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## Prescriptions by mail most cost-effective



Navy photo by Jacob Sippel, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs  
**A Sailor receives prescription medications directly to his home via TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery.**

### TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery also easiest option

By Yan Kennon  
Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs Senior Writer

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery offers a safe, affordable and convenient method of getting prescriptions delivered to patients' doors, by way of the Postal Service.

Home Delivery includes generics at no-cost; a 90-day supply for most medications; refills by mail, phone or online; and an automatic refill option.

Active duty have no co-pays, while other patients have no co-

pay for generics, \$13 for brand-name formulary and \$43 for non-formulary.

For brand-name and non-formulary medications, the co-pays for a 90-day supply are about the same as a 30-day supply from a retail pharmacy — a savings of up to 65 percent.

"TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery is the least expensive option when not using our branch health clinic pharmacy," said Cmdr. Chad Roe, Naval

Branch Health Clinic Kings Bay officer in charge. "And it's the easiest option. By converting your current retail medications

to Home Delivery, patients reduce out-of-pocket costs and gain convenient

**"... patients reduce out-of-pocket costs and gain convenient delivery."**

Cmdr. Chad Roe  
Branch Health Clinic Kings Bay

delivery." According to TRICARE, more than one million prescriptions are filled each month through Home Delivery, which is administered

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### Back to school

Camden County students returned to the classroom Tuesday to start the 2013-14 school year. Above, a school bus driver waves to a mom as a lone student embarks for school in the early morning hours.

Navy photo by MC2 Cory Rose

## Online tutoring can help

Tutor.com webinar today at 5:30 p.m.; for kindergarten to college

From Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay School Liaison Office

As the School Liaison Officer for Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, active duty members ask me about ways to get help with school work for themselves and their children.

The answer? Tutor.com. Active duty service members and their families have free, unlimited access to online tutoring and career help from Tutor.com. Have you or your dependents logged on to this great tool?

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## Subs get patent-pending power at the speed of light

### New tool for maintenance of fibre optic systems

By Troy Clarke and MC1 Chris Okula  
Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Public Affairs

The Navy's submarine force has a new, patent-pending tool allowing it to maintain its fiber optic systems like never before.

It's a new capability powered by an invention from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division, its top officer announced Aug. 8.

The innovation lets the Navy compare fiber optic power test meters throughout their entire range of output against a known standard, allowing the fleet to perform reliable and accurate measurements in-house, without outsourcing, reducing costs while increasing capability for the maritime service.

Commanding Officer Capt. Eric Ver Hage praised the delivery, lauding the new instrument as a measurement science milestone that the 21st century military will rely on for years to come.

"Our R&D team has been working hard to develop this fiber optic calibration standard," Ver Hage said. "Seeing it delivered to the submarine fleet is an awesome example of what warfare centers do



Navy photo by Greg Vojtko

Lance Doddridge, electrical engineer and physicist at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, splices fiber optic cable as he works on Linearity Calibration Standard (LCS) 8513.

for Navy programs to drive down costs while keeping our fighting forces at the forefront of technology."

Ver Hage added this is yet another achievement that strengthens the Navy's intellectual property holdings that adds long-term value to the taxpayer.

The latest Patent Power Scorecard

published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ranks the Navy's patent portfolio best in the world amongst all other government agencies, a distinction fueled by people across the Navy's Science and Engineering Enterprise.

And the patent-pending advancement

comes as the modern fleet operates more and more frequently through fiber optics streaming at the speed of light.

All new Navy ships and submarines are outfitted with fiber optic backbones to handle their complex networks because older copper-wire networks can't handle the throughput of today's sophisticated military hardware.

Lance Doddridge, the NSWC Corona physicist and electrical engineer who invented the calibration system, called the Linearity Calibration Standard 8513, understands its value for the warfighter.

"Fiber optics connect everything from weapons systems, control centers, and radar, to a ship's last line of defense," Doddridge said. "Every piece of test equipment, by [Department of Defense] mandate, has to be calibrated using standards that are traceable to a national standard."

Correctly calibrated equipment helps ensure military hardware functions properly, accurately and safely, ranging from a ship's propulsion plant to an F/A-18 Hornet's laser target designators to night vision goggles.

And accuracy is vital, especially for the submarine community.

In developing the new standard, NSWC Corona collaborated

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## Local news and views

Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga.



## Now hear this!

## Stimson hours return to normal

Monday, Aug. 19, Stimson Pass and ID will resume normal hours of operation, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and closed on weekends and holidays.

## Student rewards back at NEX

In the Navy Exchange's A-OK Student Reward Program qualified students participate quarterly drawings for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter for college. The next drawing will be at the end of August. Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better may enter. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card. To enter, stop by any NEX with a current report card and have a NEX associate verify the minimum grade average. Fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products and services. Since the program began, NEXCOM has awarded more than \$611,000 in Series EE U.S. savings bonds and monetary awards with the help of its generous vendor partners.

## AFAMC poker run Aug. 17

The Armed Forces of America Motorcycle club Georgia Chapter will have its 15th annual 41 For Freedom Poker Run to benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 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.

## 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.

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by Express Scripts, Inc.

Home Delivery is best suited for maintenance medications — those taken on a regular basis. Benefits of Home Delivery include free generic medications, refill reminders, help with renewing expired prescriptions, and a review of prescription history to help prevent harmful drug interactions.

One of the most popular features is the automatic refill option, which ensures that patients don't run out of their medications. Patients also can refill their prescriptions manually, by phone, mail or online.

Prescriptions can be delivered to any address in the U.S. and its territories, including temporary addresses and APO/FPO addresses. Patients living outside the U.S. and its

territories who don't have an APO/FPO address can have medications shipped to their U.S. embassy.

Refrigerated medications can't be mailed to APO/FPO addresses.

To enroll at no-cost, there're three options: online at [www.tricare.mil/homedelivery](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery), by telephone at (877) 363-1303, or by mailing a registration form to Express Scripts Inc., P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, AZ 85072-9954.

NBHC Kings Bay is one of Naval Hospital Jacksonville's six health care facilities located across Florida and Georgia.

Of NH Jacksonville's patient population — about 163,000 active and retired Sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen, guardsmen and their families — more than 57,000 are enrolled with a primary care manager at one of its facilities.

To find out more about NBHC Kings Bay, visit the command Web site at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax).

## Checking for signs of skin cancer

From Naval Hospital Jacksonville

**Question:** How concerned should I be with melanoma?

**Answer:** One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of their lifetime. Although melanoma accounts for less than 5 percent of skin cancer cases, it causes the majority of skin cancer deaths. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun and indoor tanning are major risk factors.

Check your skin regularly, preferably once a month, looking for any unusual mole, sore, lump, blemish, marking or change in skin appear-

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ance.

Watch for "ABCDE" warning signs: Asymmetry (half of a mole or birthmark doesn't match the other), Border (the edges are irregular, ragged, notched or blurred), Color (the color is not the same all over), Diameter (the spot is larger than 6 millimeters across) or Evolving (the mole is changing in size, shape, or color).

If you find any of these, get it checked by your health care provider immediately.

And remember that some melanomas don't fit these rules. It's important to tell your doctor about any changes or new spots on the skin, or growths that look different from the rest of your moles.

Find out more from the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Ask the Doc is a new column by Naval Branch Health Clinic Key West. This column was written by Laura Kyer, PA-C, Naval Branch Health Clinic Key West physician assistant. If you have a question for a physician, dentist, pharmacist or optometrist, send it to [kwaskthedoc@med.navy.mil](mailto:kwaskthedoc@med.navy.mil).

## Web site teaches coping for military

By Claudette Roulo

American Forces Press Service

As part of the Integrated Mental Health Strategy, the Defense Department's National Center for Telehealth and Technology and the Veterans Affairs Department's mental health informatics section have partnered to develop an interactive online educational and life-coaching program.

Moving Forward, at [www.startmovingforward.org](http://www.startmovingforward.org), is designed to teach problem-solving skills to members of the military community, Dr. Robert Ciulla, director of the mobile health program at the National Center for Telehealth and Technology, told American Forces Press Service.

Moving Forward is focused on addressing stress, specifically, recognizing when a person is stressed, identifying stressors and developing stress management skills.

To accomplish this, users navigate through a set of problem-solving exercises, Ciulla said. In addition to testimonials from former service members, the site offers quizzes to evaluate stress levels and games to practice counseling progressions.

"This gives users a way to interact

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with the course, to learn how stress affects them, in particular, and to learn about their general problem-solving style," he said.

Users then learn techniques for generating solutions when they're faced with a problem, Ciulla added.

"Problem-solving is foundational," he said. The skills learned in addressing any one problem can be transferred to addressing a variety of problems," he said.

The techniques on the site are based on a problem-solving therapy program that has been used successfully with service members and veterans across the country, a growing number of whom have mental health care needs, Ciulla said.

"We know that approximately 20 percent of service members returning from a combat deployment do experience adjustment problems like post-traumatic stress, depression, anger, problems in work settings [and] family and relationship issues," Ciulla said, "and so this series of problem-solving exercises teaches the user how to literally learn how to work with some of the

problems that they're confronting."

The Moving Forward website is designed to allow users to remain anonymous, but also to be able to pick up where they left off if they take a break from training.

"We know that stigma is a prevalent issue in the military. [Service members] are concerned that if they see somebody on a face-to-face basis, it'll be seen as a sign of weakness or that they can't perform their duty, Ciulla said.

Some advantages of using the website include never having to wait in a crowded waiting room and the ability to log on from home or another safe environment, he noted.

The site is designed to stand alone. No referral from a caregiver is needed, Ciulla said, but it is not intended to entirely replace face-to-face care if that type of care is needed.

For users who have chronic stress and chronic problems in their lives, the site can serve as a steppingstone to getting face-to-face care, he added.

Moving Forward is designed to be especially helpful for veterans, service members and their families, Ciulla said, but the site teaches skills that can be useful to anyone dealing with stress.

## Spouse employment goal met early

By Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service

A White House and Defense Department challenge to hire 50,000 military spouses by the end of 2015 surpassed its goal Aug. 1, the acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness told members of the Defense Department's Military Family Readiness Council at the Pentagon Aug. 5.

The effort to hire 50,000 spouses reached fruition through the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, a group of more than 180 employers that vowed to recruit military spouses, Jessica Wright said.

Part of the broader DOD Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, MSEP is a result of Joining Forces, a 2011 call to action by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, to mobilize support from

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all sectors of the nation to help find work for service members, families and veterans.

"These achievements would not have been possible without a community of partners, and I really do want to give a shout-out for the strong advocacy ... of the first lady, Michelle Obama, and Dr. Jill Biden," Wright said. They crisscrossed the United States, she added, meeting with business leaders and heads of key organizations to talk about spousal employment.

"This is very important," Wright said. "Without their advocacy role, we would not have been as successful."

Wright also recognized the newly formed Spouse Ambassador Network for its help in reaching reach

the 50,000 mark. She said the network has created a "network of networks" by bringing together dedicated military support organizations with hundreds of local chapters that connect military spouses to career information, professional networking opportunities and local community resources.

"Today, we celebrate these important MSEP milestone achievements, which are part of the employment goals we share with the White House's Joining Forces and our MSEP employers, who collectively pledged to hire 50,000 military spouses by the end of 2015," Wright added. "With today's number ... hiring 50,000 military spouses, you can see that we are well ahead of schedule in reaching that goal."

The council and MSEP deserve kudos for the 50,000 spouse hires, Wright added. "This is really huge," she said.

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with its sister division, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, R.I., to determine its equipment needs. Until the new system arrived, the undersea warfare center had outsourced its fiber optic calibration responsibilities.

"Without the ability to perform these tests in-house, these sensitive items would have to be shipped to various pre-ap-

proved and accredited vendors throughout the country, resulting in additional contracting expense and subjecting [the equipment] to delays and possible damage in shipping," said Mark Medeiros, NUWC Newport's calibration laboratory team lead.

In addition to LCS8513, Dodridge has created another calibration standard, called AD-FOCS, the Attenuation and Distance Fiber Optic Calibration Standard, which NUWC Newport now has to complement the linearity standard.

He fabricated and assembled

the instrument by hand, even using 3D printing to save costs and weight when possible.

It compares commercial, off-the-shelf fiber optic test equipment for accuracy against more accurate standards that are traceable to national standards, which flow from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to the Navy Gage and Standards Lab at NSWC Corona, the Navy and Marine Corps' designated technical agent for measurement science and calibration.

Medeiros says these new standards will vastly improve NUWC

Newport's ability to address the rising demand for fiber optic systems calibration.

"Having the ability to support these measurements in-house saves an enormous amount of money and time," Medeiros said. "It enables us to provide quick, reliable, on-time service to meet deployment schedules and support internal programs."

Headquartered in Norco, Calif., NSWC Corona is part of the Navy's Science and Engineering Enterprise and leads the Navy in independent assessment, measurement and calibration standards and range systems engi-

neering.

As a Naval Sea Systems Command field activity, the command employs approximately 2,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel and includes a detachment in Seal Beach, Calif.

NSWC Corona has received patents in seven areas of innovation for its automated Met-Bench Calibration Management System, which distributes and maintains calibration and test equipment data for Navy ships, seamlessly synchronizing all data for users all around the world.

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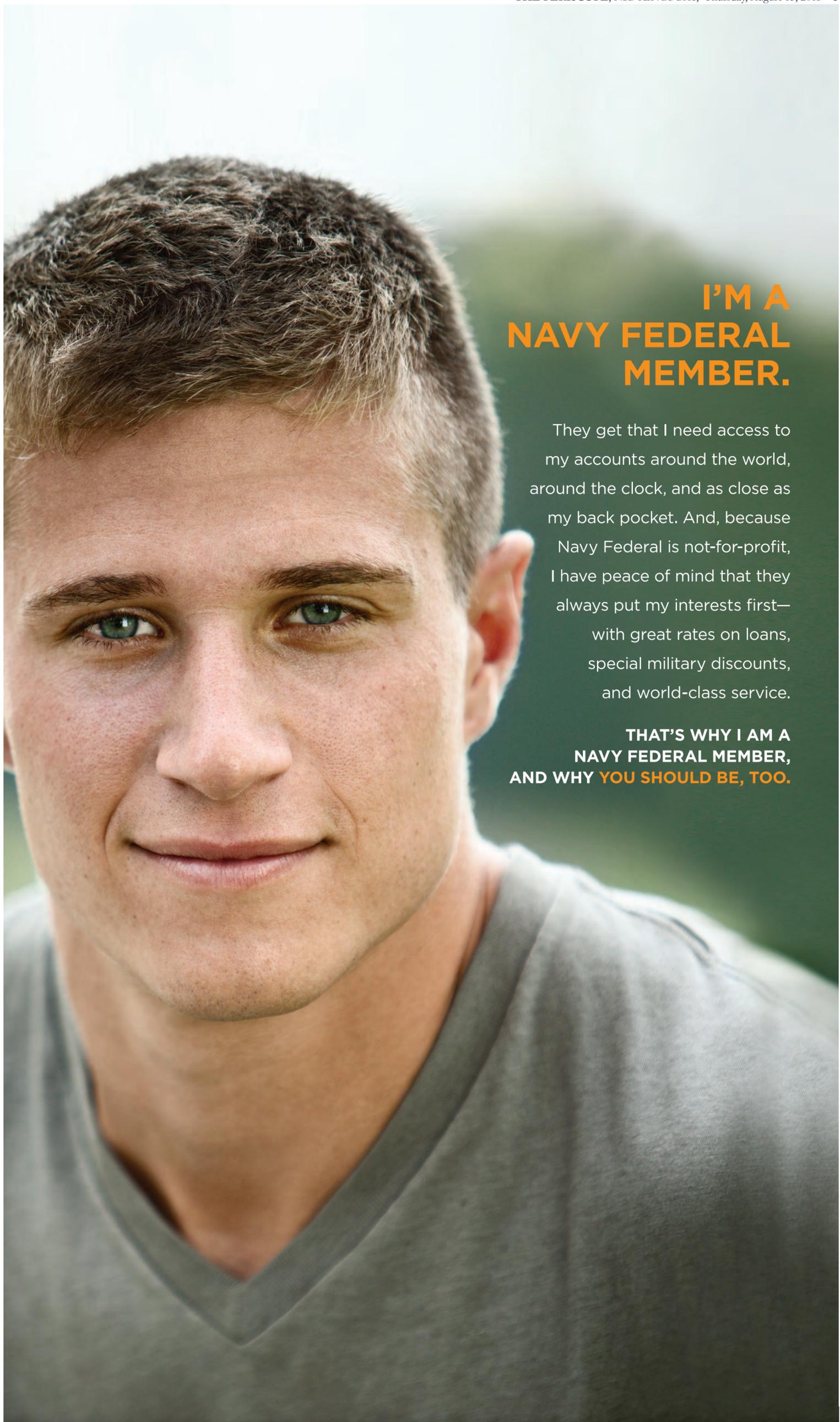
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# AROUND NSB KINGS BAY

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Navy photo by MC3 Ashley Hedrick

Deana Williams, a phlebotomist for the American Red Cross, draws BM2 Adam Brechak's blood at the Kings Bay base-wide blood drive Aug. 7.

## OMAHA TROPHY



Navy photos by MC1 James Kimber

The gold crew of USS Alaska (SSBN 732) with the Omaha Trophy, in the Kings Bay Auditorium at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Aug. 8. Alaska was awarded the trophy after being selected as the ballistic missile submarine best demonstrating the highest performance standards in Strategic Command's mission areas.

Right, from left, Master Chief Electronics Technician Kevin Scarff, USS Alaska (Gold) Chief-of-the-Boat; Rear Adm. Joseph Tofalo, commander, Submarine Group Ten; Cmdr. Robert Wirth, Alaska (Gold) commanding officer; Rear Adm. J. R. Haley, Strategic Command's Director of Global Operations; Cmdr. Todd Figanbaum, Alaska (Blue) commanding officer; Senior Chief Electronics Technician Nkosi Sims, Alaska (Blue) Chief-of-the-Boat; and Capt. Chris Harkins, commodore, Submarine Squadron 16 show off the the Omaha Trophy.



Left, Rear Adm. J. R. Haley, Strategic Command's Director of Global Operations, congratulates the blue and gold crews of the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Alaska (SSBN 732).



## OPERATION BALL GOWN



Marine Corps Security Force Battalion spouses had lunch at the base Chapel Fellowship Hall, and a free dress swap for the upcoming military ball season. One attendee was actually going to four balls — Master at Arms, Khaki Ball, Navy Ball, and Marine Corps Ball.



Courtesy photos

## CONGRESSIONAL VISITOR

U.S. Congressman Paul C. Broun, Jr., Georgia's 10th District U.S. Representative, discusses the typical deployment cycle of an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine and its effects on Sailors and their family members with Cmdr. Todd Figanbaum, USS Alaska (SSBN 732) (Blue) Commanding Officer, Aug. 4 onboard Alaska. Broun visited the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine while on a familiarization tour of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Navy photo by MC1 James Kimber



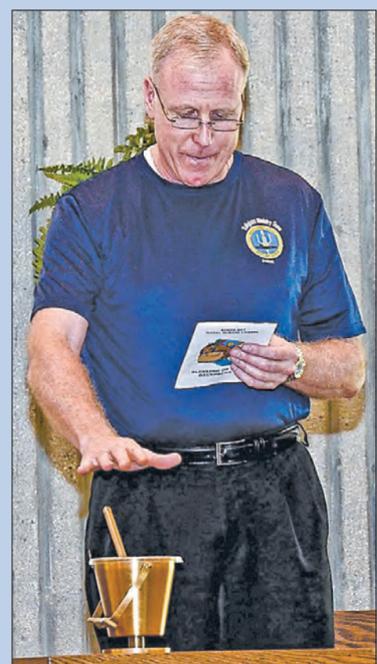
## CAREER ORIENTATION AND TRAINING



Rear Adm. Joseph Tofalo, Commander, Submarine Group Ten, takes a question during a Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay's Auditorium July 22. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps second and third class scholarship midshipmen were assigned to the training, which consists of surface, submarine, aviation and Marine Corps Orientation.

Navy photo by MC1 James Kimber

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Father John McCarthy performs the Blessing of the Backpacks Aug. 11 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay's Chapel. The blessing covered all students, their backpacks, teachers, administration, the new school year, gave thanks for kids and blessed their journey of learning. A cookout followed the Blessing.

Navy photo by MC2 Cory Rose

## NALET GRADUATION PLANK OWNERS

The 16 plank owners of the first Navy Accelerated Law Enforcement Training class graduated on board Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Aug. 9. The training for law enforcement patrolmen is five weeks long.

Navy photo by MC2 Cory Rose



# Fleet & Family Support Center workshops

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The Fleet &amp; Family Support Center

## Parenting classes offered on Mondays

Are you frustrated with your children? Would you like suggestions on how to stop temper tantrums or how to get your teen to complete chores without 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 Mondays, Aug. 19 and 26. 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.

## 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.

## Fleet and Family offers classes on site

FFSC 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

## Spouse Indoctrination

### Learn your local resources!

Fleet and Family Support Center  
Navy College  
Navy Marine Corps Relief Society  
Child & Youth Programs  
School Liaison Officer  
MWR

Legal  
NCIS  
Tricare  
Chapel  
American Red Cross  
PSD

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.

are available to participate within areas of expertise in the indoctrination of newly assigned personnel and family members of active duty personnel.

## New Moms and Dads Support Group to meet

A New Mom's and Dad's Support Group meets every Tuesday at the Fleet and Family Support Center throughout the month. These workshops are scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 20 and 27. This workshop is an opportunity to share experiences, meet and gain support from others, and exchange new ideas. To register, call 573-4512.

## Military Resumes 3-part series will help

This three-part series of one-hour sessions walks participants through the practical and creative aspects of applying military experience to build a successful document for a post-military job search. Participants should bring a copy of his or her Verification of Military Experience and Training, at least three evalua-

tions and information on any licenses or certifications held. Optional documents are award letters and transcripts. This workshop is, 11 a.m. to noon, Aug. 22 and 29. Registration is required. For more information, call 573-4513.

## Job search workshop scheduled for Aug. 16

A job search workshop will be 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 16. It provides an overview of local and national employment trends and recommends strategies to expand your job search network. Open to active duty, retired, reserve and separating military and family members of relocating civil service personnel. Registration is required, call 573-4513.

## Anger management seminar Aug. 28

Anger is not an effective method of getting what you want and is often a smoke screen for other emotions. This workshop is slated for 8:30 a.m. to noon, Aug. 28. 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.

## Smooth Move Workshop scheduled for Aug. 20

Smooth Move Workshops are designed to help personnel with military relocations and transfers. Areas covered include transportation, travel pay, allowances, and important forms and documents, housing referral office and relocation services. All service members and their spouses are encouraged to attend six months before their transfer date. Due to limited seating, please do not bring children. The workshop will be 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 20. For more information, call 573-4513.

## Ombudsman Assembly Meeting Aug. 26

The Ombudsman Assembly Meeting will be held for all OMB, COs, XOs, CMCs and COB's at the Kings Bay Community Center at 6 p.m., Aug. 26. For more information, contact at 573-4513.

## Ten Steps to a Federal job examined

Gain information on the federal employment process, salaries and benefits. Learn how to interpret job announcements and determine whether you are eligible to apply. Attendees will be provided guidelines, information, samples and tips on completing the electronic Federal resume. This class is from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 23. Registration required by calling 573-4513.

## Command Financial Specialist class offered

A five-day training course will be offered for prospective Command Financial Specialists. All CFS must be nominated by their Command. Registration is open to personnel E-6 and above who are financially stable, with at least one year left before PRD from their commands. This training is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 19 to 23. Registration is required. For more information, call 573-9783.

## Spouse Indoctrination class meets Aug. 21

The goal of Spouse Indoctrination is to educate the participants on the numerous resources that are available to them while stationed at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. This class hosts 20-plus speakers who provide information and answer any questions you have. This class will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 21. To register, call 573-4513.

## Ombudsman Basic Training coming

There will be an Ombudsman Basic Training course for prospective Ombudsman, new Ombudsman and Command Support Spouses at Fleet and Family Support Center Bldg. 1051. This class will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 26 to 30. For more information and to register, call 573-4513.

# Navy's last death penalty

From Naval History and Heritage Command

*Editor's note: The Navy's last use of the death penalty was in 1842, when three sailors were hanged for mutiny. The following is adapted from The Somers' Mutiny in ZB Collection [Spencer, Philip], Navy Department Library, available on the Naval History and Heritage Command Web site.*

On Aug. 13, 1842, Philip Spencer, son of Secretary of War John C. Spencer, was ordered to the US Brig Somers at New York.

The Somers, Cmdr. Alexander Slidell MacKenzie commanding, sailed for the coast of Africa about Sept. 12, cruised briefly along that coast, and on Nov. 11 sailed for the United States, by way of St. Thomas.

On the night of Nov. 25, at sea, Purser's Steward James W. Wales of the Somers was contacted by Midshipman Spencer, after being sworn to secrecy, was informed that Spencer was conspiring with some 20 members of the crew to seize the vessel, murder the officers and engage in piracy, with Spencer going into considerable detail concerning the plan.

Wales made an attempt to notify MacKenzie that night but was so closely watched by the conspira-

tors that he was unable to do so. The next morning he succeeded in conveying word of the plot to the MacKenzie through Purser H.M. Heiskell and Lt. Guert Gansevoort.

Midshipman Spencer's general reputation was not particularly good and he was known to have been extremely familiar with the crew, and to have done a number of things harmful to the discipline of the ship.

On the night of Nov. 26 he was arrested and placed in irons, although he denied any knowledge of a plot to take the vessel. Search of his cabin revealed a paper written partially in Greek characters, which, when translated by another officer, appeared to be the plans of the mutiny giving names of the crew and their probable temper as regards the mutiny and the station to be assumed by various ones.

On Nov. 27, the falling of the maintopmast of the ship and its accompanying rigging, believed to have been caused by some of the suspected members of the crew with the intention of creating confusion favorable to an outbreak, resulted in no action.

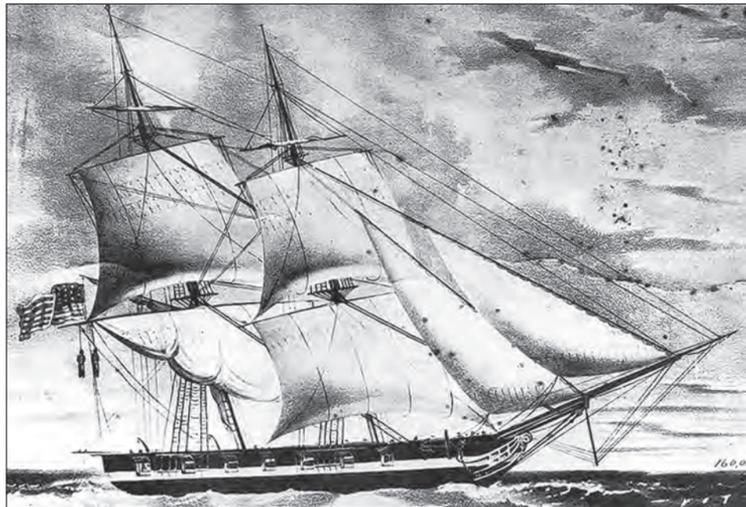
During the day suspicious gatherings of the crew were noted and that evening it was believed expedient for the safety

of the ship to arrest Boatswain Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small and place them in irons.

During the following days the crew committed several minor offenses which were punished and exhibited a growing sullenness and tendency to disobey orders. Other arrests were made on Nov. 30.

Also on Nov. 30, MacKenzie requested his officers to give him their opinion as to the line of conduct necessary for the safe continuance of the voyage. The whole day was spent by the officers in consultation and in questioning the crew and on Dec. 1 they gave their answer as follows:

"In answer to your letter requiring our counsel as to the best course to be pursued with regard to the prisoners Spencer, Cromwell and Small, we have the honor to state, that the evidence which has come to our knowledge after the most careful, deliberate and dispassionate consideration which the exigency would allow, is of such a nature as to call for the most decided action. We are convinced that in the existing state of things it will be impossible to carry the prisoners to the United States. We think the safety, our lives and honor to the flag entrusted to our charge, requires that the prisoners be



Naval Historical Center photo

A lithograph, published circa 1843, depicting USS Somers under sail, bound home from the African coast Dec. 1, 1842, after the hanging of three alleged mutineers. The men executed were Midshipman Philip Spencer, Boatswain's Mate Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small. The print shows two of them hanging from the yardarm.

put to death, as the course best calculated to make a salutary impression upon the rest of the crew. In this decision we trust we have been guided by our duty to God, to our Country and to the Service."

This opinion concurred with MacKenzie's, and it was determined to put the three conspirators — Spencer, Cromwell and Small — to death, it being thought possible to confine the other prisoners safely, if the ringleaders were removed.

When Spencer was advised of his fate he made no confession, but his remarks that he "deserved to die," "that he had at-

tempted the same thing on board the John Adams and Potomac, but unsuccessfully" etc., seemed to indicate guilt.

The three men were hanged on Dec. 1 and their bodies buried at sea after funeral services had been held. The Somers arrived at St. Thomas Dec. 5 and proceeded from there to New York.

On Dec. 28, 1842, a Naval Court of Inquiry was convened on board the USS North Carolina at the New York Navy Yard, to inquire into the intended mutiny on board the Brig Somers.

The court gave as its opinion that a mutiny

had been organized on board the vessel involving the three men, Spencer, Cromwell and Small; that there was grave danger of their being rescued by the crew after their arrest; and that the safety of the vessel demanded the immediate execution of the prisoners; that the conduct of Cmdr. MacKenzie and his officers had been prudent, calm and firm, and that they had honorably performed their duty to their service and country.

On Feb. 1, 1843, a Naval General Court Martial was convened on board the USS North Carolina for

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Clainetta Jefferson is the School Liaison Officer for NSB Kings Bay. If you have questions about this article or concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, she can be reached via e-mail at [clainetta.jefferson@navy.mil](mailto:clainetta.jefferson@navy.mil) or by phone at (912) 573-8986.

# Morale, Welfare and Recreation happenings



Courtesy photo

Fall Youth Soccer season got underway this week at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

## Child care signup going

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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.

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.

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■ **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.

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Saturday, Aug. 17, the Dive-In Movie at the NSB Kings Bay Fitness Center pool complex will open with free admission at 7 p.m. for the feature *Dispicable 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.

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## Tac tech capabilities eyed

From Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

Success on the battlefield requires warfighters to know as much as possible about themselves, their surrounding environment and the potential threats around them.

Dismounted infantry squads in particular risk surprise and loss of tactical advantage over opponents when information is lacking.

While squads use many different technologies to gather and share information, the current piecemeal approach doesn't provide the integrated, real-time situational awareness needed for individual warfighters and squad leaders to anticipate situations and effectively maneuver to positions of advantage.

Providing this capability would provide dismounted squads with overwhelming tactical superiority over potential adversaries similar to what warfighters enjoy at the aircraft, ship and vehicle levels.

To help address these challenges, DARPA has issued a Request for Information about technologies that can help lead to digitization of dismounted squads.

By digitization, DARPA means collecting sensor data that would provide much more detailed and actionable real-time information about a squad's

condition, surroundings and adversaries. It is believed that digitization could provide squads of 9-13 members and their unmanned assets with enhanced tactical awareness and advantage up to a mile away, in both urban and open-air environments.

"Imagine a squad moving through a complex urban environment that has heavy threat activity," said Army Lt. Col. Joseph Hitt, DARPA program manager. "The squad members don't know it, but a group of hostiles is waiting 100 meters ahead of them in an alley. Today, the squad must rely heavily on line of sight to identify the threat which would bring them very close to the attackers, affording squad members little time and space to react."

"With digitization, the squad's long-loiter Unmanned Aerial Vehicle flying overhead could detect those hostiles, alert the squad and automatically trigger the squad's quadruped robot to investigate," Hitt continued. "Entering the alley, the robot could automatically inform all squad members via visual and other cues about the hostiles' composition, location and weapon types. Moreover, the robot could check biometric databases to determine if any hostiles are known threats. These crucial insights would provide the squad time to maneuver to a position of

advantage and safely take appropriate action."

To deliver these capabilities, DARPA seeks innovative technologies in the following areas:

■ Sensing technologies for warfighter health and operational status

■ Absolute or relative geolocation technologies, particularly for global positioning system-denied areas, with accuracy comparable to that of current GPS technologies

■ Non-optical and distributed sensing solutions

■ Communication network solutions

■ Approaches to tactical information synthesis and delivery

Proposed technologies must meet the following criteria:

■ Ensure all hardware, power and processing capabilities are integrated into equipment that squad members and the squad's complement of ground and air unmanned systems can carry

■ Minimize system size, weight and power

■ Inherently enable real-time action by squads

"We're looking to leverage emerging technologies, integrate and optimize them through rigorous experimentation, and deliver the decisive technological advantage dismounted squads deserve," Hitt said. "We're reaching out to the performer community to see what game-changing technologies they could contribute."



Navy photo by Candice Villarreal

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the trial of Commander MacKenzie on charges of (1) murder on board a US vessel at sea, (2) oppression, (3) illegal punishment, (4) conduct unbecoming an officer and (5) cruelty and oppression.

The trial lasted from Feb. 1 to April 1, the charges against Cmdr. MacKenzie were found "not proven" and he was acquitted.

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# Up eriscope with Bill Wesselhoff

## Would you live in Antarctica or the Sahara?

My granddaughter loves the "Would you rather ..." questions. So I thought I'd try one this week. Would you rather live in Antarctica or the Sahara Desert? It's a no brainer for me. I'm with Sarah McInnis on this one, even though I'm from the North. If I can't stand winter in the Midwest, I'd simply perish in Antarctica. The Sahara would be pretty extreme, but I figure if I just slept during the day and worked the night shift, it might not be too bad.



**Sarah McInnis**  
Family member  
Ellisville, Miss.  
"The desert. I hate the cold. I can't stand it. I'm from the South."



**MA3 Bowen Booth**  
Harbor Security  
Blue Ridge, Texas  
"Antarctica. I'd rather bundle up with more clothes and be outdoors than have to stay in the shade."



**Gregg White**  
Navy College Director  
Ovid, Michigan  
"Antarctica. You can always put more clothes on to get warm, but you can only take so much off without being distracting."



**Theo Simmons**  
Retired Navy  
Vidalia, Ga.  
"Antarctica. For me, it's easier to deal with the cold than heat. You can put on more clothes, but only take so many off."



**Diamond Simmons**  
Family member  
Memphis, Tenn.  
"Antarctica, because of penguins. I've never seen a real, live one."



**Lt. j.g. Amy Hutchings**  
NSSC  
Seattle  
"Antarctica, because the only way you can live there is in a facility and there should be something interesting going on there."

## Furlough days reduced

From American Forces Press Service

Hundreds of thousands of Defense Department civilian employees who have had to take a weekly unpaid day off from work since July 8 are getting some relief, as the total number of furlough days has been reduced from 11 to six, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Aug. 6.

Here is the complete text of the secretary's announcement:

When I announced my decision on May 14 to impose furloughs of up to 11 days on civilian employees to help close the budget gap caused by sequestration, I also said we would do everything possible to find the money to reduce furlough days for our people. With the end of the fiscal year next month, managers across the DoD are making final decisions necessary to ensure we make the \$37 billion spending cuts mandated by sequestration, while also doing everything possible to limit damage to military readiness and our workforce. We are joined in this regard by managers in non-defense agencies who are also working to accommodate sequestration cuts while minimizing mission damage. As part of that effort at the Department of Defense, I am announcing today that, thanks to the DoD's efforts to identify savings and help from Congress, we will reduce the total numbers of furlough days for DoD civilian employees from 11 to six.

When sequestration took effect on March 1, DoD faced shortfalls of more than \$30 billion in its budget for day-to-day operating costs because of sequestration and problems with wartime funding. At that point we faced the very real possibility of unpaid furloughs for civilian employees of up to 22 days.

As early as January, DoD leaders began making painful and far reaching changes to close this shortfall: civilian hiring freezes, layoffs of temporary workers, significant cuts in facilities maintenance, and more. We also sharply cut training and maintenance. The Air Force stopped flying in many squadrons, the Navy kept ships in port, and the Army cancelled training events. These actions have seri-

ously reduced military readiness.

By early May, even after taking these steps, we still faced day-to-day budgetary shortfalls of \$11 billion. At that point I decided that cutting any deeper into training and maintenance would jeopardize our core readiness mission and national security, which is why I announced furloughs of 11 days.

Hoping to be able to reduce furloughs, we submitted a large reprogramming proposal to Congress in May, asking them to let us move funds from acquisition accounts into day-to-day operating accounts. Congress approved most of this request in late July, and we are working with them to meet remaining needs. We are also experiencing less than expected costs in some areas, such as transportation of equipment out of Afghanistan. Where necessary, we have taken aggressive action to transfer funds among services and agencies. And the furloughs have saved us money.

As a result of these management initiatives, reduced costs, and reprogramming from Congress, we have determined that we can make some improvements in training and readiness and still meet the sequestration cuts. The Air Force has begun flying again in key squadrons, the Army has increased funding for organizational training at selected units, and the Navy has restarted some maintenance and ordered deployments that otherwise would not have happened. While we are still depending on furlough savings, we will be able to make up our budgetary shortfall in this fiscal year with fewer furlough days than initially announced.

This has been one of the most volatile and uncertain budget cycles the Department of Defense has ever experienced. Our fiscal planning has been conducted under a cloud of uncertainty with the imposition of sequestration and changing rules as Congress made adjustments to our spending authorities.

As we look ahead to fiscal year 2014, less than two months away, the Department of Defense still faces major fiscal challenges. If Congress does not change the Budget Control Act, DoD will be



Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel answers a question from a Department of Defense civilian employee during an open forum at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

Navy photo by MC2 Salton Cebe

forced to cut an additional \$52 billion in FY 2014, starting on October 1. This represents 40 percent more than this year's sequester-mandated cuts of \$37 billion. Facing this uncertainty, I cannot be sure what will happen next year, but I want to assure our civilian employees that we will do everything possible to avoid more furloughs.

I want to thank our civilian workers

for their patience and dedication during these extraordinarily tough times, and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country. I know how difficult this has been for all of you and your families. Your contribution to national security is invaluable, and I look forward to one day putting this difficult period behind us. Thank you and God Bless you and your families.

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# New boss for Pac subs

By MC2 Steven Khor  
Navy News Service

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander Task Force 134 held a change of command ceremony at the submarine piers on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 7.

Rear Adm. Phillip G. Sawyer relieved Rear Adm. James F. Caldwell Jr.

Caldwell assumed command in December 2010 and ran the daily business of 60 percent of the Submarine Force.

This included oversight of the Pacific portion of the nation's ballistic missile submarine force, on behalf of U.S. Strategic Command, and the oversight and execution of manning, training, and properly equipping the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System community.

"It's been an honor to be a part of this force for over 30 years. I am humbled to have commanded such a force. God bless the Pacific Submarine Force," Caldwell said.

During his command, Caldwell deployed 25 fast-attack submarines, two Navy Trident submarines, 34 ballistic missile submarines and 22 surveillance towed-array sensor system crews in support of national defense initiatives.

Caldwell's forward-thinking and communication skills provided COMSUBPAC's undersea forces with a vision for maintaining dominance of the undersea domain while guiding the professional and personal development of submarine

force personnel. He was instrumental in sweeping changes to anti-submarine warfare operations in the Pacific Fleet, to include implementing a new concept of operations for theater ASW with forward-deployed submarines.

Caldwell led the submarine enterprise in research and development efforts with several units conducting one-of-a-kind missions that yielded extraordinary intelligence gathering unachievable with any other platform.

In addition, he was central to the development of the Design for Undersea Warfare and its initial update which has generated submarine force-wide alignment.

In quality of life, Caldwell helped lead the effort to end smoking on submarines and planned and coordinated the incorporation of women in submarine crews, resulting in the success of these personnel initiatives.

His leadership laid the groundwork for the future expansion of opportunities to include women on fast-attack submarines and female enlisted submarine Sailors.

Caldwell will be promoted to vice admiral and assigned as the Navy's next inspector general.

At the ceremony were guest speakers Gen. C. Robert "Bob" Kehler, Air Force, commander, Strategic Command and Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, Pacific Fleet.



Navy photo by MC3 Andrew Lavin

Rear Adm. James F. Caldwell Jr., now-relieved commander of Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, takes a tour of the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39).

"Frank, you have done a remarkable job, thank you for everything you have done," Kehler said.

Kehler said that because of Caldwell, the country is safer and more secure.

Haney also commended Caldwell for his outstanding job while in command.

"Thank you Frank for your leadership especially for the submarine force," Haney said.

During the ceremony, Caldwell received the Distinguished Service Medal for his superior and loyal service.

Sawyer will be promoted to rear admiral (upper half) and most recently served as commander, Submarine Group 7 in

Yokosuka, Japan.

As Sawyer assumed command, he expressed how happy he is to be at COMSUBPAC.

"Our duty will be to continue delivering forces ready to execute. I am honored and humbled to be your new commander," Sawyer said.

The Pacific submarine force provides anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, precision land strike, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and early warning and special warfare capabilities to Pacific Command and strategic deterrence capabilities to Strategic Command.

# Web site offers deep-sea views

By Eric Beidel  
Office of Naval Research

A long-standing partnership between the Office of Naval Research and one of the country's foremost oceanographers will culminate June 21 with the launch of a 24-hour "newsroom" to track scientists' activity aboard research ships and in the field and broadcast their findings to students and teachers around the world.

ONR and Dr. Robert Ballard—best known for discovering the wreck of the Titanic—have teamed up for Exploration Now, an initiative that uses telepresence technologies to provide students, educators and others with live-stream video of research activities and opportunities to interact directly with scientists aboard different vessels in real time.

"It's a 'situation room' for ocean exploration," said Cmdr. Joseph Cohn, ONR's deputy director of research for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "The ability to tune in and interact with the crews of U.S. research vessels, no matter where they are, will give an unprecedented number of students and teachers an insider's view of the important work these scientists are doing."

A shore-based production team at Ballard's Center for Ocean Exploration at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography will provide mission control by coordinating feeds, creating highlight videos,

arranging crew interviews and interpreting findings for audiences.

Designed in part to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM fields, the program kicks off as Exploration Vessel Nautilus begins a six-month expedition in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, where, among other activities, researchers will investigate active undersea volcanoes and study the impact of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The crew will use a new hull-mounted multi-beam sonar system to explore the seafloor and dispatch remotely operated vehicles to take high-definition video and collect geological and biological samples.

Over the course of the expedition season on board Nautilus there will be more than 150 rotating explorers—collectively referred to as the Corps of Exploration—including ONR-sponsored Navy personnel, educators and students.

"ONR's support of our Corps of Exploration has led to numerous masters and doctorate degrees, as well as the creation of important scientific, engineering and naval role models," Ballard said. "Exploration Now will help us advance a new paradigm of telepresence that not only will influence the oceanographic community but also future Navy operations."

ONR has invested in Ballard's research since the late 1960s, contribut-

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## Navy College information

Ongoing and Upcoming Events			
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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. = 1100-1130 (Group Brief) 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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Class = 45 hours (5hrs/night x 9wk)	
CLEP = Study 2-3hr/wk for approx 1 month	
Where: Navy College Office, Bld 1030	
Cost: Military: 1 <sup>st</sup> attempt is free for each test.	
Family: CLEP- \$92 DSST- \$100	
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American Military Univ	Qtrly call for appt (229) 538-6042 0800-1630
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Univ of Md, Univ Coll	Every Thursday 0650-1500
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Test	Date / Time	Fees
SAT (active duty and reserves only)	Oct 2, Dec 3 0730 – 1400	1 <sup>st</sup> : Free 2 <sup>nd</sup> : SAT=\$Call
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
GED (Spouse & Dependents)	Available locally w/ free pre-test training Call 510-3361	Total for 5 tests Approx \$160
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing will start promptly at 0730. All late shows will be rescheduled for following test period.</li> <li>Reservations are required on all testing.</li> <li>If you have previously taken SAT or ACT on active duty, call the NCO for cost, exceptions, etc.</li> <li>To prepare, use <a href="http://www.petersons.com/DANTES">www.petersons.com/DANTES</a> - Free academic skills course (OASC)</li> <li>Base Library (next to Liberty center) has ACT, SAT, GED preparation materials for check-out.</li> <li>GED testing can be done in multiple sittings.</li> </ul>		

# New boss puts out word

From Defense Media Activity-Navy

The Navy's new Chief of Naval Personnel held all hands calls with his staff in Washington, D.C., to introduce himself, discuss his priorities and listen to Sailors' and Navy civilians' thoughts and concerns.

Vice Adm. Bill Moran assumed the duties as the 57th chief of Naval Personnel Aug. 2.

He is responsible for the overwhelming majority of policies and programs that directly affect Sailors and their families.

"We will proactively communicate with Sailors and families, and strive to be transparent in all our dealings," Moran said.

He added that he wanted Sailors and their fami-

lies to feel comfortable sharing ideas and concerns with him, whether at all hands calls or through social media opportunities.

"I'm honored to be here," said Moran during an interview with *All Hands* magazine. "I look forward to working on behalf of Sailors and families to earn their trust."

Moran takes helm of a command that has an operating budget of \$29 billion and a staff of more than 26,000 Sailors and civilians that perform a wide variety of missions, including managing Navy manpower, readiness, education and training, and professional development of Sailors.

Moran did not shy away from addressing a concern

foremost on the minds of many Sailors and civilians — the budget.

He said managing the force will be driven by fiscal realities, which will dictate force structure decisions and ultimately the total number of Sailors Navy-wide.

"We understand today's fiscal and operational challenges," he said. "We must reach a balance that's in the best interest of the Navy and the nation, as well as Sailors and their families."

Despite the uncertain fiscal environment, Moran said one of his main priorities remains getting Sailors to the fleet with the right skillsets and training.

"We will continue to provide trained and ready Sailors to meet fleet man-



Navy photo by MC2 Martin L. Carey

Vice Adm. Bill Moran, Chief of Naval Personnel, speaks with Sailors and civilians at an all hands call at the Arlington Naval Annex. Moran assumed the duties as the 57th chief of naval personnel Aug. 2, and is responsible for Navy manpower, readiness, personnel, education and training.

ning demands," he said.

Moran also wanted Sail-

ors and their families to know his staff will seek

ways to bring stability and certainty to the work force.

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Navy photo  
USS Valley Forge (CV-45) and USS Leyte (CV-32) at Sasebo, Japan, in late 1950.



Navy photo  
The USS Missouri (BB-63) underway at sea during fleet maneuvers, in March 1950.

# Communist aggression begins Cold War

By Edward J. Marolda  
Senior Historian, Naval  
Historical Center

Soon after helping defeat Fascist tyranny in World War II, American Sailors faced a new global threat to the United States and the values for which their nation had long been a standard bearer: democracy, basic human rights, and freedom.

The USSR, under a murderous dictator, Joseph Stalin, acted to solidify the wartime conquests of the Soviet Red Army and advance the cause worldwide of Marxism-Leninism, an ideology that subverted the very ideals most Americans then held sacred.

Working with local Communist leaders and movements in the years after the war, Stalin eliminated the political and economic independence of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other nations in Eastern Europe. He put diplomatic and military pressure on Turkey and Iran in the Middle East and supplied war material to Communists fighting to overthrow the government of Greece.

In 1948, the Soviets sparked a confrontation with the United States and its European allies over control of Berlin, the occupied and divided capital of the defeated German nation.

In the Far East, regional Communist movements took the lead, but received military assistance from Moscow in efforts to eliminate opposing movements and governments.

Ho Chi Minh led Vietnamese Communist and other nationalists against the French colonial government in Indochina. Kim Il Sung and his Korean Communist supporters engaged in a vicious struggle for political control of the Korean people with Syngman Rhee and his anti-Communist adherents.

In 1949, Mao Tse-tung and his Chinese Communist armies pushed the forces of the Chiang Kai-shek government off the mainland of Asia and established the People's Republic of China.

The United States, under the leadership of President Harry S. Truman, had already taken economic, political, and military steps to deal with the new threat posed by the Soviet Union and its allies.

American taxpayers provided billions of dollars to restore the war-ravaged economies of Western Europe, under the Marshall Plan, and the similarly devastated Japanese economy.

The U.S. government strengthened political ties with many like-minded anti-Communist governments around the globe.

Finally, the Truman administration adopted a broad "Containment Strategy," in simplest terms a major effort to build a wall around the Communist world that would be defended by the armed might of the United States and its allies.

The United States Navy,

its warships and aircraft — and above all its Sailors — guarded the ramparts of the containment wall from the beginning of the so-called "Cold War" to its victorious end. Soon after Stalin pressed Turkey and Iran for territorial and other concessions in 1946, Truman dispatched battleship Missouri (BB-63), an unmistakable symbol of American military power, to the Eastern Mediterranean.

Truman wanted to make clear his determination that the United States would oppose aggressive Soviet actions. With establishment of the U.S. Sixth Task Fleet (later simply the U.S. Sixth Fleet) and creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949, it became clear to most observers that the United States meant to stand by its friends in the region.

**Hot War in a Cold Place**  
President Truman moved decisively to defend American and allied interests in the Far East when Kim Il Sung's North Korean armed forces, equipped with Soviet tanks, artillery, and combat aircraft, invaded the Republic of (South) Korea on 25 June 1950.

The commander in chief ordered U.S. air, ground, and naval forces to help South Korean and other United Nations forces resist the Communist attack.

He also directed the U.S. Seventh Fleet based at Subic Bay in the Philippines to prevent the war from spreading to the waters and islands off China, where Chiang Kai-shek continued his fight against the Communist mainland government. Aircraft carrier Valley Forge (CV-45), the heavy cruiser Rochester (CA-124), and eight destroyers sortied from Subic Bay in the Philippines and made a show of force along the China coast.

The presence of these Seventh Fleet forces off China deterred the Communists from launching a long-planned amphibious assault on Chiang's stronghold on the island of Taiwan.

Truman's bold actions can also be credited with influencing Stalin to take back an earlier pledge to Mao of Soviet air support in Korea. For the rest of the Korean War, Seventh Fleet

submarines, land-based patrol aircraft, and carrier task forces kept watch on the seas around Asia to discourage the USSR and the People's Republic of China from intervening in Korea with their naval forces.

The Navy took full advantage of its control of the sea and the air above it.

On 2 July, little more than a week after the outbreak of war, the cruiser Juneau (CL-119), the British cruiser Jamaica, and the British frigate Black Swan intercepted North Korean torpedo boats and motor gunboats off the east coast of South Korea and destroyed five of the Communist naval vessels. The following day, aircraft from Valley Forge and the British carrier Triumph bombed Pyongyang, the capital and war-making heart of North Korea.

The Republic of Korea Navy, with the key assistance of the U.S. Navy, added its firepower to the fight. The South Korean navy had only been created a few years before the war and had little operational experience.

Another problem was the absence from Korea at the start of the war of Admiral Sohn Won Il, the Chief of Naval Operations. He was in the United States accepting the transfer of three former U.S. submarine chasers. With the agreement of South Korean authorities, the U.S. naval command provided an American officer to help direct the allied service for the short term. South Korean authorities agreed, so Commander Michael J. Luosey took operational control of the ROKN.

During the next month, Luosey set up inshore patrol sectors on the coast, managed the redeployment by sea of South Korean marine forces, and helped stiffen allied maritime defenses around the southern and western coastlines.

With the return to Korea of Adm. Sohn and his three ships, South Korean naval forces became even more effective at destroying Communist junks, motorized sailboats, and sampans trying to deliver reinforcements, ammunition, and supplies to the swiftly advancing North Korean ground troops.

Naval aircraft and warships added their firepower to the UN campaign to halt the North Korean invading forces before they overran the entire peninsula. U.S. and allied cruisers and destroyers bombarded enemy units moving along coastal roads as Navy and Marine air units pummeled Communist troops and supply convoys heading south on inland roads.

Simultaneously, the ships of the Navy's Military Sea Transport Service reinforced and resupplied UN troops holding a small foothold on the peninsula near the key port of Pusan. Without fleet support, the UN forces in South Korea would have been forced to make a costly withdrawal like the British and French had at Dunkirk in World War II.

The Navy's mobility and command of the sea enabled General Douglas MacArthur and his UN command to reverse the tide of battle in Korea.

In mid-September 1950, Vice Adm. Arthur Struble, Commander Seventh Fleet and also Commander of Task Force 7, led 230 amphibious and other ships into the Yellow Sea and toward the North Korean-occupied port of Inchon.

As this armada approached the narrow channel leading to Inchon in the early morning hours of Sept. 15, a beacon suddenly shined from the top of a lighthouse that had been out of operation for some time. Inside the

lighthouse was Lt. Eugene F. Clark, who had been executing a daring intelligence mission behind enemy lines since the beginning of the month.

The brave and resourceful naval officer had been landed on a nearby island, Yonghung Do, with a small party of South Koreans and another American to learn about local tides, currents, and other information that would be valuable to allied amphibious planners.

Clark and his men gathered their intelligence, fought a small naval action with the Communists in which the enemy lost two boats to accurate machine-gun fire, and repaired the light.

The enemy overran Yonghung Do, caught and executed 50 villagers who had helped the Americans and South Koreans. But the "Blackbeard of Yonghung Do," as Clark would soon be called, avenged them by accomplishing his very important mission.

For days, naval gunfire support ships and carrier aircraft attacked enemy defensive positions ashore at Inchon. Then, at 0633 hours on Sept. 15, fleet amphibious landing craft disembarked the 5th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division on Wolmi Do, an island in Inchon Harbor.

After several days of hard fighting, and reinforcement by other Marines, South Korean troops, and elements of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, the allies seized the port and nearby Kimpo airfield.

On the 21st, U.S. Army units that had broken out of the Pusan Perimeter linked up with the Inchon forces. A week later, after bloody, street-to-street fighting, the 1st Marine Division captured Seoul. The amphibious units at Inchon suffered 3,500 killed, wounded, and missing but they inflicted 20,000 casu-

alties on the enemy.

More importantly, the Inchon assault, Operation Chromite, led to the disintegration of the North Korean People's Army and the liberation of South Korea.

General MacArthur hoped to destroy the enemy army completely and occupy northeast Korea with another amphibious assault, at Wonsan on the Sea of Japan.

He intended that the Navy would land the X Corps at Wonsan. This corps would then advance overland to the Yalu River and the North Korean border with the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union. Fast-moving South Korean troops, however, got to Wonsan on Oct. 10, a week before the planned landing.

In addition, the Navy discovered the hard way that the Communists had emplaced between 2,000 and 4,000 Soviet-made magnetic and contact mines in the approaches to the harbor.

A number of American and South Korean mine clearing vessels were sunk before the task force opened a safe passage into the port.

At long last, on Oct. 25, 1950, the 1st Marine Division began moving ashore and advancing into the forbidding mountains of North Korea.

The mobility resulting from the fleet's control of the waters off Korea also enabled MacArthur to withdraw his forces to the safety of the sea when the battle ashore turned against the UN command.

This occurred when the "volunteers" of the Communist Chinese People's Liberation Army emerged from the snow-covered mountains of North Korea in November 1950 and fell upon overextended Army, Marine, and South Korean units. The X Corps, which

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Coast Guard photo by PA3 Andy Devilbiss  
Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star (WAGB 11), based in Seattle, Wash., ice breaking for its primary mission of scientific and logistical support in polar regions.



Coast Guard  
Since the United States purchased Alaska from Russia, the Coast Guard has been a leader in the exploration of the Arctic region.

# While nation stifles, Coast Guard stays cool

From Coast Guard Compass

With a stifling heat wave affecting most of the country recently, it's hard to picture Coast Guard units focusing on our nation's Arctic interests.

But for a dedicated group of Coast Guard men and women, the Arctic is all that is on their mind.

As the nation's lead federal agency for ensuring maritime safety and security in the Arctic, the Coast Guard will perform its statutory missions to ensure the Arctic remains a safe, secure and environmentally protected region.

After a successful Arctic Shield 2012 operation on the North Slope and Barrow, Arctic Shield 2013 focuses on Western Alaska and the Bering Strait.

This year's operation will continue the three-pronged approach of outreach, operations and capability assessments.

■ Operations — Cutters, aircraft and personnel will maintain a presence in the Arctic region and will engage in operations encompassing a variety of Coast Guard missions.

■ Outreach — The Coast Guard will leverage its partnerships with federal, state, local and tribal partners to combine efforts to ensure the safety of the maritime community.

■ Capability assessment — Operating in the Arctic will give an opportunity to exercise capabilities to ensure the Coast Guard has the right resources to conduct maritime operations.

As part of Coast Guard Arctic Shield 2013 the forward operating location in Kotzebue was opened July 12, 2013, in preparation for the anticipated increase of maritime activities in Western Alaska and the Bering Strait.

"The Coast Guard crews will provide a vital forward deployed presence in Western Alaska during the summer operational period," said Capt. Daniel Travers, chief of incident management at the 17th Coast Guard District. "The [forward operating location] crew will conduct search and rescue, law enforcement patrols and homeland security missions and will participate in scheduled Arctic Shield 2013 exercises."

"It's extremely important that we have a presence in the region to build interagency partnerships and increase our Arctic maritime domain awareness," added Travers.

The forward operating location consists of a Kodiak-based MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter with supporting air and ground crews and will be based out of

## Marines help out Alaskans

By Cpl. Fenton Reese  
Marine Corps Forces Reserve

Due to rising waters, an eroding riverbank and flooding in the village of Newtok, Alaska, the village population was awarded new land rights to build and re-establish their community at another location in the state.

During the planning, the state of Alaska identified the need for an evacuation shelter and other supporting infrastructure at the new location. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs received a civilian inquiry to help out the people of Newtok, thus Innovative Readiness Training Mertarvik was born.

IRT Mertarvik was a Marine-led, ongoing, joint service, training opportunity for Reserve components of all branches of the U.S. military to hone their humanitarian skills, community relations and austere-condition operation capabilities.

"My experience in Alaska could be described as difficult, but extremely rewarding," said Capt. Chad Hailey, the IRT Mertarvik project officer and 6th Engineer Support Battalion operations officer. "The Mertarvik project site is so remote that the logistical requirements of getting all of our equipment, supplies and personnel out there have become the biggest hurdle. Having to adapt to the environment itself has also been a challenge."

Because it is a cold and wet



Marine Corps photo by Capt. Chad Hailey  
Marine Corps combat engineers and SeaBees work side-by-side in the construction of a 32- by 64-foot structure in support of Innovative Readiness Training Mertarvik.

climate, keeping morale high amongst the project personnel can be difficult, Hailey said.

However, with all the challenges they have faced each summer, it is extremely rewarding to know service members are making such a difference in the community.

"To observe the joy, excitement and appreciation on the faces of the villagers and to hear their sincere thanks makes overcoming all the challenges worth it," he said. "Additionally, the quality of training received by the military personnel who participate in this exercise is a reward itself."

Hailey said the first year of DOD involvement was 2009. The end-state of that year's mission was to establish a footprint in Mertarvik in order to allow more in-depth operations in follow-on years.

To accomplish this, Marines from 6th ESB constructed a 13,272-square foot billeting pad on top of the tundra from interlocked sections of Dura-base matting.

Dura-base is a type of composite mat made out of high-density polyethylene and has

an interlocking system that allows the pieces to be puzzled together.

The mats reinforce the existing soils and provide support for the daily traffic in Mertarvik. They also can serve as foundations for temporary buildings.

In 2010 Marines from 6th ESB, along with sailors from Navy Reserve Forces Command and 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, again deployed to Mertarvik establishing a forward operating base and constructing a 1,500-foot road from gravel and Dura-base matting.

This road was imperative to the future development of Mertarvik as it allowed access for building materials to be transported from the barge landing site to the location of their planned evacuation center, said Hailey.

The new, higher ground location for the village is nine miles away across the Ninglick River. There, the conceptual evacuation center would provide a safe haven in which the locals could seek refuge in

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the Alaska Army National Guard hangar in Kotzebue.

"We have facilities in locations around the state to meet local, state and federal needs in the event of emergencies or urgent contingencies," said Major Gen. Thomas H. Katkus, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard and commissioner of the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"The Alaska National Guard's hangar in Kotzebue is a great facility that is positioned to benefit multiple users. Tremendous synergy is achieved in sharing this space with the Coast Guard. Our relationship greatly benefits the state while simultaneously providing services and safety assets that better protect and help Alaskans."

Arctic Shield partnerships

continued at the local level with local government and tribal officials in Nome and Kotzebue to discuss the Coast Guard's continued presence in the region and to address mutual concerns about increased maritime traffic.

The Coast Guard Cutter Spar also engaged with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Canadian Coast Guard to de-

ploy a Coast Guard vessel of opportunity skimming system in Port Clarence to maintain crew proficiency with the system and to strengthen the relationship between both services.

For the first time in Coast Guard history, the Coast Guard Cutter Naushon, a 110-foot patrol boat, was deployed to the Arctic to test the cutter's capabilities and performance in the environment. The crew conducted law enforcement boardings and fisheries patrols in the Bering Sea, Bering Strait, Kotzebue and Norton Sound.

A national security cutter will also be deployed as a command and control platform to conduct various missions to include maritime domain awareness, search and rescue and law enforcement.

"The Coast Guard will have several cutters in the region including the ice breakers Healy and Polar Star," said Rear Adm. Thomas Ostebo, commander of the 17th Coast Guard District. "The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Healy will conduct science missions and will partner with the Coast Guard Research and Development Center to evaluate equipment. The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star will test the overall readiness of the ship."

Outreach is a key component to all Coast Guard operations and engagements in the Arctic region, and the importance of broadening partnerships is highlighted in the Coast Guard's Arctic Strategy.

"We understand the importance of strong relationships with tribal and local governments and have directly engaged in more than 50 meetings to discuss subsistence, shipping and other Arctic concerns," Ostebo said. "We are striving to build and strengthen our relationships throughout the Arctic by participating in open dialogue, actively listening and responding to tribal and local government concerns."

The district has a dedicated tribal liaison who actively engages with Arctic tribal leaders and local governments to ensure Arctic Shield 2013 operations do not conflict with tribal rights, interests or subsistence activities.

With federal, state and local partners, the Coast Guard's continues to develop an active, adaptive, fiscally responsible approach to meet the service's maritime safety, security and stewardship requirements in the Arctic.

## Cold War

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included the 1st Marine Division, the Army's 3rd and 7th Infantry Divisions, and three South Korean divisions of the I and II Corps had to fight their way back to the coast in bitter cold and howling winds.

Marine and Navy attack squadrons operating from fleet carriers Philippine Sea (CV-47), Valley Forge (CV-45), Princeton (CV-37), and Leyte (CV-32), and several escort carriers hit Chinese troops trying to surround UN units inland. In only one week of operations, naval aviators carried out 1,700 sorties against the enemy.

Next: Armistice ends the Korean War



Navy photo  
Four LSTs unload men and equipment at low tide on Inchon's Red Beach, Sept. 16, 1950, the day after the initial landings there.

## Deep-sea

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ing to numerous ancient shipwreck discoveries and breakthroughs in deep-dive engineering and the study of plate tectonics. In 1985, Ballard helped lead an expedition that ended with the discovery of the wreck of the Titanic. His discoveries also include the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown and German battleship Bismarck.

In 2010, the Ballard-founded Ocean Exploration Trust in partnership with the Sea Research Foundation launched the Nautilus Live Web site, which has attracted nearly 200,000 viewers from 173 countries. Exploration Now will link Nautilus with other U.S. research vessels undertaking ocean exploration.

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# Gettysburg addressed

From USS Abraham Lincoln Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) will "write" a part of history by providing their words for a commemoration event of the 150th anniversary of the writing and delivery of the Gettysburg Address, Nov. 19.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation is inviting people around the world, including USS Abraham Lincoln Sailors, to write their own "272 words" in honor of our 16th president's contributions to our nation's history.

"We currently are reaching out to select people, such as crew members of the USS Abraham Lincoln to each write 272 words in the hopes that what they write will inspire others," said Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation CEO Carla Knorowski.

Knorowski reflected on the meaning of the Gettysburg Address and how truly powerful those 272 words still are to this day.

"On that November day back in 1863, President Lincoln was challenged to speak about the enormity of Gettysburg," Knorowski said. "The loss and lessons of the battle were so great, so devastating, and so humbling that Lincoln

used the fewest number of words with the fewest number of syllables to convey the greatest, most important message of the time—some say of all time. Today, some seven-and-a-half scores later, we still hold sacred its message."

Capt. Karl Thomas, commanding officer, USS Abraham Lincoln reflected on the opportunity Lincoln Sailors have to contribute to this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration.

"I'm thrilled that we are able to partner with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Museum and Foundation to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg



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Abraham Lincoln, center, during the ceremony in which he gave the Gettysburg Address, at Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 19, 1863.

Address," Thomas said. "We are truly fortunate to have our ship named after one of our greatest presidents, and partnerships and challenges like this enable our Sailors to connect with our namesake and truly recognize his significant contributions

to our nation." Lincoln Sailors who take on this challenge are invited to write a short, 272-word essay on one of three topics, which include: Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg or any cause-related topic which inspires their passion.

Essays selected by the Foundation will be on display for the commemoration event on Nov. 19 in Springfield, Ill.

USS Abraham Lincoln is currently undergoing a refueling and complex overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding.

# Marines

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case of severe flooding.

In 2011, Marines from 6th ESB, 6th Motor Transport Bn., and 6th Communication Bn., Sailors from CNFRC and 4th Dental Bn., as well as airmen from the 202 Red Horse Squadron, were tasked with the vertical construction of two Southwest Asia huts, installation of underground utilities for the future evacuation center and the development of a rock quarry to provide material for future construction.

The planned 2012 project was not executed due to a landing craft carrying supplies and equipment crashing into a rock hundreds of miles away.

"This is the most austere environment I have conducted training in," Hailey said. "This is unlike any other training a Reservist may attend during a drill weekend or during an annual training where they are based on another military installation or an approved off-base training site. This FOB has to be truly self-sustaining for extended periods of time, because the only form of resupply is via watercraft



Marine Corps photo by Capt. Chad Hailey

Marines, Sailors and villagers of Newtok, Alaska, watch as a young villager performs an agility challenge during a traditional native Alaskan potluck.

or aircraft. This location is very isolated and cut off from the rest of the world. The environment itself has forced us to adapt and change our standard way of doing things."

With two deployments to Afghanistan, Sgt. Philip Ankney, electrician chief with Headquarters and Service Company, 6th ESB, agreed, and added there is also an expeditionary element to the training.

"This is definitely some great training," Ankney said. "It's very similar to a real deployment in

the lifestyle of living on a FOB, being in the field and just working. My Marines that haven't deployed were exposed to a different culture and a different way of living. This absolutely prepares them for a deployment when they get the opportunity."

The units that set up the project have been working for five years, leading to numerous completed projects and the culminating year for IRT involvement at Mertarvik.

2013 marks the end of the IRT operation, allowing the service

members' works to finally be utilized by the people of Newtok.

"The work we have done in the last few years has paved the way for the village and contractors to further the development of the new community," he said.

Ankney found this opportunity beneficial on many personal and professional levels for his Marines.

"The people were very friendly and had a lot of culture to share. It was an interesting and great experience interacting with the people," he said. "Also, we made the project happen. We got so much accomplished having the opportunity to truly work and get away from the monotony of annual training at the home training center. We got to actually do our jobs...You definitely learn your MOS [military occupational specialty] in a field capacity. Helping them was a real reward."

The villagers showed their gratitude and bid farewell to the Marines and sailors by treating them to a traditional native-Alaskan potluck, July 20.

According to Hailey, more than 100 residents of Newtok made the nine-mile boat trip to Mertarvik bringing with them many native-Alaskan foods, including several varieties of fresh

and dried fish, dried seal meat, aged walrus meat, moose and several different kinds of pastries. After the feast, the residents entertained the Marines and Sailors with a show featuring traditional drums and ceremonial dancing.

"It was a unique and memorable opportunity for our personnel to get exposure to such a rich culture," Hailey said. "The villagers of Newtok have one of the most sincere and welcoming cultures I've had the pleasure of being associated with. Additionally, the quality of training received by the military personnel who participated in this exercise is a reward itself. There are not many AT exercises of this caliber available to Reservists. The fact is this is a 'real world' exercise where the quality of work they produce actually matters."

"There is value in simple training that is often conducted in the lower 48, but at the end of the day, that hole they dug with their heavy equipment gets filled back in, or the SWA Hut they built gets torn down," he said. "Here, the roads they lay and the structures they build need to be perfect, because they will be left in place for the community. The quality of their work will have a lasting impact for years to come."

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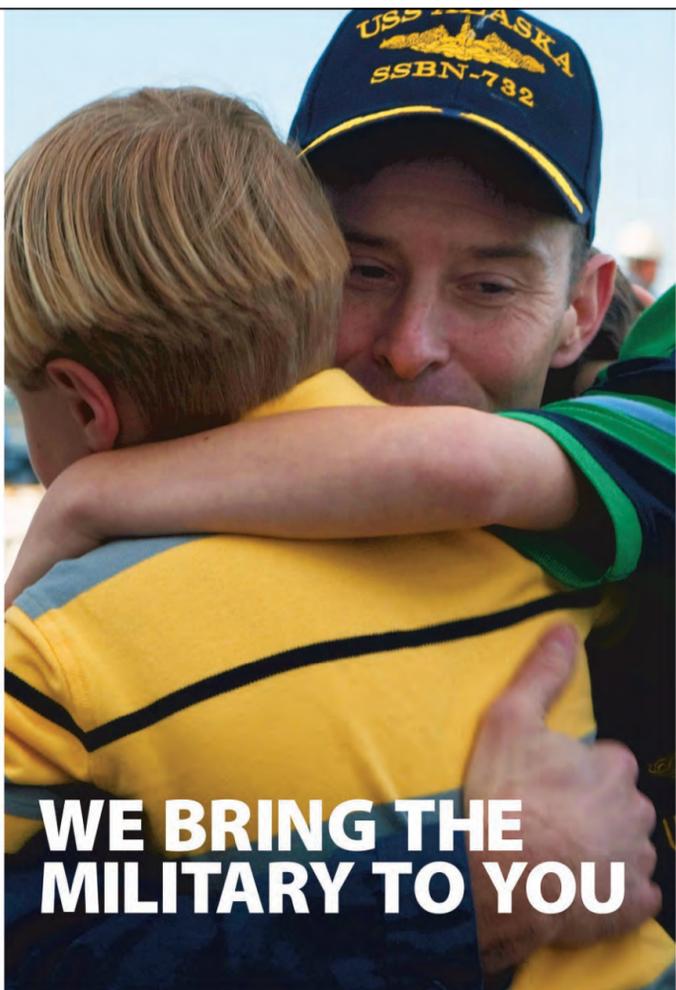
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