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Seabees make SMART move



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SCW) Jeffrey J. Pierce/Released

Bird's eye view of the Port of Gulfport where 171 containers and 337 pieces of Civil Engineer Support Equipment are staged and ready for loading aboard the Alliance New York. This equipment makes up the SMART (Scalable, Modular, Agile, Responsive Table of Allowance) P-25 and is bound for Rota, Spain to support operations within United States European Command (EUCOM).

Three commands changing hands

From NCBC Public Affairs

Three Naval Mobile Construction Battalions homeported at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) will change hands over the next couple

of weeks.

For NMCB 11, Cmdr. Michael Monreal relieves Cmdr. Stephen Revelas June 22 in Kuwait. For NMCB 133, Cmdr. Christopher Kurgan relieves

Cmdr. Paul Odenthal June 25 at 10 a.m. in the Seabee Center Training Hall. For NMCB 7, Cmdr. Paul Mitchell relieves Cmdr. John Adametz June 26 at 9 a.m. on the Parade Field.

NETg and SkillSoft eLearning courses to be removed from NKO

By Ed Barker

Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Nearly 4,000 eLearning courses intended for personal enrichment from vendors NETg and SkillSoft will no longer be available on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) as of Oct. 1, 2009.

The NETg and SkillSoft catalog available through Navy eLearning on NKO consists of courses that are primarily intended for personal enrichment. Courses include content on business and professional development, desktop computing and information technology including test preparation for IT certifications.

"Unfortunately, the funding that supported this catalog of courses was part of a twenty-five million dollar cut during the FY-10 budget cycle," said John Phillips, production requirements manager for the Naval Education and Training Command. "As a headquarters, we have received significant budget

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Navy Legal

Change in procedure to obtain tax exempt form

Effective immediately, Region Legal Service Office Southeast Branch, Gulfport now requires a current copy of the service member's Leave and Earnings Statement to obtain a vehicle "tax exempt" form.

The reason for this new policy is to verify the service member's state of legal residence. Numerous service members are coming into the office not knowing what state is on their LES and/or are claiming the wrong state.

The measure is in the place to prevent service members from making fraudulent claims against the state of Mississippi, and to alleviate anyone being liable for back taxes.

The requirements for obtaining a vehicle "tax exempt" form are as follows:

- 0 Stationed in Mississippi on PCS orders;
- 0 Uniformed Services Active Duty (ID Card); and
- 0 Can not be a resident of Mississippi

For more information contact RLSO SE at 228 871-2620.

★ Kudos to Seabee Center's Navy Lodge ★ and Commissary ★

Navy Lodge Gulfport was awarded the Meritorious Award for guest satisfaction and service at the annual Navy Lodge worldwide conference recently held in Virginia Beach, Va. Great job!

The NCBC Gulfport Commissary received an Honorable Mention in the Paget Award category for excellence in accountability, unit cost, commissary customer service and sales at the Defense commissary Agency's 2009 Conference held in Richmond, Va., May 19.

Congratulations to both facilities!

Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor,
 I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me,
 I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world,
 I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment,
 I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

Skipper's Log

The strategy of hope

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

Leaders never rely on hope for things to go well. If two friends invited you fishing which would you prefer to go with?

a: "We'll grab some gear, go out to the bay and hope to catch some" or,

b: "I've been reading the fishing reports, know where the fish are running, have all the latest fish finding gear, have been fishing these waters for ages, this is going to be a great day."

Don't know about you but if I'm actually looking to catch some fish I'm going with the second person. Yet in our daily lives we frequently "hope for the best." We let chance play in our lives.

Lay out a plan, do research, know where your plan is at risk, think of what could happen and how you



Capt. Ed Brown

will react. This applies to your summer vacation, your plan to complete your college degree, or the next advancement exam.

I've been reading and studying leadership and management for years and have never once seen a chapter labeled "The Strategy of Hope."

Why is it that many of us make hope the most influential part of our plan?

NCBC Telephone Switchover

On June 19 the Seabee Center will receive a switch upgrade and dial plan change. Phone numbers with the 871 prefix will be inoperable June 19, from 8 p.m. - midnight during the switch.

Once the dial plan switch has been accomplished, all customers on board NCBC will need to use the full seven digit phone number when placing calls.

Command Action Line:

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-(877)-657-9851. Comm: (904) 542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: (904) 542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil.

OICC Katrina holds awards ceremony

U.S. Air Force presents award

By Sue Brink

NAVFAVAC SE Public Affairs

Officer In Charge of Construction (OICC) Katrina Commanding Officer Cmdr. Christopher S. LaPlatney hosted a ceremony June 3 on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport to recognize the many accomplishments made by the entire team that has affected areas along the Gulf Coast from Pascagoula, Miss to New Orleans, La.

The OICC Katrina team was recognized by Maj. Patrick Breaux, commander, USAF, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, as he presented the "Outstanding Construction Agent of the Year" award for fiscal year 2008 to LaPlatney and Lt. Cmdr. Burr Vogel, ROICC, Keesler Air Force Base. The annual award recognizes the Army District, Navy Division or Host Nation agency that provides the most professional management of Air Force construction projects funded by the MILCON Program or Host

Nations.

Rear Adm. Christopher Mossey, commander, NAVFAVAC Atlantic, presented LaPlatney with the Meritorious Service Medal for stalwart leadership during a period of unprecedented historic recapitalization in the wake of one of this Nation's most costly natural disasters - Hurricane Katrina. He successfully drove the execution of \$850 million of mission essential construction and facility support contracts at six major installations across 110 miles of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

OICC Katrina stood-up Aug. 1, 2006 to provide supported commands with a unified structure for managing and coordinating repair and rebuilding projects associated with the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort.

OICC Katrina, under Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast, serves as the lead facility engineering and acquisition authority for Navy,

Marine Corps and Air Force activities damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It provides forward-deployed, leveraged engineering support, and an on-site operational commitment for reconstruction and recovery efforts spanning the Gulf Coast from Pascagoula, Miss. to New Orleans, La.

To date, they have overseen a contract load total of approximately \$1 billion with work in progress of over \$250 million per year. The program oversight consists of 89 new facilities, demolition of 84 facilities, repair of 309 facilities, 16 building renovations and 212 new housing units.

As LaPlatney gets his next set of orders to be the executive officer at NCBC Gulfport, he thanked the military and civilian staff from OICC Katrina for their hard work and dedication. "I am astonished by the amount of work you all accomplished over the past three years," said LaPlatney. "You should all be proud of what you have done to help



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SCW) Michael B. Lavender/Released
Rear Adm. Christopher Mossey, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic presents Cmdr. Christopher S. LaPlatney the Meritorious Service Medal for stalwart leadership while serving as commanding officer, Officer in Charge of Construction, Katrina.

bring this area back to life in light of the devastation it saw nearly four years ago."

"The funding provided as a result of Hurricane Katrina gave us an opportunity to recapitalize facilities that serve the Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Soldiers who work, play, and are trained

at the installations along the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coasts. These men and women proudly serve their country and deserve the best facilities we can provide," explained LaPlatney. "That has been the team's motivation; their challenge; and ultimately, their success."

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LifeWorks June schedule of Events

June 11: Curb Appeal Beautification Project - Many residents have been hard at work getting their yards in great shape. The staff of Balfour Beatty communities would like to say, "Thank you", and help make your yard even more beautiful. On June 16, we will be giving away ever-green shrubs. To get your name on the list and pick out which shrub you would like stop by the office through June 11.

June 11 - June 19: Summer Play Sign-ups, Do you have a child bitten by the acting bug? Or a

child that is just looking for something different to do this summer? Bring them by the office or call to sign them up for the Summer Play that will be performed July 24. Open to all ages. Note: Rehearsal days and times will depend on number of children signed up and the times that are best for you, the parents!

June 11: Flag Day Trivia - Kids can fill out answers on the Flag Day trivia flyer included in this packet and bring by the office to receive a prize!

June 12: Field Day - Join us for some friendly competition in some field day games in the Pinewood neighborhood. We will meet at the playground be-



ween Palm Court and Crepe Myrtle Court at 1 p.m. Prizes awarded to all winners. Water provided. Let the games begin!

June 17: Father's Day Craft - Stop by the office between 1 and 3 p.m. to make Dad a special gift. You can choose to decorate either an apron or coffee mug.

June 17: Magnolia Community Huddle - Magnolia residents are invited to join us in the office at 3:30 p.m. to address any concerns/inquiries about the neighborhood. Snacks provided after community huddle.

Squeaky Clean and Green

From NAVFAVAC SE Public Affairs

According to the International Car Wash Association, automatic car washes use less than half the water used when washing your car at home. The average home wash uses 80-140 gallons of water while the commercial average is 45 gallons. Commercial car washes often reuse water, send the runoff to treatment centers instead of nearby lakes and streams and also use high pressure nozzles that require less water use.

A lot of gas stations now have car washes right next to the gas pumps. You can save gas and water while getting your car washed at your next fill-up.

Rainy day gotcha down? Unlike your home wash, some automatic



washes come with a rainy day guarantee. If you do wash at home, make sure to wash over dirt or lawn to absorb the extra water. Use biodegradable, phosphate-free soap and empty wash buckets in the sink or toilet.

For more water saving ideas, visit <https://navyenergy.navfac.navy.mil> or contact the NCBC Public Works Environmental Department Air/Water Program Manager at (228) 871-2485.

Sailors make trip to historic African American Museum

By MCI (SW) Terry Spain
NCBC Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, spent their Memorial Day at the grand opening of the African American Military History Museum and United Service Organization in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The museum featured several exhibits honoring African American service members who served in various wars.

"It makes me feel good to see the veterans who have laid down their lives for the freedom of this country aren't forgotten and that they are being recognized for their good deeds," said Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Duane Odom, a Seabee assigned to NCBC. "I am glad that I attended and that I brought my son along to witness a part of history. This will inspire me to keep putting in 120 percent and to serve my country proudly," said Odom.

The USO opened in 1942, in the segregated Army of World War II, and served as a home away from home for African American Soldiers stationed at Camp Shelby.

This building is the only remaining USO constructed especially for African American soldiers in the United States. Because of this unique history, it is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, and is also a Mississippi landmark.

"I was really impressed with the amount of people who came to see this event in early 2008 before the building was renovated.

We had our last dance in the dance hall, then we turned it into a museum," said retired Army Col. Sheila Varnado, president of the African American

Purple Heart presentation



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael Wright/Released

Rear Adm. Richard Cellon, commander First Naval Construction Division, awards the Purple Heart Medal to retired Senior Chief Steel Worker Willie Farmer June 4 at the Seabee Center Training Hall. The Purple Heart is given to any Armed Forces member for being wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces.

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Cariello takes the helm of 22 NCR

By MC3 Michael D. Wright
22NCR Public Affairs

Capt. Robert A. McLean III was relieved as Commander Twenty Second Naval Construction Regiment (22nd NCR) by Capt. Louis V. Cariello, during a change of command ceremony June 5 on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC).

Rear Adm. Richard E. Celon, Commander, 1st Naval Construction Division was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Capt. McLean assumed command of 22nd NCR in June 2007; he departs to become the Commanding Officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East, in Yokosuka, Japan.

The ceremony brings an end to a very successful tour for McLean. In February 2008, he led the 22nd NCR on a deployment to the Al Anbar Province of Iraq where they exercised command and control of 1,500 personnel from two Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, a Marine Engineering Support Unit and an Army Multi-Role Bridge Company. He oversaw the

completion of over 140 projects valued at \$100 million. Notable accomplishments included the construction of several Combat Outposts, Iraqi Security Force Facilities, Entry Control Points, hundreds of miles of route repairs, installation of utilities and support infrastructure, and placement of three military bridges.

During the deployment, the 22nd NCR Convoy Security Elements provided security to critical convoy movements supporting engineer projects, route repair tasking and administrative/logistic functions to execute 950 total convoys comprised of third country national logistic movements, 531 project missions and 101 combat logistic patrols while covering 140,000 kilometers throughout Iraq.

The ceremony marks a return to the 22nd NCR for Captain Cariello. In April 2000, he was deployed as Commander, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment Forward in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 22nd NCR was attached to Joint Task Force 160, for the purpose of constructing detainee facilities following 9/11 in support



Capt. Louis V. Cariello

of Operation Enduring Freedom. Most recently, Cariello served as Deputy Commander for Operations at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific.

During his career, Cariello served with Naval Mobile Construction Four, where he made operational deployments to Subic, Republic of the Philippines as Detail Projects Officer, and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico as Detail Officer in Charge. After receiving dual Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Management at Drexel University in 1994, he assumed overseas duties as



U.S. Navy photo by MCC(SCW) Jeffrey J. Pierce/Released

Capt. Robert A. McLean III reads his orders during 22nd NCR's change of command ceremony Friday. McLean assumed command of the 22nd NCR in June 2007; he departs to become the Commanding Officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East, in Yokosuka, Japan.

Staff Civil Engineer for Public Works Center, Guam. In 1998, Cariello returned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, where he served as Operations Officer, making several deploy-

ments to Okinawa, Japan and Puerto Rico. He was next assigned to the OPNAV N80 staff as the Facilities & Infrastructure Programming Analyst from April 2002, to May 2004.

Electronic networks and social media invade NCBC

By MC1 (SW) Terry Spain
NCBC Public Affairs

Social media has taken the world by storm, and Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport (NCBC) has logged on and jumped on board the media network.

Reaching Sailors and informing the community about NCBC Seabees, is the ultimate goal for the Center. Although MySpace is blocked on NMCI computers, Facebook and Twitter are not.

5 "Recently we created a Twitter ac-

count and are encouraging people to sign up so they can stay informed," said Rob Mims, NCBC public affairs officer. "Updates are also posted on the NCBC website multiple times a day."

This will be the first time NCBC will use Twitter in conjunction with Hurricane season. The objective is to send out messages and alerts so that Sailors and their families can be prepared in the event of a hurricane.

Additionally, the new social media will inform Sailors of all emergencies

on the Center.

"Last year one of the lessons learned was that people said they did not receive tropical cyclone condition information in a timely manner. This year we want to ensure there are multiple avenues in which to receive information, social media is one of those avenues," Mims' said.

As social media grows, the Seabee Center will look into adding an instant news site where deployed Seabees can add their photos with captions, so the families back home

and news outlets can see all the great things their Seabees are doing while deployed.

"This is a great tool; communication evolves all the time and it's important that we use all forms of media to tell the Seabee story," said CBC Command Master Chief James Fairbanks.

If you would like to join NCBC Twitter, log on to <http://twitter.com/SeabeeCenter>.

To join NCBC Facebook, log on to <http://www.facebook.com> and add NCBC GPT PAO to your friends list.

'Roos raise money for NMCRS

By MCC (SW) Ryan Delcore
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

The Running Roo's of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 added fun to Navy Marine Corps Relief Society fundraising by holding a company-wide competition to see who could raise the most money to vote their designated representative the "Commanding Officer for the Day". Each company had a jar on it's quarterdeck for contributions.

The winner was Construction Electrician 3rd Class (SCW) Fayette T. Clark from NMCB 133's Bravo Company.

Clark experienced first-hand how it is to be the commanding officer. She carried out all appointments that were scheduled on the CO's calendar.

Her day started off with staff call, then quarters, where she had to present awards in front of the entire battalion. After quarters, she held meetings with the Battalion's staff members, company heads and senior enlisted. She met with junior troops from Charlie Company at lunch.

Clark also made rounds from classroom to classroom at the Naval Construction Training Center which gave her another reminder of the importance of battalion readiness.

Clark was briefed everywhere she went and All Hands called out "Attention on Deck!" as she approached. Clark made her rounds at Alfa Com-



U.S. Navy photo by UT3 Francisco Cardona/Released

Construction Electrician 3rd Class Fayette T. Clark, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Bravo Company makes an important phone call while carrying out her role as commanding officer of NMCB 133 for the day. The Seabees bid the most money for Clark to act as CO a day as a Navy Marine Corps Relief Society fundraiser.

pany, that included a walk through the Alfa yard during the end of BEEP with NMCB 74. Clark had a full day, moving from place to place seeing where everybody is at and being accountable for all the moving parts in a battalion that day.

The fundraiser made over \$800 for the NMCRS. Many Seabees from NMCB 133 and other commands on Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport have been helped by NMCRS when they really needed it. NMCB 133 was able to give a some of it back with little bit of creativity and a lot of fun!

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Department of the Navy that was founded in 1904 and has raised millions of dollars to help Sailors and Marines in times of financial crisis.

The Society's main way of helping is with interest free loans to these service members during financial emergencies, such as home or auto repairs or plane tickets to be by the side of a loved one.

Navy commands hold annual fund raisers which allow service members the opportunity to give back to NMCRS.

NMCB 74 Seabees deploy to Pensacola

By MC2 John Hulle
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, traveled to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., May 11, for a 45 day deployment for training.

Plans for the mini-deployment include the construction of three, 31 feet by 14 feet dumpster enclosures and the repair of 4,200 feet of existing road on the base's airfield as well as a repair to the rifle range road assisting in making NAS Pensacola a more aesthetically pleasing look.

Project officer-in-charge Chief Builder (SCW) Patrick Maune and assistant officer-in-charge Builder 1st Class (SCW) Jeffery Sapp lead the projects with a crew of 20 jun-



U.S. Navy photo by BU2 Jerome Allen/Released

Builder Constructionman Daniel Korin digs the footer for a dumpster enclosure at Naval Air Station Pensacola, May 14., during a NMCB 74 deployment to Florida.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Erick S. Holmes

Equipment Operator 3rd Class Justain Fordt, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, Detachment Horn of Africa, guides a roller during the Welela culvert bridge construction. The original bridge was destroyed during heavy rainfall and NMCB 11 is building a new bridge for the local population.

First time deployers of NMCB 11 build essential bridge in Uganda

By MC1 Dustin Q. Diaz
Naval Media Center

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 completed construction on a concrete, low-water crossing in Aromo, Uganda, May 7.

Completion of the culvert bridge at Walela will benefit local residents, according to Uganda Peoples' Defense Force (UPDF) Lt. B.Y. Gala.

"This is a great development for the people of Uganda and this region and a great achievement for the U.S. Navy and the UPDF," said Gala.

Gala led a group of UPDF engineers who worked alongside the Seabees. Another group of Ugandan soldiers served as force protection for the joint camp. This project was a different kind of military-to-military engagement than service members assigned to and supporting the multinational Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa usually participate in, according to Chief Builder (SCW) Jonathan Poellot.

"We've been able to pass on a lot of technical knowledge to them, instead of coming in with a show of force," said Poellot, a native of Mahopac, N.Y. "We've formed good relationships, and we're teaching them to do construction [and] perform maintenance on the roads.

"From here, all the way down to Kampala, everybody knows why we're here - to build a bridge and improve their transportation ability," Poellot added.

The bridge will shorten the five-hour drive to Kampala, along with cutting the 90-minute drive to Lira in half. This will save on fuel costs and improve access to resources.

"Some of these people are farmers who grow cash crops that need to be taken to Lira," said Gala. "This is [a great improvement to the] infrastructure in terms of access to some of the things they cannot get here in Aromo."

Many of the Seabees have befriended local residents who have watched the construction every day. They said it means a lot to them that they can make a positive impact on people in need.

"When we leave here, we'll be gone, but knowing we've made a difference in their day-to-day lives," said Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Peter Belcastro, crew leader. "I love what the Seabees do. We live in pretty rugged conditions, with the tents and the outhouses, but any time you look outside the concertina wire, you know the people out there have it so much worse, so it's a very humbling

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Charlie Company, 169th Engineer Battalion changes command at Naval Construction Training Center

1st Lt. Christopher Clair
NCTC Public Affairs

On the morning of the May 27, one chapter of a military career closed as another one opened when Army Captain Brian Noel, commanding officer of the 169th Engineer Battalion relinquished his command to Army Captain Michael Bryant.

The company is an Advanced Individual Training Company comprised of 150 Soldiers and 40 cadre for the Carpentry and Masonry Military Occupational Skill 21W. The Charlie Company Soldiers join with Navy and Air Force staff and students in training at Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport.

Part of Army tradition at a change of command is to transfer the guidon from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander. With the

transfer of the guidon goes the transfer of responsibility for the accomplishment of the company mission and the welfare of the troops. During this transfer the First Sergeant passes the guidon to the outgoing commander as an appreciation for his leadership. The outgoing commander passes it to the Battalion Commander to relinquish his command and show gratitude for the opportunity to lead Soldiers. The Battalion Commander then passes the guidon to the incoming commander to entrust him with the responsibility and care of the unit. Finally, it is passed back to the First Sergeant, signifying the incoming commander's trust and confidence in the leaders and Soldiers of the organization.

Captain Noel began his command in

October 2008. Within his command, over 1,300 Soldiers have graduated and moved on to their next place of duty. Captain Noel's next assignment is at Denison Barracks, Hermitage, England, where he will attend the Royal School of Military Surveying and earn a master's degree in Defense Geospatial Intelligence.

Captain Bryant comes to the company with 19 years of active duty service. He enlisted in 1990 as an Aviation Operation Specialist. He spent 12 years in the enlisted ranks before attending Officers Candidate School in 2003 as a Staff Sergeant. His previous assignment was a 12-month company command with Bravo Company, 31st Engineer Brigade where he was in command of a training company for the 21B MOS, Combat Engineer.



U.S. Navy photo by Milt Williams/Released

Army Captain Michael Bryant takes the Charlie Company Guidon during a change in command ceremony May 27 for the Soldiers of the 169th Engineer Battalion on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport.

Charlie Company is grateful to Captain Noel for his hard work and dedication, wishing him the best of luck

as he continues his career. They welcome Captain Bryant to the unit with his guidance and leadership.

Motorcycle Safety training



Building 60, Room 224
Motorcycle Safety, 871-4343 or 871-4702
Sign up on line at: <http://www.navy-motorcyclerider.com>

In order to improve the skills and knowledge of motorcyclists, it's mandatory for all Sailors who are motorcycle riders to attend motorcycle safety training courses. Courses are available at no cost.

New Health Clinic providers

The Branch Health Clinic on board NCBC now has two new providers onboard, including a Pediatrician. Dr. Elisabeth Haller and Mr. Michael Fairbanks have joined the clinic staff and are available to start enrolling patients (family members of active duty personnel). Dr. Haller, a Pediatrician, is available to see patients aged 2 through 17. Mr. Fairbanks, a Family Nurse Practitioner, is available for all patients aged 2 and up. Their appointment hours are Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To change your TRICARE enrollment to either provider, contact Ms. Debbie Sekul at (228) 871-2810 x105. To make an appointment, call the Appointment Hotline at 1-877-879-1621.

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Academic achievement



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

Navy College Director Alex Carter presents Yeoman 1st Class Clarita Espinoza of Twentieth Seabee Readiness Group (20 SRG) with her Associates of Science degree in Industrial Management from Florida Community College at Jacksonville. Espinoza is not stopping with an associate degree, she is now in active pursuit of her bachelor's degree.

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cuts and have had to make some hard choices on what programs to continue funding in the future. Although four-thousand courses sound like a lot, they represent only four percent of our annual eLearning course completions."

No new enrollments for NETg or SkillSoft courses will be accepted beyond

Sept. 15. All active enrollments must be completed by Sept. 30 of this year to be credited to an individual's transcript.

See NAVADMIN 154/09 for additional information.

For updated information on what courses are available on Navy eLearning, visit the NKO Web site at <https://www.nko.navy.mil>.

Now is the time to update TWMS, Page 2

Total Workforce Management Service. All base personnel who are attached to a CNI command (UICs CBC-62604, CBC-Security-49368, Pascagoula-68890, CNRSE forward deployed units-09697) are responsible for ensuring that recall and emergency contact information is up to date in TWMS which is located at the following URL: <https://twms.nmci.navy.mil/self-service>. Once you enter the TWMS self service site, use the Personal/Recall Information link and review information for correct base location, building number, home address, e-mail addresses, supervisor's name, work phone, cell phone or pager number, home phone and emergency points of contact.

All personnel (contract, active

duty, non-appropriated fund civilians and appropriated fund civilians) who have questions or encounter problems with TWMS should contact CBC's TWMS POC: Linda Cooley at (228) 871-2954 or linda.cooley@navy.mil before attempting to contact the regional TWMS administrator. Contract employee records must be created manually either by someone in the Business Operations Office, or a manager/admin point of contact in your department who has been granted a TWMS account. Security personnel should contact Kerri Torres. You do not need to have a TWMS account to be able to view your own personal records. Simply access the self service module at the URL listed in the first paragraph. Your CAAC card will identify you at the site.

Storm Guide 2009

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. There is nothing magical in these dates, and hurricanes have occurred outside of these six months, but these dates were selected to encompass over 97 percent of tropical activity.

Knowing what to do in an emergency is your responsibility. Staying informed and having a solid plan is your best defense against disaster. The Navy's Operation Prepare at www.cnic.navy.mil provides vital emergency planning information and tools for all Navy personnel. Another valuable web resource is the NCBC website's Emergency Management page at: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm.

Stay or Go?

Know your area! What zone are you in? Are you in a storm surge area or flood plain? What are the evacuation routes in your county? What is Contra-Flow? Answers to questions on Harrison County flood zones and evacuation routes are available at: <http://co.harrison.ms.us>



twitter

Get immediate NCBC Gulfport Tropical Cyclone Condition updates, Emergency Information and Evacuation instructions by following Seabee Center GPT on Twitter. Go to <http://twitter.com/SeabeeCenter>.

facebook

To join NCBC Facebook, log on to <http://www.facebook.com> and add NCBC GPT PAO to your friends list.

There is also a new "National weather Service" button under Emergency Management on the base website that links directly to Gulfport that links directly to Gulfport weather.

Emergency "Grab and Go" Kit

Use a portable fire/waterproof sealed box and enclose segregated groups of box contents into zip lock baggies for ease of use and extended protection from the elements . . .

Cash, rolls of quarters, traveler's checks
Emergency phone num-



bers for doctors, banks, insurance companies, credit card companies, clergy, family, and repair contractors

Prescriptions for medication and eyeglasses

Children's immunization records

Copies of all insurance policies, as well as health, dental and/or pharmacy insurance cards

Copies of deeds, titles, wills, durable power of attorney, health care directives, stock and bond certificates, investments statement, home inventory (written, photos, CD's),

birth, death, adoption and marriage certificates, passports and other identity documents

Employee benefit documents and the first two pages of previous year's federal and state income tax returns.

Back-up copies of computerized financial records, family photographs Consider scanning all computerized files onto a flash drive or CD.

Keys to safe deposit boxes and safe combinations.

Checkbooks, extra checks
User names and passwords for home computers



NCBC Shelter Update

* Military personnel will shelter in the MCCOOC Warehouse, building 217.

* Family members will shelter in the OELF building #437. Family members must have their dependant identification cards with them, as well as their social security number, in order to check in.

* Women who are pregnant should consult their physicians for the best course of action. Women past their 24th week of pregnancy will not be allowed to stay in the NCBC shelter.

* NCBC does not have a pet shelter. Pets are accepted at Harrison Central High School, but the owner must use the shelter adjacent to the one that the pet is in for the entire time the animal is in the pet shelter.

Atlantic tropical storm names for 2009: Ana, Bill, Claudette, Danny, Erika, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Joaquin, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor, Wanda

Don't allow a hurricane to catch you off guard; be informed, have a plan, make a kit . . .

Questions about Disaster Preparedness? Contact NCBC Emergency Manager Lew Fountain at (228) 871-2123 or lewis.fountain@navy.mil

Mustering responsibility includes ALL personnel

It is critical to have accurate recall and emergency contact information on all military and civilian personnel in case of a disaster, emergency or mishap.

During and following a disaster, the Navy must be informed of your status and needs. *Mustering is accomplished by reporting your whereabouts with your command to ensure that all members of the Navy Family (active duty*

Navy personnel, Navy Reservists, Navy Civilian employees (both Civil Service and nonappropriated fund employees, and their families, as listed in the DEERs database).

To muster:

* Contact respective department heads and keep the chain of command informed throughout the emergency. If you cannot reach your command representative,

*Log in to the Navy

Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS), at: <https://www.navyfamily.navy.mil>. Family members will need their sponsor's date of birth and social security number to log in.

*If a computer is not accessible, call the Navy Personnel Command Emergency Coordination Center (NPC ECC): 1-877-414-5358 or 1-866-297-1971 (TDD).

Emergency management phone numbers

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency: (601) 933-6362; MEMA Agency Public Information Hotline: (answered 24 hours per day during an emergency or evacuation), (866) 519-6362. Hancock County: 466-8200. Harrison County: 865-4002 (Gulfport, Biloxi, Pass Christian), 831-0760 (Long Beach). Jackson County: 769-3111 (Pascagoula), 475-8848 (Moss Point), 875-0114 (Ocean Springs).

Storm categories

Category 1: wind speed 74-95 mph. Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored mobile homes. Storm surge of 4-5 feet above normal.

Category 2: wind speed 96-110 mph. Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees, some trees down, glass broken by flying debris, major damage to exposed mobile homes. Storm

surge of 6-8 feet above normal.

Category 3: wind speed 111-130 mph. Large trees blown down, major roof damage, some structural damage to homes and many mobile homes destroyed. Storm surge 9-12 feet above normal.

Category 4: wind speed 131-155 mph. Many trees blown down, extensive window and door dam-

age, and complete destruction of many mobile homes. Storm surge 13 - 18 feet above normal.

Category 5: wind speed greater than 155 mph. Very severe and extensive window and door damage. Complete failure of roof structure on most residences, and complete destruction of mobile homes. Storm surge 18 or more feet above normal.

Understanding hurricane terminology

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach constant speeds of 74 miles per hour or more and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center called the eye. A band of high-velocity winds extends outward 20 or 30 miles from the rim of the eye, and winds may gust to more than 200 miles per hour as they approach it. Hurricane winds do their share of harm, but they cause the greatest damage when dumping water on the areas over which they move. As storms move across the coastline, they

create huge waves and storm tides which may reach 25 feet or more above normal. As winds diminish, the torrential rainfalls accompanying the hurricane strikes.

The following terms are associated with hurricane activity: Tropical disturbance: A moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics that maintains its identity for 24 hours or more. Tropical depression: (Tropical storm: Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speed ratings from miles per hour.

Hurricane watch: Issued for a coastal area when hurricane conditions threaten within 24 to 36 hours. Hurricane warning: Issued when hurricane conditions are expected in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles an hour or more, and dangerously high tides and waves. Take immediate action for protection of life and property. Flash flood watch: A flash flood is possible, stay alert. Flash flood warning: A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

Commissaries ask customers - 'What's in your closet?'

By Millie Slamin
DeCA Public Affairs

You can plan for a summer outing, but you can't plan for a natural or man-made disaster. This month, the Defense Commissary Agency wants to help you plan for both.

"Our focus is on delivering a premier commissary benefit to our armed services community," said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., "and we do that by ensuring our customers have what they

need, whether it is for a backyard barbecue or an emergency."

Beginning in June, and continuing throughout the summer months, commissaries are stepping up efforts to promote disaster preparedness through DeCA's "What's in Your Closet" campaign. This initiative prompts customers to check their medicine and kitchen cabinets, garages, and wherever else they may keep their "survival kits," and pur-

chase items that are missing. "It is now hurricane season for some of our customers, while others will experience lightning storms, floods, tornadoes or earthquakes," he remarked.

To avoid the risk of not having all items on hand, DeCA recommends that customers check their emergency preparedness status and use their commissary benefit to stock up on emergency provisions at savings of 30 percent or more.

DeCA Closet Recommendations

- Water - at least one gallon, daily, per person for three to seven days.
- Nonperishable foods - canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, cereal, crackers, cookies, energy bars, granola, peanut butter, and foods for infants and the elderly.
- Paper goods - writing paper, paper plates, paper towels,

- toilet paper.
- Cooking items - pots, pans, baking sheet, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and a manual can opener.
- First-aid kit - including bandages, medicines and prescription drugs.
- Cleaning materials - bleach, sanitizing spray, and hand and laundry soap.
- Specialty foods - diet and

- low-calorie foods and drinks.
- Toiletries - personal hygiene items and moisture wipes.
- Pet care items - food, water, muzzle, leash, carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags.
- Lighting accessories - flashlight, batteries, candles and matches.

FREE Concert featuring A1A-Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band on the 4th of July at USM Gulf Park Campus at 6 p.m.

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

June 12
Friday

5 p.m. Race to Witch Mountain (PG)
7:30 p.m. The International (R)



June 13
Saturday

Noon Coraline (PG)
2:30 p.m. 12 Rounds (PG13)
5 p.m. Madea Goes to Jail (PG13)
7:30 p.m. Push (PG13)



June 14
Sunday

1 p.m. Dragonball Evolution (PG)
4 p.m. Friday the 13th (R)
7 p.m. He's Just Not That into You (PG13)

June 19
Friday

5 p.m. Madea Goes to Jail (PG13)
7:30 p.m. Miss March (R)



June 20
Saturday

Noon New In Town (PG)
2:30 p.m. Fired Up (PG13)
5 p.m. Race to Witch Mountain (PG)
7:30 p.m. Coraline (PG)



June 21, 2009
Sunday

1 p.m. Push (PG13)
4 p.m. Madea Goes to Jail (PG13)
7 p.m. The International (R)

The Movie Hotline is 871-3299

- All show times are subject to change without notice.
- Theater opens 30 minutes before the first movie starts.
- Concession stand closes 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. This website is a great source of information for all MWR facilities and events.

The MWR Hotline, 228-871-4MWR, is updated monthly with information on MWR Happenings.

Gym

871-2668

- Father's Day 5K June 17 at 6:30 a.m. The first 200 will receive a shirt.
- Come cheer on your favorite Flag Football team every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the Softball fields across from the Fitness Center.

Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT)

871-2231/2126

- There is still time to sign up for the Base-Wide Yard Sale June 20 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the grinder. Cost is only \$10 to reserve your space today.
- Weekend Getaway to Atlanta, Georgia July 18 - 19. Enjoy your day Saturday at Six Flags Over Georgia Amusement Park or Six Flags White Water Park; or if you prefer, you can kick back by the hotel pool during the day and take in the Braves vs. Mets Saturday night!

Pine Bayou Golf Course

871-2494

- Your feedback is greatly appreciated so please take the time to tell us about your experiences at the Pine Bayou Golf Course. When you're done, please print off the coupon for 50 percent off your next visit. <http://www.ngfgsp.com/cgi/start.asp?SC=pinebayou>
- We appreciate your business!

Liberty Center 871-4684

Weekly Activities & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ June 12 & 13 - The Liberty Center will be providing FREE transportation to the Coast Coliseum Summer Fair on Friday at 5:15 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5 @ the gate.
- ❖ Free Trip to Edgewater Mall June 15, depart Liberty @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Last day to sign up for Red Sox @ Turner Field Trip which will take place June 26 - 28. Deadline to sign up is June 17.
- ❖ Microwave 101 "Meals in Minutes" - June 17 at 5:30 p.m. FREE
- ❖ June 23 - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at 6 p.m. A prize will be given to the 1st place team.
- ❖ June 24 - participate in the Texting Scavenger Hunt - See Liberty for more details.

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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. at the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), bldg 114 (next to Broad Ave gate), preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. 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: racechick404@hotmail.com.

NMCB 7 FRG welcomes friends and family members of NMCB 7 Seabees to attend NMCB 7 FRG meetings. The next meeting will be June 15, at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. 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 Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), building 113. Bring a dish to take part in the potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided.

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members of NMCB 133 Seabees to attend NMCB 133 FRG meeting July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. 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-



Starbase Atlantis
CBC Gulfport, Bldg 386
(228) 871-3735/3469

Session 1: 6/1-4* _____
 Session 2: 6/8-11* _____
 Session 3: 6/15-18* _____
 Session 4: 6/22-25* _____
 *2 p.m. on day 4

Bring a sack lunch, a drink and a snack, and wear your Starbase t-shirt each day. Dress for the weather and don't forget sunscreen. Two permission forms will be emailed to you at the address you provide below. Please complete them and bring them to class on Day 1.

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Return to: Starbase Atlantis, 5510 CBC 8th St., Gulfport, MS 39501, OR by fax to (228) 871-3468 OR by email to shelley.bard@navy.mil
 (Please mark your first and second choices)

1:	6/1-4	8:30	3 p.m.	*	_____
2:	6/8-11	8:30	3 p.m.	*	_____
3:	6/15-18	8:30	3 p.m.	*	_____
4:	6/22-25	8:30	3 p.m.	*	_____

*2 p.m. on Day 4!!

Student Name: _____ Age ____ Grade ____
 (Please print) School your child will attend next

Fall: _____

* Call sign: _____ T shirt Size: S M L XL
 (T-shirts are adult sizes, and 100% pre-shrunk cotton)

Has student attended Starbase before? Year? ____
 Where? _____

Parent's Full Name: _____
 Driver's License number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone number: Home _____ Work _____

* Military style call signs are used in the program. Ask your child to select a short nickname or call sign to use for the week. If your child selects a call sign that has already been assigned, we will adapt his/her choice accordingly.

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

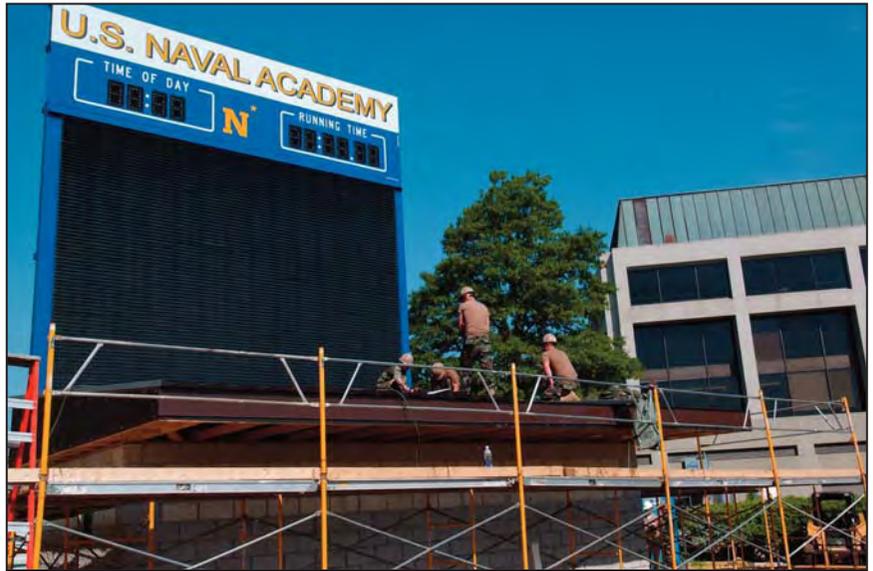
open Monday - Thursday from noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of every month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Weekend breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second 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 mem-

bers 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 and is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., phone: (228) 871-4779. The shop has several command exhibits, as well as a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, DVD's and books. Gift store proceeds support the construction of the new museum in Port Hueneme, Calif. The Web address is www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php



U.S. Navy photo by SN Joshua Sheppard/Released

Seabees of NMCB 1 shingle the roof of a head facility they constructed at Ingram Field, on the campus of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The 19-man crew recently returned to Gulfport after completing the project in late May.

NMCB 1 'Bees construct at Annapolis

By SN Joshua D. Sheppard
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

In a stark departure from their normal working environment, Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 constructed a new restroom facility at the Naval Academy's Ingram Field.

NMCBs provide responsive military construction support - including building bases and bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips - to Navy, Marine Corps and other forces in military operations. They also help rebuild infrastructure in war-torn countries such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Ingram Field project attracted

the attention of the Seabees due to the diverse nature of the work involved. According to Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Kevin Andrews, crew leader for the project, it covers a wide range of tasks, from general construction to installing electrical systems and plumbing. The building will have separate male and female restrooms, each containing two stalls and sinks.

"It had pretty much every trait that we were looking for in a construction project," said Andrews.

The 19 Seabees involved in the project encompass all six of the construction ratings.

"We love it here," said Chief Builder (SCW/FMF) Timothy Gridley. "Both the Yard and the downtown areas are beautiful."

In addition to providing a change of scenery to the Seabees, the Ingram Field project benefits the Naval Academy as well. The Navy saves \$127,000 by having the Seabees complete the project instead of hiring a private contractor.

"This project will enhance the quality of life for the Midshipmen, and since the Seabees are doing the work, the Academy is getting the facility a whole lot sooner than if it was contracted out," said Gridley.

NMCB 1 came to the Academy after returning from a recent deployment to Iraq. Construction on the Ingram Field restroom began April 15, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of May, when NMCB 1 will return to Gulfport before deploying in August.

PSD Gulfport I.D. card office now uses an appointment system for civilian and military I.D. cards. Walk-ins are still welcome, but customers may visit:
<http://www.pasd.navy.mil/IDcards.asp> or call (228) 871-2322/2331 to schedule an appointment Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Fire Warden Training, June 25, Building 60, Room 105, 2 - 3 p.m.

Did you know?

*A reminder from
CBC Environmental . . .*

There are two types of dumpsters on board NCBC Gulfport. Recently the incorrect materials have been placed in the dumpsters so an explanation of the function of the both types of dumpsters is below.

Acceptable material for grey David Motors Metal Recycling Dumpsters includes:

1. Metal Scrap from the training school
2. Oil filters that are in a sealed drum containing no oil and labeled "Drain used oil filters".
3. Furniture (including partitions), with more than 50 percent metal content that has been turned over by DRMO.
4. Metal vehicle parts that are not contaminated with large amounts of oil and grease.
5. Chain and lifting gear that no longer meets the safety requirements and is turned over to recycling by DRMO.
6. Metal such as copper, brass, titanium, aluminum, steel.
7. Empty dried metal paint cans with no excessive paint residue.
8. Empty grease drums with no excessive amount of grease less than one inch by volume. These containers shall be closed when disposed of.
9. Pots, pans and other metallic equipment from the galley that DRMO turns over to recycling.

What **CANNOT** be discarded into the grey metal recycling dumpsters?

No housing or barracks wooden furniture or garbage placed in metal containing dumpsters, (this includes mattresses, box springs, linens, curtains, carpet); no light ballast containing liquids; no gas cans or jerry cans that have contained flammable liquids; no aerosol cans or compressed gas cylinders, no hazardous material such as oils, antifreeze,

greases, adhesives, caulks, batteries.

Acceptable material for brown Delta Garbage Dumpsters includes:

1. Yard waste and tree limbs from CBC.
2. Food stuffs and food contaminated garbage.
3. Waxed coated cardboard containers such as food containers.
4. Plastic sheeting, such as visqueen
5. Carpeting and non asbestos floor tile.
6. Sheet rock and scrap wood.
7. All glass bottles and any other type of glass containing materials.
8. All non usable wooden pallets

What **CANNOT** be discarded into the brown garbage dumpsters?

Recyclable non contaminated paper of any type or non contaminated cardboard. (Call recycling at 228-323-3001 to have this material picked up or to have a container in the area to place this material in.; concrete and asphalt from demo or other projects; batteries, bulbs, and ballast; medical waste such as sharps, medicines, and x-ray films thermometers; no materials containing asbestos; no fluorescent bulbs or mercury containing devices; no Freon containing equipment such as refrigerators, water fountains, and air conditioners placed inside a metal dumpster. This equipment will be turned into DRMO and if DRMO decides to turn it over to recycling then arrangement will be made to take the Freon out of the units; no hazardous material such as oils, antifreeze, greases, adhesives, caulks, batteries.

All materials that have a potential for reuse will be turned into DRMO who will make the call whether they can be reused and if not then turn them over to recycling.

Questions concerning the disposal of any of the material that is not allowed in the dumpsters should be addressed to Jerry Laster, (305) 797-1108 or Gary Broom, (228) 871-3228 or (228)265-1215.

From MUSEUM page 4

Military History Museum Committee.

Hattiesburg Convention Commission funded the project and the AAMHMC has been charged with being the lead ambassadors for the Museum and USO and helping to maintain the memorial garden with the names of 20 Killed In Action from the Hattiesburg area at the rear of the building. I am honored to be charged with such a mission to lead," she stated.

For additional information about the African American Military History Museum please visit:

<http://www.hattiesburguso.com/front.html>

A Reminder from NCBC Public Safety regarding Cell Phones . . .

In accordance with OPNAVINST 5100.12H CH-1 The use of Cellular Phones while driving aboard NCBC is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. This includes ANY Hands-Free Device that is worn around or over the ear (Bluetooth).

From BRIDGE page 6

experience.”

These Seabees took on the project in February. Since then, they have worked 65 days, with work days ranging from 10 hours to as long as 22 hours.

“There have been days we’ve lost due to rain, and to my guys’ credit, they’ve just worked longer and harder and stayed on schedule,” said Poellot. “For ninety-five percent of them, this is their first deployment. Most of them have been in the Navy less than two years.

“They took the nothing that was there and built a 150-foot bridge. Any time you can do something like that without getting hurt, it’s a good evolution.” Poellot added that the Seabees won’t rest with the completion of this bridge and will begin work immediately on the next one.

PTSD Support Group . . .

Wellness Center offerings: PTSD Support Group and AA Group -- To better serve our patients the Wellness Center located in building 45 is expanding its services. Beginning the week of June 8, the following services will be offered for ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL: PTSD Support Group every Monday at 3 p.m. and AA Group meetings every Wednesday at 9 a.m. For more information please contact Dr. McCarthy at 228-871-2256.



Seabee Memorial Chapel

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.

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**