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Petraeus Visits to Educate Servicemembers on Financial Issues

BY MC1 ERIC DEATHERAGE

Holly Petraeus, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) Office of Servicemember Affairs (OSA), visited NAS Fort Worth JRB April 18 to talk about the unique financial issues facing members of the armed forces and their families.

Petraeus held an E-6 call and an E-7 and above call, where she discussed financial issues and answered questions from audience members.

"We are here to see that military personnel and their families have a voice at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," said Petraeus. "We understand that military life can have some extra challenges, such as deployment and frequent moves, and that those challenges can sometimes have powerful financial repercussions."

Petraeus is the wife of retired General David Petraeus, who commanded U.S. forces in Afghanistan from 2010 until his retirement in 2011. David Petraeus is currently the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

CFPB was established to protect American consumers from unfair, deceptive or abusive practices at the hands of financial services providers—banks, credit card companies, mortgage and payday lenders, and debt collectors to name a few.

The OSA is charged with ensuring that those who serve in the mili-



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Holly Petraeus, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Servicemember Affairs, addresses service members of NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base during an E-6 call April 18. She talked about the unique financial issues facing members of the armed forces and their families.

tary are able to focus on their jobs and their families without having to worry about getting trapped by abusive financial practices.

"We also know that there are businesses and scammers that target servicemembers with bad deals and outright rip-offs, and that there are other businesses that treat them well," said Petraeus. "Our job is to make sure that the CFPB uses its powers to make markets work better so that they encourage good business practices and weed out bad ones."

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OSA says servicemembers should be able to accomplish their mission without worrying about il-

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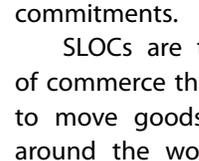
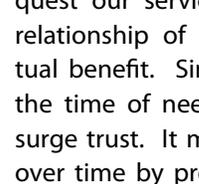
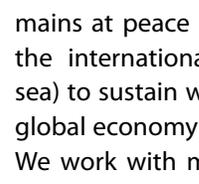
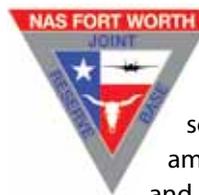
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER



BENNETT

In today's trying times with extreme budget constraints looming on the horizon, and a Congress with limited military experience, we are often asked the question, "Why do we need a Navy?" Of course there are several reasons, but I will share my two cents with you.

First and foremost, we are an expeditionary service that serves around the world to provide military deterrence and preserve free, navigable sea lanes of communication (SLOC). These two requirements, deterrence and SLOCs, are inextricably linked, and we share these responsibilities with many other nations. However, let there be no doubt, our current Navy is the most well-trained, educated, capable and professional force the world has ever witnessed. And I believe we continue to improve due to our remarkable



men and women who volunteer to serve, and the amazing assets and technology that we employ to execute our mission.

Deterrence is the need to ensure

that the world remains at peace (nations follow the international laws of the sea) to sustain world order, our global economy and free trade. We work with many allies and other nations who need or request our services to build a relationship of trust and mutual benefit. Simply stated, in the time of need, you cannot surge trust. It must be earned over time by providing valued service and meeting promised commitments.

SLOCs are the waterways of commerce that are required to move goods and services around the world every day.

Think of it this way, 70 percent of the earth is covered by water, 80 percent of the earth's population lives within 100 miles of a coast and the most important is that 90 percent of commerce flows via the seas. Therefore, to maintain our dynamic global economy and sustain not only our way of life, but that of most other nations, free, navigable SLOCs are vital.

The primary tools we use to achieve these two requirements are our 11 carriers and 10 air wings which expand the sphere of influence to roughly 1,000 miles inland from the sea. And the real 'influencers,' our warriors, who voluntarily serve, sacrifice and endure the hardships of military life. There are a multitude of ships, capabilities and our sister services that round out this national security strategy, executing these requirements every day.

Sleep well tonight, our warriors are standing "The Watch."

God Bless,
Skipper



CO's Suggestion Box

There were several 'suggestions' this past month, so I will try to address most of them.

One criticized our gym facility, a couple discussed parking availability or transportation options for retirees, and another addressed limiting MWR services for active personnel vs. retirees.

All of these comments could be easily solved if resources were not our major constraint for providing the best possible service(s) for our active, reserve, retiree, DoD civilian and family dependent population. However, as I stated in this month's article, fiscal challenges have been our primary limiting factor for a couple years now, and will possibly become quite evident in the near future.

For example, our gym was on the list to be completely refurbished or a new one constructed. We are still on the 'list.' However, the timeline has slid to later years, and with impending DoD budget cuts, I expect it will be a while until we see an updated gym facility.

Another question was busing personnel around

for non-training/mission events. Unfortunately, the days of providing 'wants' are pretty much over. We are funded to provide what is NEEDED to execute the mission. And as a team, we holistically optimize our resources to meet everyone's needs, and when able some desires too.

Finally, limiting resources or services for one group or another for convenience is typically not a road I will travel. My belief is that we can always find fair and equitable, win-win solutions. Otherwise, we are not trying hard enough!

-Skipper





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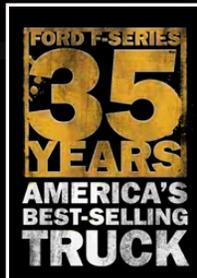
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Orientation Course Helps Marine Spouses Thrive on Recruiting Duty

BY SGT. TIMOTHY STEWMAN, 8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT

In an effort to help spouses of recruiters become more familiar with the rigors of such a demanding duty, the 8th Marine Corps District hosted a District Spouses Orientation Course in Arlington, Texas, April 18-20.

The district's Family Readiness Coordinator, Lisa Jackson, organized the event for 44 spouses from the district's eight recruiting stations to receive

information and resources that ranged from understanding the basics of recruiting to personal financial management.

"(The DSOC) forms a sense of camaraderie in that (the spouses) are all supporting their Marines in a very difficult mission that requires a lot of effort on the part of the family," said Melanie Cullum, 8th Marine Corps District Lifestyles Insights Networking Knowledge and Skills (LINKS) and life skills train-

er. "It also is a duty that is "independent" in that the spouse must learn to become independent. There are not 300 other wives like in a unit that deploys, who can lean on each other and help each other fill in the gaps left by the service member."

In addition to all of the information that was passed down from the various lectures, the orientation course served as a medium to get spouses together



(PHOTO BY GUNNERY SGT. K. WASHINGTON)

Marine spouses of recruiters from Recruiting Station Phoenix introduce themselves with a personalized rap song during the District Spouse Orientation Course held April 18-20 in Arlington, Texas. The ladies were encouraged to create a unique introduction at the beginning of the course that was designed to give spouses information and resources for the advancement of their lives while on recruiting duty.

er to share issues and concerns with others within the district who experience the same difficulties that come with recruiting duty.

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Navy Releases Early Retirement Application Guidance for ERB-Affected Sailors

FROM CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy announced guidance for eligible Sailors separating due to the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB) on applying for early retirement in NAVADMIN 140/12, released April 24.

The message outlines eligibility, detailed application procedures and deadlines for Sailors who are eligible to apply for voluntary early retirement under Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA).

Sailors must submit their applications to Navy Personnel Command (NPC) no later than June 15, 2012, and may check the status of their application through HYPERLINK "http://www.bol.navy.mil" \n www.bol.navy.mil.

Only Sailors considered but not selected for retention by the Fiscal Year 2012 ERB who will have completed at least 15 years of active service as of Sept. 1, and whose active duty service date (ADSD) is Sept. 2, 1997 or earlier, are eligible for early retirement benefits under TERA. Eligibility requirements will not be waived.

Sailors who are eligible for early retirement under TERA must retire no later than Sept. 1, 2012. However, eligible Sailors who may be required to remain on active duty beyond Sept. 1 on operational waivers or to complete augmentee tour requirements will have their requested retirement date addressed on a case-by-case basis. TERA-eligible ERB sailors who complete 15 years of service prior to Sept. 1 may request an earlier retirement date (June 30, July 31, or Aug. 31); however, approval of retirement dates prior to Aug. 31 is dependent on notification from the Office of the

Secretary of Defense that Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) has a process in place to begin providing TERA retirement payments.

Eligible Sailors desiring to apply for early retirement under TERA, whose current expiration of active obligated service (EAOS) as extended, or "soft" EAOS, is prior to Sept. 1, may submit a short term extension request to NPC, as outlined in the NAVADMIN.

Sailors retiring under TERA will not be entitled to involuntary separation pay, but remain qualified for other ERB-related transition assistance benefits until their retirement. As stated in the NAVADMIN, Sailors are not eligible to transfer GI bill benefits once a TERA application is approved.

The NAVADMIN also emphasizes that Sailors retiring under TERA must register in the Public and Community Service (PACS) program at their military transition site or Fleet and Family Support Center. However, Sailors are not required to accept employment under PACS and, unlike in past applications of TERA, accepting PACS employment after retirement will not earn credit toward 20 years retirement pay.

Sailors are strongly encouraged to consult with career counselors on the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), which may provide a portion of retired pay in an annuity payment to surviving eligible beneficiaries. Sailors must sign up for SBP at the time of retirement.

Eligible ERB Sailors who were discharged on or after Dec. 31, 2011, and were unable to complete an application for early retirement under TERA while on active duty may petition the Board for Correction of Naval Records if retirement is desired.

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FROM KATHY CAMPBELL,
VITAS MANAGER
OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Fort Worth is seeking active duty military, Guard and Reserve military service members to volunteer a little time to honor former military members who are hospice patients, nursing home and assisted living residents.

What's this all about? The program is designed to combine uniformed service members with VITAS civilian staff to make personal visits to military veterans who are now Hospice patients or nursing home or assisted living residents. During the visit, we honor our Veterans with a certificate and flag lapel pin in appreciation for their prior service.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, an estimated 23.6 million veterans now live in the United



States. Veterans make up one-fourth of all deaths today (650,000 per year)—reflecting the aging of the Greatest Generation that served during World War II, now in their 80s and beyond.

All too often, the end-of-life care that veterans receive does not reflect their unique needs for quality of life, their sacrifices and the effects that military service and combat have had on their lives.

VITAS is committed to eliminating this oversight. We provide care for veterans who have a wide range of terminal conditions, and our staff understands the veteran's point of view.

For the last few years, each November on Veterans Day, an im-

pressive group of NAS Fort Worth JRB military personnel volunteer their time to visit with Hospice patients and nursing home residents, all former military all over Tarrant and surrounding counties. Often, those we visit feel they have been forgotten. The annual event has been a huge success, so VITAS now makes quarterly visits with the help of military members volunteering a few hours.

Consider this as an opportunity to say "thanks" to those military who served before you. Check your calendars and consider volunteering. The visits are personal and so we need as many military in uniform as possible.

To help you plan ahead, our schedule is as follows for Veteran visit days:

Friday, 25 May (Memorial Day) Noon – 1700

Friday, 3 August, Noon – 1700



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Friday, 9 November (Veteran's Day) 0830 - 1700

We treat you to lunch. You will meet at the VITAS office in the BAE Systems building at Bryant Irvin Road at Interstate 30 to team up with your VITAS staffer. Feel free to recruit those you feel would be interested in participat-

ing, too.

For more information or to get on the list, email Kathy Campbell, Manager of Volunteer Services at [HYPERLINK "mailto:kathy.campbell@vitas.com"](mailto:kathy.campbell@vitas.com) kathy.campbell@vitas.com or call 817-870-7117.

21st Century Sailor and Marine Website Online

FROM SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of the Navy (DoN) has launched a dedicated website to serve as an additional resource for the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative announced by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in March.

The new website, located at www.21stcentury.navy.mil, features frequently asked questions, articles, blogs, and videos to update Sailors, Marines and their families on important policies and programs, which impact today's force.

The 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness. The programs are divided into five areas: readiness, safety, physical fitness, inclusion, and continuum of service.

"The Department of the Navy leadership wanted to take all of our existing personnel support pro-



grams, those in development and some new initiatives, and bring them together under the one umbrella of 21st Century Sailor and Marine in order to ensure every Sailor, Marine and their families have the tools they need to ensure they exceed and excel in the coming decade. This website is a one-stop shop for information about these programs," said Juan M. Garcia, assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

The 21st Century Sailor and Marine Initiative consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.



COURT-MARTIAL IN NAVY
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RECENTLY HEARD THE FOLLOWING
CASES:

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer Second Class pled guilty to conspiracy to commit larceny of military property, two violations of a lawful general order, and larceny of military property of a value of \$500.00 or less. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a contested Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer Second Class was found guilty of assault by threat with an unloaded firearm. The members of the court-martial sentenced the Accused to 30 days

Recently at the Courthouse

hard labor without confinement and reduction in rank to E-4.

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NCBC Gulfport, a Petty Officer Third Class was found guilty of violating a lawful general order. The members of the court-martial sentenced the Accused to no additional punishment beyond the conviction itself.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer Third Class pled guilty to three specifications of assault. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to confinement for ten months, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman pled guilty to desertion, unauthorized absence, four specifications of failure to obey other lawful written

orders, damaging non-military property of \$500.00 or less, and drunk and disorderly conduct. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer First Class was acquitted of three specifications of assault.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a previously convicted Sailor currently serving confinement at a Navy brig was found guilty of attempt to communicate indecent language to a child, attempt to mail obscene matters, and two specifications of failing to obey a lawful order. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to an additional sev-

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DFAS phases in Roth TSP Contributions

FROM THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE



The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will begin processing Roth TSP elections for its civilian and military customers using

a phased approach beginning in June and continuing through October 2012.

As a new choice for retirement investment planning, the Roth TSP, will give civilian employees and military service members the option to contribute after-tax wages into TSP for

the first time. Both the contributions and the earnings will be tax free when withdrawn, as long as IRS requirements are met.

The phased implementation will ensure each customer's taxable wages and TSP contributions are computed accurately. According to DFAS officials, the schedule will provide time to complete and thoroughly test the complex changes needed to the various civilian, active duty military, and reserve component payroll systems.

The complex changes address the unique and multiple pay types in the pay systems including the different requirements of the Army, Navy and Air Force; and the active duty and reserve component requirements. Implementation will begin with Marine Corps service members in June 2012; all DoD civilians, as well as other civilians serviced by

DFAS in July 2012; to be followed by the Army, Navy and Air Force military service members in October 2012.

The Thrift Savings Plan may be familiar to a majority of military members and government civilians. It is similar to many private companies' 401k plans. Employees contribute a portion of their current income into an investment account they hope will grow while they spend their working years earning. Once they reach retirement age, they can then withdraw the funds they've contributed. But, if they have contributed funds into a traditional IRA, they'll need to pay federal income taxes on any money they withdraw [called a distribution] along with taxes on any gains they've made through the years.

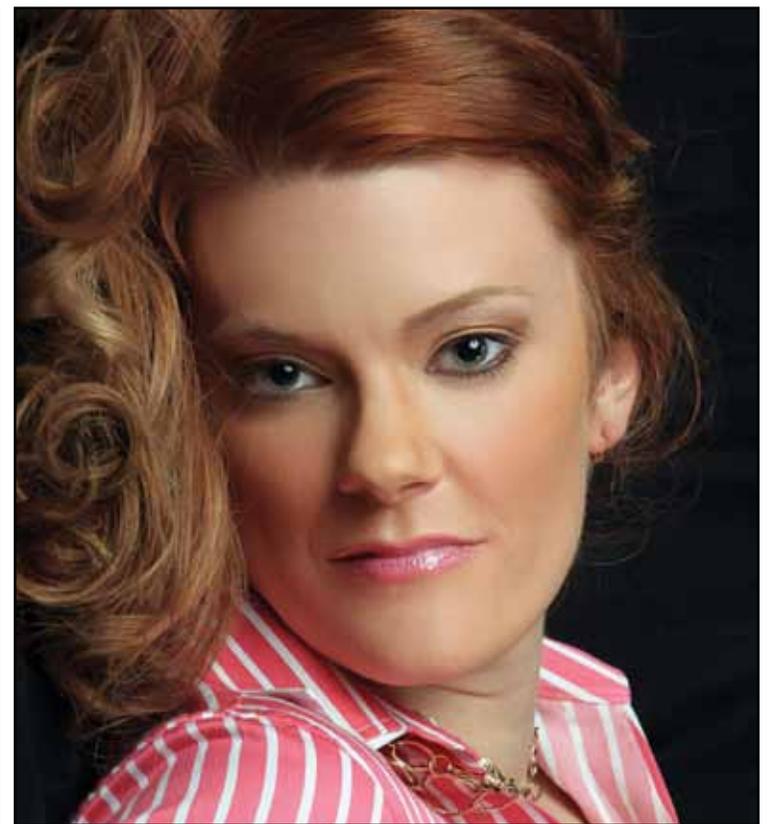
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The Treatment of...	Traditional TSP	Roth TSP
Contributions	Pre-tax	After-tax¹
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Transfers Out	Transfers allowed to eligible employer plans, traditional IRAs, and Roth IRAs ²	Transfers allowed to Roth 401(k)s, Roth 403(b)s, Roth 457(b)s, and Roth IRAs ³
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1 Roth contributors are subject to Federal and where applicable state and local income taxes while traditional contributions are not taxed until withdrawn. However both Roth contributions and traditional contributions are included in the amount of wages used to calculate payroll taxes (e.g. Social Security taxes)

2. You would have to pay taxes in any pre-tax amount transferred to Roth IRA

3. Transfers to Roth IRA from Roth TSP are not subject to the income restrictions that apply to Roth IRA contributions..



Fort Worth's Keith Named Mrs. North Texas International

BY MC1 ERIC DEATHERAGE,
SKY RANGER STAFF

Air Force Staff Sgt. Rachel Keith, who works at NAS Fort Worth JRB's security department, was named Mrs. North Texas International 2012. Keith will represent the greater north Texas region at the 2012 Mrs. Texas International Pageant in Corpus Christi.

The Mrs. International Pageant system recognizes women for their commitment to family, profession and community stewardship. Throughout the year, the new Mrs. North Texas International will make appearances, attend special presentations and assist with civic and non-profit oriented projects.

Each contestant in the Mrs. Texas International Pageant selects a platform which she will spend the year promoting if selected as Mrs. Texas International.

"One of my goals in this pageant is raising awareness for unemployed/homeless veterans, as I am a Texas veteran myself," said

Keith. "I also wish to raise awareness of the painful disease Interstitial Cystitis."

"I have been working with many local organizations, including Susan G. Komen, Odyssey Hospice, the Democratic Precinct Chair for precinct #3240, and I am currently a deputy Voter Registrar for Tarrant County," said Keith. "My goal is to get 200 people registered by October."

Keith works full time with the DoD police on NAS Fort Worth JRB. She is also an Active Guard Reserve in the Texas Air National Guard.

Mrs. Texas International is open to married women age 21 to 56. According to the pageant overview, the organization's goal is to uplift women who want to excel in their lives and make a difference in their communities. They celebrate married women's energy, commitment to marriage

Contestants compete in 3

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Navy Adjusts Selective Reenlistment Program (SRB) Levels

FROM NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy announced revised Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) rates April 24 in NAVADMIN 143/12.

SRBs enhance Navy's ability to size, shape and stabilize manning by using a monetary incentive to encourage Sailors with critical skills and experience to stay Navy. Award levels are strategically adjusted as retention needs dictate.

The new message approves six increases, three additions, one deletion, and one skill that is being moved from Tier 2 to Tier 1.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MCSA ROBERT WINN

Cryptologic Technician Interpretive (NEC 9ARB) in Zone B, Information Systems Technician (NEC 0000) in Zone B and submarine Machinist Mate Auxiliary

Maintenance (NEC 4230/31) in Zone A were new to the SRB list this cycle. Navy Diver awards were removed.

Sailors should consult NA-

VADMIN 143/12 to determine their SRB eligibility and award level.

The increased award levels are effective immediately and decreased levels are effective 30 days from the release of NAVADMIN 143/12.

Enlisted Community Managers continuously monitor the health of their community and make recommendations to leadership, as required, to maintain acceptable manning levels. Award levels are continually reviewed and evaluated to match reenlistment behavior. This NAVADMIN supersedes NAVADMIN 013/12.

Commands must submit SRB reenlistment requests for

eligible Sailors 35-120 days prior to the requested reenlistment date. SRB requests submitted less than 35 days in advance without substantial justification will not be accepted. Sailors can reenlist for SRB no more than 90 days prior to their end of active obligated service. Commands may contact Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS-811 for waiver eligibility and procedures.

PERS-811 will post and update a current list of SRB eligible ratings/skills based on available quotas at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlistedcareeradmin/pages/srb.aspx>.



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NOW HEAR THIS: Base Announcements

2012 NAS Fort Worth JRB Open House

NAS Fort Worth JRB will open its doors to the public for an open house and free concert May 12 (Saturday) scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

The free concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will feature the band Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, best known for hits Face Down, You Better Pray and Pen & Paper (Something Typical). For more information about the band, visit <http://www.redjumpsuit.com/>. Opening that night will be Houston-based alternative rock band, the Crisis.

The entire event is open to the public and free of charge. Parking is also free.

Camp DEFY

The time is quickly approaching for the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Camp. We are currently looking for highly motivated active duty personnel (all service branches) and/or DoD civilians to serve as Team Leaders, Camp Corpsman, and an Administrative Assistant who are willing to dedicate a week of their summer (July 29 to Aug. 4) to motivate, inspire and positively influence our surrounding community "at risk" youth ages 9-12. If you are interested, please fill out an application and no touch policy by May 11.

Also, if you plan to participate, please submit a request chit through your chain of command and attach it with your application.

B-36 Peacemaker Museum

The B-36 Peacemaker Museum has monthly speakers. This month's speaker is Jim Hodgson on May 15 at 7 p.m. His speech is "Flying the Boeing 787 Dreamliner." Hodgson will be the first pilot in the North Texas area to fly the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner for United Airlines. Hodgson currently flies the Boeing 777. Hodgson will start flying the 787 Dreamliner in September when United Air Lines receives the first aircraft. The museum is located at 3300 Ross Avenue, Fort Worth, 76106. To find out

more, call 800-575-0535.

NAS Fort Worth JRB Facebook Page

NAS Fort Worth JRB's Command Facebook page is approaching 800 'likes.' We're averaging about 10 new folks per week. Help us get the word out to your fellow service members, families and retirees. We don't want to keep the flow of information bottled up, especially when it may be important news that can affect us all. Social media is proving to be the quickest way to reach out and touch all our important audiences. Like us at www.facebook.com/NASFortWorthJRB.

Post Office

The military post office will close all personal mailboxes for barracks personnel May 31. Anyone currently using Military Post Office (MPO) boxes for personal mail must process a change of address shifting their address to their command or obtain a P.O. box through the U.S. Postal Service (for a fee). Change of address forms are available at the MPO. Requests can also be completed online at www.usps.com. For more info, call LSC McKibben at 817-782-7718.

NASA Speakers

Two guest speakers from NASA's Astronaut program will describe their Navy and Spaceflight experiences and the Navy's role in the manned space program. Capt. Barry Wilmore and Capt. Stephen Bowen will appear at the NAS Fort Worth JRB theater May 19 at 10 a.m.

Motorcycle and Motor Vehicle Safety Rodeo

May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Exchange parking lot. Ride the Honda SMART motorcycle simulator. Try your skill on the motorcycle riding course. There will be a riding demonstration by the Fort Worth police department. Bring out your prized motorcycle or car for all to see. Try your luck at the impaired driving obstacle course. See displays from the Texas Department of Public Transportation. Listen to guest speaker Lonnie Haschel of the Texas Highway Patrol. There will booths for Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Tarrant County Safe Kids Coalition doing safety seat checks.

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Civilian Marine Lends Creative Touch to Recruiting District

BY LANCE CPL. JEN S. MARTINEZ,
8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT

By day, she occupies a small corner in the back of the personnel office. Her desk is covered with small, neat stacks of paper containing payroll information, awards information, and human resource issues for the building's civilian Marines. Her work at the office, however, is just a small part of who she is.

Dawn Humphreys, the administrative program coordina-

tor for Headquarters, 8th Marine Corps District aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB, inspires others with her professionalism and creativity.

"She was my very first impression of the 8th Marine Corps District and it was a great one," said Melanie Cullum, the Lifestyles Insights Networking Knowledge and Skills (LINKS) and life skills trainer. "She immediately made me feel welcome. She told me the expectation the command had of me, what I had to do for my position."

Cullum said that Humphreys walked her through the process of time-keeping, explained how her pay works and introduced her to the human resources point of contact for Headquarters, Marine Corps in Arlington, Va.

"I didn't feel afraid because she told me what to expect and everything that would be asked of me," Cullum said. "I felt very at ease coming into this position thanks to her."

This was nothing new, as retired Gunnery Sgt. Yolanda StPierre, deputy comptroller for district headquarters, said Humphreys would regularly assist her with travel issues when StPierre was a Marine supply chief for Recruiting Station Fort Worth. "She takes her job seriously," said StPierre.

"She's very well-organized and keeps excellent records. She was one of the first people to implement the Defense Travel System for the district. She was a go-to person."

StPierre said that her success in travel was due to those detailed records of contacts, samples and instructions she kept for every job she needed to do and every place she needed to direct her subordinates to.

"A lot of people would call her and ask her what to do or where to go. She also handled the drill instructors that visited the recruiting stations and she kept immaculate records of those events," StPierre said. "Anything you needed, she had it."

Humphreys started offering



PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. JEN S. MARTINEZ

Dawn Humphreys, the administrative program coordinator for Headquarters 8th Marine Corps District shows off one of her most prized pen-and-ink drawings April 17 at her home in Fort Worth. Humphreys handles civilian payroll, retirement resources and issues on an individual basis by day, but spends her free time painting and drawing works of art.

her thoroughness and attention to detail to people like Cullum and StPierre when she signed on with U.S. Naval Forces Europe, London in 1989. Throughout her 12 years in Europe, she held several different billets in transportation and the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Departments.

When Humphreys returned to the U.S., she began working with the 8th MCD, as a transportation clerk and later as the administrative program coordinator.

After being associated with the military for some time, she decided to give back in her own way by writing poems for the district's annual Marine Corps birthday ball. The subjects of her poems range from the district's forced move from hurricane ravaged New Or-

leans to Fort Worth, to poems highlighting the qualities of a good commanding officer.

"When I wrote my first poem, one of the Marines in the (Public Affairs Branch) saw it and asked if I would care to have it read at that year's ball," Humphreys said. "It was really neat because a copy was placed at each table and people would start reading it while they waited for the ceremony to start. People would tell me how much they enjoyed it and I started writing poems for the ball each year."

While she shows proficiency and ambition at the district, Humphreys said her real passion is in what she does outside the office. Her apartment is filled with shelves of books on a wide array of artistic subjects, metal cases full of pencils and paintbrushes, and dozens of her creations on canvas, and in sketchbooks.

While these many items may seem like clutter to others, StPierre, who has been her roommate since August of 2010, said she

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BASE HAPPENINGS



Medal of Honor Parade

Airmen of the 136th Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard from NAS Fort Worth JRB escorted Medal of Honor recipients during the MOH Parade held in Gainesville, TX, April 14. Gainesville hosts the MOH Parade annually.

PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT



I Will Choose Tree Will

Installation Commander, Capt. Robert Bennett, helped plant a tree as part of Arbor Day April 26. NAS Fort Worth JRB has been designated as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its sound urban forestry practices.

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Don't Mess With Texas



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT

Texas Governor Rick Perry, along with Congresswoman Kay Granger and Congressman Joe Barton, held a press conference at NAS Fort Worth JRB for the 136th Airlift Wing to fight for the C-130s from leaving Texas. The eight C-130s are proposed to transfer to the Montana Air National Guard as part of the PB 13 proposals.

Mother Nature Rules Earth Day

NAS Fort Worth JRB celebrated Earth Day April 20. Rain put a damper on the festivities, but didn't stop some, as they moved inside to the library. The library, recycling, medical, and environmental departments all worked together with community exhibitors to educate and inform people about the planet. Children designed a lunch bag made from recycled fabric and a "Love the Earth" paper plate provided by the library.

PHOTO FROM PAT TELLMAN



Sweet Cherry Pie



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BM2 Charles Beebe hits CSC Daniel Johnson with a pie during base quarters April 13. Johnson earned the most votes in a Pie in the Face contest, sponsored by the base morale committee.

We've Got a 10-11 at the School Yard



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAC BRODERICK SANTOS

Steve Inscore, of NAS Fort Worth JRB security, and his K-9 partner Cspage speak with 2nd graders from A.M. Pate Elementary School during the school's career day. They also conducted a K-9 demonstration for the students.

Come SOY Away, Come SOY Away With Me



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The Fort Worth and Dallas Navy Leagues sponsored a Sailor and Marine of the Year Recognition Dinner Saturday night, April 14. The guest speakers were Col. Adam Holmes, Commander Marine Air Group 41, and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe Campa.

Crime Victim's Rights Vigil

A candlelight vigil was held at the base chapel April 25 to promote awareness of crime victims' rights and available services for those that have been impacted by crime. The event was one of many base-wide observances during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

PHOTO BY RUSTY BAKER



Lonestar Express Change of Command

FROM FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON 59 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cmdr. Timothy Veccia assumed the helm of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 59 (VR-59), "The Lonestar Express," from Cmdr. Scott Eargle May 5.

Veccia is a native of Washington, D.C. He was commissioned an ensign in 1993 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Notre Dame where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. While awaiting flight school, he completed the Army Basic Airborne Course in Fort Benning, Ga., earning his Basic Parachutist Insignia.

In July 1994, Veccia reported to NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, for primary flight training with

VT-28. After earning a place on the Commodore's List for the T-34C syllabus, he continued with advanced jet training at NAS Kingsville, Texas, with VT-21 flying the T-45A Goshawk. He was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1996.

In March 1997, Veccia completed training in the S-3B Viking at VS-41, NAS North Island, Calif.. In April 1997, he reported to the VS-31 Topcats assigned to Carrier Airwing Seven at NAS Cecil Field, Fla. While in VS-31, he completed deployments in support of Operation Southern Watch aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) in 1998 and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) in 2000. While in VS-31, Veccia earned designation as a Carrier Anti-

Submarine Plane Commander and Air Combat Training Continuum Level V Sea Control Weapons Training Instructor.

In October 2000, Veccia reported to the VT-21 Strike Eagles at NAS Meridian, Miss., as an advanced jet strike instructor. While there, he served as the Assistant Administrative Officer, NATOPS Officer, FCF Standardization Officer, T-45C NATOPS Model Manager, and CRM Model Manager. Veccia instructed in 12 of 14 advanced jet training stages and was designated a safe-for-solo check pilot.



In January 2004, after completing his active duty service obligation, Veccia affiliated with VR-59 in Fort Worth, flying the C-40A Clipper as a Selected Reservist (SELRES) and began his civilian career as a commercial airline pilot. While serving in the Administration, NATOPS and Operations Departments, he earned qualification as an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot. He served on multiple Mediterranean and Western Pacific Detachments, directly supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and New Dawn.

Veccia has accumulated over 3,500 flight hours and 417 carrier arrested landings. His personal military awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various campaign, unit and sea service related awards. He is employed by Southwest Airlines as a B-737 First Officer.

Veccia is married to the former Ashley Fay of Bryan, Texas. They live in Grapevine, Texas, with their newborn daughter, Poppy.

Eargle steps down from command after two and a half years of executive squadron leadership.

TEXADILLO : BASE ACTIVITIES & MWR INFORMATION



All information is intended for military, DoD, Bureau of Prisons ID-card holders and families. Events and facilities are not open to the general public

LIBRARY

1802 Doolittle Ave., 817-782-7735
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New Item - Playaway VIEWS for youth.
Mother's Day Program - May 11th at 4 p.m.
Stories and activities for children to honor mothers and all significant women in their lives.
Summer Reading - Reading is So Delicious! Program will begin on June 2 and run through

August 10. Activities throughout the summer for adults, young adults and children. Programs for all ages including Young Chief's Academy program, field trip to the base galley, local author visits and readings, Mad Science party and more. Will be able to sign up online and have your own summer reading page. Watch for more information in the weeks to come.

TEXPLEX CENTER

1815 Military Parkway, 817-782-6122/5505
May 28 (Memorial Day) the grill will be open holiday hours, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring \$1 specials. Sports Bar will be closed. ITT open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information, Ticket and Tours (ITT)

Located in TexPlex Bldg. 1815; 817-782-6121/6122
Summer Hours are Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning May 28.
Six Flags is now open on weekends. Daily tickets and season passes are available.
Texas Rangers offer a military discount on tickets. Contact ITT for information.
Tickets also available for venues in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida and California.
ITT's CARIBBEAN GETAWAY-Sail away September 24-29 for only \$349 interior/\$389 ocean view stateroom (per person). Final payment due by June 1.

Tornado Lanes

The last update MWR received is removal of old lanes and equipment is scheduled to begin in June. If everything goes as planned, the lanes should be open by July 4.

Chuckwagon Grill

Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pizza is available for delivery, 817-782-5505
New healthy choices - turkey burgers and grilled chicken sandwich

Sports Bar

Tuesday-Thursday 4 to 9 p.m., Friday & Saturday 4 to 11 p.m.
Two dollar Tuesdays.
Free Munchies on Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m.
DJ/Karaoke - Thursdays 5 to 10 p.m.

MOVIE REEL THEATER

1845 Military Pkwy., 817-782-6037
Friday-Sunday, call for times of movie.
The wait is over!! Movie Reel will be converted to state of the art digital format with the first digital movies the weekend of May 18-20.
We will resume charging for admission. Admission prices are \$3.00 for active duty and adults (12 and above), \$2.00 for children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. Admission prices for 3-D movies will be \$5.00 for active duty and adults, \$4.00 for children and free for children 5 and under. We will provide 3-D glasses for all 3-D movies.
Concessions are available for purchase. The phone number to call for movie times is 817-782-6037.
The new movie schedule will be out as soon as possible.

LONE * STAR CENTER

2570 Desert Storm Rd., 817-782-5293/7237
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. except by prior appointment.
The center is the first stop when planning a spring/summer wedding reception or a variety of events including meetings, conferences, change of commands and promotion parties.
The center will be closed August - November for repairs and a new AC/heat system.
Call Sandy Foy for information concerning your next event.

VET CLINIC

1739 Eisenhower, 817-782-5608
The clinic is now operated by the Army Vet service. Call for information.

FITNESS CENTER

1810 Tuskegee Airmen Dr., 782-7770
Zumba, Saturday 11:30 a.m.
Yoga, Saturdays 10:45 a.m.
Other classes available: step aerobics, pilates, spin, pump-it-up, adult/ children karate and personal training.
Friday Family Fitness Class, 2 p.m. for ages 6-18. Parents must participate in workout program with their children.

AQUATICS CENTER

3319 Hensley Ave., 817-782-1220
Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holidays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Details available at the aquatics center for swimming lessons.
Call for information and reservations for private parties.
Full schedule of classes posted at centers.

LIBERTY

1815 Military Pkwy. (located in TexPlex), 817-782-3175
Single service member program (ages 17-25, restrictions apply). Call for additional information and schedule of upcoming activities.

Child Youth Program (CDC)

3320 Sesame Street Drive, 817-782-7520

Action Zone Summer Camp

1145 Hercules Drive, 817-782-7566/7520

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Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information call 817-782-6375/6376 or 817-782-7569.

OPEN HOUSE/SPRING CONCERT-MAY 12

Gates will open at 4 p.m. for the general public. Static displays and music provided by "Red Jump Suit Apparatus". Concert begins at 7 p.m. Vendors will be available for food and beverages. Parking and Admission are FREE.

PETRAEUS

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legal or harmful financial practices. Their role is to ensure that military personnel and their families have a voice at the CFPB. Military life can have some extra challenges that can sometimes have powerful financial repercussions.

"The Office of Servicemember Affairs will ask CFPB bank and non-bank examiners to keep

an eye out for military-specific issues," Petraeus said. "When we find out about people breaking consumer financial protection laws to harm servicemembers, we'll help CFPB enforcement teams take action against them. And we plan to make it easy for military personnel and their families to contact the CFPB with questions or complaints about consumer financial products and services."

Deployments, change of

duty stations and emergencies lead to unplanned and unique financial difficulties without adequate resources to resolve them. Loyalty to service leads marketers to tie their pitches to the military, a strategy called "affinity marketing."

Frequent relocation can mean unforeseen expenses and a lack of familiarity with the local environment.

The OSA can help educate active duty, reservists and retir-

ees in many financial issues.

"Our men and women in uniform should be able to do their jobs without having to worry about falling victim to unfair or deceptive financial practices," Petraeus said. "As a member of a military family, I understand what it's like to face deployment

and to move every few years. It's my honor to represent the military community here at the CFPB, and to make sure that its concerns are heard – and that we do something about them."

Visit www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers/ to find out more.

RECRUITING DUTY

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"It's nice to get to meet other spouses and exchange numbers and info," said Jessica Chavez, whose husband recruits out of Recruiting Station San Antonio.

In a duty where spouses can be dealing with issues while living in isolated areas, having a friend who may be going through the same things that they are going through is important. Keeping in contact with others, they can relate to can prove to be beneficial as they can be sources of encouragement and comfort during those tough times.

"Even as a Marine myself, I found it very helpful to be at this course," said Cpl. Darlissa Leatherwood, 8th Marine Corps District legal chief and spouse of an RS Fort Worth recruiter. "It's

important to be able to see and interact with spouses that are going through the same things. Not only recruiter spouses, but all spouses within the district would benefit from the course."

With long days and the stresses that come along with the duty, sometimes just being kept in the information loop can be reassuring for the spouse.

"Most times, lack of knowledge and communication are the factors that cause families to break apart while on recruiting duty," said Cullum. "We are allowing the pressure to be taken off the Marine for a minute, teaching the spouses the information they need to know to make a successful recruiting tour."

The 8th Marine Corps District plans to host DSOCs twice a year to give as many spouses as possible the opportunity to become more familiar with the complexities of recruiting duty.

Join the Team

Staff volunteers needed for Summer Leadership Camp July 29 to Aug. 4

DEFY is seeking active duty personnel and/or DoD civilians to serve as Team Leaders, Camp Corpsman, and Administrative Assistants for the 2012 DEFY Phase I Program. Camp will focus on substance abuse prevention, gang resistance, physical fitness, citizenship, conflict resolution, and self esteem development for youth ages 9-12.



Persons interested in serving should be:

- Highly motivated
- Interested in positively influencing the lives of "at risk" youth
- Attend day-staff training
- Able to participate Sunday - Saturday July 29-August 4
- Have approval from your command to participate.
- Required to be on one week, no cost TAD orders.



For applications, please contact the DEFY Coordinators: YN1 Spears at 817-782-5634/flotrice.spears@navy.mil or AZ2 Janes at 817-782-6029/crystal.janes@navy.mil. Completed applications are due May 11.

ROTH TSP

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With the introduction of Roth, you will potentially have two types of balances in your TSP account: A traditional (non-Roth) TSP balance and a Roth TSP balance. Any agency contributions you receive will always be a part of your traditional (non-Roth) balance. However, you may des-

ignate your own contributions any way you like depending on your individual tax circumstances. (Note: Money already in your account when you begin making Roth contributions will remain part of your traditional balance. You will not be able to convert it to Roth.)

The table on page 8 compares the treatment of the two different types of contributions.

KEITH

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categories: interview (50 percent of score), evening gown (25 percent) and fitness wear (25 per-

cent).

Keith will compete for more than \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to proceed to the Mrs. International Competition in July.

WANT ADS

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ARTIST

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views them as Humphreys' tools of expression and freedom while witnessing Humphreys pour herself onto paper and canvas drawing people, places, and her favorite subject: swamp landscapes.

"She can make the ugliest thing look pretty just from looking at it from a different perspective, because instead of seeing trash she sees art and then you look at it and you see (the art) too," StPierre said. "When we're in the apartment she'll start to just doodle and it will turn into something beautiful."

Humphreys became inspired to paint and draw when she was a six-year-old child watching from the doorway while her grandfather would paint in his bedroom of their Florida home.

"(He) used to come visit us and I used to get up in the mornings and tiptoe down the hall to his room," Humphreys said. "His door would always be open and he had a little easel sitting on top of a dresser with his oil paints and I would smell that turpentine and those oil paints. I loved to stand in that doorway and watch him paint and I was fascinated with the way the light and colors would go on that piece of canvas."

Humphreys was born second in a family of nine children in Blue Field, W.Va. and they moved to Jacksonville, Fla. when she was six. She moved to Gibsonton, Fla. for

most of her adolescence, and then to New Orleans during her senior year of high school.

Not long after her graduation from L.W. Higgins High School, her mother suddenly passed away.

As a result, she and her younger sisters picked up most of the slack in the household while her father continued his ministry work, StPierre said.

"When her mother passed (Humphreys and her sisters) had to more or less step in and take care of the family. In living with her, I've seen that they call her often. She plays peacemaker and keeps the family together. She's the motherly type."

Through each struggle in life, including the passing of her mother and two of her brothers later in her life, Humphreys said she would turn to God, her brushes, pencils and ink to find peace and for healing.

"Art has been a release, for sure," Humphreys said. "It's something I won't ever lose for sure. I could lose all of my material things, but I can't lose the gift that God has given me or the memories or my capacity to love life."

Friends and coworkers describe Humphreys today as loving, joyful, meticulous, and artistically inclined. She has created more than 2,000 pieces of art with a wide range of traditional media including pen and ink, acrylic, oil paint, colored pencil, graphite, etc. She keeps a record of artwork

she has sold to patrons from all over the world, in a detailed ledger she keeps with her.

When she retires, Humphreys plans to return to her home in Florida and dedicate her time entirely to her art. Although she wasn't able to really pursue her aspirations earlier in life due having to work to keep food on her plate, she takes it with lightheartedness.

"I hope that when I retire from working for the federal government, I can finally sit in my little studio and just paint and do pen and ink illustrations and draw to my heart's content and maybe take some of my artwork to festivals around the country or set up a little gallery," Humphreys said. "I wanted to do it all my life, but I just had to work. I didn't have the opportunities that some people might have, but now I'll be able to. Maybe I'll be the old Georgia O'Keeffe of the 21st century ... or it looks like the 22nd century!"

Humphreys plans to continue her association with the Marine Corps which she said has been like an extended family to her, including writing more poems for Marine Corps birthday balls and keeping in touch with the friends and younger adults that she has "adopted" over the years.

She also plans to open her Florida home, studio and gallery to educate children on art, and in doing so, she will continue inspiring civilians and service members alike.

COURTHOUSE

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en years confinement, with confinement in excess of two years suspended pursuant to a pre-trial agreement with the convening authority. The confinement to be served is in addition to the sentence previously adjudged at an earlier court-martial.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer Second Class

was found guilty of damaging personal property and communicating a threat. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 120 days confinement and reduction in rate to E-1.

At a General Court-Martial convened onboard NAS Jacksonville, a Lieutenant Commander pled guilty to five specifications of conduct unbecoming an officer, one specification of adultery, and one specification of attempted conduct unbecoming an officer.

The court-martial members sentenced the Accused to be confined for six months and to be reprimanded.

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola. Therefore, the location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial.

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