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Coast Veterans Parade



Seabees from Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport and 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), all attached to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, joined other military members, retired and active, along with members of the Gulf Coast community for the 2012 Veteran's Day Parade held in Gulfport, Miss. Nov. 10. The Gulfport parade was one of many activities held on the Coast during the past week in honor of Veterans from all branches of the military service. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

For more coastal **Veterans Day** coverage see page 6 and NCBC Facebook

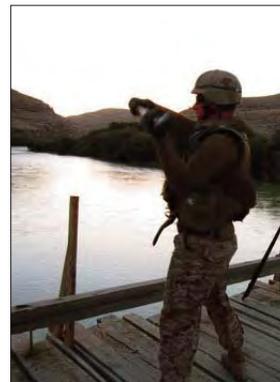
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NMCB 133 Task Force Anchor

Construction Electrician Constructionman Zachary Zehner of Task Force Anchor removes existing bridge curbing during a bridge repair mission in northern Helmand Province. (U.S. Navy photo by U.S. Navy Lt. Kenneth Garcia/Released)

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Seabees continue Sandy relief efforts



John Makely, NBC News/photoblog.nbcnews.com

Equipment Operator Constructionman Courtney McCormack, left, grabbed a shovel and started digging out the sand that had washed up against the house as others in the group grabbed the waterlogged debris to begin a 100 yard walk out of the neighborhood to a large trash pile. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 Seabees are one of four Seabee units who are providing muscle to the cleanup effort in Breezy Point, N.Y., after Hurricane Sandy the area, Oct. 30.

Navy Legal



By Lt. James Mosimann, JAGC RLSO SE

When entering into a residential lease, both landlords and tenants alike hope that everything runs smoothly. While this is usually the case, sometimes problems arise. The following are ways to protect yourself when entering into a residential lease.

Read your lease before you sign:

Always read your lease in its entirety before signing. A lease may seem like a bunch of legal jargon, but remember, you will be bound by its terms. Are you required to have the carpet professionally cleaned before moving out? Do you have to upkeep the lawn? Do you have to give notice when you move out? If so, how much—14, 30, 60 days? What is the procedure for notifying your landlord about repairs?

Taking an hour to review the lease before signing could save you a lot of time—and money—in the future.

Get everything in writing:

Scenario: Lease says you must pay \$40 a month for lawn service. You tell the landlord that you do not want this service. The landlord tells you not to worry about it because he/she will not charge you. "Just sign the lease and you'll be good," the landlord says.

What should you do? Before signing anything, get the landlord's promise in writing and make sure it is incorporated into the lease.

All promises/agreements should be in writing. If an agreement is made in person or over the phone after you sign the lease, follow up with an e-mail confirming the details of the conversation. This is to avoid having to prove the existence of an oral agreement in court if a dispute arises.

Conduct a thorough inspection:

Upon moving in, make sure you inspect your new place thoroughly. Take pictures, make a

list of defects, and provide a copy of the list to your landlord immediately. This will prove that you are not responsible for pre-existing conditions. Similarly, upon moving out, be present during the final inspection and take pictures of the condition in which you are leaving your place. If the inspector does not see any problems, make sure you get that in writing.

Security deposits:

What does your lease say about security deposits? Is the pet deposit non-refundable? Under what conditions could the landlord retain the security deposit? Once you have moved out, the landlord is most likely required to return the security deposit or provide an itemized list of deductions for damages within a certain period of time. This requirement varies state-by-state.

For example, in Florida a landlord has 15 days to return a deposit, or 30 days to give a tenant written notice by certified

mail explaining the amount they're keeping and why. If your landlord doesn't give the required notice, they must return all of your deposit. If they do give you notice, you then have 15 days to dispute the claim. Each state has different landlord/tenant rules. It is a good idea to be familiar with your state's rules.

Military clause:

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is a federal law that allows a service member to terminate a lease before its expiration date, but only after providing written notice and a copy of PCS orders to the landlord. Even if there is not a military clause in your lease, you are still protected under the SCRA.

Under the SCRA, the termination date of your lease will be 30 days after the next payment is due. For example, if you give written notice Feb. 15 and you pay rent on the first of each month, then your termination date is no earlier than March 30. Some states have their own versions of the SCRA that give servicemembers additional protections.

In Florida for example, you can terminate a lease for a variety of

reasons. The big ones are: you get PCS orders requiring you to move at least 35 miles away; you receive orders requiring you to move into government quarters; you become eligible to live in government quarters and opt to move into them; or you are released from active duty after having leased your place while on active duty and it is at least 35 miles from your home of record.

If you qualify, in order to terminate your lease, give your landlord: written notice, including a termination date that is at least 30 days after the date you deliver the notice to your landlord, and a copy of your orders or a letter signed by your commanding officer. Once you do this, your landlord must prorate any rent you pay to the termination date in your notice.

Landlord-Tenant Law can be confusing. Should an issue arise, please visit your closest Region Legal Service Office Southeast Legal Assistance Office.

This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. For legal assistance, make an appointment with the Region Legal Service Office, 228-871-2620.

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Fleet and Family Support Center Babysitting Training

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is holding a Babysitting class for youth ages 11 and older, Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please call FFSC at 228-871-3000 for more information or to sign up for the class.

Legal Appointments Nov. 16 - 18

The Legal Assistance Office, located at the Fleet and Family Support Center (building 30), will have Reserve JAGs on board Nov. 16 - 18. Five JAG officers will be available to take legal assistance appointments Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please note - appointments are necessary. To make an appointment, call 228-871-2620.



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Buzz on the Street

By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

What issues would you like to see the President address?



"Education. I have a 10 and 15 year old, so making sure they get the chance to go to college is a major concern of mine."

John Swanier
Navy Lodge

Hometown: Pass Christian, Miss.



"I personally would like to know more about Obamacare and how it affects Navy Child and Youth Programs employees."

Jennifer Bush
Youth Center

Hometown: Long Beach, Miss.



"The current unemployment rate. It needs to go down throughout the whole country."

LS1(SW/AW) Wayne Hancock
22 NCR

Hometown: Plant City, Fla.

Around the

the



Center



Two U.S. Marine Corps veterans from the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH), Paul Hoffer and John Morash, joined Marine Staff Sgt. Omar Benavides for a special meal honoring the Marine's 237th Birthday at the Colmer Dining Facility Nov. 9. Chief Builder Douglas Rathert conducted the ceremony and Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) and commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), spoke of the heritage and honor that goes along with being a Marine. Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport students led the veterans in a rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn followed by a cake cutting. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

Construction Electrician 2nd Class Charis Depena, a student assigned to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, CEC1 Advanced, practices a pole top rescue using a 175-pound dummy harnessed to an electrical pole outside the Construction Electrician school house on board NCBC Gulfport Nov. 6. In order to successfully complete the exercise, a student must lower the rescued victim to the ground within five minutes of the time they touch the bottom of the pole. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)



Lori Nadeau, Seabee Heritage Center Gift Store manager, writes down a list of new merchandise that will be coming soon to the gift store on board NCBC Gulfport Nov 5. The store is located inside the Training Hall building 466, and hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. The store is closed Sundays. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

Improvement not perfection, key to success during NCBC environmental exercise

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

Emergency Operations personnel and First Responders attached to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) in cooperation with City of Gulfport Emergency Operations personnel and First Responders, worked together to execute a simulated diesel fuel spill exercise on board NCBC Nov. 8.

The exercise was designed to test the base's ability to contain a hazardous material (HAZMAT) spill, secure the area and protect the tenants, and execute clean up operations, while working in conjunction with Gulfport and Harrison County Hazmat and Emergency Operations organizations. Members of the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Regional Training Team (RTT) were on board NCBC Gulfport to evaluate.

The exercise was initiated with a simulated 2,000 gallon diesel spill near a drainage ditch that empties into a nearby creek. First responders' duties were to contain the spill before it contaminated the creek and to keep those involved safe. According to NCBC Gulfport Executive Officer, Cmdr. Gordie Meyer this type of exercise tests multiple base entities ability to work together.

"The hazmat spill scenario allowed for coordinated effort amongst the security and fire departments and allowed a lot of individual people to play into the exercise to really look at our entire EOC [Emergency Operations Center] capability," said Meyer.

Michael Beyerstedt, city of Gulfport fire chief, said that cooperation between the base and community is especially important during an infrequent event that could make a significant impact on the

environment and the safety of the city's citizens.

"When you are talking about a hazardous materials incident, everybody's resources are going to be strained, so you have to work together. And, certainly the Seabee base is a huge part of the city of Gulfport, so it's important to work together as they come up, especially those things that are low frequency, but high danger," said Beyerstedt.

Planned exercises executed under real-world conditions are what make an organization such as the Seabees able to appropriately and efficiently respond when faced with real danger. Everyone involved learns their role better and is better able to perform their duties in cooperation while under stress.

"In a real-world situation we will probably have to rely on each other, and today just tested the fact that we can work together and we work well together. If we were in a real-world situation I would feel a lot more comfortable now after running this exercise," said Lew Fountain, NCBC Gulfport emergency manager.

RTT members said they were impressed by the motivation they saw on the scene, and the teamwork in the EOC. During debrief, one team member said this was the best drill he has been to. The exercise itself is not what is graded; however, the base's ability to plan, execute and self-evaluate is what the RTT is looking for.

"We're not actually assessing the exercise execution. We're assessing the installation training team's ability to design an exercise, execute it and learn from it as an installation, so that we can hopefully bring these processes together and improve our capability to respond to a real-world disaster that is out there," said Cmdr. Robin Higgs, CNRSE N7 program



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director and RTT member.

Meyer said he was also impressed with the motivation of those on the scene and back at the EOC, and felt that overall the exercise was a success.

"Overall I thought it went really well. Our responders were very good at what they did. They were very motivated and came together to solve the problem. Our EOC worked well as a team, everyone focusing on what needed to get done to mitigate the circumstance and

get the information passed where it needed to," said Meyer.

RTT members and NCBC leadership said that although they were pleased with the execution of the exercise, perfect execution is not what makes an exercise a success. Learning the command's strengths and weaknesses, and improving is the real measure of success.

"A success doesn't mean that we're perfect, but we found

out where we can improve," said Meyer.

"If we didn't learn anything, if we didn't find some issues that need to be fixed, then we failed in the process, because we're not perfect. We need to keep bettering ourselves as we move forward. We identified some areas we can improve, so we need to take those lessons learned and implement our solutions to them. That is where we make the success in the exercise," added Higgs.



Left: Builder 3rd Class Paul Theile and Builder 2nd Class Nicholas Turner of Task Force Anchor carry timbers along the bridge during their bridge repair mission in northern Helmand Province. Task Force Anchor, comprised of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 personnel, repaired the bridge to enhance commerce opportunities for the local Afghan population and security. **Above:** Builder 3rd Class Ryan Moore of Task Force Anchor drills a hole for bolt placement with a hand auger during bridge repair mission in northern Helmand Province. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Kenneth Garcia/Released)

Task Force Anchor revive commerce with bridge repairs

By BU3 Sarah Sharples
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, Task Force Anchor, completed repair of a heavy timber bridge across the Helmand River in Afghanistan's Helmand province during October.

The 27 Seabees detailed to the project, working in three teams 24 hours a day, repaired the 370-foot long bridge which was originally constructed in 1957. In four days, the TF Anchor per-

sonnel replaced the uneven and treacherous decking with fresh wood that prepared it for increased traffic from a nearby village and local bazaar.

"The main purpose of the repairs was to open up freedom of movement for the Afghan National Army and local commerce freight," said Chief Utilitiesman Joseph Mathers, the detail's senior enlisted leader. "Eventually the hope is to revive the once bustling bazaar and help the town economically."

With the arrival of the Seabees, the local population became curious, and while the bridge was closed for much of each day, they expressed appreciation for the repairs being done.

"There were people watching us at all times," said Builder 3rd Class Skylar Brown. "It was cool to interact with people from another culture."

Builder 3rd Class Autumn Searcy agreed. "It was a good feeling knowing that you're

helping the local (population)," she said.

The detail's officer-in-charge, Lt. Kenneth Garcia said he was impressed with the crew's initiative and hard work.

"We could not have finished it without the crew that we had. I would pick the same crew for any other project," he said. "Hopefully we have given the Afghan (people) a bridge that will last for years to come."

With the swift completion of the assigned task and additional

time before they were scheduled to return, the crew took the opportunity to assist with force protection upgrades and quality of life enhancements to a nearby forward operating base and ANA post to further enhance their ability to patrol the region.

NMCB 133 is deployed to Afghanistan as Task Force Anchor to provide engineering support to coalition forces, the Afghan military and the local population.

NMCB 5 makes use of new tech trainer

By MC2(SCW) Ace Rheume
NMCB 5 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 were the first battalion in the Naval Construction Force (NCF) to utilize the Seabee Tech Trainer (STT) at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Port Hueneme, Calif., in October 2012.

"The Seabee Tech Trainer was constructed to replace the Seabee F-classes or Special Construction Battalion Training (SCBT) classes from Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC)," said 31st Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) Seabee Tech Trainer Manager Steelworker 1st Class Gerald Lis.

The STT is an area where battalions can instruct unit driven training (UDT) for skills they will utilize on future deployments.

Each area of the STT is specific for each training module

ranging from construction masonry and roofing to sheet metal fabrication, interior wiring and light framing. NMCBs can schedule with the 31st SRG to use the facility and arrange use of materials for training.

"There are 12 different modules, so we can practice the basic construction that we do on deployment," said NMCB 5 Charlie Company Builder 1st Class Moses Silva.

During each module of the STT, Seabees can learn different construction skills. These skills are then put in the service members record. The modules are taught by subject matter experts (SME) within the battalion who are qualified in that specialty.

"We decide which course of instruction we're going to teach, we develop a plan for it, we do classroom for about three to four days and then we come out here and do the practical application," said Charlie Company Builder 2nd Class John Llewellyn.

"I think it is good to give more responsibilities to the SMEs of the Unit's. NCTC is a great place to train, but unfortunately the instructors there don't deploy that unit. It also gives the

crew leaders; project supervisors and their chain of command the ability to evaluate their personnel identify their strengths and weaknesses," said Lis.

Lis added that he envisions battalions benefiting from the knowledge they can learn by utilizing the STT now and in the future.

"The facility will benefit the battalion by being able to incorporate all aspects and skills need for the upcoming deployment. Being able to utilize all aspects that will be used on deployment and evaluating its personnel. With the past 10 plus years most of the Seabee construction has been focused on contingency construction vice building to code (which the Seabees take pride in), it will bring back skills like planning and estimating and project, project supervision and management, utilizing their quality control and safety inspectors to make the unit successful in their missions," said Lis.

NMCB 5 is gaining useful knowledge through practice and construction while earning these skills with the STT. Skills which will be put to good use during the battalion's upcoming deployment to Pacific Command (PACOM) early next year.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Veterans Day Celebrations



Veterans Day 2012 was celebrated with many activities honoring Veterans of all services. Active and retired service members were honored with parades and special programs throughout the Gulf Coast. Service members stepped up to serve as guest speakers at numerous civic events, march in

several community parades, serve as key participants in patriotic ceremonies and volunteer at local schools. (U.S. Navy photos by Rob Mims, Bonnie L. McGerr, Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber and Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

NCBC FRAMES

FREEZE FRAME

**Construction Electrician 1st Class (SCW)
Daniel J. Shaver
20th SRG/R73/CCCT**

By **CM3(SCW) Katchen Tofil**
NCBC Public Affairs



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

CE1: The single experience that stands out in my career is my first deployment as a Seabee. I was 19 years old in a new country with a battalion of Seabees I had never met before from all around the United States. I made many friends that deployment that I still talk to this day. I also found out what a true work ethic was and that you can do so much more than what you think you can.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation

throughout your career?

CE1: The biggest motivation throughout my career has always been my family. To be able to provide for them the best I can and to show them there are occupations in this world that you can enjoy while helping others at the same time.

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

CE1: The advice that I would give to future Seabees is do your job and do it well. It may not be your rate or something that you want to do, but the true

worth of a person is measured by how well you do an undesirable job.

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

CE1: My favorite part about being a Seabee is that my job is always changing and that I have to freedom to change things for the better. Since I have been in the Navy I have been an electrician, fire team leader, squad leader, platoon LPO, facilities manager, QC inspector and instructor. I think it would be extremely dull to do the same thing over and over for the rest of

my life.

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during your career, and why?

CE1: The most influential mentor I have had during my career is Master Chief Garcia. While working for him at Camp David, he taught me that work may be slow at times, but there is always something to do. He also taught me that there is always an answer to a question; you just have to know where to look and who to ask. He always has time to explain how something works or to listen to what someone has to say.

Keesler to host EFMP Workshop for families, care providers

From Exceptional Family Member Program Liaison
NCBC FFSC

Did you know that one in 10 military children have special educational or healthcare needs? Many of these children may need an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or if the child is younger (birth to age three), an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Often these children may also need a 504, which is an Accommodation Plan.

The Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) is an organization dedicated solely to addressing the needs of military families who have family members with special medical or educational needs. It is a parent-directed program that was

established in 1985 in order to empower military parents, individuals with disabilities, and service providers with the knowledge, skills, and resources to better access services and to create a collaborative environment for family and professional partnerships without regard to geographic location.

STOMP will be on the Gulf Coast for a free two day workshop on Parent Rights and Responsibilities with regard to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Topics also covered include IEPs, 504s, TRICARE and Extended Care Health Options, the DoD Education Activity System and more.

The training will be at Keesler Air Force Base Dec. 3 - 4, at the Bay

Breeze Event Center. The two-day workshop will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

If you are a member of a military family with a child with special needs, an educator of children with special needs, or a professional that works with families and children with special needs, then this training is for you!

To register for this FREE workshop or for more information, please contact the Fleet and Family Support Center Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Liaison at 228-871-3000.

For more information about STOMP or to talk with one of their staff members, call 1-800-5-PARENT or visit their website at www.stompproject.org.

Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE is searching for highly motivated Seabees and CEC Officers looking for a career and lifestyle change.



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Tracking NMCB 74 Det Cambodia



REAM, Cambodia - Utilitiesman 2nd Class Brian Delarmente and Utilitiesman 3rd Class Jesse Pringle of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 are engulfed in a column of water during the air developing phase of drilling a new 45 meter deep fresh water well in Cambodia. Seabees from NMCB 74 deployed to Cambodia are assigned to Construction Civic Action Detail (DCAD) Cambodia, which supports the national security strategy by building lasting relationships with host nations and paving the way for future partnerships. NMCB 74 is operating forward deployed throughout the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) area of operations supporting Navy and Joint Forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Michael Smaltz/Released)

Colmer Dining Facility Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 22, 1 - 3:30 p.m.



Soup

Corn Chowder

Entree

Oven Roasted Turkey
Baked Ham

Sides

Corn Bread Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Marshmallow
Sweet Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Green Bean Casserole
Assorted Hot Rolls
Giblet & Turkey
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Cherry Sauce

Salad

Salad Bar
Waldorf Salad
Boiled Shrimp
w/Cocktail Sauce

Desserts

Assorted Baked Pies
Cheese Cake
Assorted Cakes
Assorted Fruits
Ice Cream Bar
Egg Nog

Thanksgiving meal is open to all retirees, DoD and civilians. Cost: \$6.40, E1 - E4 (spouses and dependents); \$7.50, E5 and above (spouses and dependents)

Seabees run fibers for success

By E03 Kareshia McGriff

NMCB 133 Public Affairs
Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, Task Force Anchor, installed communication wires between forward operating bases in the Helmand Province during October.

Unable to find a fiber optic communications cable installer that was qualified and available in the Helmand province, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan provided the Seabees deployed to Camp Dwyer the opportunity to assist with the installation.

Equipment Operator Constructionman Dain Wilson, a crew member for the project, said, "It's a great feeling to be a part of something that you know is going to make a big difference."

More than 50 Seabees, in coordination with their local Marine counterparts, conducted 24 hour operations, convoying to and from their command post to the mobile project site as the lines were laid.

The project's assistant officer in charge, Equipment Operator



Seabees from Task Force Anchor, comprised of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 personnel, convoy to their project site in the desert of Afghanistan's Helmand Province. NMCB 133 is deployed to Afghanistan in support of coalition forces with engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Sara Bills/Released)

1st Class Ronnie Smith, spoke about completing the project and the difference it will make.

"I am very proud of our team and the work that they've accomplished. You get a real sense of pride when you complete a mission like this, knowing that we made a lasting

impact for years to come," said Smith.

NMCB 133 is deployed to Afghanistan and the U.S. Central Command area of operations to assist coalition forces and provide engineering support to the Afghan government.

Focus on Education

28th Street Elementary School partners



Sailors and Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and 25th NCR inspired 28th Street Elementary School students as they supported Career Day, Nov. 1. As part of the Department of the Navy's Partnership in Education program units on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) partner with the area schools to provide mentoring, tutoring, event participation and other needed support. (Photo courtesy of MWR/Released)

NEX rewards students with A-OK program

By Kristine M. Sturkie
NEXCOM Public Affairs

The NEX wants to help its customers finance their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program. All qualified students will participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of November.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members,

reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card and have a NEX associate verify the minimum grade average. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products and services.

Mississippi Governor's School is accepting applications for the 2013 session from 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in accredited Mississippi high schools. MGC will be held on the campus of Mississippi University for Women, June 2-21. The theme for the session is Going Global. MGS is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences for rising high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in academics and community involvement and who show high intellectual, creative and leadership potential. Electronic applications are available at muw.edu/govschool. Details: 662-241-6096 or govschool@muw.edu.

Save the Date!

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Professional Development Institute presents:

"Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times," Dec. 5, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center

No cost to participants
Funded by OSD/DA. Must be in attendance 95 percent in order to receive institute credit and course materials.

For more information, contact Myriam Virella, 254-953-1923, X 1119 or myriam.virella@MilitaryChild.org

Please visit www.MilitaryChild.org and click the Upcoming Training tab to register.

Home School Children's Christmas Choir

Practice will be held at the Seabee Memorial Chapel Nov. 19, 26; and Dec. 3 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. The choir will learn several Christmas Carols and take a field trip to the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH). There are only 10 spots available for children, ages 4 - 8. The choir is open to homeschooled children who's parents are assigned to Naval Construction Battalion



Center (NCBC) and 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG). To sign up, please stop by the chapel or call 228-871-2454.

NCBC School Liaison

Officer, Kevin Byrd is

located at: MWR, Building 352,
1706 Bainbridge Ave., NCBC, 228-871-2117

email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

Southern Miss Gulf Coast Stay here. Go far.



Join us for an information session about the Southern Miss Gulf Coast campus!

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Tuesday, Nov. 20
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Navy College

Jessica Breazeale, Southern Miss Gulf Coast Admissions Counselor, will also be available to provide information about the beautiful, beachfront campus as well as the excellent degree programs Southern Miss Gulf Coast offers.

Contact:
Jessica Breazeale
(228) 214-3507
jessica.breazeale@smgulf.edu



For more information contact
USM Gulf Coast Admissions
at 228-214-3445

usm.edu/gulfcoast

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Fitness

Do you like tennis or is badminton more your style? Sign up for Lunchtime Intramural Pickleball. Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Head to the CBC Fitness Center and sign up Nov. 16 - 30. The league starts Feb. 6 and the games will be held 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center gymnasium. For more information, call the Fitness Center.

Recreation

Movie Theater: **FREE** every weekend. Grab some popcorn and sit back and enjoy the movie!
Thursday, "Ice Age Continental Drift," PG, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, "The Watch," R, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, "Ice Age Continental Drift," PG, noon; "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days," PG, 2:30 p.m.; "Savages," R, 5 p.m.
Sunday, "Ice Age Continental Drift," PG, 2 p.m.; "Dark Knight Rising," PG13, 4:30 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel:

Your ITT Office now carries select Hornets games!! Upcoming games on sale are New York Knicks, Nov. 20, Oklahoma City Thunder, Dec. 1, Memphis Grizzlies, Dec. 7 and Indiana Pacers, Dec. 22. Call

ITT for pricing and info! Saints vs. 49ers tickets are on sale now for just \$52.25/ticket! The first week of sales will be open to Active Duty only. During the second week of sales tickets will be available for purchase to all eligible MWR patrons (Active Duty, Reservists, Dependents, Retirees and DOD employees) with proper ID. Limit two tickets per Military ID card. Parking passes are \$40 for inside the Superdome Parking Garage and are available on a first come first serve basis. (No refunds or exchanges. Ticket prices are subject to change without warning. ITT is not responsible for lost, stolen or laundered tickets and will not replace them. Due to government agency discounts, resale is prohibited and not authorized.)

We have your Mississippi Surge tickets in stock! Stop in to get your game vouchers for only \$11 each! Vouchers are good for the entire 2012-2013 season but do not include play-off games. Purchase your tickets today!

Want to go shopping on Black Friday but don't want to deal with the traffic? Well sit down and buckle up because ITT, Liberty & NOR are driving to the Gulfport Outlets and Crossroads Nov. 23! Departs at 6 a.m. from Liberty Center and return approximately 10 a.m. Sign up deadline is Nov. 21 at

close of business. FREE!

Liberty Center:

Volunteer with the Liberty Center! The Special Olympics needs your support, Friday, 5:30 p.m. Have fun and earn an LOA at the same time. Sign up now at the Liberty Center, 228-871-4684. The Liberty Center's Thanksgiving Feast is coming soon, Nov. 22. Eat a turkey dinner so good you will think Grandma made it. Play games during the day and feast at 5 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation:

Do you have holiday parties scheduled this season? Outdoor Recreation offers all kind of equipment for gatherings from grills and cookers to children's bounce houses at very affordable prices. Stop by or call for more details.

November Specials: 25 percent off Cajun cookers, tables, chairs and grills!

FREE Batting Cage: No more tokens needed. Stop by and take a swing! Rent bats and

helmets at no charge from Outdoor Recreation during business hours.

Food & Beverage

Monday Night Football: Grab a buddy and head to the "BeeHive" on Monday to catch all the action. The Grill: Open Monday -Friday 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Stop by and check out The grill's new menu - full of mouth-watering breakfast and lunch

options. Call ahead for takeout and avoid the wait, 228-871-2494.

Anchors and Eagles: Open Tuesday - Thursday, 2 - 9 p.m.

Youth Activities

Get ready to suit up for a Paintball Trip - available to ages 12 and up and limited to 15 participants. Leaves Saturday at 8 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Only \$10 and includes gear rental and paintballs.

For more information about MWR programs and opportunities, contact:

Anchors & Eagles	228-871-4607
Auto Hobby	228-871-2804
Beehive	228-871-4682
Child Development Center	228-871-2323
Fitness Center	228-871-2668
Information, Tickets & Travel	228-871-2231
Liberty Center	228-871-4684
Seabee Heritage Center	228-871-3619
Navy Outdoor Recreation	228-871-2127
RV Park	228-871-5435
The Grill	228-871-2494
Training Hall	228-871-4750
Youth Activities Center	228-871-2251
Main Office	228-871-2538

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities

GOBBLEPALOOZA MUSIC & ART FEST

Forty volunteers are needed to help out at the Third Annual Gobblepalooza Music & Art Fest in Gulfport, Nov. 17. If you would like to assist, email Liz LeBleu at lizlebleu@drdiet.com or Steve Fitzgerald at james.s.fitzgerald@navy.mil.

LONG BEACH ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SEEKS MENTORS

Long Beach Alternative School on Old Pass Road in Long Beach is looking for mentors for three high school girls and four high school boys. Mentor duties will include providing direction on assignments, increasing personal accountability and other life skills. Please call Michelle Harrison at 228-865-1956 for more information or to

volunteer.

WOOLMARKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEEKS MENTORS

Woolmarket Elementary School on John Lee Road in Biloxi is looking for mentors for their male students as they prepare for middle school. Please contact Shirley Hardman at 228-392-5640 for more information or to volunteer.

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org for information.

DRIFTWOOD NURSING HOME

Want to make a difference in the life of the elderly then volunteer this fall with Driftwood Nursing Home located

right outside the Broad avenue gate.

The contact for this volunteer opportunity is Christina at 228-243-3421.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

If you are interested in volunteering at the AFRH, please contact Chaplain Myers at brian.e.meyers@navy.mil

VOLUNTEER WITH USO

Volunteering is both fun and rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please visit <http://www.usovolunteer.org/>. Volunteers are needed at both USO locations - (NMPS 2nd Floor, NCBC and Gulfport Biloxi International Airport.)

BILOXI PUBLIC LIBRARY - The Biloxi Public Library is participating in the city of Biloxi Christmas on the Pa-



rade. There will be numerous activities starting at the public library and ending with the kids parading to the Biloxi Town Green. The Biloxi Public Library is requesting volunteers to help the children make ornaments for the Christmas tree provided by Biloxi, as well as help with other activities and games. Interested persons may contact Elizabeth Catalano at 228-436-3095 or l.catalano@harrison.lib.ms.us.

See Something Wrong, Do Something Right!

NCIS has two new anonymous ways to report crimes or suspicious behavior with the use of discreet and secure online or texting tip lines.

To report information by Cell text:

1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone.
2. Receive a response, for example: "Your alias is: S2U5 Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP"
3. Begin dialogue

To report information Online:

1. Go to www.NCIS.navy.mil, click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline."

There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



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.

Chapel Offerings

Looking for a church?

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

Seabee Pantry

The Seabee Pantry needs restocking. During the holidays, the need for food donations is at its highest level. Please donate as many canned goods and other nonperishables as possible. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home. The Seabee Pantry is for anyone affiliated with NCBC.

Parents' Morning Out

The chapel will have certified care providers available for parents or guardians caring for children of deployed service members (1 - 5 years old), Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 from 8 - 11 a.m. This service extends to IA families as well.

Please call the chapel for reservations as space is limited.

Praise and Worship

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 invited to come share your gift.

Women's Bible Study Women's Fall Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. The Fall Bible Study is conducting a six-week study by Jennifer Rothchild - Missing Pieces." Free child care is available.

Thanksgiving Celebration

A Thanksgiving Celebration will take place Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. The celebration will include food, games, crafts, jumpies and more!

Angel Tree Program

Sign up sheets are now available at the chapel for the annual Angel Tree Program for children. Deadline for sign up is Dec. 12.

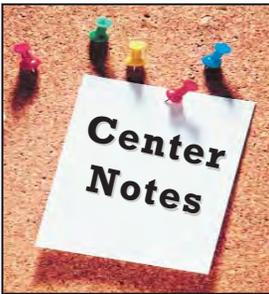
Chapel: 228-871-2454

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Featuring food, fun, games, crafts, jumpies and more!
We all have something to be thankful for and we hope to see you there!





SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first 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 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. Email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG" for more information.

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, email gosgulfport@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 and 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

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 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 mem-

bers. 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 is seeking members. 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 details.

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 the month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602 for information.

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, go to <http://nmcb62alumni.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.

D.A.V. - Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5 invites Veterans and future Veterans to monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Service Officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more about our organization and all that is offered to members.

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 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/-/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available for customers.

Gulfport Commissary Thanksgiving holiday schedule

NCBC Commissary will be open Monday, Nov. 19 (Thanksgiving week), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 - 23. Commissary operating hours are Sunday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday: Closed, Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 228-871-2039 for more information.



USO CENTER SUPPLY DRIVE

The USO will be collecting food donations through December to use during the holidays as our young service members spend long hours waiting at Gulfport Biloxi International Airport, where high food prices and the absence of meals on flights create financial challenges and hunger. Monetary donations should be sent by Dec. 14. Monetary donations received after Dec. 14 will be applied to the 2013 effort. Checks or money orders can be sent to: USO Gulf Coast, 14035 Q Airport Road, Gulfport, MS 39507. Checks should be made payable to "USO Gulf Coast" and food donations should be placed on the memo line. Snacks that can be donated include: Variety pack of chips (Doritos, Frito Lays are most popular), Planters mixed peanuts, Chocolate and non-chocolate candy, Crackers, Cookies (Famous Amos and Oreos are some of the most popular), Cheese Nips, Gardettos, Pretzels, Snack Mixes, Breakfast Snack Bars (Nature Valley and Quaker are the most popular), Pop Tarts, Rice Crispy Treats, Honey Buns, Fruit snacks, and 100 Calorie Packs. Please consider helping to make this holiday season special by donating items and/or your time. If you have any questions, please contact usogulfcoast@uso.org.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline Information

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904- 542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil.

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