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Navy Petty officers see advancement improvement

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

More than 29,000 Sailors are on their way to advancement to E4, E5 and E6 with the release of the Petty Officer list May 25.

Navy leaders opened advancement opportunity to higher levels this cycle to fill Fleet vacancies with Sailors possessing the skills and experience required.

"As part of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative focus on readiness, our goal is to provide the Fleet with the right Sailor with the right skills and the right experience level to maximize Navy's readiness," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Military Personnel Plans and Policy.

Sailors taking the E4 test saw their advancement opportunity increase from 30.97 percent to 45.83 percent while E5 advancement opportunity increased from 20.68 percent to 30.94 percent. Those taking the E6 test saw opportunity increase from 10.75 percent to 16.18 percent.

Advancement results are posted on the Navy Personnel Command's Bupers On-Line Web page at www.npc.navy.mil.

No ratings had zero back to back opportunity and only one rating (at only the E6 level) saw zero opportunity this cycle. However, officials point out, future advancement opportunity may not be as high as this cycle; but will move closer to historic advancement levels.

Navy's continued efforts to provide

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Coast pays tribute to Veterans at Biloxi National Cemetery



Construction Electrician 1st Class Jesse Baca assigned to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport and his son, place an American flag at the headstone of a Veteran's grave during the annual Memorial Day tribute at the Biloxi National Cemetery May 26. Service member from all branches of service, their families and Gulf Coast citizens gathered to place more than 17,000 flags at the grave sites as part of the areas Memorial Day activities. (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released) *More photos available on NCBC Facebook site*

PCU Mississippi arrives in Pascagoula

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By Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Cragg
 Commander, Submarine Group 2
 Public Affairs

Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Mississippi (SSN 782) received a hearty welcome when the U.S. Navy's newest Virginia-class attack submarine arrived in Pascagoula on May 25.

PCU Mississippi and her crew of 145 officers and enlisted Sailors arrived in Pascagoula to prepare for the submarine's commissioning on June 2.

"As we approached the Port of Pascagoula during the early morning hours and watched the sun rise over the Gulf of Mexico, I was humbled in knowing that we are embarking on a truly amazing commissioning week that we and the state of Mississippi will always remember," said Capt. John McGrath, PCU Mississippi's commanding officer. "PCU Mississippi and her crew are excited to be in our namesake state and are looking forward to our commissioning on June 2."

When the ninth Virginia-class submarine is commissioned, McGrath will become the submarine's first commanding officer. McGrath and his crew are considered plank owners, a term dating back to the days of the wooden ships.

"I didn't realize at first the signifi-

cance of being a plank owner," said McGrath. "Now, as I look around and see how every facet of our ship's day-to-day operations were developed by the team, I understand why being a plank owner is a big deal."

Chief Culinary Specialist (SS/DV) Ryan Christianson, who has served aboard PCU Mississippi since May 2011, echoed the commanding officer's sentiment on the importance of serving as a plank owner in one's naval career.

"It's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me," said Christianson. "It is truly special because not many others will have an opportunity to do this and set the initial standard for the rest of the future Mississippi Sailors to follow."

PCU Mississippi joins historical company with the four previous ships that have shared the proud name of the state. Christianson reflected on the milestone event for the attack submarine and her crew.

"It is definitely significant to participate in this opportunity because it is a memory only the initial crew can share," said Christianson.

The first Mississippi, a paddle frigate commissioned on Dec. 22, 1841, was the first ship of the United States to bear the name of the state Mississippi. The second



The Virginia-class attack submarine Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Mississippi (SSN 782) moors at Port of Pascagoula, Miss., in preparation for its commissioning ceremony June 2. Mississippi is the fifth U.S. Navy vessel to carry the name of the Magnolia State. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Mississippi (BB 23), a 13,000-ton battleship, was launched on September 1905 and commissioned at Philadelphia Navy Yard on Feb. 1, 1908. The third Mississippi (BB 41), a New-Mexico class battleship, was commissioned in 1917 and served in the Pacific in World War II. The fourth Mississippi (CGN 40), a Virginia-class, nuclear powered guided-missile cruiser, was commissioned

on Aug. 5, 1978 by then-President Jimmy Carter.

Mississippi, like all other Virginia-class submarines, is designed to dominate both the littorals and deep oceans. It will serve as a valuable asset in supporting the core capabilities of Maritime Strategy: Sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security and deterrence.

2012 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event Shipmates to Workmates (SM2WM)

Join us June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 361 (Old Gym) for a hiring fair for Veterans, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members and military spouses.

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Updated List of Area Off-Limit Locations

The following establishments have been declared "Off Limits" to all Armed Forces personnel by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board as of May 17, 2012:

Biloxi:
 YaYa's
 2751 Pass Road

Sinsations Night Club
 1809 30th Ave.

Gulfport:
 Herbal Alternatives
 1909 East Pass Road

Nates Sports Bar and Grill
 11444 Highway 49

Herbal Alternatives
 11530 Highway 49
 BJ's Bar (Club 228)
 17920 16th Street

The Quarter Night Club
 2504 13th St.

Nick's Place,
 12460 Highway 49

Michael's Night Club
 9475 Highway 49

Pascagoula:
 Bunk Small Apartments
 708 South Pascagoula Street

Service members are ordered not to enter or patronize these off-limit establishments of their locations. This does not apply to Armed Forces police on duty or others on official business. Violations of this order are punishable under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Around the Center



During the Year of the Chief, and in true "lone Sailor" fashion, Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan Wilber and his son tackle the Memorial Day Murph outside the Fitness Center on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, May 28. The Memorial Day Murph is a fitness challenge named in honor of Navy Seal and Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Michael Murphy, killed in action in Afghanistan, June 28, 2005. It consists of a one-mile run, followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups and 300 squats, and ends with a one-mile run. (U.S. Navy photo by Felisa A. Wilber/Released)

Sam Bryan, a Transportation Equipment Specialist for the Transportation Office on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, checks the instrument panel and notes gas mileage on a government owned vehicle to ensure smooth operation and prevent serious mechanical problems from developing in the future, May 23. The Transportation Office is located in building 271, and is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Parkour instructors Salil Maniktahla, left, and Sean Hannah from Urban Evolution Gym, teach participants enrolled in Parkour class the proper techniques of basic parkour skills on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, May 29. Parkour is a physical discipline and non-competitive sport which focuses on efficient movement around obstacles. The free course is being taught at the NCBC Fitness Center May 29 - June 1 from 6:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

Seabee Center gathers to celebrate Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage

By CECN Lucinda L. Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

In celebration of National Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Diversity Committee hosted an annual event focusing on the AAPI culture and traditions. The event featured a cultural dance performance, a martial arts demonstration and authentic Filipino food.

The celebration has gone through many modifications over the years. In 1977, the first 10 days of May were proclaimed as AAPI Heritage Week, and a

year later President Jimmy Carter designed it as an annual American celebration. President George H.W. Bush also made changes by making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration.

This year's theme was "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion."

According to Logistics Specialist 1st Class Latoya Rogers, assigned to 20th SRG, and Diversity Committee President, the purpose of the event was not only to entertain, but to educate as well.

"The purpose of this event,

and every event that we do as the Diversity Committee, is to educate and entertain, to open everybody's mind about the different cultures and diversity that we have in the Navy and America," said Rogers.

The Filipino dance that was performed is called Tinikling, and is one of the most popular and well-known of traditional Filipino dances. It originated from the central Philippines as an imitation of the tikling bird dodging bamboo traps set by rice farmers. The name is a reference to birds locally known as tikling, and the term tinikling literally means "tikling-like." The dancers imitate the bird's grace and speed by skillfully maneuvering between large bamboo poles.

Casey Wilczynski, a fitness assistant at NCBC Fitness Center and experienced Tinikling dancer, participated in the performance. He believes that dance is a great way to learn about the AAPI heritage

"We all have differences, but I hope from the Tinikling dance everyone gets to know more about our culture and see things from a different perspective," said Wilczynski.

Guest speakers for the event were Lt. j.g. Rino Guerrero, assigned to Stennis Space Center, Fleet Survey Team, and Dr. Rizalini Tan, mental health director at Naval Branch Health Clinic



From left, Chief Builder Ronaldo Reyes, assigned to 20th SRG, Construction Electrician 3rd Class Angela Penton, assigned to NMCB 7; Fitness Assistant Casey Wilczynski with NCBC MWR; and Steelworker Constructionman Helen Jocson, assigned to NMCB 7, perform a tinikling dance during the 2012 National Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month program on board NCBC. (U.S. Navy by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)



Martial Arts Instructor Sean Smith (left) and his student Michael Eppert, both of the Fighting Tigers Martial Arts Academy perform a martial arts demonstration for guests during the Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage celebration May 22 on board NCBC. (U.S. Navy by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Gulfport. Guerrero, a native of San Fernando, Philippines, spoke of his family's evacuation from the Naval Station Subic Bay to the United States following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo when he was just a child. The humanitarian effort was comprised of different ethnicities and nationalities that joined together to successfully evacuated thousands of refugees.

"As we move throughout the United States we bring cultures, our music, styles, foods and our smiles together. We become teammates. We become neighbors. We become your friends.

The rest of America sees our diversity, and this is what makes America great."

Diversity is, and always has been an integral part of American life. Building on the theme of inclusion, NCBC Commanding Officer and Commander, 20th SRG Capt. Rick Burgess described diversity as a mosaic rather than a melting pot.

"We get the pieces and colors from different parts of the world, and it makes a beautiful picture. However, each part still retains its individual characteristics, but now it's part of a whole," said Burgess.

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Seabee Base Blood Drive

June 7

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Liberty Center: Noon - 5 p.m.

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Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, commander of 1st Naval Construction Division (NCD) comments on an Italian patch worn by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Anthony Williams, from Miami, Fla., a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11. The Battalion is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined and joint operations area, Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

Navy announces new uniform components, regulations

By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

NAVADMIN 164/12, released May 18, announced the chief of naval operations' (CNO) approval of a number of changes to uniforms and uniform wear policy.

"These uniform changes are the direct result of Sailor and leadership feedback," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy. "Updating Navy uniforms is part of outfitting the 21st Century Sailor, ensuring our Sailors have practical uniforms they want and that represent our proud naval heritage while reflecting advances in clothing technology and design."

An improved design of the male E1-E6 Service Dress Blue (SDB) Uniform, incorporating a side zipper on the jumper and a hidden center zipper on the trousers, is approved. The uniform is scheduled to begin distribution in October 2015, at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, and Fleet availability is expected by October 2018. Specific details regarding fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

The E1-E6 men's and women's Service Dress White (SDW) jumper approved design improvements include incorporating a side zipper, front and rear yoke, Navy blue piping on the flap, and sleeve cuffs with Navy blue piping and button fasteners. Introduction of the new E1-E6 SDW will begin October 2015, at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. Fleet roll out will begin by October 2018. Specific details regarding Fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

The contemporary design for Service Dress Khaki (SDK) is approved for optional wear. Detailed guidance on the occasion for wear and Fleet availability will be announced in a future NAVADMIN.

A number of changes to the Navy flight suit occasion and manner of

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Admiral visits 'Lucky 11' Seabees in Helmand, Farah Provinces of Afghanistan

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 experienced a rare opportunity when they received a visit from the commander of 1st Naval Construction Division (NCD), May 15 in both Helmand and Farah Provinces of Afghanistan.

Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley was accompanied by Command Master Chief John F. Mulholland, 1-NCD, Capt. Kathryn A. Donovan, commodore of 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), and Command Master Chief Mark E. Kraninger, 22-NCR.

After several meetings at the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) headquarters on Camp Leatherneck, Handley was welcomed to Camp Krutke, by Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB-11.

Handley attended a ceremony in which he reenlisted Equipment Operator 2nd Class Charles E. Reid, originally from Lilburn, Ga.

Following the reenlistment the

admiral frocked Intelligence Specialist Layne W. Duras, from Hillsboro, Ore., to petty officer third class.

"I had never met him before, and my first thought was 'that guy is pretty tall,'" said Duras who admits he was nervous when he found out that he was going to be advanced by an admiral. "... but once I got up there and Admiral Handley started talking to me, everything went smoothly."

Handley then presented multiple awards and Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist (SCWS) enlisted warfare qualifications.

"It was pretty exciting," said Builder Constructionman Anna L. Parcher, "not many people get pinned by an admiral." Parcher, who is originally from Jamestown, Pa., is one of the few who Handley awarded their SCWS to during the ceremony.

Later in the day Handley, Donovan, Mulholland, and Kraninger traveled to the Bakwa District of Farah Province accompanied by Aguayo, Command Master Chief Christopher Levesque and additional NMCB-11 staff.

Arriving in Forward Operating Base (FOB) Lavaredo, Handley and company were greeted by Lt. Seth D. Cochran, the detachment officer in charge and other members of the Det. who guided the admiral to meet Italian Army Col. Luciano Carlozzo, commander of Task Force Southeast.

The two shook hands and exchanged dialogue in both English and Italian.

Following a meeting in the combat operations center, Handley was lead by Carlozzo on a tour of FOB Lavaredo. The admiral met and conversed with Seabees as well as Italian troops along the way.

Handley addressed all the NMCB-11 Seabees of the Det. in the dining facility in the early evening. He spoke to the Seabees on multiple topics including the operational tempo that Seabees have experienced in recent years.

"Looking at 10 years of combat, from the beginning of OIF-1 'til today, this last couple of years has been the strongest and hardest pull that we've had as Seabees," said Handley. "We've

actually had more Seabees deployed in these last two years than we have since Vietnam. So that's pretty significant."

The future of the Seabees, deployments, homeports, and training were major topics that Handley touched on.

"One of the things I set out for our Seabee division was to look at our technical training, and really improve on higher-end skills. So you're going to see a couple of shifts. Where you used to go to 'F' school or SCBTs, you're going to see that done more on OJT. Then what we're going to do is free up time and get more C-1 advanced schools," stated Handley.

There were three main points of focus that the admiral highlighted regarding the future of the Naval Construction Force.

"First and foremost, when we have fewer Seabees, like each and every one of you, we've got to make sure that we're getting the highest and best use out of you for support to those combatant commanders like the MEF, like the Italians that you're supporting here, like IJC," said Handley.

NMCB 5 Seabees continue successful partnership with Oxnard school district

By MC2 (SCW) Ace Rheaume
NMCB 5 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 volunteered time off-duty to mentor children afterschool May 16 at the Hueneme Elementary School in Port Hueneme, Calif. This is part of a program for children attending 1st grade – 6th grades in the Oxnard School District.

"We're trying to integrate and get the military more involved with the school. I think with the military presence, it really gives them positive role models. The children get so excited and enjoy having the guys and girls come out," said Laurie McCarter the Site Coordinator for the Hueneme Elementary After School Program.

Hueneme Elementary currently has 100 students enrolled for afterschool activities. McCarter says that the program is aimed to assist and mentor children who might be at risk academically, having behavioral issues, or who don't have parents at home until later in the day.

"It's important for the children to have reliable mentors or role models in their lives," said Utilitiesman 2nd Class Christopher Watkins, a Seabee assigned to NMCB 5 Bravo Company.

During the program, Seabees played games with the children and helped increase physical activity by participating in group activities such as running, soccer, and other games.

Currently, personnel from NMCB 5 are volunteering Wednesdays or Fridays for two hours each day.

"It's great to not only be a member of the Armed Forces and be a defender of freedom, but you also can be a good citizen, which means being a good neighbor. An important part of being a good citizen is securing a good future. That's what we're trying to do here," said Watkins.

Watkins says that he is hoping to get more participation at the school. Seabees from NMCB 5 are using their talents to help structure the program and instruct students by teaching classes on topics such as



Children from the Port Hueneme, Calif. school district laugh as they play under a parachute during their afterschool program May 16, at the Hueneme Elementary School in Port Hueneme, Calif. Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) FIVE helped with the parachute and are volunteering off-duty time to help mentor children throughout the school year. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Ace Rheaume/Released)

photography, sports and more. "I think it's a really great opportunity, mostly so for the kids. I just feel good knowing

that I'm helping them out and that's why everybody else is here too," said Watkins. NMCB 5 is active in volun-

teering and many of the command committees look for opportunities to help the community whenever possible.

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Return & Reunion Informational Meeting

Friday, 1 June, 6 p.m.
CBC Gulfport Chapel

-  **Bring a potluck dish to share at this, the last FRG-sponsored meeting.**
-  **Pick up your pre-ordered t-shirts.**
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Buzz on the Street



By CECN Lucinda L. Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

“What do you do to prepare for hur- ricane season?”



“I pray, and get my family ready and head to Atlanta, Ga.”

Tawana Troup
MWR, ITT Office Gulfport
Hometown: Long Beach, Miss.



“I make plans to travel up north to Michigan.”

BUCN Rachael Vestergraad
NMCB 1
Hometown: Stanton, Mich.



“I have a kit made at home with maps in it in case I need to evacuate.”

EOCN (SCW) Ashley Pavletic
NCBC
Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

Ombudsman Basic Training . . . Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will host a two-day Ombudsman Basic Training course June 16 and June 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Paula at 228-871-3457 to reserve a space.

FFSC sponsoring Baby Boot Camp . . . Parents-to-be (singles and couples) and new parents of infants up to three months old are invited to Baby Boot Camp class June 14, 8 a.m. to noon at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Reserve your space by calling FFSC at 228-871-3000.

NCBC FRAMES

By MCC (SCW) Ryan G. Willber
NCBC Public Affairs

Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) Ernest Sistrunk 20th SRG



FREEZE FRAME



FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most and why?

CM2: The completion of a brand new runway in the Philippines that was built on a deployment for training (DFT) while attached to NMCB 1. I had a deep sense of accomplishment seeing

the project from start to finish.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

CM2: Whenever the workload was too much or undesired, camaraderie between other Seabees and myself

motivated me to keep pushing on.

FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees/Sailors?

CM2: Remember why you are here. Your career should not be about the paycheck or benefits, but about the values the Navy upholds.

FF: What is your favorite thing about working with the Seabees?

CM2: I like being able to experience different places and cultures, and being challenged every day.

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during your career,

and why?

CM2: Master Chief Robinson influenced me more than anyone. He always got the job done no matter what the circumstances were. He was not afraid to stand up to anyone in order to protect his troops.

Focus on Education



Retired Army Col. Brian Lee, Military Education Representative for Columbia Southern University in Orange Beach, Al., presents Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Rodolfo Gallardo III, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Security Department, with his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration in the NCBC College Office. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

IA and a Degree; Sailor's determination defines career

By MCC (SCW) Ryan G. Wilber
NCBC Public Affairs

After returning from an Individual Augmentee (IA) tour, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Rodolfo Gallardo III was presented his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University (CSU) during a ceremony held at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Navy College Office May 24.

Although Gallardo had been working on his degree since 2010, the fact that he completed his last seven classes while on a 10-month IA to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba made the accomplishment especially significant for the Gallardo family.

"I'm very proud of him. It was a lot of hard work. He had a goal and he reached it. I think it will benefit our family in many ways," said Cindy Gallardo, spouse of the graduate.

Currently assigned to NCBC Security Department, Gallardo said much of his motivation stems from a 2008 automobile accident that

nearly took both of his legs and almost ended his Navy career.

That is when he realized he needed something more for his family to fall back on and started working toward his first degree.

"When I looked back it was like I had nothing to show for my time in the Navy, so I reevaluated my career and started my associates with Coastline. "[Earning my bachelor's degree was] more of a personal goal and to show my junior troops you need something to fall back on, because in an instant your life can change," said Gallardo.

Retired Army Col. Brian Lee, Military Education Representative for CSU in Orange Beach, Ala., said he can tell a lot about the motivation and determination of a student by looking at their textbook mailing address.

"I thought he is really bustin' it, because first thing you see when you look at the records is you see a home address and then you see a mail-to address for the books. Mail-to address was Gitmo. Well, I knew if he was at Gitmo, deployed

from here that he was working," said Lee.

Merely taking a break from his security duties for the presentation, with partner in tow, Gallardo's pride in his accomplishment could be seen on his face. He said he felt good about his accomplishment, but is not stopping his education here. He plans to begin working on his master's degree.

"I feel excellent. I feel great about it. It's just another milestone that I've completed. Now I've set another goal to complete, and as long as I keep that goal I believe my life is going to be successful," said Gallardo.

When asked if he had any advice for others planning to work toward their degree, he said to set your goal and remember work always comes first.

"Don't start something and not finish it, and when you do start it make sure you have enough time to do your work, because we still have to maintain our job first and then work on our stuff," said Gallardo.

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wear are contained in the NAVADMIN, including changes to the approved colors for undershirts and aligning the manner of wear of the one-piece flight suit with the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) Type I.

Among the changes to NWU policy approved in the NAVADMIN is the option to wear a nametape on the left shoulder pocket flap of the NWU Type I Parka, beginning July 17. These nametapes will be purchased at the Sailor's expense during the optional period. Nametapes will become mandatory Oct 1, 2013. Sailors will receive a clothing replacement allowance to help purchase one additional nametape for the parka.

Other changes to the NWU policy include the approval to wear as an optional item a nylon webbing rigger belt and NWU pattern foul weather Gore-Tex trousers. The optional rigger belt will be a one and three-fourth inch wide, one-piece adjustable nylon webbing, metal or plastic buckle. Belts worn by E-1 through E-6 personnel will be black, while belts worn by E-7 and above will be tan/khaki.

Sailors will be able to buy the NWU pattern foul weather Gore-Tex trousers for wear during inclement weather to and from home and work. Personally purchased trousers will not be worn to perform official or assigned duties. The trousers will be available for purchase at selected Navy Exchange Uniform Centers, on-line and 1-800 call centers beginning Oct. 1.

The NAVADMIN includes a list of additional commands authorized to wear the NWU Type III (Woodland) for daily and deployment and deployment training wear, as well as further guidance on approval authority for the wear of this uniform. Fleet Commanders (USFF and PACFLT) will now be the authorizing authority for wear of the NWU Type III for deployment and pre-deployment work up/training. When

not in a deployment or pre-deployment training status, personnel will wear the NWU Type I or service uniform as appropriate.

In June 2013, an optional redesigned khaki maternity blouse with adjustable waist tabs and slightly shorter length will be available in regular and long sizes. The blouse will become a mandatory, as needed, item in 2015.

The NAVADMIN also approved several insignia and badge additions and changes including standardizing the design and reducing the number of Navy Security Forces Identification badges from eight to three badges: U.S. Navy Security Forces, U.S. Navy Corrections Specialist and U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms.

A Strategic Sealift Officer Warfare Insignia (SSOWI) for wear by officers who have successfully completed the qualification requirements will be available May 2013. The United States Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) identification badge is authorized to be worn by officers and enlisted assigned to USCYBERCOM beginning July 17.

Also beginning July 17, the Marine Corps Combatant Diver (MCD) breast insignia is authorized for wear on Navy uniforms by Sailors that successfully meet all qualification requirements stipulated in MILPERSMAN article 1220-101, (U.S. Marine Corps Marine Combatant Diver Breast Insignia and Designation).

Illustrations of the new uniform items and insignia, as well as instructions on how to submit uniform changes to the Uniform Board, can be found on the Navy Uniform Matters Office website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bu-pers-npc/support/uniforms/pages/default2.aspx>.

For complete information on the approved uniform policy changes read NAVADMIN 164/12 at www.npc.navy.mil.

Civilian Training Opportunities:

Facilitation Skills, July 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., HRSE SE, Training Center, Building 60, \$150

Constructive Criticism and Discipline Skills for Managers and Supervisors, July 18, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., HRSE SE, Training Center, Building 60, \$150

Enrollment point of contact: Lucy Galster at DSN 868-2641 or 228-871-2641 or email lucy.galster@navy.mil

To get started on a college degree . . . visit the Navy College office located in building 60, room 239 Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., call 228-871-2785 or check out <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>



**Hurricane Season
is here . . .
Prepare Now!**

CNO-Mandated Hurricane Readiness Tasks

CBC Shelter Information

On base shelters are as follows:

- ~ Warehouse 217 to house CBC Military
- ~ Warehouse 437 will house Military with Dependents, Civilian and Contractor personnel employed on CBC
- ~ Shelters will open at TCC ONE
- ~ No pets (except service dogs) are allowed in shelters.
- ~ No alcohol or firearms are allowed.
- ~ Registration forms can be filled out in advance
- ~ ID cards are required for all individuals entering the shelters (except small children.)

Sheltering Pets

Pets are not allowed in NCBC shelters. The designated pet shelter for Harrison County is Harrison Central High School. The following conditions must be met:



- Proof of pet vaccination prior to entry
- Each pet must be kept in a transport cage
- Owners must remain with pets

Defense Travel System

Per NAVADMIN 315/08, DTS is the Department of Defense (DoD) mandated electronic order writing system when DoN personnel go on official Temporary Duty Travel (TDY) or if there is a need to evacuate due to a natural disaster. All military personnel must be enrolled in DTS, or they will not receive reimbursement after an evacuation until enrollment is completed and DTS orders are written. Military family members and DoN civilians and their family members will be issued separate evacuation orders by their sponsor's command using a different system than DTS. DTS travel advances and claims will be processed online, and all non-DTS advances and travel claims will be filed with the Jacksonville Travel Processing Center (TPC) by completing a paper travel voucher. The main advantages of DTS are quick advances for those who are ineligible for a GTCC, as well as quick payment of travel claims upon return of an evacuation, most times within two to three work days, vice two to three weeks with TPC. See your command/department DTS Representative to enroll today at www.defense-travel.osd.mil. The DTS Helpdesk can also be reached at 1-800-378-5406.

Government Travel Charge Card

Per NAVADMIN 316/08, all DoN personnel are also mandated to have a GTCC. GTCCs shall be used during all official TDYs and evacuations to pay for essential needs such as gas for vehicles, food, lodging, tolls, rental car (if needed), and even withdrawing cash ad-

vances; however the GTCC SHALL NOT be used for non-essential items such as gifts and entertainment. All card transactions are recorded, and any fraudulent use is punishable under the UCMJ. The process to obtain a GTCC can take one to three weeks, so contact your command GTCC Coordinator today.

Navy Family Accountability & Assessment System

During the Navy-wide hurricane exercise held in May, several personnel did not have accurate recall information listed in NFAAS. NFAAS is used to account for all DoN personnel and their family members during and after a natural disaster. NFAAS was used for Hurricane Ike in September 2008 when all Key West DoN personnel and their families were ordered to evacuate to the Orlando safe haven. Updating NFAAS takes only a few minutes and can be accomplished at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>. Log in using the sponsor's SSN and date of birth, then click on the "My Info" tab. All information contained within is pulled from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. If your DEERS information is inaccurate, contact PSD.

Total Workforce Management System

Finally, all DoN military and civilian personnel must update their TWMS information as well. This is where family information is pulled from to draft evacuation orders for military and Navy civilian family members. Log in to <https://twms.nmci.navy.mil/selfservice/>. In the left-hand column, click on "Personal/Recall Information."

CBC Quarterdeck: 228-871-2555
Emergency Info: 228-871-4777

Gulfport Muster: 1-877-733-7303
CNRSE Muster: 1-866-203-6004

FFSC: 228-871-3000
Navy Help: 1-877-414-5358



Do you know what you and your family will do if a hurricane is headed toward the Gulf Coast? Get immediate

NCBC Gulfport Tropical Cyclone Condition Updates, Emergency Information and Evacuation Instructions by following the

Seabee Center on Facebook and Twitter. To join NCBC Facebook and Twitter, log on to <http://www.facebook.com> and "Like" Naval Construction Battalion Center. Disaster preparation briefs and information are available on the NCBC website, Emergency Management page at: <http://www.cnbc.navy.mil/gulfport/OperationsAndManagement/EmergencyManagement/index.htm>



At the MOVIES

June 1: Act of Valor, R, 7 p.m.

June 2: Journey 2: Mysterious Island, PG, Noon, John Carter, PG13, 2 p.m., Silent House, R, 5:30 p.m.

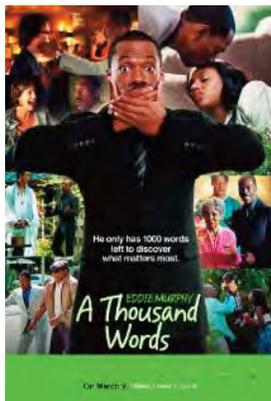
June 3: A Thousand Words, PG13, 2 p.m., The Vow, PG13, 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

TREADMILL ENDURANCE CHALLENGE is June 2 from 10 – 11 a.m. Test your endurance to see how long you can run the speed of 7.0 mph. All competitors will receive a CBC workout towel for participating. Sign up through May 31. For more info contact Michael at 228-822-5108 or by email, michael.e.mclaughli1@navy.mil.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION June 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Training Hall. Celebrate

the end of preschool and the children's entrance to kindergarten.



BASE WIDE YARD SALE June 9, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Training Hall Parking Lot. Minimum number of six sign ups needed. Number of canopies is limited and will only be available on a first come first serve basis to those who have signed up. Last day to sign up is June 6. 228-871-2231.

GROUP SWIM LESSONS FOR JUNE Register for June's session June 11 – 15, classes run June 18 – 29. Call Alex at 228-822-5103/5104.

FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL June 15 at 2 p.m., in the Child Development Center. All dads who have children currently enrolled are invited to attend.

VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE June 15, 12:30 p.m. Best of three wins! Sign ups are June 4 – 14.

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE SEASON 2 Sign up June 18 – July 1. Player meeting is July 9 in the Fitness Center conference room. Season will run July 16 – Oct. 11.

OPERATION MAGIC June 21 in the Training Hall. OPERATION MAGIC is a comedy and variety show featuring stand up comedy, magic, juggling, and mind reading. Due to the adult content children ages 13 and under will not be admitted into the show. Join us for this free show on June 21 at 6:30 for a pre-show and dinner open to Active Duty only and up to three guests. Spaces are limited and sign ups are available at Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT) starting May 29. The main show is at 8:30 p.m., and open to everyone. Limited childcare is available at the CDC and the YAC will have extended hours for the evening.



PLAN your SUMMER FUN now with ITT!

SHIP ISLAND EXCURSION tickets are \$24 for adults and \$15.25 for children ages 3 – 10 years old. Vouchers are good for the entire 2012 Ship Island Season (now through October 28), but will be void after the season is over. No refunds will be given for vouchers not used within time frame.

GULF ISLANDS WATER PARK day passes for only \$18.50! You may upgrade these day passes to season passes for \$25 + tax at the water park front gate. Call 228-871-2231 for more info!

May 31 D'IBERVILLE PROMENADE TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

June 1 CINEMARK THEATER TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

POOL PARTY AT FITNESS CENTER (YAC) 6 – 9 p.m., Only \$4, limited to 50

June 2 6th ANNUAL BAY BRIDGEFEST (Liberty



Center) Free shuttle, 10 a.m.

ber all Active Duty personnel and their dependents receive a 20 percent discount on all rental items. All Military, Retirees and their Dependents receive a 10 percent discount on all rental items. 228-871-2117.



Center) Free shuttle, 10 a.m.

INSTITUTE FOR MARINE MAMMAL STUDIES (Youth Activity Center), 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Only \$6, limited to 30, bring a lunch!

June 3 SHIP ISLAND EXCURSION (Liberty Center), 11 a.m., \$25 with Military I.D.

June 4 TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) Free prize for first place, 7 p.m.

MONDAY – FRIDAY SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM (YAC) 6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 5 7 ON 7 FLAG FOOTBALL (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., NCBC Softball Fields

TORCH CLUB AND NEWCOMER ORIENTATION (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free



June 6 GULFPORT DRAGWAY TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m., \$7 admission charged at gate

GIRLS ONLY NIGHT! SMART GIRLS CLUB AND PILLOW MAKING (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free



FLEA MARKET AT MENGE AVENUE July 21, 9 a.m., \$5 shuttle fee. Call ITT to sign up for this trip by July 18. 228-871-2231

OUTDOOR RECREATION offers equipment rentals that will outfit you for all of your outdoor adventure needs. MWR has the perfect picnic area for you next function located at Seabee Lake with covered playground, basketball court, paintball course, dog park, ample parking, barbecue grills, picnic tables, and more. Remem-

NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



FOSTER CARE PARENTS
Youth Villages, a private non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully, is looking for caring adults, single or married, aged 25 years old and up to become foster care parents. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Frazier at 601-572-3717 or jimmy.frazier@youthvillages.org

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are need for various

projects throughout the year. The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Biloxi is always in need of assistance in the Athletic Department, Fitness Center, Arts and Music Department, Aquatic Center, and marketing. Many other opportunities are available with this organization. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvation-army.org for information.

HARRISON COUNTY YOUTH

COURT - HCYC is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the life of a child. Volunteers who are bilingual in Spanish and Vietnamese are needed. You can help by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) or volunteer to become a mentor for C.H.A.N.G.E. (Cultivating Healthy Achievements in the Next Generation of Excellence). Contact Beth Casey at 228-865-7000 for details.

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a balanced force are proving successful, officials said. As the force becomes more balanced, future advancement opportunity will become more stable offering more consistent promotion opportunity to Sailors over the long term.

Altogether, 318 Sailors under the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC)/20th Seabee Readiness

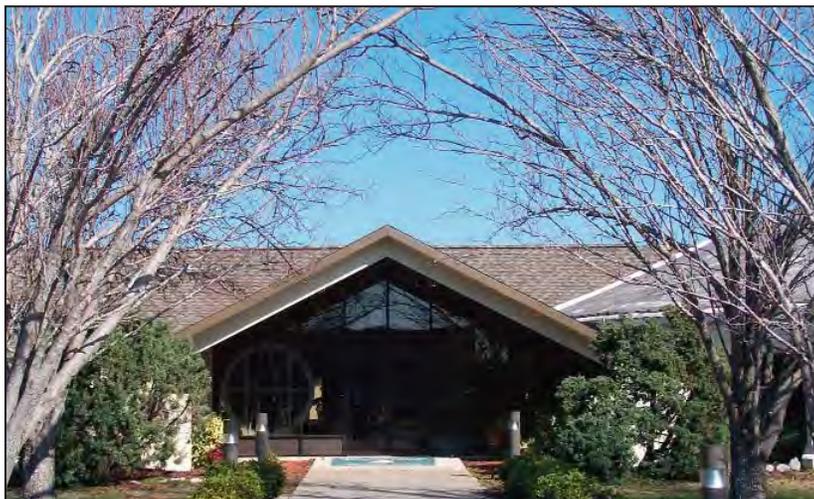
Group (SRG) purview were advanced.

Advancement results for the entire Fleet are posted on the Navy Personnel Command's Bupers On-Line Web page at www.npc.navy.mil.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local

Seabee Memorial Chapel



Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain

Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups, call the chapel office at 228-871-2454

Services:

Gospel Service: 8 a.m.

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.

Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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228-575-5224

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Office hours:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

Chapel Offerings:

Vacation Bible School will take place June 4 - 8, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. There is room for 40 children, aged 5 - 11 and 10 children, aged 3 - 4. Sign up are happening now and are on a first come, first - served basis. VBS concludes with Family Day, June 9, 11 - 1 p.m. The celebration will include bounce houses and a cookout.

Women's Bible Study takes place Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

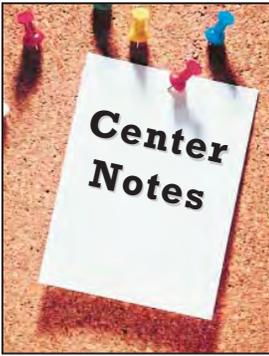
LIGHT is a Young Adult Group for members of the military. Meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Seabee Pantry - Donations are now being accepted to restock the Seabee Pantry. Everyone affiliated with NCBC is eligible to draw from the Seabee Pantry.

Praise and Worship members needed - The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sundays. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are cordially invited to come share your gift.

Looking for a church? The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday that might just suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Gospel Service at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Catholic Services include Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. There is also a Catholic Mass Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

For more information, call the Chapel at 228-871-2454.



SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 7 FRG will have its final general meeting June 1 at 6 p.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact the FRG at nmc7frg@gmail.com, visit the Facebook page, or see page 5 of the Seabee Courier for more information.

NMCB 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmc11.webs.com>.

NMCB 74 FRG All families of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335, behind the Grinder on NCBC. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m., and meetings begin at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome. For more information, please email nmc74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG."

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or send an email to NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfport Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, please email noscgulfport@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU soon!

NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet & Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for information.

TRAINING

COMPASS is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

Naval Sea Cadets

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. Contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com for more information.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at

2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil or President LS2 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil for information.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee would like to increase their membership. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact BU1 Jerma Cloude at 228-871-2454 for more information.

VFW Post 3937 Long Beach is open Monday - Thursday from Noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood Night, the remaining Fridays are Steak Night. Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602.

VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member of the Alumni Group go to <http://nmc62alumni.org> or for links to Seabee historical sites.

Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (secretary) at 228-669-8335 or elevenoaks58@cableone.net or log onto www.nsva.org for information.

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeeemuseumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information.

2012 Navy Ball Committee needs your help . . .



The 2012

Navy Ball Committee is looking for six volunteers to work on the committee for this year's Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Ball. Committee members will be expected to attend monthly meetings to discuss fundraisers and ideas for the Navy Ball. Interested parties should contact AG1 Jordan at 228-871-3667.

Keesler AFB Marine Park Show and Sell Craft Show June 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Support military and family members as they share their handiwork and skills. Crafts, candles, photographs, tutu's, glassware, food and more!

Visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/285662524861979/>

United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball



When: Nov. 10, 2012

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Price: \$50 (per ticket)

Uniform: Marines - Blue Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A" Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)

Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue

Air Force - Mess Dress

Civilians - Black Tie

See I&I First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. Coston, building 114 (NOSC) or call 228-871-3104

NCBC Gate Hours

Pass Road: 24 hours, 7 days a week

Broad Avenue: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday -Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat/Sun and Holidays

28th Street: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and 5 - 7 p.m., Outbound Only

Commission Road: CLOSED