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## USS Mississippi to arrive Friday for June 2 commissioning From the City of Pascagoula

The U.S. Navy's newest ballistic submarine, USS Mississippi (SSN 782), will arrive in Pascagoula May 25, for commissioning June 2.

The public is invited and encouraged to come Friday to the Pascagoula Riverfront area near the new parking garage in Downtown Pascagoula to welcome USS Mississippi "home." Spectators will be able to view the submarine as it docks across the river, and mementos such as photos and flags will be distributed. Parking for spectators of the arrival and the commissioning will be available at the west end of DuPont Avenue.

The estimated time of arrival is yet to be determined, but will be released as soon as possible, and announced via news media outlets.

The new submarine's commissioning will take place June 2 at 10 a.m. at the Port facilities on the west bank. An estimated 6,800 invited guests will be present at the ceremony. The general public will have the opportunity to witness the historic occasion from the Pascagoula Riverfront near the parking garage. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and picnic lunch, and be a part of this momentous occasion. Mementos will be distributed at this event as well.

SSN 782 is the fifth US Navy vessel to be named USS Mississippi. Its naming recognizes our State's long-standing tradition of shipbuilding in support of our nation's defense. It also honors the spirit of the people of Mississippi who have made great strides in recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

## NMCB 74 Det. Jacksonville 'Bees make runway smooth as butter



**Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74's Det. Jacksonville lay down fresh asphalt and smooth the surface of a runway over-run at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Fla., May 1. NMCB 74 is tasked with resurfacing more than 46,961 sq. yards of asphalt for airfield emergency service roads and runway over-run used by carrier-based planes to practice approaches and touch-and-go landing techniques needed to land aboard ships. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Laura Trommer/Released)**

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# Decoration Day

**Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest  
 On this Field of the Grounded Arms,  
 Where foes no more molest,  
 Nor sentry's shot alarms!**

**Ye have slept on the ground before,  
 And started to your feet  
 At the cannon's sudden roar,  
 Or the drum's redoubling beat.**

**But in this camp of Death  
 No sound your slumber breaks;  
 Here is no fevered breath,  
 No wound that bleeds and aches.**

**All is repose and peace,  
 Untrampled lies the sod;  
 The shouts of battle cease,  
 It is the Truce of God!**

**Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!  
 The thoughts of men shall be  
 As sentinels to keep  
 Your rest from danger free.**

**Your silent tents of green  
 We deck with fragrant flowers  
 Yours has the suffering been,  
 The memory shall be ours.**

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow--



## Memorial Day Flag Placement Volunteers Needed

Military and civilian volunteers are needed to place flags on Veteran's grave sites at Biloxi National Cemetery May 26. If

you are interested in taking part in this annual tradition, meet at Biloxi National at 9 a.m. to place approximately 17,000 flags. (Military uniform is not required.) For more information, contact Liz Burchett at 228-871-2427 or 228-860-8578.

# The Tradition

Memorial Day was born out of the horrors of the Civil War in the United States of America, when more than 600,000 soldiers - Union and Confederate - fell in battle.

Over the years it has become a day to honor all the men and women who lost their lives in the cause of freedom.

The poem "Decoration Day" pays tribute to what was then a new form of civic observance: a day set aside to commemorate those who had perished in the Civil War by placing flags and flowers on soldiers' graves, a custom that gradually gave rise to our modern Memorial Day honoring all who give their lives in military service.

Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday in 1971. We now,

designate this day to remember loved ones who have passed on, as well as remembering our service men and women. Flowers and flags are placed on graves in remembrance of them. Parades and dedications of memorials usually are part of the day's activities.

To ensure that the sacrifices of the United States' fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law The National Moment of Remembrance Act.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a moment of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

## Memorial Day Ceremonies

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony in honor of WWII Medal of Honor recipient, Private First Class James H. Diamond, May 28 at 8 a.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport. He is the only WWII Medal of Honor recipient who enlisted in Mississippi. Everyone is invited to attend.



Biloxi National Cemetery will hold their annual Memorial Day Ceremony May 28 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be a Memorial Day Service May 28 at 10 a.m. at the War Memorial Park on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian. Everyone is invited to attend.

*\*Remember to check your local media resources for updates on area Memorial Services.*

## Updated List of Area Off-Limit Locations

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

**Biloxi:**  
 YaYa's  
 2751 Pass Road

The Quarter Night Club  
 2504 13th Street

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

**Gulfport:**  
 Herbal Alternatives,  
 1909 East Pass Road

Michael's Night Club  
 9475 Highway 49

Sinsations Night Club  
 1809 30th Ave.

Nick's Place,  
 12460 Highway 49

Herbal Alternatives,  
 11530 Highway 49

Nates Sports Bar and Grill  
 11444 Highway 49

**Pascagoula:**  
 Bunk Small Apartments, 708  
 South Pascagoula Street

# Around the Center



Six nominees: Command Master Chief Wade Howk, Mr. Mark Ashley, Ms. Mary Kay Gominger, Ms. Michele Shaffer, Mr. Charles Taylor and Cmdr. Mike Monreal, attached to commands on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport and the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Gulfport Campus, participated in the annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Bee Wash on board NCBC May 17. The Bee Wash is one of many fund raisers held in support of the NMCRS 2012 Active Duty Fund Drive. Bee Washers alone raised more than \$3,700 through donations made to NMCRS in return for their services. (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Seabees in uniforms used in the Naval Construction Force over the past 29 years participate in a retirement ceremony for Chief Warrant Officer Michael Baldwin, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202, as the flag detail, while Ms. Charlotte Williams reads the watch at the Seabee Memorial Chapel on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, May 18. Baldwin retired with 29 years of active duty service. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)



Save-A-Life Tour facilitators Cejay Rich and Brandon Pelak, brought the Save-A-Life Tour to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport to teach Seabees about the real dangers inherent to drinking and driving, May 17. The Save-A-Life Tour, a production of Kramer Entertainment, is a hard-hitting, in-your-face interactive presentation designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. Kramer Entertainment takes this tour across the United States to spread the work about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol. Kramer's one-of-a-kind drunk driving simulator gives the operator an intense experience of what effect alcohol has on driving skills. Visit: <http://www.savealifetour.com> for more information. (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

# COM 1NCD visits NMCB 11 in Afghanistan



**FARAH PROVINCE, Afghanistan** - Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, commander of 1st Naval Construction Division, speaks with Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 in a dining facility at forward operating base Lavaredo. NMCB-11, homeported in Gulfport, Miss., is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined and joint operations area, Afghanistan. The detachment of Seabees is partnered with Italian forces in the Bakwa District. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

**FARAH PROVINCE, Afghanistan** - Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, left, commander of 1st Naval Construction Division speaks with Lt. Seth D. Cochran, the officer in charge of a detachment of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, at forward operating base Lavaredo. NMCB-11, homeported in Gulfport, Miss., is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined and joint operations area, Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)



Seabee Base Blood Drive  
June 7

Liberty Center: Noon - 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and use sponsor code SEABEESLIBERTY for the Liberty Center. Presenting donors will receive a free t-shirt and be registered in monthly regional drawing for \$1,000 gift card.



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## CNATTU Keesler Change of Command planned for May 31



Cmdr. Angie Walker turns over command of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) at Keesler AFB, Miss. to Cmdr. Jonathan Vorrath, May 31 at 2 p.m. inside the Bay Breeze Event Center on Keesler AFB, followed by a reception at same location. Cmdr. Vorrath is reporting from Naval Personnel Command, where he served as the Junior Oceanography Assignment and Placement Officer providing worldwide distribution of assignments for Naval Oceanography Officers and Limited Duty Officers. Cmdr. Walker is headed to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Reston, Va., where she'll be the deputy senior METOC officer, National System for Geospatial Intelligence.

(Courtesy photos/Released)

**"Shipmate to Workmate" Job Fair . . .** Separating service members, veterans and spouses are invited to a Shipmate to Workmate Job Fair June 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at building 361 (old gym). The event should have over 40 employers who are hiring. Personnel who plan to attend are highly encouraged to register at the following site: [HoH.GreatJob.net](http://HoH.GreatJob.net), and to upload their resumes at least two weeks in advance of the career fair. Uploading your resume enables some employers to hire you on the spot. For more information contact Jeff Isabell at 228-871-3000.

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## Parkour Seminar

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May 29 - June 1

6:30 - 11 a.m. daily

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Day 2: Walls - Cat Leaps, Wall Obstacles and Wall Gaps

Day 3: Rails - Pull Up Bars, Handrails, Underbars, Rail Vaults, Rail Balance

Day 4: Chaining - Putting Everything Together in Course Environment

Point of contact:

UTC (SCW) Brisco, 228-871-3647

[laroy.l.brisco@navy.mil](mailto:laroy.l.brisco@navy.mil)

### Correction to "Fallen Seabees Honored at

**Annual Memorial" article in the May 17 edition:** Retired Senior Chief Construction Mechanic Ben Slaughter was not wounded during Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 14's 2004 deployment.

### 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](mailto:CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil).

# Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson  
NCBC Public Affairs

## How has the Navy changed your life?



"The Navy has presented me with various opportunities to advance in both my personal and professional life."

**HM2 Terro Walker**  
NBHC-Dental  
Hometown: New Orleans, La.



"It has opened my eyes to different ways of life styles and cultures."

**BUCN Samantha Rech**  
NMCB 74  
Hometown: Lexington, Ill.



"It has given me a better focus on life, and has allowed me to travel around the world."

**YN2 Bryan Snell**  
NCBC  
Hometown: Dothan, Ala.

# Navy has new web based housing early application tool

By Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) announced the phased Navy-wide release of the Housing Early Application Tool (HEAT) beginning May 1. This web based tool will allow Sailors and their families to apply for housing online from any computer.

"HEAT makes the Navy house hunting process smoother and less stressful for our Sailors and their families. By providing the early housing application online, Sailors and their spouses can use HEAT to review housing and community information, and make an informed decision on a home before receiving their permanent change of station (PCS) orders," said Vice Adm. William French, Commander, Navy Installations Command.

HEAT utilizes authoritative systems to reduce the amount of personal information and to streamline the online process. HEAT can be securely accessed from any computer with an in-

ternet connection. Service members or their spouses can use HEAT prior to receiving permanent change of station (PCS) orders to request information about community housing or check on their eligibility for military and privatized housing. They may also submit HEAT requests to multiple Installations if they are not sure where they may be stationed next.

"Our goal with HEAT is to reach out to Sailors early in the PCS process to reduce stress and provide proactive support when moving from one duty station to another," said Corky Vazquez, CNIC Housing Program Manager. "With HEAT, Sailors and their families are able to make contact with our Navy Housing Service Centers and Privatization Partners to discuss their housing needs and learn about their housing options at any time. HEAT makes it easy to connect with our housing professionals and make informed decisions before even having orders."

HEAT will be deployed Navy-



wide by Navy Region according to the following schedule:

- ~ Naval District Washington, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic and Navy Region Midwest began May 1
- ~ Navy Region Southwest began May 8
- ~ Navy Region Southeast began May 15
- ~ Navy Region Europe, Africa, Asia began May 22
- ~ Navy Region Hawaii beginning May 29
- ~ Navy Region Japan, Navy Region Korea and Singapore Area Coordinator beginning June 8
- ~ Joint Region Marianas beginning June 15

HEAT will be implemented by region and will be Navy-wide by June 30. To access HEAT and for more information about when your base will have HEAT, please visit <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/HEAT>.



## Interested in a New Challenge?

Does a degree in Paralegal Studies sound good? The Legalman rating has immediate opportunities in its rating, but this will not last long.

Interested Sailors must:

- ~ Have an interest in providing legal services to the Fleet.
- ~ Have PTS approval in current rate and less than 10 years of service.
- ~ Have complete 6 credit hours of college level English courses.
- ~ Have no record of NJP, courts-martial, or civilian convictions within 36 months of the date of application.
- ~ Type at least 40 words per minute.
- ~ Refer to JAGINST 1440.1E for ASVAB and additional requirements

Points of contact for conversion in the Gulfport area are:

LNC (SW/AW) Tracey L. Mitchell,  
tracey.mitchell@navy.mil or 228-871-2627  
LNC (SW/AW) Christopher Brash, christopher.brash@navy.mil or 228-871-2941

# Focus on Education

## Documents you need to register your child in Mississippi Schools

In order to register your child in Mississippi Schools, the following is needed:

- \*Two proofs of residency: Lease agreement, Utility bill, Letter from Balfour Beatty (if on-base resident)
- \* Child's Social Security card
- \* Birth Certificate
- \* Form 121 Immunization form for shots (New requirement - Tdap vaccination if now required for all Seventh graders)
- \* Special Needs document - if applicable
- \* Report Card from last school (if possible)

Parents who have questions on the requirements should contact the NCBC School Liaison Representative Kevin Byrd at 228-871-2117 or email kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil.

## Scholarship deadline is just around the corner

### From the 133 Seabee Veterans Association

The 133 Seabee Veterans Association is awarding two \$500 college scholarships to Seabee family members who have sponsors attached to Seabee battalions homeported in Gulfport.

Scholarships awarded will be based upon an original essay on the Constitution of the United States. Candidates are asked to develop an overview of the Preamble, and also

develop Articles 1 -5 of the Bill of Rights and display an understanding of each and also do the same for Articles 13 and 19. Each Article must be included in the essay.

Deadline for submitted essays is June 30. Scholarships will be awarded to the two winners within 40 days of the deadline. Essays should be typed and submitted to David M. Snitchler, 133 Seabee Veterans Association, 3514 Florence Street, Binghamton, NY 13903.

### Civilian Training Opportunities:

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

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

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

### Coastline Community College Registration

Registration for the Summer Term which runs from June 18 to Aug. 11 will continue until May 28. Additional information can be obtained from the Navy College Office, building 60, room 239 or by contacting Dr. David Drye at 228-871-3439 or e-mail at ddrye@coastline.edu.

Need assistance with local schools? Contact NCBC School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd, MWR building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave. NCBC, 228-871-2117 or e-mail: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

# Military spouses noticing job opportunity expansion

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

Exciting changes are underway for military spouses that could affect families who serve for generations to come.

It used to be, in the not-so-distant past, that a decision to marry into the military was a decision to not have a career of your own. Even if a spouse could juggle the demands of military home life plus a paid position, who would hire her (95 percent are female, according to Defense Department figures) knowing she would be gone in a couple of years due to a forced military relocation? And how would she even get to the point of applying for a job if she had to renew her professional license – nurse, teacher, realtor, therapist, just to name a few with such requirements – in every new state? Both of those employment hurdles are getting lower as Defense Department, White House and non-profit entities rally state legislators and the corporate and business communities to make things easier. Through the work of DOD's Military Community and Family Policy office and Michelle Obama and Jill Biden's "Joining Forces" campaign, 16 states have passed laws to improve professional license portability and another 11 have legislation pending. Also, DOD's Military Spouse Employment

Partnership last week added 34 employer "partners" for a total of 128 that post jobs on the site specific to military spouses. As part of the program, the employers – CACI, General Dynamics, Dell, Microsoft, American Red Cross, GEICO, and Sterling Medical are just a few – agree that their positions can move with hired spouses.

The catalyst for change has been the spouses themselves who spoke up about the need. Indeed, DOD officials say 85 percent of military spouses have responded that they either want or need a paid job. One spouse who turned her frustration into action is Lauren Weiner, a former federal employee analyst with the White House budget office, whose career came to a halt when she relocated with her husband, Charles, a Navy civilian, to Naples, Italy, in 2004. Unable to find a senior-level professional job on base – and spouses aren't permitted to work off-base in Naples – Weiner networked with Naples-based wives and found others in the same situation.

Weiner responded by starting her own government consulting business, Wittenberg Weiner Consulting, LLC. In just a few weeks, she hired her friend, Donna Huneycutt, a lawyer and Navy wife, to help keep up with the expanding workload. To-

gether, the two built the business – Wittenberg as president, Huneycutt as executive vice president – to what is now a 60-person firm in which 75 percent of employees are military spouses.

Besides giving back by hiring other spouses, Wittenberg Weiner last year started the nonprofit, In Gear. It provides a forum for community support, information-sharing, and mentoring for career-minded military spouses. It also partners with other organizations working to support the professional endeavors of military spouses, such as the Military Spouse JD Network, which is working to ease state-by-state attorney licensure requirements for military spouses.

"We realized there was this incredibly talented pool of spouses out there," Huneycutt said, "and we wanted to make sure this was more than a pit stop in those spouses' careers."

Weiner and Huneycutt represent a growing number of spouses who refuse to accept that a military life means the end of their working life – or a 20-year hiatus. Military spouses who want to work outside the home in any field are getting more opportunities all the time, and that is good for everyone – spouse, service member, and the military community.

## S INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL STANDINGS

C As of May 18, 2012:

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E 20th SRG/CBC	6	2
NMCB 74	5	3
NBHC	3	5
NMPS	2	6

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Remember . . . After a short break, the league will resume on Tuesday and Thursday, May 29 thru June 7



# Female Sailors to see uniform improvements, more surveys

## From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

NAVADMIN 154/12, released May 7, announced the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) approval to improve female uniforms, along with continuing surveys to examine female uniform interests in the fleet.

In an effort to obtain a snapshot of fleet satisfaction with female uniform design and fit among female Sailors, the Navy collected data through interviews, surveys and female focus groups at various shore installations beginning in June 2010. As a result of feedback collected during this initial evaluation, the Navy determined a larger, fleet-wide uniform survey was needed.

Additionally, the Navy identified several uniform improvements for immediate implementation, including:

- \* The female service dress coat will be changed to add backing buttons to align with the male officer and chief petty officer (CPO) service dress coat design.

- \* A binding will be added over the edge of the inner stitching of waistbands in female slacks to improve professional appearance and reduce skin chaffing.

- \* Additional stitching will be added to the bottom hem, side seams and front-facing seams of female service shirts to prevent unraveling of the hems and to improve professional appearance.

"Uniforms represent the pride and professionalism of our Sailors," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk. "We strive to take care of our people - and this means providing uniforms that fit properly and comfortably, are durable and of good quality, and maintain the professional appearance of our Sailors."

The Navy will conduct a fleet-

wide survey to gather broader feedback on additional uniform concerns expressed during the initial evaluation. For both officers and enlisted females, survey questions will address their level of satisfaction with service dress, service and working uniforms and components. The survey will also ask about female slacks fit and hip-to-waist ratio; the comfort of shirt collars; and preference for shirt lining, shoulder stitching and yoke on service uniform shirts. The survey will also measure women's desire for more maternity outerwear options.

As announced in the NAVADMIN, the Navy will also conduct an anthropometric study to update 20-year old data on body composition relative to clothing, equipment and human interface systems such as body armor and flight equipment. Approximately 2,500 male and 2,500 female Sailors and officers will participate in this study.

Additionally, over the next several months, the Navy will conduct a fit and wear evaluation of the current male officer and enlisted dress cover by female midshipmen and female enlisted Sailors. This Navy Standard Cover initiative aims to promote uniformity and professional appearance among our Sailors and officers, contributing toward a climate of inclusion for all personnel.

Approximately 1,050 female officers and Sailors will take part in the Navy Standard Cover fit and wear evaluation and feedback. Enlisted women assigned to U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard and U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) Command Band in Norfolk and U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Band in San Diego will wear the male enlisted white hat (Dixie Cup) or male CPO combination cover

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# NMCB 74 Technical Trainer Pre-deployment Project



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, place concrete into a 32-foot by 41-foot pad for a "Seabee Technical Trainer" facility on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). Scheduled for completion this summer, the facility will enable Seabee battalions to conduct training specific to their deployment missions' demands by improving their construction skills in concrete formwork, concrete finishing, masonry, subterranean utilities, carpentry, pre-engineered building fabrication, overhead power lines, interior finishing, and steel fabrication. NMCB 74 is in homeport for training and is scheduled for a deployment to the Pacific this summer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)

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



Support military and family members as they share their handiwork and skills. Crafts, candles, photographs, tutu's, glassware, food and more!  
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/285662524861979/>

## Celebrate National Public Works Week with NAVFAC SE

NAVFAC Southeast is celebrating National Public Works Week May 20 - 26. This year's theme is "Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression." Celebrate the importance of the contributions public works employees make to our supported commands: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of each installation and the quality of life issues for our military members and their families. Meet some of our Public Works employees and see some of the great projects they work on by visiting YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHjRa1cRlaE&feature=youtu.be>

# welcome home

Balfour Beatty  
Communities



## NCBC Gulfport

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## 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](http://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.*



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while conducting ceremonies and performances during the summer uniform wear period. Female midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy and enlisted women in the USNA band will wear the male midshipman and male CPO combination cover, respectively, starting this summer until January 2013. Enlisted women assigned to the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, USFF Band and PACFLT Band will wear the Dixie Cup male CPO combination cover and the service dress blue jumpers (E1-E6) while conducting ceremonies and performances during the winter uniform wear period until January 2013.

During and after these evaluation periods, the Navy will collect wear feedback from participants and will brief Navy leadership about the findings. Progress on the initiative will be presented to the Navy Uniform Board.

"Sailors who have participated in past wear programs and evaluations have provided valuable feedback that has made an impact on our decision-making, and in the end, provided the rest of the fleet a better uniform product," said Van Buskirk. "We hope to continue this two-way dialogue through the planned fleet-wide survey of women's uniform items and the Navy Standard Cover initiative."



## At the MOVIES

**May 25:** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, PG13, 7 p.m.

**May 26:** Big Miracle, R, 3 p.m., Underworld Awakening, R, 5:30 p.m.

**May 27:** Red Tails, PG13, 2 p.m., The Grey, R, 5 p.m.

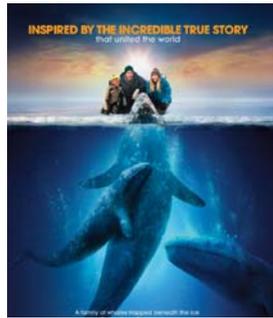
**May 28** – Big Miracle, PG, 2 p.m., Underworld Awakening, R, 5 p.m.

**Take our Survey:** Please take the time to provide us with your feedback so that we can determine what needs to be done to meet your needs and improve the quality of life on this base. The survey is available until May 24 by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCBCGulfportMWRSurvey2012>.

## Upcoming Events

**LUNCHTIME SPORTS:** Sign up through May 31 for Badminton. Call Sam, 228-822-5109 for details.

**VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE,** this Friday (May 25), 12:30 p.m., in the Fitness Center Gym.



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

**PRESCHOOL GRADUATION** June 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Training Hall. Celebrate the end of preschool and the children's entrance to kindergarten.

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

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

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

**OPERATION MAGIC** June 21 in the Training Hall. OPERATION MAGIC is a comedy and variety show featuring standup comedy, magic, juggling, and mind reading. Due to the adult content children ages 13 and under will not be admitted into the show. Join us for this free show on June 21 at 6:30 for a pre-show and dinner open to Active Duty only and up to 3 guests. Spaces are limited and sign ups are available at Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT) starting May 29. The main show is at 8:30 p.m. and open to everyone. Limited childcare is available at the CDC and the YAC will have extended hours for the evening.

**ISLAND STRIKZ** certificates on sale! For \$35 get a certificate good for two hours of bowling for five people, five pairs of shoes, and a large pizza. You can also purchase a birthday certificate for \$120 which includes one hour of bowling for 10 people, shoes, two large pizzas, two pitchers of soda and a souvenir bowling pin for the birthday boy or girl.

**GULF ISLANDS WATER PARK** day passes for only \$18.50! The water park opens to general public on Saturday, May 12. You may upgrade these day



passes to season passes for \$25 + tax at the water park front gate. Call 871-2231 for more info!

**May 24 CINEMARK MOVIE THEATER TRIP** (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

**WEIRD SCIENCE NIGHT AND MAKE YOUR OWN CHIA PET** (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

**May 25 GO KARTS AND MINI GOLF AT BIG PLAY FAMILY FUN CENTER** (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.



**VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE** (Fitness Center) 12:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center Gymnasium

**MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BIG SCREEN AND POPCORN** (Youth Activities Center) 6 – 9 p.m., \$2 and limited to 50

**May 26 BILOXI BEACH TRIP** (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 11 a.m.

**KANGAROOZ KIDZ FUN CENTER** (YAC) 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$7 and lunch is needed



**May 27 GULF ISLANDS WATER-PARK TRIP** (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 10 a.m., \$17

**May 28 TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT** (Liberty Center) Free, Prize for 1st place, 7 p.m.

**May 29**

**WAL-MART TRIP** (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

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

**IMAGE MAKERS AND OUTSIDE GAMES** (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

**May 30 BINGO NIGHT** (Liberty Center) Free, Prizes for every winner, 7 p.m.



**BOYS ONLY NIGHT AND WIFFLE BALL GAME** (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

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

**AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

# NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



**MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT VOLUNTEERS**  
Military and civilian volunteers are needed to place flags on Veteran's grave sites at Biloxi National Cemetery May 26. If you are interested in taking part in this annual tradition, meet at Biloxi National at 9 a.m. to place approximately 17,000 flags. (Military uniform is not required.) Contact Liz Burchett at 228-871-2427 or 228-860-8578 for details.

**MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH** - Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully, is looking for caring adults, single or married, aged 25 years old and up to become foster care parents. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Frazier at 601-572-3717 or jimmy.frazier@youthvillages.org  
**COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** - Vol-

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

## Seabee Memorial Chapel



### Center Chaplains:

**Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain**

**Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain**

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

### Services:

**Gospel Service: 8 a.m.**

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.**

**Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.**



## GULF COAST USO

**901 CBC 3rd St., Building 114  
228-575-5224**

**FREE Services:  
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228-575-5225  
Copies  
Snacks/Drinks**

**United Through Reading  
Program  
Computers with web cams  
Internet and Email Access  
X-Box**

**Office hours:  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Closed Sunday)**

## Chapel Offerings:

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

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

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

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

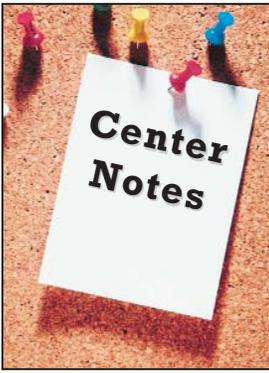
**Praise and Worship members needed** - The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sundays. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are cordially invited to come share your gift.

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

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

**Gospel Singers of America . . .** The Gospel Singers of America will sponsor the 55th Annual Singing School June 17 - July 6. Located at 951 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, the singing school is for all levels of singing ability. The Campus includes girls and boys dormitories, six classrooms, auditorium, practice rooms, cafeteria and laundry facilities. Training offered includes Rudiments, Song Directing, Theory, Song Writing, Sight Singing, Ear Training, Harmony and Church Music. For more information, call Brother Glen Taylor, President of Gospel Singers of America and Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., at 225-281-3724 or visit: [gospelsingersofamerica.com](http://gospelsingersofamerica.com).





### SUPPORT

#### Family Readiness Groups

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

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes service members, family and friends to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335. Child care is provided during deployment. Please contact the FRG at nmc7frg@gmail.com for information.

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

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

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or send an email to NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133>

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#### Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

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

#### NMCRS

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

#### Gamblers Anonymous

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

#### TRAINING

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

#### Naval Sea Cadets

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

#### SOCIAL

#### Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association

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

#### CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association

is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at

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

#### NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee

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

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

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

#### NMCB 62 Alumni Group

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

#### Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport

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

#### HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 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](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information.

## 2012 Navy Ball Committee needs your help . . .



The 2012

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

### FY 14 LDO/CWO "Find Your Relief" Brief taking place May 31 . . .

Proven leaders, First Class Petty Officer through Master Chief, who are interested in enhancing and shaping the Navy at the next level are invited to a brief May 31, 10 a.m., at the Training Hall. The brief will cover topics

such as Facts, Fiction and Myths concerning the LDO/CWO program; Application Package Prep; Finding a Mentor; Appraisal Board Scheduling; Status of the Community at Large; Historical Selection Data and Where to Find Resources. Contact Lt. Mark Verhovshek at 228-871-2962 for details.

## United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball



When: Nov. 10, 2012

Time: 6 p.m.

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

Price: \$50 (per ticket)

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

Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)

Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue

Air Force - Mess Dress

Civilians - Black Tie

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

## NCBC Gate Hours

Pass Road: 24 hours, 7 days a week

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

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

Commission Road: CLOSED