

SEABEE COURIER

NCG 2 Commodore reviews NCF Force structure

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Most Sailors have heard the terms force structure, force reshaping, and budget cuts. These words are extremely prevalent in today's Navy, and will continue to be part of the Navy's annual budget process. With the Naval Construction Force (NCF) sized about 50 percent smaller than what it was at the height of the Global War on Terror, many Seabees may be wondering just what the future holds.

"Historically, our military goes through cycles," said Capt. John Adametz, commander of Naval Construction Group Two (NCG 2). "At the close of every war, we tend to go down about 30 percent."

That doesn't mean that it's all bad news. "We need a Navy that continues to rush to crisis, and can take and hold battle space," Adametz

said. "Business is good. Just look at current events—Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, North Korea, Africa. There will always be a need for the fast mobilization that the Navy provides, and we'll always need a strong Navy."

Expeditionary Sailors such as Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Riverine and Seabees are an integral part of our Navy and will continue to be in high demand. Seabees have highly sought-after skills that are invaluable to supported combatant commanders. "We are known for overcoming challenges, delivering quality construction, safely, on time, and within budget. We bring unique skills to the fight. Not only can we build and fight, but we are self-supportive, can move, communicate, and even dive," said Adametz. "People hire us to deliver contingency engineering, as well as humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. There is high



Construction Mechanic Constructionman Recruit David Truell shows Capt. John Adametz, commodore of Naval Construction Group TWO (NCG 2) a proper 3M maintenance oil change on a medium tactical vehicle replacement (MTVR) heavy utility truck. Adametz was visiting Sailors at N436's transportation and maintenance building. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Athena Blain/Released)

Navy demand for Seabees and we expect that demand will continue long term."

Those efforts are the back-

bone of Seabee capabilities, so the need for Seabees will not go away. However,

with military shift away

from Afghanistan, Naval Construction Force leadership is beginning to focus

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USS Constitution sets sail in Boston Harbor during the ship's second and final chief petty officer heritage week underway demonstration of 2014. More than 150 chief petty officer selects and mentors assisted the crew of Constitution with setting the ship's three topsails during the underway to conclude a week of sail training aboard Old Ironsides. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Victoria Kinney/Released)

USS Constitution to get underway for final time until 2018

From USS Constitution Public Affairs

USS Constitution will get underway in Boston Harbor on Oct. 17, in commemoration of the U.S. Navy's 239th birthday and the ship's upcoming 217th birthday.

More than 500 guests, made up of individuals and organizations with long-standing ties of support to both the ship and the Navy, will accompany Old Ironsides on her fifth and final underway demonstration of 2014. This will also be the historic warship's final Boston Harbor underway until 2018, as she is scheduled to enter dry dock in March 2015 for a three-year planned restoration period.

The ship is scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m. EST. There will be a 21-gun salute off Fort Independence on Castle Island in South Boston at approximately 11 a.m. Constitution Sailors will also conduct an additional 17-gun salute near U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston prior to the ship's 1 p.m. return to her berth at Charlestown Navy Yard.

Due to the post-underway commencement of large-scale dry dock preparations, including de-rigging and removal of the ship's upper masts and offloading the ship's long guns, Constitution will be open for public tours from Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting the week of Oct. 20.

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Legal Corner: Buying a car - know your rights

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Buying a car can be a stressful process, especially if you have not done your research ahead of time.

Before visiting a dealership or even considering what make/model you would like to buy, it is a good idea to explore your financing options. You should compare interest rates on bank, credit union, and financial websites and visit your local credit union or bank to determine whether you can get pre-approved for a car loan. Securing a loan yourself simplifies the negotiation process and will help prevent an impulse purchase.

Rather than having only one model in mind, consider various models that will meet your transportation needs. You can also research information about each vehicle by visiting consumer websites that rate the vehicle's reliability, fuel economy, and safety features.

Once you have determined which models you would like to purchase,

contact your automobile insurer to determine if there will be any changes to your insurance premium.

After doing the financing legwork, call different dealerships to find out what incentives they offer. If you are buying a used car, ask for a vehicle history report to determine if that vehicle has been salvaged or involved in any accidents.

When purchasing a car through a dealership, the dealership must provide you with certain documents. These include the sales contract (also called a bill of sale), a retail installment contract (if the vehicle is financed through the dealership) and a service contract (if you agree to purchase a service package). Before signing, carefully read each of the documents. The dealership will not be bound to honor any agreements that are not contained within the documents. Conversely, you will be bound to any written provisions.

It is important to review the purchase price section of the sales contract to make sure the price reflects what you negotiated with the sales associ-

ate. Pay particular attention to the itemization of the purchase price, which usually includes expenses such as: the amount of any down payment, dealer incentives, value of any trade-in, tag and title fees, dealer fees, sales tax, and warranties or extended service agreements. Also, closely inspect the Truth-in-Lending Act (TILA) information discussed in more detail below.

Some dealerships offer a consumer a three day right to cancel the purchase or a "cooling off" period if they change their mind about the purchase. This is not required by law and is only available if the dealer chooses to offer it to a purchaser. Make sure you ask the dealer if they offer a right to cancel before you sign the purchase contract, otherwise you may be stuck with the purchase.

Before you sign a contract to purchase or finance a car, make sure the terms of the financing are favorable to you and you can actually afford the vehicle. The TILA is a federal statute that covers open credit, such as credit cards or lines of credit, and close

ended credit, such as car loans and mortgages. The statute was enacted to ensure that credit terms are disclosed in a purposeful way so consumers are more educated when they compare credit terms. Additionally, it requires all creditors to use the same credit terminology, expression of rates, and a uniform system for credit disclosures. According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, under TILA, a creditor must provide a consumer with disclosures regarding important terms of credit before the consumer is legally obligated to pay the loan.

The Military Lending Act (MLA) is a consumer protection statute specifically for the benefit of active duty, active Guard, and Reserve duty service members who take out consumer loans. The MLA mandates that service members receive certain disclosures from lenders that include a 36 percent interest rate cap or Military Annual Percentage Rate and written and oral disclosures regarding finance terms before the loan is issued.

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NCBC CPO 365 visit Armed Forces Retirement Home Sailors from Naval Construction Battalion Center's CPO 365 program eat breakfast alongside residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Oct. 9. The current generation of active duty Sailors shared a meal and conversation with veterans from all services who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. (U.S. Navy photos by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jeffrey J. Pierce/Released)



Sailors and civilian personnel attached to NCBC Gulfport gathered at Colmer Dining Facility to celebrate the Navy's 239th birthday with a special meal and cake cutting, Oct. 14. Master Chief Equipmentman Mark Thomas, command master chief of Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport and Steelworker 3rd Class Brandon Machura, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, join NCBC's Commanding Officer, Capt. Paul Odenthal for a ceremonial birthday cake cutting as the oldest and youngest Sailors present. NCBC Executive Officer, Cmdr. Anthony Conley, is also pictured. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia K. Fluty/Released)



Pvt. Karmen Stagl, an Army "A" School student at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), builds a wall with a window opening during a carpentry class on board NCBC Gulfport, Oct. 10. Soldiers who are carpentry and masonry specialists, learn to perform general heavy carpentry, structural steel and masonry duties while attending the school. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia K. Fluty/Released)



Fire Prevention Month: An opportunity to improve fire safety knowledge and skills

By **BUCA Elizabeth Mills**
NCBC Public Affairs

October is designated Fire Prevention Month and Oct. 6-10 was proclaimed Fire Prevention Week (FPW) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. FPW began with Captain Paul Odenthal, NCBC's commanding officer and Sparky the Fire Dog signing the proclamation.

According to the National Fire Protection Association website this month was chosen to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless.

The first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation was issued in 1920 by President Woodrow Wilson. According to the National

Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Month is the longest running health and safety observance on record.

The NCBC Fire Department teamed up with the Child Development Center to teach children about fire safety. The children showed their skills by demonstrating how to stop, drop and roll. The fire department also used a safety house, complete with a smoke simulator to teach the children how to get down low to escape the fire. The children also learned to call 911 in case of a fire.

Balfour Beatty Communities also participated in FPW by inviting the Fire Department to come to their neighborhoods as part of a fire prevention initiative. Residents participated in fire extinguisher training and were given tips

on fire prevention.

Other commands and departments on the Center have also taken advantage of the opportunity to train with the fire fighters. Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Region Legal Services Office and Naval Construction Training Center personnel were among those who learned kitchen fire safety as well as general safety tips.

NCBC's Fire Department would like to extend an invitation to all departments and commands to contact them for fire extinguisher training and a review this of year's National Fire Protection Association theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives." For more information or to schedule a training session contact Inspector William Ducote at william.ducote@navy.mil.

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Keesler AFB Retiree Appreciation Day

Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m., Roberts Maintenance Facility (building 4221)

Organizations with booths include: Keesler Medical Group, DFAS/Finance, Legal Office, Force Support Squadron, Keesler

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Buzz on the Street

By BUCA Elizabeth Mills
NCBC Public Affairs

“What do you want to be for Halloween this year?”



“The HULK!”

Exzavier



“Queen Elsa from Frozen.”

Anna



“Link from Monster vs. Aliens.”

Jackson



“Queen Elsa.”

Malia



“I want to be a Power Ranger, the blue one cause that is my favorite color.”

Jordan



“Tinker Bell!”

Olivia

36th Annual Salute to the Military

The 36th Annual Salute to the Military will take place at 6 p.m., Oct. 21 at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center in Biloxi. General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Joint Chiefs of Staff will be the featured guest speaker, with music by the 41st Army Band. Tickets are \$60 for civilian and retired military and \$50 for uniformed military. Naval Construction Battalion Center personnel who are interested in attending the event are asked to email NCBC Public Affairs Officer Rob Mims at robert.c.mims@navy.mil.



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In addition, a lender may not: roll over loans previously held by the service member if doing so would create unfavorable loan terms for the service member, require service members to waive their federal or state consumer protection rights and require mandatory arbitration or mandatory allotments in order to get the loan.
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October is Fire Prevention Month



The Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Fire Department would like to extend an invitation to all departments and commands to contact us for fire extinguisher training and a review this of year's National Fire Protection Association theme, “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives.” The training promises to provide interesting facts about smoke detectors that many people aren't aware of, but that could possibly save a life! We are available to provide training at your work center between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Although we are highlighting training during Fire Prevention Week, the training may be conducted any time in October. Work site training should take approximately 30 minutes, depending on the number of people in attendance. Please contact Inspector Ducote at william.ducote@navy.mil and schedule your training today!

NMCB 133 Seabees, U.S. Navy Sailors work with German, Turkish forces to help Spanish Monastery

By MC1(SW) Cliff Williams
 NMCB 133 Public Affairs

ROTA, Spain – Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Detail Rota had the opportunity to not only volunteer for a community relations (COMREL) project while deployed to Rota, Spain, but also work side-by-side with U.S. Sailors from the USS Leyte Gulf (CG55), German Sailors from FCS Niedersachsen, and Turkish Sailors from TCG Kemalries. Over 20 personnel, including eight German and two Turkish Sailors, volunteered for a gesture of goodwill at The Sisters at the Monastery in La Cartuja in Jerez, Spain. For over six hours, everyone worked hard helping the nuns with manual labor ranging from heavy lifting to organization of a storage facility at the monastery.

Significant coordination was involved with the three ships, which are deployed together as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group TWO. The three ships have sailed together, visited ports, and strengthened relationships since July 2014.

"I found out about the monastery through the base chapel on Naval Station Rota, Spain," said Lt. Andrew Hoyle, Chaplain for the USS Leyte Gulf. "I then contacted the Religious Program

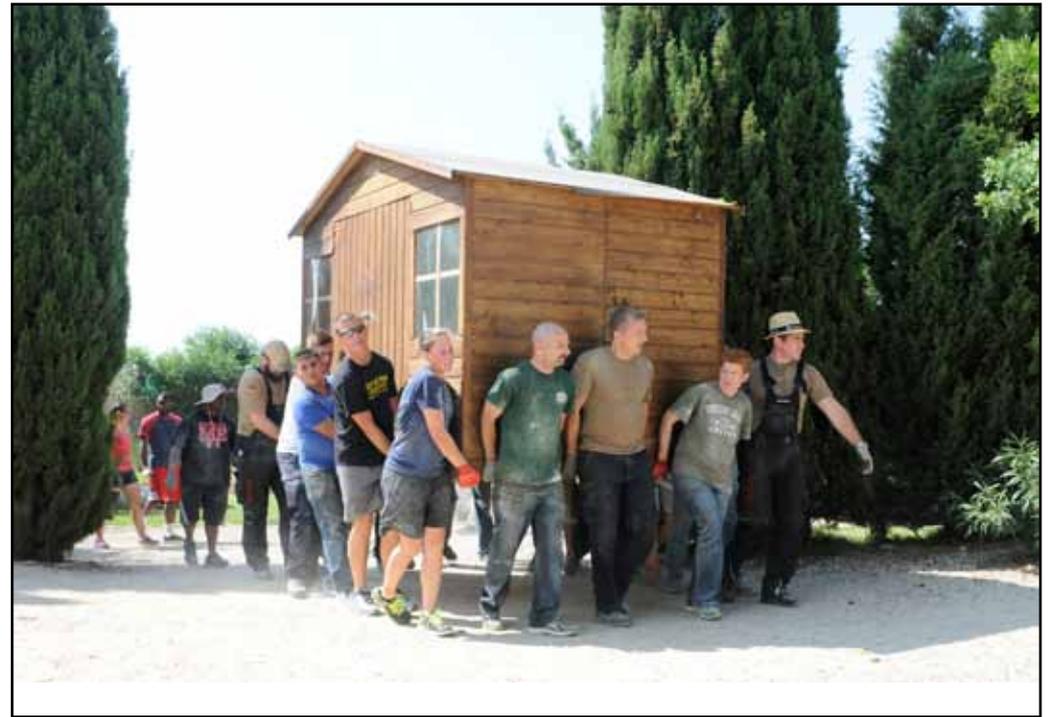
Specialists who informed me of potential events, providing a list of a few COMREL opportunities, one of which was the monastery. It sounded promising, so we received the contact information. From there we set up a date, approximate number of people, and time for the event.

While Personnel Specialist 1st Class Hector Moncibais aboard the Leyte Gulf made initial contact, NMCB 133 Chaplain Holly Short arranged the phone call that gave greater detail about the event. Not only were there two U.S. Chaplains involved, a German Chaplain participated and helped with the coordination.

"German Chaplain Ekkehart Woykos has consistently garnered excellent participation from Neidersachen Sailors," said Hoyle. "I have discovered that U.S. Chaplains can often find great camaraderie and like-minded care for Sailors in their foreign counterparts."

Even though there was a lot of planning and execution involved, the event was a tremendous success.

"I thought the event was incredibly successful," said Lt. Holly Short, Chaplain and Community Relations Officer for NMCB 133. "The sisters there said that what we accomplished in a day would have taken them six months. They were incredibly grateful,



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Detail Rota, help move a shed at The Sisters at the Monastery in La Cartuja in Jerez, Spain. Seabees from NMCB 133 Detail Rota, along with U.S. Sailors from the USS Leyte Gulf (CG55), German sailors from FCS Niedersachsen, and Turkish sailors from TCG Kemalries, participated in the community relations project, which helps foster lasting relationships with the local community. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Cliff Williams/Released)

which is very rewarding."

Despite every Sailor volunteer being covered in sweat and dirt, all were in good spirits.

"We did a lot of manual labor. A lot," joked Construction Electrician Constructionman Santana Marin. "When we got there, they put us to work. We did everything; we moved sheds, threw away heavy items, and reorganized

their storage facility. It was a lot of work, but definitely worthwhile."

Following a hard day's work, nuns from the monastery were gracious enough to provide a tour of the facility including areas of the monastery dating as far back as the 7th century.

"I was simply stunned by everything I saw; there was so much history. It was

totally worth getting a little dirty and sore to see that," said Utilitiesman Constructionman Daniel Lamers.

Despite the language barrier with volunteers speaking English, Spanish, German, and Turkish, there was no denying that everyone enjoyed the day and had a great time by the smiles on their faces when they departed the monastery.

Runnin' 'Roos of NMCB 133 help save lives, one unit at a time

By EACN Jessica Couvillier
 NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detachment Guam participated in a blood drive coordinated by Chief Hospital Corpsman Charlotte Reijo and the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP).

The ASBP is tasked with the collection, processing, storage, and distribution of blood and blood products to ill or injured service members, veterans, and their families worldwide.

By donating about a pint of blood and less than 10 minutes of their time, these Seabees will be helping save lives around the world.

Construction Mechanic 1st Class Gary Phipps personally understands how important these blood drives are for everyone. Although his situation did not require a blood donation, Phipps stated, "I believe in giving back. I've been laid up in the hospital before, so I know what it feels like to need help."

Throughout the day, regular donors like Phipps

and along with others who were donating for the very first time shuffled through the questioning and donating process, all sharing one common goal: making a difference and possibly saving a life.

Because of the large turnout, that hope just might become a reality.

By the end of the blood drive, over 86 percent of the Seabees who signed up to participate were able to donate a unit of blood, which exceeded expectations.

"The original goal was 20 (units), which I honestly thought would be a challenge," said Reijo. "So I was very pleasantly surprised to see that we not only met that goal, but exceeded it by more than double."

Though a few Seabees were unable to donate, it did not diminish their hopes to try again in the future.

"I'll try again the next time we have a blood drive," said Steelworker 3rd Class Rosa Lopez, who was not able to donate due to a low hemoglobin.



Chief Builder Mark Bush, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Det. Guam, is unable to hide his true feelings as a doctor from the Armed Services Blood Program inserts a needle used to donate blood. U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aide Constructionman Jessica Couvillier/Released)

NMCB 11 departs for Field Training Exercise

By MC1 Michael C. Barton
 NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 departed Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Oct. 12, to conduct the unit's Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The scheduled two week evolution will test the battalion's capability to operate independently in a tactical field environment. Upon successful completion of the FTX and Final Evaluation Problem (FEP), NMCB 11 will become deployment ready.

FTX is an opportunity for the battalion to hone its skills with assistance and guidance from Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2. Throughout the exercise, NMCB 11 will construct several Forward Operating Bases (FOB's) and conduct defensive operations and tactical movements simulating deployment to a down range environment.

Volunteers from other Seabee units will act as enemy "aggressors," attacking NMCB 11 lines and executing various scenarios.

"I'm usually in the pits [fighting positions], so I'm right in the front of the action," said Utilitiesman 3rd Class Kristen Gilliland. "When an attack comes, you can be having a terrible day and it just turns it around. You are pumped up and like, 'yeah, let's go!'"

During FTX, the battalion will assess its operational and administrative strong points, as well as areas of improvement. Because battalion personnel are comprised of various levels of experience, newer Seabees will rely on the more experienced for help.

"This will be my seventh FTX, so preparing has become second nature for me and my family," said Construction Electrician 1st Class Nathaniel Steward. "Now my priorities are to help the troops build on their skills they've learned during all the exercises and CO's week [a week of focused training to refine skills learned during homeport], so they can be successful during FTX."

In preparation for FTX, NMCB 11 conducted multiple graded evolutions on Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) defense



Master Chief Utilitiesman Keith Lefebvre Assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 talks to the Seabees of Det. Two about questions to bring up for the troop and Convoy Brief scheduled later during NMCB 11's Field training Exercise (FTX). (U.S. Navy photo By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael C. Barton/Released)

operations. The Battalion successfully passed all portions of the CBR evaluation, which included individual CBR decontamination, operational CBR decontamination and command and control processor skills. This early qualification eliminates CBR operations from the NMCB 11 FTX, a change from previous years.

"For me its two sided, yeah it's a great morale boost that we don't have to take our CBR gear with us," said

Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Layne Duras. "But during FTX, when we finished using our CBR gear was usually the half-way point and that's when we got our second wind. Life improved that much more knowing we don't have to carry that around anymore."

The exercise takes place in various phases, to include Receipt, Staging, Onward-Movement and Integration (RSO&I); Operations (Field Training Exercise), Sustain-

ment (Final Evaluation Problem), and Retrograde phases.

The Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) portion of the exercise is a graded evolution. It will be immediately followed by an Integrated Exercise (IEX) testing the ability of battalion leadership to conduct complex operations in coordination with other units. Once both evolutions are successfully executed, NMCB 11 will return to Gulfport as the Ready Battalion.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Military families can apply at the Fleet and Family Support Center Oct. 14 - Nov. 14 Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Applications will be accepted for E-6 & below (all others on a case by case basis). Service members or spouses can show military ID and complete a brief application. For more information, please call 228-871-3000.



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From **FORCE** page 1 on strengthening Seabee skills. "We need to be innovative and creative when faced with the challenge of the draw-down," said Adametz. "Our senior leaders must balance all Navy requirements including procurement, personnel, research and development, and sustainment while meeting budget constraints, while ensuring were ready for

the next fight. We need to find ways to deliver the readiness that our supported commanders require. "

NCG 2, along with their counterpart Naval Construction Group ONE (NCG 1), has implemented several different initiatives to strengthen those skills, such as a comprehensive technical skill improvement program which will focus on the training pipeline while at homeport, in-

creased opportunities for improving technical skills, a mentor protégé program with Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and an optimized schedule enabling more time for challenging homeport construction projects, enhancing construction and project management skills, quality assurance, and planning and estimating projects for the next deployment. Additionally, NCG 2's operations

department is comparing Seabee capabilities with other services' engineering components to address areas to improve such as development of a cross-training curriculum across Seabee ratings.

"We have to be technically and tactically proficient so we are ready to fight the next war- which may not be the same as our last war," said Adametz. That's exactly what Naval Construction

Force is looking to do with this new focus- to develop more proficient Seabees and more streamlined training and deployment schedules.

NCG 2 will be addressing current Naval Construction Force topics through a monthly commander's corner in the Seabee Courier. If there is a specific topic or question you'd like to see addressed, please contact NCG 2 public affairs at 228-871-3998.

Focus on Education

School district boundaries expand for military families

By UTCN Alicia K. Fluty
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Mississippi House Bill (HB) 879 went into effect July 1, 2013, allowing military and civilian personnel living on base to enroll their children in any school district that is adjacent to their home school district.

HB 879 includes all service members stationed at Naval Air Station Meridian, Columbus Air Force Base, Keesler AFB and Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. North Pointe Preserve, located off of County Farm Road is military housing and is included as well.

The home school district for NCBC is Gulfport. With the passage of HB 879 parents can choose between Gulfport, Long Beach, Biloxi and Harrison County School Districts.

Parents who live off base can request Gulfport, Long Beach and Harrison County School Districts without having to pay tuition. This is possible because those school boards voted to drop the tuition for students whose parents were



active duty military. However, the school requested must be approved by the gaining superintendent.

According to NCBC Gulfport School Liaison Officer, Kevin Byrd, parents of children residing on base are no longer required to obtain an out-of-district transfer release nor required to fill out an in-district acceptance form. Parents who live off base with their children must first get released by their home district and accepted by the receiving district. Byrd added that parents are allowed to request their school district but not the school. Superinten-

dent's approval is required if a parent requests a school other than the one the district has designated.

Long Beach and Gulfport are the only two school districts that provide transportation to and from NCBC and transportation is only provided for children who live on base and attend said schools.

"The homes on County Farm Road fall under the Harrison County School District and their buses provide transportation," said Byrd. "If you want your children to go to another school district you would have to provide transportation."

School district's reserve the right to deny any petition or revoke the tuition status of any transfer student for any reason, including but not limited to: overcrowding in classrooms, behavior of the student, excessive absences, tardies or late pickups and any excessive additional costs to the District.

For more information contact the School Liaison Officer, Kevin Byrd at 228-871-2117.

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Couples Communication

LGBT Community - FOCUS is hosting another communication workshop with the focus on the LGBT community. "Get Your Word Heard" will enhance listening skills, help strengthen connections and recognize barriers to positive communication. This event will be at the FOCUS Gulfport offices Nov. 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m. and is open to any couple with base access. RSVP to dthomas@focusproject.org / 228-822-5736.

Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary, Island X-1 2014 Scholarship

Eligibility: Applicants must be children, grandchildren or spouse of active, retired, disabled, reserve or deceased veterans who have or who are presently serving with a Naval Construction Command or any military branch attached to Naval Construction Battalion Center or member of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 in Gulfport. Sponsors who are retired or deceased must have been honorably discharged from military service. To receive an application, contact the scholarship committee via email: nsvaa1@gmail.com. *Applications must be post-marked no later than Nov. 30, 2014.*

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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

Dust in the wind, and on my furniture

Dust bunnies are the bane of my existence.

Well, that might be a tad dramatic, but let's just say that I pretty much hate dusting. Then again, my mother taught me to never use the word "hate" so let's go with this: Dusting is an activity of which I am not particularly fond. (And I get bonus points for not ending with a preposition.)

You see, I just spent all last week cleaning my 100-year-old base house for a neighborhood party. Even though every military family on my street has the exact same old house with it's government budget linoleum floors and gazillion layers of paint, we still try to spruce things up when we host each other.

So I cleaned the house for my guests. Sure, housework is pretty lousy all the way around, but dusting is, by far, the most frustrating and futile of household chores.

Take, for example, vacuuming. On the cleaning satisfaction scale (this doesn't exist, but just go with it) vacuuming is a 10. There's something about the whirring, the amps, and the way you can hear debris being slurped up the suction tube. Pop-corn kernel on the rug? THWUMP! Gone. Crumbs on the cushion? SHLUSH! Gone. Sand on the hardwood? FFFWPT! Gone.

Other tasks such as folding laundry and ironing are not as exhilarating as vacuuming, but the monotony can be minimized by simply turning on the television. Putting a crease in my husband's cammies is actually quite riveting if done while watching a catfight on "The



Jersey." And I must admit, there are days when I'd rather chew my own arm off than empty the dishwasher for the umpteenth time, but it's really not so bad if I can catch a rerun of "House Hunters" on the kitchen TV in the process.

I think it's safe to say that there's not a soul on this planet who truly enjoys cleaning bathrooms. However, the revolting nature of this foul chore is so universally recognized, that there are a plethora of products on the market to make the job palatable. Flushable toilet scrubbing wands, automatic shower sprayers, disinfecting wipes, bleaching toilet tank tablets, and just in case you can't even stomach harmless soap scum, there are Scrubbing Bubbles who will gladly do it for you.

But dusting? Dust is one of those sad facts of life, like stretch marks and male pattern balding. It's always going to be there, so you've just got to deal with it.

And unfortunately, no one has invented anything to make dusting any easier. Here we are in the 21st Century, and in order to dust your house, you've still got to grab a rag – your son's old football t-shirt is as good as

anything else – and a can of furniture polish and get to work.

You may be able to catch a few minutes of a favorite show while tackling the family room, but that brief distraction is short-lived. You've still got to plod, slowly and methodically, room to room, spraying, rubbing, and wiping. Starting with the cob-webby ceiling fan blades and hitting every last desk, lampshade, molding, photo frame, table, piano key and baseboard, all the way down to the tumbleweeds of dusty dog hair on the floor.

Then, to make matters worse, the instant your ionic-ally charged ShamWow glides over the coffee table, there are millions more minute particles depositing themselves right back on the surface. We can't see the little buggers, but every minute of every day, they're there, coursing through our ductwork, wafting from room to room, floating from the ceiling to the floor, landing silently on every horizontal surface in our homes.

Where do these particles come from and why are they hell-bent on banishing us to a lifetime of dusting drudgery? Unless you want to read about dead skin cells, I don't recommend Googling this question. Just accept dust as a fact of life, and be thankful that you have a house that needs dusting, because it means you have a home.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog: <http://www.theme-atandpotatoes-oflife.com>. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites

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NCBC Helping Hands

DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY BANDSTAND - Approximately four volunteers are needed to construct a 16' in diameter wooden Victorian bandstand from plans provided. Point of contact for more information is Harold Dawley, 228-437-4210 or Hdawley@bellsouth.net for more information.

READING TUTORS - Approximately 20 volunteers are needed to read with children 30 minutes a week at 28th Street Elementary School Mondays - Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A teacher will be present in the classroom to offer assistance. Email nancy.miller@gulfportschools.org or call Dianna Miller at 228-867-2140. Reading volunteers are also needed at Central Elementary School, Tuesdays through Fridays, with the greatest need being Thursdays and Fridays from 12:25 - 12:55 p.m., and from 1:05 - 1:35 p.m. Email tammie.gray@gulfportschools.org or call 228-865-1933 if you are interested in volunteering.

HDISABILITY CONNECTION - Disability Connection provides support to individuals with disabilities, including military veterans.

Volunteers are needed to build ramps and provide home inspections for needed material lists. Point of contact is Ms. O'Keefe, 228-604-4020 or office@disabilityconnection.org.

GULFPORT SCHOOLS NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS - The Gulfport Battalion of Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is looking for adult volunteers willing to help the area's youth succeed in life. NSCC is a non-profit, nautically oriented, youth training and education organization which is run by the Navy League with support from the United States Navy. Although a great plus, no prior military experience is required; all we need are adults who are passionate about mentoring America's youth. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

COAST SALVATION ARMY - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Point of contact is Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org.

HELP SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS - Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled and

unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/women. Point of contact is Mag Holland, 228-896-0412.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. Call 228-871-2610 to volunteer.

USS ALABAMA ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP - The Navy is looking for volunteers with construction expertise for a rewarding experience. The battleship USS Alabama anchored in Mobile Bay needs help from individuals that can work with wood, steel, and concrete for work aboard ship and around the grounds. Point of contact is Owen Miller, 251-433-2703 or cell 251-767-0157.

USO GULF COAST - Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers every day to assist at our centers throughout the military community. To become a USO volunteer, you'll need to create a volunteer profile through www.usovolunteer.org. This will allow you to keep track of your hours. Point of contact is Nicole Lewis at nlewis@uso.org.

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, Email: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil

New to military family housing?

Did you know that OPNAVINST 11320.23G requires housing residents to attend a Fire Safety brief within 30 days of moving into base housing? Briefs, which last no more than an hour, are held in the Seabee Memorial Chapel on the first and third Wednesday or the month at 3:30 p.m. If you have not attended a brief yet, plan to do so. If you are unable to attend, call the Fire Chief, 228-871-3117 to discuss your situation.



October 16, 2014

Seabee Memorial Chapel

Religious Services Sunday:

Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Protestant: 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass:
Tuesday: 11:15 a.m.



NCBC Center Chaplain: Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis, Chaplain

For more information about Chapel programs, please call the Chapel at: 228-871-2454

Follow the Chapel on Facebook to keep up with the programs and events. Search "Seabee Memorial Chapel," and click "Like"

What's happening at the Chapel?

Sundays

- Protestant Sunday School/Trivia Bowl: 9:15 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Protestant Service: 10:30 a.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Catholic CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine): 10:30 a.m.
- Club Beyond: 2 p.m. (middle to high school students)
- Beyond Club: 4 p.m. (middle to high school students)

Tuesdays

- Catholic Mass: 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Bible Study/Bible Bingo: 6 p.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Protestant Praise and Worship Team Practice: 5 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Catholic Choir Practice: 7 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

Wednesdays

- Praise Break: 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes of praise and worship through music)
- Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: noon to 1 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

Thursdays

- Catholic Mass: 6 p.m., Fellowship: 6:30 p.m., Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Meetings:

Chapel Council meetings
The Seabee Memorial Chapel Council meetings will meet the last Sunday of each month following service time. This is a time for council members to meet with Chaplain Davis.

Quarterly "State of the Chapel" meetings
The Chapel will hold quarterly State of the Chapel meetings with Chaplain Davis and Father Paddy open to all congregation members. The next meeting will be at 5 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes, Nov. 3.

Seabee Courier

14th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade

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SATURDAY
November 8, 2014
Downtown Biloxi
Parade Begins at 11am
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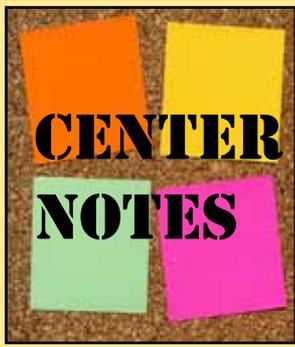
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"Ingalls Stars and Stripes" Golf Tournament Nov. 4, Grand Bear Golf Course

7 a.m. (registration/breakfast), 8 a.m. (shotgun start)
 4 Person Scramble, \$400 per 4 Person Team. Package includes: Breakfast, Greens Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls, 1 Red Tee, 2 Mulligans, Lunch, and LOTS OF FUN! All proceeds Benefit the USO Gulf Coast!
 For additional information please contact Bobby Lamb at 228-935-1277.





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. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Jenny Richter, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 11 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the last Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Youth Center on board NCBC Gulfport. Children are always welcomed and child care is provided at no cost. Please join us for fun, food, and to meet and socialize with other NMCB 11 families and friends. For more information, please contact us at nmcb11frg@gmail.com or like us on our Facebook page, NMCB 11 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 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>.

FOCUS

Families OverComing Under Stress provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228- 822-5736 or email Gulfport@focusproject.org

Gulfport Officer's Spouse 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 goscgulfport@gmail.com or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gosc.gulfport>. We hope to see YOU soon!

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc., is interested in reestablishing a club in the local area. 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 228-342-2271 or Tina O'Shields, 228-357-0513. Visit www.navywivesclubsof-america.org for more information 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 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. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., at the Fitness Center classroom. For more information, contact Association president, CE1 Daniel Shaver, 228-871-2145.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is seeking members. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact MCDC President, SW2 Crayton at 228-760-1107 or Vice President, CE2 Tandberg, 850-384-7982 for details.

VFW Post 3937 Long Beach - Open Monday - Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Steak Night is every Friday, 5 - 8 p.m., and breakfast is available every Saturday, 7 - 10 a.m. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602.

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach

Are you eligible? The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 would like to invite you to become a member. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. In order to join, you must be the spouse, mother, daughter, granddaughter or sister of a service member who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 3937, 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach. Contact Carol Fetters, president, at 228-832-4893 for more 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 or for links to historical sites, visit: <http://nmcb62alumni.org>.

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 information.

Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1, Gulfport is always looking to add new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, contact Eugene Cowhick at eugene.cowhick@navy.mil, 228-871-2488 or Robert Smith at Robert.p.smith5@navy.mil, 228-871-2436. If you are already a member, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the A&E Chiefs and Officers Club, NCBC Gulfport, for the Monthly Island X-1 business meeting. For more information on NSVA Island X-1, visit www.nsva.org.

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. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. For info, contact the museum at www.seabee-museumstore.org or call gift store at 228-871-4779.

Energy Savings Tip:

Use No or Low VOC paints - If you plan to repaint your walls, no or low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints are an environmentally -friendly alternative to the traditional paints you may be used to buying. The "green" paints release no or low amounts of toxic compounds into the environment, unlike traditional paint. Also, if you have infants or small children at home, no or low-VOC paint is much better for their health and breathing.



See Something Wrong, Do Something Right

NCIS has two 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 S2US. 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.



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CBC Fitness Center	871-2668	Hours:	M-Th 4:30a-8p, Fr 4:30a-7p, Sat-Sun 9a-4p
Aquatics	822-5103	Hours:	M-Fr 5:30a-7:00p, Sat-Sun 9:30a-4p
Child Development Ctr	871-2323	Hours:	M-Fr 6a-5:30p
Free Movie Hotline	871-3299	Hours:	Open 30 min prior to movie showings
ITT	871-2231	Hours:	M-Fr 10a-4:30p, Sat 10a-2p
Liberty Center	871-4684	Hours:	Sun 10a-8:30p, M-Th:10:30a-1:30p & 4-8:30p, Fr 10:30a-1:30p&4-11p, Sat 10a-11p
Outdoor Recreation	871-2127	Hours:	M 8a-1p, Th-Fr 10a-6p, Sat 7a-1p
School Liaison Officer	871-2117	Hours:	M-F 7:30a-3:30p
Shields RV Park	871-5435	Hours:	M-Sat 8a-4p, Sun 8a-2p
The Grill	871-2494	Hours:	M-Fr 7am-1:30pm
Youth Activities Ctr	871-2251	Hours:	6-7:30a & 2:00-5:30p
SAC		Hours:	M-Th 3:30p-8:30p, Fr 3:30p-9p
Teen Center		Hours:	Tu-Th 5:30p-8:30p, Fr 6p-9p
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