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On Base...

✓ Honor the Fallen 5K Run

March 5 at 9 a.m. at the Ponta Creek Community Recreation Complex. Register online at www.navymwrmeridian.com

✓ Library Happenings

Feb. 20: Take Your Child to the Library Day at Andrew Triplett Library. From 11 a.m.-2 p.m. children can create a bookmark and listen to Pete the Cat read some of his favorite books.

March 2: Celebrate of Dr. Seuss' birthday with a party in the library from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend.

✓ Spring Break Camp

Registration is underway for SAC Spring Break Camp March 7-11 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Children ages 5-12 must pre-register by March 6. Call 601-679-2652 or 601-679-5252.

✓ Friends of Bill AA Meeting will occur

every Wednesday at the NAS Meridian Chapel at 5 p.m. These are "open" meetings and available to anyone with base access. For information, contact the Chapel at 601-679-3635 or HM1 Bobbi Coleman-Johnson at 601-679-2209.

A Day in Naval History

February 19
2005: Fast Attack Submarine USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23) is commissioned.

February 21
1991: During Operation Desert Storm, AV-8B aircraft from Marine Attack Squadron 331 conduct the first of 243 sorties off the deck of USS Nassau (LHA-4).

February 22
1943: USS Iowa (BB-61), the lead ship of the last class of American fast battleships, is commissioned.
1974: Lt. j.g. Barbara Ann (Allen) Rainey becomes the first Navy designated female aviator.

February 23
1945: Four days after landing on Iwo Jima, an invasion where uncommon valor was a common virtue, the United States flag is raised on Mt. Suribachi.

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Service members vie for Military Citizen of the Year



Aceituno



Cooper



Prasad



Rieber



St. Jean

Overall winner will be named at March 3 luncheon

By Penny Randall
Editor

The 2016 AC2 Whitney L. Powell Memorial Military Citizen of the Year Award will be presented March 3 during a luncheon in downtown Meridian.

The annual award is sponsored by the Mississippi Council of the Navy League and East Mississippi Business Development Corporation to honor military members, E1-E6, who dedicate much of their personal time to com-

munity service.

In 2013, the award was named in the honor of Powell, a well-known Sailor who was extremely active in the community. Powell died in a tragic car accident Feb. 7, 2013.

This year's five nominees include: Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Byron Aceituno, Naval Operational Support Center; Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 2nd Class (AW/SW) Gabriel A. Cooper, Naval Air Station; Sgt. Anthony T. Prasad, Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One; Machinist's Mate

2nd Class (SS) Neil B. Rieber, Naval Technical Training Center; and Hospital Corpsman Erik St. Jean, Naval Branch Health Clinic.

Aceituno is the supply officer for Naval Operational Support Center Meridian. He is an active member of the community donating hundreds of volunteer hours to First Assembly Meridian with its youth programs, as a Bible School teacher and tutor.

Cooper serves as the field support maintenance supervisor at air operations.

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Rear Adm. McNeal visits



Photos by MC2 Casey H. Kyhl

Left, Rear Adm. James McNeal, commander, Naval Supply Global Logistics Support, greets Logistics Specialist Seaman Apprentice Shanice Stowe during an all hands call at the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Navy Operational Support Center on board Naval Air Station Meridian Feb. 11. McNeal spoke with logistic specialists about their role in the Navy and answered questions about his life and career. He also spoke to the current class of flag writers studying at NTTC.

Navy Medicine issues Zika Virus infection guidance

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Medicine released Zika Virus Infection guidance in NAVADMIN 032/16, Feb. 10, communicating force health protection measures and travel precautions to Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"Our first priority is to ensure we offer the best possible care to any Navy Medicine patient in the safest way possible," said Cmdr. Eric Deussing, head, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) public health, emergency preparedness and response.

BUMED has instructed Navy Medicine providers to follow guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, Navy Marine Corps Public Health Center issued an information sheet and trifold pamphlet on their public website for Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"We are closely monitoring the situation and collaborating with our public health partners to protect our patients and our communities," said Deussing.

Zika is a viral
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FY17 Budget: Delivering options, assuring allies, deterring adversaries

By Rear Adm. William Lescher
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget

On Feb. 9 the Department of the Navy submitted our FY17 budget request of \$165 billion to Congress. Here's what it means for the Navy and Marine Corps.

In a challenging fiscal environment, this budget provides the investment required to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea; protect America from attack; and preserve America's strategic influence in key regions of the world.

The FY17 budget request sustains our ability to be forward deployed and continues the rebalance to the Pacific. The budget funds 58 underway days per quarter when deployed, and 24 underway days when not

FY17 Budget Request: \$165 billion

deployed. Ships deployed to the Pacific will increase from 52 today to 65 in 2020.

Included in this budget is a 1.6 percent pay raise and added billets for base security and officer manning. We invest in Sailor 2025, improving how the Navy matches Sailors with jobs in the fleet, and in key quality of life improvements including extended Child Development Center

and base gym hours to ensure the Navy attracts, trains, develops and inspires the very best Sailors.

The FY17 budget submission supports the purchase of seven ships in FY17, including two Arleigh Burke class destroyers, two Virginia-class submarines, two Littoral Combat Ships, and one America-class amphibious assault ship. The budget fully funds the Ohio Class Replacement SSBN and grows the Fleet to 308 ships in FY21.

We buy 94 aircraft in FY17. F-35 FYDP production increases by 13 aircraft from the PB16 acquisition plan, accelerating 5th Generation Fighter transition. In combination with the five additional F-18's in FY16, two in FY17, and 14 in FY18, these

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Photo of Week



Photo by MC2 Ryan J. Batchelder

Sailors aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) fire the MK-45 5-inch gun during a naval surface fire support exercise. Providing a combat-ready force to protect collective maritime interests, Mobile Bay, assigned to the Stennis strike group, is operating as part of the Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment.

This Spring, Chaplain Linzey will be leading Financial Peace University, a 9-week course on personal finance developed by Dave Ramsey. Lessons include: Super Saving, Cash Flow Planning, Dumping Debt, and Relating With Money. Space is limited and the first 10 couples/individuals to sign up will be part of this go-around. Classes will be on Monday nights from 6:30-8 p.m. Sign up at the chapel or call 679-3635.

Area Happenings

FEBRUARY

20: Meridian Symphony Orchestra Meets Motown at the MSU Riley Center. Preconcert party at 6 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. Award-winning Spectrum draws upon the talent of four radiant voices and diverse personalities to form a first-class vocal quartet. After spending six stellar years recreating the sound and style of the Four Tops in award-winning Las Vegas productions, they have developed the awesome versatility to cover the music of groups from The Platters to The Temptations to Boyz II Men. All seats \$50. Call 601-693-2224 or go to: <http://www.meridianso.org/index.cfm/events/mso-meets-motown/>

28: Elegance Ballroom and DFU hosts World Famous Dancer of Argentinian Descent Oscar Flores who will teach 45 minute into class at 6 p.m. at Elegance Ballroom, 2208 Front Street, Meridian. \$40 per person. For more information, email mizmjoyner@yahoo.com

26-March 2: Meridian Little Theatre presents "Rex's Exes" at the Highway 39 Playhouse, Meridian at 7:30 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 28. The hilarious sequel to "The Red Velvet Cake War" features the Verdeen family and a new brew of outlandish characters. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 senior, military & youth. For more information, call 601-482-6371. (No play on Feb. 29)

27: Kountry Wayne & Friends in concert at Meridian Temple Theatre. "Laughing 2 D Bank Comedy Show" featuring Kountry Wayne & Friends. Hosted by Solo, Spike Davis, Whodi, Freddie V and Da Performer! Show starts at 8 p.m.; Doors open at 6 p.m. General Admission: \$20. VIP \$40. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com; Wing Shack, Sam's Fashion, Meridian Underground & Temple Theatre Box Office

APRIL

23-24: The Meridian Little Theatre Guild will be holding its annual Spring Variety Sale on April 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and April 24 from 1-4 p.m. at the Meridian Little Theatre on Hwy 39 North, Meridian. Items for sale include ladies, men's and children's clothing, purses, shoes, linens, kitchen items, knick-knacks, home decorations, toys, books, magazines, and many other items. We also have a special boutique area with name brand items at slightly higher prices and several beautiful wedding gowns and evening wear. Sunday most items, except boutique, will be 1/2 price. For more information call the box office at (601) 482-6371 or (601) 679-7671.

ONGOING

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group provides emotional, spiritual and practical support to mothers of preschoolers. Expectant mothers and mothers of preschoolers are invited to the meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church. Child care provided for ages newborn to five. Visit us on Facebook at Fifteenth Avenue MOPS for meeting details or call 757-574-2557. Fees: Free for first meeting, only \$50 a year to become a member. Military discounts available.

Fleet Reserve Association local FRA branch holds monthly meetings the last Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. For more information visit FRA Branch 264 on Facebook or 8874 Hwy 39 North, Meridian. Open Monday-Wednesday 2-7 p.m.; Thursdays 2-10 p.m.; Friday 2 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday noon-1 a.m.; and open at noon on Sundays. Thursday Ladies Nite begins at 7 p.m.; and Saturday Karaoke Nite begins at 8 p.m. Free billiards and shuffleboard. Burgers & Dogs on Sunday at 2 p.m. Monetary donations appreciated for Sunday food. This is a great way for both young and old to share experiences and fellowship. For more information contact Ricky Nelson at 601-917-1007.

• Volunteer

His volunteer hours in 2015 total 156 off-duty hours towards numerous Habitat for Humanity projects. He served on the Navy Ball Committee and was involved in organizing 12 command functions on the installation.

Prasad is a personnel administration specialist. His volunteer service includes the 59/20 Music Festival, Meridian Symphony Orchestra's annual crawfish boil, Special Olympics at Meridian

Community College, and serving as a judge at NJROTC drill meet at Neshoba High School. He is an active volunteer at Southeast Lauderdale Middle and Elementary schools.

Rieber serves as the military standards division supervisor. He is the recipient of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in September 2015. His volunteer work includes Carver Middle School, NJROTC drill meet at Neshoba

High School and Pearl High School and Earth's Bounty Farmer's Market. He serves as a coach for Mississippi Youth Soccer Organization Girls Under 10 team.

St. Jean serves as an aerospace medicine technician. His volunteer work includes 235 hours as the head coach for the Meridian Youth Soccer Organization's Little Hawks soccer team. He has donated his time to multiple sporting events on the installation and the 2015 Health Fair.

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* Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are outside or in a room that is not well screened.

* Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

* Use EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or IR3535. These are safe for pregnant women when used as directed.

* Use permethrin-treated clothing and equipment.

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MCC offers classes

Dates: March 14-May 12

- ✓ EPY 2513 HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ SOC 2143 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Location: NAS Meridian, Admin Bldg 255
Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays
Format: 8 weeks HYBRID 50 percent in-class; 50 percent online

Dates: March 14-May 5

- ONLINE CLASSES
 - ✓ BAD 1113 INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS
 - ✓ CRJ 1313 INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- Format: 8 weeks online only

To register contact: Tabitha Jones, MCC Military and Veterans Services Coordinator
Office hours in Adm Bldg 255: Wednesdays 08:00 - 16:30 or by Appointment.
Phone: 601.679.2450 (NAS Office)
All other days and times at MCC Admissions Office, Ivy Hall 601.553.3468 (MCC Office) E-mail: tjones57@meridiancc.edu

EMCC offers classes

Starting March 3, the following courses will be taught in Admin Building 255:

✓ ENG 1123: English Comp II-Hybrid from 4:15-7 p.m.

✓ MAT1313: College Algebra from 7-9:45 p.m.

Additionally, second intensive online courses starts March 14.

If you are interested in starting or continuing your education, please stop by Building 255 and visit with James Rush on Monday's from 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m. E-mail: jrush@eastms.edu or call 662-476-5386



KEEP CALM AND VOLUNTEER HERE

Kids back to school and do you want to fill your time?

Help other military families!

VOLUNTEER

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society covers the cost of childcare while you are volunteering and provides monthly/quarterly mileage reimbursement.



Call NMCRS Meridian at 601-679-2504 or email alice.huffman@nmcrs.org to learn more about how you can help.

Volunteer staff our office two days a week. Tues/Thurs 0830 - 1300

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SC-CS 2016

Naval Air Station Meridian personnel participate in EXERCISE Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield on Feb. 3 during an active shooter exercise at the Navy Exchange. All Navy installations located in the continental United States participated in the exercise Feb. 1-12. Conducted by U.S. Fleet Forces and Navy Installations Command, this annual anti-terrorism force protection (ATFP) exercise is designed to train Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units. Meridian's exercise included Fire & Emergency Services, Security, Safety, Emergency Mangement and several other departments. "Everybody walks away at the end confident," said NAS Meridian Security Officer Lt. Marco Agricoli. "To make it more instinctive, we're training so their first response is based on training. They're working form muscle memory. The number one mission is to neutralize the threat. We've learned over the years that the most important thing about active shooters is that they intend to inflict death or do tremendous bodily harm. Every second counts. Shooters are there to kill." Installation Training Officer Chuck Martin and the Installation Training Team have been orangizing the exercise for three months. "This is important so that people on the installation are aware of emergency actions they need to take," Martin said. "We try and recreate it to make it as real as possible. We train on a regular basis."

Photos by Penny Randall



Guard teams with SPP to conduct information exchange with Uzbekistan

Mississippi National Guard Counterdrug Program (MSNGCDP) personnel in conjunction with the Mississippi National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) personnel visited, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Dec. 14-18 to conduct an information exchange.

The information exchange focused on informing Mississippi's state partner, Uzbekistan, how the MSNGCDP uses a "Whole of Government" approach to support law enforcement agencies in deterring, detecting and interdicting illicit narcotics.

"Uzbeks were highly interested in current drug trends, prices, technological capabilities, search warrants, interdiction stops, and information provided to the public on the dangers of illicit narcotics," Mississippi National Guard Counterdrug Coordinator/Commandant, Maj. Gary Crist, said.

Counterdrug subject matter experts gave presentations to members from four of Uzbekistan's government

agencies: Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Border Protection, and the Armed Forces Academy. Presentations focused on the MSNGCDP and the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy's ability to provide support and training to law enforcement agencies.

The State Department Website notes Uzbekistan is a significant transit country for heroin, opium, hashish and marijuana, and Uzbekistan's borders afford drug traffickers ample opportunity to enter undetected via thousands of miles of open desert, rugged mountains.

Because of this, borders and railways were a major topic of discussion.

The exchange also allowed for the attendees to share dialogue about the tactics each uses in conducting similar tasks regarding interdiction of illicit drugs and the disruption of Transnational Criminal Organization activities.

MSNGCDP provided strategy, policy and guidance, along with resources, to assess security cooperation activities.

Additionally, in conjunction with the SPP program, the counterdrug SMEs worked on building trust to strengthen their state partnership.

Through SPP, the National Guard conducts military-to-military engagements in support of defense security goals but also leverages whole-of-society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency and corollary engagements spanning military, government, economic and social spheres.

This low-cost program is administered by the National Guard Bureau, guided by State Department foreign policy goals, and executed by the state adjutants general in support of combatant commander and U.S. Chief of Mission security cooperation objectives and Department of Defense policy goals.

'With You All the Way'



Submitted Photo

Trevor Romain speaks to students at Poplar Springs Elementary recently about the "With You All the Way!" program. Comfort Crew for Military Kids and the USO are visiting US military bases around the world, delivering support to military kids and their classmates. The tour is an exciting, educational presentation lead by award-winning TV personality and children's book author, Trevor Romain, whose upbeat message emphasizes the importance of caring for one another and developing valuable strategies for dealing with the unique challenges of military life. Romain also visited NAS Meridian military children and several other area schools.

VT-7 Employee of Quarter



Submitted Photo

Adam Worfolk was recently selected as Training Squadron Seven's Employee of the Quarter (4th Quarter 2015) while serving as Student Control A-Jet clerk. He led the drive to assemble a complete departmental pass down and training guide for all civilian positions. He has repeatedly streamlined many STUCON functions by creating Excel programs that track every function of student tracking. As the A-Jet clerk, he is directly responsible for the outstanding performance during the CNATRA assistance inspection.

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U.S. Army Photo

The aedes albopictus mosquito is the primary carrier for the chikungunya virus, also known as CHIK, in the temperate climates of the United States. While Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall officials test regularly for the presence of West Nile Virus in local mosquitoes, joint base residents can take a number of preventative steps to help stem mosquito breeding and activity near residences on the joint base.



Navy's 3rd MCPON Robert J. Walker passes away

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Robert J. Walker died peacefully the evening of Feb. 15 surrounded by his wife, Fran, and family members. He was 87.

Walker became the third MCPON Sept. 25, 1975. He relieved John D. Whittet and held the job for four years before Thomas Crow assumed duties in September of 1979.

Walker was born in Baldwin, New York, and joined the Navy at the age of 19 in 1948. He attended radarman "A" school in Boston and was assigned to destroyer USS McKean (DD 784). He served two-year tours aboard the destroyer escorts USS William Seiverling (DE 441) and USS Erben (DD 631).

While aboard Erben, he deployed to the Western Pacific in support of the Korean War. In October 1955, Walker reported to Norfolk as an instructor at radarman "A" school.

Eight years after joining the Navy, Walker was advanced to chief petty officer. In 1961 he was selected for E-8 and two years later for E-9. From 1970 to 1972, he served as the senior enlisted advisor and leading chief for combat systems training at Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center, Dam Neck, Virginia.

In 1972, Walker's rating was renamed "Operations Specialist" (OS). In November 1974, Vice Adm. Frederick H. Michaelis, commander, Air Force Atlantic surveyed his master chiefs for the job of master chief petty officer of the force. He selected Walker.

Walker was selected for MCPON in June 1975.

During his time in office, he directed chief petty officers

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MCPON Robert J. Walker, retired U.S. Navy

toward what he described as the five "Principles of Professionalism": technical expertise; job skill; leadership; motivation; and personal integrity and responsibility. Leadership was Walker's favorite topic. He believed leadership qualities were learned, not innate qualities and he worked for four years to develop leadership training programs.

As the Navy's senior enlisted Sailor, he instilled leadership training throughout the ranks. Through his efforts, a petty officer indoctrination course became mandatory for all new E-4s. New chiefs were also required to take indoctrination courses. His connection with the other services via their senior enlisted advisors allowed him to gain more quotas for senior and master chiefs at the Army's Sergeants Major Academy and the Air Force's Senior Enlisted Academy. Not content with sending Sailors to other services for leadership training, he initiated a recommendation to create a Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

As MCPON, Walker demanded a lot from his senior enlisted advisors. In 1977, he re-organized top tier senior enlisted into a Fleet, Force and Command Master Chief program. He also pushed to create the Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification (ESWS). He believed it promoted professionalism and enhanced the Navy.

"Bob was extremely revered by the force," said current MCPON, Mike Stevens. "He influenced generations of Sailors and profoundly shaped many policies and procedures that our Navy has today and there is no doubt that his legacy will live on in each Sailor who serves our country."

During an interview that he conducted after leaving the MCPON office he shared his thoughts on the Navy.

"I joined the Navy to make it a career," said Walker. "I enjoyed it from the day I joined until the day I retired."

Stevens said the entire Navy mourns the loss of one of the finest leaders the enlisted force has ever known.

"Bob Walker provided sound leadership during difficult times," said Stevens. "He advocated for changes to ensure a more professional enlisted force and opened the lines of communication throughout the chain of command."

Stevens added, "I often tell Sailors that the MCPON's office does not belong to any one person. It is the Sailors' office and that sentiment is simply something that I'm echoing from Bob's thoughts."

Walker's farewell message in the September 1979 issue of The Direct Line reflects a mood of intense pride in the role he played in the Navy's progress to solid, communicative leadership.

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Snow plows and wedding vows

After 23 years of marriage, I know relationships are tested.

Power struggles surface during unexpected moments, when complex facets of our subconscious bait us into subtle conflicts with our mates. Every couple has their triggers, and ours include discussions over which way the toilet paper roll should hang, who touched the thermostat last, and what constitutes junk mail.

For my husband and I, there is one seemingly harmless event that launches us into a passive aggressive battle of wills like no other. It happens only once or twice a year, but when it does, it causes palpable tension that leaves us both leafing through the yellow pages for a good attorney, just in case.

That event is skiing. A wonderful recreational sport intended to provide overworked human beings with a break from the daily grind, unforgettable memories, and adrenaline-fueled euphoria: skiing actually sends us to the brink of divorce.

Our perceptions of skiing started in our respective childhoods. Francis will never forget being forced to take ski lessons with his brothers, after having been bribed with hot cocoa. Whereas, my high school best friend and I loved going to local Pennsylvania ski resorts, lying to boys we met on the lifts, telling them we went to exclusive private schools and our names were "Claire Taylor" and "Brooke Townsend."

With our particular histories, Francis and I see family ski trips through different lenses - mine rose colored, and his sharply focused in harsh lighting.

Last weekend, some friends invited us to their ski place up in New Hampshire. As soon as we accepted the invitation, the power struggle ensued. Subconsciously, Francis was prepared to hate every minute of it - the cold, the inconvenience, the expense - and to hold me personally responsible for his annoyance. And without realizing it, I launched my own propaganda campaign to convince him that skiing is fun.

COLUMN



Lisa Smith Molinari

While Francis remained stubbornly skeptical, I ran around like the proverbial headless chicken to shield him from the inconvenient truth. I needed a PhD in economics to get the best deal on lift tickets. I needed eight arms at the base recreation center to rent two snowboard sets, two alpine ski sets, and four cross country ski sets. I needed the patience of Job packing enough gloves and hats and snacks and drinks to keep everyone happy. I needed a second mortgage on our house to pay for it. And acting lessons in how to grin and bear it.

It all came to a head our first day on the slopes. After huffing and puffing our way into long underwear, ski pants, sweaters, and coats, we still had to pack our equipment into the car, find a parking spot at the resort, and awkwardly lug our clacking skis, poles, helmets and boots to the



Submitted photo

Myself with my husband Capt. Francis Molinari, and our daughter, Lilly, on our recent ski outing.

ticket area. The tension emanating from Francis was palpable. With clenched teeth, he silently screamed, "This is all your fault!" And the worst was yet to come.

Sweaty and winded, we went to the locker room for the most notorious of ski-related tasks. You'd think that by now, someone would have invented an easier way to put on ski boots, or at the very least, a boot that doesn't make you walk like you are doing a bad version of The Hustle.

Francis grunted audibly from his side of the bench. It took two of us bracing against the lockers to snap his buckles shut, then we had to do it all over again when he announced that a wrinkle in his sock was causing excruciating pain.

Cussing under his breath, Francis did the awkward-rocking-boot-walk outside to find his skis, and by some miracle of God, we made it onto the chair lift.

In that rare moment of calm silence, I realized that Francis had been right all

along - skiing really is the most inconvenient sport. I decided to concede defeat and leave him alone, fully expecting him to give up after a run or two and head for the lodge.

Hours later, I ran into Francis on the slopes. Not only had he not given up, he'd been skiing all day long, without hot cocoa. "You up for another run?" he asked from behind his balaclava.

"Heck yeah," I smiled, slotting into the lift line with him.

On the chairlift, I asked, "Isn't this fun?"

"It's okay, I guess," he responded, noncommittally.

I leaned in for a frosty kiss, realizing that our power struggle had peaked, and it was all downhill from there.

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

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Pfc. Austin Bannister

MATSS-1 Student

Hometown: Merrimack, N.H.

The first Marine in his family since his great-grand uncle Archie served in World War II, Pfc. Austin Bannister became a Marine to build on his strengths and do the things he wouldn't have been able to if he were a civilian.

He enjoys surfing, snowboarding and mountain biking and is looking forward to a successful Marine Corps career, during which he hopes to see the seven wonders of the world.

Bannister admires his high school AP psychology teacher Mr. Petringo. "He was always there to help me through my years of school," Bannister said. "He pushed me and helped me strive to do well."

OOORAH!



Pvt. Tanner Harris

MATSS-1 Student

Hometown: Sherman, Texas

A Texas-born paintball and golf enthusiast, Pvt. Tanner Harris joined the Marine Corps to make a difference in his life and in the lives of others. He is currently enrolled in the Individual Asset Manager's Specialist Course at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One.

His most memorable moment so far in the Marine Corps was helping to gather Christmas gifts as part of the 2016 Toys for Tots campaign.

Tanner looks forward to traveling the world in the Marine Corps and hopes to live his life as his older brother has. "I admire my older brother," said Tanner. "No matter what happens in his life around him he always makes the right choices and stays true to his morals."

VMM-365 Marines take to sky

By Lance Cpl. Aaron Fiala
II Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. -- Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 conducted section confined area landings and a M2 Browning .50-Cal machine gun shoot from Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, Feb. 10.

Marines with the unit flew two MV-22B Ospreys to a landing zone for familiarization flight training, which allowed pilots to practice landings. After practicing CALs, the crew flew off the coast to a safe distance in order to practice shooting the machine gun from the back of the aircraft.

Prior to their flight, the pilots and crew gave a brief which covered information about the aircraft's capabilities, as well as factors that may affect the flight, such as current and expected weather conditions. The crew conducted a thorough inspection of their Osprey and after the aircraft was deemed safe and ready for flight, they took to the sky.

"Section CALs is just one of the biggest basic building blocks into what we do," said Capt. Edward K. Williams, a pilot with the unit. "You have got to master that before you can get three or four aircraft into a zone and then move on to doing that at night."

The pilots and crew traveled to a nearby landing zone to practice landings and takeoffs. For this part of the flight there were

two Ospreys landing within close vicinity.

"The purpose of the training today was mainly proficiency," said Lance Cpl. Jarod L. Smith, a crew chief with the unit. He explained how of the two aircraft, one had fairly experienced pilots and crew but the other aircraft had a newer pilot who was getting his initial code.

Smith explained that pilots acquire different codes for the flights they conduct.

Once the initial CALs flight was completed, the Marines returned to the hangar to refuel and then flew out for a .50-caliber machine gun shoot.

"The tail guns are important because [they] are our primary weapon," said Williams. "If there is a threat in the zone the crew chiefs need to be proficient to be able to engage a threat without prior notice."

The .50-caliber machine gun was mounted on a pivot in the back of the Osprey. The pivot allows the weapon operator to take advantage of a wide angle to effectively engage any target. Smith explained how firing these larger rounds offer more penetration than other munitions and allow the gunner to engage enemies at greater distances.

The Osprey made several passes allowing each of the crew members in the back to practice firing the weapon system. Each pass involved firing into an area of the ocean while keeping a tight group on the rounds fired.

Williams explained how despite this training being conducted on a regular ba-



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Aaron Fiala

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 conducts section confined area landings with MV-22B Ospreys, Feb. 10. Marines with VMM-365, out of Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., flew to a landing zone, which allowed pilots to practice CALs in their Osprey's and then flew several miles off the coast to practice shooting the M2 Browning .50-caliber machine gun from the back of the aircraft.

sis it is still not routine. Every time Marines fly, the training requires the same amount of preflight planning and briefing. A lot of work goes into preflight planning as well as debriefs.

Debriefs allow pilots and crew chiefs to assess their flights and determine how to improve their next flight. Even if the flight

goes according to plan, Marines always look for ways to improve for future operations.

"Training is important because as Marines we pride ourselves in readiness," said Smith. "We need to be proficient in confined area landings because that is what you're going to [conduct] when you're anywhere."

HAT YAO, THAILAND



Photo by Lance Cpl. Luke Hoogendam

A U.S. Marine Corps amphibious combat vehicle comes ashore during an amphibious capabilities demonstration at Hat Yao, Rayong, Thailand, during exercise Cobra Gold, Feb. 11. Cobra Gold is a multinational training exercise developed to strengthen security and interoperability between the Kingdom of Thailand, the U.S. and other participating nations.

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Angelica I. Annastas

Marines of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, run in formation during their motivation run at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Feb. 11. After the Marines graduate recruit training, they receive 10 days of leave before reporting to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for Marine Combat Training. Annually, more than 17,000 males recruited from the Western Recruiting Region are trained at MCRD San Diego.

Safety & Energy Efficiency is Our Duty

Improve windows to save energy

Windows provide our homes with light, warmth, and ventilation, but they can also negatively impact a home's energy efficiency. You can reduce energy costs by installing energy-efficient windows in your home. If your budget is tight, energy efficiency improvements to existing windows can also help.

You can improve the energy efficiency of existing windows by adding storm windows, caulking and weatherstripping, and using window treatments or coverings.

Adding storm windows can reduce air leakage and improve comfort. Caulking and weatherstripping can reduce air leakage around windows. Use caulk for stationary cracks, gaps, or joints less than one-quarter inch wide, and weatherstripping for building com-

ponents that move, such as doors and operable windows. Window treatments or coverings can reduce heat loss in the winter and heat gain in the summer. Most window treatments, however, aren't effective at reducing air leakage or infiltration.

If your home has very old and/or inefficient windows, it might be more cost-effective to replace them than to try to improve their energy efficiency. New, energy-efficient windows eventually pay for themselves through lower heating and cooling costs, and sometimes even lighting costs.

When properly selected and installed, energy-efficient windows can help minimize your heating, cooling, and lighting costs. Improving window performance in your home involves design, selection, and installation.

To be effective, south-facing windows should have a solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) of greater than 0.6 to maximize solar heat gain during the winter, a U-factor of 0.35 or less to reduce conductive heat transfer, and a high visible transmittance (VT) for good visible light transfer.

Windows on east-, west-, and north-facing walls should be minimized while still allowing for adequate daylight. It is difficult to control heat and light through east- and west-facing windows when the sun is low in the sky, and these windows should have a low SHGC and/or be shaded. North-facing windows collect little solar heat, so they are used only for lighting. Low-emissivity (low-e) window glazing can help control solar heat gain and loss in heating climates.

Kitchen Fire Safety

To keep unintentional injuries out of your kitchen, the NAS Meridian Fire Department suggests taking these simple steps to prevent kitchen fires and burns:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking
- Keep things that can burn, such as dish towels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least 3 feet away from the stove top or hot appliance.
- Keep the stove top and oven clean
- Before cooking, roll up your sleeves and use oven mitts. Loose-fitting clothes can catch fire when it contacts a hot burner. If clothes do catch on fire, utilize the "STOP, DROP, and ROLL" technique. Drop immediately to the ground and rolling over and over or back and forth to put the flames out. Cool the burned area with cool water and seek medical attention for serious burns.
- Always turn pot or pan handles inward to prevent small children from



reaching and pulling them down.

- Keep hot items, such as hot beverages and trays that have just come out of the oven away from the edge of counters, so that children can reach them.
- Remove the lids or other coverings from microwaved food carefully to help prevent steam burns.
- Keep children and pets away from the stove when anyone is cooking and keep a close eye on them at all times.
- Store knives and other sharp objects out of the reach of children and make sure they are a safe distance away when using a knife to avoid injury.
- Post emergency numbers in a visible place and ensure everyone in the house knows where they are located.

Hot liquids and food burns often occur when children pull or hang on tablecloths and placemats.

If you have any questions, please contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at 679-3866.





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Liberty Center	679-3760	Rudder's	679-2636	SLO	679-2473
Tickets	679-3773	Sandtrap Grill	679-2780	P.C. Golf Course	679-2526
McCain Rec Center	679-2651	Tutto Bene	679-2345	MWR Admin.	679-2551
Equipment Rental	679-2609	CDC/CDH	679-2652	MWR Jobs Line	679-2467



Coming Attractions

McCain Rec Center

- Thursday, February 18**
5pm, Despicable Me 2, PG
7pm, The Intern, PG13
- Friday, February 19**
5pm, Epic, PG
7pm, Hannah and Her Sisters, PG13
- Saturday, February 20**
1pm, Inside Out, PG
5pm, We Are Your Friends, R
7pm, Hannah and Her Sisters, PG13
- Sunday, February 21**
1pm, Despicable Me 2, PG
5pm, The Intern, PG13
7:10pm, We Are Your Friends, R
- Monday, February 22**
5pm, Monsters University, G
7pm, No Escape, R
- Tuesday, February 23**
5pm, Planes: Fire and Rescue, PG
7pm, American Ultra, R
- Wednesday, February 24**
5pm, Shrek, PG
7pm, A Walk In The Woods, R
- Thursday, February 25**
5pm, Monsters University, G
7pm, No Escape, R
- Friday, February 26**
5pm, Planes: Fire and Rescue, PG
7pm, American Ultra, R
- Saturday, February 27**
1pm, Shrek, PG
5pm, A Walk In The Woods, R
7pm, American Ultra, R
- Sunday, February 28**
1pm, Monsters University, G
5pm, No Escape, R
7pm, A Walk In The Woods, R
- Monday, February 29**
5pm, Pan, PG
7pm, Black Mass, R
- Tuesday, March 1**
5pm, Everest, PG13
7pm, Crying Game, R
- Wednesday, March 2**
5pm, Bridge of Spies, PG13
7pm, The Martian, PG13

The Liberty Center

- Thursday, February 18**
7pm, Hannah and Her Sisters, PG13
- Friday, February 19**
7pm, We Are Your Friends, R
- Saturday, February 20**
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Movies shown at McCain Rec Center and the Liberty Center are shown FREE of charge.

Paintball is Open!

Saturday, February 13, 2016 marked the opening of MWR's highly anticipated Paintball course! The paintball course, located at the Ponta Creek Community Recreation Complex will be available for "Open Field" play on Saturday from 12pm to 3pm. Field reservations are available on Saturday from 10am - 12pm and 3pm - 5pm as well as Sunday 1pm - 3pm and 3pm - 5pm. For information or to reserve a field, call (601) 679-2526.



Library Happenings

Don't forget that Saturday, February 20, 2016, is Take Your Child to the Library Day at the Andrew Triplett Library. This nationwide celebration is an opportunity for parents and children to experience the children's services offered at the library. Take Your Child to the Library reminds our community about the importance of the library in a child's life.

Come anytime between 11am and 2pm. Spend time browsing our new books, creating a bookmark and listening to Pete the Cat read some of his favorite books.

The library has recently added 43 new books in the children's collection. Here is a sampling:

- Six new Peppa Pig books
- Two Lola Levine books
- Five books in the Zombie Chasers series
- Other new pictures books
- Other new chapter books

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with a party in the library. The party is from 4:30-5:30. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend!

Weekly Events



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Fri., & Sat. 4pm - 9pm

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Spring Break Camp

Registration is underway for SAC Spring Break Camp taking place March 7 - 11, 2016 from 8am to 4pm. All children ages 5 to 14 must register by March 3, 2016. For more information call (601) 679-2652 (CDC) or (601) 679-5252 (SAC).

Give Parents A Break & Parent's Night Out

February 4, 11, 18 & 26

At CDC & SAC

6pm - 10pm

Call (601) 679-2652 for info.

SAC Summer Camp

Registration is underway for SAC Summer Camp. The camp is a week of fun, games, and activities for children ages 5 to 14. Registration is open until February 28, 2016. For more information about Summer Camp, please contact the SAC at (601) 679-2652 or (601) 679-5252.

The Sandtrap Weekly Specials

- Thursday, February 18**
Taco Salad
Don't miss the Sandtrap's famous Taco Salad. Served with a drink for \$6.
- Tuesday, February 23**
Smothered Hamburger
Smothered Hamburger, Mashed Potato with Gravy, Squash, Cornbread and Drink for only \$6.
- Wednesday, February 24**
Fried Chicken
Fried Chicken, Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Roll and Drink for only \$6.
- Thursday, February 25**
Jambalya
Jambalya, Corn Nuggets, Garden Salad, Roll and Drink for only \$6.
- Tuesday, March 1**
Chicken Fried Steak
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato with Gravy, Fried Okra, Cornbread and Drink for only \$6.
- Wednesday, March 2**
Sausage Dog
Sausage Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll and Drink for only \$6.

9 Pin No Tap Tournament

No registration needed.

Event is on the LAST SATURDAY of each month

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Sports

Upcoming at The Fitness Center

To sign up for Captain's Cup sports, please go to navymwrmeridian.com.

Under the Fitness tab, Click on:

1. Intramural Sports then
2. Click appropriate link, The Team Captain(s) will need to enter Names, emails and phone numbers for everyone on the team.

Biggest Loser

- o Sign up deadline - Feb. 29, 2016
- o Prizes will be awarded for the top teams

Racquetball Tournament (Over 30 Division)

- o Sign up deadline - Mar. 1, 2016

Captain's Cup Basketball Standings

	Total Wins	Total Losses	Total Forfeits
AirOps	0	4	0
ANG	2	2	0
Army Nat. Guard	2	2	1
Field Support	2	1	1
MATSS-1	0	5	0
NAS Marine Warriors	5	0	0
NTTC Blue	5	0	0
NTTC Gold	2	2	0
VT-9	2	3	0

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March 5, 2016

9am at the Ponta Creek

Community Recreation Complex

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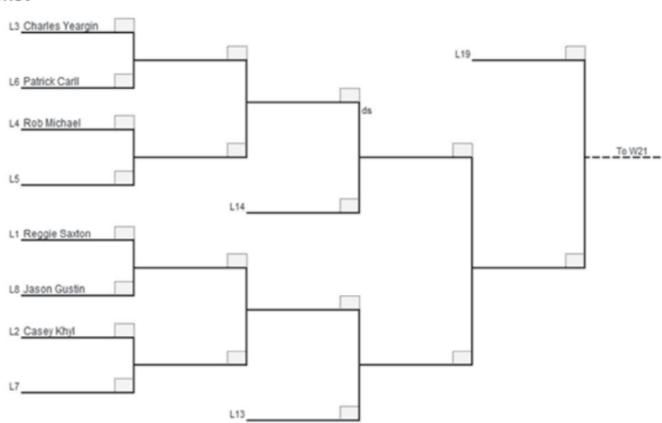


Captain's Cup 2016 Racquetball Tournament

Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



Walker

His final comments on leadership characterize his tenure:

"Honesty must be a day-to-day example of genuine concern for people, a professional approach to the mission, and the ability to lead and accomplish set goals. Never be afraid to admit mistakes or try new ideas, and by all means, let your subordinates have the opportunity to recommend and become part of the solution."

"There is no place for bigotry or racism in the Navy. We are all Sailors striving to

achieve a common goal and that is the continued freedom our great nation enjoys. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Navy is truly an honorable profession."

Following his retirement on Sept. 28, 1979, Walker worked three years with the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, rising to the position of president. Later he was employed as manager/public relations for the Jonathon Corporation, a ship repair/electronics business in Norfolk.

He is survived by his wife, Fran Walker,

of 64 years; his children, Kathy Jones, Linda Campbell, Robert Walker Jr., Teri Rice, and Michael Walker; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Walker was preceded in death by his daughter Michelle Walker Pfeiffer.

Information regarding funeral and memorial services will be released to the Navy via NAVADMIN.

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit their website.

From Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

Chaplain's Corner

Compassion counts

Recently I had a conversation with a former Sailor. I asked his permission to share it but keep the names anonymous. I also edited some of his language because, well, you know Sailors...

A guy I was in boot camp with looked me up on Facebook. He just got on Facebook and he said that I was the first person he wanted to find! I haven't seen, or even thought about him, well... since boot camp - 34 years ago. And he says he wanted to look me up. I guess I made an impression on the poor man.

This guy came from a very religious large family from the South. Very sheltered. Very naive. Little guy. Easy target for bullying. Always being teased. Kind of stinky. Easy target. It just got worse and worse. I didn't tease him, but I watched until one day he broke down and cried. I was on watch and I found him outside crying

in a phone booth. His dad had just told him he could quit if he wanted to but he'd always be a quitter. He told me he couldn't take it anymore. It wasn't worth it.

And he was the most excited about bootcamp of us all! He loved getting up early! The chow food! Everything everyone hated, he loved! I hadn't realized he was so traumatized. You shouldn't have to leave something you love because jackasses are f***** with you.

I've never been bullied. And I have never bullied another (except for bullies). I told him to calm down and cheer up and not to worry anymore about being teased. He said, "Well, you never tease me anyways." I told him I meant the company.

I was on watch and it was like 3a.m. I went to the barracks, flipped all the lights on, and started banging the trashcans to get their attention like the company commanders do. They were all groggy and pissed when they found it was only me making the racket. Boy oh boy!

I had to explain. I told them teasing our shipmate was going to stop. I told them I found

him very upset and he wanted to quit. A few jackasses said, "Fine, let him." To them I said it wasn't up to them to be his task master. I told them I would f*** with them 10 times worse. Most of the guys were cool. They had no idea he was being pushed that far. They always think a little teasing doesn't hurt.

I told them, "Yeah, but a little teasing from 50 people every day, hurts." I said, "If he washes out you're a big reason why. His washing out is a direct reflection on you." I made my point. There was no more teasing. I kind of took him under my wing without thinking about it.

He told me that he just recently retired after a 30-year hitch with the navy - best years of his life he said. He just wanted to call to say thank you.

Lt Chris Linzey, CHC, USN, is a staff chaplain at NAS Meridian.

He can be reached at 601-679-3635.

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Linzey

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You can purchase an ad for a business or organization in "The Skyline," by calling The Meridian Star at 601-693-1551 -- ask for Jennifer.





First African-American woman from NROTC selected for nuclear submarine service

By Michael F. Miller

Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

BATON ROUGE, La. (NNS) -- The first African-American woman from Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) has been selected to serve aboard U.S. Navy submarines.

Southern University and A&M College Midshipman 1st Class Nsombi Roberts, from Palm Bay, Florida, was interviewed Oct. 29 by Adm. James F. Caldwell, Jr., the director, naval nuclear propulsion program and the top Navy officer in the submarine force in Washington, D.C.

After passing her technical interviews and the interview with Caldwell, Roberts was selected for submarine service.

"I really liked the challenge, and that's why I wanted to go nuclear sub," said Roberts. "I really want to be on a fast-attack sub but my ultimate aspiration is to command a submarine."

Leadership at Southern University NROTC provides mentorship for all midshipmen leading up to their service selection.

"We gauge incoming freshmen and let

them know it's okay to go the sub route and that a very select few are selected, so if given the chance, take it," said Cmdr. Tremayne Criner, the executive officer at Southern University NROTC. "Interest in application and selection has gone up since the arrival of our nuclear programs officer, Lt. Kevin Zimmerly."

According to Roberts, she considers herself fortunate to have a nuclear programs officer at the university.

"Midshipman Roberts was motivated the moment I met her and definitely excited about the nuclear submarine program," said Zimmerly, who came from King's Bay, Georgia, after being stationed aboard the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS West Virginia (SSBN-736). "I serve as mentor to our midshipmen and there is also a lot of support we receive from the NROTC program headquartered in Pensacola, Florida."

Midshipman Roberts, who attended Bayside High School, also participated in the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program and ascended to the rank of battalion commander. She continues to be heavily involved in her school work and extracurricular activities in col-

lege. While majoring in chemistry with a minor in mathematics, she is also a member of the university's quiz bowl team as well as Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

"The NROTC program has allowed me to balance many things in my life," said Roberts. "My father was in the Army and I've been taught to balance lots of things in my life. I feel the pressure to succeed but it is good and helpful pressure."

Midshipman Roberts is among more than 4,000 students enrolled in the NROTC program at 166 colleges and universities throughout the country. Upon graduation and completion of the NROTC program in May, she will commission as an ensign in the Navy.

Following her commissioning and graduation, Roberts will attend Nuclear Propulsion School in Charleston, South Carolina, Prototype (Nuclear Power Training Unit) at one of several locations in the country and Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut, before being assigned to her first submarine. The whole training process is expected to take 15-18 months.

The NROTC program, overseen by Rear Adm. Steven C. Evans, commander, Naval

Service Training Command (NSTC) at Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois, was established to develop midshipmen mentally, morally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, loyalty and Navy core values in order to commission college graduates as Naval officers.

The officers will possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval service and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.

NSTC oversees 98 percent of initial officer and enlisted accessions training for the Navy, as well as the Navy's Citizenship Development program. NSTC includes Recruit Training Command (RTC), NROTC units at more than 160 colleges and universities, Officer Training Command (OTC) at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, and Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) and Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) citizenship development programs at more than 600 high schools worldwide.

Astronaut convocation educates midshipmen on future of space flight

By MC2 Jonathan Correa

U.S. Naval Academy Public Affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) -- Five of the U.S. Naval Academy's 52 astronaut alumni served as panel members for the annual Astronaut Convocation Feb. 11 in Alumni Hall.

The presentation was designed to educate the Brigade of Midshipmen about the future of space flight and exploration from leaders in the field.

"You are the future, and you are the people who are going to take us to Mars one day," said Marine Maj. Nicole Mann (USNA '99), NASA newest astronaut and test pilot. "The good news is there is not just one way to get there so whether you become a submariner, surface warfare officer or you go aviation,

that opportunity is there for the taking."

The panel members took turns discussing a variety of topics including NASA's role in commercial space travel.

"When Apollo launched, the Kennedy Space Center was a single-user platform," said retired Marine Col. Robert Cabana (USNA'71), director of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center. "Now it has become and continues to expand into a multi-user platform - restoring buildings, launch pads and other areas once used only by NASA and now allowing commercial business to come in and use these areas to help develop new technology for human exploration in space."

In addition to the growing commercial spaceflight business, the panel showed the midshipmen how advancements in robotics

are playing an important role in space, creating a safer environment for astronauts to operate.

"We have been testing robotics that will be able to go outside of the space station and do maintenance," said Capt. Chris Cassidy (USNA '93), chief of the NASA Astronaut Office. "It will not require us to put an astronaut outside."

The astronauts also took the time to share their own experiences in becoming part of the space program. For Cabana, the goal of becoming an astronaut came later in his career. He credited his time at the Naval Academy for helping him achieve this accomplishment.

"I never thought I would be an astronaut," said Cabana. "It was something I would have liked to do, but I just wanted to fly. There

were several moments I could have given up and taken a different path but what I learned here at the Naval Academy prepared me to face those challenges. Now, when someone asks me, 'How do you become an astronaut?' I say persistence."

The annual convocation provided an opportunity for midshipmen interested in the space program to meet professional astronauts who began their own careers as Naval Academy midshipmen.

"Who didn't want to be an astronaut when they were young?" said Midshipman 1st Class Nick Skeem, aerospace engineering major. "This was a great opportunity to talk with a few of them and listen to their experience and advice."

Secretary of the Navy recognizes top naval innovators

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus announced the winners and finalists of the SECNAV Innovation Awards for 2015 yesterday, recognizing the top innovators within the Department of the Navy (DON).

Winners of the Innovation Awards may receive an innovation fellowship, specialized training, choice of their next duty station or a cash award up to \$5,000.

The SECNAV Innovation Awards Program, administered by the DON Office of Strategy and Innovation, recognizes DON military and civilian individuals or teams who have made significant innovative achievements in 2015.

"Every day, across the Department of the Navy, our talented Sailors, Marines and civilians are creating innovative solutions to our most complex challenges," said Mabus. "The accomplishments of those recognized through this year's innovation awards are truly remarkable and should

serve as inspiration for the entire workforce to continue to think boldly to solve our most challenging problems."

Receiving the SECNAV Innovation Award is a significant accomplishment and a testament to the outstanding ingenuity and professionalism of the DON personnel, added Mabus.

The DON recognized innovators in program categories such as Robotics/Autonomous Systems, Data Analytics, Additive Manufacturing, Innovation Leadership, Innovation Scholar, Enlisted Innovator, Innovation Catalyst, and Outside the Box.

This year's award recipients included submissions on electronic warfare battle management software, web-based SONAR tactical decision aids, additive manufacturing for advanced liquid propulsion and other applications, underwater wireless energy transfer systems and real-time acoustic imaging.

"We received over 300 award submissions from

innovators at all levels across the Navy and Marine Corps," said Scott Hargate, the awards coordinator. "The judging was extremely difficult and everyone was impressed by the amazing ideas and strong initiative in the Department of the Navy's workforce. The work of these individuals and teams represents a cultural change in the way we think through and solve challenges in our organization. Hopefully, this recognition inspires the next generation of innovators."

The Innovation Awards Program is part of a larger effort to foster idea development and incentivize innovators across the DON to creatively develop solutions and catalyze future innovation by providing cash

awards and professional development opportunities.

The winners are:
Robotics/Autonomous Systems Category: Mayer Nelson, Alex Askari, Michael Knauft, Kevin Lin, Willard Morris, Robert Stark, William Gottwald IV, Crystal Lutkenhouse, Thomas Jjang, Steve Miller, Tristan Wolfe from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCDD)

Data Analytics Category: Philip W. Gillett and Christian M. Sarofeen from Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCDD)

Additive Manufacturing Category: Denise Orthner, Kamal Bhakta, Nicholas Cavaliere, Ian Gallagher, Steven Orciuolo Sensor from

Naval Air Systems Command

Innovation Leadership Category: Cmdr. Jeffrey L. Heames, commanding officer, USS Preble (DDG 88)

Innovation Scholar (PME) Category: Lt. Brendan Geoghegan from the Naval Postgraduate School

Innovation Scholar (Midshipmen) Category: Midshipman Annie McDonald from Navy ROTC Unit, The George Washington University

Enlisted Innovator Category: Chief Sonar Technician Benjamin A. Lebron from USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)

Innovation Catalyst Category: Keith Archbold, Allan Weidenheimer, Jeremy Hyland, Robert Alvey, David

Reed, Mitch McCrory Department of Energy (DOE), Alex Roesler DOE, John Mulder DOE, Phil Turner DOE, Lon Dawson DOE from Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport; Naval Surface Warfare Center Philadelphia Division; and Department of Energy partners at Sandia National Laboratories

Outside the Box Category: Daniel M. Robinson from the Naval Research Laboratory

For more information on the SECNAV Innovation Awards winners and outstanding submissions, visit www.secnav.navy.mil/innovation/Pages/Home.aspx.

From Office of the Chief of Information

FY 2016 senior enlisted continuation board results released

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Senior Enlisted Continuation Board (SECB) results have been posted on Sailors' BUPERS online (BOL) Feb. 10.

Of the 6,683 eligible candidates, 97 percent or 6,462 candidates were selected for continuation and commands have personally notified the 219 Sailors not selected for continuation or in a hold status.

Senior enlisted considered by the FY16 board are classified in one of three categories in BOL:

- S - Selected for continuation.
- N - Not selected for continuation.
- H - Not selected for continuation - In a hold status.

SECB is a performance-driven review of active duty, full-time support and Reserve master chiefs, senior chiefs and chiefs with more than 19 years of service and three years' time-in-grade. The board helps to ensure the highest standards are maintained in the senior enlisted ranks.

The FY16 SECB convened at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Dec. 7. The board reviewed 6,683 active duty, full-time support and Reserve records: 1,516 chiefs, 2,034 senior chiefs and 2,912 master chiefs.

Active duty and full-time support Sailors not selected for continuation must transfer to the Fleet Reserve or retire by Aug. 31, unless operationally waived by the deputy chief of naval personnel to remain on active duty until Dec. 1.

Reserve Sailors must transfer to the Retired Reserve (with or without pay) by Sept. 1. Those with an approved operational waiver from Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command can remain in a drilling status until an approved date of no later than Dec. 1.

The deadline for non-continued Sailors requesting transfer to Fleet Reserve, retirement or Retired Reserve (with or without pay) to NPC has been extended to March 15 from the original date of Jan. 31, announced in NAVADMIN 088/15.

The deadline for submitting operational waivers and readiness appeals has also been extended to March 15. Formats for operational waivers and readiness appeals can be found at www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/enlisted-continuation/Pages/default.aspx.

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs Office

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Honoring Outstanding Teachers and Educators in East Mississippi and West Alabama

Do you have a teacher who has made an impact on you or your child's life?

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Nominations may be submitted by students, parents, faculty, or community members.

Nominees must be someone employed full-time in the K-12 education field (public or private) within the following counties: Lauderdale, Neshoba, Kemper, Clarke, Newton, Choctaw & Sumter

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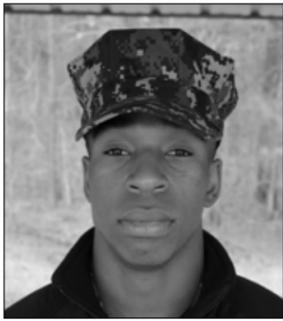
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IT'S YOUR TURN...

In honor of African American History Month we asked these service members, "What African American inspires you?"

By MC2 Casey H. Kyhl



AZAA Victor Brewton
NTTC Student
"Jackie Robinson. He changed baseball for the entire African American community."



YNSR Christian Jimenez
NTTC Student
"Malcom X changed the way African Americans were perceived. He brought together a lot of people ready for change."



YNSR Terence Warren
NTTC Student
"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a big part of the equality we have today. I don't think I would be serving as an equal in the Navy if it wasn't for him."



Pfc. Mason Terwilliger
MATSS-1 Student
"Ernie Davis was the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy. I think it opened people's eyes to the fact that we are all on the same level. We are all capable of prestige."



AZAN Nealetti Thomas
NTTC Student
"I admire Rosa Parks. She was an African American female and sat wherever she wanted. Now I can too."

Fleet & Family Support Center

Military Saves Week: Good time to start an emergency savings fund

The 2016 Military Saves Week is Feb. 22-26! The purpose of this social marketing campaign is to persuade, motivate, and encourage military families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings. The campaign is a growing network of organizations and individuals committed to helping and supporting military members and their loved ones build personal savings arsenals to provide for their immediate and long term financial needs.

Military Saves was developed and tested by its non-profit sponsor, Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and the military services from 2003 to 2006 and launched throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) on February 25, 2007. It is part of two larger campaigns -- the DoD Financial Readiness Campaign, and the national America Saves campaign.

Building an emergency savings fund is the top wealth-building goal of people registered as American Savers. If you don't have an emergency fund already, Military Saves Week is a great time to start one!

Why Build an Emergency Fund?

This is a sound choice. Having an emergency savings fund may be the most important difference between those who manage to stay afloat and those who are sinking financially. That's because maintaining emergency savings of \$500 to \$1,000 allows you to easily meet unexpected financial challenges such as:

- Repairing the brakes on your car
- Buying your child a new pair of needed shoes
- Replacing a broken window in your house
- Paying for a visit to the doctor



- when your child has the flu
- Covering the dental expense of filling a painful cavity
- Paying for a parking ticket
- Flying to visit a sick parent

The emergency fund not only allows you to cover these expenses, it also gives you the "peace of mind" that you can afford these types of financial emergencies. Not having an emergency savings fund is an important reason that many individuals borrow too much money at high interest rates. For example, with emergency savings, Americans probably would not have to take out \$2 billion a year in payday loans at interest rates that average 300 to 500 percent.

Where to Keep Emergency Savings

It's usually best to keep emergency savings in a bank or credit union savings account. These types of accounts offer easier access to your money than certificates of deposit, U.S. Savings Bonds, or mutual funds. But not too easy. Keeping your money in a savings account makes it much less likely that you will use these savings to pay for everyday, non-emergency expenses.

That's why it is usually a mistake to keep your emergency fund in a checking account.

How to Find Money to Save

There are many places to find money to save. Start with the loose change that many people accumulate. Americans typically save more than \$100 in loose change each year. Use this change to open and grow a savings account. If you receive a tax refund or Earned Income Tax Credit, use a portion of this money to begin or increase savings. Since the Tax Credits average nearly \$2,000, you may be able to open a savings account and still have plenty of money to pay off debts or cover other expenses. Try to deposit money saved by cutting back on small, unnecessary expenditures.

Building an emergency fund may be easier if you involve your whole family in meeting this challenge. After you've explained the importance of emergency savings to your spouse or children, they may even help build the account. And, they will be more likely to understand why it's more important for you to increase these savings than to pay for expensive gifts at birthdays or Christmas.

Another way to accumulate the \$500 to \$1,000 of emergency savings is to ask your bank or credit union to automatically transfer funds from checking to savings monthly. Automatic savings is the easiest savings. What you don't ever see, you may never miss.

For more information about the Military Saves campaign or to enroll as a Military Saver, visit www.militarysaves.org -- or call the FFSC at 601-679-2360 to find out about installation events in support of Military Saves Week.

-- From FFSC Staff

FFSC Briefs

To register for any of the following workshops, please call the FFSC at 601-679-2360. The class may not be presented if no one registers, so make sure you call if you're interested! Can't make the scheduled time? Call anyway - the workshop facilitator may be able to work with you one-on-one, give you materials, or let you know when the class will be offered again. All classes held at FFSC (Building 405) unless otherwise noted

Military Saves Week: Feb. 22-26 Military Saves is part of America saves, and partners with DoD's Financial Readiness Campaign, seeking to motivate, support and encourage military members and families to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth. Military Saves encourages all service members and family members as well as DoD civilian employees to take the Military Saves Pledge and for organizations to promote the campaign.

Military Saves Chili Cook Off: Feb. 25 at lunch in NTTC Administration Schoolhouse Room 125. Complete a Military Saves pledge card and receive a free bowl of chili.

Transition GPS Capstone: March 2 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ninety days before their separation from military service, service members will participate in a CAPSTONE event, which will verify that transitioning service members completed the Transition GPS curriculum and achieved Career Readiness Standards. Service members who require additional assistance will be referred to supplemental training opportunities. In addition, through the CAPSTONE event, all service members will be offered a 'warm handover' to appropriate government agencies and organizations that will be able to provide them continued benefits, services, and support as veterans. See your Command Career Counselor for more information.

IA Spouse Discussion Group: March 2 from 11 a.m.-noon FFSC hosts this IA Spouse Discussion Group over coffee (or tea). Join other military spouses to talk about the challenges of IA deployment, share survival tips, discuss the impact of deployment on children, remind one another about the benefits of deployment, or just kick back and chat!

Welcome Aboard: March 3 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. FFSC welcomes you to Meridian by providing current information and policies regarding NAS. Topics covered will include: Navy career choices, FFSC services, medical, dental, Exceptional Family Member (EFM) Program, vehicle registration, on- and off-base driving regulations, legal services, community services, chapel and other religious services, MWR, things to do at NAS and in Meridian, and more

Troops to Teachers: "Transition to Teaching" Seminar: March 8 from 10:30 a.m.-noon This briefing will cover eligibility and registration for the DoD TTT program. It will address funding and counseling services given by TTT state offices. The need for public school teachers will be addressed. Considerations and individual preparations for becoming a public school teacher will be discussed in depth. It will include gaining teaching experience, requirements for teacher certification, and obtaining employment.

Transition GPS Seminar: March 21-25 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Military personnel who are voluntarily or involuntarily separating or retiring and are within 180 days of separating are required to attend this seminar, held at the FFSC. It is highly recommended that spouses attend. You may also attend if you're up to 24 months away from your separation or retirement date. The following topics will be covered: resumes, job search skills, job interviewing, employment (state & federal), veterans' benefits, pay & travel, movement of household goods, TRICARE, emotional transition to separation, financial planning, forms and documents, benefits and services, military obligations, and more. You must see your command career counselor or admin officer before attending Transition GPS to obtain several documents that are required for the seminar.



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Budget

investments help to mitigate the strike fighter shortage. The P-8 Poseidon profile reflects our plan to accelerate procurement of one additional P-8 in FY16, and maintains the production plan to complete the buy in FY19. Additionally, this budget increases Tomahawk and SM-6 production and starts procurement of Joint Air to Ground Missile, Long Range Anti-Ship Missile and Longbow Hellfire for the Littoral Combat Ship surface to surface missile module.

In addition to procurement, the FY17 budget targets critical investments in shipyard and aviation depots to reduce maintenance backlogs. We will focus on properly maintaining ships and aircraft to reach their expected service lives, and on supporting a sustainable operational tempo.

In the area of Cyber Resiliency and Electromagnetic Maneuver Warfare, the FY17 budget increases funding to continue to overmatch adversaries with targeted investments in both the Consolidated Afloat Network & Enterprise Services program and Surface Electronic Warfare Improvement Program.

Hard Choices

This fiscal environment requires each Service to make hard choices in prioritizing their budget, examining every account to maximize the use of resources. In the FY17 budget, the department is seeking approval from Congress to re-phase the CG modernization plan to extend the service life of these vital Navy assets into the 2040's.

The Department continues to pressurize



military construction in order to meet fiscal constraints, limiting projects to the Department's most critical needs, and funds facility sustainment at 70 percent Navy and 74 percent Marine Corps.

Innovation and Reform

We are investing to increase the velocity of learning across the fleet through the Ready Relevant Learning initiative, which creates a new way of training our Sailors through mobile, modularized learning and re-engineered content that

includes gaming technology and simulated environments. Broader innovation efforts include the OFRP; this budget builds on this year's work and the first Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups to deploy using OFRP.

In unmanned systems, the Navy is fielding systems in all domains to include restructuring the Unmanned Carrier-Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike program to bring high demand fixed wing capabilities to the Carrier Air Wing in the mid-20's.

This system will provide intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, limited strike, and tanking. Additionally the Navy is developing both surface and subsurface unmanned systems in this FYDP.

To maintain a focus on developing technology at a pace that will keep us ahead of our adversaries this budget invests in rapid prototyping. This initiative provides a single, streamlined approach to prototyping emerging technologies and engineering innovations to rapidly respond

to Fleet needs and priorities. And in FY17, continued focus on improving accountability and auditability ensures every appropriated dollar is tracked from cradle to grave.

Balance

Overall, this budget provides the investment required for the Navy and Marine Corps to execute the Department's Mission Guidance. In a challenging fiscal context, it reflects the best balance of investments across people, presence, readiness and capability.

Across the full scope of the request, we emphasized innovation and reform to sustain advantage, accelerate learning and strengthen our team. In making hard choices and allocating risk, the request fields a larger Fleet, a more sustainable deployed Navy and Marine Corps presence, and improved capability.

For more information on the FY17 DON Presidential Budget submission, see at <http://www.secnav.navy.mil/fmc/fmb/Pages/Fiscal-Year-2017.aspx>.



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