

## Naval hospital to close temporarily Nov. 20-22

From Rod Duren  
NHP PAO

During the weekend of Nov. 20-22, it will be necessary for Naval Hospital Pensacola to temporarily close, including all services for patients, while new emergency generators begin a phased-in installation. There will be no power available within the facility during this process.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m., the hospital will cease all clinical operations including pharmacy. The main gate to the facility will be closed to all incoming traffic at noon. Any remaining inpatients at the facility will be transferred to other nearby medical facilities.

Sick call and non-emergency outpatient care for military and enrolled beneficiaries will be available on a

walk-in basis at the branch health clinic at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) onboard NAS Pensacola. Hours of operation for these services are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



The NATTC clinic is located next to the Portside Complex on East Avenue directly behind the main administration and galley facilities of NATTC. For additional information or directions call 452-8970, ext. 123.

All naval hospital customers who may need urgent or emergency care, during the Nov. 20-22 shutdown, should go to the closest hospital emergency room or urgent care clinic.

The Pharmacy Refill Center at the NEX Mall will maintain its regular schedule on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Because of the weekend closure, the naval hospital will cease providing labor and delivery services as of 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18. All maternity patients, 36 weeks gestation or more, will be contacted by Navy hospital personnel with instructions on where to report for care in the event of labor or other health care needs.

All naval hospital services will resume Monday morning, Nov. 23, at 7 a.m.

### Spike in motorcycle accidents sends warning to NASP riders

By Mike O'Connor  
Gosport Associate Editor

A recent increase in nationwide motorcycle-related fatalities among service members has prompted Navy and base officials to remind riders of their risks and urge safe riding practices.

"Recently a significant number of Sailors have been seriously injured or have died in private motor vehicle (PMV) and motorcycle mishaps," Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO), wrote in a memo last week. "In one month we have lost 31 percent of the number of Sailors we lost in all of FY 2009. This is a tragedy for our service, constitutes a significant impediment to Navy readiness, and requires that we refocus our efforts at every level of command."

NAS Pensacola Safety Department Director Jon Winters confirmed the VCNO's numbers. "In the first 17 days of October, we have had four Marines and four Sailors killed in motor vehicle accidents. Another one is in critical condition." Five of the service members lost were on motorcycles, so was the injured service member.

"VCNO has directed we take a look at our traffic safety programs and reemphasize them to head this (trend) off. What we've done is try to increase the awareness and get the message out to refocus on these programs."

The Navy and Marine fatalities took place Oct. 1-17 in North Carolina, Virginia, Hawaii, Massachusetts and California.

Jay Harrison, NASP Traffic Safety Program manager, has worked with Winters to develop a plan to promote safe riding.

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Downtown Pensacola Veterans Day parade. File photo by Scott Hallford

## John Appleyard to be recognized at Veterans Day ceremony in Pensacola

By Anne Thrower  
Gosport Staff Writer

John Appleyard, Pensacola businessman and historian, will be recognized during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 in Pensacola for the contributions he has made for veteran's causes.

He was especially helpful, along with Vince Whibbs, in raising the \$475,000 needed for the World War II memorial at Veterans

Memorial Park, said Retired Capt. John E. Pritchard of the Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park Foundation. And he was part of the organizing effort for the first honor flight to Washington D.C. for World War II veterans.

Appleyard, 86, is a World War II veteran himself who went on to found the John Appleyard Agency in Pensacola with his wife, Eleanor. He served as chief executive officer until 1993 when his son, Dick, took

over.

In addition to Appleyard, 12 World War II veterans will be singled out during the ceremony, which will follow the Veterans Day parade that starts at 9 a.m.

The parade will begin at the intersection of South Spring and Main streets and proceed down Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park.

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Julie Clark in the Chevron T-34 Mentor performs in a swirl of colored smoke at the Night Air Show in 2008. File photo by Tom Callahan

## Air show brings changes this year

By Anne Thrower  
Gosport Staff Writer

The countdown to the 2009 Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show at NAS Pensacola is nearing completion.

For veteran air show goers, the two-day event on Nov. 13-14 will have some familiar sights and sounds and some changes as well.

One of the biggest changes this year is the night show with all its performers, pyrotechnics and fireworks will be on Saturday (Nov. 14), instead of Friday.

Organizers hope moving to a

weekend will allow more people to attend the event and encourage those who come on Saturday to stick around for a few more hours.

"This is a perfect family event, concluding early enough for small children, and the fireworks will be the best seen in the local area this year," Shanaghan said.

"We were competing with high school football on Friday nights," he said. "And with the show ending at 6:30 p.m., people on Friday were not able to get from work to home to get the family and then

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## Story of base's history told in bronze plaques

Story, photo  
by Mike O'Connor  
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From a storm's destruction has come a commitment — cast in bronze — to preserve NAS Pensacola's history for future generations to see.

As part of NAS Pensacola's post-Hurricane Ivan Historic Mitigation and Landscape Repairs project, a series of bronze plaques which commemorate people, places, events and buildings have been placed in scenic and historic locations on base.

Twenty-eight plaques out of 30 total have been placed by contractor ValleyCrest Landscaping Development in the project's four pedestrian plazas along NASP's waterfront areas; the last two will be in place by Nov. 10. A date has not yet been set for the official dedication.

"There was a concern that

along with the historic buildings that were damaged beyond repair during Ivan, that history not be lost along with the actual structure," said Bryan Moeller, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast, who worked on the project.

The Historic Mitigation and Landscape Repairs project is a multi-phased collaborative effort involving state and base officials during the recovery efforts following 2004's Hurricane Ivan. A seawall walkway running the length of Radford Boulevard connects the project's west plaza to its main plaza. Ten

plaques are located in the main plaza; the north and west plazas have six each. The seawall walkway features an additional eight plaques.

On each plaque, a photo or graphic is etched in the bronze

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## Navy's Chief Training Officer tells business leaders open seas ensure American prosperity

Story, photo by Joy Samsel  
NETC Public Affairs

"Our Navy exists to provide for the safety, the security and the prosperity of America." That was one of the messages delivered to more than 500 business leaders and military guests at the annual Combined Rotary Military

Appreciation Luncheon by Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny, commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

The event was held Nov. 2 at the New World Landing restaurant in Pensacola.

Addressing the audience, Kilkenny explained the importance of free seas to America's commerce and security.

"Today, the economies of Pensacola, and indeed the entire United States, are tied to the seas. Because the maritime domain — the world's oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, islands, coastal areas, littorals and the airspace above them — supports 90 percent of the world's trade, it carries the lifeblood of the global system that links every country on earth. It links Pensacola to the world."

Kilkenny also gave the audience a snapshot of

how the military stationed in Pensacola affects the community.

"In fiscal year 2008 more than 4,000 uniformed staff at the local training commands provided training for more than 14,000 military students. These military members come from every state in the nation, as well as many of our allied nations."

Citing information from a 2008 economic impact report compiled by NASP, Kilkenny told the business leaders the gross salaries of the uniformed military staff and students

exceeded \$710 million. For the more than 4,000 civilian employees at area military commands, their salaries exceed \$210 million.

According to Kilkenny, the military impact on the local community can be measured in more than dollars.

"Every command has active Outreach programs that touch the lives of the elderly, the homeless and others," Kilkenny said. "Working with the various support organizations and schools in the area, our commands logged more 119,000 volunteer hours last year. This too is the legacy of the military in Pensacola."



Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny

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Other Veterans Day activities in the area include parades and ceremonies in Milton and Pensacola Beach and a ceremony in Navarre.

In Milton the 2009 Veterans Day parade will start at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 11 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.

Retired Marine Col. Chris "Caveman"



John Appleyard

Holzworth will serve as both the parade grand marshal and ceremony guest speaker.

At Pensacola Beach the Veterans Day parade will start at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 11 a.m., at 1 Avenida and end at the Gulfside Pavilion about noon.

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 Field.

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ing locally. "We've sent out a message to all department heads with a checklist from the Naval Safety Center to go over their people before weekend travel," Harrison said. "It includes both privately owned vehicles (POVs) and motorcycles. "And our traffic safety program here is award-winning; we're teaching two basic rider courses, an experienced rider course and a military sport bike rider course every week."

NAS Pensacola was recently named a winner in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)'s "Outstanding Military Base" category

for its 2008 awards. Each year, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation acknowledges outstanding achievement and excellence in rider education and training, honoring agencies, organizations and individuals who enhance motorcycle safety.

"This is a spike, but it's not something new," Winters noted. "(Motorcycle safety) is something that we always have to keep our focus on — it's one of our biggest concerns."

Winters also emphasized the twin dangers of both alcohol and late-night driving.

"If you do drink and drive, you're putting not only yourself but other

people at risk as well," he said. "While some people are worried about a DUI, that's nothing compared to crippling or killing yourself and you could cripple or kill somebody else that did not make the decision to drink and drive."

"Additionally, if you drive late at night you're putting yourself at greater risk, even if you are sober. Unfortunately we see that through statistics you are at greater risk of being killed by a drunk driver."

Riders can register at [www.navymotorcyclerrider.com](http://www.navymotorcyclerrider.com) for the NASP safety department basic, experienced, and military sport bike rider courses.

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out to the show in time."

The hour-long Blues show on Saturday will finish about 3 p.m., and the night show will start an hour later with the fireworks and wall of fire finishing at 6:30 p.m. In between the day and night show, the New Orleans Navy Band "Express" rock band will be performing.

Organizers are already watching the weather on their computers. "We all start looking at the weather a week out as the forecasts have a bit more accuracy because that's one thing we cannot control," said MWR Director Kerry Shanaghan earlier this week. With more than 175,000 expected to attend the two-day show, the weather can be key.

Attendees will also notice a change in the way cars are parked on the base. A new Air Force hangar now under construction is in the area on the south ramp where cars had been parked for past shows.

People will be directed to outlying parking lots

around the base and taken by shuttle to the show. The free shuttle will run continuously throughout the show.

People can enter the base at either the front or back gate. And parking spaces around Sherman Field will probably fill up first.

Typically, the crowds start increasing about noon in time for the Blues show that starts about 2 p.m. Fat Albert will make its last jet assisted take-off (JATO) with the help of solid fuel rockets at the Saturday daytime performance.

The gates open at 8 a.m., with shows starting at 9:30 a.m. There are numerous static displays, including current tactical aircraft and a B-52. "It will be the best lineup we've had in quite some time," Shanaghan said. Also included will be a C-130 Hurricane Hunter for people to see.

Organizers will take over the tarmac on Nov. 10 and start putting up everything from barricades and tents to a kids' zone with inflatables. Up to that point, months of preparing

have been going on for the Morale Welfare and Recreation Department and Air Operations at NASP.

Plans start in December at the International Council of Air Shows convention where officials with MWR and Air Ops start looking at acts, said Stephanie Oram, air show coordinator for Air Ops. Ultimately, MWR picks the civilian acts and Air Ops picks the military acts for the show.

"There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes as far as setup is concerned," Shanaghan said. From security, the fire department, safety, facility, MWR and Air Ops, pretty much everyone on the base contributes to this show each year."

Like all special events, hundreds of volunteers help put up and tear down everything that is needed. Marines and Sailors pitch in before, during and after everyone goes home.

"Without the volunteers this air show probably wouldn't happen,"

Shanaghan said. "If it did, it wouldn't be in the same way, shape or fashion that we currently do it."

During the show, volunteers are used to work the concession booths and other areas around the show. While not paid directly, volunteers earn money for their command, based on concession sales.

"They are actually customer service representatives for us to the general public," Shanaghan said. "Their role is very important."

The military performances will feature appearances by the F-16 Viper E Demo Team, the F/A 18F Super Hornet and F-15 Strike Eagles.

New civilian acts this year include Patty Wagstaff, Aerostars, Kent Pietsch and Geico Skytypers.

People are reminded not to bring coolers or pets, but chairs or blankets and sunscreen are encouraged. There will be plenty of food and beverages at the show with something for everyone," Shanaghan said.

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along with text that illustrates the remembrance, turning a walk along the seawall into a walk through the base's past.

Pedestrians resting in the shaded pavilions can see photos of how the base looked during the early era of seaplanes, or take a stroll and learn about its shipbuilding origins and meet Capt. Lewis Warrington, the city's namesake.

In the main plaza: "The Cradle

of Naval Aviation," "Introduction to NAS Pensacola," "Shipbuilding," "Quarters A," "Outlying Fields," "Timeline," "Pensacola in Wars," "The City of Five Flags," "Pensacola Navy Yard" and "Capt. Lewis Warrington."

North plaza: "Power Plant," "Capt. M. T. Woolsey/Commodore M. B. Woolsey," "Aviation Firsts," "Pensacola Navy Yard during the Civil War," "North Avenue" and "Lt. Cmdr. Godfrey DeCourcelles Chevalier."

Along the seawall: "Ramps and Hangars," "Hurricanes," "Development of Aircraft Carriers," "Bldg. 191 and the Communities of Warrington and Woolsey," "World War I-era Camps," "Training at NAS" and "The Earliest Inhabitants of the Pensacola Bay Area."

West plaza: "Introduction," "Aviation Technology," "Forts," "Pensacola Lighthouse," "Blue Angels" and "NAS Pensacola and the Space Race."



**Fall Festival fun at NASP CDC ...** The Child Development Center at NAS Pensacola hosted a Fall Festival for children and parents Oct. 30. Many families joined in the activities which included face painting; hat decoration; sand and spin art; a fishing booth, a bounce house and a haunted house. Marine students from AMS-1 awaiting class, other volunteers and staff supported the event. (Above) 2-year-old Maya Anglero, daughter of Lt. Antonio Anglero and Diana Anglero, gets her face painted. Photo courtesy CDC



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## Navy Legal: Avoiding unnecessary residential lease fees with a landlord

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Imagine getting mail from your landlord about a month after moving out of your apartment.

You assume the envelope contains your refunded security deposit. Instead it contains a bill for \$3,552.01 and a notice that your account will be turned over to a collection agency if not settled in 30 days.

While a legal assistance attorney may be able to help you obtain some relief (depending on the facts of the case), this situation was probably avoidable.

Fees for repairs, early termination and other lease violations can add up quickly and seem disproportionate to any damage suffered by the landlord.

The following is my best advice for avoiding having to write a big check after terminating a lease.

**Read.** The lease documents the agreement between you and your landlord. When you sign it you agree to it whether you read it or not because you are presumed to have read it.

Most apartment complexes and property management companies use standard forms with blanks filled in.

When you read through your lease make sure that all blanks are filled in and that the numbers match previous representations of the landlord.

For instance, the amount of your monthly rent, length of the lease, due date for rent payments, amount of late fees and notice for termination should all be filled in.

An individual landlord/owner might not use a form lease. You still need to read the lease carefully and make sure you understand all terms, especially because some terms may be unconventional.

**Negotiate.** No matter who you rent from, you can still propose changes to any lease contract.

The worst the landlord can do is refuse to change a term you do not like in which case you are no worse off than

before you asked.

If the terms are too onerous for you to accept, look elsewhere for housing. Especially in a depressed housing market, landlords may work harder to compete for your business.

Be sure that all of your negotiations are in good faith. Sneaking terms into a lease may give your landlord the option to void the contract. Even if your landlord does not void your lease, your landlord may now be looking for ways to add violations or fees.

**Inspect.** Before you accept the house or apartment, walk through it. What was promised must be delivered, and you do not need to accept anything less.

For instance, if you were promised new appliances and there is an avocado green refrigerator from 1974 in the kitchen, you can refuse to accept the lease under the original terms or at all. Similarly, if the premises are filthy or infested, you do not have to accept them.

**Document.** Take pictures or a video walkthrough of pre-existing damage in your house or apartment and note it on the move-in check list that your landlord should give you. Refuse to sign a lease unless the landlord agrees to document pre-existing damage. Save the pictures and the move-in check list.

**Comply.** Pay rent on time to avoid late fees. Also comply with other terms in the lease.

If you are going to change roommates, most leases require an addendum since you cannot sublease without the landlord's approval of the new resident.

This requirement is understandable from the landlord's point of view since they have an interest in who is living on the premises.

If you move out and at least one roommate stays behind, also make sure to get a lease addendum. Without the addendum you can and will be held

liable for damages that may occur after you are no longer living on the premises.

**Notify.** Make sure to give advanced notice before your move-out date to avoid early termination fees or having to pay more rent than necessary.

Although the Service Members' Civil Relief Act provides some protection for civilians or reservists receiving orders to active duty and for active-duty personnel receiving PCS orders or orders to deploy for at least 90 days, delay in notifying your landlord may result in more cash in your landlord's pocket and less cash in yours.

**Notice under SCRA or military clause.** The SCRA (and most military clauses in a residential lease simply parrot the language of the SCRA) does not require that your landlord terminate your lease 30 days after being properly notified of your orders and move. It requires that the lease be terminated 30 days after the next rental payment is due.

So, if you give notice to move on Oct. 2, and will vacate the premises on Oct. 3, even under the SCRA the landlord can hold you liable for all of October and November rent. You gave notice on Oct. 2 after rent was due on Oct. 1. The next rental payment is due Nov. 1. Thirty days after Nov. 1 is Nov. 30, which will be the effective termination date of the lease (assuming the lease would not have terminated before then under its original terms).

**Notice under lease termination clause.** Your lease termination clause may indicate that the lease will automatically renew unless notice of intent to terminate is given 30 or possibly 60 days prior to the end of the lease.

This means if your lease says 60 days notice is required and you give notice 45 days before the end of your lease, the landlord can hold you liable for an additional month of rent.

Worse yet, if you in fact move out prior to the end of the lease, the landlord can invoke early lease termination clauses for "liquidated damages" and any concessions or discounts given to you during the terms of your lease.

Let's say you rent a place for \$900 a month after a 10 percent discount. You move out with insufficient notice at 11-and-a-half months of a 12-month lease.

You could be hit with an extra month's rent under the automatic renewal clause (\$1,000 since the discount would not apply to the automatic renewal), liquidated damages (\$850 — usually 85 percent of one month's rent) and charge back of the discount under an early termination clause (\$1,200).

While a liquidated damages clause may be dubious in a residential lease in most states — and one has to ask how a lease can automatically renew and terminate early at the same time — it is better to plan ahead and give proper notice than it is to contest the issue after the landlord already feels aggrieved.

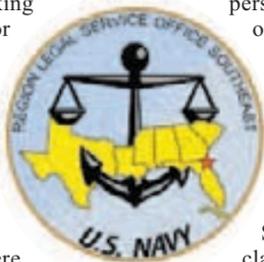
**Re-inspect.** Do a walk through with your landlord after moving out. The landlord should give you the chance to fix any damage yourself before hiring a contractor to fix it and sending you the bill. But the landlord can only give you this option if you make yourself available.

Small things like nail holes in walls and broken internal door knobs can be relatively inexpensive to repair yourself, but hiring someone to fix them will give you sticker shock.

Also most landlords will charge disposal fees for items left in an apartment after the lease terminates such as \$200 to remove a sofa and \$25 to remove each bag of trash.

Following these steps during the lease is minimally cumbersome and may save substantial headaches and cash upon termination.

Contact your local legal assistance office with any questions regarding your residential lease. At NASP, the legal office can be reached at 452-3734.



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# Voting changes will make it easier for service members to vote

By Anne Thrower  
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The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act recently signed by President Barack Obama will make voting in federal elections more streamlined for service members, especially those serving overseas.

"It will make it a lot easier to just jump on your computer and send your request for the absentee ballot back to you, and all you have to do is fill it out and send it back in the mail," said Lt. Cheryl Ausband, who is serving as the voting assistance officer for Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Ausband is also the judge advocate for NASP, including Corry Station and Saufley Field, and for NAS Whiting Field and Navy facilities in Panama City.

Previously, voting assistance officers had to provide the physical address where military



Lt. Cheryl Ausband

members could request an absentee ballot.

"Now all we have to do is say 'go to a Web site,'" Ausband said.

At Naval Air Station Pensacola, plans are already underway to implement the bill.

"My job is to get the word out and make sure everybody knows

where the information is," Ausband said.

"I think the biggest effect on voting is the fact that it's doing away with all the extra requirements, especially for those overseas," Ausband said.

That includes the procedural requirements such as having the document notarized. "It gives you that flexibility to still have your vote be counted," she said.

The bill also allows military members to track the status of their ballot requests.

"Before you sent off your request in the mail and never knew if it made it to somebody or if you were actually going to get a ballot back," Ausband said. "With this you can actually know what's going on and what's coming."

Key aspects of the bill include the following:

- States must establish a procedure that allows military voters

to request voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications by mail or electronically for general, special, primary and runoff elections for federal office.

- Military voters will be able to designate how they want to receive the application, either by mail or electronically.

- Procedures must protect the security and integrity of the voter.

- Procedures must protect the privacy of the identity and personal data of the military member.

- States must develop a way to transmit blank ballots to military voters by mail and electronically.

- States must develop a way for military voters to determine whether their ballots were received.

- Expands federal write-in absentee ballots to include all special, primary and runoff elec-

tions for federal office.

- Absentee ballots must be sent at least 45 days before the election. For the Nov. 2, 2010, general election, 45 days before the election would be Sept. 18.

- The Federal Voting Assistance Program must maintain an online database that includes state contact information for federal elections.

- The Department of Defense must establish procedures for collecting and delivering absentee ballots of voters who are overseas and mail them to satellite officials.

- DoD must inform and educate service members about the ballot procedures.

- DoD must implement a system that allows military voters to receive a list of all candidates for federal office.

People with questions can reach Ausband at 452-3100, ext. 1351.

# Homeless stand down today at Joint Ambulatory Care Center

By Anne Thrower  
Gosport Staff Writer

The Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System wants to see as many homeless veterans as possible today (Nov. 6) during the Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the Joint Ambulatory Care Center.

While stand downs are not new in the area, it is the first time the event will be held at the JACC, next to Naval Hospital Pensacola on Highway 98 West.

The event will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

All veterans will have to bring is some proof of veteran status such as their DD Form 214, certificate of release or discharge from active duty or a VA identification card to qualify for services.

Finding homeless veterans is all part of President Barak Obama's mission to bring services to them, said Jerron Barnett, public affairs specialist with the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System.

Other VA agencies are also holding stand downs, including one in Mobile, Ala., on Nov. 19, and one that has already occurred in Biloxi, Miss., on Nov. 4.

What makes the Pensacola stand down unique is the agency is the lead agency for the event and not just a sponsor.

Bringing the veterans to

the JACC — which has been in existence a little more than a year — will make it easier to enroll them for the medical needs they are qualified to receive, Barnett said.

The facility was built to handle 30,000 veterans so there is plenty of room to meet their needs, Barnett

**What:** Homeless stand down  
**Where:** Joint Ambulatory Care Center, Pensacola  
**When:** Nov. 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Purpose:** Provide health care for homeless veterans

said. Seasonal flu shots will be available at the stand down as well as a variety of services that are offered at the facility.

There will also be live music and food. It will take on the appearance of a health fair on the VA grounds, Barnett said.

An all-out effort has been made to find homeless veterans in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, estimated to be about 200, according to Janis Wilson, who is coordinating volunteer efforts for the event. Wilson works through the EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless.

Part of the reason there are so many homeless vet-

erans is because there are so few shelters, she said. Some of the homeless are living in the woods in the area.

Efforts are being made to find the homeless, including leaving information at soup kitchens, shelters and places around town where they come in to use their facilities, Wilson said.

They are also working with area veterans groups. One motorcycle club connected to an American Legion post in Navarre has plans to drive Interstate 10 leaving off information where some of the homeless veterans are believed to be staying, Wilson said.

Homeless veterans will also have free bus rides available to them courtesy of the Escambia County Area Transit if they show a valid form of veteran status.

The EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless has arranged free transportation to the event for homeless in Santa Rosa County.

Barnett said he's not sure how many people the event, which will serve breakfast and lunch for those attend, will attract. It could be anywhere from 150 to 350 people, he said.

"Once we get them here, there is a lot we can do for them," Barnett said.

For information, Barnett can be reached at 912-2380 or Wilson can be reached at 255-5570.



Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah, greet formerly homeless veterans at the first Soldier On award ceremony in Holyoke, Mass., on Oct. 29. Mullen was the first recipient of the award created to recognize a person each year who works to stem homelessness among veterans.

## Mullen receives award for homeless efforts

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

HOLYOKE, Mass. — The United States has the values, wealth and support of its leadership to end homelessness among veterans, the top military officer said recently as he accepted an award for his efforts to stop what he said is a nationwide problem.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he was "humbled, thrilled and grateful" to accept the first "Soldier On" award.

"I accept this award but I really do accept it for the two million men and women who are serving right now, active and reserve and guard," Mullen said. "(They) make up the best military we've ever had in our country."

The Soldier On award was created as an annual recognition of a person who has made a significant contribution to ending homelessness among veterans.

Mullen received a bronze statuette created by internationally acclaimed sculptor Andrew DeVries, who will create statuettes for future honorees, as well.

Homelessness among veterans has

been a challenge virtually all of Mullen's adult life, particularly post-Vietnam, he said. It's an issue he's focused on as the country fights two wars.

"Several years ago when these conflicts started, one of the things I promised myself is I'd do everything I could to make sure we didn't generate another generation of homeless veterans, which we did when I was young," Mullen told reporters before accepting the award.

The chairman said he is grateful for all that Jack Downing, founder of Soldier On and all the sponsors have done to curb homelessness among veterans in Massachusetts.

But, he said, "the homeless veterans challenge is one that is certainly much broader than the local challenge here. It's a national challenge."

The road ahead to curbing homelessness among veterans is long, but Mullen said he's confident in the leadership, which he described as "committed to making it work."

"It is a great, great privilege to be able to serve with so many who care and then to see how much difference can be made," he said.

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# NATTC Air Training Department sends mobile training to Japan

By AZC (AW/SW) Owen Brown  
NATTC PAO

In early September, the Marine Amphibious Group-36 stationed in Okinawa, Japan, sent out a naval message to the Commander, Naval Education Training Command (NETC) requesting mission-essential shipboard basic aircraft firefighting training for their Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) prior to their scheduled deployment.



NATTC Air Training Department and Center for Naval Engineering (CNE) Mayport personnel move into action extinguishing flames on an aircraft simulator in Okinawa, Japan. A team of seven instructors were sent on a mobile training assignment to provide firefighting instruction in the field to a group of deployed service members. Photo courtesy of NATTC

Due to the number of trainees and location of the MAG, it was more cost effective to send team members

from NATTC's Air Training Department on NAS Pensacola and Center for Naval Engineering (CNE)

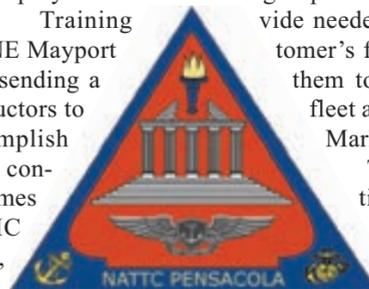
Mayport, Fla., over to Okinawa, said Commanding Officer Capt. Kent Miller. Mobile training is a great way to save precious time and dollars when forward deployed.

NATTC Air Training Department and CNE Mayport sprung into action sending a team of seven instructors to Okinawa to accomplish this task. The team consisted of ABHC James Fillmore, ABHC Ruben Martinez, DCC Christopher Tinkle, ABH1 Antonio Wright, ABH1 John Markel, DC1 David Stuart and ABH2 Philip Mitcham. The team provided 90 hours of in-class instruction to 71 Marine officers and enlisted personnel and more than 12 hours of high-risk aircraft firefighting evolutions

under simulated conditions with zero safety mishaps and a 100 percent course completion rate.

"This was a wonderful, rewarding experience to be able to provide needed training to the customer's front door in order for them to do their jobs in the fleet and corps," said ABH1 Markel.

This marked the first time in several years that NATTC deployed as a mobile firefighting training team sent to provide mission-essential instruction overseas. The NATTC Air Training Department members said that they enjoyed teaming up with the Mayport crew to ensure MAG-36 received top-notch training needed to deploy.



(Left to right) Miles M. Murray; DCC (SW) Christopher R. Tinkle; ABH1 (AW/SW) John M. Markel; ABH1 (AW/SW) Antonio M. Wright; ABHC (AW/SW) James M. Fillmore; ABH2 (AW/SW) Philip A. Mitcham; ABHC (AW) Ruben Martinez; DC1 (SW) David Stuart.

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# Pensacola area Marines' birthday celebrations start today

By Lt. Kelsey Lourie  
MATSG-21

The Marine Corps' 234th birthday celebration in the Pensacola area starts tonight (Nov. 6) and lasts through Nov. 12, with four balls representing different groups of Marines, including officers from the Marine Aviation Training Support Group-21 at NASP.

USMC birthday ball is a yearly celebration of the history of the Corps, and a time for esprit de corps among the members of a given organization.

There will be a program that begins with a "uniform pageant" that displays the many eras of the Marine Corps via the uniforms worn in each major conflict since its birth on 10 Nov 1775.

Following that is a reading of Gen John A Lejeune's "Birthday Message" dated Nov. 1, 1921.

The program culminates when the oldest Marine and youngest Marine present cut the birthday cake and take the first bites.

A rundown of the balls in the area are as follows:

**4th MAWTSG Ball:**

Who: Reserve Marines assigned to the 4th Marine Air Wing Training Support Group headquartered at Naval Air Station Pensacola

When: Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

Where: New World Landing, Pensacola

**MATSG-21 Officers Ball:**

Who: Officers assigned to MATSG-21, including those at Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Eglin Air Force Base.

When: Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Where: National Naval Aviation Museum

**MATSG-21 Student Ball:**

Who: AMS-1 and AMS-2 enlisted Marines training at NATTC

When: Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.

Where: AD hanger, NATTC

**MATSG-21 Staff Ball:**

Who: Staff officers, NCOs, Marines and civilian employees

When: Nov. 12 at 5:30

Where: Renaissance Hotel, Mobile



MATSG-21 Marines enjoyed themselves at last year's ball at Naval Air Station Pensacola. (above) The traditional birthday message read and (below) Group Sgt. Major Leon Thornton cuts the cake at last year's ball. Photos courtesy of MATSG-21.



## 'Frozen Chosin' Marine shares history at birthday ball

By Sgt. Jennifer Brofer  
1st Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. —

A retired Marine veteran who participated in the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in Korea and was promoted by Chesty Puller, attended the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group Marine Corps birthday ball to share history and camaraderie with the Marines.

After the cake-cutting ceremony, the guest speaker, 1st Sgt. Robert L. Gaines, told the Marines stories about his 20 years in the Marine Corps, his experiences in Korea and serving with Chesty Puller.

Gaines was stationed at Marine barracks in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1950. One day he was told to report to the commanding officer, which just happened to be Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, arguably one of the most well-known and highly decorated Marines to ever serve in

the Corps. Chesty Puller promoted Gaines to corporal on the spot.

"Then he said, 'I'm so proud of you, son. Soon you'll be a sergeant and a staff NCO,'" recalled Gaines. "The way he was talking, I thought I would end up commandant of the Marine Corps."

The Korean War broke out on June 25, 1950, when nearly 100,000 North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th Parallel into South Korea and quickly overwhelmed the lightly-armed South Korea Army positions, explained Gaines.

Gaines was assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines at Camp Pendleton.

The 1st Marine Division arrived at Inchon five days after the Inchon landing. Less than two weeks later, Marines liberated the South Korean capital of Seoul.

By November 1950, the Chinese had rallied thousands of troops and "were preparing a spe-



Retired Marine 1st Sgt. Robert Gaines (center), was guest of honor at the 234th Marine Corps Birthday Ball ceremony at Camp Pendleton Non-commissioned Officer's Club. Gaines was assigned to 7th Marines and served in six campaigns in Korea, including the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. Photo by Lance Cpl. Paul N. Fajardo

cial fate for the Marines," said Gaines, 80, from Plattsmouth, Neb.

The Marines' main task was to keep the main supply route open for the 8,000 Marines with 5th and 7th Marine Regiments, located at the

northwest corner of the Chosin Reservoir at Yudam-ni.

If the MSR fell to the Chinese, the Marines would have been cut-off from all support and supplies.

The Marines of Fox Co. could not abandon their fellow Marines, said Gaines.

"The 1st Marine Division was not at all happy with the 78-mile long line of supply," said Gaines of the MSR, which was a 78-mile trek through the snowy Korean mountains to get to the Sea of Japan.

Fox Co. was positioned at Toktong Pass, a high ridge overlooking the MSR. It was later dubbed "Fox Hill."

"The hill was surrounded by 10,000 Chinese soldiers — the odds were 40 to 1," said Gaines.

Gaines remembers getting shot in the shoulder, but when he assessed the damage, he found no wound, no bullet — nothing.

"That night in my fox-hole, my shirt pulls out

and I reach back and the slug falls out of my uniform," said Gaines of the bullet that pierced his uniform but not his skin. "I carried it for a long time."

Over the next four days and nights of intense fighting, 75 percent of Fox Co.'s 240 Marines were killed, wounded or captured, said Gaines.

Temperatures dropped to 40 degrees below zero.

Rifles and machine guns jammed. But the "Frozen Chosin" Marines successfully

**"The hill was surrounded by 10,000 Chinese soldiers — the odds were 40 to 1,"**

— Retired Marine 1st Sgt. Robert Gaines

fought off the Chinese, keeping the MSR open. "We kept it open, res-

cuing the 1st Battalion (7th Marine Regiment)," said Gaines.

Of the "Chosin few," Gaines believes there are about 50-100 Chosin Marines still alive today.

After the Korean War, Gaines went on to serve as a recruiter as well as in embassy duty.

He retired in 1968 after his last tour with 13th Marines, 5th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

After retiring, he taught high school English and theater for 18 years.

He is now the owner of an antique shop in Las Cruces, N.M.

Forty-one years removed from active duty, Gaines still enjoys attending birthday balls and being around Marines, passing on the history and traditions of the Corps.

"This will be the most memorable Marine Corps birthday I will ever have ever celebrated," said Gaines.

"Happy birthday, Marines."

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## Seasonal flu shots available

Drive-through seasonal flu shots will be available Nov. 7 at the Naval Hospital Pensacola parking lot from 8 a.m.-noon.

Call central appointments at 505-7171 for an appointment.

## 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.

## VFW post hosting night out

VFW Post 706, 5000 Lillian Highway, in pensacola, is hosting a pre-Veterans Day "Night Out" featuring "Biscuit Miller and the Mix," on Nov. 10 from 7-10 p.m.

The event is open to the public. All proceeds will go toward veteran programs and outreach projects.

For information, call 455-0026.

## Flight officer to talk Saturday (Nov. 7)

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation's "Discovery Saturday" program will partner with the National Flight Academy's book fair from 1-3 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Barnes and Noble store on Airport Boulevard.

Author and museum volunteer Bruce Gamble will be on hand to share his experiences as a naval flight officer and discuss his three published narratives.

## Volunteers needed for base Christmas party

NASP's 2009 Christmas party will

take place Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Military and civilian employees may volunteer to work the command-sponsored event with department head/supervisor concurrence.

Those interested should contact ABEC Christopher Scott or GSM2 Justin Cooper at Community Outreach, Bldg. 624, by memorandum no later than Nov. 27.

They can be reached at 452-3100, ext. 1245 or 1241.

## Golf lessons for military children at NASP

The First Tee Military Affiliate Program and MWR are 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 holding 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 [bnaiisrael@syn.gccoxmail.com](mailto:bnaiisrael@syn.gccoxmail.com) or call 433-7311.

## Air Force band to perform at Saenger

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

The primary purpose of the 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.

While admission is free, tickets are required. Tickets are available from the Saenger Theatre box office at 595-3880. There are no reserved seats. Ticket holders must be seated 15 minutes before the performance begins.

For information on the concert, contact Dr. Joseph T. Spaniola at 474-2483 or [jspaniola@uwf.edu](mailto:jspaniola@uwf.edu)

## 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. For reservations, 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 Cory 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](mailto: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 group 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.

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VT-4 instructor pilot wins adventure race championship; see page B2 Spotlight

## November is Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month

*“Out of the Indian approach to life there came a great freedom, an intense and absorbing respect for life, enriching faith in a supreme power, and principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations.”*

— Luther Standing Bear, Oglala Sioux

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What started at the turn of the last century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kan., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second

Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in

September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including “Native American Heritage Month” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month”) have been issued each year since 1994.



## Native Americans: a long history of military participation

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U.S. Department of the Interior

Native Americans have participated with distinction in United States military actions for more than 200 years. Their courage, determination and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18th century.

Many tribes were involved in the War of 1812, and Native Americans fought for both sides as auxiliary troops in the Civil War. Scouting the enemy was recognized as a particular skill of the Native American Soldier. In 1866, the U.S. Army established its Indian Scouts to exploit this aptitude. The scouts were active in the American West in the late 1800s and early 1900s, accompanying Gen. John J. Pershing’s expedition to

Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa in 1916. They were deactivated in 1947 when their last member retired from the Army in ceremonies at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Native Americans from Indian Territory were also recruited by Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders and saw action in Cuba in the Spanish-American War in 1898. As the military entered the 20th century, Native Americans had already made a substantial contribution through military service and were on the brink of playing an even larger role.

### Contributions in combat

It is estimated that more than 12,000 Native Americans served in the United States military in World War I. Approximately 600 Oklahoma Native Americans, mostly Choctaw and Cherokee, were assigned to the 142nd

Infantry of the 36th Texas-Oklahoma National Guard Division. The 142nd saw action in France and its Soldiers were widely recognized for their contributions in battle.

The outbreak of World War II brought Native American warriors back to the battlefield in defense of their homeland. Although now eligible for the draft by virtue of the Snyder Act, which gave citizenship to American Indians in 1924, conscription alone does not account for the disproportionate number of Indians who joined the armed services. More than 44,000, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000, served with distinction between 1941 and 1945 in both European and Pacific theaters of war. Native American men and women on

the home front also showed an intense desire to serve their country, and were an integral part of the war effort. More than 40,000 Native Americans left their reservations to work in ordnance depots, factories, and other war industries. They also invested more than \$50 million in war bonds, and contributed generously to the Red Cross and the Army and Navy Relief societies.

The Native Americans’ strong sense of patriotism and courage emerged once again during the Vietnam era. More than 42,000 Native Americans, more than 90 percent of them volunteers, fought in Vietnam. Native American contributions in United States military combat continued in the 1980s and 1990s as they saw duty in Grenada, Panama Somalia and the Persian Gulf.

“I think they (Native Americans) can be made of excellent use, as scouts and light troops.” — Gen. George Washington, 1778

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### Gosling Games

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### Jokes & Groaners

Going to be cold, all right

The Blackfeet tribe asked their chief in autumn if the coming winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing the answer, the chief replied that the members of the village were to collect wood in order to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the nearest phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, “Is this winter to be cold?” The man on the phone responded, “Yes, this winter is going to be quite cold.” So the chief went back to speed up his people to collect more wood to be prepared. Two weeks later, he called the National Weather Service again, and asked, “Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?” “Yes, I’m absolutely sure,” the weatherman replied, “the Blackfeet tribe are collecting wood as fast as they can.”

#### Here they come again

One popular cartoon shows a flying saucer making a landing while a Native American watches. The caption was “Oh, no — not again.”

## Top Sailors of 4th quarter at Naval Hospital Pensacola

By Rod Duren

Naval Hospital Pensacola PAO

Naval Hospital Pensacola recently announced its top four Sailors of the Quarter (SoQ) for the fourth quarter 2009. Two of the four represented the Branch Health Clinic Directorate; the other two SoQs represented the medical and administrative directorates and were presented with awards at a luncheon Oct. 15 at Corry Station's Crosswinds.

HM1 Felisa K. Jackson of Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Corry Station (at the Joint Ambulatory Care Center) is the Senior SoQ; HM2 (SW/FMF/EXW) Jeffrey C. Mallabo of the director of branch clinics is the SoQ; HM3 Candace M. Frank of the mental health department is Junior SoQ; and MASA Paloma E. Bazille of the security department is the Blue Jacket of the Quarter.

HM1 Jackson, leading petty officer of NBHC Corry Station, supervised 26 junior personnel in the daily floor operations within the multi-disciplinary clinic that provides care to more than 2,100 active duty service members from five tenant commands.

Jackson is a "selfless leader who is genuinely concerned about the welfare" of those she serves and the goals of the command, said HMC Michelle Goodman, senior enlisted leader at the JACC.

She has provided hours of service within the Pensacola community volunteering with American Legion Post 267 in their Feed the Veterans

Program; Women's Day Program at Good Hope AME Church; mentoring and tutoring at-risk teenagers; and a youth football program.

HM2 (SW/FMF/EXW) Jeffrey C. Mallabo, administrative assistant and assistant commanding individual augmentee (IA) coordinator for director of branch clinics, has shown "self motivation and resourcefulness with exceptional organization skills," said Senior Enlisted Leader HMC Victor Alonzo.

As the assistant IA augmentee coordinator, Mallabo was instrumental in the successful implementation and compliance of the program at the hospital and its 12 branch health clinics. He reported monthly sponsor contacts for deployed IA's and updated the Navy Family and Accountability Assessment System for all deployed members; and helped coordinate the IA/GSA pre-deployment and re-integration brief for 20 Sailors. He is also a basic life support instructor.

He developed a "creative and successful program" for the family readiness group seminar

for deploying service members and their families, Alonzo said.

Within the community, Mallabo was volunteered off-duty time at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in feeding the homeless; assisting in raising funds to ship care packages to deployed hospital personnel; and the International Coastal Cleanup.

HM3 Frank, the Junior SoQ, is a psychiatric technician in the mental health department at the hospital who leads by example. She individually performed 20 psychiatric intake interviews, 100 administration letters of separation, 10 psychiatric tests and 12 psychiatric intervention sessions.

She also traveled to NBHC Gulfport, Miss., and trained five psychiatric technicians there on how to conduct mental-health interviews, proper protocols of processing letters and documentation for local commanders, triage and consult review.

Frank's "leadership (and) boundless initiative" renders her a positive role model who "displays tireless motivation and a strong work ethic," said



HM1 Felisa K. Jackson



HM2(SW/FMF/EXW)  
Jeffrey C. Mallabo



HM3 Candace M. Frank



MASA Paloma E. Bazile

director Senior Enlisted Leader, HMC Dexter Lewis.

Among some of her community-wide contributions include: assisted in the coordinator of vacation Bible school activities at the Jordan Street Seventh Day Adventist Church; and the Pathfinder's Tri-State Youth Federation.

MASA Bazile, the Blue Jacket of the Quarter, a member of the security department staff, serves to provide safety and security at the command. She conducted 43 random anti-terrorism measures, 230 vehicle inspections and provides daily foot patrol of the grounds ensuring force protection conditions are met. Bazile is also

responsible for monitoring 73 video cameras, the "notify-at-once" paging system and fire alarm station panel for the hospital and outpatient clinic buildings.

"Seaman Apprentice Bazile hit the deck running," said HMCM Ronald Edquilang for the director for administration. Within two months of reporting on board, she rewrote the standard operating procedures for Code Red and Code Pink security measures.

Among some of her community service include volunteering with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and feeding the homeless twice a month at the Pensacola Lutheran Church.



(Left to right) Jenny Johnson, Lt. Melissa Coombes, Dave Romilly, Chad Denning; (front row) Dave Lamb and Erik Grimm.

## VT-4 instructor pilot wins four-day adventure race national championship

From TraWing 6

New Hampshire-based adventure racing teams Granite AR/Granite AR-1 are the winners of the 2009 United States Adventure Racing Association (USARA) National Championship, held Oct. 22-24 in Pilot Point, Texas.

VT-4 Instructor Pilot Lt. Melissa Coombes, a member of Granite AR, helped the team take home the national championship trophy — something she described as a "a dream that came true" for the team's six dedicated athletes.

More than 30 hours in length, the adventure race combined approximately 110 miles of mountain biking, 20-plus miles of windy and choppy paddling and 20 miles of intense trekking.

Collected in a particular order, the 42 checkpoints (CPs) outlined the Texas course and offered a distinct type of connect-the-dot scavenger hunt for the 62-plus teams that competed in the event. With no GPS units allowed, each team had to navigate the Texas countryside using nothing but a compass and map.

"The two (three-person) Granite AR teams stuck together throughout the entire event and were at each other's aid during periods of physical exhaustion," Coombes said. The temperatures reached almost 70 degrees during the day and plummeted close to freezing during the night, compounded with wind that topped nearly 20 miles per hour.

"With five inches of rain received the day before the start, and it was a very muddy, cold race," she recalled. "When mud is splashing in your eyes, your body is soaked from head to toe, and hypothermia is attempting to set in, you need to be there every step of the way for your teammates and friends. We're a team that thinks as a single unit."

Crossing the finish line together in a tie, race directors awarded both teams with the national championship trophy. The trophy will be in Team Granite AR's possession for the next year, until they have to defend the title at the 2010 USARA National Championships, scheduled to be held in Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit Team Granite's Web site at [www.teamgranite.weebly.com](http://www.teamgranite.weebly.com).

## 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program now open

By Tammy L. Moody

DeCA Marketing and Mass Communication Specialist

FORT LEE, Va. — The holidays are fast approaching, and they can be a fun family time as children away at college come home, and other students get their holiday break. It's also a time for students and parents to apply for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program that opens in November.

Scholarship applications are currently available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at <https://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded \$7.3 million in scholarships to almost 5,000 children of service members.

The scholarship kickoff coincides with National Military Family Month, and is an example of commissaries supporting their local communities by helping to improve the quality of life for military families, said Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr.

"Being part of something that makes higher education more affordable for military families is thrilling, as we feel it makes a better future possible for their children," he said. "The program awards \$1,500 scholarships to well-rounded, accomplished service members' children, enabling these families to save some on their children's tuition."

Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 17. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The scholarships program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

# Overseas holiday mailing guidelines announced

**By Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Jung**  
Special to American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Postal service officials have announced recommended mailing dates for delivery by Christmas to U.S. service members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other overseas locations.

First-class and priority mail for service members stationed in Afghanistan should be sent by Dec. 4 for arrival by Christmas.

The deadline for parcel airlift mail is Dec. 1, and space-available mail bound for Afghanistan should be sent by Nov. 21.

Officials recommend that parcel post mail to all military overseas locations should be sent by Nov. 13.

A chart with recommended mailing deadlines for all types of mail to various APO and FPO addresses is available at the Postal Service's Web site at [http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2009/pr09\\_082.htm](http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2009/pr09_082.htm).

Express mail cannot be used to mail

packages to Iraq and Afghanistan; however priority mail is available.

Priority mail packaging products, including priority mail flat-rate boxes, can be obtained free at any post office, or online at <http://shop.usps.com>.

The priority mail large flat-rate box can be used to mail to any overseas military address, no matter the weight of the box, for \$ 11.95.

The postal service offers free military care kits, designed for military families sending packages overseas. To order by phone, call (800) 610-8734 and ask for the military care kit. Each kit includes two "America Supports You" large priority mail flat-rate boxes, four medium-sized priority mail flat-rate boxes, six priority mail labels, a roll of priority mail tape and six customs forms with envelopes.

"All packages and mail must be addressed to the individual service member by name, without rank, in accordance with Department of Defense regulations," said Air Force Master Sgt. Deb

LaGrandQuintana, the 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron official mail manager here.

Military overseas units are assigned an APO or FPO ZIP code, and in many cases, that ZIP code travels with the unit wherever it goes, LaGrandQuintana added.

The postal service places APO and FPO mail to overseas military service members on special transportation destined to be delivered as soon as possible. Mail sent APO and FPO addresses may require customs forms. All mail addressed to military post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation and handling.

For general guidelines on sending mail to service members overseas, visit <http://www.usps.com/supportingourtroops/>.

Postal service officials recommend taking the following measures when sending packages:

- If you use a regular box, use one strong enough to protect the contents with

no writing on the outside.

- Cushion contents with newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam. Pack tightly to avoid shifting.

- Package food items like cookies, fudge, candies, etc. securely in leak-proof containers.

- Use pressure-sensitive or nylon-reinforced packing tape.

- Do not use wrapping paper, string, masking tap, or cellophane tape outside the package.

- Print your return address and the service member's complete name, without rank, followed by unit and APO or FPO delivery address on one side only of the package.

- Place a return address label inside the package.

- Remove batteries from toys and appliances. Wrap and place them next to the items inside.

- Purchase insurance and delivery confirmation service for reassurance of package delivery.



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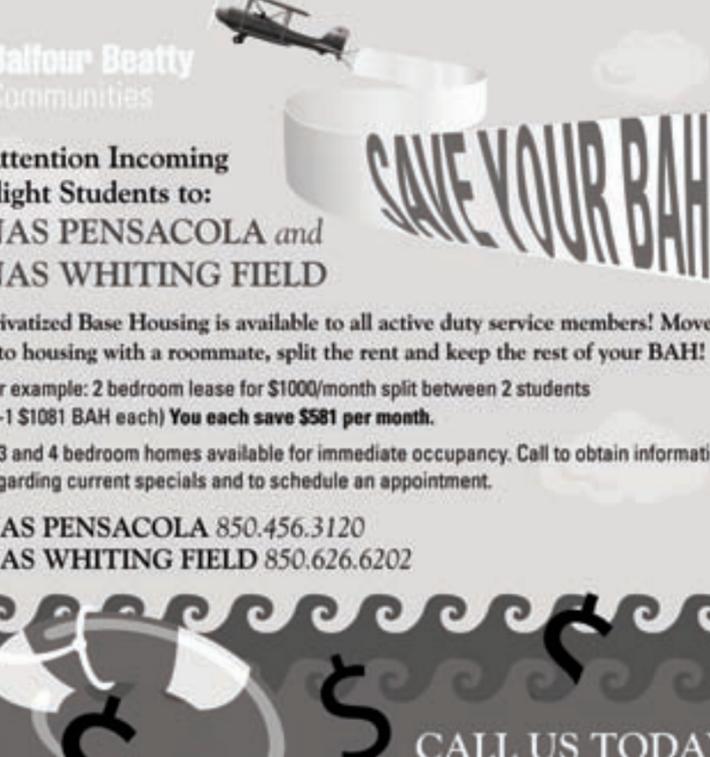


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## Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show, Nov. 13-14

Night show will be Saturday, Nov. 14

For details visit [www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/current/airshow/airshow.htm](http://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

## 'Sound of Music,' von Trapp at PJC

From Alice Crann Good  
Pensacola Junior College

The Pensacola Junior College Lyceum Series presents "The Sound of Music" for two weekends and singer Elisabeth von Trapp for a separate mid-week concert.

"The Sound of Music" runs 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 19-21, and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22, at the Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, Bldg. 8, on the Pensacola campus.

Elisabeth von Trapp performs 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Ashmore.

The Tony award-winning musical starts with Maria — a sweet young postulant whose love of freedom makes it obvious to her superiors that she is not suited for convent life.

Thus, she is sent off to be the governess to Capt. von Trapp's seven troublesome children. Due to their mutual love of music, Maria becomes friends with the children.

Even the strict captain begins to admire her and an adventure ensues.

Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth von Trapp is the granddaughter of the leg-



Elisabeth von Trapp

endary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music." Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Inspired by her

father Werner von Trapp's guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers.

The musical and concert are separate. Tickets for each are \$10, reserved admission; \$8, seniors, children, non-PJC students; \$6, Senior Club members, PJC staff/faculty/retirees; free, PJC students.

Purchase tickets at the Lyceum box office in the Ashmore Fine Arts Center, 1000 College Blvd. For information, call 484-1847.

### 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](http://www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/singsail/liberty.ht).

**6 Liberty** — Off-base movie at The Rave, leaves NASP at 6 p.m. and Corry at 6:15, \$7.

**7 Liberty** — Arts festival, downtown Pensacola, free shuttle, leaves NASP at 11 a.m. and Corry at 11:15 a.m.

**8 Liberty** — New Orleans Saints vs. Carolina football, \$35, includes tickets and transportation. Leaves NASP at 9 a.m. and Corry at 9:15 a.m.

**9 Liberty** — Football on the big screens. 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.

**10 Liberty** — Free mall shuttle, leaves 5:30 p.m.

**11 Liberty** — NASP — Blood drive, 4-9 p.m., register to win a Kia.

**Liberty** — Corry — Ladies pick movie night.

**12 Liberty** — NASP — Free movie premier — "GI Joe" at NASP, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.



The Pensacola Children's Chorus will present its annual production of "Christmas on the Coast" Dec. 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre. Tickets are now on sale at the Saenger Theatre box office, open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at all TicketMaster outlets and at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by phone by calling 595-3880. Ticket prices are \$17, \$27 and \$29. More than 300 performers, ages 9-18, will provide a Broadway-style production of medleys of favorite songs and carols of the season. For more information, call 434-7760. Photo courtesy of Gayle Perry

## Active duty and vets eat free for Veterans Day

By Anne Thrower  
Gosport Staff Writer

Two area restaurants are offering free meals to veterans and active-duty military on or around Veterans Day his year.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar restaurants are offering free meals on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at both locations in Pensacola on Bayou Boulevard and East 9 Mile Road.

Applebee's launched a pilot program last year and because of the response are providing the meals throughout the country this year.

Pensacola was not part of the pilot program, but decided to offer the free meals anyway — unannounced. About 750 people showed up last year without publicity, said Eddie Hackett, manager at the Bayou Boulevard restau-

rant. He's expecting a lot more this year. "We are treating it like a Mother's Day," Hackett said.

The offer will be available the entire day. Applebee's is open from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

In order to receive a free meals veterans and active-duty military must show proof of current or former military service.

Proof of service includes U.S. uniform services identification card, U.S. uniform services retired identification card, current leave and earnings statement, veterans organization card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform.

For additional details, visit: [www.applebees.com/vetsday](http://www.applebees.com/vetsday).

Golden Corral is holding its ninth annual military appreciation thank you dinner in Pensacola,

Nov. 16 from 5-9 p.m.

"There's always a big crowd," said Jerry Bulovas, manager at the Golden Corral on Langley Avenue.

Last year there were lines and about \$10,000 in free dinners were given away.

The free dinner is available to any person who has ever served in the United States military, including the National Guard and reserves. That includes veterans, retirees and those currently serving.

To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided more than 2.2 million free meals nationwide and contributed more than \$3.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

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# GOSPORT MOVIES

## Movies and show times for Portside Cinema



**FRIDAY** Fame (PG) 5; All About Steve (PG13) 5:15; Surrogates (PG13) 7:15; The Invention of Lying (PG13) 7:30; Zombieland (R) 9:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 9:30

**SATURDAY** Fame (PG) noon; All About Steve (PG13) 12:15; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG13) 2:15; Love Happens (PG13) 2:45; The Invention of Lying (PG13) 4:45; Surrogates (PG13) 5; The Informant (R) 7; Zombieland (R) 7:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 9:15; Whiteout (R) 9:30

**SUNDAY** I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG13) noon; Fame (PG) 12:15; All About Steve (PG13) 2:30; Love Happens (PG13) 2:45; Surrogates (PG13) 4:45; The Invention of Lying (PG13) 5; Zombieland (R) 5; Jennifer's Body (R) 7:15

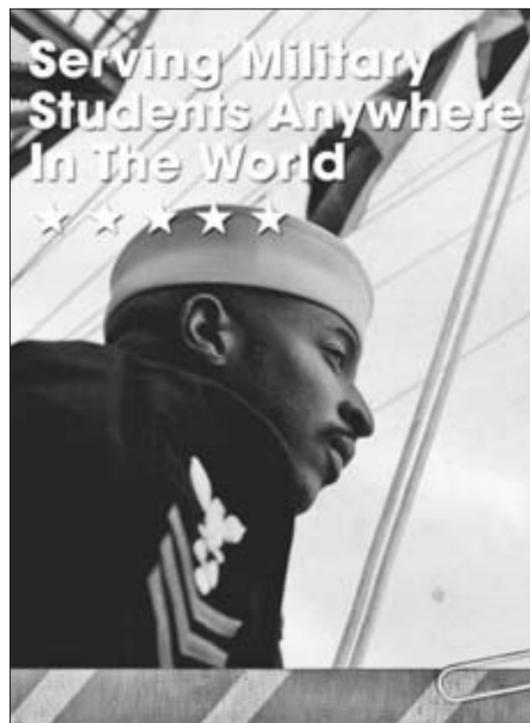
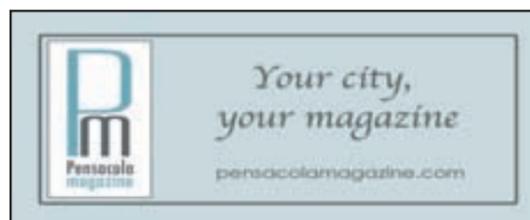
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**TUESDAY** Surrogates (PG13) 5; All About Steve (PG13) 5:15; Jennifer's Body (R) 7; Zombieland (R) 7:15

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