Primary Navigator on board a U.S. warship.

Women have been able to serve in the medical service of the Bundeswehr (German for ‘Federal Defense’) since 1975, but have only recently been allowed to access every other service of the unified German Military Force since 2001. Herrmann commissioned four years later on July 1, 2005.

“It would not have been possible for me to be the Navigator in my Navy,” says Herrmann,

after she explained that in order to be the Navigator in Germany, one must first achieve the enlisted rank of Navigationsmeister, which is equivalent to a Chief Quartermaster (QMC) in the U.S. Navy. As a commissioned officer, KptLt Herrmann could not have fulfilled this prerequisite. Also, the Navigator billet on a German warship is typically for a second tour warrant officer. In the 13 years that women have had full access to the German Armed Forces, achieving the rank of Navigationsmeister and serving through at least one complete warrant officer tour would have

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New Skipper For HSM-46

By Lt.j.g. Hunter Briley
 HSM-46

Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron FOUR SIX (HSM-46) held a change of command ceremony on Aug. 14 at Naval Station Mayport. Cmdr. Grahame Dicks relieved Cmdr. Michael Weaver as the squadron’s commanding officer.

Originally established in 1988 as HSL-46, today HSM-46 trains and supports combat-ready detachments of pilots, aircrew, and maintenance technicians for assignment and deployment aboard U.S. Fleet Forces surface combatants.

Weaver assumed command of the Grandmasters in May 2013. During his tenure as commanding officer, the squadron deployed four MH-60R helicopter detachments and two MQ-8 Fire Scout



-Photo courtesy of HSM-46

Cmdr. Grahame Dicks and Cmdr. Michael Weaver, salute Capt. Clayton “Clay” Conley, Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, after reading their orders during a change of command ceremony. Dicks relieved Weaver as the commanding officer of HSM-46.

detachments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and overseas contingency operations. Previously, Weaver deployed three times with HSL-42 over two

tours and flawlessly led a detachment as Officer-in-Charge. He completed his tour at HSL-42 as the Squadron Operations officer and was awarded the Commander, Naval

Air Forces Award for Leadership. Previous assignments include various staffs in the Washington, D.C. area,

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Capt. Wesley McCall
NS Mayport
Commanding Officer

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

tenants that call Mayport home shouldered the heaviest burden. Please accept my most sincere thanks for making this transition appear seamless. In the end, it's the Sailors and their families that will benefit most from your efforts. There's really no secret to why Mayport is the homeport of choice for today's Navy. It's the service you provide daily to our nation's warfighters and the incredible community that supports us outside the fence line. Welcome Home USS Iwo Jima and USS Fort McHenry!

With the arrival of the Iwo Jima ARG, the city of Jacksonville contributed their support by opening Hanna Park an hour earlier at 0600. This will allow DoD drivers with a Hanna Park sticker to access this gate an hour earlier, easing traffic congestion at the main gate. If you qualify for the sticker, please stop by the Pass and Decal Office for issue.

As we begin a new chapter in the history of Naval Station Mayport and transition to support the arrival of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Freedom Class to Mayport in early 2016, criti-

cal infrastructure upgrades will be taking place around the installation for the next few years. Beginning on Sept. 1, Public Works will begin the demolition of the old Bank of America Building across the street from our fitness facility to make room for the new LCS Support Facility. This future 60,000-square-foot multi-story building will house LCS Squadron Staff and off hull crews and includes construction of classrooms, an operations watch work space, a reference library room, storage, administrative office space, video teleconference rooms, and a crew lounge. In the November timeframe, temporary office trailers will be located just south of the construction site to house LCS staff and crews until the project completes in the fall of 2015. Tied to this project is the demolition of our old Unaccompanied Housing structures (B-1394, B-1368 and B-261) just north of the Galley. These two BEQs, Building 261 and the tennis courts will be the future site of the LCS Training Facility, a 70,000 square foot multi-story building that will house LCS mission bay trainers, associated operational trainers and additional classrooms. Construction should complete in 2017. This is truly an exciting time to be at Mayport. The growth is promising and certainly highlights Mayport's strategic

importance to our Navy and Nation, however, I ask for your patience as we go through this transition. There will undoubtedly be hazards associated with construction, noise, dust and parking and traffic concerns surrounding these construction sites.

I also want to remind you to be cautious when driving around Naval Station Mayport, especially during the hours of 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Now that school has started, we have children walking to Finegan Elementary School or waiting for buses to pick them up to take them to middle and high school. Please continue to be mindful that these children are out and about when we are either tired from the night before or tired after a hard day at work. Drive safe.

Lastly, I want to congratulate all the Chief Petty Officer Selectees throughout Naval Station Mayport and its tenant commands. This is a great time in your naval career. No other branch of service has an upper enlisted community quite like the Navy Chief. It is a great responsibility and I look forward to seeing you join the ranks and call you Chief in September.

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

Bus Transportation Is Safe Transportation



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

KNOWING THE ROPES

three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. Most of these fatalities are the responsibility of the young drivers and their passengers.

So encourage your teens to take the bus to and from school! Schools are really careful especially during the first two weeks of a new school year to make sure students get on the correct bus. For that reason buses frequently run late during this time. But note: if a driver leaves without being dismissed by the school's bus coordinator, he is responsible for coming back for any missed students. However, if the bus coordinator dismisses a bus and students are later found, the parents must be notified to come get their children as the bus will not return.

The school's principal is responsible for designating a bus coordinator who serves as the liaison

between the school and the bus company serving that school. The district also appoints a transportation-based coordinator. Their role is to serve as the link between the school and the bus companies. Problems associated with the buses (not arriving on time, crowded conditions on the bus, request for a bus video) should be directed to your transportation-based bus coordinator. Check with your school's bus coordinator or an administrator for the name, phone number, and email of your school's assigned transportation-based coordinator.

Every school day the transportation office is manned until 6:30 pm (except for early dismissal days). The office stays in contact with the bus companies until each bus run has been made. But what should you do if your child does not

arrive home long after the school has closed? You call the Duval County Public Schools Transportation Office at (904) 858-6200 for immediate assistance.

To avoid leaving a child at school, drivers used seating charts. Seating charts also help in reducing behavioral issues. Frequently drivers ask the school's administrators or bus coordinator for advice on student placement on the bus. You'll note that kindergarten students as well as teen parents traveling with their children will always occupy the front of the bus.

Encourage your children to follow these rules when riding the bus:

- Always follow the driver's directions.
- Never distract the driver from driving unless there is immediate danger to you or others.
- Remain seated and keep the aisles clear.
- Eating, drinking, and chewing gum while riding the bus are prohibited.
- Never bring unsafe or unauthorized item onto

the bus.

- Always wear your seat belt if available.
- Always keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw item off of the bus.
- Always show respect for your fellow students.
- Keep conversation at a reasonable level and remain quiet at railroad crossings.
- Remember that Duval County Public Schools' *Student Code of Conduct* applies in the bus as well as in the classroom.
- In addition of going over the rules for bus riding, also share these tips with your children.
- Discuss and practice the safest way to get to and from the assigned school bus stop.
- Show them a safe place at the stop to wait on the bus.
- Discourage running and playing while waiting for the bus to arrive.
- Never sit on the curb or the roadway while waiting on the bus.
- Never run into the street to catch your bus or exit your bus.
- And most impor-

tantly, DO NOT speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into a car with the stranger. Determine with your children a "code word" that must always be used by an individual other than yourself who is picking up your children. If this individual does not know the code word, your child should immediately find help.

For additional information on school bus safety, you can go to Florida School Bus Safety at <http://www.floridaschoolbussafety.gov/>.

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) 993-5860 [cell]. Or you can schedule a meeting with her in her office in Building One.

Hold On, There's Always Light At The End Of The Tunnel



Chaplain
Karen Rector
NS Mayport

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

a person a failure, just as one achievement doesn't make a person a success. Some wise person once wrote, "The end of the matter is better than its beginning". "Be patient in affliction," the Apostle Paul tells us. We only have a sliver of the story. Life's mishaps and horrors are only a page out of a grand book, so don't be too quick about drawing conclusions. We must reserve judgment on life's storms until we know the whole story.

Paul said in II Corinthians 4:16-18, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." Listen to what Paul called "light and momen-

tary"—not what I'd have called them, and I think you'll agree. Imprisoned. Beaten. Stoned. Shipwrecked three

times. In constant danger. Hungry and thirsty. Light and momentary troubles? How could Paul describe endless trials with that phrase? He tells us. He could see "an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

But Chaps, some days the road seems so long

and difficult. Let me encourage you with this: God never said the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worth it!

Jesus said in Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." He should

know. He's the Author of the story, and he has already written the final chapter. He's also the one that can calm the storms.

Jesus also knows how you feel. Listen to Hebrews 4:15, "For we do not have a high priest

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'Gator Navy' Makes Debut In Mayport

By Capt. Timothy Schorr
Commodore Amphibious Squadron 8

It's a lovely summer afternoon in Florida. What better time for nearly 2,000 Sailors with the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group to officially call Mayport home?

Sailors on USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), USS New York (LPD 21) and USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) have moved their families, their pets, their cars and their household goods from Hampton Roads to the Jacksonville/Mayport area. I was fortunate enough to be part of this transition and I could not be prouder of the Sailors who professionally and gracefully took on this life-changing challenge.

Both Iwo Jima and Fort McHenry recently passed the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), the largest and most critical navy-wide material inspection, just weeks before executing a ten-day Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON/MEU) Integration exercise. These Sailors have been working long hours to ensure their equipment meets and exceeds technical standards, while balancing the demands of moving their families and belongings to Florida. Needless to say, they haven't had much down time. To their great credit, they show no signs of being worn down by the demands placed upon them. When I walk down the passageways on board these ships, I am blown away by the motivation, charisma, and confidence that these Sailors exude.

The Sailors on board these ships understand the "big picture" implications of this home port shift, but I am sure many people, whether Navy affiliated or not, are asking "what does it all mean?" This is a fair question, and one that deserves a thorough response.

The presence of the ships of the Iwo Jima ARG in Mayport allows the Navy to have two viable East Coast surface ship homeports while also ensuring the preservation of the ship repair industrial bases in both Hampton Roads and Mayport/

Jacksonville. Additionally, it allows the Navy/Marine Corps team to successfully use the ARG and amphibious vessels with embarked Marines to carry out diverse missions across a broad spectrum of operations. Naval Station Mayport is an ideal strategic base because of its proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean. The three ships of the IWOARG are capable of responding on short notice to a natural disaster, with a full Marine compliment.

Some folks are concerned that this move may disrupt the training cycle for the three ARG ships, or that we may not be able to receive the same level of training, maintenance, and technical support provided in Norfolk. On the contrary, since its move to Mayport in December 2013, USS New York has received nothing but the finest support from its Florida hosts.

All three ships in the ARG received outstanding care and support in Norfolk and I have the utmost confidence that they will continue to receive equally outstanding support from the team in Mayport. Bottom line: the Navy holds its training, maintenance, and technical support teams to a high standard that is enforced across the Fleet. Transferring homeport for three ships has been a challenging enterprise for all parties involved. That being said, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that this successful transition was only made possible with the expert help of Fleet & Family Services in Norfolk and Mayport. I want to thank the community of Norfolk for their unwavering commitment to our ships and the sincere welcome Mayport has shown our Sailors and their families.

The Sailors of the Iwo Jima ARG are eager to complete the homeport shift to Mayport. They look forward to settling into new homes, new schools, new communities. They've heard so much about the strong support the Jacksonville/Mayport com-

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Mayport Sailor of the Week

Name: EMFA Moises Villegas
Job: Maintenance Person
Age: 19
Hometown: Covina, California
Favorite hobby: Soccer
Hero: Stepfather
Best piece of advice received: Plan for the worst. Hope for the best.
Goal for Navy: To make Chief Petty Officer
How has the Navy improved your life: Maturity and experience
Why was this Sailor/officer chosen to be highlighted? EMFA Villegas has a "can do" attitude and is always willing to challenge himself daily. His level of maturity and engineering knowledge is far beyond his rate. His quality of work has helped ZEPHYR remain operationally ready.



EMFA Moises Villegas

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Sailors from USS Hué City join the ship's chief petty officer selectees in participating in a community relations project with Beaches Habitat for Humanity on Aug. 22.

Hué City Sailors Get Out For A Cause

By Paige Gnann

NS Mayport Editor

Sixteen Sailors from USS Hué City braved the hot Florida sun last Friday to give a Mayport family the chance of homeownership.

The volunteers included several chief petty officer selectees from the ship, along with junior Sailors and chief mentors.

They worked several hours removing old windows, drywall and the roof of a foreclosed home off A1A that has been reclaimed by Beaches Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that builds homes for people in need, was established to help eradicate homelessness throughout the country.

Qualification for the program is dependent upon the level of the family's needs, willingness to become a Habitat for Humanity partner



Drywall falls down on Chief Operations Specialist Michael Postell as he hammers out a wall in a house off of A1A in Mayport Road that will be converted into a new home by Beaches Habitat and its volunteers.

and ability to repay the non-profit, no-interest loan.

"Volunteers are our lifeblood," said Sarah Jared, Beaches Habitat Volunteer Services Manager. "If we didn't have volunteers there is

no way that we would have the opportunity to build the homes that we do."

"Our goal for next year is 20 new homes," said said. "Each home takes somewhere between 1200-1500 volunteer

hours so we need a lot of volunteer hours to get a home built. The volunteers help to spread donor dollars further. Rather than have to use paid professionals on site, we use volunteers. Volunteers do pretty

much all of our framing work. They do all of our interior finish work, painting, installing trim. They do hanging siding, putting a roof on so volunteers are involved in just about every part of the homebuild process."

"This is my first time [volunteering with Beaches Habitat], said Quartermaster 3rd Class Michelle Dotson. "I've been tearing down drywall, first time. I like it. It's pretty awesome. It's different. I'm a navigator- navigate at sea, GPS, celestial stars. Not a lot of sweating. It's probably the first time I've sweated since bootcamp or something. I enjoy it though. They said demolition. It caught my attention."

"We have ships who come through fairly regularly and we always have a great experience," Jared said. "Usually the Navy is the hardest working group we get

out here. We love to have the enthusiasm."

"We are demolishing a last so that way we can fix it up," said Chief Select Machinery Repairman Ignacio Lopez. "We are volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, which is a good cause. This is the first one I have done here at the Mayport area. It's always a good to come out here and help out the community."

"Not everybody can [volunteer] and not everybody's able to do things on their own," Dotson said. "A little helping hand means a lot to somebody."

Beaches Habitat has been building homes in the Beaches/Intracoastal West area since 1981.

For more information about Beaches Habitat or to volunteer, go to beacheshabitat.org/volunteer, call 9045955793 or email sarah@beacheshabitat.org.



Fire Controlman 1st(SW) Michael Blankenship and Ensign Adam Schalk take out windows in a house under renovation with Beaches Habitat.



Chief Select Fire Controlman Russell Durbin looks for a plybar in the Beaches Habitat tool shed.



Fire Controlman 1st(SW) Michael Blankenship and a volunteer remove window casings as they gut a house recently bought by Beaches Habitat for renovation.



Ensign Adam Schalk and Quartermaster 2nd Class Gerold McGraw tear down drywall inside the home.



Chief Select Fire Controlman Russell Durbin tears out the broken glass from a sliding glass door as part of renovations to a Beaches Habitat home off Mayport Road.



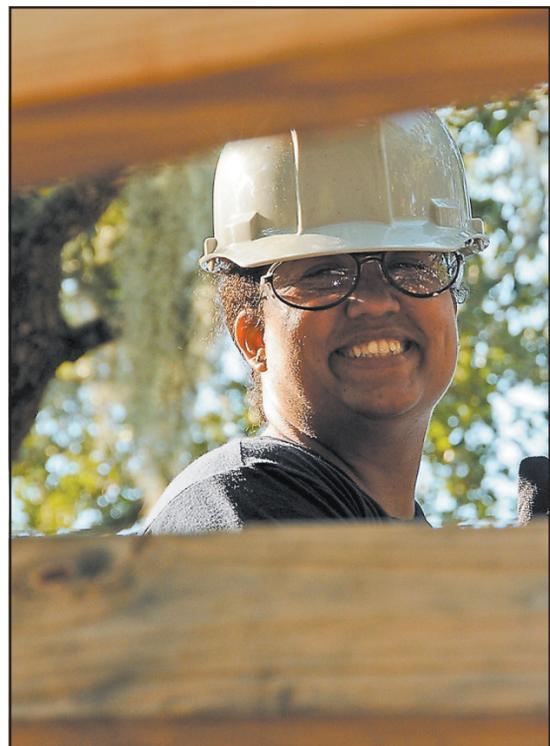
Quartermaster 3rd Class Michelle Dotson gets sweaty pulling out drywall at a house under renovation for Beaches Habitat.



Quartermaster 1st Class Jose Alejo tears down a piece of drywall during a community relations project with USS Hué City and Beaches Habitat.



Chief Gas Turbine System Technician Electrical Hernan Senoren throws out some debris as Sailors from USS Hué City work to help renovate a house off A1A for a family during a Beaches Habitat community relations project.



Chief Select Quartermaster Brissetta Gunner of USS Hué City looks through the rafters of a house off A1A after the roof is removed.



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Brady Arentz and a volunteer tear out more drywall and window casings during the renovation project.



Durbin and Chief Select Fire Controlman Tristan Whitson take off a door jam as volunteers completely gut a house with Beaches Habitat.



Durbin and Whitson carefully unhook a fan during the renovation of a house off A1A. It will be renovated into a five-bedroom home for a Beaches family.



Chief Master-at-Arms Marlon Thomas and Chief Select Machinery Repairman Ignacio Lopez look through studs after they remove a large section of drywall.

Gettysburg Assists Wounded Warrior

By USS Gettysburg Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64) along with temporarily assigned Midshipmen, participated in a Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor community service event, Aug. 12.

The Sailors and Midshipmen met with chief petty officers from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jacksonville to help move Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Wayne Downing. Downing was previously diagnosed with brain cancer and the community service event helped him and his family move from his mother-in-law's house to a house of their own.

"This project was more fulfilling than I could have anticipated," said Midshipmen 3rd Class Jared Hachmeister. "Just being able to help someone in need, espe-



–Photo by Ensign Tommy Changaris
Lt.j.g. Steven Lapid, training officer aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Gettysburg (CG 64), presents Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Wayne Downing with a Gettysburg ball cap and coin. Lapid and midshipmen temporarily assigned to Gettysburg participated in a Navy Wounded Warrior Project-Safe Harbor community service event to help move Downing and his family to a new house.

cially a great guy like Chief Downing is something I will never forget."

The Fort Lauderdale Navy League also assisted with the event by covering the cost of the rental truck utilized for the move.

The event was coordinated by Lt.j.g. Steven Lapid, Gettysburg's training officer. Volunteering builds upon an already strong relationship with the Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor organization and shows Gettysburg's dedication to help shipmates in need, he said.

"This was a great opportunity for our Sailors and Midshipmen to learn about service and volunteerism," said Lapid. "We hope our midshipmen take the experience back to their parent units and find ways to provide service in their local communities."

SBR In Control



–Photo by Ensign Evan Albright

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Michael Childs talks with the helicopter control tower during flight quarters aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58). Samuel B. Roberts is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.

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including the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chief's (J-8) of Staff and the OPNAV staff (N78). Weaver's next assignment will be to U.S. Southern Command in Miami, FL. Dicks is a native of La Canada, California and received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in 1996. His career has included two deploy-

ments with HSL-46, a tour with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One (where he participated in the successful Operational Evaluation of the MH-60R), and a tour as Flag Aide for Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic.

More recently, he deployed with HSL-44 as detachment Officer-in-Charge on board USS Monterey (CG 61) in support of the

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Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group. He was subsequently assigned to the Joint Staff (J-3) as Operations Officer for the Deputy Director for Regional Operations. Cmdr. Chris Richard, previously assigned to the Commander's Action Group (CAG) at U.S. Southern Command, will take over as Executive Officer for the Grandmasters.

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Roosevelt LTJGs Earn EOOW Letter

By Lt.j.g. Marycate Walsh

USS Roosevelt Public Affairs

Lt.j.g. Beatriz E. Beach, a communications officer, and Lt.j.g. Joseph Washington III, a fire control officer both assigned to USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), earned their Engineer Officer of the Watch qualification (EOOW) letter this summer.

“EOOW is a notoriously difficult qualification to attain, and for good reason,” said Washington. “Being in charge of the ship’s propulsion and electrical services and knowing that the ship’s maneuverability and ability to complete the mission is in my hands is an incredible responsibility. It is an honor to be trusted by the commanding officer

to run the plant.”

Beach and Washington found that assistance from shipmates and commitment to study were key in achieving the qualification.

“Roosevelt’s engineering department is impressive,” said Beach. “Everyone from the sound and security watch standers to the top snipe cares deeply about

what they do. I couldn’t have earned my letter without the endless hours of help I received from everyone in the plant.”

“EOOW was difficult, it was much more detail focused than my SWO Pin,” said Washington. “I studied very hard, committing time both on and off watch to get into the spaces and fol-

low the engineers as they complete maintenance or their rounds.”

Beach earned her EOOW letter during her first division officer tour, she was eligible for a non-traditional second tour. She is slated for an assignment to Destroyer Squadron 23 upon Roosevelt’s return from deployment.

Washington was

asked to fleet-up to Fire Control Officer after only a few months aboard.

Roosevelt is deployed as a part of the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th fleet area of responsibility.

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Hué City

been virtually impossible.

Herrmann began her tour in Hué City as the Assistant Navigator, and has managed to fulfill the role as acting Operations Officer in her time on board.

She successfully completed the Surface Navigator course on June 27, 2014, and has recently relieved Lt. Kelly Ebel as Hué City’s Navigator. The Surface Navigator course was built a few years ago following the 2009 grounding of Port Royal, and it is designed “to provide training to prospective Surface Navigators in the knowledge and skills necessary to safely navi-



-Photo by Lt. Jason Bilbro
KptLt Anika Herrmann, USS Hué City Navigator, receives her certificate of completion of the Surface Navigator course on June 27, 2014 at SWOS Newport.

gate all surface ships on all oceans of the world, under all shipboard readiness conditions”. Incoming Navigators undergo 150 hours of navigation fundamentals, shiphandling, case studies, and Voyage Management System (VMS) practical application, which are all crucial to the billet. The training she received as a part of this course’s curriculum is unlike anything other women in the German Navy have experienced.

“It is an honor to have achieved these things, and I realize that this opportunity is one of a kind,” said Herrmann as she explained her feelings on making history.

When told of KptLt Herrmann’s accomplishments, the universal reaction among her wardroom peers seemed to be a huge smile of amazement. She also has the approval and support of her Commanding Officer, Capt. Wyatt Chidester.

“I trust her implicitly with the safe navigation of Hué City,” Chidester said. “She is an outstanding officer and I know she is looking forward to getting Hué City back to sea.”

KptLt Herrmann’s unprecedented qualification and designation as Navigator is only among the first of many milestones in her career.

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CNO Releases Annual Navigation Plan

From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

The Navy's top leader released a detailed plan Tuesday that highlights the U.S. Navy's intended track and investments for the next five fiscal years.

"This navigation plan defines the course and speed we will follow to organize, train and equip our Navy over the next several years," said Greenert in the document. "Despite likely sequestration in 2016, our priority is to operate forward where it matters, when it matters, and be ready to address a wide range of threats and contingencies."

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm.

Jonathan Greenert's 2015-2019 Navigation Plan defines how the Navy will use its resources to safely and effectively pursue the vision detailed in Sailing Directions.

"Crafting this year's budget included tough choices across a wide range of competing priorities - we focused first on building appropriate capability, then delivering it at a capacity we could afford," said Greenert.

Each year since Greenert released the Sailing Directions the Navigation Plan has described the annual Navy's budget submission for the future years.

The Navigation Plan has highlighted investments in support of DOD's guidance and strategic documents as well as this year's 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review.

In the plan Greenert explains how the Navy will acclimate to budget challenges, increasing operational tempo while balancing current readiness with the need to build a highly capable future fleet. Pursuing the vision set in the Sailing Directions this plan lays out the investments that will allow the Navy to maintain its warfighting edge, forward presence and keep Navy members prepared, confident and proficient.

This plan highlights how investments will support Navy missions through the lens of the three tenets, Warfighting First, Operate Forward and Be ready.

Greenert emphasizes in the document that everything sailors and civilians do must be grounded in the responsibility of warfighting first. He says the Navy must be able to achieve access in any domain and possess the capability mix of kinetic and non-kinetic weapons to prevail today and be ready to win tomorrow. He provided a list of capabilities that center on this objective and followed with a comparable

list of items that support operate forward and be ready.

Additionally, the Navigation Plan summarizes the six programmatic priorities that guided the Navy's budget planning for the future of the fleet: maintaining sea based strategic deterrent, sustaining a global forward presence, preserve the means for victory against aggressors, focus on readiness afloat and ashore, enhance asymmetric capabilities in physical domains as well as in cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum and sustain a relevant industrial base.

This navigation plan was released by Greenert

to Navy's senior leaders and distributed on Navy's social media properties as a priority to be communicated at all levels.

Greenert will release a Position Report later in the year that reviews the Navy's progress over the last year in pursuing objectives laid out in the Sailing Directions and earlier Navigation Plans, which can be found on his leadership page.

To view the CNO's Navigation Plan, http://www.navy.mil/cno/docs/140818_cno_navigation_plan.pdf

Self-Service Options For Stateside TRICARE Beneficiaries

From TRICARE

Permanent change of station (PCS) season is around the corner and there are many tasks to juggle before a move. Beyond just the basic packing, your health care options with TRICARE may change as well. Although walk-in service at TRICARE Service Centers (TSCs) in the United States has ended, there are multiple, convenient online and telephone customer service options for beneficiaries. Accessing your TRICARE benefit is easier than ever, and you can receive care when you need it.

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After your PCS move, you need to update your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). You can change your DEERS information by logging-on to milConnect (www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect). Through milConnect, you can edit your address, email and phone number as well as access your health care eligibility. For more information on how to update DEERS, visit www.tricare.mil/DEERS.

TRICARE also provides a downloadable contact wallet card that beneficiaries can print

and keep with them to have an instant reference to TRICARE health plan information worldwide. To download the card, visit www.tricare.mil/CallUs and click on "TRICARE Contact Wallet Card."

The TRICARE website is a great resource as well. At www.tricare.mil, beneficiaries can fill out a profile to get customized and immediate benefit information. Beneficiaries can also get answers to frequently asked questions without calling in, and can email TRICARE to ask a specific benefit question. There's also the "I want to..." section with links to manage prescriptions, enroll or purchase a plan, find a doctor and much more.

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nity to get the information they need to succeed."

Another program the Navy College offers is the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), which allows you the opportunity to earn college credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 33 introductory-level college subject examinations.

Because the exams are funded by the United States government through the Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support (DANTES), you could save hundreds, even thousands, of dollars toward your degree. According to Pogue, there are many programs offered, to further your education, it is the sailor's responsibility to use them.

"All active duty military are authorized 16 college hours per year, it is free education," she said. "It is available;

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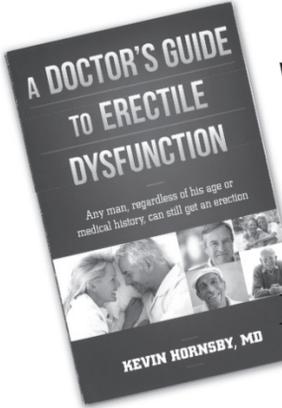
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Mayport Liberty Center Volunteers To Help

By MC1 Michael Wiss
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Providing a helping hand was the theme as volunteers from the Naval Station Mayport Liberty Center held a "Help Feed the Homeless" event at the Jacksonville Mission House "Compassion by the Sea".

Volunteers from the Liberty Center hold this event twice a month and help stock food shelves, organize clothing areas and help attend to various services for homeless men and women in the Jacksonville Beach area. According to Naval Station Mayport Liberty Center Manager Melissa Dickerson, this offers a great opportunity to help those in need.

"The volunteers enjoy being able to help someone in their community," she said. "The volunteers can see it when the homeless are in line getting their meals. They

feel they made a difference in somebody else's life."

Mission House was formed in 1997 by four churches in Jacksonville and is the only day facility for homeless adult men and women in the beaches Area (Mayport to Jacksonville Beach). According to Lori Delgado Anderson, Mission House executive director, the number one goal is to get the homeless off the streets and back to a self-sufficient productive life. "When it started, families and churches were feeding homeless people out of their cars and out of church auditoriums. And that's where the mission began," said Anderson. "Our mission is to get people off the streets in Jacksonville Beach, and we are the only facility in the area that does this. It's all about finding out why they are here, and aiming to meet their need."

The Mission House is not a shelter, but more of a food kitchen. The basic services are they serve two meals Monday-Friday and one meal on Saturday and Sunday. Two hours prior to each meal they offer shower services which include toiletries, towel and a new set of clothes. Volunteers come once a month to offer haircuts. All clients who are in the meal program for at least a week must see a case manager. The client is interviewed to discover the cause of their homeless situation. If they are physically able the case manager will give them job referrals and work with low-income landlords to find everyone a permanent residence. Another important service is a free medical clinic twice a week. According to Dickerson the volunteers sacrifice their off duty time because it is the right thing to do and it also

looks good for their military career.

"People who volunteer to help, feel like they are a part of the community and are helping to make this a better place," she said. "By helping they are helping their career in the military. For promotions the committees are looking for things that stand out and this is an opportunity for them to shine."

All the services the Mission House receives are on a volunteer basis. Anderson said Mission House couldn't be as effective an organization without this kind of support. "Mayport and Jacksonville Sailors have been a tremendous help," said Anderson. "They are making us look good, so that we can be a good neighbor and a good community property, and for this we are very grateful."



Liberty Call

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.

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Sept. 3, 2014 9-1 p.m. Organizing Your Job Search and Networking, BLDG 1, RM 702

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Sept. 4, 2014 7 a.m. Suicide Awareness Proclamation Signing, Memorial Park

NAVSTA Mayport Commanding Officer, CAPT McCall, will sign the Suicide Awareness Proclamation.

Sept. 8-12, 2014 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Transition GPS Separatee Workshop, BLDG 1, RM 1616

The class is designed for military personnel who are within 24 months of retiring or 90-180 days of separating from completion of military services. It helps Service members understand the overall Transition GPS program, the requirements to meet Career Readiness Standards, and to identify common issues Service members and their families experience during the transition process.

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1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Targeting Your Resume, BLDG 1, RM 702

Participants will learn how to highlight their skills and experiences as they directly relate to the each job they are applying for.

Sept. 8, 2014 1 p.m.-4 p.m. New Dad's Class, USO, Mayport RD

Participants will look at being a father in the military, the care of newborns and toddlers, and how to grow with your child and become the Dad you really want to be. The program will also increase the participant's knowledge about child development and will address relationship changes that accompany the birth of a child.

Sept. 9, 2014 8 a.m.-10 a.m. & 10 a.m.-noon LinkedIn Workshop, BLDG 1, RM 702

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Sept. 9, 2014 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Military, BLDG 1, RM 702

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Sept. 9, 2014 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Healthy YOU, Health Family!, BLDG 1, RM 702

This program focuses on the woman herself and her power to change the course of her life. Participants are encouraged to set individual goals, complete a Myers Briggs Inventory, and to identify family roles.

Sept. 9, 2014 2 p.m.-3 p.m. PFM Forum, BLDG 1, RM 719

The PFM Forum is a quarterly event designed to assemble area Command Financial Specialists and leaders together to network and discuss the most recent trends in the financial industry affecting our Sailors and their families.

Sept. 10, 2014 7 a.m. "Life Counts" Ceremony, Mayport Beach behind Beachside Community Center

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Sept. 10, 2014 9-1 p.m. Organizing Your Job Search and Networking, BLDG 1, RM 702

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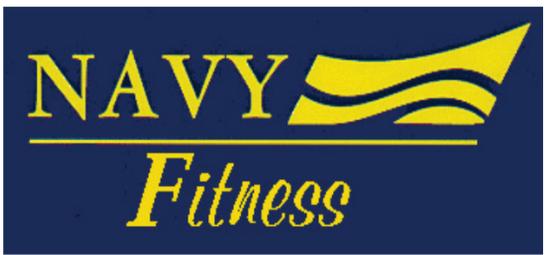
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GROUP EXERCISE ROOMS 2 & 3					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0730 Running Clinic	0930 Yoga	0700 Sunrise Yoga	0700 NOFFS®	0730 Command Bootcamp®	0930 Zumba
0930 Zumba	1630 Step	0945 Zumba	0930 Fitness Fundamentals	0945 Zumba	1100 Vin Yoga
1130 Circuit Conditioning		1130 Strength Training For Women	1130 Zumba	1130 Yoga	
1500 Strength & Conditioning			1700 Yoga		
1630 BOSU Bootcamp					
1800 Zumba Step					

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GROUP EXERCISE ROOM 1					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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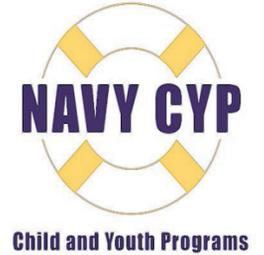
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STRENGTH/CARDIO B					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1130 KB Conditioning	1600 Rowing		1130 Rowing	

INDOOR CYCLING ROOM					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1130 Cycling	1130 Strength & Cycle	1130 Cycling			

HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING (HIT) AREA					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1130 HIT	0700 HIT	0630 Intro to HIT	0700 HIT	0930 HIT	
1630 HIT	1130 HIT	0930 Intro to HIT	0930 HIT for Women	1130 HIT Gymnastics	
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Ex-USS Saratoga Departs NAVSTA Newport for Dismantling and Recycling

By Lisa Woodbury Rama

Naval Station Newport Public Affairs

Thousands of spectators lined the shores of Narragansett Bay Aug. 21 to view the final departure from Newport of the ex-USS Saratoga (CV 60) as she left Pier 1, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, enroute to her final destination at a dismantling facility in Brownsville, Texas.

The ship arrived in Newport Aug. 7, 1998 following 38 years of commissioned service from 1956 to 1994.

She arrived to what was then the Naval Education and Training Center Aug. 7, 1998 following four years in storage at the Philadelphia shipyard.

The Saratoga, the second carrier of the Forrestal class, completed 22 deployments during her career, including the service off the coast of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and in the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

She was decommissioned Aug. 20, 1994 in Mayport, Florida.

"It's sad that she could not be turned into a museum," said Darryl Fern, 51, of Tatamy, Pennsylvania. Fern, a member of the USS Saratoga Association, was videotaping from the shoreline as the commercial tugs guided her into the main channel of the bay. He served as an electrician's mate second class aboard the Saratoga, 1982-1984.

"Like all the other older carriers, it's time for her to meet her demise," he said.

"She served proudly for a long time," said Mitchell Abood, 48, of Belchertown, Massachusetts. He served as an avionics technician third class with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125 aboard Saratoga from 1985-1987.

"A ship like this shouldn't be taken apart piece by piece," he said. Abood served during the carrier's Mediterranean deployments in 1985 and 1987.

Joe Roberts, an explosives safety specialist at NAVSTA Newport, served aboard the Saratoga during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

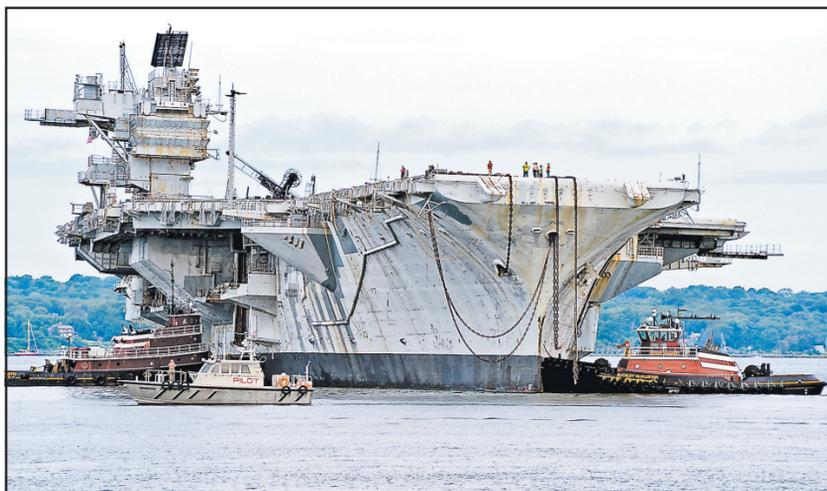
Roberts recalled his service saying, "there is a bit sadness that the Saratoga will never be seen again."

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who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." His eyes have grown weary. His heart has grown heavy. He knows how you feel. Not nearly; not to a large degree, but entirely! In all our experience, in every hurt and every ache, every struggle. Why? So that when you hurt, you'll go to Him—who knows how you feel!

If you are in the middle of a storm; I encourage you to hold. There's a bigger picture waiting to be revealed, and blessings to be had.



-Photo by Lindsay Church

The former aircraft carrier USS Saratoga (CV 60) prepares for her final voyage from Newport Naval Station to a dismantling facility in Brownsville, Texas, the aircraft carrier's final resting place. The ship arrived in Newport on Aug. 7, 1998, after spending four years in storage following her decommissioning in 1994. Saratoga was the second carrier of the Forrestal class and completed 22 deployments in her 38-year career.

Pier 1 berthed Navy ships until 1973, when the Shore Establishment Realignment program relocated all Newport-based ships to southern ports.

The pier was leased to the State of Rhode Island for a period of time and remained vacant of ships between 1992 and 1998 until the Saratoga arrived.

The Navy competitively awarded the contract May 8 to ESCO Marine of Brownsville, Texas, for the towing, dismantling and recycling of conventionally powered aircraft carriers stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

As part of the planning process for the relocation, teams from Naval Sea Systems Command Inactive Ships and ESCO Marine arrived at NAVSTA Newport to assess the condition of the vessel and prepare

the work plan. Mother Nature was determined to have her way with this operation. It was verified that a pair of Peregrine falcons had yet again decided to start a family in a nest adjacent to the elevators on the ship and, after consultation with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, any movement plans were put on hold until after Aug. 15 to be certain that any fledglings would have ample time to learn to fly and move elsewhere.

On Aug. 13, after viewing long range forecasts and performing final equipment checks, the date was set to relocate the ship Aug. 20.

Excess safety lines were severed Aug. 19 when the Newport weather forecast called for clear skies with little wind.

NOAA meteorologists checked the fore-

cast throughout the Atlantic seaboard since the ship would depart Newport then head south to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico prior to her final destination. A low pressure system off the coast of West Africa caused the original plan to be delayed for safety.

On the original day of the movement, the teams met again at 4 p.m. for an extensive review of weather patterns. A decision was made to re-evaluate the forecast at 2 a.m.

Checking that forecast proved the "go" for the operation as the weather system that was a concern for the tug captain appeared to be weakening.

At 5:30 a.m. this morning, the movement team arrived on station with the tugs arriving at

5:55 a.m., a safety brief was completed and the lines began to be pulled up alongside the ship to hold her on the pier as the Anaconda Lines, bow and stern chains and other tethers were disconnected.

By 7:30 a.m. the last of the two tugs had arrived on site from Providence, the pilots were on board the ship and the mooring lines at the stern were released to clear the way for the last tug to make the stern connection.

By 7:40 a.m. the last

line was dropped and the connection that this ship has held to Newport for more than 16 years was severed.

The tugs took control of the ship and eased her out to the middle of Narragansett Bay's main shipping lane where the main tow ship, the Signet Warhorse III, was positioned to begin towing.

Saratoga was underway to Texas at 9:31 a.m. The trip is expected to take approximately 16 days with an anticipated arrival Sept. 6.

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10:00 AM	Official Annual Catfish Festival Parade (Hwy. 17 South)
11:00 AM	We Love the '80s Theme
12:00 PM	Festival area opens
12:00 PM	First Performance by D'Mo Brass (In front of Kingsland Depot)
2:00 PM	Second Performance by D'Mo Brass (In front of Kingsland Depot)
3:00 PM	Festival Awards Ceremony (at the Depot by Randy from KBAY 106.3)
3:30 PM	Various demonstrations (In front of the Kingsland Depot)
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