



(Feb. 5, 2018) AE2 Ryan Kanetis, assigned to the 'Stingers' of Strike Fighter Attack Squadron (VFA) 113, checks maintenance systems of an F/A-18E Super Hornet on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Theodore Roosevelt and its carrier strike group are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Alex Corona

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**NOTICE**  
There will be a water outage Monday on Trumbo Point at 9 a.m. for about an hour as Public Works replaces a water meter.

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An MV-22 Osprey helicopter assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161 (Reinforced) aboard USS America (LHA 6) lands on the flight deck.

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## Navy works to reimburse travel claims

### FROM NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy's Permanent Change of Station Travel Processing Center Memphis is currently experiencing a significant backlog in processing travel claims, Navy leaders said this week.

Currently, TPC Memphis is processing a backlog of 7,500 claims with a settlement time between 60 and 70 days. A series of events, including IT system failures, increased travel claim volume due to the large number of PCS orders, natural disaster evacuations, inclement weather base closures and a furlough caused claims processing timeliness to exceed the mandated 30-day processing time required by the Joint Travel Regulations.

Naval Air Station Key West's Sailors and DOD civilians who evacuated for Hurricane Irma are among those affected.

"This is not the kind of customer service that we want to provide our

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## SOLID CURTAIN RAMS



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cody Babin

MASN Vincent Mizzoni works with Military Working Dog Benga during a Random Anti-terrorism Measures (RAM) drill Wednesday at the Sigsbee Park Gate. The drill is one training element of the annual Navywide Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain exercise that ends today. CS-SC began Jan. 29 and involved across-the-board force protection training for security personnel, Sailors, DOD civilians, and as shown above, military families and retirees living on or visiting the installation.

## Military Saves shares 5 ways to grow a \$ tree

### FROM AMERICA SAVES

It's a new year, which makes it the perfect time to start practicing good spending habits, especially with Military Saves Week coming up Feb. 26 - March 2. The annual event offers Sailors and DOD civilians information on how to save for their futures.

One of the most important steps to achieving financial success is creating - and then sticking to - a budget. Here are five things you need to know to create a budget that works.

**Determine your worth:** In order to create an effective budget, you need to know exactly how much money you bring in each month. Be sure to only include your net pay rather than your gross pay.

**Track your spending:** If you've ever felt like your money "just disappears," then tracking your spending is a great way to find out exactly where it goes. Spending \$10 a day on parking or \$5 every morning for coffee doesn't sound like much until you calculate the total cost per month. Tracking your spending will help you determine where you can make cost-

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## Feb. 9

**1943** - Organized Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal ends, bringing to a close the battle that started in August 1942.

## Feb. 10

**1991** - During Operation Desert Storm, A-6 Intruders attack two unidentified patrol boats in the northern Arabian Gulf, destroying both.

## Feb. 11

**1862** - Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles directs the formation of an organization to evaluate new inventions and technical development that eventually leads to National Academy of Science.

## Feb. 12

**1947** - The first launch of a guided missile, the Loon, takes place on board USS Cusk (SS 348).

## Feb. 13

**1943** - Women Marines are reestablished as Marine Corps Womens Reserve.

## Feb. 14

**1778** - Continental ship, Ranger, commanded by John Paul Jones, receives the first official salute to a U.S. Stars and Stripes flag by a foreign government at Quiberon, France.

## Feb. 15

**1960** - Icebreakers USS Burton Island (AGB 1) and USS Glacier (AGB 4) become the first US Navy vessels to reach Thurston Peninsula in the Antarctic.

# Lent's focus is on prayer

**T**his Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, which leads us into Easter on the Christian calendar.

Lent runs for 40 days but excludes Sundays and ends the Thursday before Easter weekend.

Those who observe Lent use this time for fasting, prayer and penance, which is an outward expression of repentance.

Some people will fast the whole period of Lent as they remember Jesus' fasting in the dessert leading up to his death and resurrection, while others will simply fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

In some churches Lent and fasting seem to go together very naturally, while others may see

this form of self-denial a more private matter.

Two questions that I have been asked in the past are "Why do Christians fast during Lent?" and "What exactly does observing Lent look like?"

It can look very different from one person to another but essentially, a person observing Lent is giving up something so they can focus on God and prayer.

Some would automatically think giving up food or drink when they think of fasting but in all honesty, there is an endless list of things from which those observing can abstain.

Fasting is supposed to be a form of offering, a time of spiritual discipline and a time to

really think about God. Whether you fast during Lent or not, this time of year is a very significant part in the Easter story.

If you have never been one to pay much attention to Lent, I encourage you to dig a little deeper and do some research. Many people prepare for Christmas with Advent but fail to really understand the importance behind Lent.

I hope your time reading this article has encouraged you. Please come and join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Sigsbee Community Center for worship service with our praise band and children's church.

Please visit our Facebook page (Truman Chapel) for upcoming events.

If you are in need of chaplain care, please call your chaplains at 305-293-2318, Naval Air Station Key West, or 305-292-8788, Coast Guard Sector Key West.

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



NAS Key West  
Command Chaplain

Lt. Cmdr.

Scott Mason

## Backlog

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Sailors. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve this situation, and expedite processing your travel claims. Ultimately we are working towards improving our personnel processes and systems through our transformation efforts, and these lessons learned will help us shape our future customer service practices," said Rear Adm. John Nowell, Commander, Navy Personnel Command.

NPC's Pay and Personnel Department has taken a number of steps to eliminate the backlog, including distributing a portion of the backlog to other personnel support detachments that have travel support personnel to expedite travel claim processing.

Travel claims specialists from Personnel Support Detachments

across the Navy rotated through TPC Memphis from August - December 2017 assisting in processing claims. Tiger teams are on station in Ballston Spa and Great Lakes, and some work has been shared across other PSDs. The Navy has surged additional military and civilian personnel to resolve this backlog, including the stand-up of a second shift to assist with the backlog until processing times are within standards.

"We understand how stressful it is for families in transition

and how important it is to get travel claims settled and money back in Sailors' hands," said Ann Stewart, director, Pay and Personnel Department, NPC. "We are committed to getting this fixed quickly. Our Sailors and their families are important to us and we are dedicated to providing superior customer service."

Currently, TPC Memphis is processing claims from mid-November, and anticipates returning to the 30-day processing requirement by mid-March.



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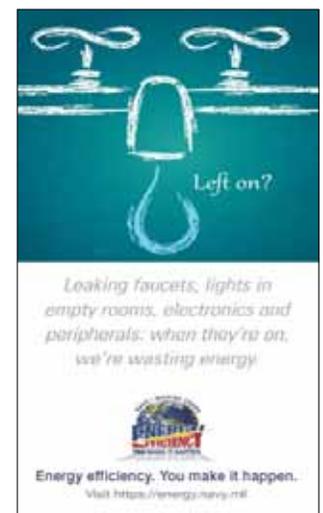
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## Saves

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efficient cuts. Simply keep your receipts for the month or review your bank statements to see exactly what you've spent money on. Then, categorize your spending. You can calculate how much you've spent on bills, food, travel, entertainment and any other category that makes sense for you.

**Set your financial goals:** Make sure you have a goal in place. Whether you want to set aside money for an emergency fund, bills, your education or a vacation - having a goal will make your process easier. Start by identifying and how much money you want to save each month.

**Decrease your spending or increase your income:** When making a budget, you can either change the way you manage your cur-

rent income or add a new source of income to be used primarily for saving.

If your choice is to decrease spending, take a look at the categories you've created.

From there, determine which items are your "wants" and which are your "needs." The items you've determined to be your "needs" - mortgage, utility bills - will cost you about the same amount each month. Calculate how much money you'll need to cover those expenses. No, determine which "wants" you can do without and put that extra money in your savings account.

**Stick to your plan:** Make sure you stick to your budget. Following your plan will give you the results you're looking for to reach your end goal. If you're having trouble, the envelope budget system is a good place to start for beginners.

## BETTER THAN FAIR



U.S. Navy photo by Jolene Scholl

Sailors discuss their education plans with Ashford University's representative Bobby Taggle, left, and DeVry University's representative Rosalinda Archuleta Pintor, right, during the Education Fair Tuesday at the Chief Petty Officers Mess on Boca Chica Field. Nine educational institutions had representatives on site to provide information on their degree and certification programs.

## Briefly...

### FSA tax help at FFSC

Facilitated Self Assistance for tax preparation provides taxpayers with the resources to file taxes electronically, with guidance from an IRS-certified volunteer. FSA volunteers are available at Fleet and Family Support Center through April 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information, call ACC Arcan at 305-293-2840 or email Kathleen.arcana@navy.mil.

### Bible study resumes

Naval Air Station Key West will have a Command Financial Religious Ministries Department is once again hosting men's and wom-

en's Bible study on a weekly basis.

The Men's Ministry (studying "33 Series") will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Fleet and Family Support Center. The Woman of the Chapel program (studying "Uninvited") will meet from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Sigsbee Community Center and from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

For more information, call the chaplain's office at 305-293-2318.

### CFS training available

Fleet and Family Support Center will have a Command Financial Specialist Training Monday - Friday. Command Financial Specialists are

service members who can be appointed by the commanding officer to provide financial education and training, counseling and information referral at the command level. The CFS is trained to establish, organize and administer the command's finance program.

For more information on attending the CFS program, please check with your command leadership or contact Dave Patrocky, 305-293-3770, or email david.patrocky@navy.mil.

### CPOA hosts run

The Key West Area Chief Petty

Naval Air Station

# KEY WEST



## Meet a Teammate

**Job Title:** Port Ops

**Hometown:** Spring Hill, Kansas

**Prior Duty Stations:** NOSC Kansas City, Missouri

**Hobbies:** Gym, tennis, movies.

**Most Interesting Experience:** Meeting the Kansas City Chiefs during military appreciation week.

**Future plans:** Finish school, start a family.



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## MWR Update

### Hoops tourney

MWR Sports hosts an outdoor basketball tournament with games starting Feb. 20. Rosters are due Feb. 9, and can be submitted by emailing [kwalthletics@gmail.com](mailto:kwalthletics@gmail.com).

The tournament will have a maximum of 16 teams; games will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Truman Annex basketball courts. For more information, call 305-797-7791.

### Lawn movie

Community Recreation is hosting an outdoor movie night on Feb. 17 featuring "Justice League," rated PG-13. The film will begin at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lounge on Sigsbee Park. The movie is free and open to all MWR authorized patrons. Enjoy the Sunset Lounge kid's menu and dinner specials - no outside food or beverages. Bring a chair to enjoy from row lawn seating. For more information, call or text 305-563-0364.

### Military Saves

Military Saves Week is Feb. 26 – March 2 and Fleet & Family Support Center, MWR and Keys Federal Credit Union have teamed up to provide training classes, special events and giveaways throughout the week to promote savings by military members and DOD civilians. Military Saves Bingo Night is 6 - 8 p.m., Feb. 27, at the Sigsbee Community Center. Eight games will be played. The event is open to MWR authorized patrons.

### Craft night

MWR Community Recreation offers a number of crafting opportunities each month at the Sigsbee Community Center. All supplies are provided and patrons are welcome to bring their favorite beverages. Most activities are open to children unless stated otherwise. Pre-registration is required. To register, make full payment at the Tickets & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park.

**Tuesday:** Essential Oils for Beginners, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Feb. 21:** String Art Workshop, 6 - 8 p.m.

### Recreation fun

MWR Community Recreation offers events each month that offer the opportunity to explore Key West and other sites. All transportation departs from the Sigsbee Community Center across from the dog park. To reserve your seat, make payment at the Ticket & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park. For pricing and more event details call 305-563-0364 or visit [www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events](http://www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events).

**Feb. 24:** Islamorada Nautical Flea Market Shuttle

### Navigator's music

Navigator's Bar at the Boca Chica Marina has live entertainment during the season from 6 – 9 p.m. For additional details, call 305-293-2468 or visit [www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events](http://www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events)

**Saturday:** Wavy Dave

**Feb. 17:** Island Time  
**Feb. 23:** Tom Taylor

### Sunset Lounge

Live entertainment and free events are at the Sunset Lounge in Sigsbee Park overlooking the water. All events are from 6 - 9 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

**Friday:** Karaoke with DJ Gunz

**Feb. 16:** Karaoke with DJ Gunz

### Pickleball

Open pickleball is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays on the Sigsbee Tennis Courts. Pickleball is a racket sports that combines the elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. For more information call 305-293-2480 or email [kwalthletics@gmail.com](mailto:kwalthletics@gmail.com).

### Single Sailor

The Liberty Program offers events and activities for single or unaccompanied E-6 and below. Follow on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/MWRLibertyKeyWest](http://www.Facebook.com/MWRLibertyKeyWest) or register for text updates by texting request to 305-797-4468. Contact Maria for upcoming events at 305-797-4468.

### Exercise classes

The fitness center on Boca Chica has returned to regular hours: 5 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All fitness classes are free to authorized patrons and are designed for all fitness levels, from begin-

ner to advanced. The fitness schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 305-293-2480 for information.

**Monday**

**Yoga** - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

**Wednesday**

**Cycling Power Hour** - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Boca Chica Cycling Studio

**Thursday**

**Gentle Yoga** - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Sigsbee Community Center

**Cardio Caliente** - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

### Job opportunities

There are currently a number of open positions within MWR and

NGIS, particularly full time and flex Child Care Workers and Housekeepers but many other positions available. See open positions and download an application form at [www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs](http://www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs).

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**KIDS FUN DAY**

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## RV BZ



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NAS Key West's Navy Getaways Campgrounds was recognized by the Special Military Active Recreational Travelers organization Feb. 2 as "Military RV Park of the Year for 2016." SMART's Past President John Steinbauer, center, presents the plaque to Commanding Officer Capt. Bobby Baker, MWR Director Tim Campbell, far left, Executive Officer Greg Brotherton, far right, and Navy Getaways Campgrounds staff.

## This week at FFSC

## Command Financial Specialist

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Fleet and Family Support Center

This five-day class teaches the basics on a vast array of personal financial management topics. In addition, it provides the guidelines on how CFSs can take information back to their command and their fellow Sailors. Come learn how to build your personal wealth while helping your shipmates. To participate, you must be an E-6 or above with one year remaining at your current unit. For more information, contact Dave Patrocky by email, david.patrocky@navy.mil, or call 305-293-3770

## Parenting Enrichment

Tuesday, 8 - 9 a.m., FFSC

Use education as a tool to enhance your experience as a parent. This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to explore practical methods of positive discipline, amongst other topics, as a means to build positive family interactions and the parenting process. Register with Amanda Slater by calling 305-293-2766 or email [amanda.slater@navy.mil](mailto:amanda.slater@navy.mil).

FFSC offers many services including deployment support, relocation assistance, family employment readiness, life skills education, personal financial management, crisis incident response and training, sexual assault prevention and response, ombudsman support, transition assistance management, family advocacy and professional counseling. For more information or to request services, call 305-293-4408 or visit the center at 804 Sigsbee Rd., Sigsbee Park.

**President's DAY**

All MWR facilities will be closed on Mon., Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents Day except the following:

Fly Away Cafe at Navigator's: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Navigator's Bar: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
NGIS Bldg. A-648 on Boca Chica: 24 hours  
Sigsbee Marina: 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Vacation Rentals: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NOTE: The Auto Skills Center will close at 1 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 17, 2018

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## MWR

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## MWR Website

MWR has a new website and APP that provides our patrons with a full list of facilities, programs, services and current employment opportunities.

Visit [www.navymwr-keywest.com](http://www.navymwr-keywest.com) to find out what MWR has to offer: restaurants and bars, sports and fitness, child care, leisure recreation,

pool and splash parks, special events, gear rentals, marinas, lodging, discounted attraction tickets and more.

Visit your Apple or Android APP store and search for: NavyMWR Key West. Have it all at your fingertips and make the most of what MWR has to offer.

Other sources of information are Facebook and Twitter "NAS Key West MWR" and the Weekly Activities Sheet. Email your questions to [mwrnaskw@gmail.com](mailto:mwrnaskw@gmail.com).

## KIDS FUN DAY



U.S. Navy file photo by Danette Baso Silvers

**K**ids Fun Day brings the carnival to Naval Air Station Key West Saturday from 2 - 5 p.m. at Sigsbee Park field. The event, open to eligible Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons, will feature carnival rides and games, inflatables, face painting, music, a flea market, cotton candy, popcorn and sno-cones. The Seabee Ball Committee will sell food and beverages to raise funds for the Seabee Ball.

## NAS Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

**Bartender** - The Navigator Bar at Boca Chica Marina seeks a part-time bartender. Pick up an application at The Navigator or download a copy at [www.navyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs](http://www.navyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs). Follow directions on the website to turn in applications to MWR/HR. Call 305-293-2402 if you have questions.

**Sloppy Joe's Bar** seeks

security staff. SIGN ON BONUS after 90 days! Candidates must possess customer service skills, sound judgment and good decision making. Prior security, martial arts or military experience is a plus. Contact Jodi Novosel at 305-296-2388, ext. 123 or email [jodi@sloppyjoes.com](mailto:jodi@sloppyjoes.com).

**Summerland Wines and Spirits** (located at MM25)

has a part-time position available; flexible hours. Positive upbeat environment. Respond to [steve@summerlandwinesandspirits.com](mailto:steve@summerlandwinesandspirits.com) or call 480-888-5910.

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to that Friday's issue. Make submissions to the NAS Key West Public Affairs Office by email, [jolene.scholl@navy.mil](mailto:jolene.scholl@navy.mil); mail, P.O. Box 9001, Key West, FL 33040-9001; or fax submissions to 305-293-2627. Unless otherwise directed, ads will run for four issues. Name and phone number must accompany all requests in order for them to be considered for publication. Call 305-293-2425.

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Officers Association presents the "8 Miler" run Feb. 17 at the CPOA Mess on Boca Chica Field. The run begins at 7 a.m. Registration is \$20, which includes a medal and bib.

Register through PayPal: [keywest-cpoawaysandmeans@gmail.com](mailto:keywest-cpoawaysandmeans@gmail.com). Registration for the Virtual Race is \$25; ensure your address is noted in Paypal payment as medal, bib and pins will be mailed to you. for more information,

contact AMC (AW) Scott Smith, 305-293-2767, or email [scott.r.smith1@navy.mil](mailto:scott.r.smith1@navy.mil).

## Join CSADD

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions is currently looking for new members. Meetings are 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Air Ops Conference Room.

CSADD a peer-to-peer mentorship program focusing on volunteerism and the importance of good decision making. For info, email AZCS (AW) Amy-Shirelle Santos at [amy-shirelle.santos@navy.mil](mailto:amy-shirelle.santos@navy.mil).

## SOUTHERNMOST SEABEE ASSOCIATION



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2018 Total Military and Civilian Mishaps: 0  
Military - 0; Civilian - 0

Days since last civilian DART\* mishap: 97

Days since last military mishap: 291

\* DART (Days Away, Restricted/Transferred) – a mishap that results in light duty, days off or work transfer due to injury.



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