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## NCTC 'Airmen' honored with Bronze Stars

By Senior Master Sergeant  
Curtis A. Jennings  
NCTC, Det. 6, 366th Training  
Wing Public Affairs

Two Air Force Airmen assigned to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, were honored March 30 at a ceremony where they received Bronze Stars earned for actions in Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. Timothy M. Bayes and Tech. Sgt. Wendell J. Snider were deployed in 2008 for 365 day mission assignments to separate locations in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Col. Tony Pounds, commander, 782nd Training Group and Command Chief

Master Sergeant Alex Perry presented the awards.

Tech. Sgt. Bayes was recognized for exceptionally meritorious service as Superintendent, S-5 Engineer for the Laghman Provincial Reconstruction Team, Afghanistan. Bayes provided engineering expertise to over 50 projects valued in excess of \$250 million that provided security, governance and employment opportunities to 473,000 Afghan people.

He mentored the Afghan locals in areas of design, construction phasing and contract review, and anti corruption practices leading to the development of a critically needed quality control program. His tremendous efforts

heightened relationships between provincial government engineers and construction contractors and verified masonry contractors capabilities for 100 percent construction improvements. He participated in over 140 ground assault convoy missions through the most intense improvised explosive device areas covering 3,800 square kilometers of battle space in Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. Snider served as Non Commissioned Officer In Charge; of Provincial Reconstruction Team Gardez, Afghanistan; Combined Task Force-82, International Security

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U.S. Navy photo by BU2 Corey Self/Released  
Col. Tony Pounds, 782nd Training Group, presented the Bronze Star to Technical Sergeants Wendell Snider, left, and Timothy Bayes in a ceremony on board NCBC, March 30 at the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC). The pair were recognized for exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008.

## MCPON visits Gulfport Seabees



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West has breakfast and enjoys a laugh with Sailors at the Colmer Dining Facility April 3. MCPON West visited NCBC and was also the guest speaker at the 67th Annual Seabee Ball at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Saturday night.

U.S. Navy photo by  
MCSN Michael D. Wright/Rel.

## NAVFAC Hawaii CEC officer killed in Afghanistan

By NAVFAC HQ and  
Hawaii Public Affairs

Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, NAVFAC Hawaii, died March 27 when an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier opened fire on U. S. Navy personnel assigned to Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan (CSTC-A) at Camp Shaheen, in Mazar-E-Sharif, Afghanistan.

Another Navy officer also died, Lt. Florence B. Choe, Medical Service Corps, and a third was

wounded. The ANA soldier killed himself immediately after the incident.

At the time of the incident, Toner was halfway through a year long Individual Augmentation (IA) assignment at Camp Shaheen with the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command (ARSIC) North. He began training for the IA assignment in June 2008 and was expected to

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# Navy Legal

## What can you do if 'buyer's remorse' kicks in after a sale?

By Lt. Jeffrey Harper, JAGC  
 RLSO SE BROFF Gulfport



This week's topic is called the "Cooling-Off Rule." Here's the situation: You're at home watching the ball game on a Saturday afternoon, when you get a knock on your door. It's a salesperson who convinces you to buy a lifetime supply of haze-gray paint. Sounds like a good idea at the time, and you would rather get back to the ball game than try to convince him to leave you alone, so you agree.

The next day you realize you don't need any more haze-gray paint in your life, and you want to back out of the deal. Can you?

Yes. Under the Cooling-Off Rule, if you buy something at your home or at a location that is not the seller's permanent place of business, you may be able to back out of the deal and get a full refund. But you only have three days to back out, and this only works for purchases of \$25 or more.

The rule does not apply if you make a purchase at the seller's primary place of business (e.g., if you went to the hardware store to buy the paint). There are also other exceptions, for example you

cannot back out if the sale was for less than \$25, the buyer initiates contact with the seller to make personal property repairs, or if the sale was made over the phone or by mail.

You also can't use the Cooling-Off Rule to back out of sales that involve real estate, insurance, securities, or vehicles sold at temporary locations if the seller has at least one permanent place of business (e.g. that car you bought at the tent sale from a dealer who has a permanent dealership).

There are other exceptions and some specific rules you have to follow, and every case is unique. But if you wake up one morning with "buyer's remorse," and you think the Cooling-Off Rule may be your way out, stop by the Legal Assistance Office for some help.

The Gulfport RLSO SE can be reached at (228) 871-2620. This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.

# Skipper's Log



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Terry Spain/Released

A severe storm blew through South Mississippi April 2, sending strong winds, tornados, rain and hail through the area. The roof of the NCBC fitness facility blew off during the storm.

## Great to be in Gulfport Spring storm fails to foil NCBC focus

By Capt. Ed Brown  
CO, CBC/CMDR 20TH SRG

Late last week we had one heck of a thunderstorm here on the base. At around 2 p.m. the storm eased and one of the phone calls the front office dreads came in. During the storm the wind tore 30 to 40 percent of the roof off the gym.

Driving up with Command Master Chief (SCW) Jim Fairbanks and Executive Officer Cmdr. Steve Fitzgerald, the sight of the roof in the grass and road in front of the building was disheartening. Within minutes of arriving on-site, the spirit of Gulfport and the dedication of our people were evident as the site came to life.

While entering the building, our MWR and Fire Department staffs were busy ensuring the safety for all on site, and moving and covering equipment. Public Works was already on-site and within an hour PW, OICC Katrina and the rest of NAVFAC SE had already worked with the region and started temporary repairs. At the same time the Seabees were on their way.

Seeing the roof come off, the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), R436 Seabees started preparing equipment. By 5 p.m. Thursday, less than three hours after the roof came

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## Sailor's Creed

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# Lights! Camera! Action! Seabees to be featured on DIY

Story by Rob Mims  
NCBC Public Affairs Officer

Five men from New York based Leopard Films embarked on Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport March 16 for a ten day adventure into the world of Seabees.

Julian Locke and Nick Meagher, two of the company's producers, contracted by the Do It Yourself Network, came to South Mississippi to film a one-hour hosted special aptly entitled, "Combat Construction. Seabees - They Build, They Fight."

"We are vicariously living through the Seabees for a week," said Josh Temple, the charismatic host of the special. "The amount of respect that not only me, but the whole production has, is the reason why we are here."

After getting geared up at the 20th Seabee Readiness Group Supply here, the host and producers, along with cameraman, Pat "Country" Clark, and soundman, Carey "Chain" Easley, headed to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center 12 miles south of Hattiesburg, Miss. They wanted to meet up with some old acquaintances from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 who were in the last days of a field training exercise.

"We do a show called 'Man Caves' for the DIY network," said Locke. "We were in Kuwait doing a man cave, or a troop cave, basically transforming a USO for the troops at Camp Virginia, and we met the Seabees from NMCB 74 and ba-

sically they dug us out of a hole."

"We could have never completed the project without them," Locke said. "We were so impressed with the way they worked; we figured they were a show upon themselves."

After their arrival at Seabee Land and receiving a welcome brief from 20SRG Training, the film crew received some vital instruction ... how to don a gas mask, an item they had to carry whenever in the "play area."

The crew's first outing was to the main body of NMCB 74. After two days of torrential downpours, the camp site resembled a Mississippi Mud Bog rather than a camp. With mud knee deep in spots, the crew began shooting background footage, or B-Roll, doing on camera interviews, climbing into fox holes, enjoying Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and getting a sense of how Seabees live while deployed.

Although the main body's living conditions were rough, nothing could compare to what the crew would see the next day. They visited NMCB 74's heavily flooded Air Detachment camp site and began filming in earnest as the crew watched Seabees work to free a backhoe that had gotten stuck axle deep in a muddy hole.

As the exhausted men and women of the Air Det. worked to load trucks to move out, the film crew busied themselves conducting more interviews, experiencing their first ground burst simulator, brown recluse and black widow spiders, and



U.S. Navy photos by Rob Mims/Released  
Above: Pat "Country" Clark from Leopard Films shoots the raising of a timber tower by Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 at Camp Shelby during their Field Training Exercise March 23 while soundman, Carey "Chain" Easley looks on.

Left: Builder Second Class Christine McClure, an instructor at the Naval Construction Training Center here, speaks with Josh Temple from Leopard Films, as a student looks on. Temple was on board NCBC filming a TV special about the Seabees.

fire ants.

"It was a little weird to have the film crew here at first," said Builder 2nd Class Joseph Biccum, "but after a few days the television crew was able to earn the Seabees' trust. They weren't afraid to get dirty,"

said Biccum. "It was almost like they were a part of the Seabees while they were out here."

Over the next five days, the film crew was able to watch the "Fearless 74" construct a bridge, Southwest Asia (SWA)

hut, timber bunker and rest-room facility all while defending themselves against enemy attack.

Temple said he was comfortable with the construction as-

# NCBC Supply Department on the move . . . again

By NAVFAC SE Public Affairs

The new Operational Expeditionary Logistics Facility (OELF) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport is now open and the Supply Department is poised to start consolidating many supply functions into one facility.

The warehouse, or OELF, will support the shipment of containerized war-fighting equipment to support Naval Construction Forces and consolidate the operations of three existing obsolete and damaged facilities.

"At last, all physical distribution functions are under one roof. This consolidation will greatly improve our ability to support the War Fighter," said Paul Darden, physical distribution manager of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville, Detachment NCBC Gulfport.

The project involved approximately 230,000 square feet of new construction and 20,000 square feet of renovated space along with 370,000 square feet of demolition, thus resulting in more efficient receipt, storage, preparation and shipping/receiving operations.

The resulting design successfully incorporates all relevant military and local installation design standards as well as many of the sustainable design features related to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system that encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of OICC Katrina/Released

**The new \$33.4 million Operational Expeditionary Logistics Facility, building 427 is located at 5201 10TH Street near the new commercial gate at the north side of NCBC. The new facility consolidates the operations of three existing obsolete and damaged facilities.**

practices.

The \$33.4 million OELF project is part of a larger \$42.3 million dollar pack-

age. The contract was awarded to BE&K Government Group of Birmingham, Ala. Dec. 6, 2006.

# New commercial gate set to open on Seabee Center

From NCBC Public Affairs

Officials at the Naval Construction Battalion Center here announced that the opening date for the Commercial Vehicle Gate is April 13. As the new gate opens, the Canal Rd. gate will close permanently.

A new signal light at the commercial vehicle gate entrance has been installed on 28th St. near 55th Ave. and has begun flashing yellow to alert drivers of the change. The new gate is located approximately one mile east of the Canal Road/28th Street intersection.

The hours of operation for the new CVG are Monday to Friday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. for inbound traffic and 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for outbound traffic. All non-commercial vehicles will use the

far right lane for entrance from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. The gate will be closed for all federal Holidays.

Drivers are asked to use extreme caution entering and exiting the base through the new gate. If there are more than two commercial vehicles waiting for inspection after 8:30 a.m., drivers are encouraged to use the Pass Rd. gate for entrance.

For more information, call Ron Perry at (228) 871-2104.





**Fire Warden Training, April 30, Building 60, Room 105, 2 - 3 p.m.**

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# Seabees build for Army in Afghanistan



By MC3 Jeffrey R. Militzer  
25th NCR Public Affairs

Fifteen Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11's Det. Afghanistan are building multiple additions and performing renovations to an existing facility on the Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan. They are constructing additional rooms in the building for the Army's Integrated Planning Team which will enhance their mission readiness.

This single project has had a few difficulties but nothing that the Seabees of NMCB 11 can't handle. To start the project, which is mostly taking place on the second

floor of the IPT building, they had to build a floor to work on.

The Seabees literally had to start with nothing and turn it into a few office spaces and a conference room. In order to get the flooring in, the crew had to install 2,625 linear feet of floor joists and 1,008 ceiling joists. Once they laid down the flooring, in order to get the walls up and support the weight of all their personnel and equipment, the crew installed 2,464 feet of horizontal floor braces.

"This deployment has started out well; it really integrates the 'Can do' attitude into everything that must be done on this project," said Construction Electrician Constructionman (SCW) Joshua Murphy, a crewmember of the IPT Project.

The Seabees here are putting a lot of detail into the project. For

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## Celebrating CPO Heritage



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Michael D. Wright/Released

Retired (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. dines with master chiefs from the Naval Construction Battalion Center, here April 1. Campa and the chiefs are commemorating the 116th birthday of the chief petty officer. While on board NCBC, Campa also toured the Seabee Center before joining the khaki community for a celebration at the new Seabee Center Training Hall.

## NMCB 133 Seabee moonlights as soccer star

By MCC (SW) Ryan Delcore  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Builder Constructionman Joe Coyle from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 is no stranger to pushing himself to get the most out of life and his Navy career.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y. in 1982 to Dennis and Dr. Bernadette Coyle, he began to play organized soccer at the young age of three. Starting out in local clubs for children, he began playing in a New Jersey State soccer club at the age of ten. He was selected for the state team, competing against other states in the region.

When he was ready to start high school, his parents sent him to Hun School of Princeton, a boarding school in New Jersey, where he played for the Mercer United Warrior High School Soccer League. He was afforded the

opportunity to play in such places as Morocco and Europe while in the league.

Being inspired by his mother, who is an education professor at the University of Princeton and a high school history teacher as well, Coyle decided to go to the University of Connecticut (UConn) where he earned a bachelors' degree in history and a master's degree in education. He tried out for the university's soccer team as a freshman and was awarded a three year scholarship. In order to use his love of history and education degree, he taught high school history for a year after graduation.

Coyle hungered for more adventure and life experiences while still young so he went to the local Navy recruiting office where he learned about the many programs the Navy had to offer. He looked into officer programs and

decided to learn an enlisted rating first. After screening, he was denied entry into other programs due to color blindness and difficulty with depth perception. This is hard to believe when watching him handle a soccer ball.

His love for physical activity, the outdoors and learning new skills guided him to the Seabees. He signed up and attended Builder School here, after finishing recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill. Coyle caught up with NMCB 133 in Okinawa, Japan where he reported for duty in October of 2008.

Being a team player for most of his life, he quickly got into the swing of things, attending a field training exercise at the Jungle Warfare Training Center and working at construction sites while in Okinawa. He quickly adapted to life in the Battalion and

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U.S. Navy photo/Released

Builder Constructionman Joe Coyle with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, dribbles the ball while playing soccer for the U.S. All Armed Forces Team against Canada's Armed Forces Team in the Consel International du Sport Militaire Continental Championship at Dyess AFB, in Abilene, Texas.

# The 'proof is in the pudding' for those attending chef certification school

By MC3 Brian McCarthy  
NCBC Public Affairs

A group of Navy culinary specialists and civilian cooks received advanced certification during a two week course at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport March 16. The seminar, sponsored by the American Culinary Federation, enables its students to achieve chef certification which helps to improve the quality of food service throughout the U.S. military.

"It's a very good tool; to have this type of experience," said Chief Culinary Specialist Ryan Albrecht, leading Culinary Specialist of the Colmer Dining Facility at NCBC. Albrecht said that students who participated in the course were recommended because of their hard work and apparent abilities. "You already have to have the necessary skills and knowledge," he said.

The class was held at Colmer Dining Facility and taught by chef David Bearl and chef Brett Harris of the First Coast Technical Institute, School



Students Cassandra Swearington, right, and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Aura Alconaba participate in the chef certification course held here, March 16 - 27. The Colmer Dining Hall here plans to host this seminar on a quarterly basis. Navy Culinary Specialists traveled from all over Navy Region Southeast to take part in the class.

of Culinary Arts in St. Augustine, Fla. Many of the students came from all over Navy Region Southeast; traveling from bases as far away as Fort Worth, Texas and Charleston, S.C.

According to Bearl, there are three levels of certification a student may achieve; Sous Chef, Chef de Cuisine

and Executive Chef, and while not everyone is working toward the same level of certification, all students must be able to demonstrate various cutting and cooking methods and prepare fish, salad and main courses

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U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Brian McCarthy/Released  
Master Chief Culinary Specialist Calvin Dukes, right, explains the finer points of the food tasting samples on display to judges Cmdr. Steve Fitzgerald, left, Capt. Ed Brown, center, and Mark Ashley. The samples were prepared by 16 culinary students attending a two-week advanced certification course at the Colmer Dining Facility here.

# FTX is what it is . . . tough training for tough times

By MC2 John Hulle  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Wearing a modular tactical vest, an assault pack with chemical, radiological and biological gear, a M-16 rifle, with ammunition and a Kevlar helmet is heavy; up to 60 pounds.

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 have been preparing for that additional weight for months with readiness exercises, physical training and CBR drills. However, during Winter Talon, a field training exercise on board Camp Shelby, Miss, from March 5 - 25, what most new Seabees couldn't prepare for was the rain: Cold, penetrating moisture saturating every piece of



Steelworker 3rd Class Jason Dalton, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, peeks through a heavy timber bunker during a field exercise on board Camp Shelby, Miss., March 22.

clothing and gear.

Sitting ankle deep in mud, Builder Constructionman Mark Williams, a Seabee assigned to NMCB-74, watches as his fighting position fills slowly with muck and cold water. A set of gortex pants and jacket protect him from the cold, but after three days of inclement weather they are soaked through.

"Getting used to this vest and pack is tough, but the rain is the worst part," he said. This is the Clarksville, Miss., native's first field exercise and he admits it's not what he expected.

"It took two days to dig the hole," he said. Being in a construction battalion, he assumed a back-hoe would make easy work of the chest

deep pit over a hundred yards in the wood, but instead sweat and an E-tool, a small foldable shovel, did the work.

"Everything has its reasons," he said, but admits he is looking forward to a hot shower when he gets home.

"A lot of the things you see over here are probably not things you will see on deployment," said Lt. Reggie McNeil, operations officer for Winter Talon. "You will not see all these trees, you will probably not see us digging fighting positions or laying concertina wire or anything we are doing [here] for defense."

"What does it do?"

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**Congratulations  
FISC Jacksonville  
Det., NCBC Gulfport**

Congratulations to Bertha Olivares-Black, Dianne Wilhelm and Richard Bingham of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville Det., who have earned the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's Shipper Performance Award for 2008 in the small shipper category. The SDDC Shipper Performance Ward program is part of SDDC's ongoing effort to promote a timely and accurate documentation for shipments moving through the Defense Transportation System.

# Earth Day 2009: Be part of the GREEN generation



## NCBC will mark Earth Day with nature exhibit

By MCI (SW) Terry Spain  
NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, will celebrate Earth Day April 22 in front of the Colmer Dining facility from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This year's Earth Day observance is designed to demonstrate similarities between humans and Mother Earth. Joe Mage, of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, will set up displays featuring amphibious creatures such as snakes, alligators, frogs and turtles.

"Earth Day is celebrated twice a year and both observances are intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment," said Ted Ingram, NCBC environmental specialist.

Over 180 countries acknowledge the April 22, global observance of Earth Day, which was originally declared by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970.

The United Nations commemorates Earth Day each year on the March equinox by ringing the U.N. peace bell three times and following up with a moment of silence.

## Watch out for that bottle . . . a message from CBC Environmental

There is more water in that bottle than just the liquid lying inside it. In fact, it takes more water to make the plastic bottle than the bottle itself provides. And, even though these water sources are pretty much the same as what comes from your tap, they charge up to 1,900 times the price of tap water - bad news for your wallet, your health and the environment alike.

You can overcome this bad news with a purchase of a reusable bottle that you can take with you on-the-go. Many plastic bottles are made



with bisphenol A (BPA), a synthetic hormone. There are BPA-free plastic bottles on the market, as well as bottles made from aluminum and stainless steel. These bottles are much better than plastic from both a recycling and environmental resource point of view.

## Did you know?

The United States is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5 percent of the world's people generate 40 percent of the world's waste. The U.S. population discards 16,000,000,000 diapers; 1,600,000,000 pens, 2,000,000,000



razor blades, 220,000,000 car tires and enough aluminum to rebuild the U.S. commercial air fleet four times over!

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# 'Sean Conner-Bee' recalled to Active Duty

By NAVFACENGCOM  
*Public Affairs*

A wood and plaster Seabee, longtime resident of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, was declared "fit for duty" for the Naval Heritage Center's "Year of the Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps; Can Do" exhibit that begins April 4, thanks to the dedication and hard work of fellow Seabees and friends.

In preparation for the year-long exhibit, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) developed a public display in coordination with the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, 1st Naval Construction Division, and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit-202, Detachment Washington, D.C.

The exhibit would not have been complete without the presence of the Seabee mascot – a fierce-looking bee complete with Tommy gun and tools, ready to build and fight. A five-foot tall, 50-year-old carved bee that had been on display for decades in the Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, Calif., was discovered and chosen to stand watch at the entrance to the exhibit. Unfortunately he failed inspection prior to assuming his watch.

"We were all surprised to find that the bee was actually in need of substantial repair," said Seabee Museum Director Lara Godbille, who along with several Seabees, prepared the bee for the journey to D.C. She promised that after his makeover, he would not only pass muster but would be as debonair as the actor Sean Connery, and

he has been known as "Sean Conner-Bee" ever since.

Sean Conner-Bee was accessioned into the museum's collection in 1959; however, little else is known about him. He is one of the focal points in the museum, and the only large Seabee carving in the museum's inventory, according to Godbille.

BU1 Wesley Johnson, 31st Seabee Readiness Group (31st SRG), saw first-hand the actual condition of the mascot as he and other Seabees examined him. "The wings were damaged and splitting. Two of the shoulders were separated that were holding the wrench and hammer, plus there was some damage to several arms and missing and scratched paint," Johnson said.

With the deadline nearing for the assembly of the exhibit and the mascot planned as its centerpiece, Johnson volunteered to take on the project. Three others joined him; his wife, Elizabeth Mueller-Johnson; BU1 Robert Mitchell, 31st SRG, and Seabee spouse Marcella Hinkle.

"My wife Elizabeth is into art as a hobby and when she heard the bee needed painting, she wanted to help. Then a friend (Marcella Hinkle) heard about the project and volunteered," Johnson explained.

The team worked more than 90 hours, before and after work, and at lunch, repairing and painting the mascot. Johnson painted and made structural repairs, Mitchell built the pedestal, and Mueller-Johnson and Hinkle painted the bee in meticulous detail.

Johnson, a 14-year Seabee



U.S. Navy photo by James Cencer/Released

Builder 1st Class Robert Mitchell, left, and Builder 1st Class Wesley Johnson, 31st Seabee Readiness Group take a last look at "Sean Connerbee" prior to the shipment of the Seabees' mascot to participate in the "Year of the Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps; Can Do" exhibit which kicks off April 4 at the Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. On removal of the Seabee mascot from its location at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, the bee was found to be in need of substantial repairs. Mitchell and Johnson volunteered numerous hours to structurally restore and paint the bee ensuring it was in "Can Do" shape. Upon conclusion of the Navy Memorial's Seabee exhibit, Sean will make the journey back to Port Hueneme and will be displayed with honor in the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum scheduled to open in the spring of 2011.

veteran, said that working on the historic bee prompted him to delve more into Seabee history, learn more about the individuals who served, and the Seabee design and where it came from.

"Realizing the history of the insignias, seeing the original rating badges, it made me realize that I didn't know enough about the Seabees. I've been doing this for a while. I take a lot of pride in my Seabee heritage but I found there is still much more to know," he said.

The "Year of the Seabees & Civil Engineer Corps; Can

Do" kicks off at the Naval Heritage Center in D.C., April 4 in conjunction with the Navy Memorial's Annual Charging of the Fountains and Blessing of the Fleet. NAVFAC Commander and Chief of Civil Engineers Rear Adm. Greg Shear will be the guest speaker during the blessing.

Force Master Chief of the Seabees and Command Master Chief of NAVFAC Michael Holdcraft said, "Sean Conner-Bee symbolizes the "Can Do" spirit of the Seabees and is the perfect Seabee to showcase the "Year of the Seabees & Civil Engineer Corps; Can Do."

The "Year of the Seabees & Civil Engineer Corps; Can Do" will run until March 2010 and include book signings, films, awards ceremonies and youth activities designed to educate the public about the history and rich legacy of the Navy's Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps. Upon conclusion of the "Year of the Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps; Can Do," Sean Conner-Bee will make the journey back to Port Hueneme and will be displayed with honor in the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum that is scheduled to open in the spring of 2011.

# NLSO Central provides legal services for service members

By Lt. Jason Ayeroff  
NLSO

In October 2007, Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Central became a defense command pilot program for Naval Legal Services Command. NLSO Central now focuses solely on providing legal services to service members facing adverse action such military or civilian criminal investigations, non-judicial punishment (commonly referred to as "Captain's Mast," "Office Hours," or "Article 15"), administrative separation, or court-martial. Additionally, judge advocates are available to counsel service members who are in any situation that may result in medical separation, a physical evaluation board, or a disability determination.

Service members may also seek guidance regarding responses to fitness reports or evaluations. Judge advocates are available every duty day to advise service members on a walk-in basis.

Commands should contact NLSO Central when necessary to have counsel detailed in court-martials or administrative separation boards. NLSO Central provides counsel along the Gulf Coast from Pensacola through Texas and maintains offices on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. In Gulfport, NLSO Central is located on the first floor of Building 1 on board NCBC, and can be reached at (228) 871-3511.

Seabee Day 2009, May 9, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fun, Food, Exhibits, Events!  
See page 31 or visit [www.seabee day.org](http://www.seabee day.org) for more information.



# Happy Easter

From  
Colmer Dining  
Facility

*Brunch Menu April 12, 7 - 10 a.m.*

*Price \$4.85 (adults)  
\$4.20 (Children)*  
Crispy Bacon  
Sausage  
Eggs to Order  
Omelets  
Hash Browns  
French toast  
Biscuits  
Sausage Gravy  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Sloppy Joe  
Chicken Tenders  
Seasoned Curly Fries  
Baked Beans  
Whole Kernel Corn



*Supper Menu April 12, 1 - 3:30 p.m.*

*Price \$5.95 (adults)  
\$4.95 (Children)*  
Garden Salad  
Honey Baked Glazed Ham  
Prime Rib  
Boiled Crab Legs  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Lyonnise Rice  
Baked Candied Yams  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Seasoned Cauliflower  
Natural Pan Gravy  
Buttery Dinner Rolls

*Lemon Meringue Pie, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Assorted Beverages*



## Upcoming Traffic Pattern Change

Beginning Monday, April 13, traffic patterns in two base locations will be changing. The intersection of Dong Xoai Avenue and Fifth Street will change from a two-way to a four-way stop; and the intersection of Dong Xoai and Third Street will change from a four-way to a two-way stop.

Signs are in place near the impacted intersections and will remain until the changes are fully implemented.

# Focus on Education

## Navy College offers testing

*From Navy College Office*

The Gulfport Navy College Office offers the following exams:

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)  
DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)  
Excelsior Exams  
ACT (monthly)  
SAT (monthly)

Contact the Gulfport NCO at Building 60, room 239 or call (228) 871-2785 for test dates and times. Testing info can also be found under programs on the monthly calendar at the Gulfport NCBC website: <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/index.htm>.

### Special Exams Schedule

The Navy College Office Gulfport has scheduled the PRAXIS for July 13. Registration deadline for the PRAXIS is June 11. The exams are free with a \$50 registration fee to active duty, reserve and guard personnel.

### Navy Tuition

Did you know that, in some cases, reimbursement of Navy tuition assistance can be deducted from your pay? Counseling on Navy Tuition Assistance policies and procedures are required after five classes and recommended before taking courses and annually. Tuition assistance workshops are held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Navy College Office. Appointments are not required.

For further information, contact the NCO at Building 60, room 239 or call (228) 871-2785.

## Academic Achievement



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Brian McCarthy  
Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Brian Matthews is presented his Chef Certification degree from First Coast Technical College by Dr. Alex Carter, Mar 26.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Terry Spain  
Construction Electrician 2nd Class Christopher B. Morin accepts his associate of arts degree in Electrical Mechanical Technology from Coastline Community College representative, Dr. David Drye.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Brian McCarthy  
Culinary Specialist 1st Class Roslyn Barner receives her Executive Chef certification from First Coast Technical College by Dr. Alex Carter, Mar 26.

## FFSC offers new parenting course

### Home study now an option

*By FFSC Gulfport*

Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a new "Parenting with Dignity" class with two attendance options. With the first option, participants can attend the nine-session series every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. from 23 April- 18 June.

The second option is to check

out the course materials from Fleet and Family Support Center and take the class at home.

Home study will involve a telephone or in-person consultation with the FFSC Educator after each of the nine modules is completed.

Contact FFSC Educator Paula Ingram at (228) 871-3000 for more information.

## FFSC April courses

To increase awareness of The Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, the Fleet and Family Support Center offers the following courses:

### Full length courses:

Don't Shake the Baby! Do This Instead; Effective Discipline; Having Fun with Your Child; Parenting: Helpful Hints; Recognizing Predatory Behavior; Effects of Partner Abuse on Children

### FastTracks (15 minutes or less):

Don't Shake the Baby! Do This Instead; Teaching Children About Anger: The Basics; The "New" Parenting Tool; What is Child Abuse?; Children and Money: The Least They Need to Know

Contact Paula Ingram at (228) 871-3000 to schedule your presentations.

### VA Home Loan Program Seminar

April 22, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sablich Center, Room, 108A, KAFB

Call (228) 376-8728 to sign up!

## College money available

### Seabee Memorial Scholarship to increase

The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association has announced it will increase scholarship award amounts for the 2009-10 academic year. The organization will award 99 scholarships to undergraduates this year.

Ninety-eight of the scholarships will pay a \$1,900 grant, which is a five percent increase from the previous year. One jumbo scholarship for \$5,000 will be awarded to the top freshman applicant for the year.

For more information about the scholarship or to download an application form and instructions, visit [www.seabee.org](http://www.seabee.org). Applications for the 2009-10 must be postmarked no later than April 15.

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# NCBC Gulfport Seabees celebrate Birthday #67



Clockwise from left: (A) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West dances with the troops at the Seabee Ball. West was the guest speaker at the ball, held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the Seabees. (B) The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 Color Guard Parades the Colors to begin the ball. (C) Master of Ceremonies, Command Master Chief (SCW) Brian Farricy of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 requests a moment of silence during the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action tribute to Fallen Seabees. (D) The oldest and youngest Seabees in attendance cut the cake as is the tradition. (E) Equipment Operator 1st Class (SCW) Jennifer Briley rings the bell to honor fallen comrades. Briley also sang the National Anthem. (F) Capt. Ed Brown, commanding officer of Naval Construction Battalion Center, addresses guests at the festivities before introducing the honored guest speaker.

U.S. Navy photo (A) by MCI Jennifer A. Villalovos/Released  
U.S. Navy photos (B) - (F) by MCSN Michael D. Wright/Released

**Now Showing  
at the Training Hall (Bldg. 446)**

April 10 Friday	
6 p.m.	Underworld (R)
8:15 p.m.	Gran Torino (R)
April 11 Saturday	
Noon	Bedtime Stories (PG)
2:15 p.m.	Hotel for Dogs (PG)
4:45 p.m.	My Bloody Valentine (R)
7:15 p.m.	The Spirit (PG13)
April 17 Friday	
6 p.m.	The Pink Panther (PG)
8 p.m.	Yes Man (PG13)
April 18 Saturday	
Noon	Taken (PG13)
2:15 p.m.	Tale of Despereaux (G)
4:30 p.m.	Paul Blart Mall Cop (PG)
6:45 p.m.	Taken (PG13)
April 19 Sunday	
Noon	The Pink Panther (PG)
2:15 p.m.	Paul Blart Mall Cop (PG)
4:30 p.m.	Tale of Despereaux (G)
6:45 p.m.	Defiance (R)



Movies are FREE! FREE! FREE!  
Show times are subject to change without notice.  
Theater opens 30 minutes before first movie starts.  
Concessions close 30 minutes after the last movie starts.  
No smoking within 50 feet of the building.

If you want to stay up on current events go to: [www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport). This website is a great source of information for all MWR facilities and events. The MWR Hotline, 228-871-4MWR is updated often with information on MWR Happenings.

Keep your head down  
Eyes on the ball  
Straight spine angle  
Interlock your grip  
Shoulders square to target line  
Stance shoulder width apart  
Weight on right side  
Turn your left shoulder  
Keep your left arm straight  
Hinge those wrists  
Resist with the right knee  
Pull the toilet chain  
Keep the width between your knees  
Turn your left pocket out of the way  
Create some lag  
Hold the club off  
NOW release  
Transfer your weight  
Turn your belt buckle to the target  
Hold the finish...

Now shout FORE!

**GOLF AT  
PINE  
BAYOU!**

# Community Notes

## SUPPORT

### Family Readiness Groups

**NMCB 1 FRG** invites friends and family members of NMCB 1 Seabees to attend NMCB 1 FRG meetings the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the CBC Chapel Fellowship Hall, preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. For more information, contact FRG President Angela Sourwine at: (228), 323-0036 or e-mail: a.sourwine@yahoo.com or FRG Vice President Rashelle Geddis at: (228) 224-1475 or e-mail: racechick40@hotmail.com.

**NMCB 7 FRG** invites Seabees and their family members and friends to attend a picnic potluck dinner at Seabee Lake, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a hot or cold side dish or dessert to share. Come out and bring the whole family for a fun evening at the lake! Please note: There will not be a FRG meeting for the month of April. For more information, contact Shana Pitman at (228) 867-9968 or e-mail: shana\_pitman@att.net.

**NMCB 74 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members of NMCB 74 Seabees to join the NMCB 74 FRG. While the battalion is in homeport, the FRG will not be meeting on a regular basis. For more information, contact FRG President Torell Coquet at: (931) 338-8420, or Secretary Amy Tamplin at: (937) 570-0353.

**NMCB 11 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members of NMCB 11 Seabees to attend NMCB 11 FRG meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the CBC Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to take part in the potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. For more information, contact FRG President Tessa Grimes at: tgrimes730@hotmail.com or (228) 229-9579.

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members of NMCB 133 Seabees to attend NMCB 133 FRG meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the CBC Chapel Fellowship Hall. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. For more information contact: NMCB133FSG@gmail.com

### Naval Officer's Spouse Club

The Naval Officer's Spouse Club

holds monthly meetings the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Building 1 conference room. For more information contact: noscgulfport@yahoo.com.

### Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

**The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop** is located in Building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. Child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. New volunteers are always welcome. Visit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, Building 30, Suite 103, or call (228) 871-2610 to obtain information about becoming a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

### Gamblers Anonymous

**The Fleet & Family Support Center offers G.A. meetings** every Thursday at 11 a.m. G.A. is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by G.A. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano, (228) 871-3000 for more information.

**Retired Activities Office** is located in the Fleet and Family Support Center and staffed entirely by volunteers for the retired military community. RAO's services are free and are intended to assist customers in obtaining their entitled rights, benefits, and privileges as a retiree, dependent, or survivor of a military service member. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Call for an appointment at (228) 871-3000 ext. 35 or just drop in.

### TRAINING

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The 12 hour, three-day course is offered the last week of the month (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 9 a.m. - 1p.m. in the CBC Chapel Fellowship Hall. The course and child care are FREE! Please R.S.V.P. (228) 871-3000 ext. 7444 Ask for COMPASS!

**Naval Sea Cadets - Gulfport branch** are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-

wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., Bldg. 60, Room 105. For more information contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at: (228) 313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com; or AGC Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at: (228) 871-3787 or enrique.acosta@navy.mil.

### SOCIAL

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, Building 352. Call MC1 Terry Spain at: 871-3663 or EO1 Denise Demontagnac at: (228) 871-2970 for more information.

**VFW Post 3937 Long Beach** is open Monday - Thursday from noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of every month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Weekend breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Post Commander Bill North at (228) 863-8602.

**VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove** is open daily from noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. VFW meetings are held the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. Old and new members alike are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Post Commander Bill McNicholas at: (228) 832-0017 or Sr. Vice Commander Ben Barker at: (228) 832-3798 for more information.

### HERITAGE

**The Seabee Gift Store** has relocated to the new Training Hall, building 446. Hours of operation are: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., phone: (228) 871-4779. The shop has several command exhibits depicting the history of the Seabees. Our gift shop carries a variety Seabee related memorabilia, DVD's and books. Gift store proceeds support the construction of our new museum in Port Hueneme, Calif. The Web address is: www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php.



## Seabee Combat Warriors

By MC2 Erick S. Holmes

NMCB 11 Det. HOA Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 Det. Horn of Africa (HOA), continue to study and train for the Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist (SCW) qualification, even while deployed.

The SCW program requires a Sailor's dedication, according to Equipment Operator 2nd (SCW) Class Dalton J. Kurtz, the first person from NMCB 11 Det. HOA to earn the qualification while deployed. "You really got to earn it," said Kurtz. "You really need to know it all, too. In the boards you get drilled with embarkation, weapons and you need a field exercise under your belt," Kurtz said.

The Sailors of NMCB 11 are taking every chance they can to prepare. Construction Mechanic Constructionman Brian K. Chilson, from the NMCB 11 Det. HOA Alfa Shop, is a junior troop preparing for his upcoming SCW test and board.

"I've been studying and letting people in my shop quiz me," Chilson explained. "And I want the pin. It shows you're trying to do something difficult and that you care a little more than the next guy."

"With Seabee Combat Warfare, you always use the information you learn," Kurtz said. "You'll use this information for your job, field exercises and deployment. You need to know it."

The process to earn the qualification is lengthy. The Sailors need to have all Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) books signed off, pass a written test, a practice board nicknamed a "murder board" and finally the official SCW board. This makes planning your SCW schedule the key to earning the warfare pin, according to the Seabees of NMCB 11.

"I wanted to get it but needed to stay focused," explained Kurtz. "So I determined when I wanted to take the final board and set dates in a reverse time-line from there, hitting all of those milestones."

His senior leadership explained to him the importance of helping fellow eager Seabees, said Kurtz.

"You need to help non-qualified Seabees, too," Kurtz said. "I was told on my board that I need to share my knowledge and help out my shipmates. This shows a Seabee with the pin on their uniform cares about being a Seabee."

NMCB 11 Det. HOA is currently on a six-month deployment to the Combined joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) area of operations, working in five separate countries.

# Easter: A rebirth of opportunities

By Cmdr. M. L. McClellan  
CBC Chaplain

Growing up in the Tennessee Mountains, I came to love two seasons, fall and spring, as both seasons are filled with vibrant colors. There is something about East Tennessee in the spring, with the rebirth of nature pouring forth in the brilliant reds of the tulips, the pastel pinks of the dogwoods and the bright yellows of the daffodils. Some of my favorite memories are being at Cades Cove in the Appalachian Mountains right after a rain, when the air is sweet and clear. It is at those times that you can just feel the earth awake from its winter slumber as it bursts forth with a newness of life.

For both Christians and Jews, spring is also a time of celebrating a newness of life. For Jews, it is celebration of Passover, when the death angel passed over the houses marked with lamb's blood, thus sparing the first born male from death. Because the Egyptians experienced the death of their first born males, they begged the Hebrews to leave Egypt. Thus the exodus from slavery to the Promise Land, where they would enjoy their own nation and freedom, began. This was the birth of a nation. For Christians, spring marks the celebration of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem, hailed as a King and the Messiah. This is followed by Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Last Supper with his Twelve Disciples, before his crucifixion on Good Friday.

The culmination of this is Easter

See **REBIRTH** page 20



School Liaison Officer, Location: MWR, Bldg 352  
1706 Bainbridge Ave. , NCBC, (228) 871-2117

Congratulations to the following CHINFO Merit award winners:

**News Article:**

Honorable Mention:  
MC1 (SCW) Chad Runge, NMCB 1

**Photojournalism:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

MC1 (SCW)  
Demetrius Kennon, NMCB 1

**Best Familygram, Small Command:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
22<sup>nd</sup> NCR

**Best Familygram, Large Command:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
NMCB 1

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instance, a conference room is going to require places to run wires for the projection systems to be installed later, and in order to have those systems up, they are going to need power supplies to plug the computers into.

The most difficult aspect of the project is the fact that the IPT personnel already occupy the first floor of the building. This in turn has caused the crew to work a night shift in order to minimize the disruption to operations. Although there have been other difficulties ranging from lack of power and tripping breakers to out of the ordinary or unscheduled meetings which required construction to stop, the crew is making significant progress every day.

"I have confidence my crew will complete this project with the excellent quality that is the standard for the Seabees," said Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Jerma Cloude, the project crew leader for the IPT Buildout. "I am very happy with the progress we made so far and continue to make everyday," he added while sawing a piece of wood to be used as a ceiling joist.

NMCB 11's Det. Afghanistan is forward deployed for the next five months.

# MCPON releases motorcycle safety podcast

By MCPON Public Affairs

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick West's latest podcast to the fleet focuses on motorcycle safety and the expectations he has of senior enlisted leadership.

He discussed his recent "personal for" message to the chief petty officers (CPOs) and pointed out that it was intended to alert CPOs to what he expects and to energize the first class petty officers. He said he expects both groups to take on the responsibility of ensuring Sailors attend the required safety courses.

"This training is a very important piece of motorcycle safety," West said in the podcast. "The chiefs and the first classes are the catalysts. They're the ones who can actually make sure these Sailors get to the training."

West also pointed out why he believes sport bikes have become so hazardous.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalovos/Released

**Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West makes a surprise visit to the Motorcycle Basic Rider Course at Naval Station Anacostia. West recently released a message to senior enlisted Sailors stressing the importance of motorcycle safety.**

"You add inexperience with speed and the results can be pretty bad. We had 33 deaths

on motorcycles last year, and the majority were on sport bikes."

To listen to MCPON's podcast visit [www.navy.mil/navy-data/mcponplay.asp?id=3144](http://www.navy.mil/navy-data/mcponplay.asp?id=3144)

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as part of their practical exam. "Certification is a process of experience and testing," said Bearl.

At exam time, there are four basic areas for the students to be graded on, said Bearl. The first and most important is safety and sanitation, followed by organization, time and taste/presentation.

According to Culinary Specialist Petty Officer 2nd Class Aura Alconaba, the seminar taught her several practical culinary techniques to be used on the job. "It was a useful class, and it enhanced my cooking skills," she said.

Culinary Specialist Petty Officer 3rd Class Derrick Victor said that now that he's received the extra certification and training, he can pass the knowledge along to others.

Bearl said that he enjoys instructing military members because of their sense of organization, punctuality and adaptability. "The great thing

about the military is their sense of discipline," said Bearl.

The Colmer Dining Hall staff plan to host the chef certification course quarterly.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Brian McCarthy/Released  
**CS3 Derrick Victor prepares for his practical exam during the chef certification course at the Colmer Dining Hall. Students had to pass a battery of written and hands-on exercises during the course. Victor received his certification as Chef de Cuisine.**

## Buckle Up for Safety - Every Time!

### From MERIT page 1

Assistance Force. Snider led the \$120 thousand security system enhancement project for the Governor's compound, improving safety and security for the Paktya Governor and numerous district leaders who worked inside the compound. He also supervised and ensured quality construction of a 19,000 square foot, \$1.3 million Center of Education Excellence in Gardez; the first of its kind in the city.

The Center is intended to posi-

tively influence over 200 children each year in an effort to mitigate Taliban and Al-Qaida dominance in the city of Paktya. Currently, hundreds of children migrate to Pakistan to fulfill their educational needs. He further conducted 130 civil engineer quality assurance and site survey missions spanning 55 arduous convoys that ensured precise scopes, accurate estimates and \$13.3 million worth of quality construction in central and western Paktya.

Both Airmen were extremely humbled by the ceremony and recognition. They work as Structures Instructors at NCTC - teaching apprentice level vertical construction methods in the Air Force unique portion of the Army, Navy and Air Force combined training institution. The Air Force unique portion sharpens student's skills in sheet metal fabrication and welding. Bayes also instructs the Roof, Installation, Maintenance, Inspection and Repair advance level course.

### From LT.J.G. TONER page 1

return October 2009.

In a statement to the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Commanding Officer Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg, NAVFAC Hawaii, said Toner was "an exceptional young man and naval officer. He made a great difference while in Afghanistan just as he did while serving in Hawaii. Those he touched during his life will never forget his smile, sense of humor, competitive spirit, outstanding work ethic and love of country."

Toner, 26, was born in Panorama City, Calif., and later moved to Narragansett, R.I. He

earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Marine Engineering and Ship Yard Management at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Upon graduation, he was directly commissioned into the United States Navy.

After gaining experience in five vessels with the Merchant Marines, Toner attended, and graduated from, the Civil Engineer Corps Officers School, Class 236, in November 2006. Soon after he reported to his first duty assignment at NAVFAC Hawaii, he became the Officer in Charge of Self Help (a Seabees unit). His last assignment at the command prior to deploying to

Afghanistan was as assistant Public Works officer for West Oahu.

Toner is survived by his wife, Brooke, parents and three siblings.

CSTC-A held a memorial service March 29 to honor Toner and his fallen colleague.

"Please keep Brooke and the family in your thoughts and prayers," said NAVFAC Commander and Chief of Civil Engineers Rear Adm. Greg Shear.

Editor's Note: A facebook page has been created in his memory for friends and families to post messages: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=88997048760#>

### Installation Antiterrorism Note

All personnel should be alert and inquisitive about strangers, especially those seen loitering, taking photographs or notes near the installation's perimeter or gate areas. Be suspicious of items that don't belong in the area and be alert for abandoned parcels. All suspicious activity should be reported immediately to Security at (228) 871-2361.

### From REBIRTH page 17

Sunday, when Jesus was resurrected from the grave on the first day of the week. For Christians, this the experience of rebirth of the soul; an awakening of a new life.

The celebration of rebirth is important in each of our lives. A young family celebrates the birth of child, recognizing the new life that will continue after their own. A family rejoices over the successful completion of a cancer surgery or open heart surgery, knowing that their loved one will be with

them a little bit longer. An alcoholic or drug abuser celebrates each day as a new day of sobriety, knowing that each day is a gift that is not to be wasted. A mother and father celebrate the return of the son or daughter from war, aware that there are many who will not know this joy.

Each day, when we wake up, there is a rebirth, because we have new opportunities that present themselves. We have a new opportunity to have a positive effect on someone's life. We have a new opportunity to be a

mentor.

We have a new opportunity to achieve a goal. We have new opportunity to improve ourselves. We have the opportunity to improve a relationship. The rebirth of each day allows us to make decisions that will allow us to improve our lives and the lives of those whom we touch.

May you feel the blessings of this special time of the year and be more open to the opportunities that present themselves so that you may be a blessing to those around you.

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#### Arrival of 2009 base phone guides

NCBC phone guides are now available. Call Sherry at (228) 871-2705 to make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

### 2009 Summertime Classic Golf Tournament May 1, Pine Bayou Golf Course NCBC (Seabee Center) Gulfport

Registration until April 29,  
\$40 per player,  
(after \$45 per player)  
Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch at 1 p.m. Details:  
AGC Acosta, (228) 871-3787 or  
[enrique.acosta@navy.mil](mailto:enrique.acosta@navy.mil)

All proceeds benefit 2009 Active Duty Fund Drive  
in support of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

#### From **SOCCER** page 6

began to excel due to his strong work ethic and maturity driven professionalism.

"Coyle made the job site fun and never had a lack of motivation each and every day while on deployment," said SW1(SCW) Antonio Chavezplata, Coyle's job site supervisor.

Coyle saw a flyer for the All Navy Soccer Team tryouts while working out at the Camp Marvin Shields gym in Okinawa. He submitted a package while on deployment and attended tryouts in Pensacola, Fla. from Jan. 10 - 31.

They started out with approximately 45 men from the Navy and Coast Guard, keeping only 16 field players and two goalies by the end of tryouts. Coyle must have wowed the coaches during tryouts! Even though it was his first year trying out for the team, they made him team captain.

The team went to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, for a tournament where they competed against teams from the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps from Feb. 1 - 8, 2009. The All Navy Team came in 2nd even though they tied the Army in the final match. The judges gave the tournament first place to the Army due to the overall tournament shootout totals. The Army had

scored more end-of-match shootout goals than the Navy during the tournament. End-of-game shootouts were established for the tournament in case of a draw in a final match.

The All Navy Team was awarded silver medals for second place and Coyle was awarded a crystal trophy for being selected as one of the 11 best players in the tournament who would go on to play for the U.S. All Armed Forces Team.

The U.S. All Armed Forces Team was made up of the 16 best field players and best two goalies of the Armed Forces Tournament. The team stayed in Dyess for more training until the tournament began on the Feb. 22. They played against teams from Barbados, Brazil, Canada and Suriname. Each team competed against one another once. Brazil won the gold by defeating Barbados, who took the silver and the U.S. won the bronze by winning against Suriname.

Since returning from deployment and the soccer tournaments, he has been studying for the Builder 3rd Class Petty Officer advancement examination and plans to put in an officer package in the future.

"I wanted to do something physical and challenging while serving in the Navy," said Coyle.

# A special thank you for a special project



Members of Naval Construction Training Center on board Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport are shown with a pictorial board presented to them to commemorate a short-fused community service project completed by members of the NCTC Chief Petty Officer's Mess.

The chief's were able to design and build a wheel chair ramp within five days of being contacted in order to improve the quality of life for a Gulf Coast citizen.

The board, presented by Gary Ruff, left, minister of Cedar Lake United Methodist Church, Biloxi, Miss., and Retired Senior Chief Storekeeper John Bennett, second from left, was accepted on behalf of the CPO Mess by NCTC Command Master Chief (SCW) Walter Asher, Senior Chief Utilitiesman (SCW/FMF) Lisa Hall, Chief Builder (SCW) Manuel Baca and Cmdr. Stephanie Jones, NCTC commanding officer.

U.S. Navy photo by BU2 Dylan G. Jay/Released

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"It refreshes that Seabees memory on what to do if they are in that type of environment and how we need to communicate from a leadership position down to the lowest level, and how we communicate our tasking," he said.

During a visit, Capt Robert McLean, Commodore, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, said Seabees are deployed to 30 countries around the world "playing a tremendous role by supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Global War on Terror," either by conducting humanitarian aid to direct combat support.

"No one is better than Seabees at developing relations and winning hearts and minds," he said.

Back in the pits, dirty and soaking wet, winning hearts and minds may not be what are on these Seabees minds.

"This is your life: six hours in the

holes, six working and six more in the holes," said Builder 2nd Class Cary Barton, a squad leader assigned to NMCB-74. "I only get about three hours of sleep."

This is Barton's fourth field exercise, but after deployments to Iraq, Korea, Japan and Bahamas, he said he understands the importance of the training especially getting used to sleep deprivation and working in other than ideal conditions.

"It's very important for everyone to test themselves, to have basic knowledge for a contingency environment," he said.

The exercise is broken up into two portions, the field training exercise portion, FTX, followed by the final evaluation period, often just referred to as FEP. During all aspects of the training, instructors from the 20th Seabee Readiness Group oversee the work grading the battalion.

"During the FTX phase you want to make sure you are engaged with the instructor from the 20th SRG,"

said McNeil. "If you don't accomplish it you can try it again, but during FEP, it's a graded evolution."

Embarkation, airfield disaster repair, CBR, defense, construction tasking, camp layout, command and control and command operation center operations are all a challenge in the field with limited resources, but McNeil saw it as "a great opportunity for Seabees to learn how to work together." He said the hardest part for operations was moving.

With a separate bridge detachment, air-detachment, convoy security element, and the mainbody, learning how to move people and more than 70 pieces of civil engineering support equipment between a logistical support area and several forward operating bases was a challenge, especially while being aggressed with riot control agents to simulate chemical attacks, small arms fire and mortars.

Contingency construction is the goal, but learning how to stay safe in any environment is even more important.

Steelworker 1st Class Michael Dolde, a facilitator for R75, the weapons and tactics division for the 20th SRG, watches as a scenario plays out. A crowd of civilians seek medical aid at the entry control point of FOB Charleston. Six hours previous these Seabees were building a four-hole burn out, but right now they are defending their camp in fighting positions, their hammers and nails replaced with M4 rifles and crew-serve weapons.

Tension builds. After the crack of a sniper bullet is heard, the crowd runs for cover as sentries take cover themselves. Someone calls in to report the incident via a sound powered phone while others scan the woods for the attacker. The threat is found and eliminated.

Dolde said this is scenario that

might happen in theatre. "We don't use live rounds so we can only take it to a point," he said, but the goal is to make it as realistic as possible.

"NMCB-74 is doing [sic] good," he said. "The weather hasn't been going well, but their moral has been good."

Each scenario has criteria the battalion must meet Dolde said, and during FTX "we will help them and tell them if they are doing it wrong."

He added "we want to get these people ready for deployment; we want them to do their best, learn what they have to do."

As the exercise draws near its end mud puddles dry, weather improves, and so does moral. The "fearless" Seabees pass evaluations and prepare to go home.

It's been said a dirty Seabee is a happy Seabee. If the adage holds true, NMCB-74 Seabees haven't been happier in years.

pects of the field training exercise. "Being around tools is what I do for a living." However, when construction had to stop for mortar attacks, gas attacks and other training scenarios, he described the experience "like walking on the moon."

One of the other things the film crew found unique was the lack of power tools. The reason for that, as one Seabee explained, is that when they are in another country on a humanitarian mission or supporting combat operations, there sometimes isn't any electricity. Seabees have to know how to build things manually.

Temple said he did quite a bit of research on the history of the Seabees before coming out to the field and knew what they were capable of; however, he was virtually speechless as he watched the last task go up. Once constructed, a team raised a 30 foot timber tower with exact precision.

With that, the film crew departed Camp Shelby for NCBC to learn where the Seabees acquire the skills used in the field.

Their first day back in civilization was spent with the instructors at the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) on board NCBC. NCTC teaches not only basic construction skills to Navy personnel who are destined to become Seabees, but also Army and Air Force troops who are in construction fields. They teach more than 10,000 students a year.

Temple was able to experience some of the many advanced courses also taught at the school. He watched as instructors provided one on one and group instruction and then tried his hand at welding, and operated a bull dozer, excavator, front end loader and Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) or 7-Ton,

six-wheel drive all-terrain vehicle.

"Josh is a natural operator," said Chief Equipment Operator (SCW) Helen Daniel, Advanced Schools Course Manager. "He has the innate skill ... to be able to operate safely, efficiently, and without too much property damage. Although watch out when he is in the MTVR, he was having a power trip while driving. If he ever needs a second job he can come back and work for me anytime."

The last task for the film crew was to find out how Seabees learn the skills needed to survive in combat. Their first stop was the 20SRG Tactical Training Facility Combat Convoy Simulator to experience the virtual world of driving a HUMVEE and an MTVR in Iraq and Afghanistan. The six bay simulator, complete with vehicle has a 360 degree view and could be compared to any first person shooter video game. It is designed to teach Seabees how to operate effectively during convoy operations.

"This is great," said Locke. He added that he never knew the Navy did these kinds of things.

The film crew wrapped up their adventures with a visit to the Expeditionary Combat Skills (ECS) course. Although they could have experienced courses in basic expeditionary first aid, land navigation, counter-IED recognition, time only permitted them to watch Judgment-based Engagement Training (JET) and pistol combat shooting and marksmanship. After some intensive one-on-one training from an ECS instructor, the host actually held and fired an M9 pistol for the first time in his life, and struck the target every time.

Temple said the course brought the realization of the seriousness of the training. "We are all really hard on ourselves; we want to get it right to show what you guys do out



U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released

**Josh Temple, the host for a one hour special entitled, "Combat Construction. Seabees: They build, they fight," tries his hand at utility pole climbing. Temple and four others from Leopard Films was on base to film the special.**

here," he said. When asked about his visit with the Seabees, Temple replied, "The more I read (about the Seabees), the more respect I had, and honestly, it's a great thing to be doing this (filming) because I know there are people out there that don't know that Seabees exist."

"We are trying to show that there is more to the Navy than sailing around on ships," said Locke. "They (the Navy) have this unit that can go anywhere around the world and help people."

Armed with more than 50 tapes of interviews and footage, the Leopard Films crew called it a wrap and headed back to New York to begin the month long process of editing the material into a show, tentatively scheduled to air this fall on the DIY network.

Locke said he doesn't want this to be the last time with the Seabees. He is hoping the network will ask for an additional six episodes. That will be quite an adventure.

**Special note:**  
*Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class John Hulle also contributed to this story.*



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**Seabee Base Blood Drive!**  
April 9, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Seabee Memorial Chapel



**WANTED: SeaBee Divers!**  
**Underwater Construction Team ONE**  
**Contact S1/CCC @ (757) 462-3986/3988**

off, the site was clean, contractors were on-site installing the temporary roof and the contracting office was already starting to work the permanent roof.

As CO, I sometimes wonder if the message is clear, is it received, are we on track? You always worry about communications. Our Seabees are our warfighting platforms. We are not about Ships or Aircraft, we are about people. They are the reason we come to work and will do whatever it takes. Seabee "Can Do" has always been more than a motto.

My thanks to our dedicated civil service, contractor and, of course, military personnel. You are all our "Seabees." You focus on the mission and focus on doing what it takes to ensure our people can do their job. You are what Gulfport is all about. BZ to all!

## Reminder . . . ID card changes coming

DoD will begin removing social security numbers from all DoD ID cards. The removal will occur in three phases, with changes made upon ID card renewal.

Phase One: Remove dependent social security numbers – to begin by the end of calendar year 2008

Phase Two: Remove all printed SSNs – to begin by the end of calendar year 2009

Phase Three: Remove SSNs embedded in bar codes – to begin during calendar year 2012

Note: Geneva Convention ID cards will retain the last four digits of the SSN.



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## **Seabee Memorial Chapel**

### **Center Chaplains:**

**Cmdr. Macgregor McClellan, Protestant Chaplain**  
**Lt. Leticial P.J. Rouser, Protestant Chaplain**

**For more information concerning other faith  
groups, call the chapel office at (228) 871-2454**

### **Services:**

**Protestant: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday, 11 a.m. Divine Worship**

**Catholic: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Family Choir Mass**  
**Sunday, 10:40 a.m., Religion Education**  
**Monday- Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Daily Mass**

**Gospel Service: Sunday, 8 a.m.**



# SEABEE DAY



May 9, 2009

Naval Construction Battalion Center's Parade Field  
Gulfport, MS



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**Saturday,  
May 9, 2009  
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

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Former US Navy Sailor, and  
Country Music Sensation.



Chris Sligh, American Idol Season  
6 Finalist, Contemporary Christian  
Music Sensation, and Dove Award  
Nominee.



Car Show-Starts at 9:30 a.m.

## Helping Hands

### SMRC Very Special Field Day

The South Mississippi Regional Center in Long Beach is looking for 30 volunteers April 30 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. to help about 100 individuals who have been diagnosed with mental retardation during their field day events. Events include 50/100 yard dash, football and baseball toss, horse shoes and much more. To volunteer, call Heather Ness at 228-867-1342 or 619-933-0512 or e-mail her at mathew\_heather@hotmail.com.

## Holy Week / Easter Sunday

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

April 9	7 p.m.	Holy Thursday- Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 10	3 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
April 11	7 p.m.	Easter Vigil
April 12	9:30 a.m.	Easter Mass



### PROTESTANT SERVICES

April 9	5:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday with Communion
April 10	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy
April 12	11 a.m.	Easter Service with Communion

### GOSPEL SERVICE

April 12	7 a.m.	Sunrise Service At Seabee Lake (if rain, CBC Chapel)
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**FREE 9-day Summer Camp from 6:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.**  
Sponsored by CBC GULFPORT for Kids ages 8 ½ - 13 years old  
**June 22 to July 2**

**DEFY:** Is a 2-Phased prevention program for kid's ages 8 1/2-13 years old. Our goal is to produce youth with character, leadership, and confidence so they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens and have the necessary skills to be successful in their lives through coordinated community participation, commitment, and leadership. It is a challenging, fun-filled week and a-half in the summer camp (Phase I) followed by a year of mentoring (Phase II).

**MILITARY and DOD kids ages 8 1/2-13 years old**

Also needing STAFF personnel (officers and enlisted) who must be on no cost TAD orders at least one week during DEFY Camp time frame and attend a MANDATORY TRAINING time still to be determined

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Staff: June 1, Youth: June 8  
Pick up and return Youth & Staff Applications to the base chapel or to CE1 Tanner at CTR Bldg. 39

\* The MANDATORY meeting for all PARENTS will be held Thursday,

June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Base Chapel Fellowship Hall.

\* Graduation Ceremony at 10 a.m. July 2, Bldg. 122, room 1

ALL YOUTH MUST BE PICKED UP BY 1 p.m. Thursday, July 2, NO

EXCEPTIONS!!!!

POC: CE1 TANNER /228 871 2713 or [Erica.S.Tanner@navy.mil](mailto:Erica.S.Tanner@navy.mil)

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