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Hundreds commemorate Memorial Day along the Mississippi Gulf Coast

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Alfred Alleman Post No. 2539 hosted a Memorial Day ceremony at Jones Park in Gulfport, Mississippi, May 30. Capt. Paul Odenthal, Naval Construction Group 2, commanding officer was the featured speaker for the ceremony. Lt. Aaron Bell, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1's command chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. The event featured the posting of the colors by the West Harrison High School

Army ROTC and active duty military personnel; the reading of the City Proclamation by Councilman Kenneth "Truck" Casey; a reading of Persian Gulf statistics by Lamar Gray; the Bagpipe Tribute, Twenty-One Gun Salute and the playing of Taps by the VFW Post 6731 Honor Guard. More photos are at <https://www.facebook.com/Naval-Construction-Group-TWO-614740345219320/?fref=ts> (U.S. Navy photos by MCCS Jeffrey J. Pierce / Released)



MCDC celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage

The Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee hosted the annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage celebration at the Navy Operational Support Center on board Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, May 26. Guests were invited to sample a variety of food and drink whose origins can be traced to Asia and the Pacific Islands. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Michael Barton/Released)

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SECNAV announces new administrative separation policy

From Chief of Information Public Affairs

NEW YORK (NNS) -- To protect Sailors and Marines suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) or any other diagnosed mental health condition, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus has made his department the first in the military to assure such conditions are considered before separating a service member.

Previously a service member's misconduct took precedence over diagnosed mental health conditions when considering separation, which impacted the veteran's ability to receive benefits. Now, if it contributed to the misconduct, the medical condition will take precedence.

Effective immediately, Sailors and Marines being processed for any type of involuntary administrative separation (ADSEP) who have a diagnosed mental health condition may be referred into the Disability Evaluation System.

Additionally, if the Sailor or Marine is being administratively processed under provisions that authorize a characterization of service of other than honorable, the case must be referred to the first general officer/flag officer in the chain of command for a final determination. Any service member previously separated under similar circumstances may also petition to have their discharge reviewed through either the discharge review board or Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR).

"It is one of the great maxims of naval history that Sailors and Marines are the sea services' greatest advantage and most important asset. For more than a decade,

we've asked a tremendous amount of our people and their families," Mabus said. "In turn, we have a responsibility to support their needs, whether they are serving the Navy and Marine Corps mission around the globe or transitioning from uniformed service to civilian life."

Mabus signed the new policy into effect during a visit to the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at the NYU Langone Medical Center, a Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) clinic in New York.

CVN describes its mission as striving "to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families, including Guard and Reserve, by working to strengthen mental health outcomes and complement existing support, with a particular focus on post-traumatic stress."

"Keeping faith with veterans under all circumstances is our solemn vow," said Mabus. "It is vitally important to address those service members whose separation is a result of PTSD/TBI.

Mabus later in the day formally announced the policy signing at an event hosted by the Veterans on Wall Street (VOWS) initiative.

For more news from the Secretary of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/secnav/ or www.facebook.com/SecretaryoftheNavy.

For more information on the Naval Discharge Review Board, visit www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/nrb/default.aspx.

For more on the Board for Correction of Naval Records, visit www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/bcnr/Pages/home.aspx

Did you know... how the Navy can help if your personal property is damaged on base?

If a member's personal property (cars, motorcycles, or other valuable personal property) is damaged while on base, there are a few ways to seek assistance. Members are always encouraged to file the claim with their insurance company, and the insurance company can seek recourse against the Navy. Active duty members also may apply directly to the Navy's Tort Claims Unit (TCU) for limited relief. TCU is a legal office in Norfolk, Virginia, that reviews claims brought by or against the Navy for repayment under specific laws. In

most cases, the Navy will not pay claims unless the Navy employee who caused the damage was acting within the scope of their employment and was negligent in performing their work duties. For more information on filing a claim through the Navy, visit http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code_15.htm.

Members may also seek financial assistance from the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and the Personal Financial Manager at the Fleet & Family Support Center. The Legal Assistance Office (871-2626) also provides general information on claims and taking private legal action against a party who has damaged

their property, but cannot officially represent a member in any civil legal proceedings.

In terms of military law, a commander cannot order a member to pay restitution for damaging another member's property. Even if a member goes to non-judicial punishment ("Captain's Mast") for damaging personal property, and the Captain punishes the member by taking some of their pay, that money goes back to the U.S. Treasury and cannot be rerouted to pay the victim. In very limited instances, a commander can hold a proceeding to determine if a claim should be paid directly between members, but that can only be done if both members are on active duty and remain on active duty for the next several months.

**RLSO SE LEGAL SYMPOSIUM
TRAINING HALL
June 15-16
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Topics: POAs, Wills, Estate Planning, Mississippi entitlements, Immigration, Ethics, Consumer Credit, Predatory lending, Consumer scams, Personal Safety, Serviceman's Civil Relief Act, Restraining orders, Adoption/Guardianship/Custody Adoption reimbursement, child support/paternity and divorce.

**Itineraries at RLSO SE Legal Assistance Office.
All are encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided.
POC: LNC Mitchell or Mr. Jason Weaver at 871-2626/871-2620.**

Local 24/7 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Contact #: 228-596-0697; Your installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator's Contact #: 228-323-4717; Alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinator's contact # 504-762-0224; Click: www.SafeHelpline.org; Call: 877-995-5247; Text *55-247 (inside the U.S.); Text *202-470-5546 (outside the U.S.) *Text your location for the nearest support resources.

Dear Military Child: Dear Enlisted Parent

By **Deja Fisher**
Special Contributor

When you received your orders and saw that you would have to move your family, yet again, you probably spent your entire workday trying to figure out how to break the news. When you walked into your home and shared your orders with your family, your stomach probably dropped as your dependents' faces went from upbeat to tearstained. When your dependents took their frustrations out on you, you probably allowed them to do so simply because you understood their pain. And why is it that you understood their pain? Because you experienced it as well.



make connections with new people. However, this sometimes went unacknowledged by your dependents because you do such a good job of being strong for everyone else. And to that, we say thank you.

Thank you for your strength and your sacrifices – it could not have been easy having to let go of certain things because of your career. Thank you for your hugs and reassurance. Adapting to the changes the military

lifestyle causes is a small challenge when you are there to remind everyone that everything will be okay. Thank you for your smile. No matter how forced it may be, it is comforting. Most importantly, thank you for choosing the military as your career. Due to your career choice we, your dependents, are provided

countless opportunities.

Whether we show it or not, we appreciate what you do. We recognize that being in the military is not simple. You bravely answered a call to action that many others choose to ignore. You lay down your lives and allow yourselves to be of whatever use necessary just so that you can protect our country. And in protecting our country you are protecting our lives, our dreams and our futures. So to America's Navy, to the few and the proud, to the team that makes a difference, to those that aim high and to those that are born ready: thank you for your service.

The Seabee Courier is proud to present "Dear Military Child" - a limited series column by 20-year-old Navy dependent, Deja Fisher. Fisher is a junior at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Fla., where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in Communications. Her blog - www.dejasvu.com - was recently launched and is a site where readers can follow her and also her independent writings. Her column is essentially a letter to military children from a former military child, whose mom is a retired Sailor.

Back in Time: Seabee History

June 2, 1942: Advanced Base Depot Gulfport and Camp Hollyday, Mississippi, is established.



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE - BE READY NAVY!

The time to prepare is NOW

By NCBC Public Affairs

Hurricane season officially starts June 1 and ends Nov. 30 which means the season is upon us.

For those who have never experienced a hurricane, they can cause catastrophic damage to coastal cities and towns and their effects can be felt several hundred miles inland.

Hurricanes can create storm surges along the coast and cause extensive damage from heavy rainfall and high winds. Hurricanes often spawn tornados in areas not normally affected by such weather activity.

Emergency plans should state where you're going, how you're going to get your family and pets there, and how you're going to muster with your command. Have a hurricane kit prepared. It should include three days' worth of food and water per person in the household. Don't forget supplies for your pets! Lastly, be sure to pack entertainment that doesn't run on power for your family.

During hurricane season there are a few tips that can help prepare your family. Before any storm you should:

- ~ Create an emergency contact/communication card for every member in your family.
- ~ Build an emergency kit with basic items your household may need for a minimum of 72 hours; remember utilities are likely to be out or off.
- ~ Know your community surroundings and evacuation plans.
- ~ Learn if there are any levees or dams in your area, if there are they can pose a risk if they break during a storm.

In most cases hurricanes are tracked far in advance of them making landfall and people in the affected areas usually have time to react. However, in the case of Hurricane Katrina which hit the Gulf Coast in August 2005, the weather system traveled across the state of Florida as a fairly low level tropical storm. Once it entered the Gulf of Mexico it rapidly increased in size and velocity, and made landfall within 24 hours.

Stay alert after a hurricane. If families are separated, it is recommended to use the family's emergency communications plan or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. Just remember not to contact the

Red Cross chapter in the disaster area; families should contact the chapter where they evacuated from the storm.

Additionally, stay away from downed power lines, gas leaks and any kind of structural damage.

More information on hurricane preparedness can be obtained at the following websites:

- https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ncbc_gulfport/om/emergency_management.html
- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/hurricane>
- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>
- <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- <http://www.wlox.com/weather/>
- <http://www.wxv25.com/weather/>



Disaster Supply Kit suggested items

- ~ Water – at least one gallon daily, per person (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
- ~ Nonperishable foods – canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, cereal, crackers, cookies, energy bars, granola, peanut butter, and foods for infants and the elderly (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
- ~ Paper goods – writing paper, paper plates, paper towels and toilet paper
- ~ Cooking items – pots, pans, baking sheet, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and a manual can opener
- ~ First-aid kit – including bandages, medicines and prescription drugs
- ~ Cleaning materials – bleach, sanitizing spray, and hand and laundry soap
- ~ Specialty foods – diet and low-calorie foods and drinks
- ~ Toiletries – personal hygiene items and moisture wipes
- ~ Pet care items – food, water, muzzle, leash, carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags
- ~ Lighting accessories – flashlight, batteries, candles and matches
- ~ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- ~ Duct tape, scissors
- ~ Multipurpose tool
- ~ Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates and insurance policies)
- ~ Cell phone with chargers
- ~ Family and emergency contact information
- ~ Extra cash
- ~ Emergency blanket
- ~ Maps of the area
- ~ Blankets or sleeping bags

2016 Atlantic Ocean Tropical Storm and Hurricane names

Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginia, and Walter. The names above will be followed by the Greek alphabet, if needed.

Find us on Facebook

Do you know what you and your family will do if a hurricane heads toward the Gulf Coast? Get immediate NCBC Gulfport Tropical Cyclone Condition Updates, Emergency Information and Evacuation instructions by following the Seabee Center on Facebook and Twitter.



To join NCBC Facebook and Twitter, log on to <http://www.facebook.com> and "Like" Naval Construction Battalion Center.

To learn what you can do to be Ready for Hurricane/Typhoon 2016 season, visit the Ready Navy web site. http://ready.navy.mil/be_informed/natural_hazards/hurricane_typhoon.html and the NCBC Gulfport Emergency Management page: https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ncbc_gulfport/om/emergency_management.html.



CBC Shelter Information

On base shelters are as follows:

- ~ Warehouse 217 to house CBC Military, Family Members, Civilian and Contractor personnel employed on CBC
- ~ Shelters will open at TCC ONE
- ~ No pets (except service dogs) are allowed in shelters.
- ~ No alcohol or firearms are allowed.
- ~ Registration forms can be filled out in advance
- ~ ID cards are required for all individuals entering the shelters (except small children.)

Sheltering Pets

Pets are not allowed in NCBC shelters.

The designated pet shelter for Harrison County is Harrison Central High School. The following conditions must be met:

- ~ Proof of pet vaccination prior to entry
- ~ Each pet must be kept in a transport cage
- ~ Owners must remain with pets at all times

Focus on Education

STOMP
SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF MILITARY PARENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A PROGRAM OF
PAVE
FOLLOW US:
 

STOMP Workshop

WHEN: June 8 & June 9, 2016
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

WHERE: Anchors and Eagles
Bldg. 303, John Paul Jones
Gulfport, MS 39501

Please bring your child(ren) if you are not able to obtain childcare for all or part of each day you are able to attend.

Interactive Breakouts to learn:

- What your child's IFSP/IEP can do for them when goals are written "SMART"
- 504 accommodations and modifications

Network with peers and professionals to gain knowledge about your local community and available resources.

Please register online for the STOMP workshop at:
<https://stomp-gulfport.eventbrite.com>

For information on the STOMP Workshop please contact:
Kevin Byrd, School Liaison Officer
(228) 871-2117
kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

Workshop Layout Day 1 - What You Need to Know!

- Your right as a parent of a child with a disability
- What to have when PCS/ETS occurs.
- Communicating effectively to attain collaborative relationships for your child.
- Your Child's IFSP, IEP, or 504 (Please bring a copy if you would like to learn how they will be best supported)




Workshop Layout Day 2 - TRICARE, SSI, and Medicaid for the Military Family.

- TRICARE/ECHO/ABA
- The steps taken to apply for SSI and Medicaid

Wills, Guardianships, and Special Needs Trusts

- Planning for the future of your child without you

ABOUT PAVE
Our **MISSION** is to provide support, advocacy, training and informational resources to empower families and individuals with disabilities. To learn more visit us online at www.pave.org.



Quarles Elementary Kindergarten Camp

Calling All New Bearcats!

Children entering Kindergarten at Quarles Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year and have completely registered can attend. (All required paperwork must be completed.)

When?

- *The camp will be July 18-22.
- *8:00 a.m. to noon.
- *Children will be fed lunch in the cafeteria at 11:30 each day, so please pick your child up promptly at noon. There will be a mid-morning snack.

Why Kindergarten Camp?

Your child will get a chance to work the "big school jitters" out before the school year begins. Children will be able to:

- *Get to know the teacher and classmates for the school year.
- *Explore the important places in the school.
- *Learn classroom expectations, school rules, and daily routines.

What to Bring?

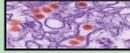
- *Camp supplies are provided.
- *Please send your child's supplies for the year at the end of camp.



Dr. Jan Hansen, Principal
228-864-3946

Zika Virus Information Update

The links below will lead you to updated Navy Zika information sheet and trifold for Sailors, Marines and their families.



InfoSheet.pdf
Trifold:
<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/program-and-policy-support/Navy-Zika-Trifold.pdf>

Point of contact for Zika Virus information at Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport is HN Brian Masse, who may be contacted via email at: brian.d.masse.mil@mail.mil.

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.

CPR/AED Classes

NCBC Fire and Emergency Services is offering Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) classes to organizations on board the Center. For more information, call 228-871-2414.

Duties of NCBC School Liaison Officer

Naval Construction Battalion Center School Liaison Officer (SLO) Kevin Byrd, serves as a link between parents, educators and the command so military-connected children make a smooth school transition.

There are seven core components of the SLO program:

1. School Transition Support
2. Deployment Support
3. Special Education System Navigation
4. Communications: Command, Educator, Community, Parents
5. Partnerships In Education (PIE)
6. Home School Support
7. Post-Secondary Preparation

Kevin Byrd is located in MWR building #352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave. He may be contacted by email at kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil or by phone at 228-871-2117.

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BATTLE OF MIDWAY

U.S. Involvement in World War II



World War II began on September 1, 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded Poland. The U.S. remained neutral until December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The Japanese employed six carriers to destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor; however, none of the U.S. carriers were present at Pearl Harbor during the assault.

PEARL HARBOR: BY THE NUMBERS

KILLED IN ACTION	TOTAL LOSS SHIPS	RETURNED TO SERVICE	CARRIERS LOST
2,008 U.S. NAVY	3	17	0
218 U.S. ARMY	USS ARIZONA (BB 39)	5 SHIPS SUNK, RAISED, AND REPAIRED	NONE OF THE SEVEN U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIERS WERE AT PEARL HARBOR DURING THE ASSAULT.
109 U.S. MARINES	USS OKLAHOMA (BB 37)	12 SHIPS DAMAGED AND REPAIRED OR REBUILT	
68 CIVILIANS	USS UTAH (AG 16)		

The U.S. declared war against Japan on December 8, 1941. After several months of expansion, the Japanese Combined Fleet turned its sights on Midway, a small Pacific-based atoll, which then served as a U.S. sentry to Hawaii, refueling station, and landing point. The Japanese plan assumed the Pacific Fleet would arrive too late to defend Midway, but U.S. forces were waiting for them at "Point Luck."



THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEL

Capt. Rochefort and his cryptanalysts broke enough of the Japanese code to know they planned to strike at Midway and the Aleutians in early June 1942. Armed with this intel, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Nimitz regained the initiative and prepared an ambush.



CAPT. JOSEPH J. ROCHEFORT
U.S. CRYPTANALYST



ADM. CHESTER W. NIMITZ
PACIFIC FLEET COMMANDER

Battle of Midway: The Turning Point

TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS JUNE 4, 1942

- 0700 Enterprise and Hornet begin launching
- 0838 Yorktown launches
- 1020 Enterprise and Yorktown torpedo squadrons attack.
- ★ 1022-1028 Enterprise and Yorktown dive bombers attack and hit Akagi, Kaga, and Soryu.
- 1208 Japanese dive bombers attack Yorktown.
- 1441 Torpedo planes attack Yorktown.
- 1445 Yorktown hit.
- 1455 Yorktown abandons ship.
- 1500 B-17s take off from Midway.
- 1810 Two B-17s attack BB and damaged CV.
- 1830 Six B-17s attack damaged CV and DD.



U.S. and Japanese armed forces fought during the Battle of Midway, June 3-7, 1942 at and near the Midway Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean.



The victory at Midway represents a strategic turning point for the U.S. in Japan's war in the Pacific. Before the battle, Japan possessed naval superiority over the U.S. Afterward, opposing fleets were balanced and the U.S. soon took the offensive.

As a result of the battle on June 4th, the Japanese carriers Akagi, Kaga, and Soryu were hit and sank. The Japanese carrier Hiryu escaped the initial attack, but U.S. dive bombers found, bombed, and sank her.



BATTLE OF MIDWAY: SUMMARY OF LOSSES

CARRIERS	1	4
AIRCRAFT	150	256
MEN	307	2,204

Midway was a great success in U.S. Navy history. The only strategic regret might have been failing to locate and attack Hiryu before its aircraft struck Yorktown.

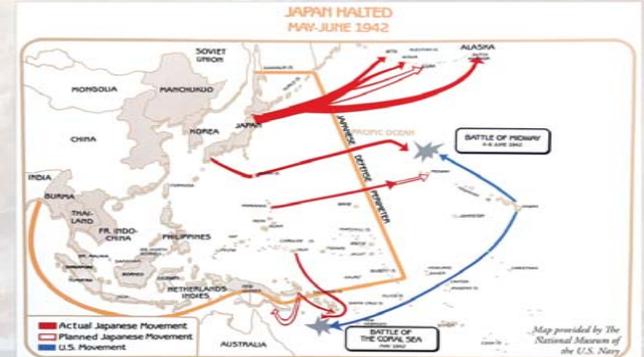


Victory at Midway: Impact on World War II



The Battle of Midway marked a technical revolution in displacing gunnery with naval carrier airpower as a primary means of delivering ordnance.

Prior to the Battle of Midway, the Japanese conquered several territories and expanded their resources in the Far East and South Pacific. By early May, the Japanese had an extensive defensive perimeter.



RESULTS OF THE VICTORY AT MIDWAY

- Japanese expansion halted, securing a central-Pacific guard post for Allied forces.
- Japanese losses at Midway made it possible for America's Navy to eventually reclaim maritime superiority in the Pacific theater.
- Naval Aviation proved to be a viable and necessary capability to win wars.
- Our Sailors' strength and resilience at Midway were a perfect illustration of the fighting spirit of America's Navy today.

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

Does size really matter (in marriage?)

I'm still a little sore from dancing like a madwoman at my cousin's wedding last weekend. She, a doctor, married a lawyer, and they spared no expense for the nuptial events — the finest country clubs, gourmet foods, open bars, and a 12-person band that brought everyone to the packed dance floor until midnight. And now my cousin and her husband are lounging on a white beach on a French-speaking Caribbean Island.

Now, that's the way it's done ... right?

Any wedding magazine would tell you, "You deserve only the best for your big day! It's a once in a lifetime thing, so don't waste this opportunity to treat yourself! A humongous ring, a gazillion roses, pure silk, fine china, cut crystal, surf and turf, spa treatments, and of course, a honeymoon that's simply to die for. Paris, Bora Bora, the Bahamas, Tuscany -- that's what you deserve! You don't want your entire marriage to get off to a mediocre start, do you?"

My engagement ring, a modest-sized gold solitaire, seems to have gotten smaller over the years, which might be due to the fact that it's always gunked up with something or another. My plain quarter inch wedding band has been dulled by con-

stant wear. For over two decades, both rings have been permanent fixtures on my left hand (especially since I jammed my fingers catching a football at the beach a few years ago), which is now dappled with the beginnings of liver spots and crisscrossed with tiny wrinkles.

Back in the spring of 1993, my then-fiancée, Francis, was in his second tour of duty in the Navy, so he bought the best ring his non-existent budget and low-limit credit card could buy. With the ring in his pocket, Francis knelt down between two tables at our favorite Italian restaurant in Pittsburgh one night, and asked me to be his wife.

I tried to cut wedding costs wherever I could — making my own veil and centerpieces, decorating the church, baking cookies for the reception, hiring an amateur DJ instead of a band. Everything went off without a hitch.

Afterward, we spent a night at the Pittsburgh Airport Best Western, complete with "honeymoon package" — a metal ice bucket with sparkling cider and



two plastic glasses — before flying to Bermuda for our honeymoon. We had rented a tiny pink cottage named "Halfway to Heaven" with outdated furnishings and a few resident Palmetto Bugs hiding in the kitchenette. The weather was not as warm and sunny as we had hoped, but we got the cottage cheap because it was the middle of hurricane season.

Twenty-three years later, do I wish Francis had spent a little extra to get me a bigger diamond? Do I wish we had splurged on roses and limos for our wedding? Do I wish we had just shelled out a few more bucks to honeymoon somewhere that wasn't in the midst of a tropical depression?

Here's the thing:

Back when we were scrounging for the money (or available credit) to spend on our wedding and honeymoon, we were so goofy, cheesy, silly, corny, stupid in love, that we were clueless. Mention that time in our relationship to any of our relatives, and they will roll their eyes and huff, "Oh brother, you guys were so annoying."

We were in that ridiculous stage when you can't keep your hands off each other. When you look into each other's eyes a lot and giggle. When you talk incessantly about how much you love each other's freckles, hair, eyes, lips and toenails. When you think that everything that happens is serendipity.

To us, our honeymoon could not have been more romantic — everything from the stormy skies to the Palmetto Bugs had some kind of romantic meaning. Blinded by love, "Halfway to Heaven" seemed like Pure Heaven to us.

So now, when I look down at my plain gunked-up solitaire ring, I don't want a bigger one. My ring symbolizes that lump-in-the-throat feeling of being utterly in love, regardless of financial or practical limitations. My ring reminds me that, as long as we splurge on love, size really doesn't matter.

*A 21-year Navy spouse, Lisa and her family are currently stationed in Newport, RI. Her self-syndicated columns appear on her blog, www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com, and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites."*



New place to eat

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport command staff tries out Dickey's Barbecue Pit, May 31. The food establishment opened for business June 1. It is located in The Hive (Bldg 352) and will be open Monday- Friday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch!

Register to Vote!

- To register to vote, visit FVAP.gov now
- to complete a registration application
- and request your absentee ballots for the presidential preference primaries (P) and State primaries (S). It only
- takes a few quick steps to make sure
- your vote is counted no matter where
- you are in the world. Visit fvap.gov for
- voting information. The Voting Officer
- for NCBC Gulfport is Lt. Brian Mack,
- 228-871-4274.

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- 6/3 – 12 p.m., National Doughnut Day! Doughnut Eating Contest, 1st Place Prize
 - 6/4 – 9 a.m., Southern Alabama Paintball, \$22
 - 6/6 – 6 p.m., 80's Movie Marathon, Free Popcorn
 - 6/7 – 6 p.m., Tournament Tuesday: Speed Pool, Single Elimination/ Prize Awarded
 - 6/8 – 6 p.m., Auto Skills 101, Free
 - 6/9 – 6 p.m., Cooking Corner: Grilled Bananas & Ice Cream, Free
- Call 228-871-4684 for more information

NAVY RECREATION
Paint 'n Sip \$35
 Friday, June 10 6-8pm
 Paint. Sip. Party.
 PREREGISTER AT THE TICKET & TOURS OFFICE BY JUNE 6
 OPEN TO ALL HANDS

Dickey's Barbeque Pit is NOW
 serving lunch out of The Hive!
 Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Father and Child Fishing Rodeo
 NAVY RECREATION
 Biggest Fish by Length Wins!
 Prizes by age group
JUNE 18
 6:30-9a
 @ Seabee Lake
 The Department of the Navy will not accept the responsibility for the actions of its personnel.

JUNE SPECIAL
CHICKEN PARMESAN HALF PO-BOY!
 Savor each bite of golden fried chicken, topped with robust marinara & creamy mozzarella & served with fries & ice cold fountain drink
 Call for delivery between 11a-1p!
ONLY \$6.00!
THE GRILL
 871-2494

MWR Program Telephone Numbers

Facility Name	Phone	Facility Name	Phone
Anchors and Eagles	871-4607	MWR Admin	871-2538
Auto Skills Center	871-2804	Outdoor Recreation	871-2127
The Hive	871-4009	School Liaison	871-2117
Fitness Center	871-2668	Shields RV Park	871-5435
Aquatics	871-2668	The Grill	871-2494
Child Development	871-2323	Youth Activities	871-2251
Seabee Cinema	871-3299	Liberty Center	871-4684
ITT	871-2231		

SEABEE CINEMA

Regular movie showings Friday Sunday of every week!
 Showing this weekend: The Jungle Book (PG);
 Ratchet and Clank (PG); Keanu (R); Captain America:
 Civil War (PG-13)

FREE SHOWING OF CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR,
 SMALL POPCORN & DRINK FOR FIRST 200 SPONSORED
 BY SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SMILES, JUNE 4 AT 2 P.M.!

For more information, call the Movie Hotline at
 228-871-3299

Pick up our NEW MOVIE SCHEDULE TODAY!

NCBC Helping Hands

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PASS CHRISTIAN - Volunteers are needed to put together picnic tables at the Pass Christian Boys and Girls Club. To volunteer, please contact Leah Ladner, 228-863-0424 or lladner@bbcgt.com.

VETERAN NEEDS ASSISTANCE - An elderly veteran is in need of a few minor home repairs. To volunteer, please call Carol Keyes at 228-832-5250.

MISSISSIPPI CITY CEMETERY - Volunteers are needed to rake/spruce up the Mississippi City Cemetery located south of Pass Road and Washington Ave in Gulfport. Point of contact is Chuck McKinley, 228-326-4006 or email cmckinley@cablone.net.

HOME REPAIRS - Volunteers are needed to help a disabled widow of a retired Seabee with some home repairs. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Savage at 228-206-3367.

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.

DISABILITY 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.

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

USO GULF COAST - The USO Gulf Coast is seeking passionate volunteers to give their service at the USO Gulf Coast located on board NCBC Gulfport. Our lounge volunteers primarily serve as host insuring

guests sign in, offer snacks and beverages, sign out computers and gaming equipment. We do require that all volunteers go through mentor shadowing training which usually lasts 2 hours. Please visit: www.USOVolunteer.org and register.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME - Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of activities at AFRH. Please contact volunteer coordinator Jennifer Briley at 228-897-4417 or jennifer.briley@afrh.gov to find out more information.

FEED MY SHEEP - Feed My Sheep, 2615 19th Street in Gulfport is looking for volunteers to help feed the homeless who are in need of a hot meal. To volunteer call Christina Lipke, 228-731-4883.

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.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held at the Seabee Memorial Chapel July 18-20 from noon - 4 p.m.

Please Stop by and register your child.



For more information please call 228-871-2454

AUDRA

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP

AUDRA means "nobility and strength" in French

You don't have to walk this path alone

This group offers a safe, open atmosphere for discussion and activities to facilitate the healing process

For Active Duty females who have been sexually assaulted as adults

Call FFSC at (228) 871-3000

Seabee Memorial Chapel

What's happening at the chapel?

Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Protestant Service
11 a.m. - Children's Church

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Praise Break (20 minutes of praise and worship through music)
11:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
Noon - 1 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study



Sunday

9 a.m. - Mass
10 a.m. - CCD Class

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

11:15 a.m. - Mass

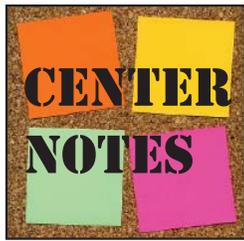
Thursday

5 p.m. - Holy Hour
6 p.m. - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

Please visit the Seabee Memorial Chapel Facebook page for updates on chapel events at: <https://www.facebook.com/ncbcchapel>. We may be reached by email at gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil or by phone at 228-871-2454.

NCBC Command Chaplain: Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis

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SUPPORT
NMCB 1 Family Readiness Group (FRG) invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activities Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and baby

sitting is provided during deployment.

NMCB 11 FRG invites 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 Activities 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 Activities Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or 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@focus-project.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.navywivesclub-sof-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.

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 noon at the ECS, building 122 in the second floor conference room. Contact MCDC President, PS2 Handley at natashia.handley@navy.mil or Vice President, BUCN Miller at tariqah.miller@navy.mil for info.

VFV 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. VFV meetings are held the second Wednesday

of the month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602 for details.

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach now VFW Auxiliary - Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 Long Beach, Miss., now invites men to join. The Auxiliary is now the **VFW Auxiliary**. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. We help in VA Hospitals, have voices in Legislation, help promote patriotism in our youth, offer scholarships to youth, teachers, and members. Members must be directly related to a veteran who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach, MS Contact Carol Fetters, President at 228-832-4893 or email cfetters@cablone.net for more information.

VFV Post 4526 Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for information.

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 happy to welcome new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5 building, 2600 23rd Ave., Gulfport, for the monthly Island X-1 business meeting and see what we're all about. For more information, 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. Contact them at www.seabeesmuseum-store.org or call the gift store at 228-871-4779. The gift store is closed weekends and federal holidays.

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Moving? Mailing packages? Need a box? Visit the Recycling Center, located in buildings 275/276, behind building 200 off of McKinney Ave between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and get all the boxes you need for FREE!

Father's Day "Shout-Out" for ALL Sailors

For the upcoming Father's Day holiday, the Navy Office of Community is offering the opportunity to create and share short, recorded shout-outs (15-20 seconds) with a key Navy message for ALL Sailors to their fathers. Deadline: Wednesday June 14, 8 a.m. EST

Instructions:

- Call 1-855-OUR-NAVY (1-855-687-6289)
- Wait for a 3-5 second pause after voice directions and record message, using the template script below, after beep.
- Once you hang-up, the audio file will automatically be sent to NAVCO's email where it will be screened before being shared with radio media outlets in the Sailor's hometown.
- Speak AUDIBLY and CLEARLY. If we cannot understand your name, hometown or command, your shout-out will be unusable.

Script:

HI, I'M NAVY (RANK) (FULL NAME) FROM (HOMETOWN), (HOMESTATE) AND CURRENT-

LY SERVING AT (COMMAND) OR ABOARD (SHIP). WE ARE OPERATING OUT OF (DUTY STATION) OR FORWARD IN THE (AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY) AND READY TO DEFEND AMERICA AT ALL TIMES.

I WANT TO WISH MY FATHER, (FATHER'S NAME), HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! I LOVE YOU! GO NAVY!

Example:

HI, I'M NAVY PETTY OFFICER AMY SMITH FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, CURRENTLY SERVING ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS RONALD REAGAN DEPLOYED TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

WE ARE OPERATING FORWARD IN THE 7th FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND READY TO DEFEND AMERICA AT ALL TIMES.

I WANT TO WISH MY FATHER, JOHN SMITH, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! I LOVE YOU! GO NAVY!

USO GULF COAST STARS AND STRIPES GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 11, 8 a.m., Hickory Hill Country Club (Gautier)

4 person Scramble, \$300 per 4-person team (includes breakfast,



greens and cart fee, range balls and lunch!

All proceeds to benefit the USO Gulf Coast To register, please contact Bobby Lamb (robert.lamb@hii-ingalls.com) at 228-935-1277 or 228-257-9420

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255
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