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Store staff raises bar

Kings Bay's The Dolphin Store donates \$7,000 to scholarship foundation

From The Dolphin Store

In May 2014, The Dolphin Store staff was proud to contribute \$7,000 toward the organization's Dolphin Scholarship Fund, its largest donation to date.

The Kings Bay Dolphin Store, located at the Naval Submarine Base Library, 918 USS James Madison Road, is a non-profit store with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

"We take this opportunity to thank all

of our Kings Bay customers for their support, said Michelle Meyer, advisory for The Dolphin Store. "Dolphin Scholarship Foundation awards annual college scholarships to submarine families."

Over the last five years, The Dolphin Store has donated \$23,000 to Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

The Dolphin Store is a one-stop shop for all submarine, Navy, and military related items and gifts. The store offers unique, hard-to-find items.

Regular store hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to noon every first and third Saturday of the month. The store also opens for appointments. Call (912) 573-6102 for more information.



Courtesy photo

From left, Dolphin Store volunteers Jessica Holton, Samantha Anderson, Melanie Weerheim, Jenn Rorstrom, Michele Mayer and Jean Wines.

Like The Dolphin Store on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kbdolphinstore for up-to-date information. Also, see Face-

book for summer hours.

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Team Kings Bay's Triple Threat. From left, Lt. Cmdr. Leon Platt, 208.18 average, MMC Dan Blakeslee, 202.82, and ET2 Rob Daugherty, 198.03, finished 1-2-4 in Southeast Zone bowling, leading the team to the zone title in the first year of MWR's Navy Bowling Base Team Championships.



Navy photo by EM1 Mark Green

Team Kings Bay wins Southeast

8-team tourney for Navy Base Team title underway

By Bill Wesselhoff
The Periscope editor

Team Kings Bay won the Southeast Zone in the inaugural Navy Bowling Base Team Championships.

The team began competition in an eight-team field with five other zone champions and three at-large teams Tuesday evening at Rack-N-Roll lanes on board Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. Results were not available at press time.

The competition matches scores at different lanes throughout the Navy.

Should Kings Bay advance with a top four score among the field of eight, it would bowl again next week in a seeded, head-to-head competition. A win there would move the team into the championship matchup during the week of June 1

Blakeslee All-Navy team champ

By Bill Wesselhoff
The Periscope editor

Kings Bay MCC Dan Blakeslee earned All-Navy honors and led the Navy team to the intra-service men's team championship last week at the all-military bowling championships at Ft. Lewis-McCord in Tacoma, Wash.

Blakeslee bowled the team's high series as the Navy beat the other service

to 7.

Team Kings Bay won the nine-team Southeast Zone, based on the Southeast Region, with 11,726.5 points to runner-up Naval Air Station Jacksonville's 11,209.5.

Three Kings Bay bowlers, Lt. Cmdr. Leon Platt, MCC Dan Blakeslee and ET2

Rob Daugherty burned up the Southeast, placing 1-2-4 in zone averages.

MCC Alvin Rodriguez, MTC Keith Williams, FTC Dave Messmer and YN2 Eric Day rounded out the zone champions.

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U.S. aids in search for girls

16-member team sent to help find missing Nigerian students

By Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

A total of 16 military personnel from U.S. Africa Command have joined the interdisciplinary team led by the State Department at the U.S. Embassy in Abuja, Nigeria, to help in finding hundreds of kidnapped girls, a Pentagon spokesman said.

Members of the extremist group Boko Haram abducted more than 200 girls from the Government Secondary boarding school in the town of Chibok on the night of April 14. Several countries, including the United States, have offered help.

On May 6, President Barack Obama said on NBC's *Today* program that the immediate priority is finding the girls, and then the world must address the broader problem of organizations like Boko Haram that "can cause such havoc in people's day-to-day lives."

At the Pentagon, Army Col. Steve Warren said the group of 16 military personnel includes experts in communications, logistics, civil affairs, operations and intelligence.

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Obama

Arlington marks 150th year

Once home to Robert E. Lee, Union buried Civil War dead in Arlington House lawn

From Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is hosting a series of special events from May through June designed to honor the traditions, remember the sacrifice and explore the history of the cemetery as it commemorates its 150th anniversary.

The commemoration period began with a wreath laying ceremony May 13 at the gravesite of Army Pvt. William Christman, who was the first military burial at Ar-

lington, and concludes with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on June 15, the day Arlington officially became a national cemetery.

On a Virginia hillside rising above the Potomac River and overlooking Washington, D.C., stands Arlington House. The 19th-century mansion seems out of place amid the more than 250,000 military grave sites that stretch out around it.

When construction began in 1802, the estate was not intended to be a national cemetery.

The mansion, which was intended as a living memo-

rial to George Washington, was owned and constructed by the first president's adopted grandson, George Washington Parke Custis, son of John Parke Custis who himself was a child of Martha Washington by her first marriage and a ward of George Washington.

Arlington won out as a name over Mount Washington, which is what George Washington Parke Custis intended calling the 1,100-acre tract of land that he had inherited at the death of his father when he was 3. "Arlington" was the name of the Custis family ancestral estate in the Virginia tidewater area.

George Washington Parke Custis and his wife, Mary Lee Fitzhugh, whom he had married in 1804, lived in Arlington



Arlington National Cemetery photo

More than a quarter million graves mark the nation's oldest military cemetery at Arlington.

House were buried together on the property after their deaths in 1857 and 1853, respectively.

On June 30, 1831, Custis' only child, Mary Anna Randolph Custis, married her childhood friend and distant cousin, Rob-

ert E. Lee. Lee was the son of former three-term Virginia Governor Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee and was himself a graduate of West Point.

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Now hear this!

NSB pedestrian bridges to close

In the coming days the Seabees on board Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay will begin repairs to pedestrian bridges at Madison and Clay adjacent to branch health clinic, Madison and Meadowlark adjacent to Meadowlark Enlisted Commissioning Program and on the walkway paralleling Madison between Medical and the water tower. These bridges will be closed to both pedestrian and bicycle traffic until late May.

Kids Fishing Clinic at Ft. Clinch

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park has a Kids' Fishing Clinic Saturday, May 31, to teach lessons on knot tying, fishing ethics, tackle, habitat, casting and more. The clinic is open to ages five to 15 and will be held on the Atlantic Fishing Pier at Fort Clinch State Park. The first 500 kids will take home their own rod and reel combo. A free hot dog lunch will be provided. Bring your family to enjoy a fun day of saltwater fishing. For additional information, contact the park at (904) 277-7274.

St. Marys offers music series

The next Starry Nights, Music in the Park free series is 6 to 8 p.m. June 21 at the St. Marys Waterfront Park amphitheater featuring *The Just Jazz Quartet*. Future bands are *No Known Cure* July 19, *The Just Jazz Quartet* returns Aug. 16 and *Back From the Brink* Sept. 20. Additional Music in the Park dates will be June 28, July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. *Fish Head* will begin these dates. For more information, call the St. Marys Welcome Center at (912) 882-4000.

Maritime jobs June 4 in Jax

A Military to Maritime career event is 1 to 5 p.m., June 4, for current and former military personnel interested in transitioning into a maritime-related field. The free event will be at the JAXPORT cruise terminal. For more information, contact the American Maritime Partnership, (202) 661-3740, or e-mail info at americanmaritimepartnership.com. Advance registration is recommended. To register online, visit <http://bit.ly/military2maritime>.

NMCRS Uniform Locker open

You've heard the expression, "There's no free lunch." But how about free uniforms? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has a Uniform Locker that offers a large selection of used uniforms, jackets, hats, shoe and more for active duty men and women at no cost. Visit the uniform locker at the NMCRS office in Building 1032 at 926 USS James Madison Road. It's open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The locker also appreciates uniform donations. For more information, call (912) 573-3928.

Marine Corps League drive on

The Kings Bay Detachment No. 1229 of the Marine Corps League is looking for members. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. The league volunteers aid and assistance to Marine and Navy Corpsman widows and orphans and observes historical Marine anniversaries. For more information, e-mail MarineCorpsLeagueKingsBay@gmail.com.

Benefits for military children set

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation provides college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. CFPF has four upcoming events — May 25 the Jacksonville Suns will be auctioning off their camouflage Navy jerseys after the game. For details, visit www.fallenpatriots.org.

Base lost & 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.

Sub Vet chapter selling cookbook

Silent Service Food to Dive For is a cookbook published by the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. Farragut Base. Proceeds from this fund-raiser help support a variety of community, military and veteran's activities. The cost is \$25, which includes postage. For more information or to order, contact Judy at (208) 762-5055 or at judymwol@yahoo.com.

Remember pets when PCS planning

From Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Veterinarian Clinic

As we are right in the swing of Permanent Change of Station season, it is important to think about what you are going to do with your furry family members.

Many service members and their families intend to bring their pets overseas, but it is important to follow all requirements.

If you receive even tentative orders for an OCONUS assignment, call the vet clinic right away at (912) 573-0755. Some countries require a quarantine period of up to six months, while others require specific documentation relating to vaccinations, microchipping and blood tests.

If you call the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Veterinarian Clinic well in advance, the staff can help to make sure that your pets meet all of the requirements.

Taking pets overseas without completing the requirements can result in quarantines of up to six months and cost thousands of dollars.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the clinic. Clinic staff also recommends starting research into the requirements of the country to which you are traveling.

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You can start on the USDA-APHIS website www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/.

You should also reference the airline requirements as most of them have specifications regarding the kennel, food and water availability, and more.

VA offers new online GI Bill comparison tool

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new website which makes it easier for Sailors trying to decide how to best use their Post-9/11 GI Bill to calculate benefits and learn more about approved colleges, universities and other training programs.

The GI Bill Comparison Tool website — at <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison> — provides key information about college affordability and brings together information from more than 17 different online sources and three federal agencies, including the number of students receiving VA benefits at each school.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a comprehensive education benefit created

by Congress in 2008.

In general, veterans and service members who have served on active duty for 90 or more days since Sept. 10, 2001 are eligible.

Since 2009, VA has distributed over \$30 billion in the form of tuition and other education-related payments to more than one million veterans, service members and their families, and to the universities, colleges and trade schools they attend.

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Navy Exchanges offering WiFi service

The Navy Exchange Service Command announced that customers can now stay connected and even check their e-mail when shopping the NEX, thanks to free Wi-Fi services being provided at more than 50 selling locations worldwide.

"The landscape of retail is changing and more customers are using their smartphones to shop, find product information and even product reviews," said Richard Dow, NEXCOM senior vice president, Store Operations. "Offering free Wi-Fi is another customer service we provide as part of the NEX shopping experience."

Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

Navy Voluntary Education hits 40

By MCC Jayme Pastoric

Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

The Center for Personal and Professional Development headquarters celebrated 40 years of the Navy Voluntary Education, May 14.

Staff and current and former VOLED pioneers joined together to celebrate the anniversary of the program at CPPD headquarters, located at Naval Air Station Oceana Dam Neck Annex.

The Navy's VOLED program was officially launched May 14, 1974. Since then, thousands of Sailors have taken advantage of educational opportunities leading to a professional credential and/or a college degree.

"Because of the VOLED team's dedication, Sailors like me have attained their educational dreams and created a better, brighter tomorrow for themselves and future generations," said CPPD Commanding Officer Capt. John Newcomer. "Our Sailors' successes are the Navy's successes and have a direct link to Navy mission readiness and accomplish-

Navy CPPD

ment."

Guest speakers from the Navy VOLED team, past and present, were recognized by Newcomer for their dedication to the VOLED mission and the Sailors it supports.

Kenn Smith joined the Navy VOLED team in 1975 and spoke about how VOLED has grown over the years.

"Through an arrangement with Adm. Grace Hopper, I was able to bring the first computer to Navy Campus in 1985," said Smith, referring to the organization's original name of Navy Campus for Achievement that changed in 1999 to the Navy College Program. NCP is currently administered by the VOLED directorate of CPPD.

"Looking at Navy College offices today, I am in awe of the research capabilities and nontraditional education opportunities Sailors have," he said.

Director of Navy Voluntary Education Ernest D'Antonio spoke pas-

sionately about the VOLED team that works tirelessly to help Sailors achieve their life-long educational and credentialing goals.

"For 40 years, Navy VOLED as an institution has helped hundreds of thousands of Sailors achieve an education and develop critical thinking skills," said D'Antonio. "We support our purpose and the ones who are our mission — it's the Sailor who is the heart of my organization."

The ceremony concluded with awards celebrating the many successes of VOLED team members and a cake cutting by Newcomer and VOLED trailblazer Sandra Barnes, accompanied by Kathy Jones, the daughter of former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Robert J. Walker, third MCPON of the Navy and VOLED champion.

"Navy VOLED has experienced many changes through its 40 years," said Newcomer. "One thing that hasn't changed is the team's mission to equip Sailors with strong analytical skills through quality educational opportunities, and provide great educational counseling and outstanding customer support."

Take care when entering a lease

Jacksonville Assistance Office, RLSO SE

When it comes to renting property, remember Ben Franklin's adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Most common problems can be prevented or minimized with just a few hours of care while selecting and moving into a property.

If this step is neglected, it may be too late to fix issues without losing many more hours and hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

To protect yourself, follow the tips below.

1. Understand your contractual obligations. Your obligations as a "tenant" (a person renting real property) should be described in your rental contract. They typically include paying rent by a certain date, registering vehicles parked on the premises, minimizing noise and disruption to other tenants, performing basic maintenance and upkeep, etc. If you do not perform these obligations, you may be evicted from the

Navy JAG

premises and charged unpaid rent for the rest of the contract term. Before signing the contract, ensure you understand your obligations.

2. Ensure the contract does not include a waiver of rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. The SCRA gives you the right to terminate a rental contract if you or your active-duty spouse receives permanent change of station orders or orders to deploy for at least 90 days. It prevents you from having to continue paying rent on a property that you had to move out of. You can voluntarily give up this right, by signing a contract including a waiver of SCRA protections. Make sure your contract does not include this waiver.

3. Complete a move-in inspection with the landlord. While the property is still empty of furniture, complete a move-in inspection with

the landlord. Note all damages and discrepancies on a piece of paper, and have the landlord sign/date the sheet confirming agreement with the inspection results. Be thorough. Test switches, appliances, electrical outlets, windows, etc. A good move-in inspection will discourage the landlord from trying to charge you for property damage when you finally move out.

4. Get help. Make an appointment with a legal assistance attorney to review the lease.

If you have any questions about a rental agreement, please contact your nearest Region Legal Service Office to set up an appointment with a legal assistance attorney.

Office locations can be found online at www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/legal_services_locator_rlsso.htm.

The attorney will assist you with fully understanding not only the contract but also state-specific rental laws and protections that may apply.

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Blakeslee

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Lt. Cmdr. Leon Platt, the top bowler on the All-Navy champion last year, was unable to attend the trials.

For Blakeslee, stationed on USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) (Blue), it was his third trip to the All-Navy trials and his second time making the All-Navy Team.

Blakeslee also finished third in Doubles, teamed with Coast Guard PO1 Chris Leftwich, who is stationed in Topeka, Kan., and fourth in individual All Events. He also competed in mixed doubles.

"I had a pretty good week," he said. "I was leading All Events the for the first 12 games, dropped to second after 18 and finished fourth. I couldn't get it together to bring home the title. But, this is the best (All-Navy) outing I've had. I'm a little disappointed about not bringing home All Events, but overall, I'm pretty happy with what I did."

Daugherty's eighth-place finish in the trials was a repeat of his attempt to make the team the year before.

"My finish was the same

Navy Bowling Base Team Championships Southeast Zone - Final Team		Points
1, Naval Sub Base Kings Bay		11,726.5
2, Naval Air Station Jax		11,209.5
3, Naval Air Station Pensacola		8,856.6
4, Naval Station Mayport		7,950
5, Naval Air Station Key West		7,834
6, Naval Station Gitmo		5,795.5
7, Naval Air Station Corry		5,521.5
8, Naval Air Station New Orleans		5,425
9, Joint Task Force Gitmo		2,800

Top 6 Men's averages		Average
1, Leon Platt, NSB Kings Bay		208.18
2, Dan Blakeslee, NSB Kings Bay		202.82
3, Clinton Washington, NAS Jax		199.5
4, Rob Daugherty, NSB Kings Bay		198.03
5, Shaun Spitler, NAS Jax		195.15
6, Tommy Lowrance, NAS Jax		195.06

as last year. But I felt like I learned a lot," he said. "This year was much tougher. It was a very difficult pattern. Nobody in the whole field from the Army, Navy or any service bowled a 200 game."

Team

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For Platt, the zone title was somewhat anticli-

matic.

"I knew four weeks ago nobody in the Southeast was going to catch us," he said.

Platt and others have

followed the other zone scores. He seemed optimistic about Team Kings Bays chances in the tournament.

"There are some teams in the Southwest that have put up similar numbers to ours," Platt said "But we still have the top two averages in all of the zones."

Blakeslee agreed with Platt's assessment.

"I think we have a pretty good chance," he said. "We have a solid team here at Kings Bay."

Forty-eight teams started the season, representing 60 Navy bowling centers worldwide.

Southeast Zone secretary John Duncan, of NAS Jacksonville, said he was happy with the first year of the Navy-wide competition.

"It went well this year," Duncan said. "It will be interesting to see next year how this grows and evolves."

Nigeria

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"Their role is to assess the situation, advise and assist the Nigerian government in their efforts to respond to this crisis situation, and find the young women kidnapped by Boko Haram," the colonel added.

A majority of the group members were staff officers and personnel from the embassy's Office of Security Cooperation, whose mission is to enhance the long-term bi-

lateral defense relationship between Nigeria and the United States. The rest came into the country from outside Africa, he said. The Office of Security Cooperation in Nigeria is the largest in Africa, Warren said.

"We have a total of 50 or 60 military personnel assigned to the embassy there as part of the country team," the colonel added, and 16 now are devoted to the interdisciplinary team to find the girls.

The Defense Department has no plans at this point, he said, to put more personnel into the country.

Dolphin

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contact the store managers, Jessica Holton and Samantha Anderson at dsbmanager@gmail.com.

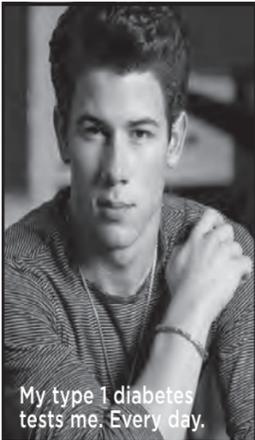
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Army Pfc. Ryan B. Stuart provides security for Afghan forces in the Kharwar district in Afghanistan's Logar province on Jan. 11. Stuart is assigned to the 10th Mountain Division's Company D, 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Task Force U.S. and Afghan forces recovered two weapons caches and detained four people during the two-day operation.

DoD photo by Army Sgt. Cooper T. Cash

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Marines from the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, Charlie Co., cover each other with 5.56 mm M16A2 assault rifles as they prepare to enter one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

A Marine with Golf Co., 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, waits for other Marines while participating in a Security and Stabilization Operation in Fallujah, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Marines from Task Force Mogadishu run for cover as sniper shots are fired from undisclosed areas during Operation Restore Hope in 1992.



A U.S. Army M-109 self-propelled howitzer moves from a railhead to a staging area in Zupanja, Croatia during Operation Joint Endeavor in 1995.



A destroyed Iraqi truck that came under attack during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq during 1991.



Marines of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force move across the Saudi desert back to their camp following a training exercise during Operation Desert Shield in 1991.



Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, parachute from a C-130E Hercules into a drop zone outside the city to conduct operations in support of Operation Just Cause in 1989.



Crewmen aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) prepare two RH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters for participation in Operation Evening Light, a 1980 rescue mission to Iran.

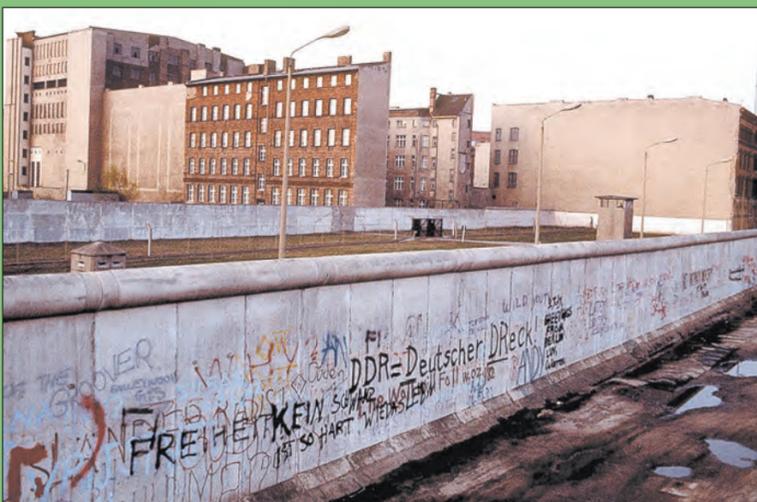
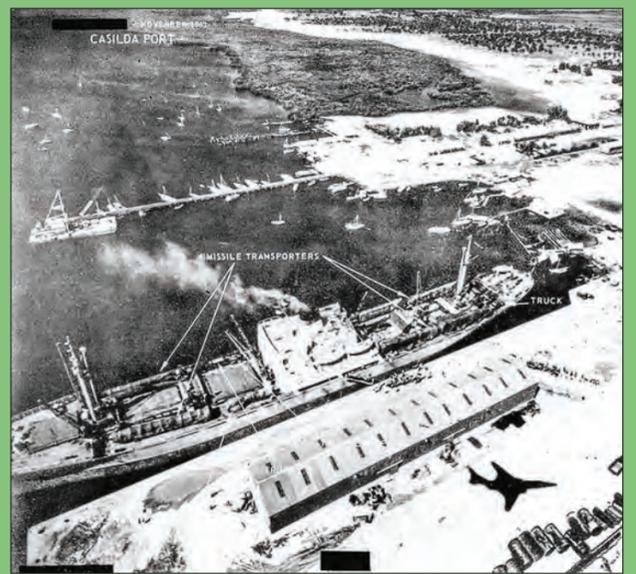


Members of the 82nd Airborne Division walk toward aircraft for deployment to Grenada during 1983's Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada.

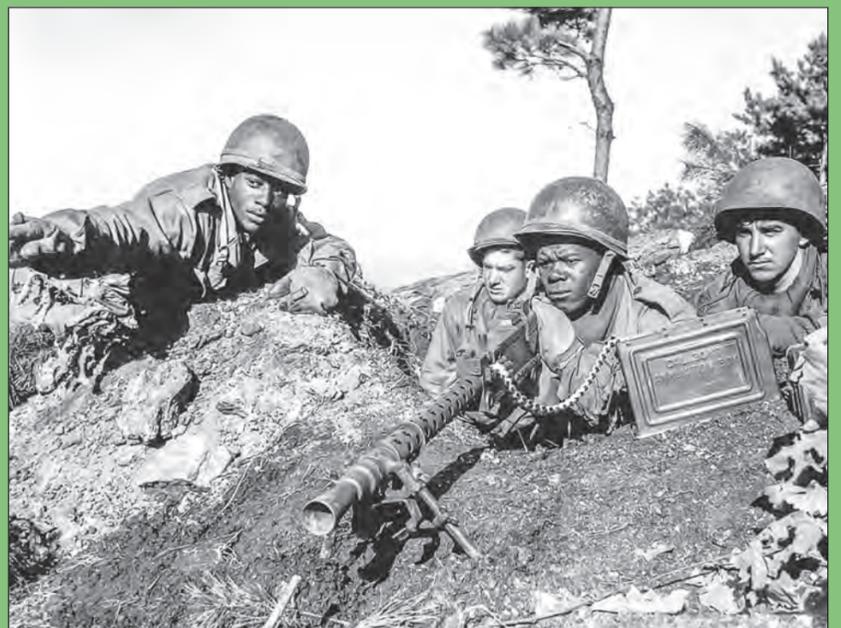


President Lyndon B. Johnson meets troops in Vietnam, 1966.

A U.S. Air Force RF-101 Voodoo aircraft photographs a Russian ship loaded with missiles while the aircraft itself casts a shadow in Port Casilda, Cuba, Nov. 6, 1962. The Navy blockaded the island during the Cuban Missile Crisis.



The Berlin Wall separated communist-controlled East Germany from West Germany. Berlin was the scene of a U.S. air lift to supply the isolated city in 1948 and 1949.



Fighting with the 2nd Inf. Div. north of the Chongchon River, Sfc. Major Cleveland, weapons squad leader, points out communist-led North Korean position to his machine gun crew, Nov. 20, 1950.

Dempsey says budget uncertainties must end

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Uncertainty on the defense budget must end, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told North Carolina reporters recently.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said that unless the situation changes, U.S. service members may be sent into harm's way inadequately prepared.

When reporters asked how the military can do more with less, the chairman said that is not his approach.



Dempsey

"We really can't ask the kids to do more with less," he said. "We can do less with less, but not less well."

This, the chairman explained, means the military must take the resources available and apply them across the many accounts that demand resources, such as manpower, infrastructure, modernization, training and readiness.

"In the old cliché, it's really not rocket science," he said. "We have a pretty good understanding of how to balance our budget. If we're not able to balance it, then we run the risk of failing in our most sacred obligation, which is never sending a man or woman into harm's way unless they are the best-trained and best-equipped and best-led."

Each of the services made tough decisions in crafting the budget request, Dempsey said, noting that the request boils down to three things: certainty, flexibility and time.

"We need certainty -- we can't keep doing this one year at a time," he said. The lack of certainty is felt in North Carolina at places such as Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base and Camp Lejeune, he said.

Flexibility also is vital, Dempsey said. "We've got to be able to retire systems we no longer need or that can accomplish the mission in other ways," he added. "And

JCS Chairman backs VA's Shinseki

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki is "one of the most decent human beings who ever wore the uniform or who led the nation's Army," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Speaking with reporters in Durham, North Carolina, where he delivered the commencement address at Duke University, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said Shinseki, who retired as Army chief of staff in 2003, is leading the Department of Veterans Affairs "with integrity and transparency and energy."

The secretary has been under fire for a backlog of cases in the VA

system and, most recently, over allegations that a Phoenix VA facility covered up the deaths of 40 veterans who were on a wait list for medical care.

Some senators and veterans groups have called for Shinseki's resignation.

Dempsey said the Defense Department and VA have been working closely together to address problems as service members transition to being veterans.

The two departments are "trying to work to make the transition



Shinseki

from active care to veterans care much more fluid, much more responsive, much more seamless," he said. "We've made progress, but we haven't made enough progress."

Leaders in both agencies understand the scope of the problems and what needs to be done to correct them, the chairman said.

Dempsey employed the interview as an opportunity to express his confidence in Shinseki.

"I know there is a series of investigations ongoing now, and I have confidence that if anyone can help us make this enterprise ... that flows from DOD to Veterans Affairs, it is him," he said. "And I hope he is given the chance to do it."

we've got to be able to get rid of some excess infrastructure. We estimate that we have about 20 percent excess infrastructure in terms of bases, camps and stations."

And the military needs more time to adapt to the new fiscal climate, the chairman told reporters. "We've got to spread this out," he said. "To ask the department to reduce its budget by a trillion dollars over 10 years is extraordinarily irresponsible, frankly. If we go to the full level of the Budget Control Act, we will put the nation at unacceptable risk." The Budget Control Act requires sequestration-level spending cuts to resume in fiscal year 2016.

The cuts will ruin readiness, Dempsey said. "If they don't act this year on our recommendations for pay, compensation and health care, then the bill will be about \$4 billion that will be passed back to the military and we will have to find within the budget \$4 billion," the chairman said.

"When we are told we can't reduce infrastructure, we can't retire weapons systems, we can't change pay, compensation, health care, what's left ... is readiness and modernization," he continued. "So we are going to have to raid our readiness accounts and our modernization account."

Arlington

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In 1846 Lee served in the Mexican War under Gen. Winfield Scott, and in 1852 he was appointed superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, his alma mater.

After his father-in-law died in 1857, Lee returned to Arlington to serve as executor of the estate.

Under the terms of her father's will, Mary Anna Custis Lee was given the right to inhabit and control the house for the rest of her life. Custis' will also stipulated that upon Mary Anna's death, full title would pass to her eldest son, George Washington Custis Lee.

Contrary to popular belief, Robert E. Lee never owned the estate. Lee did serve as custodian of the property, which had fallen into disrepair. By 1859, Lee had returned the property and its holdings to profitability and good order.

Lee and his wife lived at Arlington House until 1861, when Virginia ratified an alliance with the Confederacy and seceded from the Union.

Lee, who had been named a major general for the Virginia military forces in April 1861, feared for his wife's safety and anticipated the loss of their family inheritance. In May

1861, Lee wrote to Mary Anna saying:

"War is inevitable, and there is not telling when it will burst around you ... You have to move and make arrangements to go to some point of safety which you must select ... Keep quiet while you remain, and in your preparations ... May God keep and preserve you and have mercy on all our people."

Following the ratification of secession by Virginia, federal troops crossed the Potomac and took up positions around Arlington.

Following the occupation, military installations were erected at several locations around the 1,100-acre estate, including Fort Whipple (now Fort Myer) and Fort McPherson (now Section 11).

Lee deeply regretted the loss of his home. During the early stages of the war, foreseeing the probable loss of his home and belongings, Lee wrote to his wife about Arlington:

"It is better to make up our minds to a general loss. They cannot take away the remembrance of the spot, and the memories of those that to us rendered it sacred. That will remain to us as long as life will last, and that we can preserve."

Lee continued to feel responsible for the estate and earnestly hoped that the slaves who were left behind would be educated and

freed, according to the provisions of George Washington Parke Custis' will.

The property was confiscated by the federal government when property taxes levied against Arlington estate were not paid in person by Mrs. Lee.

The property was offered for public sale Jan. 11, 1864, and was purchased by a tax commissioner for "government use, for war, military, charitable and educational purposes."

Arlington National Cemetery was established by Brig. Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, who commanded the garrison at Arlington House, appropriated the grounds June 15, 1864, for use as a military cemetery.

His intention was to render the house uninhabitable should the Lee family ever attempt to return. A stone and masonry burial vault in the rose garden, 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and containing the remains of 1,800 Bull Run casualties, was among the first monuments to Union dead erected under Meigs' orders. Meigs himself was later buried within 100 yards of Arlington House with his wife, father and son.

The federal government dedicated a model community for freed slaves, Freedman's Village, near the current Memorial Amphitheater, on Dec. 4, 1863. More than 1,100

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Arlington National Cemetery photo
Arlington House at Arlington National Cemetery was once the home to Robert E. Lee and family.



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Fleet & Family Support Center workshops



New Moms and Dads Support Group to meet

New Moms' and Dads' group meets 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Fleet and Family Support Center throughout the month. This is an opportunity for parents of young children to meet and share experiences and for children to make friends in a play-group setting. The group will meet Ma 27. No pre-registration required.

Smooth Move Workshops CONUS/OCONUS soon

Smooth Move Workshops are designed to help personnel with military relocations and transfers. Areas covered include the new DPS website, 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 for OCONUS moves 2 to 4 p.m., May 27. For more information, call 573-4513.

Anger management seminar May 28

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, May 28. It

Arlington

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freed slaves were given land by the government, where they farmed and lived during and after the Civil War.

Neither Robert E. Lee, nor his wife, as title holder, ever attempted to publicly recover control of Arlington House.

They were buried at Washington University — later renamed Washington and Lee University — where Lee had served as president.

The couple never returned to the home. After Gen. Lee's death in 1870, George Washington Custis Lee brought an action for ejectment in the Circuit Court of Alexandria — today Arlington — County, Va. Custis Lee, as eldest son of Gen. and Mrs. Lee, claimed that the land had been illegally confiscated and that, according to his grandfather's will, he was the legal owner.

In 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, returned the property to Custis Lee, stating that it had been con-



Navy graphic

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Ready Navy meetings June 3, 4

From Fleet and Family Support Center Kings Bay

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- learn to build a kit to support basic needs for a minimum of three days
- access tools and resources to help you and your family prepare for emergency situations that could arise at any time with no warning

Fleet and Family Support Center Kings Bay will be hosting an Emergency Preparedness Town Hall meeting from 6 to 8 p.m., June 3 and from 10 a.m. to noon June 4 at the NSB Kings Bay auditorium.

Installation and local community emergency preparedness agencies will provide preparedness brief.

For more information and to sign-up contact FFSC at 573-4513.

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.

Fleet and Family offers classes on site

Fleet and Family Support Center will take most of its regular workshops on the road if a unit or command can furnish a conference room or classroom and guarantee a minimum of five participants. 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. Fleet and Family is available to participate within areas of expertise in the indoctrination of newly assigned personnel and family members of active duty personnel. All classes listed are at the Fleet and Family Support Center unless otherwise noted. Fleet and Family hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Survivors Benefit Plan program May 28

The survivor Benefit Plan is a program that provides basic information on the key provisions of the Survivor Benefit Plan. This information will assist service members and their spouses in making informed decisions about SBP's role in their retirement plan. This workshop is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m., May 28. Registration is required. For more information call 573-4513.

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.

fiscated without due process. In 1883, Congress purchased the property from Lee for \$150,000. It became a military reservation and Freedman's Village ceased to exist. However, the gravesites that were once part of the village remained on the grounds of the reservation.

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1967 that Memorial Day become a Federal holiday. The day was changed from the traditional May 30 to the last Monday in May, to create a three-day weekend.



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Family member
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Family member
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Navy photos by EM1 Mark Treen
Eighteen Sailors and Marines from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay volunteered their Friday, May 16 to help St. Marys Elementary School's Field Day. Service members helped set up the field and helped at each event to make sure the students had a good time.

Spanish sailors visit Groton

By Lt. Timothy Hawkins
Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs

More than 40 midshipmen from the Spanish Navy visited Sailors at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn., May 12, to learn about the U.S. submarine force.

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation happenings



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The America's Armed Forces Kids Run was May 17 at the NSB Fitness Complex.

Swim lessons to start

Sign-up now for swim lessons for the kids at the Kings Bay Pool. Registration is at the customer service counter in the Fitness Complex. Descriptions of skills taught in each level are available at the counter to assist in selecting proper class level for the child. Payment is due at registration. No refunds. Session 1 is June 2 to 5 and June 9 to 12; Session 2 is June 16 to 19 and June 23 to 26; Session 3 is July 7 to 10 and July 14 to 18 and Session 4 is July

Liberty call

- **Trident Lakes fishing** — Open 6 to 8 a.m., May 30 and 31. For details, call OAC at (912) 573-8103.
- **Mother and Son Beach Party** — June 14 inside the Triplex Conference Center. Tickets at ITT are \$15 for

adult and 12 and older, \$12 for children 3 to 11. Food 5 to 7 p.m., music and more until 8 p.m. For more information, call (912) 573-4564.

- **Summer Splash 2014** — From noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 24 free entry at the Fitness Center pool with fun games, music, prizes and the Build-A-Boat competition. Food will be available for purchase. Special thanks to the sponsors of this event: Navy Federal Credit Union & USAA. (No endorsement is implied) Call (912) 573-3001 for more information.

- **Father's Day at Rack-N-Roll** — Dads bowl free 1 to 8 p.m., June 15. For details, call (912) 573-9492.

- **Free Movies for the Kids Weekend and School Break** — Movies for May are *Walking with Dinosaurs* May 24 and 25. Movies are at 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and school breaks or holidays. The schedule is listed in Facebook under the events tab on mwrkingsbay page. Kids movies will be shown during summer break starting May 22. For more of the latest information, call (912) 573-4548.

- **Summer Camp** — It's at the Youth Center for kindergarten through age 12, May 21 through Aug. 8. Sign-up began April 14 for SAC, Wounded/Fallen Warriors, Individual Augmentees and single/dual military. Registration for active duty w/working or student spouse and DoD employees begins April 21, for DoD contractors and all others April 28. Most recent LES/pay stub for sponsor and spouse or student letter of enrollment must be provided. Birth certificate must be available. Single/Dual military must provide dependent care form at time of registration, and IAs must provide orders. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack provided. No outside food. Cost based on total family income. For more information call (912) 573-2380.

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- Doubly Good Chicken Soup
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- Steamed Rice
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- Seasoned Corn
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Hot Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
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- Assorted Beverage Bar

Thursday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Eggs and Omelets to Order
- Grilled Bacon
- Asst. Instant Oatmeal & Grits
- Rolled Oats
- French Toast w/Asst. Syrups
- Sausage Patties
- Cottage Fried Potatoes
- Asst. Yogurt
- Pastry Bar

- Lunch**
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Fried Shrimp
- Hot Rolls
- Creole Macaroni
- Franconia Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Simmered Carrots
- Steamed Peas
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Assorted Condiments
- Cocktail Sauce
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

- Lunch speed line**
- Chicken Pattie Sandwich
- Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
- Grilled Peppers & Onions
- Baked Beans
- Chili
- Cheese Sauce
- Sandwich Bar
- Cold Cut Sandwich
- Dinner**
- Cheddar Cheese Soup
- Beef Stroganoff
- Fried Catfish w/Tartar Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Buttered Egg Noodles
- Seasoned Corn
- Herbed Broccoli
- Toasted Parmesan Bread
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- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Cocktail Sauce
- Hot Rolls
- Buttermilk Biscuits
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

Friday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Eggs to Order
- Grits
- Omelets to Order
- Blueberry Pancakes w/ Syrup
- Grilled Bacon
- Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
- Cottage Fried Potatoes
- Sausage Links
- Hashed Brown Potatoes
- Pastry Bar
- Asst. Yogurt

- Lunch**
- New England Clam Chowder
- BBO Chicken
- Tempura Battered Fish
- French Fries
- Baked Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Bean Almandine
- Simmered Succotash
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Cornbread Muffins
- Assorted Desserts



Saturday

- Brunch**
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Chili Dogs / Hot Dog Bar
- Chili w/o beans
- Chicken Nuggets
- French Fries
- Steamed Broccoli
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Oven Fried Bacon
- Eggs & Omelets to Order
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Hot Dog Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Pastry Bar
- Assorted Beverage Bar
- Dinner**
- Minestrone Soup
- Asst. Pizza
- Asst. Wings
- French Fries
- Baked Beans
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

Sunday

- Brunch**
- Tomato Soup
- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
- French Fries
- Oven Fried Bacon
- Lyonnais Carrots
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Grilled Sausage
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

- Dinner**
- Chicken Rice Soup
- Prime Rib au Jus
- Fried Shrimp
- Cocktail Sauce
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Wild Rice
- Cheese Sauce
- Steamed Broccoli
- Corn on the Cob
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Hot Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar



Monday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Assorted Oatmeal
- French Toast w/ Asst. Syrup
- Omelets to Order
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Grits
- Eggs to Order
- Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
- Grilled Bacon
- Breakfast Burritos
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Pastry Bar
- Asst. Breads & Spreads
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Asst. Beverage Bar
- Asst. Yogurt
- Lunch**
- Crab Bisque
- Fried Fish
- Beef Brisket
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Orange Rice
- Hush Puppies
- Glazed Carrots
- Simmered Peas
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Tartar Sauce
- French Bread
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Pastry Bar
- Assorted Beverage Bar
- Lunch speed line**
- Asst. Pizza
- Potato Bar

- Dinner**
- Asian Stir Fry Soup
- Beef w/ Broccoli
- Sweet and Sour Chicken
- Shrimp Fried Rice
- Boiled Pasta
- Stir Fried Vegetables
- Egg Rolls
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Hot Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar



Tuesday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereals
- Eggs to Order
- Waffles w/ Asst. Syrup
- Grilled Bacon
- Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
- Cream of Wheat
- Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
- Omelets to Order
- Texas Hash
- Cottage Fried Potatoes
- Pastry Bar
- Asst. Yogurt
- Lunch**
- Texas Tortilla Soup
- BBQ Ribs
- Grilled Chicken Breast
- Chicken Gravy
- Steamed Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Simmered Green Beans
- Steamed Carrots
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Corn Bread Muffins
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar
- Lunch speed line**
- Chicken Tacos
- Beef Tacos
- Spanish Rice
- Refried Beans

- Dinner**
- Beef Noodle Soup
- Chicken Alfredo
- Blackened Salmon
- Wild Rice
- Buttered Linguine
- Corn O'Brien
- Steamed Broccoli
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Toasted Garlic Bread
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

Wednesday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereals
- Eggs & Omelets To Order
- Grilled Bacon
- Corn Beef Hash
- Asst. Instant Oatmeal & Grits
- Grits
- Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
- Grilled Steak
- Pancakes w/ Asst. Syrup
- Asst. Breads & Spreads
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Lunch**
- White Bean Chicken Chili
- Baked Italian Fish
- Chicken Parmesan
- Cream Gravy
- Rice Pilaf
- Boiled Pasta
- Mixed Vegetables
- Club Spinach
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- French Bread
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

- Lunch speed line**
- Hot Dogs
- Grilled Hamburger
- Grilled Cheese Burger
- French Fries
- Baked Beans
- Burger Bar
- Dinner**
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Meatloaf
- Turkey Pot Pie
- Egg Noodle
- Mashed Potatoes
- Brown Gravy
- California Medley
- Steamed Peas
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Hot Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar

Thursday

- Breakfast**
- Breakfast Juice Bar
- Ready-to-eat Cereal
- Eggs & Omelets to Order
- Grilled Bacon
- Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
- Rolled Oats
- Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
- Sausage Patties
- Hash Brown Potatoes

- French Toast w/ Asst. Syrup
- Pastry Bar
- Asst. Yogurt
- Lunch**
- Black Bean Soup
- Fried Pork Chops
- Grilled Salmon
- Noodles Jefferson
- Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Steamed Green Beans
- Steamed Zucchini
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Cornbread
- Assorted Desserts
- Asst. Fruit Bar
- Assorted Breads & Spreads
- Assorted Beverage Bar
- Lunch speed line**
- Chicken Pattie Sandwich
- Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
- Grilled Pepper and Onions
- Baked Beans
- Chili
- Cheese Sauce
- Sandwich Bar
- Cold Cut Sandwich
- Dinner**
- Minestrone Soup
- Meat Lasagna
- Grilled Italian Sausage
- Marinara Sauce
- Bow Tie Pasta
- Mixed Vegetables
- Herbed Cauliflower
- Healthy Choice Salad Bar
- Assorted Salad Dressings
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White receives Medal of Honor

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

Former Army Sgt. Kyle Jerome White was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony May 13, making him the sixth living Army recipient and the 14th from all services to earn the medal in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Obama opened his remarks in the East Room by paying tribute not just to White, but to what he referred to as the "9/11 generation," all those young citizens who came forth after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States to volunteer their service knowing fully well what the cost could be.

"For more than 12 years, with our nation at war, the men and women of our armed forces have known the measure of danger that comes with military service," he said. "But year after year, tour after tour, they have displayed a selfless willingness to incur it — by stepping forward, by volunteering, by serving and sacrificing greatly to keep us all safe.

"Today, our troops are coming home," he added, saying that by year's end the war in Afghanistan will be over. "And, today, we pay tribute to a soldier who embodies the courage of his generation — a young man who was a freshman in high school when the Twin Towers fell, and who just five years later became an elite paratrooper with the legendary 173rd Airborne — the Sky Soldiers."

The president recounted the Nov. 9, 2007, ambush outside the village of Aranas in Afghanistan's Nuristan province, in which five soldiers and a Marine would perish, as White's unit of 13 Americans and a squad of Afghan soldiers descended into what was called "Ambush Alley."

Suddenly, the chatter of AK-47s and the smoke trails of rocket-propelled grenades lit up the valley, sending shattered shards and chunks of red-hot metal and rock flying.

With nowhere to escape the three-pronged onslaught but down a steep decline, White, 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara, Spc. Kain Schilling, Marine Corps Sgt. Phillip Bocks and an interpreter were left stranded as the rest of the unit slid 160 feet down the mountain.

Then a specialist, the 20-year-old White emptied one 30-round clip from his M-4, but as he went to slide another into place, an RPG screamed in nearby.

"It was just lights out," he said later.

White saw his buddy Schilling trying to stay in the shade of what Schilling later recalled "as the smallest tree on earth." Schilling had been wounded severely in his right upper arm, so White sprinted to Schilling, applied a tourniquet, then saw Bocks.

After four sprints and attempts to pull Bocks to cover, White finally was successful, and he began administering first aid. He applied a tourniquet, but it was too late. Bocks' wounds had been too severe, and he passed away. When White looked up, he saw Schilling take another round, this time to his left leg.

Again, he sprinted to Schilling. Out of tourniquets, he used his belt and was able to once again stop the bleeding.

While the battle continued, White saw his lieutenant lying face-down. He ran to Ferrara, but found he was dead. As White once recalled in an interview, he had accepted that he and Schilling weren't going to make it through this firefight.

"It's just a matter of time before I'm dead," White had said. "I figured if that's going to happen, I might as well help while I can."

White next secured a radio, as both his and Schilling's had been destroyed by small-arms fire. He relayed a situational report and called for mortars, artillery, air strikes and helicopter guns runs.

For the second time that day, an explosion "scrambled my brains a little bit there," concussed White. A friendly 120-mm mortar round had fallen short of.

Struggling to keep Schilling and himself from falling asleep, White eventually was able to lay out a landing zone and assist the flight medic in hoisting all the wounded aboard. Only then did he allow himself to be medically evacuated.

Today, nearly seven years later, White and the other survivors of the Battle of Aranas wear a stainless steel wristband made by one of the unit's soldiers. Each is etched with the names of those who didn't come home:



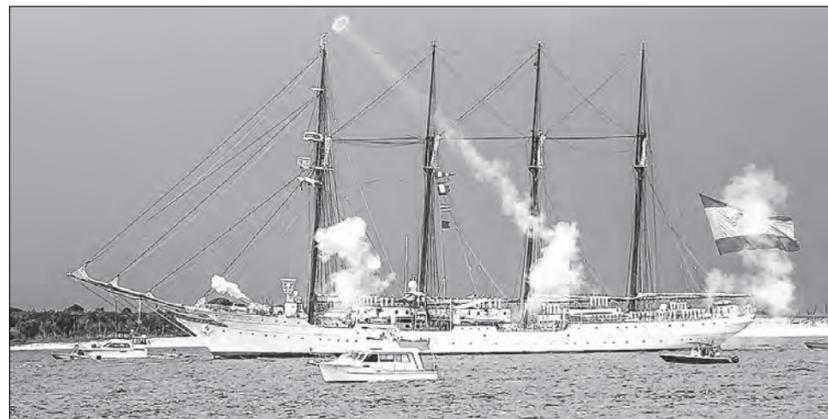
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Former Army Sgt. Kyle Jerome White receives the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama for his life-saving actions during a Nov. 9, 2007, Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

1st Lt. Matthew C. Ferrara, Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman, Spc. Sean K.A. Langevin, Spc. Lester G. Roque, Pfc. Joseph M. Lancour and Marine Corps Sgt. Phillip A. Bocks.

"Kyle, members of Chosen Company, you did your duty, and now it's time for America to do ours," Obama said. "You make us proud, and you motivate all of us to be the best we can be as Americans, as a nation."

Following the ceremony, White offered his thoughts to the media:

"I wear this medal for my team. I also wear a piece of metal around my wrist. It was given to me by another survivor of the 9 November ambush; he wears an identical one," he said. "This has made it even more precious than the medal just placed around my neck. On it are the names of six fallen brothers; they are my heroes."



Navy photo
Spanish submariners visiting Naval Submarine Base Groton arrived on the training vessel Juan Sebastian de Elcano.

Groton

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hulled schooner called BE Juan Sebastian de Elcano — docked for a goodwill visit.

Navy coordinator Aluin Morales, Submarine Group 2, said the exchange was worthwhile because it "fosters and continues to grow the relationship with our NATO ally."

Spain's naval officers-in-training started visiting Groton annually in 2011.

This year's visit included a submarine force orientation briefing and tour of training facilities.

"I didn't know you all change crews on some of your submarines," said Midshipman 1st Class Ignacio Grueiro when asked what he learned.

Grueiro referred to a dual-crew concept that maximizes the time ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines spend operating overseas. The concept was a common topic of interest for the visiting midshipmen.

Grueiro said he was familiar with many aspects of the U.S. Navy, but the dual-crew concept for Ohio-class submarines was new to him.

"I don't believe we could do that in our Navy," he said. "We can't maintain our ships at sea for as long as you do, or change an entire crew while forward deployed like some of your subs."

The ship is named for a Basque explorer who became the first sea captain to circumnavigate the world in 1522.

Borrowers to get restitution

American Forces Press Service

Justice Department officials announced an enforcement action May 13 against the nation's largest servicer of federal and private student loans, which was found to be systematically violating the legal rights of U.S. service members.

Sallie Mae — also known as Sallie Mae Bank and Navient Solutions — is ordered to pay \$96.6 million in restitution and penalties, officials said, adding that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation also reached a settlement with the companies that addresses allegations of student loan servicing misconduct.

"I commend Attorney General Eric Holder, FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, and the staff at the Department of Justice and FDIC for taking action to protect student loan borrowers," said Holly Petraeus, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau assistant director, who leads the CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs.

"I have been concerned for some time about the way that military personnel are treated by their student loan servicers," Petraeus said in a statement. "The men and women serving this country should receive quality customer service and the legal protections afforded to them. Instead, Sallie Mae gave service members the runaround and denied them the interest-rate reduction required by law. This behavior is unacceptable. And it's particularly troubling from a company that benefits so generously from federal contracts."

A 2012 CFPB report found that service members faced serious hurdles in accessing their student loan benefits, including the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that cap the interest rate on pre-existing student loans and other consumer credit products at 6 percent while the service member is on active duty, CFPB officials said.

Servicers were not pro-



Petraeus

who have an issue with their servicers should submit a complaint to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

viding them with clear and accurate information about their loan repayment options.

Officials noted that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau began accepting student loan complaints in March 2012, and added that service members

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