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NMCB 133 Task Force Anchor continues Afghanistan mission



CAMP KRUTKE, Afghanistan – Constructionman Electrician Elizabeth Leow, assistant yard boss for Task Force Anchor material liaison office (MLO), guides a forklift operator who is lowering a massive bundle of concertina wire during unloading operations. Task Force Anchor, comprised of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 personnel, is deployed to Afghanistan to provide engineering support for theater coalition forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

Find out more about **Task Force Anchor**, page 4

Annual Salute to Military draws enthusiastic crowd



More than 1,000 military members, civic leaders and members of the Gulf Coast community gather at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, for the 34th annual Salute to the Military to honor the U.S. Armed Forces Oct. 23. Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley was guest speaker for the event and the Navy Ceremonial Band, New Orleans, provided entertainment. Air Force Master Sgt. Nicole D. Dismute was also awarded the Thomas V. Fredian Community Service Award at the event. (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Visit NCBC Facebook for more photos from the Salute to the Military

NCBC Resident Utility Meeting



Balfour Beatty Communities will host a Resident Utility Meeting today from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Training Hall, building 446.

All housing residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the Navy's RECP (Resident Energy Conservation Program.)

Do common things, uncommonly well

By Senior Master Sgt. Rich Parsons

366 TRS/Det 6 Superintendent
NCTC

In my years of service, I have found some common traits to be of great importance to me, not only as a person, but as an Airman and a leader. I will share with you how character, charisma and commitment are traits that we should embody. All of these common traits, if displayed uncommonly well, can increase the likelihood of successful leadership.

"Character" is a trait that I feel can make or break a person, not to mention leadership ability. Webster's 1913 Dictionary, defines character as "the peculiar quality, or the sum of qualities, by which a person or a thing is distinguished from others . . ." On one end of the character spectrum there are qualities that one would want to follow or emulate, and on the other there are qualities that would not benefit anyone if they followed. If a person fails to exhibit the proper character traits, it is unlikely that they will be an effective leader. There are some misguided folks that might still follow this type of leader, but they soon find out that they made a mistake.

I personally feel that character is something that is developed over time, based on the values and beliefs that a person holds true, as well as the people that serve in influential roles throughout life. Values are typically learned either from family, friends or life-experience. I also feel that just as a person can have a change of values as they progress through life, so too can their character change, perhaps by way of a solid mentoring relationship. So, strive to keep your character on the "follow or emulate" side of the spectrum. While character is one of the common things that great

leaders should exhibit uncommonly well, the same can be said for charisma.

Charisma is a leadership trait that I feel is a complimentary to character. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines it as "a personal magic of leadership arousing special popular loyalty or enthusiasm." It can also be described with words like allure, appeal, or "oomph." However, it's not the descriptive word that is important, rather the action that is taken by the individual.

An important thing to keep in mind about charisma is that it has to be genuine and matched to your personality. If it is seen as shallow or fake, then you will likely not achieve the results that you are hoping for, and will likely push people away. My advice is to be natural in your ways, let folks get to know you, and they will know when you are charged to do something even if it has less "oomph" than others. Although this might not seem like a common trait for some, it is important that you make your own "magic of leadership." Do this uncommonly well, and you can inspire others with your enthusiasm, and in-turn receive an unexpected loyalty. Equipped with an uncommonly solid character and infectious charisma, you are prepped to take on leadership with an unwavering commitment.

The last common trait that leaders should exhibit is commitment. According to McMillan's Online Dictionary, it is defined as, "a strong belief in something; enthusiasm for something and a determination to work hard at it; a duty or responsibility." There are a few buzz words in the definition that stand out to me. I like belief because it ties back into the first trait: character. It is the strong belief in something that is likely to cause a person, and in our context, a



Senior Master Sgt. Rich Parsons

leader, to act a certain way. Hopefully your beliefs are in line with what most would consider an uncommonly good character. The word enthusiasm relates well with the common leadership trait, charisma. That brings me to the last buzz word that stood out from the definition - responsibility. A true leader should take responsibility for leading their people. As a leader, I guarantee you that you will be held responsible for those that you are charged to lead!

I encourage you to be a leader that does the common things, uncommonly well. Be a leader with revered qualities that will allow your character to speak volumes, without a single word being spoken. Strive to be a leader that others are eager to follow because you have a natural "magic" leadership quality, which can only come from genuine charisma. Embrace the fact that being a leader is an important aspect of your career, and make the commitment needed to be the best leader and supervisor possible.

There are many other qualities and traits that I could have focused on, but for me, the leadership traits of character, charisma and commitment are three common things that leaders should be able to do uncommonly well.

*"A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman, of the next generation."
~ James Freeman Clarke~*



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12 days to go!

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline: 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.

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.



Buzz on the Street



By CECN Lucinda Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

What do you want to be when you grow up?



"I want to be a photographer and an English teacher."

Anthony Williams
Youth Center
Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.



"A veterinarian. I love animals; my favorites are dogs and horses."

Helena Johnson
Youth Center
Hometown: Naples, Italy



"I want to be a Seabee like my Dad."

Mathew Parker
Youth Center
Hometown: Port Hueneme, Calif.

Around the



Center



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 participate in a game of basketball for morning physical training at the Fitness Center on board NCBC Gulfport Oct. 18. Daily physical activities, such as basketball, are important for a Sailor in maintaining a Navy culture of fitness. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)



Child Development Center (CDC) employees Violet Brown, left, and Alice Nelson, right, are presented with Outstanding Achievement awards by Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at the CDC Oct. 18. Along with other employees at the CDC, Brown and Nelson dedicate their time on a daily basis to assist parents and their children who are enrolled at the Center. During the presentation, the Skipper thanked the ladies for their dedication and hard work. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of MWR/Released)



Ricky Morgan, a motorcycle rider coach, teaches students attending a Sports Bike Riders Course the importance of knowing their surroundings as they practice riding their motorcycles across the grinder on board NCBC Gulfport Oct. 19. The course teaches needed skills for operating safely, stopping quickly when needed and to ride defensively in an environment where they may not be easily seen. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Call the Domestic Violence hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or the Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate at 228-669-1774 for assistance.





Lt. j.g. Mike Manzano, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Task Force Anchor Material Liaison Office division officer, supervises the unloading of equipment by Logistic Specialist Seaman Rolando Balderramas, as he is operating a forklift in the Task Force Anchor MLO yard. Task Force Anchor, comprised of NMCB 133 personnel, is deployed to Afghanistan to provide engineering support for theater coalition forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

Diversity is key component to success of Task Force Anchor

By UT3 Drew Verbis

Task Force Anchor Public Affairs Task Force Anchor, comprised of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 personnel, meets the demand for Seabee capabilities to support ongoing military operations in Afghanistan by establishing solid supply lines.

The center of the effort resides in the material liaison office (MLO) on board Camp Krutke, where pushing supply lines of mission essential materials is assigned to a small unit of experts from a diverse spectrum of training.

Builder 2nd Class Travis Johnson, the MLO yard boss, said each of the nine Seabees has multiple responsibilities each day to complete their tasking requirements.

"It would all but be impossible to complete missions as fast or with such ease as we do, if we didn't come from such culturally diverse backgrounds, and such a

mixture of ratings," said Chief Utilitiesman Laroy Brisco, the MLO leading chief petty officer. "Here at MLO, we work with a unique dynamic of military, civilians and foreign national personnel, which only add to our figurative tool box."

MLO uses a variety of methods to acquire a staggering quantity of tools and materials required to support the needs of coalition forces and at the same time maintain a working stock able to support emergent missions. This includes using local vendors, adjacent supporting units like the Marine Corps builder maintenance yard, and overseas shipments. There are language barriers, deadlines, budgets, contracts and physical acquisition of materials which are normally picked up by the equipment operators on staff.

At any one time, the department might be responsible for supplying multiple projects with thousands of pieces of materials

worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"In a region like Afghanistan, there's always a challenge to provide materials to our projects on camp and located at forward operating bases," said Johnson. "It's not an easy task."

MLO has already processed nearly \$1.2 million in construction materials for five different construction projects and outfitted those same projects with the necessary tools to complete the mission, inventoried most of a 5.8 acre yard housing more than \$8 million in materials, and many additional chores since the battalion's arrival in Afghanistan.

"You see us working around the yard through the day, non-stop until after sunset," said Lt. j.g. Mike Manzano, the MLO division officer. "The next morning we come in early with smiles on our faces. Every day is a new day and this crew truly embodies the spirit and the legacy of the Seabees like no other."

NMCB 27 Seabees partner with Preventive Medicine Specialists in Guatemala



By Lt. Kevin Keenaghan
NMCB 27 Public Affairs

Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 27 deployed Oct. 15 to the Regional Peacekeeping Operations Training Command - "CREOMPAZ") military base in Coban, Guatemala.

The mission is part of a U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet-sponsored theater security cooperation mission that involves construction and renovation aboard the Guatemalan peacekeeping base in support of U.S. Southern Command's Global Peacekeeping Operations Initiative (GPOI).

The Seabees have construction experience and capabilities; however, due to the small size of their planned detachment, internal medical support was not readily available to meet their requirements at this remote base. With their ability to execute their assigned construction mission contingent on securing appropriate medical support, the Seabees turned to the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) 5 for assistance.

"When given the opportunity to partner with our fellow shipmates to accomplish the Navy's mission, we will," said Cmdr. Jason Spillman, officer-in-charge of NEPMU 5. "We exist to support and take care of our warriors deployed. Where they go, we go; anywhere, anytime!"

Two Sailors from NEPMU 5 volunteered to help support the Seabees on extremely short notice.

"I was honored that I was chosen to not only be a representative for my unit but to also be an ambassador for the United States Navy in Guatemala," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Karl Youngquist. "This is my first deployment where I'm not carrying a weapon. It's a healthy change of pace to have a primary mission of improving the quality of life for our fellow men and women in uniform in another country."

Lt. j.g. Keith Ferreira, the OIC of the Seabees in Guatemala, voiced his gratitude for the NEPMU 5 support.

"Having both Petty Officer Youngquist and Lt. Karmenid Medina-Zayas as part of our detachment greatly improved morale and confi-

dence in our safety and well-being. Their pro-activeness, professionalism and expertise allowed us to focus on what we do best. They are a welcome addition to our team and have positively impacted our mission."

Once the combined team was established, the execution phase of the mission began. In late September, the two preventative medicine specialists departed from their homes in California. Meanwhile, an advance team from the Seabee detachment began its journey from the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, toward Guatemala City where the two groups would eventually rendezvous before heading to CREOMPAZ to begin work. The remainder of the Seabee team joined the advanced group in Guatemala in mid-October, sending their construction efforts into full swing.

Paul R. Yorio, Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) Operations Analyst at U.S. Southern Command, discussed the benefits that will result from the team's efforts.

"U.S. Southern Command GPOI office is thankful for the 'can-do' attitude of the Seabees from NMCB 27 in completing these much needed projects," he said. "By funding this initiative and through the efforts of the Seabees, USSOUTHCOM will be able to improve the throughput capacity of peacekeepers from our Central American Partners at CREOMPAZ."

The Seabees in Guatemala are part of a larger group of Navy Reservists from NMCB 27 based out of Chicopee, Mass., who were recalled to active duty in July and deployed throughout South and Central America in support of the Navy's peacekeeping, multinational partnership, and humanitarian assistance missions.

NEMPU 5, located aboard Naval Base San Diego, Calif., has a mission "to man, train, equip and deploy expert preventive medicine teams to provide force health protection, population health products and environmental/disease threat response assistance to our Navy and Marine Corps teams, operational forces and homeland defense agencies."

NCBC Energy Fair shines light on Navy's Shore Energy Strategy



Civilian and military personnel with Naval Facilities Command (NAVFAC) Public Works Department (PWD) Gulfport hosted an Energy Fair at the Navy Exchange (NEX) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Oct. 17. The fair was held to provide information to the public about the Navy's Shore Energy Strategy. Mississippi Power partnered with PWD to educate attendees about ways to save money through the smart use of energy. Shisuko Lytal, an

Energy Fair attendee, said she stopped to learn more about the electric vehicles on display and how she could save money on her utility bill. Mike Mattina, a residential marketing specialist for Mississippi Power, said they set up the fair to promote energy awareness in ways that aren't always seen in the military, and get the message of energy efficiency out during Energy Awareness Month. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

Top 10 most costly items to operate in your home

1. Range with oven: \$1.46 per/hour at 12 cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)
2. Clothes dryer: 59 cents per/kWh
3. Water heater: 54 cents per/kWh
4. Bathtub: 54 cents per/kWh
5. Air conditioner, 3 ton: 43 cents per/kWh
6. Shower - 8 minutes: 36 cents per/kWh
7. Toaster oven: 18 cents per/kWh
8. Hair dryer: 17 cents per/kWh
9. Microwave: 17 cents per/kWh
10. Dishwasher 14 cents per/kWh



Where do you spend your energy dollars?

53% Heating & Cooling
19% Water Heating
9% Lighting
20% Other

Top 5 Energy Tips

1. Set thermostats at 78 degrees in the Summer and 68 degrees in winter.
2. Properly insulate attic, walls and floors.
3. Use storm windows or double-panned replacement windows.
4. Properly seal ductwork.
5. Have heating and cooling systems professionally serviced once a year.

For helpful energy tips, calculators, tables and information visit:
<http://www.energy.gov> and <http://www.mississippipower.com> or Facebook NavalEnergy

UCT 2 divers spend summer in Pacific Missile Range waters

By EAC(SCW/DV) Blair Mercado
UCT 2

Seabees from Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2, based at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, spent two months this summer performing stabilization, inspection and repairing cable off the Coast of the Hawaiian Islands.

Construction Dive Detachment Charlie spent much of June and July repairing winter damage at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, and preparing the range for this year's Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. Held in August, RIMPAC is the largest international maritime exercise in the world, involving 22 nations, 42 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel.

PMRF is the world's largest instrumented multi-environmental testing and training missile range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air and space operations simultaneously. It is the only range in the world where submarines, surface ships, aircraft and space vehicles can operate and be tracked simultaneously. There are more than 1,100 square miles of instrumented underwater range and more than 42,000 square miles of controlled airspace.

Seabee divers combine the

best of both disciplines, relying on their construction capabilities as Seabees and their competence as Divers to accomplish missions that no other unit in the Navy is capable of performing.

For this task, UCT 2 Seabee divers worked in depths from 30 to 120 feet of seawater off a Lighter Amphibious Resupply Craft (LARC). Three tons of cast iron pipe, designed to fit around the cables and protect them from the harsh sea state were installed. They also dove to depths of 110 feet in the open ocean to perform maintenance on 10 practice mines in a training mine field; with a bottom depth as deep as 450 feet, there was no room for error.

In addition, two members of CDD Charlie, Builder 1st Class(SCW/DV) Donny Wedekind and Construction Mechanic 2nd Class(SCW) Ryan O'Toole, provided support to the SPAWAR Marine Mammal Unit using LARC's and small boats to recover practice rounds and targets for the exercise.

Crossing the pristine Hawaiian beaches on their way to work presented a unique challenge. A mother sea turtle decided to lay her eggs on the beach next to the only landing zone for the Det's equipment. Base environmentalists put up a safety barrier and with careful ma-

neuvering, day to day operations were not affected. This was a great example of environmental stewardship by the US Navy, and the UCT 2 Seabees were happy to report that after seven weeks of anticipation, all of the hatchling made it safely to the ocean.

Detachment Charlie worked six days a week to take advantage of the favorable weather conditions, completing more than 170 dives totaling more than 70 hours of bottom time, ensuring the range would be ready for the exercise.

"Our Seabee divers performed a variety of tasks from drilling stabilization points, replacing zinc anodes and placing hundreds of pieces of split pipe to protect the sensitive acoustic range cables from the sea state," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class (SCW/DV) Daniel Lehne.

"During the winter months, the rough wave action will move the cable across the sand, rock and coral, stripping off the protective covering potentially destroying the cables," he explained. "The work we do here saves the Navy hundreds of thousands of dollars in maintenance costs compared to a civilian company and millions in replacement costs if the system were to go down."

Steel Worker 1st Class Nate



Builder 2nd Class Sonny Ramos, assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2, cleans a deep water buoy off Niihau in the Hawaiian Islands. Based at Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, UCT 2 recently spent two months performing stabilization, inspection and repairing cable off the Coast of the Hawaiian Islands. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 2nd Class Joshua Knolla/Released)

Terrazas added, "This is the premier training range for the Pacific and the work we do here contributes directly towards Fleet readiness."

Lt. Sam Williams, a Naval Air Systems Command Integrated Project Team Lead overseeing work on the range, agreed that UCT 2's work extended the life of the range and save the Navy money.

"The alternatives would be decreased training capability or a total range refurbishment, which could cost the Navy upwards of \$50 million," he said. "The UCT skill set is unique because the unit has expertise in both construction and deep sea diving. This al-

lows the unit to perform quality construction work in the hazardous ocean environment."

Fulfilling their mission of supporting the Fleet and Marine forces in the PACOM AOR, Seabees from UCT 2 were at PMRF on their first stop during a six month deployment across the Pacific that will take them from Kauai to Japan to the south Pacific and Naval Region Northwest. UCT 2 provides responsive inshore and ocean underwater construction, inspection, repair and maintenance to ocean facilities for Navy, Marine Corps and Joint Forces engaged in military operations.

Watch out for pedestrians
Remember, they have the right of
way! Unless otherwise posted,
the speed limited on board NCBC
is 25 m.p.h.

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Rate Changes . . . Navy Gateway Inns & Suites appreciates your business. While the rates are still competitive with commercial rates, increases have had to be implemented. Effective Oct. 1 rates are: Lake House, 1 King Bed: \$82/day; VIP Suite, 1 Queen Bed: \$75/day; Suite 1 Queen Bed: \$60/day; Two Bedrooms/Adjoining bathroom/1 Queen Bed per room, \$80/day; Private room with private bath, 1 Queen Bed: \$55/day; Private Room with shared bath, 1 Queen Bed: \$40/day. Contact General Manager Ms. Simone Tomlin at 228-871-3029 for more information.



A service member gives a veteran a soda during the 7th annual Veteran's Stand Down held at the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, Oct. 17. An estimated 500 veterans received flu shots, food, clothing and other necessity items to get them through the cold winter. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

Center volunteers join with coast to support annual Veterans Stand Down

By **CECN Lucinda L. Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

Veteran's Affairs (VA) officials estimate that nearly 500 veterans attended the 7th annual Veteran's Stand Down held at the VA Gulf Coast Veteran's Health Care System in Biloxi, Miss. Oct. 17.

More than 100 military and civilian volunteers offered their services and assistance to the veterans who received flu shots, food, clothing and other necessity items during the event. Blue Cliff College was among those that got involved.

"A couple of classmates arranged a food drive. All together we collected over 500 can goods and non-perishable items, and our whole class of 27 volunteered to come to the Stand Down," said Brittany Smith, a Blue Cliff student.

According to Susan Turner, a Healthcare for the Homeless coordinator, the Seabee contribution this year was substantial.

"We were flooded with donations from the Seabees, so much that we couldn't give it all away today even if we tried," said Turner.

For many people, this was not their first year volunteering. Gun-



Volunteers from Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) and Harrison County community came together to distribute food during the 7th annual Veteran's Stand Down held at the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, Oct. 17. Over 100 organizations and volunteers, both military and civilian, offered their services and assistance at this year's event. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

ner's Mate 3rd Class Sean Roberson, assigned to 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), was one such return volunteer at the stand down.

"I have come for the last two years. Giving back is important, es-

pecially to those we fought for our country," said Roberson.

Turner also expressed the significance of giving back.

"If we only served one [veteran] here today it was worth it," said Turner.

Navy Wounded Warrior: A critical resource for Sailors

By **Commander, Naval Installations Command, Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor Program Staff**

Early one morning in October 2007, Navy Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Jim Castaneda suffered a stroke during muster aboard USS Tortuga (LSD 46). The stroke was entirely unexpected and, in a matter of moments, Castaneda's life was forever changed.

Shortly after arriving at Naval Medical Center San Diego for treatment, Castaneda was referred to Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) - Safe Harbor.

His NWW Non-medical Care Manager helped his family navigate the various non-medical issues – from securing various payments and entitlements, to providing advice on a home application, to accessing Veterans Affairs benefits – that threatened to distract from Castaneda's recovery.

"[NWW] is one of those programs that commands may have heard about but don't know too much about," said Castaneda. "But once they know what it does and how it helps families and severely injured Sailors they will appreciate it."

Indeed, only one-quarter of enlisted Sailors and less than one-half of naval officers are aware of Commander Navy Installations Command's Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor program and the services it provides. Yet, it

is among the most important resources available to Navy families.

Illness or injury can strike at any time. When they do, NWW can clear away the clutter and allow service members to focus on what's most important – getting well.

NWW tailors support to each wounded warrior's recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration needs. It's team of experts addresses pay and personnel issues, child and youth care, transportation and housing needs, education and training benefits, and much more. The program's goal is to return wounded warriors to duty, but when that's not possible, it works collaboratively with federal agencies and partner organizations to ensure their successful reintegration back into their communities.

"NWW will address virtually any problem that surfaces during a wounded warrior's recovery process," said NWW director Capt. Steve Hall. "NWW Non-medical Care Managers provides enrollees a shoulder to lean on, a helping hand, an ear to listen and encouraging words. They act as advocates when service members need one most."

NWW enrollment is not limited to service members who have been wounded in combat operations or shipboard and training accidents. It also is available to those affected by serious illness – like Castaneda – or liberty accidents.

November marks Warrior Care Month, a time to recognize wounded warriors, as well as their caregivers, for their service, sacrifices, and achievements. This year's theme, "Success through Transition," highlights the many ways wounded warriors and their families thrive after illness and injury – on active duty, on the playing field, in the classroom, or on the job.

This month, Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, will host the first-ever Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the University of Hawaii Nov. 12 – 17. More than 50 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from across the country – including Castaneda – will compete for a place on the 2013 Warrior Games Navy-Coast Guard team.

NWW encouraged Castaneda to get involved in adaptive athletics several years ago, and it has had a tremendously positive impact on his life.

"Everyone [competing in adaptive athletics] seems seven feet tall – larger than life. I feel like superman. I can do anything now," said Castaneda.

Sailors and their families are urged to take time during Warrior Care Month to honor and support our wounded warriors. They can refer a service member to the program who has experienced serious illness or injury by calling 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997).

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari,
Military Spouse Contributor

Budget is the new black



For decades, I tried to be cool. Despite numerous desperate attempts to wear fashionable clothes, listen to hip music, take up trendy hobbies and become more aloof, I just couldn't change who I was. Finally, in my 40s, I decided to accept my unfashionable lot in life and give in to my nerdiness.

No sooner did I embrace my lack of swag, when suddenly, without trying, I became the epitome of chic.

No, I'm not whitening my teeth. I don't play acoustic guitar on my front porch swing. I've never run a marathon, snow boarded, or surfed. I only wear a waterproof sports watch so I don't have to take it off when I wash dishes.

I've never eaten Kobe beef and I'm not well versed on Beaujolais wines. I look ridiculous in a maxi dress, and avoid chunky jewelry because it catches on stuff. Although we have a big dog – which is kinda cool – he's sloppy and won't go in the water above his elbows.

The last big concert I went to was Jimmy Buffet in 2000, but I was 8 months pregnant and worried about second hand smoke. I have no tattoos or trendy body piercings, unless you count that second hole in

my left ear that my roommate from college made for me with a potato and a sewing needle in our dorm room in 1985.

Frankly, I'm just a middle-aged stay-at-home mom, but here's the thing: I'm cool now because I drive a minivan.

Not just any minivan, mind you – an *old* minivan that we bought used. A minivan that started out white and shiny, but after 100,000 miles and three military moves, now has the dull hue of stale bread, pitted with chips and tiny bubbles of rust. The once glimmering alloy wheels are beginning to corrode and peel. The formerly black bumper and trim is a hazy shade of grey.

Despite regular Shop-Vac-ing and spritzing with Armor All, the interior has also seen better days. There's a hole in the carpet, where my left foot rests during endless daily car pools to school, sports and music lessons. The wire to the power sliding door snapped a couple years ago. Two air fresheners can't hide the lingering odor from years of post-practice sweaty teens, countless spilled drinks, and chicken nuggets lost between seats.

Why, you might be asking yourself, would driving a used minivan with perpetually sticky cup holders and fruit snacks stuck in the carpet make me cool? I know, it's hard to believe, considering that minivans have *never* been particularly cool.

Quite the contrary, in fact. Until recently, a hip-happening trendy mom wouldn't be caught dead in a minivan. Stylish moms overwhelm-

ingly prefer SUVs, which project an image of sporty spontaneity and an adventuresome spirit.

While a minivan says, "I'm frugal, eat meatloaf, wear comfortable cotton underwear, and drink home brewed coffee with powdered creamer every morning while taking the kids to school," an SUV screams, "Despite the fact that I only drive on suburban paved roads between The Gap, pee wee soccer practice and the Starbucks drive-thru, I am the type that might drop everything, throw on a bikini and some Ray Bans, and go kite surfing for the day."

However, recently, our struggling economy has forced moms everywhere to change their habits and their images. Families are tightening budgets, clipping coupons, and paying cash. The mom who used to look so stylish with her 11 mpg Range Rover, overpriced coffee, and designer handbag, is SO last season in today's unfortunate economic climate.

Nowadays, frugality is the latest fad. Today's trendsetters shop at discount stores, know which groceries will double coupons, and drive cars with good gas mileage. The hottest style is savvy spending, and family budgets are all the rage.

As for me, I bought my purse at TJ Maxx. We make our own pizza at home on Friday nights. We haven't used our credit card in eight months. And I drive a minivan.

Try not to hate me because I'm so cool.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog, <http://themeatandpotatoesoflife.com>.

Navy announces Master Chief and Senior Chief Boards

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The fiscal year 2014 (FY14) enlisted selection boards for active duty and Reserve master chief and senior chief petty officers were announced in a Navy message Oct. 22.

According to NAVADMIN 313/12, the Reserve board will convene March 25 and will consider eligible Reserve chiefs and senior chiefs serving on active duty as full-time support (FTS) in the active/guard reserve and selected Reserve (SELRES) to include those serving on voluntary and involuntary recall and mobilization orders.

Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) personnel who are mobilized are considered under the SELRES requirements for advancement.

The active duty master chief board will convene April 15, and the active duty senior chief board will convene May 13. Eligibility criteria and special rating/NEC specific requirements are listed in the NAVADMIN.

Eligibility maybe verified in November 2012 by education service officers and command designated personnel via the Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS) website at <https://neasos.cnet.navy.mil>.

Candidates should review their official military personnel file (OMPF) via BUPERS Online at www.bol.navy.mil to verify completeness. Documents not viewable through OMPF that candidates would like the board to consider should be submitted with a letter to the selection board president.

Candidates' letters to the board must be received at Navy Personnel Command not later than March 4, for the Reserve board, March 25, for the active duty master chief board and April 22, for the active duty senior chief board.

All correspondence should be on plain white paper, paper clipped and submitted under cover letter to the president of the board including board number. The candidate's full name and social security number must be included on all documents submitted. Do not use staples, binders, folders or tabs when submitting correspondence.

Additional guidance and mailing addresses are listed in the NAVADMIN. For more information visit the selection board section of the NPC web site at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/Pages/default.aspx>.

Operation Wedding Gown . . .

Brides Across America, Operation Wedding Gown, will salute our troops and honor our heroes this November while making dreams come true for military brides. As part of Brides Across America's commitment to support our troops and veterans, the non-profit organization will host their 6th annual bridal gown giveaway at salons nationwide. From coast to coast, bridal salons are honoring veterans by giving away free wedding gowns as a thank you for their service to this Country. Events are taking place Nov. 6 -24. To date, Brides Across America has donated more than 8,000 wedding gown from prominent designers. In order to qualify, brides or their fiancé must be serving in the military; either currently deployed or deployed within the last five years to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Libya, or Japan. Identification and deployment papers must be presented at the event to qualify. For military brides who are interested in more information, please visit www.bridesacrossamerica.com on how to qualify. Brides must pre-register for the event by logging on to Brides Across America's website.



Looking for a way to serve your community? Interested in a law enforcement career? If so, consider volunteering your off duty time and become either a Gulfport Police Reserve Officer or a Reserve Community Service Technician. Call Lt. Phillip Kincaid at 228-868-5900, ext. 6189 or email him at pkincaid@gulfport-ms.gov for additional information.



Focus on Education

CDC enjoys visit from very special visitors



Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) and Cmdr. James Meyer, executive officer NCBC, caused a stir at the Child Development Center (CDC) Oct. 19 when they took time out of their busy schedules to visit the children in each classroom at the center. Newly appointed CDC Director, Pamela Carlisle, escorted the pair through a maze of adventure. While at the CDC the Skipper and XO gave individual attention to the infants and toddlers



by playing with them and talking with them before sitting down to a nice family-designed meal. During the meal, the topic of conversation ranged from brussel sprouts to good manners with the children and staff. CDC employees sit down every day for conversation during meal time which allows the children to relate to each other by sharing stories and ideas. (U.S. Navy photos courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Released)

Just in time for Halloween

Ready Navy Kids are Ready for Zombie Apocalypse . . . Enter the Zombie Apocalypse Halloween Poster Contest

Calling all kids and teens - Halloween is right around the corner. With your parents' permission, create a 8.5 x 11 sized poster showing how you would prepare for a zombie apocalypse and submit to jeffrey.sanford@navy.mil. Remember, being ready involves being informed, making a plan, and building a kit. Include these steps in your "Ready for Zombie Apocalypse" poster. The top posters in the following age categories (ages 5-9, ages 10-13, ages 14-18) will be featured on the Ready Navy Kids page for all to see. All entries must be received by Oct. 30. The poster contest is open to all extended Navy family and friends ages 5-18. For more information on being Ready Navy, visit www.ready.navy.mil/kids. Ready Navy is a CNIC sponsored emergency preparedness, public awareness program serving the entire Navy Community.



Civilian federal employees

Civilians . . . Are you thinking about retirement? The only CSRS and FERS retirement planning courses being offered at NCBC Gulfport during Fiscal Year 13 will be offered in February and are limited to 25 students each.

Find out information on these courses, as well as

other civilian course offerings by visiting: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/OperationsAndManagement/HumanResourcesOffice/ServiceCenterTraining/index.htm> or <http://www.donhr.navy.mil/> and click on HR office - southeast to find a course.

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



**MWR
Special Event**

"Fright Night @ the Lake"
Oct. 26, 6 – 9 p.m. Bring the family for a night of **FREE** Halloween fun! Find your way through a haunted maze and take a hayride. Test your nerve in the Fear Factor Stations. Enjoy food, toys, a children's costume contest and many more activities for all ages. For event details or to volunteer, call 228-871-4010.

Fitness

Classes: "**Spookie ZUMBA**" Come in your favorite costume and enjoy two hours of Zumba moves with instructor Luana. Class will be held at the CBC Fitness Center gymnasium; Oct. 29, 6 – 8 p.m. No fee or sign up required!

Sports: Ready for a little healthy competition? Sign up for intramural basketball from now until Nov. 5. The league will run Nov. 27 to Feb. 5. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register at the Fitness Center front desk.

Services

Auto Hobby: **FREE** Tire rotation and balancing during October, Tuesday - Friday 2 – 7 p.m. and Saturday Noon – 5 p.m. Call for reservations.

Recreation

Movie Theater: **FREE** every weekend. Grab some popcorn and sit back and enjoy the movie!

Friday, Movies CANX due to Fright Night at Seabee Lake.

Saturday, "The Amazing Spider-Man," PG13, noon; "Brave," PG, 2:30 p.m.; Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," R, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, "Snow White and the Huntsman," PG13, 2 p.m.; "Rock of Ages," PG13, 4:30 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Tours:

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 playoff games. Purchase your tickets today!

Disney Military Salute tickets are in! The promotion has been extended. The deeply discounted 4 Day Park Hopper Ticket is the way to go. New tickets are valid from Oct. 1, – Sept. 30, 2013 and they are only \$153.25 each! Purchase up to six for your Disney getaway. *Eligible patrons only (active duty, reservist, retired military.)

Love basketball? Watch the pros play in person.

New Orleans Hornets tickets are on sale. Call or stop by ITT for details.

Liberty Center:

So you say you've been to them all? Not this haunted house. Take a trip with the Liberty Center to the Mortuary Haunted House in new Orleans; only \$25, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Rock your best costume at the Liberty Center and win a prize the Liberty Halloween Party; **FREE** food, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Fall is here. What a great time to get outside! Stop by and check out our wide variety of gear from tents to sports equipment.

October Specials: All camping gear (including A-Liners) is 10 percent off.

Rent three sets of Paintball equipment and get one free. What a deal!

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. Grab a tasty breakfast or lunch. Call ahead for takeout and avoid the wait.

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

Youth Activities

Explore the exciting world of animals at the Hattiesburg Zoo on a field trip designed for youth and teens; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

only \$5. Lunch needed. After-school program:

Monday - Friday, 6 - 7:30 a.m. and 2 - 5:30 p.m.

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 & Tours	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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Habitat for Humanity is in need of five to 10 volunteers with basic carpentry skills for two weekends of work on a housing project in Pass Christian. Volunteers are needed Oct. 26, 27 and Nov. 2, 3. Contact Leah at lladner@bbcgrp.com or 228-326-5643.

TRUNK OR TREAT - Volunteers are needed for Truck or Treat at the Long Beach Town Green Oct. 27, 5 - 9 p.m. Volunteers are needed for traffic control, set up and take down of tables and chairs and to ensure that the kids are safe. Call Mag at 228-861-007 if you can help.

CITY OF GULFPORT - The City of Gulfport will hold "Boo Bash," it's annual Halloween event, Oct. 27 from 6

- 9 p.m. under the Barksdale pavilion in Jones Park. Volunteers are needed who are interested in setting up a Halloween themed booth with a children's activity and working the booth during the event. Volunteers who are interested in creating a Halloween themed backdrop for children to take pictures in front of during the event are also needed. Contact Brittany Dyess at 228-868-5881 or bdyess@gulfport.ms.gov if you or your group are interested in volunteering.

HONOR FLIGHT REUNION - The Honor Flight is hosting a reunion at Joppa Temple Nov. 3 for participants of all four Honor Flights and is requesting assistance cooking for the event and transporting a grill to the

event. Please contact MCC Ryan Wilber at ryan.wilber@navy.mil if you are interested in volunteering.

IRD/YOUTH BUILD - International Relief & Development/Youthbuild is asking for 10 volunteers during October to participate in the "Mental Toughness" portion of a recruitment for Cafe Climb. Cafe Climb is directed towards career development for youth ages 18 - 26 years old. Volunteers are needed to help screen candidates. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Elias at 228-223-3384 or eelias@ybgulfcoast.org.

ANNISTON ELEMENTARY FUN RUN - Anniston Elementary School needs volunteers Nov. 7, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., to set up and take down the event and also to run with the students during the the Fun Run. Please call Megan Straub at 228-896-6309 to volunteer.

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.

GULFPORT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE - The Gulfport Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting with the Youth Aftercare Program. Volunteers



would work with youth grade 4 - grade 8 in team-building exercises designed to increase self confidence, self-discipline and self-respect. Program hours are M-F, 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. For more information, call Officer Tonya Laville at 228-596-0281 or 228-868-5703.

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed 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. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org for information.

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

Seabee Pantry donations are always welcome. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home. Everyone affiliated with NCBC can use the

Seabee Pantry.

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. Chapel: 228-871-2454

United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball

When: Nov. 10, 2012, 6 p.m.

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

Price: \$50 (per ticket)

Uniform: Marines - Blue Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A"

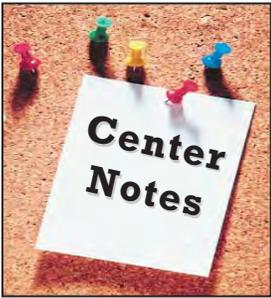
Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)

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





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 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.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 gocsgulfport@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.

 Trick or Treat hours on board NCBC will be Oct. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. 

SAME Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Society of American Military Engineers is sponsoring a scholarship golf tournament Oct. 26 at Bay Breeze Golf course, Keesler Air Force Base. For details or to register, go to <http://www.samegulfoasttournament.com>



USO to Grant Wishes

The USO would like to once again extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and commitment to our nation's troops and military families.

Now through Nov. 16, the USO will be granting wishes for our heroes stationed around the world in celebration of Veterans Day.

To grant a hero a wish or

learn more about what the USO will be doing to honor our troops and military families for their service, sacrifice and strength in defending our country, visit uso.org/grant-a-wish.



Long Beach Middle School Veteran's Day Program . . .

Active duty, Reserve and Retired military are invited to join the Gulf Coast community for a Veteran's Day program at Long Beach Middle School, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. in the school gym. The program will feature musical entertainment and a guest speaker. Long Beach Middle School is located at 204 North Cleveland Avenue in Long Beach.

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
12th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 11:00 AM

2ND ANNUAL LONG BEACH VETERANS' DAY PARADE and CELEBRATION . . .

Long Beach will hold a Veterans' Day Parade and Celebration Nov. 11. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. with musical entertainment performed by the Long Beach Middle School at the Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue. After the musical entertainment, the parade begins at War Memorial Park on Church Avenue and continues to the Town Green. Sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach. Contact Susan Taylor at 228-332-1083 for more information.