



NASP Halloween trick-or-treating hours

NAS Pensacola Halloween "trick-or-treating" hours for residents only will be from 4-8 p.m. Oct. 31 throughout base housing

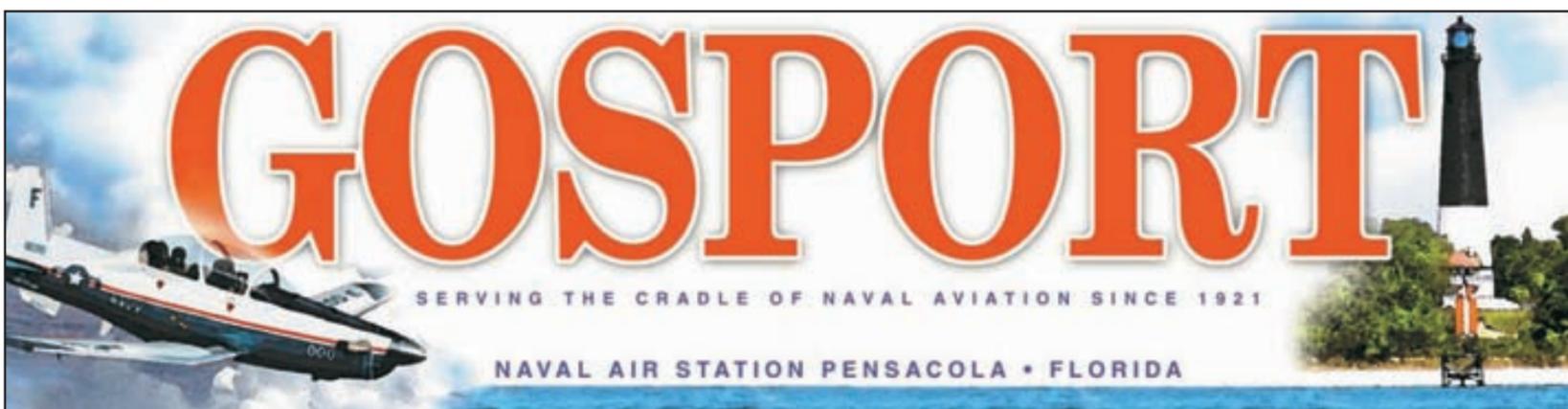
onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola and Corry Station. Base security will provide additional patrols to help keep little

"goblins" safe.

For more information, contact NASP Chief of Police Carl Matthews at 452-2653.

Fall back: clocks go back one hour this weekend

Daylight-saving time 2009 ends at 2 a.m. Nov. 1 (Sunday).



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Scholarship established in tribute to Len Keller

By Nikki Nash
NAS Pensacola Public Affairs

After attending the Medal of Honor Convention in 2007, recipient Len Keller began working with the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation to begin establishing a scholarship in his name.

Keller was going to present the first scholarship in 2010 to a senior at Guilford High School, in Rockford, Ill., wishing to join the military or go into public service after graduating. Keller was a graduate of Guilford High School.

Now it will be presented next year in his honor. Keller, 62, died Oct. 18 in a motorcycle accident. Mourners packed the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel Oct. 27 for a memorial. Interment with full military honors will be held Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

"He was really honored and excited about the scholarship," says Kim LaViolette, executive director of the foundation

The scholarship was created to inspire

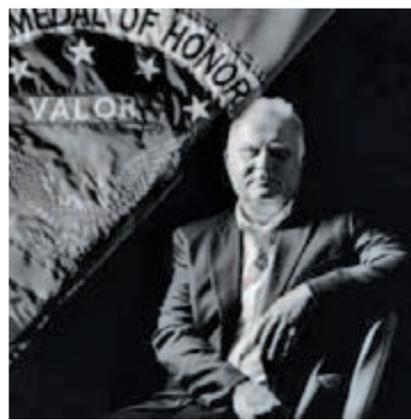
and motivate future military and public service individuals, while giving them someone to look up to. The recipient will receive \$750 and a medal with an inscription on the back about Keller.

The Scholarship of Honor was created to honor those who served while recognizing those who are following in their footsteps. New scholarships are established each year, with a current total of 20 in 10 states.

Keller received the Medal of Honor in 1968 for his service in the Vietnam War. The medal was presented to him by President Lyndon Johnson.

Keller worked in the supply department at NAS Pensacola. He retired in 2008 but continued to work as a consultant on base until his death.

The Len Keller scholarship is currently accepting donations. Checks should be made payable to the Len Keller Scholarship of Honor and mailed to 1135 Pleasant Valley Drive, Oneida, WI. 54155. For more information, e-mail LaViolette at kimrlav@yahoo.com.



Leonard B. "Len" Keller. Photo courtesy of Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation



Historic mitigation project plaques placed at NASP Oct. 28... Contractor Michael Frazier of ValleyCrest Landscaping Development adjusts one of about 30 bronze plaques that are being placed onboard NASP as part of the base's Historic Mitigation Project. The project highlights the history of Pensacola through the preservation of NASP's many landmarks. Photo by IT1 Roy Daniels

Still time to participate in this year's Veterans Day parades

By Anne Thrower
Gosport Staff Writer

It's not too late to participate in a Veterans Day parade this year in the Northwest Florida area. Parades are planned for Pensacola, Milton and Pensacola Beach.

In Pensacola, the parade will start at 9 a.m., Nov. 11, at the intersection of South Spring and Main streets and proceed down Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park where a ceremony will take place about 9:30 a.m.

All veterans are welcome to participate and encouraged to wear their uniforms, said Ernest

Blond, treasurer and former president of the Escambia County Veterans Roundtable. The roundtable, which is composed of more than 25 local veterans organizations, helps organize the event each year.

New to the parade this year will be veterans who have served on the USS Oriskany. Others interested in participating should contact Blond at 341-3575.

In Santa Rosa County, the 2009 Veterans Day parade spon-

sored by the Community/Veterans Coordinating Committee will kick off Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Milton High School and end at the Santa Rosa County Veterans Plaza at 5178 Willing St.

A ceremony will follow at 11 a.m. where a set of bleachers will be available. People are also encouraged to bring chairs.

Retired Marine Col. Chris "Caveman" Holzworth will

serve as both the parade grand marshal and ceremony guest speaker. The day's events will conclude with a Veterans Day picnic hosted by the Santa Rosa County 4-H at the plaza where hot dogs, hamburgs and chips will be served for a donation.

Organizations wishing to participate should call Ralph Nesenson at 626-7292 or 313-6637 or the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce at 623-2339.

At Pensacola Beach, the Veterans Day Parade will start Nov. 11, 11 a.m., at 1 Avenida and end at the Gulfside Pavilion about noon. To participate call

George Schribner at 206-0577.

In Navarre, a Veterans Day ceremony will take place Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Navarre Park on U.S. 98 just before the bridge. The guest speaker will be Col. Albert M. Elton II from Hurlburt Air Force Base. The Navarre High School Navy Junior Officers' Reserve Training Corps will present the colors.

The ceremony is organized with help from several veterans groups, said Cmdr. Ron Engberg of Spectre VFW Post 11367. Others involved includes American Legion Post 382, VFW Post 4407 and the Navarre Elks Lodge.



Three Pensacola health care facilities partner to implement smoke-free initiative

From Rod Duren
NHP PAO

Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP), Baptist Health Care and Sacred Heart Health System announced Oct. 29 a partnership to promote a healthier environment for area residents by going tobacco free on all campuses.

As community health care providers, NHP, Baptist Health Care and Sacred Heart Health System want to ensure patients, families, employees and community members are not exposed to the harmful effects of smoking while on the facilities' campuses.

"Navy medicine delivers world-class health-care anywhere, anytime," said NHP Commanding Officer, Capt. Maryalice Morro. "It is in the business of saving lives ... on the battlefield and at home. Tobacco usage is in

direct conflict with our mission; and we have a responsibility to our patients to not only provide an environment that is conducive to healthy living but to set the standard for healthy living. There are fewer things more fulfilling than to strive to return a better quality of life — whether hours or years — to service members, and their families, to which we owe our national gratitude."

Together, the local hospitals join 1,800 hospitals nationwide who have adopted smoke-free policies. Locally, four health care facilities — Baptist's Jay Hospital, Baptist Manor, Baptist Behavioral Medicine Hospital, and Santa Rosa Medical Center — have already established smoke-free campuses. A smoke-free policy reinforces the commitment to improving the health of

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NASP CO presents photo award at Pensacola Interstate Fair ... NASP Commanding Officer Capt. Bill Reavey found Sherry S. Werner's nature photo of a heron and camera tripod to be the annual U.S. Navy photo award winner at the Pensacola Interstate Fair Oct. 19. The fair is will be open through Nov. 1. Photo by Patrick Nichols

THIS WEEK IN NAVAL HISTORY

October 30

1775 — Congress authorizes four vessels for the defense of the United Colonies.
1799 — William Balch becomes Navy's first commissioned chaplain.

October 31

1941 — German submarine U-552 sinks USS Reuben James (DD 245), which was escorting Convoy HX 156, with loss of 115 lives.
1956 — Navy men land in R4D Skytrain on the ice at the South Pole. Rear Adm. George Dufek, Capt. Douglas Cordiner, Capt. William Hawkes, Lt. Cmdr. Conrad Shinn, Lt. John Swadener, AD2 J. P. Strider and AD2 William Cumbie are the first men to stand on the South Pole since Capt. Robert F. Scott in 1912.

November 1

1841 — "Mosquito Fleet" commanded by Lt. Cmdr. J. T. McLaughlin, carries 750 Sailors and Marines into the Everglades to fight the Seminole Indians.
1941 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt places Coast Guard under jurisdiction of Department of the Navy for duration of national emergency.

November 2

1943 — In Battle in Empress Augusta Bay, U.S. cruisers and destroyers turn back Japanese forces trying to attack transports off Bougainville, Solomons.

November 3

1853 — USS Constitution seizes suspected slaver H. N. Gambrill.
1943 — Battleship Oklahoma, sunk at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, is refloated.

November 4

1967 — Landing craft from USS Navarro (APA 215) rescue 43 men from British SS Habib Marikar aground on a reef at Lincoln Island in the Tonkin Gulf.
1971 — USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636) launches a Poseidon C-3 missile in first surface launch of Poseidon missile.

November 5

1775 — Commodore Esek Hopkins appointed to Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.
1915 — In AB-2 flying boat, Lt. Cmdr. Henry C. Mustin makes first underway catapult launch from a ship, USS North Carolina, at Pensacola Bay.

Naval historical data excerpted from U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command's Web site. For complete listings, visit www.history.navy.mil/wars/dates.htm.

NHP to close Nov. 20-22 for scheduled power outage

If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room. Military and enrolled beneficiaries seeking non-emergency care may go to the Naval Branch Health Clinic at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) onboard NAS Pensacola. NATTC hours: Friday: noon-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Call 452-8970, ext. 123 for information. The hospital will reopen Nov. 23 at 7 a.m.

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Obama declares H1N1 influenza national emergency

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President Barack Obama signed a national emergency declaration on H1N1 influenza over the weekend to accommodate American health care facilities' ability to address the pandemic.

"By rapidly identifying the virus, implementing public health measures, providing guidance for health professionals and the general public, and developing an effective vaccine, we have taken proactive steps to reduce the impact of the pandemic and protect the health of our citizens," the president said in his proclamation Oct. 24.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has twice declared a public health emergency due to the H1N1 strain. The first came July 24, and the most recent was Oct. 1.

"As a nation, we have prepared at all levels of government, and as individuals and communities, taking unprecedented steps to counter the emerging pandemic," Obama said. "Nevertheless, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic continues to evolve. In recognition of the continuing



President Barack Obama delivers remarks to about 3,500 Sailors, Marines and other service members during a rally held onboard NAS Jacksonville. "We are taking additional steps to facilitate our (H1N1) response," the president said. Photo by MCC Anthony C. Casullo

progression of the pandemic, and in further preparation as a nation, we are taking additional steps to facilitate our response."

The declaration grants authority to the Department of Health and Human Services to waive legal requirements and gives medical facilities the ability to set up alternate care sites, modify patient triage protocols, alter patient transfer procedures and other actions to employ disaster operations and relief, Pentagon spokeswoman Rene White said.

Temporary waivers are petitioned to HHS by the individual medical

facilities under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. Although the president declared the pandemic a national emergency, waivers still require specific requests to HHS, and some state laws may need to be addressed, according to a White House statement released yesterday.

The most recent examples of a U.S. president granting the Section 1135 waivers was in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hurricanes Ike and Gustav in 2008 and as a protocol for January's presidential inauguration.

Drive-through flu clinic Nov. 7 at naval hospital

Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) will host a Nov. 7 "Drive Thru Flu Clinic" for seasonal flu mist/shots for all Department of Defense-eligible beneficiaries between 8 a.m. and noon. For some of the higher-risk customers, such as children and young adults, the H1N1 vaccine will tentatively be available.

Entry to the hospital will be via the westside gate from 62nd Street.

NHP's medical commu-

nity is exercising portions of its pandemic influenza response plan by holding this clinic.

"This is a great opportunity for those of you who haven't gotten your flu vaccine, and to do it in the comfort of your vehicle," said Cmdr. Kim Toone, who will be running the Saturday clinic. "Many cities in the U.S. are conducting similar drive-thru vaccination campaigns in order to evaluate their response plans," she said.

Participation is voluntary and limited to DoD-eligible beneficiaries. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over the age of 2 years, especially for children less than 5, adults over 50, those who are pregnant, those with chronic diseases and health care providers.

The medical standard of care will be the same as if the vaccinations were given in a clinical setting — individuals will be screened, vaccinated and then asked to wait in their cars for the stan-

dard 15-minute observation period before departing. Emergency medical personnel will be on site for the duration of the exercise in the event of any adverse reactions.

The focus is on social distancing, the commander explained. By giving vaccinations to persons in their vehicles, "we avoid the need to bring large groups of people together in a clinic or theater where disease could potentially be spread quickly," reasoned Cmdr. Toone.

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area residents.

"We are pleased to join with Baptist Health Care, Naval Hospital Pensacola and many other healthcare facilities in our region in moving toward tobacco-free campuses," said Laura Kaiser, chief operating officer and interim CEO, Sacred Heart Health System. "Our efforts not only will provide a safer environment for all who visit and work at our healthcare facilities, but also demonstrate our commitment to preserving and promoting the health of our community. We are setting a standard we hope many area businesses and organizations will embrace as well."

Baptist Health Care will implement its smoke-free policy on Nov. 19, coinciding with the Great American Smoke Out. NHP and Sacred Heart Health System will implement their smoke-free policies in late 2010.

"Baptist Health Care strives to serve as a source of health, healing and education in our community," said Al Stubblefield, president and CEO, Baptist Health Care. "The implement-

ation of a smoke-free policy on all of our campuses is the right thing to do for our patients, their families, employees and community. A smoke-free campus enhances our commitment to provide a safe, healthy environment for those we serve."

Among the reasons for adopting a smoke-free policy at NHP and all Baptist Health Care and Sacred Heart Health System campuses, smoking and second-hand smoke:

- Have the potential to slow and/or inhibit treatment.
- Are known causes of many illnesses.
- Are inconsistent with a mission of healing.

Timelines: Naval Hospital Pensacola — On Nov. 19, 2009 — Great American Smoke-Out Day — Naval Hospital Pensacola will begin year-long education and prevention initiatives in preparation to support the Military Medical Facility becoming a tobacco-free campus for the 2010 Great American Smoke-Out.

Baptist Health Care — Drawing on the expertise of four Baptist Health Care facilities that have already adopted smoke free policies, we have

been planning to go smoke free on all campuses for more than eight months. Baptist Health Care chose Nov. 19 to coincide with the Great American Smoke-Out, promoting unity, health and healing. To communicate smoking cessation information and community resources, Baptist Health Care developed and will maintain a dedicated Web site — BHCgoes.smokefree.com.

Sacred Heart Health System — Sacred Heart Health System has initiated the process of creating a tobacco-free environment. During the coming year, Sacred Heart Health System will implement a multi-phase plan to help associates, physicians and visitors acclimate to our tobacco-free environment.

A new Tobacco-free Environment Policy will be finalized by the first of the year, and all phases of the plan will be fully implemented by September 2010. Sacred Heart Health System will also continue to provide and promote smoking cessation programs for those who chose to quit smoking. Updates and resources will be made available on Sacred Heart's intranet and at www.sacred-heart.org.



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Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.: A Bicentennial Defense Community
Commanding Officer — **Capt. William Reavey Jr.**
Public Affairs Officer — **Harry C. White**

The *Gosport* nameplate features the T-6A Texan II aircraft, the newest joint services trainer. The T-6 has replaced the Navy's T-34C aircraft that for more than 40 years has served to provide primary flight training for student pilots, NFOs and navigators attached to the Naval Air Training Command. It will also replace the Air Force T-37.

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Homefront in Focus: Birthdays, breasts and domestic violence

By Beth Wilson
Military Spouse Contributor

Birthdays, breasts and domestic violence.

Did I get your attention? October is Halloween, fall Colors, the Navy Birthday Ball and Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness month.

My friend, fellow Navy wife, and beautiful breast cancer survivor, Cheryl, is also a faithful "pain in my breast."

Cheryl faithfully leaves this message on my phone: "This is your conscience speaking... schedule your mammogram."

Breast cancer survival is directly related to early detection, and though I loathe this yearly mammogram the reality is our lives depend on it.

Through TriCare you can self-refer to schedule your annual mammogram.

If you are 40 or older you should have an annual mammogram. If you are under 40, talk to your doctor to see if early mammography is needed.

Please don't put this off. "This is your conscience speaking, schedule your mammogram!"

I cannot resist one little commentary on breast cancer awareness. Although the pink breast cancer awareness campaign is brilliant, the day my Pittsburgh Steelers took the field wearing pink shoes and gloves ... well that was just plain wrong.

The next October observance is equally important — domestic violence.

I feel very inadequate discussing this important topic. This is the bottom line — if you are in an abusive relationship or know someone who is in such a relationship, there is help. No one deserves to be abused, either physically, mentally or emotionally. No one. Please do not suffer in silence or alone.

The DoD and Navy have many resources for you

and your service member. Please contact your local Family Advocacy Program office (FAP, the counseling services center) for support. At NASP that office can be reached through the Fleet and FamilySupport Center at 452-5990.

You may think that FAP will inform your service member's command if you seek help for the abuse in your relationship.

Please know that you may request a confidential report. This confidential report will not be reported to the command, yet you will still receive counseling and support.

I want to speak candidly about three common myths.

Many spouses are afraid to get help or take action because their service members convinced them of several lies. It is time to expose those lies.

(1) Your Sailor's career will not be cooked if you seek help and report the violence. Their failure to take appropriate steps to change the behavior can impact their career. Only they can mess up their career.

(2) He will not automatically be kicked out of the Navy resulting in no salary, benefits for you and your family. Again, the DoD and Navy will work with your service member and you to change the behavior. If your service member fails these long-term efforts, it may result in involuntary separation, but it is not automatic. Further, the DoD and Navy have programs to help you in that situation should it occur.

(3) He will take away your kids, and you'll never see them again. This is an empty threat to control you.

As the parent you have rights. Please do not let your fear of this threat stop you from getting all the support that is available to you and your children.

For information and support, please logon to www.domesticviolence.org or the Domestic

Violence hotline at www.ndvh.org or (800) 799-7233.

Please seek help from your ombudsman, chaplain, Family Advocacy Program or friend.

Transitioning from these two intense topics is not easy but this month we observe the 234th birthday of the United States Navy. I hope you'll enjoy the many balls taking place as we say "Happy Birthday" to our Navy.

Drop Beth an e-mail at beth@homefrontinfo.com. Check out "Navy Homefront Talk," a talk show for Navy spouses, at www.blogtalkradio.com/nht.



Beth Wilson



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Fifth in a series of fire prevention articles during October • National Fire Prevention Month

RVs and fire safety: know the risks

From Craig Lewis
Fire & Emergency Services Gulf Coast

Life is good; you are hitting the highways in the recreational vehicle (RV) and ready for the good times to start — but are you really safe: fire safe?

Let's look at some items you need to check before you start out on that next road trip.

There are an estimated 20,000 reported RV fires each year and a large percentage of these fires are related to the vehicle transmission on the motor homes; the usual cause being automatic transmission fluid leaking from the transmission. Before traveling in your RV, inspect the underside for any signs of fluid leakage, have any potential leaks checked and repaired immediately. More than 25 percent of RV fires are caused by shorts in the 12-volt electrical system.

Here are some items on your RV to inspect to be fire safe:

- Electrical systems.
- Inspect your fire extinguisher and test the smoke alarms.
- Clean your cooking vent hood to avoid grease fires.
- Have an evacuation plan: even as simple as getting out of the camper may seem, evacuating a smoke-filled RV will present you with some challenges. Ensure everyone knows how to operate the latches on doors and windows, particularly those intended for emergency egress use.
- Inspect your cooking appliances — have an authorized technician inspect it annually.
- Do not use cooking appliances for



Owning a recreational vehicle (RV) can make you king of the road, but make certain you are aware of the special fire dangers presented by the RV lifestyle.

comfort heating and have your heating unit inspected for operation and leaks.

- Have a carbon monoxide detector and test it prior to each trip or use.
- Generators: they allow you access to 120 volts when there is no shore power

available, but before you start and use the generator, inspect the exhaust system and know the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Always be fire safe — and enjoy your next RV outing.

PWD: Naval Air Station Pensacola is saving energy Several projects meet LEED certification

From NAVFAC Southeast

A recent *Gosport* article introduced the benefits of Utility Energy Savings Contract (UESC) program used by the Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASPEN) Public Works Department (PWD).

This article will outline the results of the UESC program as well as discuss the incorporation “green” practices through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) construction.

In 2008, several UESC

projects were initiated to overhaul the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems as well as retrofitting lighting fixtures at the naval hospital, Naval Education and Training Command, and Public

Department Pensacola. These projects provided more than \$812,000 in annual savings.

Completion of projects with similar scope during 2009 includes one at Naval Air Technical Training Center and two

aircraft hangars at Sherman Field.

The fiscal year 2009 (FY09) anticipated savings are approximately \$947,000.

From FY08 to FY09 these major projects along with several smaller scale projects reduced electric, natural gas, and water consumption by 6.7 percent, 2.8 percent, and 2.7 percent, respectively.

NASP PWD is also conserving natural resources through “green” practices during construction and major renovations projects. These practices make concerted efforts to build environmentally friendly, energy-efficient facilities through the LEED accreditation program.

There are currently four facilities on NASP that meet Silver Certification. They are the Transient Quarters Building, Aviation Rescue Swimmers School, Radford Fitness Center, and, most recently, the USAF Combat Systems Officer Applied Instruction Facility and Hangar.

In addition to the projects listed above, efforts in FY08 reduced CH₄ (methane) impact by 29 pounds, CO₂ (carbon dioxide) by 2.78 million pounds and NO_x (nitrogen oxide)

by 4,380 pounds.

To read more about LEED, visit the U.S.

Green Building Council at <http://www.usgbc.org>.

The way ahead for Navy energy

From U.S. Navy RhumbLines

The U.S. Navy relies heavily on a finite and unreliable stock of fossil fuels that will likely rise in cost in the future. Oil is a limited resource, highly concentrated in and purchased from volatile areas of the world. The U.S. consumes 25 percent of the world's oil but controls the production of three percent. This creates a vulnerability to U.S. energy security and thus national security. For this reason, the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, has declared improving naval energy security to be a strategic imperative. At the Naval Energy Forum Oct. 14, Secretary Mabus announced five energy goals.

Department of the Navy energy targets

- The lifecycle energy cost of platforms, weapons systems, and buildings, the fully-burdened cost of fuel in powering these, and contractor energy footprint will be mandatory evaluation factors used when awarding contracts.
- The Navy will demonstrate a Green strike group of nuclear vessels and ships using biofuel in local operations by 2012. By 2016, the Navy will sail a “Great Green Fleet” composed of nuclear ships, surface combatants with hybrid electric power systems using biofuel, and aircraft flying only on biofuels.
- By 2015, the Department of the Navy (DoN) will reduce petroleum use in the commercial fleet of 50,000 vehicles by 50 percent by phasing in a composite fleet of flex fuel, hybrid electric, and neighborhood electric vehicles.
- By 2020, at least half of the DoN's shore-based energy requirements will come from alternative sources.
- By 2020, half of total DoN energy consumption will come from alternative sources.
- Energy and acquisition reform, along with unmanned systems, is a main focus area for DoN leadership.
- The primary goal for energy reform is increased warfighting capability.



(Above) An air conditioning chiller serving hangars is being replaced with a “Turboco” chiller. This new chiller is the very latest in chiller technology that is variable speed, magnetic bearings, microprocessor and variable inlet vanes, just to name a few of the advantages. They are also much lighter and have little or no vibration and noise. This is the first one of its kind installed at NAS Pensacola. Photo courtesy Lt. Cmdr. Oscar Bernal

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USS Constitution at sea for birthday

By MC1 Eric Brown
USS Constitution Public Affairs

ABOARD USS CONSTITUTION, Mass. (NNS) — The oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world, USS Constitution, performed an underway demonstration for the first time in more than a decade to celebrate the anniversary date of its launch, Oct. 21, 1797.

The last time "Old Ironsides" spent a birthday at sea was in 1997, in celebration of its bicentennial.

This year, more than 300 people were aboard for the events; they included USS Constitution's crew and members of the Naval History and Heritage Command, Boston's National Park Service and the USS Constitution Museum.

"Today marks the day when USS Constitution began her legacy of honor and service to our nation," said the ship's 71st and current commanding officer, Cmdr. Timothy Cooper, shortly after the vessel got underway.

"Over two centuries of service, she has used both force and diplomacy to advance American interests all over the world. She is the most visible reminder of the beginnings of

our Navy, and her rich heritage continues to exemplify the finest traditions of honor, courage and commitment that define our service."

While underway, the ship fired shots from port and starboard saluting batteries in honor of the 16 states that comprised America when USS Constitution was launched in the late 18th century; one additional shot was fired in honor of the ship.

In accordance with a tradition among modern USS Constitution Sailors, on the ship's birthday two crew members were recognized by their shipmates and received the 2009 Command Leadership Award and the 2009 Berenson Award.

Builder 1st Class Juanita Esquivel was the



The USS Constitution earlier this year in Boston Harbor.

recipient of the 2009 Command Leadership Award. "Petty Officer Esquivel's selection by a vote of her peers shows she has earned the respect and trust of each and every crew member, junior and senior," noted the award citation. "Petty Officer Esquivel's professionalism and selfless devotion to duty reflected credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

Airman Mark Alexander was named the

2009 Berenson Award recipient. "Selection by the crew as the top tour guide from the crew, Airman Alexander's has earned the respect and trust of all crew members, junior and senior," his citation reads. "Known for giving extremely informative and creative tours, he represented USS Constitution, as well as the Navy, proudly and with enthusiasm. Each tour sends people away with a sense of pride in our Navy and its glorious history."

In her years of active service, from 1798 - 1855, the three-masted wooden frigate fought in the Quasi-War with France, the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812. Today, Old Ironsides' is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world, has a permanent crew of about 75 active-duty U.S. Navy Sailors and is visited by nearly half a million people every year.

"This morning, we are again calling upon USS Constitution to perform her duty," Cooper said shortly before the ship returned to Pier One at the Charlestown Navy Yard. "While I don't expect that we will be fighting any battles or negotiating any treaties, I do think that we will be proving that USS Constitution continues to do her part for our country."

Creating the original Navy in October 1775 with two sailing vessels

By Charles E. Brodine Jr.
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In October each year the U.S. Navy celebrates its birthday. It has done so for 234 years, but did you know that the genesis of the U.S. Navy stems from a very short, frantic, almost panicked 11 days in 1775?

For those Americans who lived on the continent's coastal waterways in the fall of 1775, the question of naval defense was of no small moment. For a maritime people whose prosperity and fortunes were tied to the sea, the prospect of full-scale conflict with the greatest sea power in the world must have been a chilling one indeed.

Because Congress had already provided for an Army to contend against the red coats, those who feared the British trident might reasonably have asked why could not Congress create a Navy?

Over an 11-day period in early October 1775, Congress deliberated on just this question, considering several schemes to fund the purchase or building of ships to defend the Colonies.

A number of congressmen argued vehemently against these proposals.

These arguments were countered effectively by John Adams and other pro-naval congressmen who forcefully articulated the advantages of a Navy.

Ultimately Adams and his fellow "navalists" carried the day and on Oct. 13 Congress voted to fit out two sailing vessels, armed with 10 carriage guns, as well as swivel guns and manned by crews of 80.

Once the decision to purchase a modest-size naval force was made, the push within Congress to create a regular naval establishment gained momentum. Before the year was out, the lawmakers had authorized the purchase of an additional six ships and the construction of thirteen frigates and selected a commander for the Continental fleet, Esek Hopkins.

One of the first ships commissioned by the Continental Congress was the brigantine Defiance, later named the USS Andrew Doria which was purchased by the Congress in October of 1775. USS Andrew Doria received the first-ever salute to the United States by a foreign power when on Nov. 16, 1776, she arrived at St. Eustatius, a Dutch Island. She was burned to prevent capture, Nov. 21, 1777.

The frenetic pace of activity in naval affairs continued through the first months of 1776, enabling Hopkins to have his

squadron of eight vessels ready to put to sea on Feb. 17.

Hopkins returned less than two months later with a large store of ordnance and munitions taken at New Providence Island in the Bahamas and with two British warships as prizes.

The work of John Adams and others in creating the Continental Navy was impressive. It was a bold signal by America's leaders that they were willing to challenge Great Britain on the high seas.

While the Continental Navy never achieved the heights of greatness many envisioned, its accomplishments were nonetheless noteworthy and enduring. Over the course of the War of Independence, the Navy sent to sea more than 50 armed vessels of various types.

They took nearly 200 British vessels as prizes, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes. In addition, the Navy provoked diplomatic crises that helped bring France into the war against Great Britain. And the Continental Navy helped provide a focus for unity at home. The Continental Navy bequeathed a legacy of wartime experience, traditions, and heroes that has guided and inspired Sailors and civilians in the United States Navy down to the present day.

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Ghost tales: haunted history aboard NASP

By Mike O'Connor
Gosport Associate Editor

A murmur of voices teases your ear; you feel a sudden drop in temperature. In the icy cold you may smell an aroma of pipe or cigar smoke — or catch a fleeting glimpse of movement out of the corner of your eye. Then a feeling of dread sweeps over you as you realize you're in the presence of the supernatural ... onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Over the years, several buildings at NASP have attained the reputation of being haunted. Whether or not you believe in ghosts or scientific explanation, a number of witnesses have reported eerie phenomena that seem to defy the senses. What better time than Halloween to explore some of NASP's ghost tales?

Admiral's Row

In 1874, Commodore Melancton B. Woolsey was the first resident of newly built "Quarters A," on Admiral's Row's Johnson Street.

An epidemic of yellow fever had been sweeping the area, and Woolsey didn't want to be a victim. Believing that disease-carrying mosquitoes couldn't reach the third floor cupola, he moved into it to wait out the epidemic. He received his daily supplies of food — and medicinal rum — by rope basket. When the "tonic" was forgotten one day, Woolsey came down, contracted the fever, and died shortly after. His presence, as

well as those of a ghostly lady clad in white, are still said to be seen and felt on occasion in Quarters A.

Building 191

Built in the 1850s, Bldg. 191 was a grocery store once, and has served many roles over the years. It is the only remaining building of the early town of Warrington. Owned and operated by the Bauer family, it became Navy property in 1915.

Once home to NASP Public Affairs and *Gosport* offices, Bldg. 191 may still be home to some previous inhabitants. Former *Gosport* reporter Larry Kachelhofer recalled receiving an unpleasant surprise when working late in the building one night. "I've heard people walking down the stairs when there was nobody else in the building," he said.

On another occasion, he said, voices could be heard speaking indistinctly. A search of the building with another staffer revealed no other people. The final straw came when Kachelhofer saw what

he believes was an actual apparition: an outline of a figure in a swirl of skirts, which then turned and vanished. "There is no doubt in my mind that building's haunted," he said.

Building 16

In the 1920s, Marine Capt. Guy Hall, a flight instructor, frequently whiled away off hours playing poker with other officers. His well-known habit of shuffling poker chips with his fingers may have been his way of shifting attention from a winning hand.

Hall's luck ran out when he was killed in a training mission, but some believe he never really left Bldg. 16. Over the years, on more than one occasion, the tinkling sound of poker chips has been heard — as if they are being shuffled.

Do ghosts keep watch over the NAS Pensacola Lighthouse? Sightings of apparitions, along with sounds and other phenomena indicate a strong possibility. Gosport file photo by Mike O'Connor



Pensacola Lighthouse's recent hauntings, paranormal investigations

By Wanda Mayo
Special to Gosport

If you've never seen the view from the top of the magnificent Pensacola Lighthouse, by all means, put it on your "bucket list." Just the impressive 2-ton Fresnel (fruh-NELL) lens by itself is well worth climbing those 177 spiral cast-iron stairs. And along the way, it's quite possible you might encounter one of its resident spirits.

First lit 150 years ago Jan. 1, 1859, the lighthouse has seen many keepers and their families come and go. Some spent their last moments on earth here. One such person was Ellen Cordelia Clifford.

As a young girl of 3, Ellen (affectionately called Ella) came to live at the lighthouse when her father became the assistant light keeper. Ella spent her childhood playing in the woods, fishing and crabbing in the local waters, and helping her father tend the light. She eventually fell in love with a young man stationed at the Navy Yard and married him. Their daughter, Naomi, was born a few

years later at the lighthouse, but Ella never recovered from her birth. A few months later, Ella died from blood loss in the upstairs bedroom of the keepers' quarters. She was 23 years old.



Ellen Cordeila Clifford

Over the years, many people have heard her voice or felt her touch. Two people even reported seeing her translucent figure walking on the upper catwalk at dusk one evening. Perhaps her spirit lingered to watch over her daughter ...

Another of the resident spirits, possibly that of Samuel Lawrence (light keeper in the 1880s), seems to have an affinity for brooms. Volunteers have to constantly search for missing brooms. Recently, "Roger," a long-time volunteer at the lighthouse, was working alone cleaning the floors. He leaned a broom against the wall by the bathrooms where he was working. A short time later, he needed the broom again — only — no broom. He searched the entire area and finally, in exasperation, exclaimed, "OK, Samuel, what did you do with my broom?" Immediately, he heard the broom hit the floor with a resounding whack — in a totally different area of the house — an area he had not been in that day ...

"Susan," another volunteer, has also had a few hair-raising episodes at the lighthouse recently. Early this summer, she joined one of the last tours of the evening with the Ghost Seekers of Texas (a paranormal investigative group). Shortly after walking into the east front parlor, one of her ringlets of hair wrapped itself around her neck. There was no

one near her and no breeze in the room. The group started calling out various names as to who was playing with her hair and when they said "Samuel" an electromagnetic field (EMF) recorder



Samuel Lawrence

pinged. Susan then asked Samuel if he liked her hair and the machine pinged again. Her next question took everyone by surprise when she asked Samuel if he wanted her to leave her hair there (she was wearing a hairpiece.) The machine pinged again

and she immediately felt a very cold sensation on her right hand.

Thinking that Samuel was holding her hand, she asked him if he wanted to go home with her. Later that night as she got in her car, she smelled pipe tobacco smoke (Samuel had been a pipe smoker). When she got to the NASP main gate, she politely told Samuel he should go back to the lighthouse. The smell of tobacco smoke immediately left the car ...

The Pensacola Lighthouse is a favorite of the Ghost Seekers of Texas. They have investigated the lighthouse on five different occasions — the latest visit being Oct. 8-10 of this year. Check out the "evidence" page of their Web site (ghostseeker-softexas.com) for some of the experiences that have been recorded at the lighthouse.

Recently, a crew from the Syfy Channel's "Ghost Hunters" arrived in a caravan of black high-security-looking SUVs. The team spent most of a week filming until the wee hours of the morning. The "Pensacola Lighthouse" episode is tentatively scheduled to air Nov. 18.

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Thanksgiving food baskets

The Pensacola Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) is sponsoring Thanksgiving food baskets to help families and to help some Sailors who may be in need or away from family during the holidays. With the help of the commissary, the CPOA will be able to provide turkey dinner baskets for a donation of \$30 dollars.

For more information, e-mail ACC Trent Hathaway trent.hathaway@navy.mil or call 452-7016; or e-mail HMC Bradley Brew bradley.brew@med.navy.mil or call 452-3005.

Naval hospital closed Nov. 20-22

Naval Hospital Pensacola will be closed Nov. 20-22 for a scheduled power outage. The hospital will reopen Nov. 23 at 7 a.m.

Military and enrolled beneficiaries seeking non-emergency care may go to the Naval Branch Health Clinic at the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) onboard NAS Pensacola.

NATTC hours are Friday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 453-8970, ext. 123, for info and directions.

Antique show at O'Club Oct. 30-31

Dealers will be offering furniture, glass, jewelry and more at the antique show at the Mustin Beach Officers' Club Oct. 30-31 at NASP.

Organized by the Officers' Spouses' Organization (OSO) at NASP, the free show is open to the public. The show will be set up in the ballroom from 3-8 p.m. on Oct. 30 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 31. For information, call Karin Feagles at 292-8063.

Commissary hours reduced Nov. 11

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the commissary will have reduced hours, opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m.

Homeless veterans stand down Nov. 6

The Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System will conduct a Homeless Veterans Stand Down event for homeless veterans in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties at the Joint Ambulatory Care Center on Nov. 6.

The event is scheduled to run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The JACC is located on Highway 98 West, next to Naval Hospital Pensacola.

Veterans who show a valid form of veteran status such as their DD Form 214, certificate of release or discharge from active duty or a VA identification card can obtain a free bus ride.

Call 255-5570 for more information.

Free golf lessons for military children at NASP

The First Tee Military Affiliate Program and MWR is offering free golf lessons for authorized dependents ages 8-13 from Nov. 3-Dec 19.

Children ages 8 and 9 will receive lessons on Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m.; ages 10 and 11 will receive lessons from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays; and ages 12 and 13 will receive lessons on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration is through the youth center at 452-2417. For information call the youth center or A.C. Read Golf Club 452-2454.

B'Nai Israel holds Veterans Day activities Nov. 6

The B'Nai Israel's Men's Club invites all active-duty service members of the Jewish faith to a free Veterans Day dinner and sabbath services Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.

The cost for others is \$10 per person and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The guest speaker will be retired Maj.

Gen. Alfonsa Gilley. To RSVP, e-mail bnai-israel@syn.gccoxmail.com or call 433-7311.

ROWWA lunch scheduled for Nov. 12

The Retired Officers' Wives and Widows Association November luncheon and meeting will be held at New World Landing Nov. 12 starting at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch costs \$15. Reservations are required.

Checks should be sent to ROWWA, PO Box 15124, Pensacola, FL 32514 and must be received by Nov. 7. For information call Evelyn Busch at 476-8949.

Army TRADOC inspector general requests session

The inspector general for U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command, Col. Geoffrey Ling, will host an Inspector General Action Request session for all active Army, Army Reserve, National Guard, Army retired, or separated Army personnel on Nov. 17 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Bldg. 3712 (Crosswinds) on Corry Station.

This session is to afford the opportunity for a complainant to complete the IGAR, present it to the IG, who in turn, initiates the appropriate action.

The IGAR form, DA Form 1559, can be filled one out in person or reviewed at the IGAR session.

When completing an IGAR, include as much detail as possible. This enables the IG to conduct a through inquiry.

Scholarship established for Keller

The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation has established a scholarship of honor in Len Keller's name.

The first scholarship will be presented in 2010 to a graduating senior at Keller's high school who is going into public service.

The foundation was established in 1992 to provide scholarships to students while

honoring hard working, community service individuals, including those serving in the military.

The scholarship is accepting donations. Checks should be made payable to the Len Keller Scholarship of Honor and mailed to 1135 Pleasant Valley Dr., Oneida, WI 54155.

For more information, email kimrlav@yahoo.com.

VFW Post 4833 to host yard sale

The ladies auxiliary to the VFW Post 4833 will hold its fall yard sale at the post in Milton on Nov. 6-7.

On Nov. 6 the sale will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Nov. 7 the sale will be 7 a.m.-noon.

All proceeds will go toward veteran programs and outreach projects. For information call the post at 623-4833.

Antarctic groups meets Nov. 7

The Gulf Coast Group Chapter of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association (OAEA) will meet at 1 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Shrimp Basket on Navy Boulevard.

All members, family or interested parties who have been to Antarctica or who may have an interest in Antarctica are invited.

For information visit <http://www.shrimpbasket.com/warrington.htm>.

Halloween blood drive Oct. 30

Northwest Florida Blood Services and WEAR TV3 will hold Halloween blood drives.

A drive will be held at the TV studio on Mobile Highway Oct. 30 from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Donors can enter to win a car, eat sandwiches and receive a special Halloween T-shirt.

Blood drives will also be held Oct. 30 at the centers at 2209 North Ninth Ave. and 1999 East Nine Mile Road in Pensacola from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For information, call 473-3853 or check the Northwest Florida Blood Services Web site at www.nfbcblood.org.

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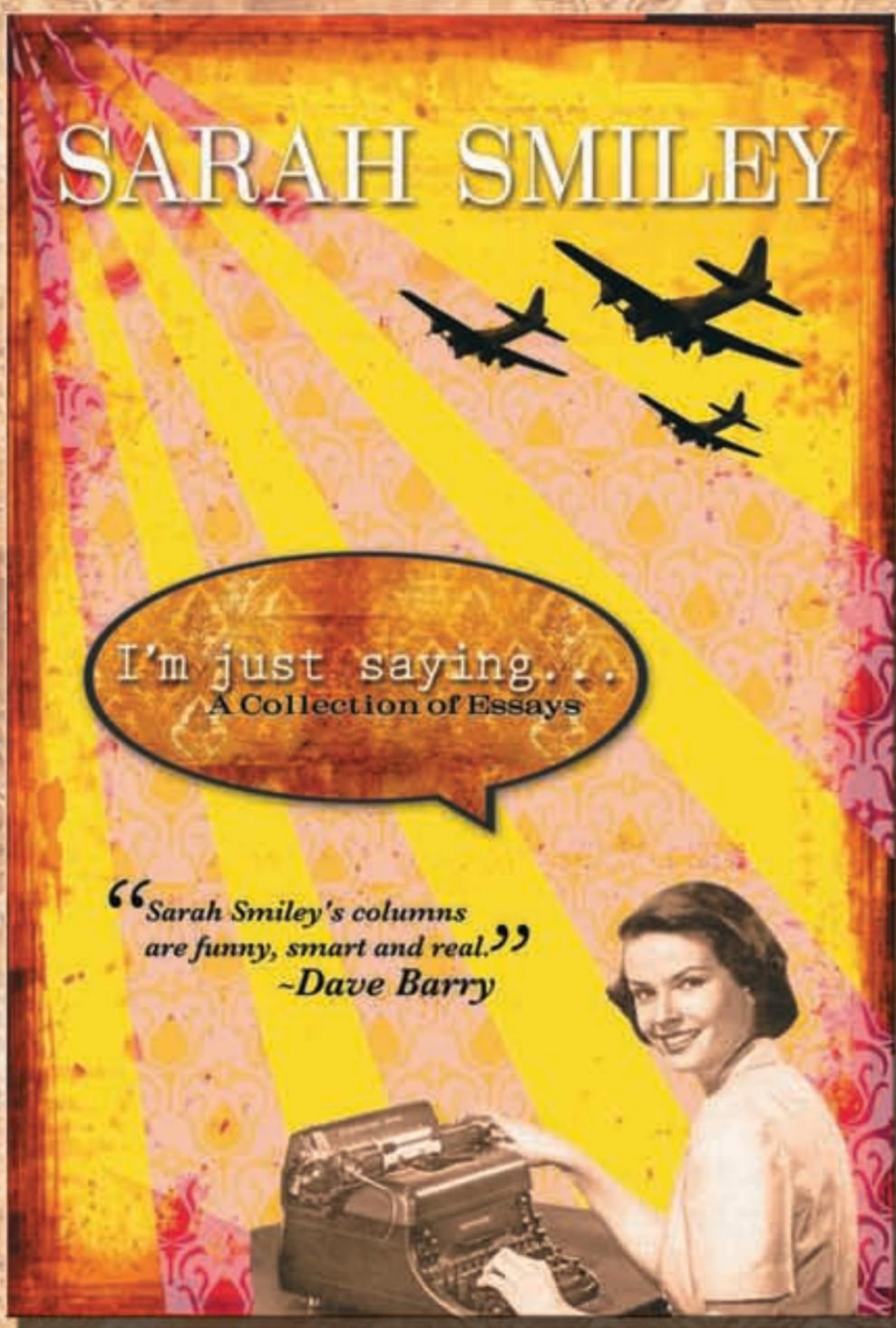
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The fantasy and folklore of All Hallows Eve

By Jack Santino

Library of Congress Research Center

Halloween had its beginnings in an ancient, pre-Christian Celtic festival of the dead. The Celtic peoples, who were once found all over Europe, divided the year by four major holidays. According to their calendar, the year began on a day corresponding to Nov. 1 on our present calendar. The date marked the beginning of winter. Since they were pastoral people, it was a time when cattle and sheep had to be moved to closer pastures and all livestock had to be secured for the winter months. Crops were harvested and stored. The date marked both an ending and a beginning in an eternal cycle.

The festival observed at this time was called Samhain (pronounced Sah-ween). It was the biggest and most significant holiday of the Celtic year. The Celts believed that at the time of Samhain, more so than any other time of the year, the ghosts of the dead were able to mingle with the living, because at Samhain the souls of those who had died during the year traveled into the otherworld. People gathered to sacrifice animals, fruits and vegetables. They also lit bonfires in honor of the dead, to aid them on their journey, and to keep them away from the living. On that day all manner of beings were abroad: ghosts, fairies and demons — all part of the dark and dread.

Samhain became the Halloween we are familiar with when Christian missionaries attempted to change the religious practices of the Celtic people. In the early centuries of the first millennium A.D., before missionaries such as St. Patrick and St. Columcille converted them to Christianity, the Celts practiced an elaborate religion through their priestly caste, the Druids, who were priests, poets, scientists and scholars all at once. As religious leaders, ritual specialists, and bearers of learning, the Druids were not unlike the very missionaries and monks who were to Christianize their people and brand them evil devil worshippers.

As a result of their efforts to wipe out “pagan” holidays, such as Samhain, the Christians succeeded in effecting major transformations in it. In 601 A.D. Pope Gregory I issued a now-famous edict to his missionaries concerning the native beliefs and customs of the peoples he hoped to convert. Rather than try to obliterate native peoples’ customs and beliefs, the pope instructed his missionaries to use them: if a group of people worshipped a tree, rather than cut it down, he advised them to consecrate it to Christ and allow its continued worship.

In terms of spreading Christianity, this was a brilliant concept and it became a basic approach used in Catholic missionary work. Church holy days were purposely set to coincide with native holy days. Christmas, for instance, was assigned the arbitrary date of Dec. 25 because it corresponded with the mid-winter celebration of many peoples. Likewise, St. John’s Day was set on the summer solstice.

Samhain, with its emphasis on the



supernatural, was decidedly pagan. While missionaries identified their holy days with those observed by the Celts, they branded the earlier religion’s supernatural deities as evil, and associated them with the devil. As representatives of the rival religion, Druids were considered evil worshippers of devilish or demonic gods and spirits. The Celtic underworld inevitably became identified with the Christian hell.

The effects of this policy were to diminish but not totally eradicate the beliefs in the traditional gods. Celtic belief in supernatural creatures persisted, while the church made deliberate attempts to define them as being not merely dangerous, but malicious. Followers of the old religion went into hiding and were branded as witches.

The Christian feast of All Saints was assigned to Nov. 1. The day honored every Christian saint, especially those that did not otherwise have a special day devoted to them. This feast day was meant to substitute for Samhain, to draw the devotion of the Celtic peoples, and, finally, to replace it forever. That did not happen, but the traditional Celtic deities diminished in status, becoming fairies or leprechauns of more recent traditions.

The old beliefs associated with Samhain never died out entirely. The powerful symbolism of the traveling dead

was too strong, and perhaps too basic to the human psyche, to be satisfied with the new, more abstract Catholic feast honoring saints. Recognizing that something that would subsume the original energy of Samhain was necessary, the church tried again to supplant it with a Christian feast day in the ninth century. This time it established Nov. 2 as All Souls Day — a day when the living prayed for the souls of all the dead. But, once again, the practice of retaining traditional customs while attempting to redefine them had a sustaining effect: the traditional beliefs and customs lived on, in new guises.

All Saints Day, otherwise known as All Hallows (hallowed means sanctified or holy), continued the ancient Celtic traditions. The evening prior to the day was the time of the most intense activity, both human and supernatural. People continued to celebrate All Hallows Eve as a time of the wandering dead, but the supernatural beings were now thought to be evil. The folk continued to appease those spirits (and their masked impersonators) by setting out gifts of food and drink. Subsequently, All Hallows Eve became Halloween, which became Hallowe’en — an ancient Celtic, pre-Christian New Year’s Day in contemporary dress.

Many supernatural creatures became

associated with All Hallows. In Ireland fairies were numbered among the legendary creatures who roamed on Halloween. In old England cakes were made for the wandering souls, and people went “a’ soulin’” for these “soul cakes.” Halloween, a time of magic, also became a day of divination, with a host of magical beliefs: for instance, if persons hold a mirror on Halloween and walk backward down the stairs to the basement, the face that appears in the mirror will be their next lover.

Virtually all present Halloween traditions can be traced to the ancient Celtic day of the dead. Halloween is a holiday of many mysterious customs, but each one has a history, or at least a story behind it. The wearing of costumes, for instance, and roaming from door to door demanding treats can be traced to the Celtic period and the first few centuries of the Christian era, when it was thought that the souls of the dead were out and around, along with fairies, witches and demons. Offerings of food and drink were left out to placate them. As the centuries wore on, people began dressing like these dreadful creatures, performing antics in exchange for food and drink. This practice is called mumming, from which the practice of trick-or-treating evolved. To this day, witches, ghosts and skeleton figures of the dead are among the favorite disguises. Halloween also retains some features that harken back to the original harvest holiday of Samhain, such as the customs of bobbing for apples and carving vegetables, as well as the fruits, nuts and spices cider associated with the day.

Today Halloween is becoming once again an adult holiday or masquerade, like Mardi Gras. Men and women in every disguise imaginable are taking to the streets of American cities and parading past grinningly carved, candlelit jack-o’-lanterns, reenacting customs with a lengthy pedigree. Their masked antics challenge, mock, tease and appease the dread forces of the night, of the soul, and of the otherworld that becomes our world on this night of reversible possibilities, inverted roles and transcendence. In so doing, they are reaffirming death and its place as a part of life in an exhilarating celebration of a magic evening.

Halloween doings onboard NASP

- The National Naval Aviation Museum at NASP will hold its annual Halloween celebration Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event includes a “Haunted Helicopter,” costumed staff and more.
- The new Canteen Club for teens on base will celebrate Halloween Oct. 31 from 5-10 p.m. with basketball and a horror movie. Free popcorn.
- A Cosmic Halloween Bowl will take place at the Corry Station Bowling Center Oct. 31. There will be two sessions — \$10 for the 6:30-9:30 p.m. session and \$8 for the 9:30-midnight session.
- On Oct. 30 and 31, the Pensacola Lighthouse Association will be partnering with Coast Guard flight students in offering “Haunted Lighthouse Tours.” Hours are 6 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 7 to 11; seniors and active military. No reservations are necessary.

Word Search ‘Fright night’

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Jokes & Groaners

Horrible Halloween jokes

- What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.
- Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers? No, they eat the fingers separately.
- What is a vampire’s favorite mode of transportation? A blood vessel.
- What kind of streets do zombies like the best? Dead ends.
- Why don’t skeletons ever go out on the town? Because they don’t have any body to go out with.
- How do witches keep their hair in place while flying? With scare spray.
- What is a ghost’s favorite mode of transportation? A scareplane.
- What type of dog do vampires like the best? Bloodhounds.
- Why do vampires need mouthwash? They have bat breath.

BIRTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**Naval Hospital Pensacola**
Sept. 29-Oct. 22, 2009**Reagan Ellie Long**, was born to 2nd Lt. James and Kristina Long, Sept. 29.**Asher Edward Tennison**, was born to 1st Lt. Joseph and Corina Tennison, Sept. 29.**Owen Nicholas Britten**, was born to 2nd Lt. Andrew and Kristine Britten, Sept. 30.**Aaron Daniel Snyder**, was born to 2nd Lt. Daniel and Abbey Snyder, Oct. 2.**Morgyn Sophia Wade**, was born to Joshua Van-Becelaere and Katelin Wade, Oct. 5.**Elia Michele Seguire**, was born to Lt. Christopher and Jenica Seguire, Oct. 6.**Anahi Mia Munoz**, was born to Pfc. Manual and Noraida Munoz, Oct. 6.**Khloe Syrah Goble**, was born to ND2 Marshall and Maythiel Goble, Oct. 8.**Maverick Ryan Dalasinski**, was born to Lance Cpl. Nathan Dalasinski and AMAN Mailie Oliver, Oct. 9.**Reagan Michelle Schoch**, was born to Maj. Ronald and Jennifer Schoch, Oct. 9.**Vincent Gray Faircloth**, was born to ACAA Gregory Faircloth and Gina Davis, Oct. 11.**Jacob Anthony Hardin**, was born to Pfc. Jeffery and Andrea Hardin, Oct. 11.**Carter Michael Swarthout**, was born to Maj. Gregory and Heidi Swarthout, Oct. 12.**Olivia Elizabeth Spencer**, was born to Charles and retired PS1 Judith Spencer, Oct. 13.**Keandre Damian Cooks**, was born to ANH3 Damian and Melinda Cooks, Oct. 13.**Katelyn Angeline Pfllepsen**, was born to Sgt. Matthew and Jamie Pfllepsen, Oct. 13.**Austin Taylor Harden**, was born to HM3 Michael Jr. and Natalie Harden, Oct. 14.**Shayla Nicole Adams**, was born to 2nd Lt. Nicholas and Yolanda Adams, Oct. 14.**William Phanuwat Stuart**, was born to AT1 Joshua and Phawinee Stuart, Oct. 15.**Jaylin Patrick Jones**, was born to ATAA Jasmine Jones, Oct. 15.**Omari Amir Brookshire**, was born to Corey and Pfc. Erin Brookshire, Oct. 15.**James Robert Burnie Golden**, was born to CTR1 Robert and Cynthia Golden, Oct. 16.**Alexander Samuel Wehner**, was born to 2nd Lt. Michael and Jessica Wehner, Oct. 16.**William Cole Greeson**, was born to 1st Lt. William and Denae Greeson, Oct. 18.**Micah Joseph Preuc**, was born to SW2 Tomas and Sarai Preuc, Oct. 20.**Selah Grace Herrman**, was born to AW2 John and Laurel Herrman, Oct. 20.**Levi Edward Davis**, was born to Master Sgt. John Jr. and Brenda Davis, Oct. 21.**Ella Elizabeth Turczyn**, was born to Maj. Tadd and Laura Turczyn, Oct. 21.**Avery Lynn Hellums**, was born to CTSN Nicole Hellums, Oct. 21.**Faith Mariah D'Agostino**, was born to HM2 Shaun and Tamara D'Agostino, Oct. 22.**NASP command's Civilians of the Quarter**

Linda Delaney from Corry Child Development Center is the NASP command's Senior Civilian of the Quarter, third quarter; Operations Division (Patrol Section), security department police officer Matthew C. Capp is the Junior Civilian of the Quarter.

Linda Delaney

According to her nomination, written by Kerry Shanaghan Navy Region Gulf Coast MWR director, Delaney is "an exceptional manager" that has successfully taken over as head of the NAS Pensacola Child and Youth Program (CYP), responsible for two child development centers (CDC)s with 550 spaces, a youth center and two school-age care programs in addition to her center director duties in charge of the Corry Station Child Development Center (CDC) and School Age Care (SAC) Program.

Shanaghan notes "she has carried the entire program forward through innovation, expansion and successful mentoring of her staff." Delaney has personally overseen the recently completed total renovation of the NAS Pensacola CDC following recommendations from a no-notice CYP inspection by Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC). Completed during a staffing transition that ultimately hired a new NASP CDC director, she ensured the overall safety and child care standards were not sacrificed during construction. This was made more difficult with the work being done, to include all floors, walls and ceiling repairs that resulted in half the center being closed at a time. She was responsible for all the collateral equipment for the center, replacing older, worn out furniture with the latest child safe materials and dramatically increasing individual room storage through use of kitchen cupboards out of the reach of the children.

Delaney has managed the staffing standards to ensure suf-

ficient manpower was available while the facility was under repair along with completing room setup and ensuring collateral equipment needs were all met. Through judicious use of existing space, Delaney has seen the waiting list for care in the centers decrease to its lowest level in the past six years, with only infants on a far shortened waiting list.

She has also maintained the national accreditations at all the centers. Her programs are all certified for operation both CDC's and the school-age care programs by the designated national agency. The School-Age Care Program is of particular note as this program picks up students from various schools and brings them back to the CDC until parents pick up after work, helping the active duty members stay at work during often flexible school days.

In addition, Delaney continues a state of Florida Variable Pre-Kindergarten program that teaches specific skill sets to preschool students under a program developed by the state. The state subsidizes the program thus there is very little cost to the Navy, providing much needed services while saving significant APF money. The Corry VPK program she directly oversees is the second largest in the area.

Delaney is a caring child care professional and superb manager. She has overseen the resuscitation of a troubled and failing CYP program at the NAS Pensacola CDC into a program turning the corner in an improved and renovated space. Her individual center is always on budget, her staff well trained

**Linda Delaney****Matthew C. Capp**

and the facility well cared for. She has led the transition of all CYP personnel into the mandated CYP series, ensuring qualifications and training modules are completed and accounting for program growth and expansion in budgeting and submissions. "There is no better person for parents to leave their children with than Linda Delaney," Shanaghan wrote. "This is high praise indeed and more than deserving of recognition as Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the Third Quarter 2009."

Matthew C. Capp

Police officer Capp is assigned to the Operations Division (Patrol Section), Security Department. He is responsible for patrolling all areas onboard NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, Saufley Field, and other outlying areas under the cognizance of the commanding officer, NAS Pensacola.

According to Capp's nomination from NASP Security Director Darrell D. Lumpkin, police officer Capp acts as a first responder to all reported criminal matters, vehicle accidents and is responsible for securing crime scenes, apprehending criminals, and interviewing suspects, victims, witnesses, and complaints, as may be appropriate. Capp has been a member of NAS Security Department Police Division for five years. "He is truly an outstanding police officer and federal employee," Lumpkin wrote. Capp retired after 24 years of active duty from the United States Navy as senior chief petty officer. His experience in law enforcement

include certifications for the Florida Crime Information Center and for the National Crime Information Center; he is emergency vehicle operator certified as well. Additionally, Capp was selected to help rewrite the Security Department standard operating procedures (SOP) manual.

Police officer Capp has been selected as a field training officer for newly assigned personnel to teach and assist them in the performance of their law enforcement duties and assignments.

Capp has updated 55 departmental SOP's and took over another program, updating the program and testing material. He researched and created an updated taxi cab PowerPoint training class; was responsible for updating the department training tracker and responsible for updating more than 150 training jackets.

Capp also taught numerous classes such as deadly force, baton, and others. He assisted the police training supervisor in receiving a grade of zero discrepancy for a recent Commander Navy Region Southeast visit.

"This is the kind of experience and can do attitude Police Officer Capp brought to the police department," Lumpkin wrote. "The security department, NAS Pensacola, the naval services, as well as the local community has and are greatly benefiting from the services of police officer Capp. His dedication and untiring efforts have placed him with the elite. It is truly a pleasure and honor to nominate police officer Capp as Civilian of the Quarter."

Pen Air joins 'Operation Best Wishes' Nov. 5;

Military can webcast holiday messages

Pen Air Federal Credit Union (FCU) is inviting the military and their families to webcast special holiday messages to family members back home or deployed loved ones during Operation Best Wishes. This free service will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 5, at Pen Air FCU's corporate office on 1495 East Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, Fla.

Operation Best Wishes sets up a mobile webcast studio at the credit union and gives military personnel or family members up to 10 minutes each to record and send special greetings. Families or deployed loved ones can either watch the webcast message live or access the archived recording over and over again from a secured Web site.

Military families and personnel interested in taking advantage of this offer are encouraged to sign up and register for a webcast recording ses-

sion on www.operationbestwishes.com. Select the Pen Air Federal Credit Union location and a recording time that is convenient for your schedule.

"We are excited to host this program and help boost the spirits of our military personnel that have to be apart from family and friends during the holidays," said Patty Veal, vice president of Pen Air FCU. "We want to do everything in our power to remind them that we appreciate what they are doing for us and wish them a safe return."

Operation Best Wishes is offered free to families by America's credit unions through the Defense Credit Union Council. During its 2009 national tour, Operation Best Wishes will be visiting many other credit unions and military families across the United States. For details, visit www.operationbestwishes.com.



NASP motorcycle safety instructor Jim Miller receives by Syl Holley "Superhog" foundation ... NAS Pensacola motorcycle safety instructor Jim Miller received a letter of appreciation (LOA) from NASP CO Capt. Bill Reavey Oct. 19 on behalf of the Syl Holley "Superhog" Memorial Safety Rally Committee. At the rally, which took place July 11 in Cantonment, Miller was a guest speaker and provided a safety demonstration on braking techniques as well. "It's a good thing and it was a shock to have that done," Miller recalled, upon being presented with the LOA. "I wasn't expecting it at all. (Capt. Reavey) came out to the rider safety range, where I was observing a rider coach preparation course. It was great to be honored in front of peers." Miller was quick to return to the subject at hand. "Everybody needs to be aware of the motorcycles that are out there, regardless if you ride or not," Miller said. "If you ride, get the training." Photo by Patrick Nichols

NASP chaplain uses Facebook to reach Sailors

Story, photo
By Anne Thrower
Gosport Staff Writer



NASP Chaplain, Cmdr. David Gibson, is using Facebook to encourage students on base to check out what the chaplain's office has to offer.

Naval Air Station Pensacola's head chaplain Cmdr. David Gibson has a new tool to communicate with Sailors — Facebook.

"That's the way this generation communicates," he said. "And it's the way you get the word out."

Communicating through Facebook has only been in existence about a week, so it's too soon to know how successful it will be.

But Gibson, 52, said so far he has used the page to encourage students to check out what the chapel has to offer.

There are standing orders from Capt. Bill Reavey to try and reach more students. And that's where the Facebook idea came from.

"My staff says they convinced me,

If 100 students show up for Sunday services at NASP, that's considered a lot. Most who attend on Sunday are either retirees or active duty who are not students.

One program that has been a success with students has been the service at 6 p.m. on Sunday when 30 or more students often attend.

The casual service offers modern worship music and free dinner to attract Sailors.

Gibson returned as NASP chaplain in August after three years at the Naval Chaplains School. He was previously chaplain from 2002-2006.

This time there are fewer chaplains. When he left, there were five, now there are three and a contract chaplain. And there is a smaller budget.

But the staff — which includes Lt. Cmdr. Darren Stennett, Lt. Randall Ekstrom and Father John Gray — is

wonderful, Gibson said.

And the mission is the same. The students are still the priority as they make the transition from a civilian culture to the military culture.

"We can help facilitate that transition, but we can also reach them at a very critical time in their lives," he said.

Whether they come on their own or from orders from their chief, Gibson said he's happy to see them.

It's not unusual to see a student who has never been to church except for a wedding or a funeral.

Gibson hopes to change that. He wants their first contact with a chapel and chaplains to be good and part of their future.

"But also we hope they will send their people to us as they start getting more senior and see us as a ready resource for their people," he said.

Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show, Nov. 13-14

Night show will be Saturday, Nov. 14

For details visit www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/current/airshow/airshow.htm

WORSHIP

NAS Pensacola Protestant

- Sunday
 • 8 a.m., Communion Service**
 • 10:15 a.m. Worship Service*
 • 6 p.m. Contemporary Service**
 Tuesday
 • 9 a.m., Women's Bible Study***
 Wednesday
 • 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 • 6 p.m. Bible Study***
Roman Catholic
 Saturday
 • 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance****
 • 4:30 p.m. Mass*
 Sunday
 • 8:30 a.m. Mass*
 Monday and Thursday
 • Noon Mass****
 Friday
 • 11 a.m. Mass****

Corry Station Protestant

- Sunday
 • 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study (chapel conference room)
 • 9 a.m. Chapel Choir (sanctuary)
 • 10 a.m. Worship Service
 • 11:30 a.m. Fellowship
 • 7:30 p.m. Praise and Worship
 Thursday
 • 5:30 p.m., Bible Study and dinner (fellowship hall)

Roman Catholic

- Sunday
 • Noon Mass
 Tuesday
 • 11 a.m. Mass (small chapel)

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday
 • 10:30 a.m.**
 Wednesday
 • 7-8:30 p.m., Bible Study (Corry)

- *Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel
 **All Faiths Chapel
 ***J.B. McKamey Center
 ****Lady of Loreto Chapel

New IMAX lineup at aviation museum

From Ashley Chisholm
 EW Bullock Associates

Penetrate the eye of a hurricane, go head-to-head with a killer tornado and track monsoons and blizzards by watching "Stormchasers," the new IMAX® film showing at the National Naval Aviation Museum starting today (Oct. 30).

"Stormchasers" is a tale of scientific discovery and natural wonder that takes audiences on a journey across the planet to experience the most extreme storms and to witness the dramatic efforts of scientists in pursuit of understanding Mother Nature.

"Stormchasers," produced by McGillivray Freeman Films, features music by Emmy® Award-winner Patrick Williams and narration by Hal Holbrook.

Weather fanatics can also get their fill of extreme storms with a special weekend weather combo available on Saturdays and Sundays beginning Oct. 31 by watching "Stormchasers" and "Hurricane on the Bayou" back-to-back on a giant, seven-story screen for \$11.50.

"Hurricane on the Bayou"

takes audiences on a journey deep into the soul-stirring heart of Louisiana, before, during and after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Narrated by Academy Award-winning actress Meryl Streep and arranged with a vibrant jazz, blues and gospel-fueled soundtrack, "Hurricane on the Bayou" is both an eye-opening documentary of a storm's human effects

New IMAX Schedule

- Fighter Pilot – 2 p.m.
 Hurricane on the Bayou – Noon
 The Magic of Flight – 10 a.m.
 Stormchasers – 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
 Straight Up Helicopters – 4 p.m.

and a compelling call to restore Louisiana's wetlands, rebuild New Orleans and honor the place where America's most vibrant home-grown culture was born.

The IMAX® theater at the National Naval Aviation Museum is one of the largest IMAX® theaters in the world and has the largest screen in Florida.

The theater contains 690 tons of structural steel and 1,990 cubic yards of concrete.

The screen is 62 feet high and 82 feet wide, with a frontal surface area of 5,084 square feet.

The screen itself weighs more than 600 pounds and is stretched over a structure called the screen tower, weighing more than five tons.



• There are 535 seats in the theater, which is handicap accessible.

• Ticket prices range from \$4.75–\$8.

The National Naval Aviation Museum features free admission and a full slate of events throughout the year.

For a complete list of events, exhibits and attractions at the museum, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at 453-2389 or 1 (800) 327-5002.

Air Force band to perform at Saenger

The United States Air Force Band Airmen of Note (jazz band) is coming to Pensacola for a free concert at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19, at the Saenger Theatre.

The primary purpose of this concert is to honor men and women in uniform, both past and present, from all branches of the military, as well as their families. During the concert the band will also tell the story of today's military, and demonstrate its ideals: Honor, Service and Excellence. They do all this through the wonderful gift of music.

"When the Airmen of Note contacted me and asked for my assistance, I could not wait to get started," said Joseph T. Spaniola,

director of jazz studies and music theory at the University of West Florida and a former member of the United States Air Force Academy Band.

"I realized that it was an exceptional opportunity to bring one of the country's premier big bands to Pensacola and, at the same time, proudly honor and support our men and women in uniform."

This concert is made possible by the generous support of local sponsors, including the University of West Florida Department of Music-Jazz Studies, The Jazz Society of Pensacola, The Phillips Jazz Piano Competition, *Pensacola*

News Journal, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, Dollarhide's Music Center and Schmidt's Music."

While admission is free, tickets are required for this concert.

Tickets are available at the Saenger Theatre Box Office 595-3880. There are no reserved seats. With general admission, the first to come will be the first to be seated.

For more information on the Airmen of Note, visit the Air Force Band Web site: www.usafband.af.mil.

For more information on the local concert, contact Spaniola at 474-2483 or jspaniola@uwf.edu.

October/November Liberty Activities

The Liberty Program events target young, unaccompanied active-duty military. For a monthly calendar of activities at the main Liberty Center in the Portside Entertainment Complex or onboard Corry Station, call 452-2372 or visit their Web site at www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/singsail/liberty.ht.

30 Liberty – NASP – Halloween Party, 7 p.m., costume contest.

Liberty – Corry – Marine pick movie night

31 Liberty – FSU vs. NC, \$25, includes tickets and transportation. Time to be arranged.

Liberty – Volunteer to help Halloween Party, 3 p.m. includes dinner, Truth For Youth.

November

1 Liberty – Free shuttle to naval aviation museum. Leaves NASP at noon and 11:30 a.m. at Corry.

2 Liberty – NASP – Monday night football on the big screen – free chips and salsa.

"NAS Live" – The topic will be the Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show. The show airs at 6:30 p.m. on Cox Cable's Channel 6 or Mediacom's Channel 38.

3 Liberty – Free mall shuttle, leaves 5:30 p.m.

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GOSPORT MOVIES

Movies and show times for Portside Cinema

FRIDAY Fame (PG) 5; All About Steve (PG13) 5:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15; Inglorious Basterds (R) 7:30; Gamer (R) 9:30

SATURDAY Fame (PG) noon; Julie & Julia (PG13) 12:15; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG13) 2:15; Love Happens (PG13) 2:45; The Informant (R) 4:45; All About Steve (PG13) 5; Gamer (R) 7; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15; Inglorious Basterds (R) 9:15; Whiteout (R) 9:30

SUNDAY All About Steve (PG13) noon; Fame (PG) 12:15; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG13) 2:15; Love Happens (PG13) 2:30; Sorority Row (R) 4:45; Gamer (R) 5; Inglorious Basterds (R) 7; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Whiteout (R) 5; All About Steve (PG13) 5:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15; The Informant (R) 7:30

WEDNESDAY Fame (PG) 5; Love Happens (PG13) 5:15; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG13) 7:15; Sorority Row (R) 7:30

THURSDAY Whiteout (R) 5; All About Steve (PG13) 5:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15; The Informant (R) 7:30

TICKETS Children ages 6-11 \$1.50, children younger than 6



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