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Capt. Louis E. Mayer IV salutes after relieving Capt. David W. Kirk as commanding officer of the USS Florida (SSGN 728) Gold crew.

## USS Florida has new skipper

Gold's Capt. David Kirk relieved by Capt. Louis Mayer IV July 19

By MC1 James Kimber  
Submarine Group 10 Public Affairs

The Ohio-class guided missile submarine USS Florida (SSGN 728) gold crew hosted a change-of-command ceremony July 19 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Capt. Louis E. Mayer IV relieved Capt. David W. Kirk as the commanding officer of the Ohio-class

guided missile submarine's gold crew.

After receiving an introduction from the event's guest speaker, Rear Adm. Joseph Tofalo, commander, Submarine Group 10, Kirk, a Kingsport, Tenn. native, said everything credited to him should really be directed at the Florida gold crew.

"I spent most of the time [during



Kirk

Admiral Tofalo's speech] wondering who you were talking about, but when you understand that you are really talking about the accomplishments of the phenomenal crew sitting to my left and just sticking my name in front of what they have done, then I have to agree with everything you said," said Kirk in response to Tofalo's remarks.

Under Kirk's 26-month command, Florida Gold has earned the 2011 Battle Efficiency Award, a Navy Unit Commendation, the 2012 Chief of

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Navy Sea Cadet photo by Cadet CPO Megan Hendrick

Ceremonial Honor Guard Cadets stand by as they wait for their instructor to finish his lesson.

## Practical and valuable experience

The future of our force, Sea Cadets spend summer training at NSB Kings Bay

By Cadet CPO Megan Hendricks and Cadet SN Victoria Lange  
Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Following in the time-honored footsteps of Sailors and Marines, Naval Sea Cadet Corps members recently finished two weeks summer training at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Several training sessions included Sub School, Master At Arms, Photojournalism and Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The Navy's youth program, the Sea Cadets are students varying from ages 13 to 17. They practice the maritime activities of the military and participate in a variety of military and civilian activities.

As a Navy-funded program, the Sea Cadets have a plethora of opportunities to experience a variety of different military careers in diverse and new environments.

Such opportunities have led Cadets to discover their wanderlust, such as SA Florence Gaillard has, as well as their dream occupation.

For "Flo", this occupation involved her "[joining] the U.S. Air Force no matter what" and pursuing a career as a surgeon or a psychiatrist.

For Cadets like SA Richard Steinhardt, the program has done more, Rather than just clarify future prospects, it has inspired him to join the Navy by attending the Naval Academy.

By being in the Sea Cadets, not only do

teenagers chart a course to their future, they also build strong characteristics that will help them in everyday life.

"(The program) gives Cadets a voice," Gaillard said, adding that since joining cadets, she has grown stronger in her "social ability outside and in Cadets," and her areas of "leadership and respect."

To Gaillard, the Sea Cadets is a place where she can grow mentally and physically, and still have fun. That's why the Cadets are at the base to begin with — to grow at one of the many trainings offered to them, while having fun enjoying the experience.

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"(The program) gives Cadets a voice."

SA Florence Gaillard  
Sea Cadets

## Food drive ongoing

Feds Feed Families has 3 collections sites at NSB Kings Bay

By MC3 Ashley Hedrick  
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay  
Public Affairs

Ever wanted a way to give back to the community? Here is your chance.

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay kicked off its annual Feds Feed Families food drive at the beginning of June. It runs until the end of August.

"Last year, our Feds Feed Families food drive at Kings

Bay raised 10,000 pounds of food," said Lt. Lara Byrd, coordinator for Kings Bay's FFF. "The region alone raised over 180,000 pounds of food for families in need. Our goal this year is not only to meet what we made in the past, but to raise more."

FFF is a federal food drive organized by the Department of Agriculture in partnership with Chief Human Capital Officers Council. It was established in 2009 to address the summer's urgent need for assistance to the community's families.

Food banks usually encounter lulls in the level of giving due to holidays and other factors.

This year, the surge in demand, coupled with a drop in food donations has emptied food pantries heading in to the

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Byrd

## Transition GPS offers help

Prep for future with Aug. 8, 9 FFSC workshop

From Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Navy College

For those who are leaving the military, either separating or retiring, and thinking of going to school full time, part time or just taking a few classes, there's a brand new program just for you.

It's an educationally focused, two-day event that helps you

transition from service member to scholar. It's called the Transition GPS Ed Track Workshop, and the pilot class for Kings Bay will be Aug 8 and 9.

The next workshop will not occur until fiscal year 2014.

The event and the Non-Commissioned Officer counseling prior to it will be filled with focused information on a variety of subjects that full- or part-time students need to consider. It also will include guided practice and computer resources dedicated to help you research and develop a plan to execute.

Here are a few of the dozens of questions that

knowing the answer to can shorten the time or reduce the cost to get the education you need to very successful:

■ How do you pick a school, degree, classes, etc.?

■ Do you have a budget that includes the cost of books, lab fees, misc. fees, etc.?

■ If eligible for both the MGIB and Post 9-11, which one is best for you?

■ If you have given your Post 9-11 to your family, are there other funds available?

■ How can you reduce the number of classes you

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## Co. schools open Aug. 13

School, sports physicals today, tomorrow at Branch Health Clinic

From Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay School Liaison Office

Believe it or not, there are only two weeks before school starts.

The long, hot summer days filled with hours of splashing in the pool and traveling to visit family and friends are about to come an end. Parents should start now helping their children make the adjustment from a summer schedule back to a school schedule.

Here are the answers to some of the questions parents have had about the 2013-2014 school year:

■ When does school begin? In Camden County it's Tuesday, Aug. 13; Charlton County, Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Glynn and Nassau counties, Thursday, Aug. 8.

■ Will there be an opportunity to visit the school and/or meet teachers before school starts? Absolutely. Camden County Schools will host open house opportunities for every grade level.

**Open house schedule:**

Elementary open houses - 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9

Middle school open houses - 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9

High school open house - 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

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## Now hear this!

## TRF apprentices graduate

Participants in the Trident Refit Facility Apprenticeship Program will be honored during their graduation ceremony at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 25. Established in 1990, the TRF Apprenticeship Program is a rigorous, four-year endeavor that includes more than 7,200 hours of college academic courses, specific trade theory training courses and on-the-job training designed to produce highly skilled, technically proficient, journey-level mechanics. Altamaha Technical College also partners with TRF for the Apprenticeship Program.

## Commissary closed Mon.-Tue.

Due to the Department of Defense mandated furlough of civil service employees, the Kings Bay Commissary will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the duration of the furlough. The Commissary will return to regular hours of operations when the furlough ends. If you have questions, call 573-3133.

## Ship Shape sessions start July 25

Ship Shape, a nutrition and weight management class, starts July 25 at the Fitness Center. The 8-week course meets 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., once a week. Topics include serving sizes, nutrient, fitness, calories, food labels, food diaries, emotional eating and dining out. Open to active duty, adult dependents and retirees, call Health Promotions at 573-4731 to enroll or for more information.

## AFAMC has wash, poker run

The Armed Forces of America Motorcycle club Georgia Chapter will have a car and bike wash, plus its 15th annual 41 for Freedom Poker Run to benefit the Navy-Mainre Corps Relief Society. The wash is noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 3 at 980 e. King Ave., Kingsland. The poker run is Sat., Aug. 17, starting with registration at 4 p.m. at the USS Bancroft Memorial. Cost is \$10 per hand. For more information on either, call (912) 510-8494.

## Red Cross seeking volunteers

The American Red Cross has reopened its office onboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, on the first floor of the Flucky Hall at 1063 USS Tennessee Ave. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about Red Cross services can call Susan Van Dyke at (912) 573-3939 or Kathie Perkins at (912) 265-1695.

## Base lost &amp; found has found items

There is lost and abandoned property, such as watches, rings and cell phones, at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Navy Security. If you have any information reference to any items, contact Detective Michael Palmer, Monday through Friday, at (912) 573-9343 or by e-mail, Michael.j.Palmer@Navy.mil.

## Security issues sticker reminder

It is the policy of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay that no motor vehicle with any sticker, decal, emblem or other device containing profane or lewd words or pictures, describing sexual acts or excretory functions on parts of the human body, be allowed on base.

## Taste of Camden coming Oct. 17

Vender registration is now open for Taste of Camden. A new venue at Kings Bay Shopping Center expects to attract more exhibitors and attendees this year. Taste of Camden is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17. In addition to food exhibitors, the event will include wine tasting with commemorative glasses. For more information, visit [www.camdenchamber.com](http://www.camdenchamber.com).

## Emergency pet foster folks sought

In the event of a mandatory hurricane evacuation, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, which regulates the Humane Society, will not allow animals to remain at the Shelter; therefore, they must evacuate. The shelter is recruiting Hurricane Foster Volunteers. Contact the Shelter for more information at 912-729-7141 or its Web site at [www.humanecamden.org](http://www.humanecamden.org).

## St. Mary's market on Saturdays

Visit the St. Marys community market at the waterfront pavilion in downtown St. Marys, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday.

## Camden Partnership's new directors

The Camden Partnership Board recently lost two prestigious members from its board of directors. Dr. Valerie Harper retired as president of College of Coastal Georgia, and Lorette Hoover, president of Altamaha Technical College, was reassigned to another service area within Georgia.

Hoover has been actively working to get a technical college campus in Camden County for several years. At one point her efforts, in conjunction with those of Camden County citizens, put the Camden Campus at the top of the state priority list for construction of a new technical college campus.

However, funding situations in the state budget changed the priority list.

The state did acknowledge her efforts and contributions to the Technical College system in Georgia by keeping her in that arena, only



By Shelia McNeill

not in Camden County. Her personal commitment and professionalism will be missed. Dr. Hepburn, with her vision and

energy, transformed the College of Coastal Georgia campus in Brunswick with an unprecedented construction program to coincide with the College becoming a four-year institution.

The Camden campus was likewise a recipient of her vision. While on the TCP board, she exhibited the same energy as well as great

leadership and organizational skills that will benefit the partnership for years to come.

We will miss both of these directors and their contributions to the Partnership. Their efforts on behalf of the board of directors verified why they have been so successful in their respective positions.

We wish both continued success in their future endeavors.

TCP welcomes two new members to its board, Bill Gross of W.H. Gross Construction Co. and Alecia Webb of Brenau University. We look forward to working with these new members as we continue the mission of The Camden Partnership: to advocate, support and strengthen military missions, and improve the quality of life for our military members by enhancing military and community partnerships.

Any questions? Contact Shelia McNeill at (912) 223-3588 or [sheliamcneill@bellsouth.net](mailto:sheliamcneill@bellsouth.net)

## Resident housing survey ends Aug. 9

From Balfour Beatty Communities

Residents are invited to give feedback on Balfour Beatty Communities operations through its CEL Resident Satisfaction Housing Survey.

The annual survey is an important part of Balfour Beatty's continuous improvement program that analyzes operational performance to ensure consistent delivery of quality services in all of its communities.

Visit the Balfour Beatty Community Management Office at 1083 USS Andrew Jackson Blvd. to pick one up or call the office at (912) 882-1211 and one will be delivered to your residence.

Topics covered in the survey in-

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clude, but are not limited to, resident experiences regarding leasing, housing and maintenance.

"The CEL Resident Satisfaction Survey allows us to see where we are excelling operationally and where there is room for improvement," said Tony Cartagena, community manager for BBC. "We encourage all residents to fill out the survey honestly so that we may better assist in the future."

Residents that submit a completed survey by Aug. 31, will be entered to win a prize. Residents that hand

in a survey before Aug. 9, also will qualify for a special Early Bird Drawing.

"At Balfour Beatty Communities, we strive to exceed our residents' expectations and hope that every resident enjoys their experience living with us," added Cartagena.

Surveys should be returned to the authorized locked mailbox at the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office in the postage paid envelopes provided. Survey information is completely confidential and anonymous and only CEL employees will have access to the returned surveys.

The deadline for submitting completed surveys is Aug. 31.

## Child support adheres to guidelines

## By Lt. Keleigh Anderson, JAGC, USN

Legal Assistance Attorney, Naval Air Station Jacksonville

Raising children can be the most challenging yet most rewarding part of a parent's life.

When parents do not remain together, raising those children can be even more of a challenge. How do we make sure that our children are financially supported after we no longer live as a family unit?

Whether you are the custodial parent who wants to collect child support or the noncustodial parent who has to provide child support, knowing your rights and how to go about enforcing them is essential.

Who is eligible to receive child support?

Only custodial parents are eligible to receive child support payments.

So what exactly is a custodial parent? The custodial parent is the primary caregiver, providing the daily needs of the child. If each parent spends relatively equal time with the child, it is the parent who spends slightly more time with the child.

That being said, there may be other legal and practical hurdles to overcome before a custodial parent can receive child support. For example, the other parent will have to be located and/or paternity will have to be established.

How much is enough?

Some people are under the false impression that child support only needs to cover the very basics for a child, such as food and clothing. Wrong. Child support should include a variety of anticipated expenses, including but not limited to school fees, entertainment, medical expenses and extracurricular activities.

So, you ask, how do two parents

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who cannot get along come to an agreement on what these expenses should be? You do not have to. That's right. Federal law mandates that a state's child support guidelines apply to any court action or administrative proceeding in which there is an order determining child support.

This could include a separation, divorce, paternity, or modification proceeding, just to name a few. This means that the amount of child support paid is based on guidelines defined by each state, not on what you as the parents think is the right amount.

What are child support guidelines?

Child support guidelines are standards used to figure out the support needed for a child and the amount a parent has to pay. Guidelines help to make sure that support amounts are fair.

Every state has guidelines, but those guidelines may vary by state. In general, all of the guidelines are based on the parents' incomes, child's living expenses and health care, child care costs and standard needs for the children.

Often, as is the case in Florida, the guidelines calculate the amount of child support as a percentage of the parents' income and factor in the number of minor children being supported. There may be special circumstances where support amounts can deviate from the guidelines.

Some states actually allow their judges a lot of leeway in setting the amount, as long as the general state guidelines are followed. Others have very strict guidelines that provide the judges with very little discretion.

The factors usually include the

needs of the child — including health insurance, education, day care and special needs — and the income and needs of the custodial parent. The paying parent's ability to pay also can come into play.

Some states, however, will impute income on a parent with no income by expecting them to pay child support even if he or she is unemployed, filing for bankruptcy or homeless.

What is a child support order?

A child support order tells the parents specifically what they must do and how much they must pay to support their children, according to the guidelines. Some states limit the support to age 18 or when the child graduates high school. Some states even require college expenses to be included.

What if the noncustodial parent does not pay?

Enforcing child support orders means getting the parent to do what the order says. If a noncustodial parent is working, the state's law may require that the employer deduct support payments from the parent's paycheck.

In some states, businesses must report all new and rehired employees to the child support enforcement agency in their state so it is difficult for a parent to hide their new job.

When noncustodial parents owe past-due support, the state's child support enforcement program may be able to intercept tax refunds, lottery winnings, unemployment compensation and other payments, and may work with banks and credit unions to deduct money from a bank account.

They may have liens placed against their property such as houses, mobile homes, land, cars, boats and other valuable items until the

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# Coast Guard patrols nation's heartland rivers

By Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Ayla Kelley  
Coast Guard

Would you believe it if someone told you the Coast Guard was in Minneapolis, Minn., Keokuk, Iowa, Peoria, Ill., or Omaha, Neb.?

As a matter of fact, the Coast Guard has units in those places and many others in the upper Midwest region.

Their work may be local, but the missions they perform have a global effect.

Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River in St. Louis is the parent command of the three marine safety detachments and five river buoy tenders who call the river home.

These units operate in a vast area from the upper Mississippi to the Illinois and Missouri rivers. While their jobs are not the most well-known in the Coast Guard, they are no less important.

In fact, the agricultural products and the agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River basin produces 92 percent of the nation's agricultural exports, 78 percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally.

Sixty percent of all grain exported from the U.S. is shipped on the Mississippi River.

The Mississippi and other rivers are also used to transport energy goods such as crude oil, petroleum and coal.

Making sure the rivers are safe



Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ayla Kelley

The Coast Guard Cutter Cheyenne is a 75-foot river buoy tender home-ported in St. Louis.

for the navigation of large barges carrying all these goods is what makes the Coast Guard river buoy tenders so vital.

Ensuring safety on these waterways is a small fleet of river tenders. There are only five — the Cheyenne, Gasconade, Wyconda, Sangamon and Scioto — but they operate on miles upon miles of waterways. Each river tender's crew is responsible for a portion of river totaling 3,000 miles of commercially navigable waterways.

"The nation and world's economies rely on the western rivers to move grain and other vital commodities," said Master Chief Petty Officer Arthur Ford, officer-in-charge of Scioto. "We ensure they arrive safely from port to port. Without the Coast Guard on the river, that would not be possible."

The tenders mark navigable channels in the river, which continuously change from drought and flooding through the year. This is done by either setting

buoys to mark the changing channel or by maintaining day beacons, which are permanent fixtures.

Each river is unique and they aren't marked exactly the same.

"The Mississippi is much wider and used much more often. The Missouri is faster and much narrower," Ford said. "They are both easy to mark and have similarities, but the Missouri uses jet cones to hold buoys in place and that takes a little more time to do. On [the] Missouri you rely

*"The nation and the world's economies depend on western rivers."*

CPO Arthur Ford  
USCGC Scioto

more on shore aids than buoys."

While the safety of transiting on the river is the river tender's concern, the safety of who and what is traveling the river is the marine safety detachments concern.

The three detachments in the northern Midwest are responsible for inspections and investigations of commercial vessels and facilities on or along the major rivers.

These include passenger vessels and terminals, barges and their tow and mobile transfer facilities.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Chris Tantillo, chief of inspections for Sector Upper Mississippi River, members are looking to make sure passenger or industry vessels are seaworthy and safe for people and the environment.

The detachments also inspect about 98 facilities for safety and environmental integrity.

The Coast Guard's role in the Midwest often goes unnoticed but is no less important than the role of those who operate offshore. By keeping the rivers open, units in the in the upper Midwest region keep commerce open.

## Support

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support is paid.

If you fail to make child support payments according to a court order, child support enforcement agencies in many states will suspend your driver's license or any professional, occupational or recreational license. The judge also may find you in contempt of court and order you to pay a large sum of money or go to jail or an arrest warrant may be issued.

Can the amount of support ever

change?

Once a child support order or agreement is in place, the payment amount may be modified under certain situations, usually a substantial change in circumstances. This may include a parent's promotion or raise, or the child needing orthodontic work or new school expenses.

Some states review support orders every few years automatically in an

effort to keep the support consistent with the parents' income and the respective state's support guidelines.

The bottom line is whether you are the custodial parent who wants to collect child support or the non-custodial parent who has to provide child support, knowing your rights and how to go about enforcing them is essential. Contact your local legal assistance office to speak with an attorney.



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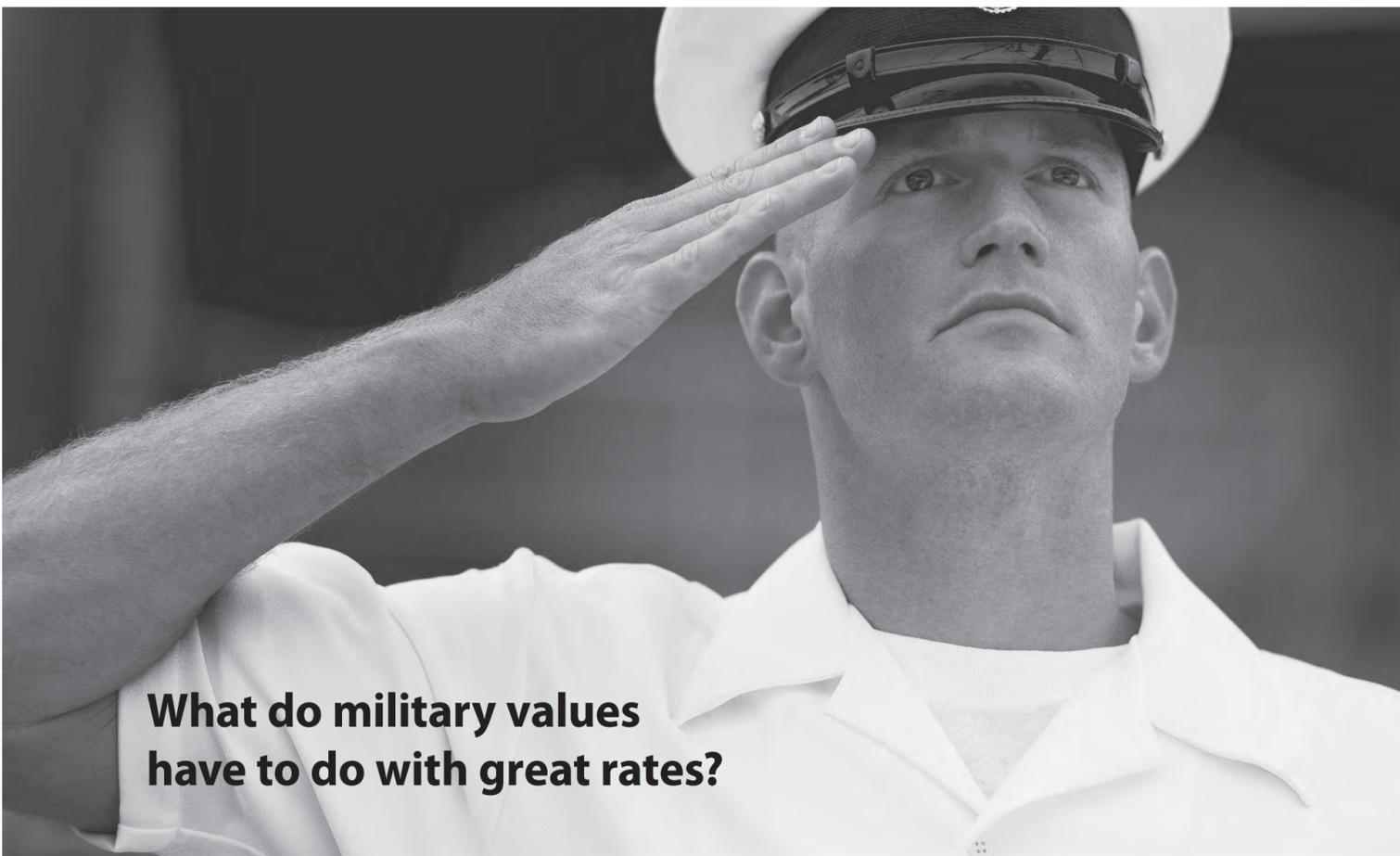
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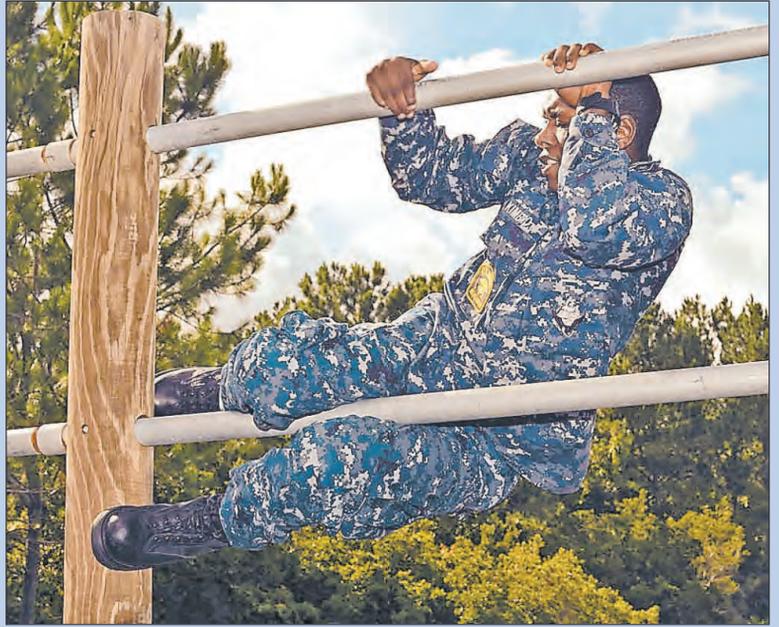


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# Sea Cadets

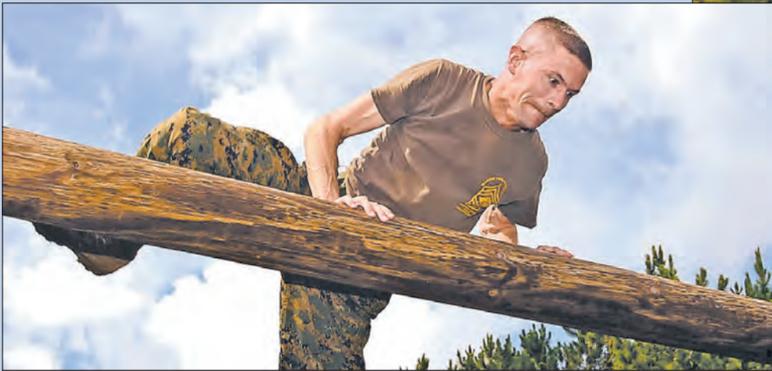
duty at Kings Bay



Cadet Seaman Kyle Kimbro lifts himself up onto the bars of the Kings Bay obstacle course.



Above, Seaman Apprentice Austin Rose, left, dives over an obstacle in a race against his Leading Petty Officer, Petty Officer Third Class Matthew Hendricks.



Above, Sgt. Robert Sherwood races against a fellow Marine. Right, Lance Cpl. Lance Cain demonstrates how to properly run through the obstacle course.



Above, Cadet Seaman Apprentice Skinner is aided in his lift onto the bars. Right, Skinner fights through the course.





Photos by  
Cadet CPO Megan Hendricks  
and Cadet SN Victoria Lange



Above and right, Cadet Seaman Kyle Kimbro leads the formation off the track field.



## Sea Cadets

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From July 14 to July 20, Kings Bay housed 16 Cadets, 14 of whom attended Ceremonial Honor Guard. The other two spent their time refining their journalistic skills in photojournalism.

Commanding Officer of Training, Lt. j.g. Barbara Johns, said Kings Bay base is perfectly suited to the trainings it offers.

A volunteer who has spent four years with the Sea Cadets, Johns spoke fondly of the Marines who gave their time to help train the Ceremonial Honor Guard, by teaching Cadets out of the 500-page handbook the Corps uses for its very own.

"The Marines really give the Cadets a full and authentic experience of how the Ceremonial Honor Guard works," Johns said. "We are lucky to have active-duty military members helping us with all of our trainings."

She went on to explain how helpful it was to have active duty Master-at-Arms personnel helping with MA training as well, and how lucky Cadets are to have "Mass Communications Specialists motivated and willing enough to train the photojournalist cadets. Without people like that, the trainings just wouldn't be the same."

During the week of training, Cadets with the Ceremonial Honor Guard marched around the base at the command of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ferry and Sgt. Robert Sherwood, learning how to become a unified and refined unit. While they drilled, photojournalism participants partook in activities by interviewing honor guard Cadets and taking their pictures while they trained.

Among other things Cadets did throughout the week, they saw a group of Military Working Dogs handlers and dogs demonstrate their skills, ran the obstacle course on the base, familiarized themselves with weapons and saw a Senior Chief retire from a long life of working hard for the Navy.

To finish their training, the Cadets performed their refined Color Guard routine one last time in front of their family and friends at their shared graduation ceremony with photojournalism cadets.

"Customs and courtesies are a big part in Sea Cadets," Gaillard said, referencing the lessons Ceremonial Honor Guard took during their training.

Almost every Sea Cadet training has a large portion of time dedicated to the customs and courtesies of the military branches, and no other training does so more than MA. As another training hosted by Kings Bay, MA has the benefit of being taught by active-duty military MAs, whose schedule was completely designed by MA2 Amber Ball.

During their time at the training, the Sea Cadets learned how to perform police duties, such as searches, Mechanical Advantage Control Holds and



Clockwise from above left, MA1 Leonardo Flores stands by his shipmate in the Red Man Suit during a demonstration of Military Working Dogs. Flores speaks about his career in the kennel with Military Working Dogs. A MWD named Pike demonstrates a takedown.



Cadet Seaman Apprentice Zachery Beller enjoys an MRE after a long day.

takedowns, vehicle inspections, protections and K9 unit operations. They also underwent rigorous physical training and classroom activities regarding history and courtesies.

After the conclusion of their training, the fresh MA Cadets return to their unit with a badge on their pocket and a new title to their name. The work to get there was tough, but the reward was refreshing and the training was fun.

The trainings hosted at Kings Bay are only a small part of opportunities available to Sea Cadets. From trainings such as Navy SEAL to others like culinary arts, Cadets get to experience it all with the Sea Cadet program.

Experiences varied, the one thing the visiting Sea Cadets all agreed upon. They love it here at Kings Bay and hope to return to experience new and exciting trainings in the coming years.



Navy Photo By MC1 James Kimber  
**Kristen Kirk, wife of outgoing USS Florida Gold (SSGN 728) gold crew commanding officer, Capt. David Kirk, and family members watch the change of command ceremony June 19 at the NSB Kings Bay Chapel.**

## Florida

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Naval Operations Environmental Protection Award and the 2011 and 2012 Supply "E," the 2011 Medical "M," an E-6 and below Lockwood Award and the Submarine League Dolphin Award presented to Kirk for being the longest qualified submariner still serving on a submarine at sea.

Florida Gold also conducted the first SSGN full Tomahawk recovery and reload after Operation Odyssey Dawn, executed the largest SSGN Maintenance and Modernization Period, successfully completed all underway certifications and evaluations, retained 87-percent of the crew, promoted seven petty officers to Chief Petty Officer and two chief petty officers to Limited Duty Officers and was among the first crews to welcome female commissioned officers into the Wardroom.

Mayer, a native of Medford Lakes, N.J., said he is glad to be back on the water-

front and looks forward to working with the crew of Florida gold.

"It's no secret I've been off the waterfront for a few years, I'm excited to be back. I was at US Fleet Forces about two years and I spent three years on the Joint Staff. While that doesn't seem long, they don't tell you that before taking a job at Joint Staff that each year is like a dog year," said Mayer while making light of his time in Washington. "One year on the Joint Staff is like seven human years, so it feels like I've been gone for a lifetime. In any case, it's great to be back on the waterfront and to be a part of Team Kings Bay.

To the warriors of Florida Gold," Mayer continued, "I stand ready to meet all the challenges that lie ahead and it's my distinct honor to be your commanding officer."

USS Florida (SSBN-728/SSGN-728), an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, is the sixth ship of the United States Navy to be named for the 27th state. It was commissioned with the hull designation of SSBN-728; with its conversion to a cruise missile submarine, it was re-designated SSGN-728.

## School

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### Military family school tours:

For several years, Camden County middle and high schools have permitted the Kings Bay School Liaison Officer to host private school tours for military families. For the first time, four elementary schools — Crooked River, Sugarmill, Mary Lee Clark and Matilda Harris — also are welcoming these military family tours. Elementary parents and students interested in joining these tours are asked to meet the SLO at the school 10 minutes before the tour times listed below. Middle and high school tours will begin at the Child and Youth Center Teen Center and families will be transported to the schools for the tour. This is a great way to help military youth and teens ease into a new school setting. Do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity. If you would like to participate in these tours, contact the SLO at (912) 573-8986.

**Wednesday, Aug. 7:**  
 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sugarmill Elementary School

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Matilda Harris Elementary School  
 1 to 2 p.m., Camden Middle School

**Thursday, Aug. 8:**  
 noon to 1:30 p.m., Ninth Grade Academy  
 2 to 4 p.m., Camden County High School

1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Crooked River Elementary School

**Friday, Aug. 9:**  
 9 to 10:30 a.m., St. Marys Middle School  
 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mary Lee Clark Elementary School

■ What documentation will I need to register my child for school? If you are registering a child to attend a Georgia public school for the first time, you will need the following: birth certificate, Social Security card (waiver is available if parents do not wish to provide student's SSN), Certificate of Immunization (Georgia Form 3231) and a Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Exam (Georgia Form 3300). Medical information *must* be transferred onto the required Georgia forms in order to be processed by the local schools. Georgia and Florida state forms may be obtained and completed at the local public health department, your physician's office or at the Naval Branch Health Clinic King's Bay.

■ What about school and sports physicals? The Naval Branch Health Clinic King's Bay is providing school and sports physicals Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26. The physicals are available by appointment only. Call (912) 573-8801 for details. Arrive 20 minutes early for appointments to complete necessary paperwork. Students are advised to wear loose clothing for sports physicals.

■ What supplies will my child need for the first day of school? There is an optional supply list for pre-kindergarten through high school students available on the Camden County Web site at [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us). Click on the "Parents" tab at the top for the dropdown menu

including "School Supplies List." Parents may want to review this list before shopping for supplies. In some cases, it may be advisable to buy a few basic supplies, but wait for more direct guidance from the classroom teacher during the first week of school.

■ Where can I find information about bus schedules? Bus stops and pick-up times can be found at the Camden district Web site [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us) under the "Quick Links" tab at the top of the homepage. The dropdown menu will list "Bus Stops" as an option.

More detailed information about bus zones can be found by clicking on the "Department" tab at the top of the district Web site homepage. Next, click on "Operations" and then proceed to "Transportation." At this page, parents will find an interactive zoning map which will help determine which bus route is best suited for your children. Remember, if you live within the 1/2 miles of the school, bus service is not available to your family.

When it comes to riding the bus safety is the priority. Bus riders are expected to arrive at bus stops no less than 10 minutes before the posted pick-up time. For safety reasons, school busses are required to pick students up at a location that is at least 30 feet away from an intersection. Students should receive a student information sheet that will need to be completed and returned to the driver. The information will be maintained by the Transportation Department for use in emergency situations.

■ What if my child is walking or riding a bicycle to school? As always, safety remains the priority. Bike riders should wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short the ride. They should ride on the right in the same direction as the automobile traffic, use appropriate hand signals, respect traffic lights and stop signs, wear bright colors to increase visibility and know the "Rules of the Road." If your child is walking to school, make sure the route is safe. Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Small children often are impulsive, easily distracted and not ready to walk to school without adult supervision. Like bike riders, all walking students should wear brightly colored clothes to make sure they are visible to drivers.

■ Are there certain types of backpacks needed? At one time students were required to carry clear backpacks but that no longer is required. However, there are few suggestions when selecting backpacks: choose one with wide, padded shoulder straps, pack light — never carry more than 10 percent of 20 percent of the child's body weight —, always use both shoulder straps and consider buying rolling backpacks. This final recommendation may be especially helpful for students who walk long distances or have to carry books upstairs. Note, St. Marys Middle School does not permit backpacks in the school.

With a little bit of effort, parents can help set the tone for an outstanding year of academic success. If you have any questions about local schools or available services, feel free to contact Clainetta Jefferson, your King's Bay School Liaison Officer, at 573-8986.



Courtesy photo

TRF Commanding Officer Capt. Larry Hill tried his hand at the portal crane.

## Taking command of K-4

From Trident Refit Facility Public Affairs

Trident Refit Facility Commanding Officer Capt. Larry Hill observed a complex lift and tried his hand at one of his facility's most critical pieces of equipment, the portal crane, July 15.

TRIREFFAC has three operational portal cranes.

K-1 and K-3 have a safe working load capacity of 25 tons and are utilized daily to make light production lifts, such as brows, pumps or motors.

K-4 has a capacity of 60 tons and provides heavy lift capability in support of TRF's mission. All portal cranes are operated on diesel power but do have the capability to be teth-

ered to the pier on shore power. They were procured between 1987 and 1989.

## Food

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summer months. Federal employees and service members nationwide have been asked to meet the challenge by pledging to participate and make a difference. Every donation, big or small, is significant in the lives of those families in need. "We have three spots around base to drop off non-perishable goods —



feds feed families

Fluckey Hall, the Chapel and the Commissary," Byrd said. "It is the Chapel's responsibility to take the food to non-profit charities in St. Marys and Kingsland."

For questions, comments or concerns about FFF, contact the Chapel at (912) 573-4501 or visit [www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov](http://www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov).

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# Morale, Welfare and Recreation happenings



Photo by MC2 Cory Rose

The Back To School Bash events are scheduled for Aug. 3 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay's Fitness Center Pool Complex.

## Back to School Bash Aug. 3

Are you new to the area? Promoted to a new school? Returning to last year's school? Come out and enjoy this year's Back to School Bash with food, music, games, activities and prize drawings at the Fitness Center Pool Complex Saturday, Aug. 3. Times vary for grades. Elementary Extravaganza is noon to 2 p.m., Saturday Aug. 3, Middle School Mania 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3 and High School Hype is 8:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3. For more information, contact the School Liaison

Officer at (912) 573-8986.

■ **Registration for Fall Men's & Co-Ed Softball** — It's time for Fall Leagues to start. Registration is being accepted at the Fitness Complex for Fall Men's and Co-Ed teams. Registration deadline is July 31. A captain's meeting will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 31 at the Fitness Complex classroom. Team fees are Men's Active-duty team \$100, DoD team \$200 (non-refundable), co-ed active duty team \$100, DoD co-ed team \$200 (non-refundable). Awards will be given to first- and second-place. For more information call the Intramural Sports office at (912) 409-1611.

■ **August Dive-In Movie** — Saturday, Aug. 17, the pool will open with free admission at 7 p.m., the feature *Despicable Me* (PG). Bring your own floatation devices and lawn chairs. For more information about the movie, call (912) 573-4564 or the pool at (912) 573-3001.

■ **MWR Kings Bay is heating up July with some free and practically free things to do.**

There's free pool entry at the Fitness Center pool Friday, July 26 for everyone, with a free hot hog

and drink at 12:30 p.m., while they last. Only one per person.

At Outdoor Adventures, every Friday through Sept. 27 kayak rentals are free. Pick one up Friday and return it Monday by noon.

At Rack-N-Roll Lanes all games are only \$1 from 1 to 5 p.m. every Friday through Aug. 9, with regular price for shoe rental.

Magnolia's, formerly the Kings Bay Conference Center, is having a free ice cream social 2:30 to 4 p.m. Aug. 2.

Next, Trident Lakes Golf Club is bringing back low prices for golf Friday, July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9. Eighteen holes and a cart are \$20 for all authorized patrons.

Let's not forget every day is free day at the Big EZ. Kids movies are every day at 1 p.m., with all other movies available for 18 years and up the rest of the time the Big EZ is open. There free billiard tables, shuffleboard, foosball, ping pong and more every day for patrons 18 years old and older, at the Big EZ. For more details about these offers, contact (912) 573-4564.

■ **Tae Kwon Do** — It's at the Fitness Complex Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. for

### Liberty call

### MWR Sports

#### MWR King's Bay Intramural Sports 2013 7vs7 Outdoor Soccer League

Team	W	L	T
1, Danger Zone	10	0	0
2, TTF S.O.T.	6	1	3
3, KB United	5	3	2
4, MFPU	5	4	3
5, Slow Attack	3	6	1
6, Ball Busters	3	8	2
7, Off Guys	1	10	0

#### Wallyball League

Team	W	L	T
1t, Reapers	2	0	0
1t, OSIMA	2	0	0
1t, Ballz-2-The-Wall	2	0	0
4t, Crushers	1	1	0
4t, Medical	1	1	0
6t, Spiked Punch	0	2	0
6t, Murica	0	2	0
6t, Security	0	2	0

## Child care signup going

### Just for kids

The NSB Kings Bay Youth Center is taking registration for Before and After School Care. Cost is based on total family income. You must supply most recent LES/pay stub for sponsor and spouse or student letter of enrollment, birth certificate of children must be available for confirmation of age. Single/Dual military must provide dependent care form at time of registration, IAs must provide orders. Transportation is provided for Mary Lee Clark, Sugar Mill, Crooked River and Matilda Harris districts. A parent may choose to provide transportation if their child does not attend these schools. Navy Child & Youth Programs welcomes children of all abilities. For more information, call Youth Center at (912) 573-2380

■ **Lights Out Lock-In at Rack-N-Roll Lanes** — This is a night you don't want your child to miss out on. From 11:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Aug. 3 and 4, youth ages 8 to 12, can bowl all night long. There will be karaoke music, music videos, unlimited snacks, soda and water, breakfast provided in the morning, plus 15 free game tokens. Chances to win more tokens and free game passes throughout the event. Pre-registration cost is \$35 and \$40 on the day of event. Register now through Aug. 1. There must be a minimum of 25 youths to have this event. Call (912) 573-9492.

■ **Free movies for kids** — June's free movies for kids are Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. with *Finding Nemo* July 27 and 28, *Pirates: Band of Misfits* Aug. 3 and 4, *Escape from Planet Earth* Aug. 10

and 11, *The Croods* Aug. 17 and 18, *Finding Nemo* Aug. 24, *Dolphin Tale* Aug. 25, *Band Slam* Aug. 31. Youths under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase. If 15 minutes after the scheduled start time no one comes in to watch the movie, the area will be available for open viewing. For the latest information on what's playing, call (912) 573-4548.

■ **Youth Fall Soccer League** — Registration is 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5:30 p.m., through July, Monday through Friday except holidays at the Youth Center, for children ages 3 to 15 who will not turn 16 prior to Aug. 1 and must be 3 before Aug. 1. Cost is \$60 for active duty, and reservists. Military retiree families, DoD civilians and contractors cost is \$65. Cost does include uniform. Late registration will be taken if openings are available, with an additional late fee of \$5. Coaches and officials needed. For more information contact Youth Sports at (912) 573-8202.

■ **Officials are needed** — The upcoming Youth Sports Soccer Season runs September through October and if you are 14 years or older and interested in earning a little extra money, you are needed, certified or uncertified. A training date is to be announced. Basic knowledge of sports is required. For more information, contact Youth Sports at (912) 573-8202.

7 year olds and under, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. for 8 to 12 and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. 13 to adult. For more information, call (912) 573-3990.

■ **Sizzlin Summer Special at Rack-N-Roll Lanes** — Rack-N-Roll Lanes is offering special dollar games and dollar shoes 1 to 9 p.m. July 25, 29 & 30. For more information, call (912) 573-9492

■ **Domino's** — Like Kings

Bay Domino's on Facebook to receive special "code phrases," daily specials, upcoming events and corporate promotions. (912) 510-5400. www.facebook.com/kingsbaydominos.

■ **Game on** — Rack-N-Roll Lanes gaming room has skeeball, basketball and more. Save tickets for prizes. For more information, call (912) 573-9492.

## GPS

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need to get a degree?  
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pursue? Do you need a degree? Is on-the-job training better?

■ What states will pay for your degree and how do you find out?

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■ 1, Contact Fleet and Family Support Center (573-4513) to reserve a seat in the workshop. There's a 50-seat limit.

■ 2, Call the Kings Bay Navy College Office (573-

4527) for one-on-one counseling.

■ 3, Take your NCO provided paperwork to the workshop.

■ 4, Complete your research into school selection, class planning,

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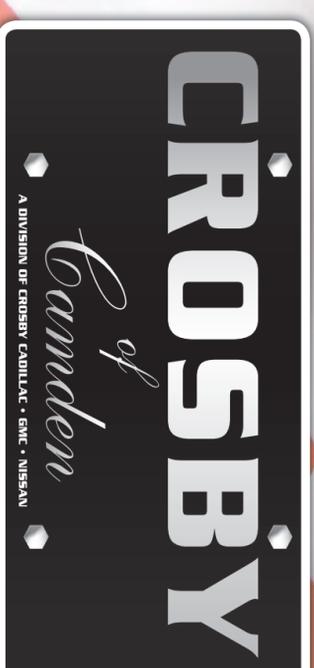
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# Up eriscope with Bill Wesselhoff



## What are your goals for the future?

Look for our sidewalk interviewer and tell him what you think about our question of the week.

When I was a kid, I thought the greatest job in the world would be a major league baseball writer. I read their stories every day in the Chicago Tribune and Sun Times. They traveled to places like New

York and Los Angeles, and interviewed people like Willie Mays and Billy Martin. They traveled for free, got in for free and ate for free. I never made it. But I did become a sports writer and was in position to cover the opening

game of the 1983 World Series at Wrigley Field, after the Cubs beat the Padres for the National League pennant. But that's a story for another day. Here are the goals of Sea Cadets who were here last week at Kings Bay:



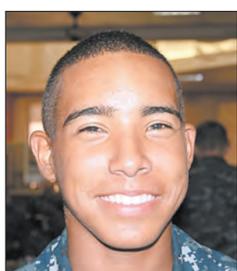
**Megan Hendricks**  
Kings Bay Sea Cadets  
Gales Ferry, Conn.  
"After college, I'm not sure, but I'm planning to do something in the military."



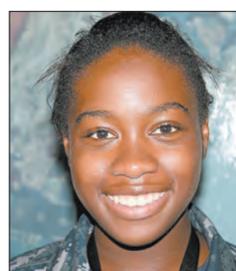
**Caitlin Dailey**  
Jacksonville, Fla. Sea Cadets  
Gainesville, Fla.  
"I'd like to go to the Naval Academy or to college through ROTC."



**Victoria Lange**  
Cascade, Wis. Sea Cadets  
Brookfield, Wis.  
"I want to become a JAG attorney in the Coast Guard or Navy."



**Zachary Beller**  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Sea Cadets  
Sun Rise, Fla.  
"I'm going to become a lieutenant in the Navy and work in security."



**Florence Gaillard**  
McDonough, Ga. Sea Cadets  
New York  
"I want to go into the Air Force and be an Airman, psychiatrist or surgeon."



**Cian Campbell**  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Sea Cadets  
Hollywood, Fla.  
"I want to be a Master-at-Arms. I work now for my district police department."

## Hagel speaks at NAS Jax

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

Pentagon leaders will reduce their staffs by 20 percent as the Defense Department works to craft a strategy-based spending plan that accounts for likely future spending cuts, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said July 17.

Speaking to reporters at Naval Air Station Jacksonville in Florida during a three-day visit to military installations in the Southeast, Hagel said his office and those of the chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff and the service chiefs will cut headquarters staffs by one-fifth from 2015 to 2019.

Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said in a written statement yesterday that total savings from the reduced staffing could reach \$1.5 to \$2 billion.

"Secretary Hagel's announcement is based on the work of the Strategic Choices and Management Review, which scrutinized the department's spend-

ing priorities and determined that these headquarters reductions should be pursued now, regardless of future fiscal circumstances," Little said. "These cuts will be implemented even if Congress lifts sequester-level budget caps."

In meetings with service members and civilians throughout his travels this week, the secretary has stressed that defense leaders are planning for the full range of sequester cuts that could total \$500 billion in defense spending reductions over a decade.

"Uncertainty is a tremendous enemy for all of us, for obvious reasons," Hagel said. "I've got to prepare this institution and our people for the facts of life and the reality as it is and the law that is now in place."

Hagel said his major objective for the review the department conducted earlier this year was to prepare for probable fu-

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DOD photo by Glenn Fawcett

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, center, takes a moment to sit with the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., left, Jacksonville, Fla., Mayor Alvin Brown and U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown of Florida during the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials before visiting Naval Air Station Jacksonville, July 16.



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A devastating July 12, 1973, fire at the National Personnel Records Center in suburban St. Louis destroyed some 16 million to 18 million military personnel records.



Photo courtesy National Archives and Records Administration

Preservation technician Susan Davis is part of a team working to restore military personnel records damaged during fire at the National Personnel Records Center.

# Experts recover once-lost military records

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

Forty years ago, on July 12, 1973, an enormous fire erupted at the National Personnel Records Center in suburban St. Louis.

Burning uncontrollably for almost 24 hours, it destroyed some 16 million to 18 million military personnel records including official documents veterans need to apply for the benefits they've earned.

Today, a team of about 30 people continues to put the pieces back together. They use the latest restoration techniques so reference technicians can glean details from charred and water-damaged documents.

"It's like a MASH [Mobile Army Surgical Hospital] unit," Marta O'Neill, who heads the National Personnel Records Center's Preservation Lab, said during a telephone interview. "There may be 15 different routes that a record could take so we can still preserve the information and get the benefits to the veteran."

The July 12, 1973, fire destroyed up to 80 percent of the

22 million records of veterans of the Army, Army Air Force and Air Force who served between 1912 and 1963, reported William Seibert, senior archivist and chief of archival operations at the National Archives in St. Louis.

About 85 percent of the records of soldiers discharged between 1912 and 1959, including veterans of World War II and the Korean War, went up in smoke.

In addition, about 75 percent of the records of airman with last names beginning with "H" through "Z" who left service between 1947 and 1963 were lost.

The true extent of the loss remains a mystery, because the center had no central registry of its holdings at the time, explained Seibert. Even if it was physically possible to reconstruct every single missing document, nobody knows for sure which ones they are, he said.

Records are being tracked down and, when necessary, restored, by request.

And four decades after the fire, requests for documents from the burned holdings or "B-Files" continue to roll in at the rate of 200 to 300 every day,

O'Neill said.

Some come from veterans needing a record of their service to receive federal health-care, home loans or other veterans' benefits, she said.

A homeless veteran, for example, may need a copy of his or her DD-214 discharge certificate to qualify for Department of Veterans Affairs-sponsored shelters or meals.

Sometimes requests come from veterans' families, needing the records to apply for entitlements on their loved one's behalf, or to have them buried in a national cemetery.

In some cases, family members may need the records to qualify for scholarships or other benefits based on their family's military affiliation.

Other requests also come from historians or genealogists trying to piece together their own family histories.

Fulfilling those requests can be as straightforward as tracking down one of the estimated 6.5 million records recovered from the fire, all now stored in temperature- and humidity-controlled conditions at the new National Personnel Records

Center outside St. Louis.

The effort can become slightly more difficult if it requires cross-referencing of other official records to ferret out and verify the information needed.

But in other cases, fulfilling a records request involves the painstaking and time-intensive process of reconstructing a document blackened by fire, soaked with water or tainted with mold. This is highly detailed work that O'Neill said demands both patience and a steady hand.

In addition to a fulltime staff of 24, her team of technicians relies on the help of college interns eager to get hands-on experience in document preservation.

Donning gloves to handle the fragile materials, they use special equipment and techniques to clean documents of debris and mold, separate pages stuck together for the past 40 years and piece together brittle fragments into more complete documents.

State-of-the-art digital technology now helps them reconstruct documents once considered beyond repair, O'Neill said. "You can't reverse ash," she

said. "But you can use scanners and digital software to enhance the document so the text on the burned part can be lifted and revealed. Basically, you look at a piece of ash, and when you digitally enhance it, you can see the writing on it."

Regardless of what it takes, O'Neill said she and her staff get tremendous gratification from their mission, as preservationists, archivists and human beings. They delight in taking something badly damaged and making it, although not like new, better than most people could ever imagine possible, she said.

From the archival perspective, they enjoy reconstructing history, one document at a time.

Since 1999, official military personnel records are now among the small percentage of government records now maintained permanently, based on their historical significance, she noted.

But the biggest reward of the mission, she said, is being able to recover documents that can make a real difference in someone's life.

"We are helping so many people in so many ways," she said.

## All-Star game salutes military

American Forces Press Service

As Major League Baseball showcased its top players at Citi Field in New York July 16, it took time before the 2013 All-Star Game to honor 30 service members and veterans.

During the *Tribute for Heroes* campaign, conducted jointly by MLB and *People* magazine, 90 finalists were selected, and fans voted online to select one service member or veteran to represent each of MLB's 30 teams.

Selected heroes took a private tour of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum and attended a VIP reception at the All-Star Gala. They also took in All-Star Red Carpet Show and Home Run Derby. They attended and were honored during the pre-game ceremony leading up the game.

The Tribute for Heroes campaign supports Welcome Back Veterans, an initiative of Major League Baseball and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which addresses the needs of veterans after they return from service.

## Hagel

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ture cuts.

In a letter to the Senate last week, the secretary outlined possible force cuts and civilian reductions in force that may ensue if sequester remains in place beyond the current fiscal year. The secretary noted that reducing defense spending in postwar periods is normal.

"In our history, we've had to go through this three or four times since World War II," Hagel said. "The difference now is more uncertainty and the reality that we're facing a steeper, deeper, more abrupt cut than probably ever before."

Responding to a question about the reaction of defense civilians he's spoken with, many of whom are now furloughed one day per week, Hagel said, "I don't like to come out and tell people that they're going to lose 20 percent of their pay. ... There's nothing good about that."

The secretary added that he feels it's important to explain what led to the furlough decision, and to give employees an opportunity to ask questions.

"And I told them I hope we can do better," Hagel said. "But I'm in a situation that we're all in, and I've got to deal with what I've got to deal with."



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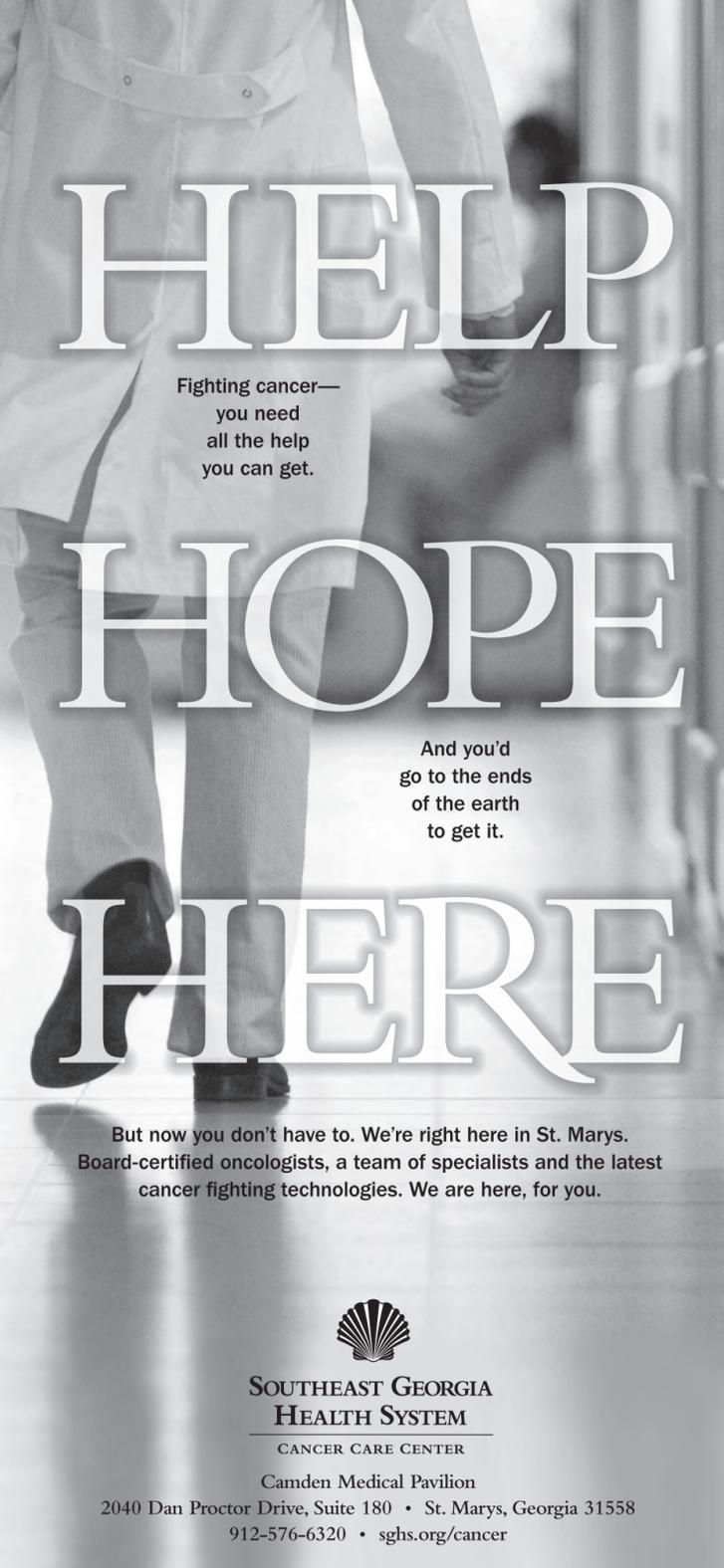
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# Fleet & Family Support Center workshops



## Anger management seminar July 31

Anger is not an effective method for getting what you want and is often a smoke screen for other emotions. This workshop is slated for 8:30 a.m. to noon, July 31. It can help you focus on identifying the feelings anger hides and explore behaviors helpful in resolving primary issues. Pre-registration is required. Call 573-4512 for details.

## How to survive the holidays financially

Learn how to reduce financial stress of the holidays. This workshop helps participants plan for holiday spending and make the most effective use of money. This class is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m., July 26. Registration is recommended. For more information call 573-4514.

## New Moms and Dads Support Group to meet

A New Mom's and Dad's Support Group will meet every Tuesday at the Fleet and Family Support Center throughout the month. This workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, July 30. This workshop is an opportunity to share experiences, meet and gain support from others, and exchange new ideas. To register, call 573-4512.

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out asking them 14 times? We believe parents are the experts on their children. But, children don't come with a manual! So, sometimes you need help to figure out what to do with them. Meet with the parenting class from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 29. Enrollment in this six-week class is ongoing. Attendees must complete all six weeks in order to receive a certificate. A minimum of six participants is needed in order for a new class to start. Registration required at 573-4512.

## Sponsorship Training teaches skills

The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering Sponsorship Training to all Command Representatives. This training will cover topics to include letter writing, transportation, temporary lodging, orientation to installation and explanation of command mission. The workshop is scheduled at the Fleet and Family Support Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m., July 25. Registration is recommended, as class is limited to 20 seats. For more informa-

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August 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

If you would like to attend, please call FFSC at 573-4513 to register.

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## Fleet and Family offers classes on site

The Fleet and Family Support Center will take most of its regular workshops on the road if a unit can furnish a conference room or classroom and guarantee a minimum of five participants. Additionally, personnel will tailor presentations to cover a unit's General Military Training requirements when those requirements deal with human resources and social issues. Counselors also can create a presentation in response to a unit's area of special concerns. Personnel are available to participate within areas of expertise

in the indoctrination of newly assigned personnel and family members of active duty personnel.

## Veterans Affairs rep visits Kings Bay

A Department of Veterans Affairs representative for Kings Bay is in the office from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are required. Service members wishing to participate in the Benefits Delivery at Discharge program should be within 60 to 180 days of discharge or retirement and be available for an exam by the VA. To set up an appointment, call Katherine Fernandez at 573-4506.

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Two Northrop Grumman MQ-4C Triton unmanned aerial vehicles are seen on the tarmac at a Northrop Grumman test facility in Palmdale, Calif.

## Autonomous tech studied

By Terri Moon Cronk  
American Forces Press Service

A call from the Defense Department to government labs for autonomous technology ideas that support the warfighter has been answered with seven initiatives.

Chosen from more than 50 submissions, the selected ideas will be tested in the Autonomy Research Pilot Initiative, officials said. Autonomous systems are capable of functioning with little or no human input or supervision.

The seven projects are not looking at autonomous weapons systems, but rather are investigating autonomous systems for potential capabilities such as sensing and coordination among systems.

The program for the initiatives is estimated to cost about \$45 million in a three-year period, which is not considered to be a lot of money for a government research program. When the pilot initiatives are completed, DOD will have the intellectual property to generate a prototype or to provide to industry to produce the systems.

The seven initiatives are:  
**Exploiting Priming Effects in Autonomous Cognitive Systems:** Develops machine perception that is relatable to the way a human perceives an environment. (Navy Center for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence, Army Research Laboratory)

**Autonomous Squad Member:** Integrates machine semantic understanding, reasoning and understanding, perception into a ground robotic system. (Army Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Navy Center

for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence)

**Autonomy for Adaptive Collaborative Sensing:** Develops intelligent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability for sensing platforms to have capability to find and track targets. (Air Force Research Laboratory, Army Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory)

**Realizing Autonomy via Intelligent Adaptive Hybrid Control:** Develops flexible unmanned aerial vehicle operator interface, enabling the operator to "call a play" or manually control the system. (Air Force Research Laboratory, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Research Laboratory, Army Research Laboratory)

**Autonomy for Air Combat Missions, Mixed Human/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Teams:** Develops goal-directed reasoning, machine learning and operator interaction techniques to enable management of multiple team UAVs. (Air Force Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Air Warfare Center, Army Research Laboratory)

**A Privileged Sensing Network-Revolutionizing Human-Autonomy Integration:** Develops integrated human sensing capability to enable the human-machine team. (Army Research Laboratory, Army Tank Automotive Research Center, Air Force Research Laboratory)

**Autonomous Collective Defeat of Hard and Deeply Buried Targets:** Develops small UAV teaming algorithms to enable systems to autonomously search a cave. (Air Force Research Laboratory, Army Research Laboratory, Defense Threat Reduction Agency)

## SE Region Sailors earn Bronze Stars

By Chris D. Tucker  
Southeast Regional Maintenance Center  
Public Affairs

Two Sailors assigned to Southeast Regional Maintenance Center were awarded medals June 25.

Navy Diver 1st Class John T. Hanson and Navy Diver 2nd Class Robert S. Klingaman, were awarded Bronze Star Medals in Jacksonville, Fla.

The medals were awarded for meritorious service in connection with a highly sensitive special operation critical to the national defense while the Sailors were attached to Naval Special Warfare Group 3.

"I love serving my country and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences I've had in the Navy. To be recognized for my small contribution is greatly appreciated," Hanson said.

Commander of the Navy Regional Maintenance Command Rear Adm. David J. Gale presented the awards.

The Bronze Star Medal is the tenth highest U.S. military award in order of precedence. To merit it, the acts or services must be performed in a manner significantly above that normally expected, and sufficient to distinguish the individual above those performing similar acts or services.

## Navy College information

Ongoing and Upcoming Events			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Main NCO Office Individual Assistance	Mon - Thurs (Closed Fri due to furloughs)	0800-1530	Navy College Ed Center (nco.kingsbay@navy.mil) Walk-in or make appt.
Satellite NCO Office Individuals or groups	Wednesday	0800-1600 PACE Contractor only	Off Crew building On Quarter Deck
Checking In	Thursday	For all who KB is 1 <sup>st</sup> Duty Station, after "A" school. All others.... Anytime for 5 min check-in/Q&A.(1-on-1)	Navy College Ed Center
TA Training	Thursday	1300-1330	Navy College Ed Center
	Any day	Any time	https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/docs/TA-ONLINE-BRIEF-OCT2012-V5.htm
Info: In class we teach using WebTA website, entire year planning, & other funding options.			
NCPACE Brief	Date/time to be determined	As scheduled w/ individual Sub Command	
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Navy College Office Testing Schedule Conducted at the education center (Bld 1030)		
Test	Date / Time	Fees
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ACT (active duty and reserves only)	Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 10, Nov 5 0730 - 1400	1 <sup>st</sup> : Free 2 <sup>nd</sup> : ACT=\$Call
GED (active duty)	Contact NCO to schedule	Free
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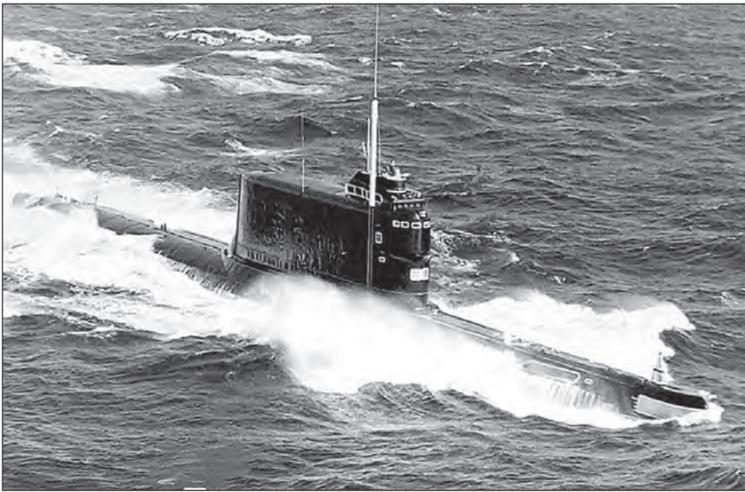
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This Soviet Golf class submarine is similar to the K-129 that the Glomar Explorer tried to lift from the ocean floor.



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While not entirely successful, the Glomar Explorer managed to recover pieces of the K-129. Just how much is still not known by the public.

# Giant ship built to lift sunken Soviet sub

By Norman Polmar and Michael White  
From Undersea Warfare magazine

In early March 1968, the Soviet ballistic submarine K-129 was en route to the so-called Hawaiian Station, a holding position in the North Pacific beyond missile range of the submarine's assigned targets on the island of Oahu.

On March 11, two of her R-21 (NATO SS-N-4 Serb) missiles apparently ignited accidentally, sinking the sub with the loss of all 98 men on board.

When K-129 failed to report as scheduled, the Soviet Navy launched a massive air, surface, and undersea search in the North Pacific. However, all they had to go on was the orders the missing sub had been given.

They were unaware of what had happened to her and had only a vague idea where to look. In the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, their search turned up nothing.

Unbeknownst to the Soviets, U.S. remote sensing capability not only detected K-129's loss but managed to locate where she went down. The wreck lay at approximately 16,500 feet, far deeper than any existing U.S. salvage capability.

However, the prospect of acquiring the one R-21 missile and warhead that appeared to remain intact, and perhaps even some cryptologic material, led the U.S. intelligence community to undertake a highly innovative effort to salvage the forward 130 feet of the submarine. The roughly 100-foot after section, with the engineering spaces and after torpedo room, had broken off and lay about 100 yards away.

The Central Intelligence Agency organized and directed the effort. After intensive discussions about how to raise almost 2,000 tons from such depth without tipping off Soviet surveillance, it was decided to

1, employ oil-drilling technology, with a pipe-string lowering a massive capture vehicle, or "claw," to grasp and lift the wreck, and

2, to use a cover story that eccentric billionaire Howard

Hughes was attempting to harvest manganese nodules from the seafloor.

Ironically, and as expected, the name Hughes immediately attracted world-wide attention!

The project — code-named "Azorian," with the general compartment name "Jennifer" to hide the specific operation, called for a massive salvage ship.

It was designed by the firm Global Marine and its subsidiaries and built by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Chester, Penn. Sun was known for innovation, having built some of the first supertankers and roll-on/roll-off vehicle cargo ships constructed in the United States and converted the large tanker Manhattan for her two pioneering ice-breaking voyages through the Northwest Passage.

Sun began to build the new ship in May 1971. The design centered on a massive, fully enclosed internal docking well, called the "moon pool," with closable gates across the bottom of the well. This prevented the ship from having a traditional keel — a main centerline structural member running along the bottom.

The ship, which employed technology developed for sea-floor oil drilling, certainly appeared to be a deep ocean mining platform. Like a deep-water oil rig, she would take pipe sections stowed on deck and attach them to the top of a "drill string." But instead of lowering a drill head, the drill string was supposedly intended to lower and raise a mining machine that would "vacuum up" manganese nodules from the ocean floor.

The ship's actual mission pushed the technical state of the art in many ways. She would have to remain at a fixed position above the 3-mile pipe string despite the strong dynamic forces at work in the North Pacific, even in summer.

The capture vehicle was to be suspended at the end of a pipe-string weighed 2,000 tons. The combined weight of the vehicle and the sub section would be almost 4,000 tons, and the pipe string would weigh about the same.

The entire mechanism would



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The Glomar Explorer was a massive salvage ship built in 1971 to secretly raise a sunken Soviet submarine from the Pacific's floor.

have to align perfectly to enter the bottom of the moon pool.

And, of course, the recovery had to be unobservable by Soviet surveillance.

In addition to the moon pool, the ship's most striking engineering features were:

- A dynamic positioning system with bow and stern thrusters to maintain station in a seaway.

- A massive gimballed platform to isolate the suspended load from the ship's dynamic pitch and roll.

- A hydraulic/pneumatic heave compensation system to prevent the ship's heave (vertical motion) from dynamically affecting the suspended load.

- An extremely powerful hydraulic hoisting system to lower and raise the load.

- Pipe-handling gear to convey pipe sections to and from the heavy-lift system.

- A docking system enabling the loaded capture vehicle to mate with the ship in a dynamic seaway.

Some of these features had previously been incorporated in drill ships, but never on a scale so large.

For example, the outer ring of the gimballed platform was 40-by-40 feet, with four gimballed bearings of unique size and design, each with a capacity of 5,000 tons, to support a total weight of up to 20,000 tons.

Similarly, the heave compensation system — essentially a giant spring — required two massive, hydraulic rams to mitigate the effect of heave on the suspended pipe-string. The system

could raise and lower the pipe at a constant speed of 18 feet per minute, although in the actual operation it would operate more slowly.

Sixty-foot lengths of pipe totaling 17,000 feet and about 4,250 tons were stowed on board. The pipe-handling system could move them easily and continuously to the hoisting system or back to stowage, day or night, in almost any weather.

The docking system for the capture vehicle was also highly innovative. To stabilize the 4,000-ton load suspended from a single point, the pipe-string, in a dynamic seaway and hoist it into the narrow confines of the moon pool, it had two semi-rigid structural arms or "docking legs" that could be lowered beneath the hull, at either end of the docking well. These engaged massive "pins" at both ends of the capture vehicle and guided it up and into the center well.

During docking and undocking, the 200-foot docking legs could tilt up to seven degrees fore and aft, facilitating recovery in a seaway. When not in use these docking legs retracted vertically and protruded up through the main deck, fore and aft of the pipe-hoisting system.

The mission required a huge ship, 618 feet 8 inches long, with a beam of 115 feet 8-1/2 inches. The moon pool, sized to accommodate the capture vehicle carrying the approximately 130-foot forward section of K-129, was 199 feet long and 74 feet wide, with a minimum vertical clearance of 65 feet.

Each of the two motor-driven

doors or "gates" that slid along tracks to close the bottom was 9 feet thick, 80 feet wide, and some 80 feet long. Air pumped into the gates compressed a hard rubber seal to make the bottom watertight so the moon pool could be pumped dry.

Internally the ship had all the comforts of a modern merchant ship and more. It accommodated 178 people, with single staterooms for senior ship and CIA officers, two-man staterooms for most of the crew, and four-man staterooms for the technical staff and "others."

In the modern kitchen and dining facilities, galley staff served up excellent food, and plenty of it.

The ship was launched at the Sun shipyard on Nov. 4, 1972, with Mrs. James R. Lesch, wife of the senior vice president of Hughes Tool Co., formally christening her the Hughes Glomar Explorer. She went to sea on builder's trials on April 12, 1973.

After some additional work to complete her, she sailed to deep water some 80 nautical miles northwest of Bermuda to test the automated station-keeping system and pipe-handling system. Most of the three miles of pipe would not be loaded aboard until she reached her homeport of Long Beach, Calif.

At this stage, the Hughes Glomar Explorer was still a "white ship," with no classified equipment or material on board. Visitors saw only the unique and unusual features of the world's first large, seafloor mining ship.

The stated purpose of the massive moon pool was to carry and deploy the giant "vacuum cleaner" machine that would sweep up manganese nodules from the seafloor.

After a visit to Bermuda, the ship set sail for the Pacific and her rendezvous with the wreckage of the K-129. There, in early August 1973, the Hughes Glomar Explorer, with Soviet intelligence ships hovering close by the suspicious "mining operation," successfully salvaged a part of the Soviet missile submarine, albeit losing a large part of the "target object" in the process.

# DARPA to research brain

From the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

President Barack Obama recently unveiled a bold new research initiative designed to revolutionize the understanding of the human brain.

As part of this initiative, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency intends to invest roughly \$50 million in 2014 with the goal of understanding the dynamic functions of the brain and demonstrating breakthrough applications based on these insights.

"The President's initiative reinforces the significance of understanding how the brain records, processes, uses, stores and retrieves vast quantities of information," explained DARPA Director Arati Prabhakar. "This kind of knowledge of brain function could inspire the design of a new generation of information processing systems; lead to insights into brain injury and recovery mechanisms; and enable new diagnostics, therapies and devices to repair traumatic injury."



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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is working to understand the dynamic functions of the brain.

DARPA plans to explore two key areas to elicit further understanding of the brain. New tools are needed to measure and analyze electrical signals and the biomolecular dynamics underpinning brain function.

Researchers will also explore, abstract and model the vast spectrum of brain functions by examining its incredible complexity.

Like all potentially powerful new technologies, this research can lead to societal questions about its use.

DARPA plans to engage a broad set of experts to explore these issues.

DARPA's planned investment includes new

programs to address the areas outlined and ongoing efforts designed to advance fundamental understanding of the brain's dynamics to drive applications (Revolutionizing Prosthetics, Restorative Encoding Memory Interface Neural Device, Reorganization and Plasticity to Accelerate Injury Recovery, Enabling Stress Resistance), manufacture sensing systems for neuroscience applications (Reliable Neutral Interface Technology, Blast Gauge) and analyze large data sets (Detection and Computational Analysis of Psychological Signals).



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