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Sunshine and smiles for return of NMCB 74



Family and friends were on hand to welcome home more than 120 Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Delayed Party, Flight 2, at the Training Hall on board NCBC Gulfport as they returned from deployment, Jan. 20. NMCB 74, Deployed Party, Flight 1 returned Jan. 18 (U.S. Navy photo by Naval Construction Battalion Center Public Affairs/Released)

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Obama takes oath of office recognizing military contributions

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama took the ceremonial oath of office for his second term as the 44th U.S. president and commander in chief on the steps of the U.S. Capitol today, honoring the men and women in uniform who have preserved America's freedoms throughout its history.

More than 5,000 military members – some participating in the Inaugural Parade, others playing musical accompaniment, firing artillery rounds into the sky or providing behind-the-scenes support – were among more than a half million people who gathered on the National Mall to watch Obama and Vice President Joe Biden enter their second term.

Recognizing the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan and the ramping down of more than a decade of conflict, Obama offered high praise during his inaugural address for U.S.

service members, their contributions and sacrifices. "Our brave men and women in uniform, tempered by the flames of battle, are unmatched in skill and courage," he said. "Our citizens, seared by the memory of those we have lost, know too well the price that is paid for liberty.

The knowledge of their sacrifice will keep us forever vigilant against those who would



President Barack Obama takes the oath of office from Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., right, in a public ceremony at the U.S. Capitol before thousands of people in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21, 2013. Roberts administered the oath in an official ceremony at the White House, Jan. 20, 2013. (White House photo by Sonya N. Hebert/Released)

do us harm."

Obama expressed hope for a more peaceful future, noting that "enduring security and lasting peace do not require perpetual war."

Americans are "heirs to those who won the peace and not just the war, who turned sworn enemies into the surest of friends," the president said. "And we must carry those lessons into this time as well."

The president affirmed the nation's resolve to defend its people and uphold its values through both the "strength of arms and rule of law" – and with an arm extended to its

friends as well as adversaries to help lay conditions for long-term peace.

"We will show the courage to try and resolve our differences with other nations peacefully – not because we are naive about the dangers we face, but because engagement can more durably lift suspicion and fear," he said. Meanwhile, "America will remain the anchor of strong alliances in every corner of the globe," he said. "We will renew those institutions that extend our capacity to manage crisis

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One of the unique things about the military is that unlike the private sector, commands can be contacted by spouses, ex-spouses and ex-partners who claim that the service member is not providing (any or enough) financial support.

Alimony vs. Child support?
Financial support to a (former) spouse is called alimony or spousal support while support for the children is child support. If a person is ordered by a court to pay alimony, the individual paying the alimony may deduct that from their income taxes and the person who receives the alimony must declare it on his/her taxes. Alimony is not an automatic entitlement. Judges will consider many factors such as the length of the marriage, the age and health of the spouse, education, previous salaries and earning potential when they decide if that spouse needs alimony, how much and for how long. Child support, on the other hand, is never tax deductible no matter how high the payment.

For the service member (or anyone else about to go through a divorce), it is VITAL to leave a paper trail to document support. Why? Because divorces and custody battles get ugly, and (bitter) soon-to-be-exes may lie to receive more support. One day, the parties may be very agreeable, but the next day things can be very different. It is better to get an agreement in writing (i.e. email) so that it doesn't become one person's word against another's. Instead of giving the soon-to-be-ex cash, it is best to give him/her a check memo, an electronic transfer, or an allotment (keeping bank statements handy) followed up by an email. This protects the service member when their senior enlisted/OIC/etc., asks about your spouse's/ex's claims of non-support; it also helps prevent the ex from getting back support (also known as arrearages), a penalty paid on top of the required support.

Guidelines for the services vary.
Navy Guidance is found in the MILPERSMAN 1754-30, <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/milpersman/1000/1700Morale/Documents/1754-030.pdf>

The Navy's guideline is suggested in the absence of a mutual agree-

ment or court order. If a spouse claims non-support, but there is a written agreement between the two parties, that agreement is valid and will govern. The MILPERSMAN is NOT an entitlement or a punitive order, so commands cannot directly punish NAVY service members (i.e. Captain's Mast) for disregarding the MILPERSMAN standards. That doesn't mean that commands can't take indirect measures such as denying reenlistment. Once support becomes a court order, commanding officers can punish a service member for failing to follow the court order or the amount can be garnished directly from the service members wages by DFAS.

Army guidance is found in Army Regulation 608-99: http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r608_99.pdf

In contrast to the Navy, the Army Regulation is punitive. This means that in the absence of an agreement or a court order, the Army Battalion commander can order the service member to pay a specific amount based on the formula located in AR 608-99. If the service member fails to pay, then the battalion commander can take him/her to an Article 15.

Marine guidance: MCO P5800.16A or the Marine Corps Legal Admin Manual Chapter 15: <http://www.donsapro.navy.mil/PolicyandInstructions/MCO%20P5800.16A%20CH%201-5.pdf>

Like the Army, if there is no agreement between the parties or a court order, the Marine's commanding officer can order the Marine to provide support. The order is punitive, and Marines who refuse to provide support are subject to punishment under the UCMJ and/or adverse administrative action.

Coast Guard guidance: COAST GUARD-COMDTINST M1600.2 (pp. 2-27 to 2-34): http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/1000-1999/CIM_1600_2.pdf

In the absence of a court order or mutual agreement, the levels of support set forth in the instruction govern. Coastguardsmen who fail to support their dependents may face negative counseling on their performance evaluations, and/or administrative separations.

Air Force: Unlike the other branches, the Air Force does not list any specific dollar amount or fraction for support. If the service mem-

ber gets an allowance for dependent support, the service member should use it for support. If an Airman receives BAH (or basic allowance for housing) at the higher with dependents rate but doesn't support his/ her dependents, that BAH may be reduced to the without dependents rate for the months of non-support. Commanders have to authority to consider disciplinary or administrative action.

When can support be waived?
Sometimes, the Navy and the Coast Guard allow the service member to contact DFAS if the spouse has deserted the service member without cause, physically abused the service member, or committed adultery. The Army allows spousal support to be waived when the spouse's income is greater than the soldier, if the soldier has been substantially abused by the spouse, the spouse is in jail, or the soldier provided support for 18 months. The Marine Corps allows waiver when the spouse's income is greater than the Marine's, the Marine has been abused by the spouse, the Marine provided support for 12 months, or the Marine is already providing regular support such as rent or car payments, medical bills, etc. If granted, spousal support may be waived, but not child support. Although in some branches, the absence of a court order a spouse's misbehavior (i.e. adultery, abuse, abandonment, or incarceration) may excuse the service member from paying spousal support, child support can never be excused.

If there is a court order directing support payments, garnishment can take several weeks or even months. To prevent arrearages (i.e. a penalty for missed child support payments) contact the state child support agency to arrange payment to them. These guidelines apply when the service member is on active duty and there is no court order and no agreement between the parties. The unsupported spouse/ex cannot go into court and ask for support under the military guidelines; she/he would refer to the state's specific guidelines.

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NCBC Security Reminder



To prevent both personal and governmental property theft, NCBC Security would like to remind you to remember to secure vehicles, personal compartments, work spaces, compounds, and buildings. **Don't be a target!**

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.

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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."

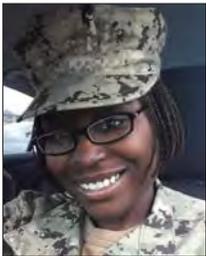
There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



Buzz on the Street

By CECN Lucinda Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

"Who do you think will win the play offs and go to the Super Bowl?"



"The Falcons are going to win . . . Atlanta all the way."

UTCN Amber Woodard
NMCB 74

Hometown: Stone Mountain, Ga.



"The Patriots. I don't want them to win but I think they will."

BUCN Don Garvais
20TH SRG

Hometown: Woodstock, Ill.



"I really wish the 49er's were in it, but since they're not - I'll go with the Falcons."

HM1 Tammy (SW/AW)
Madison
NCBC

Hometown: Fremont, Mo.

Around the



Center

Hair Stylist Stephanie Budd (left) trims the hair of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Pamela Adjibodou, currently processing through Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) Gulfport in preparation for an Individual Augmentation tour, while Barber Jenny Trochesset cuts the hair of Staff Sgt. Marvin Perez, assigned to 4th Assault Amphibious Battalion (AAB), at the Navy Exchange Beauty/Barber Shop on board NCBC Gulfport, Jan 15. Budd recently joined the NEX Beauty/Barber shop team as a new hair stylist for the beauty shop. NEX Beauty/Barber Shop hours are Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)



Construction Electrician 2nd Class David Freitas, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, pumps gas for a patron of the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mini Mart on board NCBC Gulfport, while Construction Electrician 2nd Class Jennifer Hall (left), assigned to NMCB 11, and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Cynthia Hassell, assigned to NMCB 133, advertise for more customers. Volunteers will be at the NEX Mini Mart until 3 p.m. pumping gas and washing windows for donations. All donations will go toward this year's Gulf Coast Seabee Ball. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Angelique Honeycutt, a nursing student at William Carey University, presents an Effects of Sugar class at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on board NCBC Gulfport, Jan. 16. The class was designed to educate people on the effects of sugar on the body at the cellular level, as well as its effects on mental functioning, mood and the possibility of greater susceptibility to disease. Honeycutt said that in a time of New Year's resolutions and new beginnings she hoped that education concerning the effects of elevated amounts of sugar in the body would help people keep their commitments to themselves and make wise choices that become lifestyle changes. For more information on classes and services available through the NCBC FFSC call 228-871-3000. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)





Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Marvin Whiting, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), speaks during the Martin Luther King Day program held at the Seabee Memorial Chapel on board NCBC, Jan. 16. The program is held each year to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

Diversity Committee program honors Martin Luther King Jr.

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

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Diversity Committee presented a Martin Luther King Jr. Day program at Seabee Memorial Chapel followed by a cake cutting ceremony at the Colmer Dining facility on board NCBC, Jan. 16. The annual program and ceremony was a celebration of the life and legacy of King.

Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Marvin Whiting was guest speaker at the program, and music was performed by Janice Thibodeaux.

King was the first African American leader of nonviolent demonstrations, whom organized boycotts such as the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, which led to the abolishment of segregation on buses. In the 11 year period between 1957 and his death in 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke more than 2,500 times. King was also named Time magazine Man of the Year in 1963 and in 1964 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in America.

The Diversity Committee organizes the program each year to not only honor King but



Capt. Rick Burgess, right, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC)/commander 20th Seabee Readiness Command (SRG) and members of the NCBC Diversity Committee cut the ceremonial cake honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Colmer Dining Facility following the program at the Seabee Memorial Chapel on board NCBC, Jan. 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

to continue educate others on his dream.

"We wanted to honor Martin Luther King, and also educate people about him and enlighten them on how to do their part in continuing to make his dream a reality," said Chaplain Lt. Yoon Choi, assigned to NCBC.

Those who attended the Martin Luther King Day program seemed to enjoy it. Equipment Operator Constructionman Shadavika Bannerman, assigned to

Expeditionary Combat School (ECS) was among those in attendance.

"I really liked the program. It motivated me into becoming more active in the community like Martin Luther King was and making a difference," said Bannerman.

Editor's Note: Biographical material for this article compiled from https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king_bio.html

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abroad, for no one has a greater stake in a peaceful world than its most powerful nation."

The United States will support democracy around the world, "because our interests and our conscience compel us to act on behalf of those who long for freedom," Obama said. "And we must be a source of hope to the poor, the sick, the marginalized, the victims of prejudice – not out of mere charity, but because

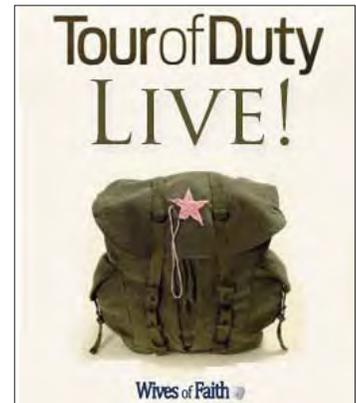
peace in our time requires the constant advance of those principles that our common creed describes: tolerance and opportunity; human dignity and justice."

Obama urged the nation to put partisanship aside and come together to support their universal ideals. "With common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication, let us answer the call of history, and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom," he said.

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SEAC Sgt. Maj. Battaglia visits NCBC

By MCC (SCW/AW/SW)
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Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEAC) to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and senior non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, was a distinguished visitor on board NCBC Gulfport as part of his several visits to military bases and facilities along the Gulf Coast, Jan. 16.

According to the JCS website, as SEAC Battaglia serves as the principal military advisor to the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, utilization, health of the force and joint development for enlisted personnel. The SEAC also serves as a spokesperson to

leaders and organizations on applicable issues affecting the total enlisted force.

During a special breakfast with Sailors, Soldiers, Airman and Marines at the Colmer Dining Facility, Battaglia discussed decisions made in Washington, D.C. based in part on his advice, and his qualification as an enlisted member to do so.

"Some of those decisions up there directly impact you, and I just want you to know that we have your best interest at heart. And, why? Because, I've walked a mile in your boots, so I think I come with the credibility that what's in my best interest is in your best interest and visa versa," said Battaglia.

After breakfast, an office call and base tour, Battaglia held an all-hands call to a standing-room only audience at the

NCBC Training Hall, speaking about Chairman JCS Gen. Martin Dempsey's top priorities, bridging the basics and Total Force Fitness.

The Chairman's top priorities are to achieve national objectives in the current conflicts, develop Joint Force 2020, renew the U.S. commitment to the profession of arms and keeping faith with military families. Battaglia described military families as the heart and soul of the armed forces, and emphasized the use of the Oath of Enlistment when making a personal commitment to the military profession.

"What do I use to renew my commitment to the profession? I use the oath of enlistment. I'm so passionate about the oath of enlistment that I think that every service member in the entire military should know the enlistment oath by heart, on demand," said Battaglia.

The Sgt. Maj. also spoke about what he calls "bridging the basics" to bridge the younger generation of service members' talents with the older generation's experience to successfully operate in a modern military, and described the often-used phrase "back to the basics" as an incomplete idea.

It's an old basic [combined] with technology and innovation and bridging, and not just using one or the other. That is the concept and thought behind bridging the basics," said Battaglia.

Total Force Fitness or TFF



Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, Senior Enlisted Advisor to Chairman (SEAC) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and senior non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, addresses Sailors, Soldiers, Airman and Marines attached to NCBC Gulfport during an all-hands call held at the Base Theater on Board NCBC Gulfport, Jan. 16. Battaglia was a distinguished visitor on board NCBC Gulfport Jan. 16 as part of his several visits to military bases and facilities along the Gulf Coast. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

(pronounced TuFF), was Battaglia's last topic. TFF consists of eight categories: psychological, behavioral, spiritual, social, physical, medical and dental, nutritional and environmental, and is approached holistically, such that each part is interconnected with the others. Battaglia encouraged each person to make a TFF self-assessment and identify the areas that require attention.

"We all hit adversity, all hit challenge and everybody processes it in different ways, said Battaglia. "You want to build TuFFness in each one of those domains . . . You want

to build mental TuFFness; you want to build physical TuFFness, nutritional TuFFness. You build up that resiliency in your body and your mind, so that when you do hit adversity either it's avoidable, because you're sort of mentally tough and strict in whatever that challenge may be, or you're able to move through that challenge or barricade more easily, because you're resilient in that area."

Before departing Battaglia answered impromptu questions from the audience, and presented several deserving military members with his personal coin.



Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, Senior Enlisted Advisor to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and senior non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, addresses Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines at the Colmer Dining Facility on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Jan. 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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TOPS IN BLUE coming to Mississippi Gulf Coast



TOPS IN BLUE, the Air Force's premier entertainment group, will hold a one night performance Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum! The show is free to attend and open to the public. No tickets necessary, free parking! Doors open at 6:15 p.m. This year's cast includes Keesler's own: Senior Airman Emmanuel Maldonado Rosario from the 81st Dental Squadron. For more information on Tops in Blue, please call 228-377-2509 or visit the following websites: <http://www.keesler81fss.us/images/TIB.pdf> or <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

MCB1/MCB9 Reunion News . . . All Seabees are welcome to attend the mcb1mcb9 yearly reunion which is held in a different state each year. This year's reunion will be held Aug. 21 - 25 in Rhode Island. For more information, please contact reunion president Peter Dowd mcbn1reunion@verizon.net or 781-837-0393.

Balfour Beatty Communities Mardi Paws Parade

BBC Mardi Paws Parade Bring your K9 companion to the Dog Park located by Seabee Lake Jan. 26, 10 a.m. - noon for a Mardi Paws Parade! If you don't have a K9 companion, come out to view! The Humane Society of South Mississippi will be onsite with adoptable animals.



Final flights return deployed Seabees of NMCB 74 to families, friends

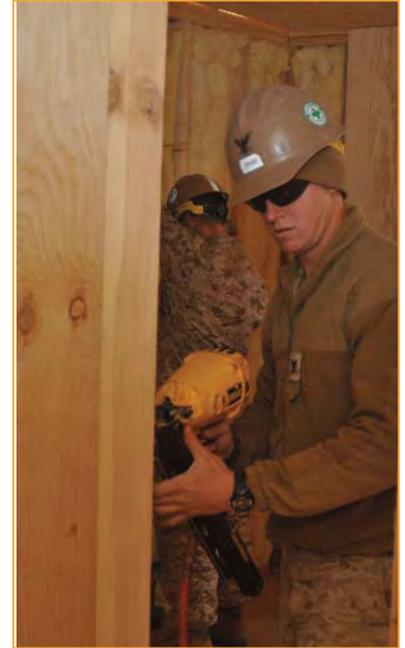


Family and friends of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 were had a busy weekend at the Training Hall on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), as they welcomed home more than 160 Seabees assigned to NMCB 74 Delayed Party, Flight 1 when they returned from deployment, Jan. 18 and another 120 Seabees assigned

to Delayed Party, Flight 2, Jan. 20. NMCB 74 has been operating forward deployed throughout the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) area of operations, supporting Navy and Joint forces. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise, Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber and Felisa A. Wilber/Released)

NMCB 133

Task Force Anchor



Left: Builder Constructionman Phillip Schwenk, right, and Builder 3rd Class Brian Gilliam of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, Task Force Anchor, install an interior door at a project site aboard Camp Leatherneck. NMCB 133 is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of engineering operations for coalition forces, the Afghan National Army and the local population.

Middle: Steelworker 3rd Class Nakia Williams of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, Task Force Anchor, discusses blueprint instructions with Builder Constructionman Anastasia Green at a project site aboard Camp

Leatherneck. NMCB 133 is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of engineering operations for coalition forces, the Afghan National Army and the local population.

Right: Builder 3rd Class Shane Hicks of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, Task Force Anchor, installs interior sheathing at a project site aboard Camp Leatherneck. NMCB 133 is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of engineering operations for coalition forces, the Afghan National Army and the local population. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released)

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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse Contributor

Winter Wondering



I love snowy white winters, but ever since the Navy moved us to Florida, the only flakes we see are floating in milk-filled cereal bowls. So, I sit on my sunny screened porch in January, surrounded by green grass, ocean breezes and palm trees, and I dream of snow.

I know, I know, that's nuts. Crazy. Certifiable. But I can't help it. Something was imprinted in my psyche many years ago, something that makes me associate winter with snow, and snow with pleasure.

As a child growing up in Pennsylvania, my heart filled with anticipation at the first snow. To us, snow, especially in copious amounts, meant FUN. Snowballs, sled riding, hot chocolate, and one of the most joyous occasions in a child's life – SNOW DAYS!

I can recall falling off my flying red plastic sled in a puff of white on the hill behind our house, and laying a minute or two, to make sure I was still in one piece and to listen to the silence – how the snow absorbs noise and brings a soft quietness to the air. Packed and padded in protective layers, I felt swaddled like a baby, watching my breath ascend over me into the air. It was pure joy.

Ironically, a serious sledding ac-

cident in the winter of 1977 only strengthened my positive association with snow.

I was in the fifth grade, and it was the last night of our winter break from school, and also my father's poker night. While the men played cards in our basement rec room, my brother and I listened to radio reports of a blizzard, and hoped for school closures.

Fueled by bravado (and a few beers), my father and his buddies decided it would be a good idea to take our 12-man wooden toboggan out for a run down the hill behind our house. My brother and I couldn't believe our luck, and eagerly followed.

With my legs crisscrossed under the toboggan's wooden curl, I sat in the front, four men and my brother behind me. Visibility was nil due to the blizzard and dark night, but there was a wide path between the houses for our ride. With the weight of the men, we took off like a bullet, and I pulled the ties of my parka hood tight to keep the snow from hitting my face.

About halfway down the hill – WHAM! The rest came in flashes: my father's friend looking down wearing one of my hats, someone saying "I think it's broken," riding in the back of a truck, being carried on the toboggan into the hospital, three layers of pants being cut off, wanting my mom and dad.

I had broken my femur. Apparently, our toboggan had drifted off course, running into a white flagpole in our neighbor's yard. I spent the next two and a half months in a hospital bed, with a weight hanging off the end of my foot.

To add insult to injury, during my lengthy hospital stay, the historic 1977 blizzard blew into town. Schools were cancelled for over two weeks, and I was stuck in a hospital bed watching Don Ho and eating Jell-O.

One might think that the experience would have caused me to associate snow with pain; however, the pain of my broken leg paled in comparison to the envy I had for my peers who spent two glorious weeks out of school, sucking on icicles, throwing snowballs and drinking hot chocolate.

So now, like Pavlov's dog, when winter rolls around, I begin to drool.

Sometimes the Navy sends us somewhere that fulfills my nostalgic longings, like our last tour in snowy Stuttgart, Germany.

I must admit, there was a downside. Bundled up like the Michelin Man, I would trudge four flights down our military stairwell housing to our minivan, hazy with salt residue and laden with blackened hunks of snow behind each wheel. Despite spraying de-icing compound into the locks, the doors would often be frozen solid, requiring me to climb in from the trunk.

But now, even with the memories of crusted, frozen, gritty car doors still freshly juxtaposed against this balmy pastel Florida winter, I can't help but long for snow. Big fluffy, white hunks dropping from tree branches. Delicate crystalline flakes drifting slowly from the sky. Cold to the touch. Warm to my heart.

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast 2013 Mardi Gras Parades

January 26

Ocean Springs – The Ocean Springs Elks Mardi Gras Parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Front Beach and disbands at the Ocean Springs Upper Elementary.

Biloxi – The Second Liners Mardi Gras Club Parade rolls at 1 p.m. at Nichols Elementary School and ends at D.C. Bush Park on Esters Boulevard.

January 27

Lizana – The 10th annual Lizana Mardi Gras Parade begins at 1 p.m., with the route starting at Lizana Elementary School, traveling to Cable Bridge Road, then north to Moran Road before finishing back at Lizana Elementary.

February 2

Bay St. Louis – Krewe of Kids Parade, 11 a.m.

Gautier – The 24th annual Gautier Men's Club Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 7 p.m. at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, traveling along U.S. 90 and looping to the college.

Vancleave – The 23rd annual Mystic Krewe of Pine Island Mardi Gras Parade will roll along Johns Bayou Road in Vancleave at 1:30 p.m.

Pascagoula – The 5th annual Krewe of Little Rascals Children's Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 1 p.m. in Pascagoula at the Downtown Plaza.

Moss Point – The Moss Point Mardi Gras Parade, will roll through the downtown area beginning at 1 p.m.

Pass Christian – The 18th annual Timber Ridge Women's Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 2 p.m. in the Timber Ridge subdivision in Pass Christian.

Gulfport – The 23rd annual Orange Grove Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade begins at 2 p.m. at the Harrison Central 9th grade school, north to Dedeaux Road, west to Highway 49 to Ashley Drive.

Long Beach – The 42nd annual Carnival Association of Long Beach Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 6 p.m. through downtown Long Beach.

Pass Christian – The 5th annual Krewe of Legacy Mardi Gras Parade is set for noon. The route starts and ends at Neco's Market Place at the intersection of Vidalia and Cable Bridge Road, near I-10 exit 24.

February 3

Waveland – The 46th annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 1 p.m. at Drinkwater and U.S. 90 in Bay St. Louis, rolls west, ending at Auderder Street and U.S. 90 in Waveland.

February 8

Ocean Springs – 5th Annual

Ocean Springs Carnival Association Night Parade begins at 7 p.m. on Front Beach and travels to Porter Avenue to Washington to Government.

February 9

Pascagoula – The Jackson County Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade begins at 1 p.m. and starts at Pascagoula Street and Ingalls Avenue, then to Market Street and continues north to Jackson Avenue, then south back to Ingalls Avenue.

Gulfport – The 43rd annual Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Day Parade will roll at 2 p.m. and start at 19th Street, travel to Highway 49, past Hancock Bank and through downtown Gulfport.

Diamondhead – The Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled for noon, beginning at the Diamondhead Community Center and winding its way to the country club.

February 10

D'Arville – the 25th annual North Bay Association Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 1:30 p.m. on LeMoyné Avenue in St. Martin and travel west to Central Avenue.

Pass Christian – The 83rd annual Pass Christian Mardi Gras Parade will get under way at noon at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeding to Scenic Drive before turning west to Henderson Avenue. From there, the route goes north to St. Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street and east on Second Street to Davis Avenue.

February 11

Biloxi – The 15th annual Biloxi Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on the Biloxi Town Green on Beach Boulevard.

Wiggins – Stone County Mardi Gras Parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Park Ave and ends on South 3rd Street.

February 12

Bay St. Louis – The 6th annual Krewe of Diamonds Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 1 p.m. through downtown Bay St. Louis. The route travels down Main Street, turns on to 2nd Street, then on to Union Street and continuing to Blaize Avenue in front of the historic Depot.

Biloxi – The Gulf Coast Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade will roll at 1 p.m. through downtown Biloxi.

Biloxi – The Krewe of Neptune Mardi Gras Parade caps off the carnival season when it rolls at 3 p.m. through downtown Biloxi.

Gulfport – The 43rd annual Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Night Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Gulfport.

Focus on Education



William Carey reps visit NCBC

Kerry Cameron, assistant director of student marketing and admissions for William Carey University (WCU) discusses the Night, Saturday Nursing program currently being offered through the university with Utilitiesman Constructionman Amber Woodard, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Bravo Company, at the Navy College Office on board NCBC Gulfport, Jan. 16. The Night, Saturday Nursing Program allows a student to attend class at night during the week and complete their clinicals on Saturdays. Representatives from WCU were at the Navy College Office to discuss programs being offered that can meet the needs of military mem-

bers and non-traditional students, such as 10-week trimester courses with class convening dates four times throughout the year and the Night, Saturday Nursing Program, as well as scholarships that military members and their spouses may be eligible for through the university. For more information on what WCU has to offer, contact Cameron at 228-702-1815, or kcameron@-wcarey.edu and visit the university website at www.mcarey.edu. For more information on the many education opportunities and services offered through the Navy College Office call 228- 871-2785. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Re leased)



USO Tour



THE USO, TREVOR ROMAIN COMPANY, FOCUS and MWR PROUDLY PRESENT:

Trevor Romain

Award winning children's author and TV personality

Trevor's FREE presentation emphasizes the importance of caring for one another and helping children develop strategies in dealing with the unique challenges of military life. Children and adults alike will be moved by Trevor's heartfelt stories from a lifetime spent working for the well-being of children.

With You All the Way USO Tour:

- 75-minute interactive presentation geared toward 2nd - 6th grade students
- Humor and stories to connect with the audience
- Free kit will be sent to all military students who attend and are registered for the event



**Tuesday, January 29, 2013
4:00-5:15 PM
at the NCBC Training Hall**

Special Notes

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the presentation unless currently enrolled at the YAC after-school program

NOTE: Attendance by children under seven (7) is not recommended due to content and duration. Parents, please use discretion if bringing children ages 5-6; a special section is designated for these families. It is strongly recommended that alternative arrangements be made for children under the age of five (5).

Please call to make a reservation:

Contact Kevin Byrd at (228) 871-2117 or Eva Shinka at (228) 822-5736

Parents - Are you part of the Team?

From Harrison County School District:
<http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>

Studies show that kids learn best when the school and parents work as a team.

Answer yes or no to see if you and the school are acting as teammates:

- ___1. Have you met your child's teacher? Do you plan to attend parent-teacher conferences.
 - ___2. Does your family have a regular time and place for doing homework?
 - ___3. Does your child enjoy learning activities outside of school, such as music, sports and reading?
 - ___4. Do you support the school in its efforts to teach your child to be responsible and respectful?
 - ___5. Do you talk to your child about the importance of education and of working hard in school?
- How did you do? Each yes answer means you're building a strong partnership with your child's school, which will help your child excel. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.*

NCBC School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd is located at MWR building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave., 228-871-2117 or email kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

For information about The Trevor Romain Company visit www.trevorromain.com



Fitness

Feeling frustrated from a hard day on the job? Well get it all out on the court with some racquetball. Make it intense or just get a good work out in. Sign up for Intramural Racquetball Jan. 22 - Feb. 5 at the CBC Fitness Center. Call for details 228-871-2668.

Do you need people around to motivate you to work out? Then, make time for a group fitness class. The CBC Fitness Center offers courses as early as 8 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m. Get your heart pumping with some strength/cardio, Zumba or cycling. You can also try out the new low impact aerobics course or center yourself with yoga. For the class schedule, visit us on Facebook at NCBC Gulfport MWR or stop by the Fitness Center today!

Recreation

FREE Movie Program at the Training Hall: Take a load off. Sit back and watch the big screen all by yourself for some alone time, or make it a family night and bring the whole crew! Stop by the Snack Bar on your way in to get that buttered movie popcorn and those other goodies that help you get lost in the moment. Forget what was playing? No worries - put the movie hotline in your phone, 228-871-3299 and call anytime!

Friday, "Here Comes the Boom," PG, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, "Wall-E," G, noon; "Frankenweenie," PG, 2:30 p.m., "Looper, R, 5 p.m.

Sunday, "Hotel Transylvania," PG, 2 p.m.; "Dredd" R, 4:30 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel:

Active Duty, Reservist, National Guard, USCG and Retirees are now eligible for a complimentary Universal 3 Day Park-to-Park ticket and Blue Man Group Ticket at children's price! All dependents and DOD personnel are eligible for discounted Universal 2 Day, with 3rd Day Free tickets! Call ITT for more information!

ITT has your Harlem Globetrotters tickets at military discount! Take the kids to enjoy a show full of trick shots, jumps and dunks for just \$24.45 for a regular seat ticket. Stop into ITT to purchase yours today! Call for more information.

Don't blink . . . or this offer will race by you like the Daytona 500. Feel the rumble

of the stadium in person. Book your Daytona International Speedway package today! Prices range from \$160 - \$450 per person and include Daytona 500 ticket, round trip transportation on a Coach bus complete with video and restroom, and a two night hotel stay at the Comfort Inn Maitingate Hotel Kissimmee. A 50 percent down payment is required, with total amount due by Feb. 8. Sprint Fanzone tickets are available upon request for an additional fee. Call ITT, 228-871-2231 for additional details.

Liberty Center:

FREE ticket and shuttle to the annual Senior Bowl at Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium this Saturday! Don't miss the chance to witness the country's best senior collegiate football players and top NFL draft prospects in action. The shuttle departs from the Liberty Center at noon.

Climb your way to the top at Slidell Rocks indoor rock climbing gym this Sunday. This exhilarating trip is only \$13, and the shuttle departs from the Liberty Center at noon.

Show off your skills whether you're a pool shark or pool guppy on Wednesday evening at Liberty's Pool Tournament. There will be a FREE prize awarded for 1st place! The tournament begins at 7 p.m.

Navy Outdoor Recreation:

Toughen up . . . don't let the cold weather keep you indoors! NOR has lots of fun equipment that will make you forget all about that chill in the air.

Shhhhhhh . . . I smell a doe . . . no a hog! Sorry Elmer Fudd, this hunt doesn't include rabbits. Put on your camouflage and sign up today for a NOR hunting trip package. Packages include transportation, lodging and meals and your choice of doe or hog hunting or both. This opportunity is scheduled for Jan. 25 - 27 and pricing starts as low as \$1,000. Plus, the ranch does the dirty work and retrieves and cleans your kills for you. Be sure to bring an ice chest so you can take the meat home to the family. Call NOR for details and to put down a deposit today, 228-871-2127.

FREE Batting Cage: No more tokens needed. Stop by and take a swing! Rent bats and helmets at no charge from NOR.

Food & Beverage

Get your game on at The Beehive on Super Bowl Sunday! Join us Feb. 3 from 4:30 - 10:30 p.m. for free snacks each quarter and the best drinks around. The Beehive is now open every day of the week! Watch the game on one of seven flat screens, play a little pool, and enjoy good times with friends! With an excellent beverage selection, you are sure to find your preference. Details: 228-871-4009.

Don't want to get out in the cold for lunch? Let The Grill bring it to you. The

Sign UP
Jan. 21-Feb. 4

CBC Fitness is Serving Up Intramural Volleyball!

Contact
Sam Perkins
IM Sports Coordinator
228-822-5109
samuel.perkins2@navy.mil

Season runs Feb. 19-April 9
Coaches' /POC Meeting - Feb. 7
at 11 a.m. in the Gym

Grill offers lunch delivery Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 228-871-2494 to place your order. Fight that early morning chill by getting a hot breakfast. The Grill is open as early as 6:30 a.m. Take your pick from French toast plates to breakfast burritos or traditional eggs and bacon. The Grill is located at the corner of Colby and 7th Street.

Anchors & Eagles: Great service and good times are what you can expect at Anchors & Eagles. Open Tuesday -Thursday 2 - 9 p.m. for chiefs and officers. Stop by and

shake off the day with comrades.

Youth Activities

Girls, you deserve a night of pampering! Girl's Only Beauty Salon Night, Thursday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., FREE.

Blast off to a day full of fun at Infinity Space Center. Join us for an exciting adventure in space, Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Only \$6, and lunch is needed. Lights! Camera! Action! Image Makers Photography Night, Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE.

For more MWR program information contact:	Anchors & Eagles	228-871-4607
	Auto Hobby	228-871-2804
	Beehive	228-871-4009
	Child Development Center	228-871-2323
	Fitness Center	228-871-2668
	Information, Tickets & Travel	228-871-2231
	Liberty Center	228-871-4684
	Seabee Heritage Center	228-871-3619
	Navy Outdoor Recreation	228-871-2127
	RV Park	228-871-5435
	The Grill	228-871-2494
Training Hall	228-871-4750	
Youth Activities Center	228-871-2251	
Main Office	228-871-2538	

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities



GREAT DAY OF SOCCER - Great Day of Soccer needs you! Great Day of Soccer is looking for 25 volunteers Feb. 16, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the County Farm Soccer Fields off of County Farm Road in Harrison County (north of Gulfport/Long Beach.) Volunteers will be involved in judging about 400-500 kids, ages 4 - 18 in four events. Volunteers will receive training before the competition. Lunch and all necessary supplies will also be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Jeff Bruni, 228-861-6175 or jeffbruni@bellsouth.net or jbruni@gulfport-ms.gov.

UNITED WAY OF SOUTH MISSISS-

SIPPI - United Way of South Mississippi is kicking off the new year with a "30 Ways in 30 Days" challenge. Participants can sign up on line and choose a volunteer calendar for January that is tailored to fit available time and customized from the menu of activities and opportunities. To sign up for the 30 Ways in 30 Days challenge, visit unitedwaysm.org and click 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 provid-

ing direction on assignments, increasing personal accountability and other life skills. Please call Michelle Harrison at 228-865-1956 for more information or to volunteer.

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

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year.

Contact Shawna Tatge for info, Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org

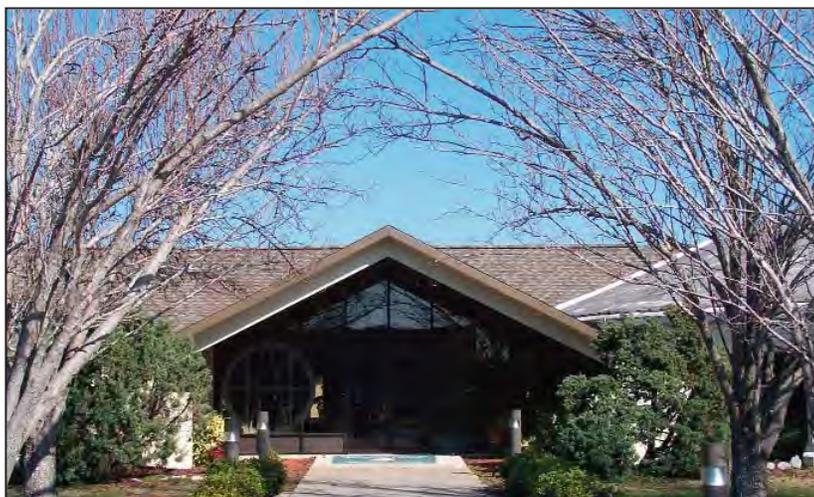
DRIFTWOOD NURSING HOME - Want to make a difference in the life of the elderly then volunteer with Driftwood Nursing Home located right outside the Broad Avenue gate. The contact for this volunteer opportunity is Christina at 228-243-3421.

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

Biloxi International Airport.)

PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed for the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Champions Tour featuring top golfers - Fred Couples, Tom Lehman, Mark Calcavecchia, Nick Price, & Bernhard Langer March 18 - 24 at the Fallen Oak Golf Club, 24400 Highway 15, Saucier. Volunteer will receive a shirt, hat or visor, a credential for the Week, meals during shift, six good-any-day tickets, a free round of golf at Grand Bear and admission to a volunteer party at Hard Rock, Biloxi. For details, contact Stephanie Griffis, 228-896-6365.

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, 10:30 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 10:30 a.m. Catholic Services include Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. There is also Catholic Mass Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Seabee Pantry

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

Praise and Worship

The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and

Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 10:30 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 Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Free child care is available. For more information on all offerings that are available, contact the chapel at 228-871-2454.

Tour of Duty

Wives of Faith present "Tour of Duty" LIVE in Gulfport. A Morning Retreat with military wife & author Sara Horn at Seabee Memorial Chapel Jan. 26. For questions contact Claire Jones at 228-214-3557 or register at: wivesoffaith.org/todgulfport. A donation of \$10 includes lunch or a donation of \$15 with child-care (children up to age 10.)

Is your New Year's resolution to give back to the community? Volunteer today! USO volunteers lift the spirits of America's troops and their families around the world. Our volunteers are the reason troops know they can count on the USO. Every day USO volunteers impact the lives of troops in many ways including: helping out a special event; cheering troops at a homecoming; welcoming troops to a USO Center and providing a listening ear. Find out how you can volunteer with the USO by visiting <http://www.usovolunteer.org>. USO is located at the Naval Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) on board NCBC. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 228-575-5224 for more information.





SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and babysitting 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 babysitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

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

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. The Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. is interested in reestablishing a club in the local area and will be hosting a meeting for new member Feb. 16. If you are interested in joining an organization that promotes the health and welfare of any enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, please contact Darlene Carpenter at 228-3422271 or Tina O'Shields, 228-357-0513. Visit www.navywivesclubs-ofamerica.org for more info on NWCA.

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 details.

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 details.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Join us for a meeting.

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil or President LS2 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil for information.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee 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, 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 of the 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@cablone.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.seabee-museum-store.org or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available.

NCBC NEX conducting inventory . . . The Navy Exchange will be conducting an end of year annual inventory the week of Jan. 27. The mini mart will conduct their inventory at Jan. 28, 6 p.m. and will close early that Monday. The main store will conduct their inventory at 6 p.m. Jan. 30 and will be closing the store early that Wednesday.

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.,
Saturday, Sunday
and
Holidays

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

**LADD . . .
Leaders Against
Drunk Driving**



LADD is a program sponsored by the NCBC/20th First Class Association. The mission of LADD is to prevent drunk driving on board NCBC Gulfport by providing rides for any service member who needs assistance getting home after an out-

ing that involves alcohol. It is always important to have a plan in place when going out in town, but if your plans fall through, please call LADD and we will pick you up! ***100 percent confidential, zero reprisal!***

- ~ LADD is strictly confidential. NO REPRISAL!
- ~ LADD will take individual home only, no stops.
- ~ Volunteers who stand the watch are on call 24/7.

Call 228-239-9007

**YARD
SALE**



NCBC Base wide
Housing Yard Sale
Feb. 16

8 a.m. - noon
Housing residents can put their sale items in their front yard.