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Warfare quals now mandatory for enlisted personnel

By MCC (SW/AW) Sonya Ansarov
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Initial enlisted warfare qualifications are now mandatory for all Sailors per the recent release of NAVADMIN 268-10.

The NAVADMIN announces the release of OPNAVINST 1414.9, Navy Enlisted Warfare Qualification Programs Instruction, which issues the basic overarching requirements for the qualification and designation of all enlisted warfare programs.

The arduous and often unforgiving environment we operate in as a Navy and Sailor dictates the need for all personnel to have a basic understanding and operating knowledge of the platform or command to which they are assigned.

Warfare programs are essential in ensuring our Sailors understand and are able to effectively engage a casualty, operate equipment or platforms safely and ensure backup as needed. Warfare qualifications are about ship, shipmate and self, and ensure the safety and safe operation of each command and

platform on a daily basis.

"It's a standard every Sailor must achieve. The warfare device itself is a symbol that the Sailors who are wearing it have a basic level of knowledge to ensure they are capable of fighting the ship, saving a shipmate and ensuring the safety of themselves at all times," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Rick D. West. "Having every Sailor at or working toward that level will only strengthen the war-fighting ability of that command and the Navy."

According to the NAVADMIN, qualification and/or re-qualification is mandatory for all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands.

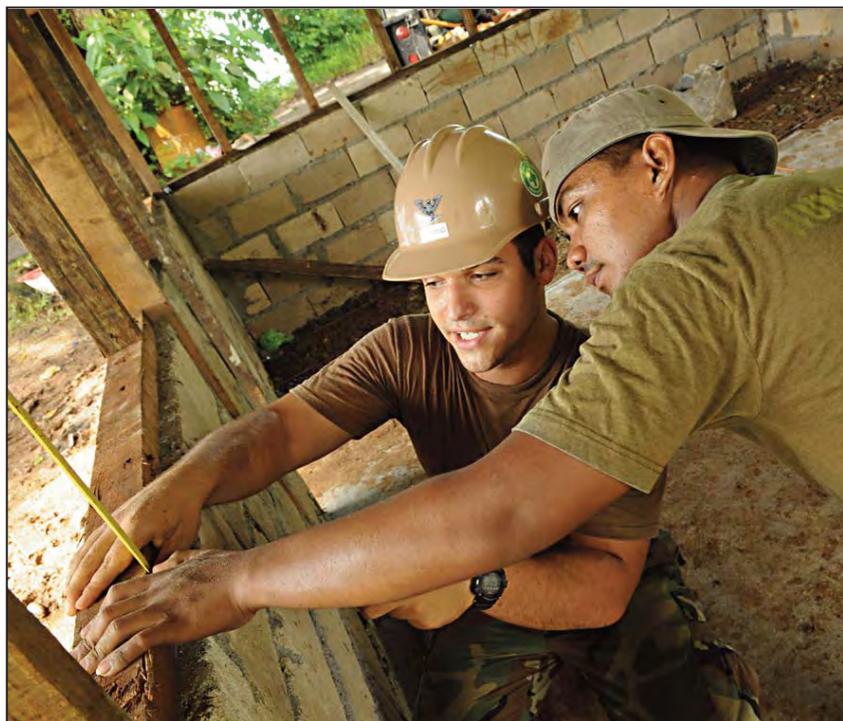
Warfare sponsors (Type Commanders) will establish specific qualification and re-qualifying timelines however, the maximum allowable time for initial qualification of all enlisted Sailors assigned to designated warfare qualifying commands will not exceed 30 months. Timelines for warfare qualifications are set by the Type Commander's instructions and each TYCOM will have oversight of their programs.

According to West, some of the biggest questions he hears from Sailors are:

- What happens if a Sailor doesn't qualify in time? West

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NMCB 11 'Bees take part in Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines



Philippine Marine Sgt. Jonnifer Taborada, Marine Battalion Landing Team (MBLT) 6, and Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Nicholas Garand, Seabee Squad Two, measure an opening for a window for the youth barracks being built by Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 and Philippine Marines from MBLT 6. NMCB 11 is assigned to Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines. The project is an addition to the Tausug Youth Training Camp on Camp Bud Datu, Sulu Island and part of the Armed Forces of the Philippines youth outreach program. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Terrence Siren/Released)

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Navy Legal

Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009

By Lt. Emilee Kujat Baldini
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The mortgage industry and foreclosure crisis started in 2006, and unfortunately it shows no signs of slowing. This crisis has resulted in millions of foreclosures on homes, and those affected are not just the homeowners but oftentimes the unsuspecting tenants. Imagine the plight of John Q. Sailor and Jane Q. Sailor - the Sailor family rents a home at their current duty station. They pay their rent faithfully and on time every month. The Sailors think everything is fine. Then one day, out of the blue, they find a legal notice taped to the front door or they receive a letter in the mail telling them that the property where they live is in foreclosure. What are they to do? Fortunately for the Sailor family, there is now some good news for any tenant facing eviction after foreclosure - the "Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009."

President Obama signed the "Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009" into law May 20, 2009 and it protects almost all tenants in foreclosed properties. Prior to this change, most renters lost their leases upon foreclosure. The rule in most states was that if the mortgage was recorded before the lease was signed, a foreclosure wiped out the lease. This concept is called "first in time, first in right." Basically, it means that if you rent property which is subject to a mortgage, the mortgage holder's interest in the property is senior to yours be-

cause it was entered into first. In many states tenants were only afforded 60 days notice, and in some states only a matter of days - this creates a frustrating and scary situation for many unsuspecting families such as the Sailor family. However, the PTFA now guarantees almost all tenants at least 90 days after receiving notice of foreclosure before they can be evicted from their homes. This applies even to month-to-month leases. And even better news for some tenants is that they may be able to remain in their homes for the remainder of their lease terms.

So if you're the tenant what does this mean? How long can you stay in the house if the bank forecloses?

○ If the new owner plans to use the property as a personal residence, you get at least 90 days to vacate.

○ If you're living in the property month-to-month, you also get 90 days to vacate.

○ If your lease is up next month, you still get 90 days to vacate.

○ If the new owner is not going to use the property as a personal residence, you get to stay in the home until your lease expires.

This means that if the Sailors signed a one year lease in January,

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Skipper's Log

Great Parenting

By Capt. Ed Brown
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Capt. Ed Brown

This may appear to be focused on just all the parents out there, but just maybe it applies to all. You can change the word child(ren) to cousin, son, daughter or spouse. Many of us have children, and we all have hopes and aspirations for them. Have you ever sat down and defined what you will consider success when their grown. When your last child turns say, 23, what will it take to for you to say you were a successful parent? I've asked this question to a great many people and you would be surprised by the answers.

While you have read in previous articles that making yourself better is important if not one of the most important parts of growth, is that how you would define their success? For years I believed that better meant being better educated, richer monetarily or just having an easier life than our own. It took some very simple discussions when my children were in their teens to realize

how off base I was. Having people come up and say you have one of the most mature, nicest or polite children was far more rewarding than having the best athlete. Being smart or athletic is great, but it's what inside and how we treat others that define us.

Define for yourself what will make you a good friend, spouse or parent. Remember it's the basics that mean the most. For me, having a child that is happy with a solid moral foundation is all that's needed.

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Around the Center

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon

The NCBC Diversity Committee hosted a Multicultural Diversity Fair featuring regions and states at building 361 (old gym) on board NCBC, Aug. 5. Each state or region represented contained static displays and food samples specific to each area.



Service members and government employees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center/20 Seabee Readiness Group attend their annual command picnic held at the new Seabee Recreational Park on base, July 30. The event hosted activities such as horse shoes, a dunk tank, volleyball, a bounce house for children, and a damage control competition held by the base fire department. In addition to the activities, patrons enjoyed a great serving of hamburgers, hotdogs, ribs and chicken off the grill and other refreshments.



NCBC community members came out for the National Night Out (NNO) block party held at the base housing swimming pool Aug. 3. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, NNO is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness by strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Balfour Beatty hosted the 27th annual event. The NCBC Fire Department, Security, Starbase Atlantis and Balfour Beatty representatives partnered with local sponsors to provide helpful information, fun activities and free pizza.



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NMCB 11 Corpsman helps battalion meet training requirements

By MC1 (SCW) Nicholas Lingo
NMCB 11 Public Affairs Officer

Seabees provide contingency construction all over the world, at times in inhospitable locales. In these areas there are those who would wish to harm these heroes of the Navy's Construction Force. In order to better prepare the Seabees of the Navy for the most basic of first aid needs, the Naval Construction Force (NCF) is in the process of ensuring every service-member under their command is Basic Life Saver qualified.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Trevor Jackson is currently undertaking the daunting task of training the entire Main body of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 in Okinawa, Japan in this skill set.

The training regimen takes a small group of six Seabees per each instructor and shows them the basics of Rescue Breathing, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (commonly referred to as CPR), how to use an automated external defibrillator or AED, a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

The Seabees also learn the basics of the Heimlich maneuver during the training as well as performing basic CPR and removing an obstruction from an infant's airway.

Jackson will train approximately 250 Seabees during the training evolution. One of the biggest difficulties in training this many people in a such short time frame, especially during a deployment, is the loss of man hours on NMCB 11's construction projects during the training times.

"It's really hard to get to everyone when our guys are so busy out on the job sites. I have Sen-



Hospital Corpsman Third Class Trevor Jackson shows Construction Electrician First Class Daniel Shaver how to properly seal the safety mask for Rescue Breathing during a Basic Life Saver Course in Okinawa, Japan. NMCB 11 is currently deployed to Okinawa, Guam, and several other parts of the Pacific theater. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Nicholas Lingo/Released)

ior Chief (Howard) Tomme (NMCB 11 Okinawa training chief) to thank for bearing that burden for me though. I am very fortunate that he takes that task on," said Jackson.

Though the logistics of the training may be difficult waters to navigate, the training is more than worth the adjustment to these Seabees' workdays.

"This training will benefit the Battalion and the Naval construction force by adding more tools to our Seabees already impressive repertoires," added Jackson. "I have put a lot of work into this evolution and the first time one of our motivated Seabees is faced with a situation that would cause most other

people to panic, and he or she takes that situation on with confidence and comes up with successful results, it will all be worth it. I'm teaching these guys how to save someone's life. Hopefully none of them will ever have to apply the skills I've taught them, but one day they may find a shipmate in need and I have full confidence that every single Seabee trained by me will be ready and willing to save a life."

Though the training does put a minor strain on the battalion's workload, the Seabees of NMCB 11 find ways to adapt and overcome, as is evident in the Seabees and Jackson's "Can Do" spirit.



Karen Saffle (left), president, Navy Seabee Veterans of America Ladies Auxiliary, Gulfport Island X1, presents Construction Electrician 2nd Class Corey McKinnon, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Delta Company, with backpacks filled with school supplies for his children. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Ladies Auxiliary members donate school supplies to assist NMCB 74 families

By MC1 Ryan G. Wilber
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

On Aug. 4, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Ladies Auxiliary, Gulfport Island X1, presented backpacks filled with school supplies to three families of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74.

The ladies auxiliary has been in existence for only two and one-half years, and as a non-profit organization assists only Seabee families. This presentation was the first of its kind for the group.

The auxiliary's president, Karen Saffle, expressed great pleasure in the opportunity to help fellow Seabee families with the burden that purchasing school supplies can present.

"I love it. I think it's great. All of us have been exactly where these families are right now, and we know what it's like. It's struggle," said Saffle.

For a child, having the correct school supplies to start a new year is important for their success, and the opportunity for the auxiliary to donate those supplies lets families know that the auxiliary, and the Navy, care about them as well as the military member.

The recipients all expressed grati-

tude for being chosen by the command to receive the supplies.

"Help with the school year, as far as help with school supplies, lets us know they care about the families as well as the military members. Something like this puts the Navy in a better light for my wife. It lets her know that they care about more than just me. They care about her and the kids also," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class Cory McKinnon.

"Having an opportunity like this for them to actually give us school supplies takes a load off our back. This helps out a lot, more than anyone would know. It makes me feel like the Navy doesn't just want me to succeed. They want my family to succeed as well," said Equipment Operator Constructionman David Earley.

Saffle and the Ladies Auxiliary were happy to see how much the families appreciated their donation and plan to make yearly school supply donations to Seabee families an annual occurrence.

"I would like this to be an ongoing thing every year. I think it's very much needed, especially when the children are involved. We want to do stuff to involve the children," said Saffle.

NMCB 7 Seabees build Djibouti School

By Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett
Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs

Early next year, the laughter of about 1,200 children should fill the classrooms of the planned school Ecole 5 in Djibouti.

"We're planning to build a 6,508 square foot building," said Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Waddell, Ecole 5 project supervisor. "Right now we're going to be building new columns for stability and structural integrity."

Waddell leads a team of seven sailors, working to clean up and reinforce the foundation and infrastructure of the expected school.

"The school is going to have five classrooms, two offices and two storage rooms," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Moore, project crew leader. "The last couple days we've just been doing construction and ground work."

The team has also recently been working on excavation of the classrooms, cleaning

out the rooms and preparing to install concrete walls with cement blocks for additional stability, Moore said. The projected completion is February 2011.

To take advantage of the training opportunity, Waddell and his team started the project June this year, with plans to finish the school in nine months.

"We should definitely be able to finish by February," Moore said.

NMCB 7 and its Dets. are currently deployed to various locations throughout Europe and Africa as part of the battalion's regularly scheduled 2010 deployment, with the main body of the battalion operating from Camp Mitchell at Naval Station Rota.

Seaman Selina Rodriguez and Petty Officer 3rd Class Mike Mclean, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, remove debris from Ecole 5, a five-classroom school in Djibouti, June 30. NMCB 7 is operating out of Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathan Laird/Released)



"Magnificent 7" Deployment Action



Above: Yeoman 3rd Class Jonathan Felix, left, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN (NMCB) 7, assembles elements of an OE-254 antenna during a training exercise at Camp Mitchell, Naval Station Rota, Spain. The OE-254 antenna is used for very high frequency communication (VHF) between ground forces and adjacent units. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently deployed to U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of responsibility to provide construction and engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)

Left: Equipment Operator Constructionman Krystal Harris, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, operates a John Deer 924 Loader as Equipment Operator 3rd Class Lazaar Moore serves as ground guide, during a beach parking lot extension project at Naval Station Rota, Spain. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently deployed to U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of responsibility to provide construction and engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)



**Attention NCBC
Fire Wardens . . .**

In addition to the monthly Fire Warden Training on the last Thursday of the month from 2 - 2:30 p.m. at the Fire Department, Fire Wardens will now be responsible for completing annual on-line refresher training from the Navy Fire Emergency Services prior to attending the monthly training session. The training is available at https://esams.cnic.navy.mil/E_SAMS_GEN_2/LoginEsams.aspx. After signing in, select "Web Training" and select "Annual Fire Warden Refresher Training - the first training class listed. The training will take approximately 30 minutes. Upon completion, print out the certificate and bring it to the monthly in-house training at the NCBC Fire Department. If you have questions, contact Inspector Billy Ducote at 228-871-3083.

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Buzz on the Street



By EO3

Mikayla Mondragon
NCBC Public Affairs

**Who has been your
biggest influence during
your military career?**



*"My family; they have
stuck with me through
everything and are al-
ways there."*

BM2 Delilah Hill
CBC

Hometown: Metropolis, Ill.



*"The fallen soldiers; be-
cause they gave the ulti-
mate sacrifice."*

EO3 Steven Newman
CBC

Hometown: Niagara Falls, N.Y.



*"My father, retired Navy,
is my biggest inspiration
and reason for joining."*

SWCN Danielle Lang
NMCB 74

Hometown: Mobile, Ala.

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stated that failure to qualify in the specific warfare program within the prescribed time requirements shall immediately result in a special performance evaluation that removes promotion recommendation, but the promotion recommendation may be restored with a special performance evaluation when qualification is achieved.

- Will a Sailor be penalized if their command doesn't offer the opportunity for warfare qualification? According to West, Sailors without the opportunity to qualify in a warfare specialty will not be penalized. However Sailors should look for follow-on opportunities to obtain a warfare device when able.

- Will having mandatory qualifications water down the existing programs? West stated, quite the contrary; by mandating warfare qualifications for all enlisted personnel, it will significantly "raise the bar" across the command regarding level of knowledge of the command and

the systems our Sailors operate. It is incumbent on those that wear the warfare pin of the command to ensure the integrity and strength of the existing programs.

- How will Sailors stand-out amongst peers if everyone is required to have a warfare pin? According to West, Sailors stand out every day. Performance and the Sailor's overall command

support should be the biggest factors to "break out" individuals.

"I often highlight efficient manning and future platforms such as LCS as examples of the

need to ensuring our Sailors have a good, basic understanding of the systems and fighting capabilities of the command to which they are assigned," said West.

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Dengue Fever: Information, treatment, prevention keys to battling rare illness

By Mary Anne Broderick
Tubman
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Public Affairs

Recently, two people in Key West, Fla., one a tourist and the other stationed at Naval Air Station Key West, were diagnosed with dengue fever. These two confirmed cases have sparked concern about an outbreak of this rare, mosquito-borne illness. Although dengue became a worldwide problem in the 1950s, it rarely occurs in the continental U.S. It is widespread in Puerto Rico, South America, and Southeast Asia, with periodic outbreaks occurring in Samoa and Guam, and is most commonly introduced to other locations by travelers who visit areas where dengue exists.

Since active duty personnel may deploy or PCS to U.S. Navy installations in these areas, it is important to understand dengue and become familiar with its symptoms, treatment, and prevention.

What is Dengue fever?

Dengue is a viral fever illness caused by any one of four different viruses. It is most commonly transmitted by the adult *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which flies during the day and is attracted to light in and around buildings at night.

What its symptoms?

Dengue is also referred to as "bone break" fever because of the severe muscle and joint pain

that accompanies its other primary symptoms, which are high fever, severe headache and pain behind the eyes and, in some cases, mild bleeding of the nose, gums, or bruises. A more severe form of the infection is dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), which begins with fever that can last as long as one week followed by vomiting, abdominal pain, and labored breathing. Blood clotting problems may then follow. Immediate medical management by a healthcare professional is vital to a complete recovery.

What is the treatment?

Recognizing the symptoms of dengue and receiving immediate supportive treatment of the symptoms are essential, as there is no preventive vaccine or specific medications to treat the infection.

What precautions can be taken to prevent infection?

Eliminate sources of standing water where mosquitoes will breed. These may include planters and rain barrels outside and flower vases inside the home. Water in vases should be changed weekly. Make sure screens are in place and intact, and operate air conditioning to further inhibit the presence of mosquitoes indoors. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors, and use insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). A concentration of 10-30 percent is sufficient if used properly.

The higher the concentration, the longer the repellent will offer protection against mosquito bites. Repellents containing DEET come in a variety of formulations (spray, lotion, gel, and towelettes), and DEET can also be applied to clothing, but should be allowed to dry before the clothing is worn.

What more can be done to help control the spread of dengue fever in communities that are home to Navy installations?

As they have in Key West, Navy personnel can join forces with their local mosquito control districts when called upon to help distribute information and to set mosquito traps. To learn more about dengue fever and to find detailed information about DEET, visit the Web sites for the sources cited below.

Commander Joel A. Smithwick, head of community health at the NAS JAX Hospital, and Mass Communications Specialist Third Class Michael McNabb of the NAS Key West Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.

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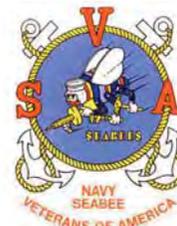
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Rear Adm. Mark Handley, Commander, First Naval Construction Division, looks over the future plans for the Tactical Training Facility during his tour of the Seabee Center Aug. 3. Handley also spoke at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SARP) workshop held for the local command leadership. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport



Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the second Thursday of each month at

Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Joe Scott (Secretary) at 228-669-8335 or elevenoaks58@cablone.net or log onto WWW.NSVA.ORG for an application.



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Maintaining a healthy, earth-friendly lawn

From CBC Environmental

Lawn care probably brings to mind mowing, trimming and using soil additives to enhance the condition of the grass. Although probably not thought of as often, soil pH is just as important when it comes to lawn management.

There are a number of things that can affect the pH of the soil your lawn depends on. If you aren't careful, incorrect pH values can kill off expensive plants and grasses. It's important to check the pH of your lawn every year in order to design an appropriate watering and fertilization regiment. For the most part, grasses do best in neutral soil with a pH range of 6.5 to 7. Think of the lawn as an aquarium. If you've ever kept fish, you know that the acid or base salts dissolved in the water affect the pH value of the tank and play a significant role in whether or not your fish will

survive. Those who are not fish enthusiasts may have heard about azaleas and other plants that require enrichment with

coffee and tea grounds in order to provide additional acid to the soil. As in both of these examples, the plants that make up the

lawn require a specific pH in order to grow and thrive.

Many lawn and garden stores sell easy-to-use kits that will

provide accurate soil pH readings. Check several spots on the

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Focus on Education

NEX rewards students with A-OK program

By NEX Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange wants to help its customers pay for their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program. Four times per school year, four students will be the recipients of a \$5,000, \$3,000 \$2,000 or \$1,000 U.S. savings bond, denominations at maturity. The next drawing will be held at the end of August 2010.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their

sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card and have a NEX associate verify the minimum grade average. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products and services.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to win a savings bond through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. Since the program began, NEXCOM has awarded \$504,000 in savings bonds with the help of its generous vendor partners.

Become a Facebook fan and follow the NEX on Twitter.

Kindergarten Rocks!



Children from the NCBC Child Development Center (CDC) Kindergarten group, are shown after receiving new bags filled with school supplies Aug 6. The students received the basic supplies needed for Kindergarten through donations from Operation Homefront. (U.S. Navy photo By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Terry Spain/Released)

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The School Liaison Officer's main objective is to serve as a link between parents, educators, and the command so the military-connected child can make a smooth school transition. Other duties include creating partners in education, home school linkage, post secondary preparations, and to act as a conduit connecting educators to Navy deployment and to serve as a subject matter expert for education-related issues.

Runnin' 'Roos come out on winning side of challenging Afghanistan deployment

By MCC (SW/AW) Ryan C. Delcore
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 deployed more than 600 Seabees from here to Afghanistan where they completed a very successful deployment in support of the troop surge ordered by President Obama.

The Battalion was spread out at 25 sites across 25,000 square miles throughout the Central Command's (CENTCOM) Area of Operation from March 2010 to July 2010.

NMCB 133 successfully set up a site on Kandahar Airfield (KAF), Afghanistan to be used as their main body site. The site consisted of nothing more than a bed of gravel when they arrived. The Seabees immediately flexed their construction muscles and had a fully operational Seabee Land within a month's time. They constructed interior walls and ran electricity to an Army tent that they turned into their combat operations center.

NMCB 133's main body also set up a supply yard for the staging of all construction materials that were pushed out to

the details, as well as an Alfa yard for the maintenance and staging of all Civil Engineer Support Equipment. The Seabees at KAF constructed a Southwest Asia (SWA) Hut to be used as a Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center, and an armory and weapons cleaning station.

The site was "good to go" when they turned it over to NMCB 40; both battalions serve under the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment as part of Task Force Alliance while in Afghanistan.

"This deployment truly defined the term 'Can Do' in my mind and the minds of many," said Master Chief Petty Officer Chris Sparks, NMCB 133's command master chief. "From day one of the deployment the 'Bees of 133 faced one challenge after another and never let it faze them. From the little things we take for granted on a normal deployment like tools, phones and office spaces to the larger things like materials and equipment, 133 met these challenges head on and conquered them."

In all, NMCB 133 executed

over 41,000 project mandates consisting of a total of over 400 construction projects valued at \$100 million, 1.6 million square meters of Forward Operating Base (FOB) expansions, ordered and moved over 10,000 tons of construction materials and distributed 131 pieces of Civil Engineer Support Equipment valued at over \$6 million throughout their detail sites in Afghanistan.

NMCB 133's Water Well Team was the second detail to depart main body from KAF. They were tasked to drill an artesian water well at Command Outpost (COP) Toor Ghar, Afghanistan for the United States Marine Corps' 1/3 Infantry Battalion. The team drilled 1,210 feet deep where they hit the aquifer. The well produces 60 gallons of water per minute and is known as an artesian well because it doesn't require a pump to push water to the surface.

The well drilled by the Det. exceeded all requirements for water supply, was completed ahead of schedule, and was an outstanding accomplishment



A child stands near the Training Hall marquee before Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's homecoming on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. NMCB 133 returned home from a five-month deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

for Toorghar allowing the Marines there to have showers every night thus improving their morale. This was NMCB 133's first successful well to be drilled in 13 years.

Other projects were completed at FOB Shindand included running the electrical wire for two SWA huts, completing a helicopter landing pad, and providing contin-

gency construction support to four COP's at Tarnak, Belandy, and District Center, and Walakan.

COP Tarnak constructed tents with wood floors, electrical distribution, general site work, protective berms and eight crow's nest observation towers. COP's Belandy and

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'Mighty Builders' of NMCB 18 take over for NMCB 133

By NMCB 18 Public Affairs

The "Runnin' 'Roos" of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 have been relieved by the "Mighty Builders" of NMCB 18, who hit the ground running as their replacements. The hand off became official as the commanding officers and staffs of the two battalions stood in formation at a ceremony July 29.

NMCB 18 arrived at Kandahar Airfield (KAF) over a 10-day period in mid-July. Commanded by Capt. John DeBerard, the Reserve battalion which hails from the 'Great Northwest' has applied the "Can-

Do" Seabee spirit by standing up more than seven Det. sites with a variety of missions aimed directly at improving the lives of their brothers and sisters in arms.

Eighteen's history harkens back to 1942 when they fought through the jungles of the Pacific to gouge out airfields, camps and docks. Today the "Skookum Mamook's", which is Native American for "Mighty Builders", are grading camp sites, rolling gravel, erecting tent camps, SWA huts and Entry Control Points to name a few of their projects.

The 2009 surge of over 30,000 warriors into Afghanistan means a significant increase in the number of Forward Operating Bases needed to accommodate the burgeoning number of tactical troops going into the fight.

NMCB 18 is tasked with standing-up and improving those camps and FOBs that will provide security and amenities to the US

and NATO fighting men and women.

In a recent interview Captain DeBerard stated that it was an honor to step into this role and take over from a historic battalion like 133. He went on to say that the Seabee's of NMCB 18 have been training for months for this mission and are excited to take on the challenge.

Working throughout Task Force Alliance in Southern Afghanistan the 18's are hammering their way to success.

"I couldn't be more proud of our men and women. We've only been here a few weeks and already we're making a huge difference. The training back at Gulfport paid huge dividends, especially with our youngest troops and our Individual Augmentees. I want to see us get safe, quality work done as fast as possible so that our forward war fighters have a place to call home while they're here," said DeBerard.

NMCB 18 has assumed duties for im-

provements at camps and FOBs throughout the Southern AOR. Operations at a Det site near KAF include grading, providing berthing platforms and utilities so that tactical troops can move in and assume operations within their scope.

"It's a classic Seabee mission and heck-this is what we do! We have a great team here and we just want to make it happen for our people," said, Chief Utilitiesman Tim Williams referring to the combat troops the project will serve when it's finished.

The 'Bees of NMCB 18 are a hardy group of ranchers, mechanics, professional welders, architects, police officers and other specialists who bring their civilian skills to the game along with their in-rate expertise.

"No matter what, I know 'Eighteen' can get the job done and their families and the American public would be proud of their efforts," said DeBerard.



Beehive

The Beehive Lounge, located in building 352, is your best bet for a good time. Within walking distance of all parts of the base, the Beehive Lounge has the friendliest bartenders, is a WiFi hot spot, with karaoke coming soon.

Anchor and Eagles

A&E, is located in building 303 by the Pass Road gate. With a friendly bartender and laid back atmosphere, it is the perfect place to relax, have a cold drink or conduct a meeting. A&E has multiple TVs, pool table, darts and a covered patio. For info call 228-424-6892

Have your next party at A&E (the Chiefs and Officers Club): Promotions, Hail and Farewells Holiday Parties, Unit Functions . . . Ask about reserving A&E for a private party on Saturday or Sunday by calling 228-424-6892.

Liberty

August is Navy vs. Air Force month! Events are held Tuesdays through Thursday throughout the month of August and participants will gain points for each team for this competition. On Aug. 31 there will be a party for the winning team catered by the Shed BBQ.

If you're in need of some sporting goods, get on the Liberty bus on Aug. 20 as we shuttle you to the Bass Pro Shop, in Mobile, for FREE at 5:30 p.m.

On Aug. 21 come see the American country music band The Lost Trailers in concert at the Hard Rock in Biloxi at 7 p.m. - tickets are only \$20.

Walk the decks of the mighty USS Alabama Battleship on Aug. 22. This trip is FREE and will be

Movies . . .

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Movies are FREE and shown 7 days a week! Stop by the Training Hall for a schedule or call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299.



departing at noon.

The New Orleans Saints and the San Diego Chargers will play in a pre season game Aug. 27. Departure time is 5 p.m. and tickets are ONLY \$35.

The Grammy Award-winning band Train will be rolling into The Wharf in Orange Beach, Ala. Aug. 28. Tickets are only \$28, but you must sign up and pay by Aug. 25 at noon.

The Grill

Stop by every Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and get a FREE cup of coffee with every breakfast purchase.

Youth Activities Center

Is your 3 - 4 year old ready to learn the basics of soccer and have some fun? If so then this is the program for you! Registrations are going on now for 3 & 4 Year Old Passes Soccer League and will continue until Aug. 31. The fee is \$35 per child and includes T-shirt, participation trophy, and end of season banquet. Please contact J.J. Atkinson at 228-871-2251 for more information.

The Before and After School Program registration will continue until all remaining spaces are filled. The program provides educational and recreational activities including, but are not limited to arts and crafts, field trips, group games, special events, and more! Please call the YAC at 228-871-2251 for more information.

The Goals for Graduation Program is a homework help and tutoring program to raise academic proficiency for Club members ages 13 and up. Come earn great prizes while doing your homework at the same time! Call J.J. Atkinson at 228-871-2251 for more details.

Reminders to All Parents: Fees for all field trips must be paid in advance and spaces are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Refunds will only be given if a minimum of 24-hours advance notice is given to Youth Center Staff.

Upcoming Field Trips include an Aug. 20 Luau Pool Party. All youth and teens are invited to join us for this night of food, friends and FUN! Please drop off and pickup children at the Fitness Center. Don't forget to pack your towel! Only \$4 per person.

Aug. 21 - West Side Splash Pad Pirate Ship & Picnic: This is the last Hoo-Rah of the summer sea-

son! Pack your swimsuit, tennis shoes, sunscreen and a towel for the Westside community Pirate Splash Pad and recreational park. Please remember to pack a lunch - only \$4 per person.

Aug. 27 - 28 Back 2 School Lock-In and Dance: Calling all parents . . . this one is for you! Spend the evening out and don't worry about the kids. Dinner, a dance, a movie, late-night snack and breakfast are all included for only \$15 per child.

The Snack Bar

For a quick lunch or dinner The Snack Bar is a great choice! Conveniently located inside of the Training Hall serving tasty treats like mozzarella sticks, jalapeno poppers, chicken tenders, shrimp poboyos or sample one of our gyros! If you can't get away from your desk for lunch then have your order delivered right to you by calling 228-871-4775.

Vehicle Storage

Deployment Special-Free storage for 1st vehicle and 50 percent off each additional vehicle including all RV's for all deploying troops. Must present a letter of deployment from your command. For more information and space availability please contact your MWR Auto Hobby Shop at 228-871-2804.

Auto Skills Center

August Special-Rent a vehicle lift and get the first hour free. Two hour minimum. Save \$3.50 on your first hour of use. *Special Note:* The Auto Hobby Skills Center has just acquired four vehicle

Kids and Canvas



Kids and Canvas was a hit with children from the Seabee Center. Two art classes were held July 30 in the new Outdoor Recreation building #456. Instructed by Yolanda Pratt, the course gives kids 5 - 12 years old the opportunity to get crafty and create a masterpiece to take home. Watch for another session in the near future. Photo courtesy of MWR.

lifts. Stay tuned as we install these units for use. There is now an ASE mechanic on duty during normal working hours. For any automotive questions please call us. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., closed on Sundays & holidays. Call 228-871-2804 for more information.

Vehicle Resale Lot

Have a Vehicle, Motorcycle, RV, Boat or Utility Trailer you want to sell for only \$5/week or \$15/month? The MWR Vehicle Resale Lot is located on 5th Street in a high visibility area that is also well lit for extra security. For more information please call 228-

871-2804.

Fitness Center

The next CFL course is scheduled for Oct. 25 - 29. To register for the class you must log into the following website www.npc.navy.mil. All information needed is located on the website. Please register early as space is limited.

Emergency phones are located near the skate park at the end of the old gym and on the east dugout on the baseball fields. They are easily recognizable by a large red box. To use, pick up the receiver and dispatch will automatically be called. Every minute counts in an emergency!

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FOCUS on FITNESS Basketball

By E03 Mikayla Mondragon
NCBC Public Affairs

Fit Tip:

Get a full body work out while having fun with basketball.



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 utilize the basketball courts at the Fitness Center during physical training on board NCBC. Fitness Center hours are 4:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

Basketball is a cardio sport that not only builds endurance and muscle, but also builds teamwork. This high intensity sport requires the use of the whole body to react and think quickly. Basketball is a sport that anyone can participate in and enjoy. For more information on basketball and other fitness opportunities call 228-871-2668.

NMCB 74 CPX



Equipment Operator Constructionman Jeff Olszewski, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Alfa Company, refuels a generator as Command Post Exercise III (CPX III) commences. NMCB 74 ran CPX III to further enhance the battalion's command and control skills in preparation for deployment later this year. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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lawn to make sure that each area is roughly the same pH. This is especially important if one part of the lawn has been treated differently because the pH may be altered in that area.

For example, if some form of pesticide was used on a problem patch, it may have a different pH reading than another area. The pH values of these different areas will have to be adjusted before progressing with your general lawn care program. If the pH of the soil beneath the lawn is 7.1 or higher, it means the soil is not acidic enough. This most commonly occurs when too many basic soil fertilizers like lime have been added or if there's been a limited amount of rainfall in the area. In order to correct high pH, try adding a fertilizer with a lower pH or do some extra watering to help flush out the basic salts. In most cases, the goal will be to try and lower the pH of a basic lawn, not correct for a soil that is too acidic. Limited rainfall, basic

fertilizers, and many other factors contribute to creating a basic soil. However, if the soil is too acidic, try adding lime to alleviate this situation. Just be careful to not add too much. You may also want to look for organic fertilizers that are

known to increase pH, or formulas that release their nutrients over a longer period of time. Unfortunately, many people add lime to their lawns believing that it will improve growth without realizing that the pH of their lawn may not

need this type of adjustment. As a result, grass plants may suffer if they aren't in an optimal growing environment. Therefore, it's very important to test the pH of the lawn before adding lime or any other treatment. If you had to replant

parts of your lawn, or added fertilizer only to certain areas, it's also important to test those areas separately.

If you find areas that differ in their pH levels, be sure to adjust treatment of those areas accordingly.

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Community Notes

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Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, 228-273-4158, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 7 FRG welcomes friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the NCBC chapel. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided for children four and under. For e-mail updates, send an e-mail to nmcb7frg@gmail.com or contact FRG President Deanna Salter at 228-206-0377.

NMCB 74 FRG welcomes all friends and family members to join the NMCB 74 FRG. Meetings are the third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Naval Reserve Training building #114. Bring a covered dish to take part in a potluck dinner. Contact FRG President Angela Boyd at 832-579-8422 or Vice President Tanieka Roshell at 414-530-4189. To receive updates, log on to the FRG website at <http://www.orgsites.com/ms/nmcb-74-fgr/index.html>.

NMCB 11 FRG welcomes all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Seabee Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information contact FRG President Sarah Edwards, Vice President Robin Coker, Secretary Krysta Thomas or Treasurer Jennifer Babb via email at nmcb11frg@gmail.com. Visit the ombudsman and FRG website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail han-sonk154@yahoo.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG website at <http://www.orgsites.com/ms/nmcb133fsg>

Naval Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfport Naval Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! Please email noscgulfport@yahoo.com for more information. We hope to see YOU soon!

NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. Child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

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

TRAINING

COMPASS is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month.

The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

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., building 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 228-688-5288 or enrique.acosta@navy.mil.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

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 the month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. 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. Meetings are held the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All 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.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group Naval Mobile Construction

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Homefront in Focus: It's Hoppin' at the Commissary

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

Did you know the Commissary is the 'hoppin' place on base? I know sometimes it is easier to hit the local store rather than drive all the way to the base but let me entice you to 'make that trip.' Twice each year the Commissary holds its 'World-wide Case Lot Sale' in May and September.

The September Case Lot Sale comes just in time to stock up on Back-to-School supplies.

"September means back-to-school and the September sale is a perfect opportunity for families to stock up on drinks, snacks and other items to fill those lunch bags," said Sallie Cauthers, DeCA's Special Projects Division Marketing Specialist.

The September case lot sale offers even greater savings, from 30 percent to 50 percent off the Commissary's already low prices. If you have not experienced a Commissary case lot sale you will find paper products, cleaning products, beverages, canned goods and much more in bulk, or case, sizes.

The date of the case lot sale varies across the globe so check the Commissary website (www.commissaries.com) for more information. Enter your zip code and your local Commissary information will be provided.

Kaua, Navy wife in Hawaii mentioned that she passed over the case lot sale because she had limited storage. Last year her members of her FRG banded together to purchase cases of goods; sharing the costs and the cases. What a creative idea to share in the savings!

While you are at the Commissary, there is more to 'check out.' For the children in your home, there is an essay contest. For the environmentally

aware, watch for more reusable bags. These bags are 'designer' so once they are gone . . . they are gone. The next edition coming out will be a 'glow in the dark' reusable bag for Halloween. I really want one! And, I have it from a reliable source that the bags coming out behind the Halloween edition are equally desirable.

There are promotions taking place as well. The Commissary is partnering with Reading is FUNdamental (www.rif.org) to provide books to your local base. They are also partnering with Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops4education.com), the well-known program that, through 'box tops,' raises funds for our schools.

Check out your local Commissary for their initiatives and programs. They are busy making your commissary your preferred shopping stop.

Finally, the Commissary is your partner in disaster preparation. Check your local Commissary for their recommended Disaster Preparedness Check List. We're in the midst of hurricane season on the Gulf and East Coast, wild fire season is underway on in the Southwest. My home in southern California has been shaking with minor earthquakes over the last few months. The time to prepare is before you need it and the Commissary can help you be prepared.

So, if you haven't ventured to the Commissary lately check out the September Case Lot Sale and all the activities taking place. It's worth the trip!

Editors note: NCBC Gulfport Commissary case lot sale is scheduled to run Sept. 30 - Oct. 3.

Follow Beth on Twitter ([Beth_Wilson](https://twitter.com/Beth_Wilson)) and catch her internet talk show at www.blogtalkradio.com/nht!

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District Center constructed shower units and dining facilities, as well as a fuel storage facility. COP Walakan completed expansion work, tents with wood floors, the Tactical Operations Center floor, and electrical distribution projects.

The Battalion's Det. Five set out for FOB Wilson to complete an expansion of the perimeter, two super SWA Huts, and multiple tents for troop living quarters.

Det. Wolverine completed the expansion of FOB Wolverine's perimeter along with 2000 meters of protective berms and seven crow's nest observation towers.

Det. Jelawur tasking included the expansion of the perimeter, tents for troop living quarters, a SWA Hut, a helicopter landing zone and a vehicle maintenance

area expansion for the Army's 105th Engineering Battalion and 2/101 Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

The many construction projects accomplished by the Battalion will continue to enable the resident units to have a stronger presence throughout Afghanistan.

"NMCB 133 could not have picked a more monumental time to be deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. All of the forward operating base and combat outpost expansions that were built by our Seabees ensured Presidential directed 'Surge' forces had the life support facilities and staging platforms to launch Hamkari Bareye Kandahar and make 2010 a decisive year in countering the insurgency," said Cmdr. Chris Kurgan, NMCB 133's commanding officer.

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and the new owner does not intend to use the property as a personal residence, they will not have to move out until the expiration of their lease at the end of December, *no matter when the foreclosure sale takes place*. However, if the new owner *does* intend to use the property as a personal residence then they will have at least 90 days to vacate.

One important note - leases must be "*bona fide*" in order for the tenant to qualify for these protections.

To be considered a *bona fide* lease, three requirements have to be met:

- The tenant cannot be the person whose mortgage is being foreclosed upon, or the child, spouse, or parent of the person whose mortgage is being foreclosed upon;

- The lease or tenancy was the result of an arms-length transaction; and

- The lease or tenancy requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property or the unit's rent is reduced or subsidized due to a Federal, State, or local subsidy.

So, if John and Jane Sailor are renting the house from Jane's parents, or they are living in the house for ten dollars a month because John's cousin lost a bet, they won't be protected by this Act.

However, the PFTA can only help

- it does not in anyway preempt better state and local laws. So, if tenants live in communities that provide for more notice, or have just cause eviction and do not allow eviction in the event of foreclosure, they will not be affected by

the PFTA.

All in all, the PFTA is great news for many tenants living in foreclosed properties; the bad news is the law is only good through Dec. 31, 2012. At that point it will expire, unless the law is extended or

made permanent.

This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. If you have any other questions your Gulfport legal assistance office can be reached at (228) 871-2620.

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Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmc62alumni.org> for information or for links to Seabee historical sites.

Seabee Veterans of

America Island X-1 Gulfport

are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the second Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. For more information contact Joe Scott (Secretary) at 228-669-8335 or elevenoaks58@cableone.net or log onto WWW.NSVA.ORG for an application.

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The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, DVD's and books. Gift store proceeds support the construction of the new museum in Port Hueneme, Calif. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop locally at 228-871-4779.

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Would you like to see the Navy Civilian Employee Association (NCEA) continue? If so, we need board members. Board positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. At the moment there is a board of one. Any interested parties can email donna.hott@navy.mil. We know we didn't have a luncheon at Christmas last year, but hopefully we'll get back on track for this year!

Commander's Action Line . . . The Commander's Action Line gives all NCBC personnel a direct link to Capt. Ed Brown, commanding officer of NCBC. Go to [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service Organizations/PAO/CNICP A132870](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service%20Organizations/PAO/CNICP%20A132870)

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Seabee Memorial Chapel

Services:

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 11:35 a.m.

Protestant Service: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Gospel Service: Sunday, 11:45 a.m.

Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Brown,
Protestant Chaplain
Lt. Leticia P.J. Rouser,
Protestant Chaplain

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