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Navy Region Southeast Prepares for Force Protection Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2014

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield (SC/CS 14) 2014 will impact installations in the Southeast Region, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, from Feb. 18-28. Personnel can expect to see increased security measures and elevation of Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) during this period.

SC-CS 14 is a Force Protection exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) on all Navy installations in the Continental United States to allow Navy security personnel to sharpen training skills and situational readiness through real life training scenarios.

“Solid Curtain Citadel 2014 is an annual training exercise that tests and challenges our leadership, watch standers and first responders to identify processes and procedures that require

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corrective actions, additional training, planning and other resources to improve mission capability,” said Capt. Brett Calkins, Navy Region Southeast Training and Operations Officer.

The Solid Curtain portion of the exercise will focus on command, control, and communication (C3) between all echelons Navy wide. Citadel Shield emphasizes installation-level training exercises to test the ability of installation security forces during an emergency.

Military personnel, civilian employees, retirees, and family members should be prepared to encounter traffic delays on roads near installations, as well as at installation gates. It’s recommend that you add time to your travel plans to avoid being late for appointments on board installations. No closures of facilities such as the Navy Exchange, Commissary, Pharmacy, and Navy medical facilities are planned; however, the Seabee base will lock down from 1 to 2 p.m. Feb. 24. The gates will be closed during that time and no entry or exit will be allowed. Ensure you have the proper identification for entry onto installations and follow all directions from installation security personnel.

The assistance of everyone will ensure smooth access to facilities while allowing military and civilian personnel who are actively involved in exercise events to get the most out of their training.

“We appreciate everyone’s cooperation,” said Calkins, “and look forward to a safe and successful exercise.”

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