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NMCB 1 'Bees construct small arms range



Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 place and finish concrete for a new weapons range being built on board Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. Upon completion of the project, instructors at Naval Technical Training Center Lackland (NTTC) will be able to train six Master-At-Arms students at one time to move, shoot and transition between the M16 and M9. The Master At Arms "A" school trains over 4,000 students annually. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Russ Jarvis/Released)

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Artist to paint Seabee series

By MCC Terrina Weatherspoon
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A visual information specialist from the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., visited the Third Naval Construction Regiment in Kandahar, Afghanistan Sept. 12 to document Seabees in Afghanistan.

The artist, Morgan I. Wilbur, was given access to projects being done by Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 18, 40, 5 and 21.

"I wanted to come here to observe the Seabees in Afghanistan, so that I could do a series of paintings to tell their story for the Navy art collection," said Wilbur. "Together the head of the Navy art collection and I both said we need to capture the Seabees. We don't have too much art on that. So between the two of us we knew this was the next project we needed to do."

Wilbur was able to photograph and sketch scenes that he will take home and later turn into paintings for the Naval Heritage archives. The paintings may also be used in an exhibit at the Seabee Museum currently being built in Port Hueneme, Calif.

"I'm most excited about painting the people," said Wilbur. "Seabees are very upbeat and motivated people who love their jobs. I truly believe they are among the hardest

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MCPON sends 2010 Navy Birthday Message to the Fleet

Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Navy Birthday message to the fleet Oct. 5:

"Shipmates and Navy Families, On this wonderful occasion of our Navy's 235th birthday, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your outstanding dedication and commitment to our great Navy.

As you know, our Navy is the best it has ever been; we're operating on land, on, above and below the world's oceans, with the most advanced equipment and technology, but, at the end of the day, we are only as good as our people. It takes Sailors like you to ensure we continually meet the demands of our expanded Navy environment

and increased mission requirements.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your service to our nation and our Navy, and for truly making our great Navy a global force for good.

As we celebrate our anniversary, take a moment to remember those currently on watch around the world and those who have gone before us and laid the foundation to which you build upon.

I also want to say "thank you" and express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Navy families. Your role in your Sailor's life and the Navy is vitally important.

Happy birthday Shipmates! I am really proud of who you are and the outstanding job you do every day.

Happy 235th birthday Navy and HOOYAH!"

Navy Ball . . . Stennis will be hosting the Navy Ball at the IP Casino Oct. 16 from 6 to 11:59 p.m. Cost: \$20, E4 and below, \$25 - E5/E6, \$35 - E7 and above. Contact Chief Aerographer's Mate Jaime Brouillette at 228-688-5897 for details.

Special Navy Birthday Meal . . . Celebrate the Navy's 235th Birthday at Colmer Galley, Oct 13 . . . Open to all military, DoD civilians, contractors and family members.

Salute to the Military . . . Tickets are on sale now for The Salute to the Military Oct. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. The guest speaker is General James Cartwright, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is the premier event on the Gulf Coast for businesses to show their support for the military. Tickets are \$40 for military, \$40 for their spouse/date and \$50 for civilians, \$50 for their spouse/date. The uniform is Whites or formal for civilians. Ticket orders are being taken by Rob Mims, NCBC/20TH PAO at robert.c.mims@navy.mil or by calling 228-871-2699 or Laura Wilson, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce at 228-604-0014.

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.



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage this month

Hispanic Heritage Month was established in 1988 to celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

At a population of more than 48 million, Hispanics comprise our nation's largest ethnic or racial minority.

This year, the theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity, and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America".

Today, more than 63,000 Hispanic and Latino Sailors and civilians serve in the Navy. Four admirals, three members of the senior executive service and 156 master chief petty officers of Hispanic heritage are leading the Navy.

A showcase of notable Hispanics in the Navy's history can be found at the Navy History and Heritage command website: <http://www.history.navy.mil/>

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
 sponsored by the Diversity Committee
 Oct. 21, Colmer Galley, 11:30 a.m.

Blood Drive . . . Oct. 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Seabee Chapel Fellowship Hall. Donors will receive a t-shirt and be registered in a quarterly drawing for a chance to win a pair of Delta Air Lines tickets.

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.

Around the Center



Capt. Lou Cariello, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center /commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group, holds a Captain's Call for all E-6 and below military personnel within the command at the Training Hall on board NCBC, Sept 30. During the session, Cariello addressed his goals for the command and accepted questions from Sailors about issues of concern to service members and their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 2nd Class Elizabeth Jacavone/Released)



Chief Builder(SCW) Scott Abbott of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) leads members of the Indiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) through NCTC spaces during the group's tour of the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Sept. 28. The National Committee for ESGR is a DoD agency that promotes public and private understanding of the National Guard and Reserve in order to gain employer and community support. Comprised of a community-based network of over 4,500 volunteers who serve on committees in every state; the District of Columbia; Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). (U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aide Constructionman Mark Monton/Released)

Students put together model molecules at "A Day of Science" class held for home-schooled students at the Starbase Atlantis building on board NCBC, Sept 23. During the class, instructor Mike 'Snipe' Donlea, teaches students about the structures of different molecules such as water, carbon dioxide, and ammonia. Starbase Atlantis serves the U. S. Navy and our communities through youth programs that promote math, science, drug demand reduction, and goal-setting skills. Starbase Atlantis has been a valuable learning resource onboard NCBC since October 2001. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 2nd Class Elizabeth Jacavone/Released)





Gone, but not forgotten

By MCC(SW) Terry Spain
NCBC Public Affairs

From NCBC Public Affairs

The Nov. 2 general election is rapidly approaching. Act NOW to make sure that you will have an opportunity to make your vote count. Don't wait until it's too late! The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has new online tools in place at www.FVAP.gov that can walk you through the process easily, quickly and intuitively.

Send in your ballot NOW.

Assuming you already requested your ballot, you should have received it by now. If you have, vote and send it in.

Overseas? Send your ballot back by express mail for FREE!

The Military Postal Service Agency started sending ballots from overseas military post offices by Express Mail in September. Just go to your overseas military post office or unit postal clerk and use the Label 11 - DOD on your absentee ballot and mail it.

You will get a tracking number that will let you track your ballot online at www.usps.com

If you haven't received your state ballot yet, you may get it on line by using the FVAP's online ballot tools at:

www.FVAP.gov. From the FVAP website you can be linked directly to your States' online ballot delivery systems (if your State has one), or if not, to FVAP's online Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to use as a back-up ballot.

If you haven't even asked for your ballot, it's not too late. Many election officials can accept your registration and absentee ballot application by email or fax, and will send you

Chief Builder (SCW) Eric Van Norman, a native of San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Twenty-Fifth Naval Construction Regiment (25th NCR), had an opportunity to fulfill a promise that he made to himself after receiving a bracelet in honor of a fellow Seabee who died in Iraq.

His promise was to never take off the bracelet given to him by another Sailor in honor of the fallen Seabee until he advanced in rank to chief petty officer (CPO). On Sept. 16, Van Norman walked across the stage during the CPO pinning ceremony held at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport to receive his anchors, and, on Oct. 1, he removed that bracelet and placed it in his Charge Book Protector, a traditional CPO keepsake container, where it will be mounted and never worn by him again.

"I have had this bracelet since 2003 and it is an honor to wear it in memory of him and other Seabees who've lost their lives. We also named a bridge camp in his honor; this was the least we

could have done to keep his name going," said Van Norman.

Many younger Seabees have now started to wear the popular green arm bracelet, which to some signifies that they've deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"Now that I have removed my bracelet, I plan to get another made and continue to remember those who have gone before me. We had a lot of great people who died in combat and this is a small token of my appreciation," Van Norman stated.

Chief Van Norman has been in the Navy for 18 years and plans to continue to tell his story to his fellow Seabees reminding them why they serve.

"Wearing this bracelet took a lot of commitment. I do a lot of wood work, and I sweat a lot and could easily have taken it off and forgotten about it. But I am very dedicated and loyal and I had it remain on my arm. These are the characteristics we should have serving our country," said Van Norman.

Editor's Note: Chief Builder Van Norman prefers to maintain the anonymity of the Sailor he honored.



Chief Builder (SCW) Eric Van Norman, a native of San Antonio, Texas, assigned to Twenty-Fifth Naval Construction Regiment (25th NCR), is pictured with his Charge Book protector and memorial bracelet. The bracelet was worn by Van Norman since 2003 in memory of a fallen Seabee assigned to his Battalion. Van Norman vowed never to remove the bracelet until he made chief petty officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Terry Spain/Released)

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CFC Kick Off . . .

The NCBC Combined Federal Campaign for 2010 kicks off Oct. 19 at the Colmer Galley Mall at 11 a.m.

The CFC kick off will include representatives from charities throughout the Gulf Coast as well as information designed to assist those who are interested in donating.

Last year NCBC exceeded its goal and with everyone's support this year's goal of \$101,175 can be reached.

See you at the Kick Off!



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Balfour Beatty Charity Drive to make a difference

By Balfour Beatty Communities

With Oct. 23 marking the 20th anniversary of "Make a Difference Day" - the largest national day of community service, Balfour Beatty Communities together with its residents, is looking to make a great difference in the lives of many through presenting the Armed Forces Retirement Home with homemade Welcome Home cards.

Service members and families of NCBC Gulfport can place their homemade Welcome Home cards in the collection box located at the Housing Welcome Center until Oct. 22. Balfour Beatty will deliver the goods to the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

"If every member of NCBC Gulfport donates just one Welcome Home card imagine the number of Veteran's hearts we can touch," said Addie Bradshaw, LifeWorks Coordinator for Balfour Beatty Communities. "It's about neighbors helping neighbors and everyone can participate."

Created by USA WEEKEND

Magazine and HandsOn Network, Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday in October and millions have participated. In 2009 alone, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

"We can make an impact on our community - no, on the world," continues Bradshaw, "those we are helping have already helped so many, so the cycle just continues on.

Balfour Beatty Communities shares USA WEEKEND Magazine and HandsOn Network's vision of Make a Difference Day that one day, every person will discover their power to make a difference, creating healthy communities.

The results of the collection will be published at the conclusion of the drive. In the meantime, anyone wishing to know more about this charity drive is encouraged to contact the Balfour Beatty Community Management Office at 228-863-0424.

NMCB 11 creates training facility for III MEF Marines

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

KADENA, OKINAWA, JAPAN – Six Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 recently completed a five day build for III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) in Okinawa, Japan.

The project, constructing a target site for a situational training exercise utilized as part of the pre-deployment training for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), will assist the Marines attached to the Special Operations Training Group (SOTG) in prepping the 31st MEU prior to the Marines deploying on their semi-annual patrols.

This build enabled the III MEF to provide better realistic training to the MEU by creating their own target site for the exercise in an area that was previously unused for this type of training. Building these projects in locations previously unused provides a challenging environment for the Marines as the territory is unfamiliar and provides them with a chance to train in fresh surroundings.

For this specific project timeliness was absolutely critical. Due to scheduling constraints III MEF secured the area for the exercise for a very limited time, and the actual time the exercise was to be conducted was included in this time frame.

"The flexibility and professionalism that the Seabees showed by adjusting their schedules to be able to accommodate our limited window enabled the project to actually be accomplished and the additional training goals we were striving to incorporate into the exercise to be met," said 1st Lt. Stephen Kelly, Assistant Branch Head, Special Missions Branch, for III MEF SOTG.

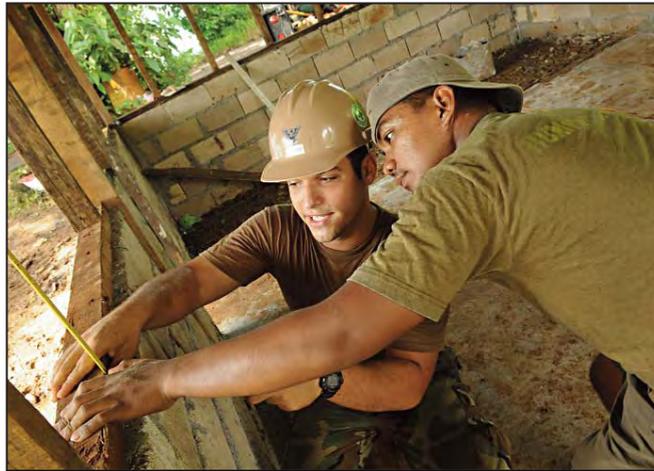
The finished project was used to simulate a building with walls and rooms for the force reconnaissance platoon attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to conduct close quarters tactics and breaching sustainment training.

"The ability to have the Seabees on island in order to conduct projects like this, or any other project we contact them for, is essential," added Kelly. "The Marine Corps alone does not have the same skill areas required for a lot of the work that we need done, and deployment cycles make it so that those units who might be able to attempt the work are already task saturated. Having highly skilled, professional, and available units to conduct these types of projects greatly enhances our ability to conduct realistic training for deploying units," stated Kelly.

This unique build provided the Marines of III MEF with a great training environment and in turn provided the Seabees of NMCB 11 with a great opportunity for training they otherwise might not have access to.

"Any time we work with the Marines its good OJT for our junior troops, it helps our Seabees see good order, discipline and military traditions that are set high by the Marines," said Builder 1st Class David Sheard, NMCB 11 Echo Company operations petty officer. "It also gets them stoked and motivated for combat scenarios," added Sheard, "we're always honored to support the Marines and our brothers in arms."

NMCB 11 is currently deployed to the PACOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and is currently participating in Pacific Partnership 2010.



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Terrence Siren/Released)

Logistics not a problem for NMCB 11 'Bees during build with JSOTF Philippines

By Lt. Tyler Scharar
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

It's not every day that an E-5 gets the opportunity to lead a detached unit of Seabees in a combat environment. But that's just what Builder 2nd Class Craig Kresge of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 accomplished during a building project at Task Force Headquarters in Cota Bato City, Philippines.

As with all Seabee movements, logistics played a vital part in the project. With size, weight and equipment defueling restrictions for aircraft movements, a four-man team loaded a pick-up truck and joined a five-hour convoy to the Philippine Army Base, Camp Siongco.

The team was anxiously received by Task Force personnel, who had already procured local materials for the project. As the team surveyed the construction site, they also had the opportunity to meet their new counterparts in the project

who were personnel with the 524th Engineer Battalion, Philippine Army.

The week-long combined project consisted of building eight military obstacles to be used by U.S. and Armed Forces of the Philippines training groups. The obstacles included a barbed wire low-crawl, hurdles, suspended rope crossing and a wall climb.

With a limited tool and equipment inventory, it became evident that learning local practices from their peers was important.

"The AFP constructionmen formed the loose rocks and sand into a volcano-like cone, and then just dumped the cement in the center and began mixing, right there on the dirt," explained Steelworker Constructionman Apprentice David Smith. As a wheelbarrow was filled for transport, the AFP crew leader would seek out Builder Constructionman Apprentice Timothy Rogers and state, "Now, we need a driver," which

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 part of the Armed Forces of the Philippines youth outreach program.

Rogers was glad to help out with.

Construction Electrician 2nd Class Leroy Cook divided his time between working on the obstacle course and making minor repairs and improvements around the camp. Utilitiesman 2nd Class (SCW) Charlie King flew in for a few days to augment the team. While on the job site he installed water meters and also developed a scope of work and materials list for repairs to one remote team house on a near-by base.

During a visit between NMCB 11 Det. Philippines officer in charge, Lt. Tyler Scharar and the Task Force Commander, the commander summed up his impression of the construction that had taken place by saying that there was no question about it - the Seabees go to bed everyday knowing they put in a real day's work and that they should to see him personally if they need anything during their stay.



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 fabricate reinforced steel footer cages used in the foundation of concrete walls for the new weapons range on board Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Russ Jarvis/Released)

NMCB 1 Seabees construct new small arms range on board Lackland AFB

By NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Onboard Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas the beep of concrete trucks backing up to the pump truck and the hum of diesel engines is almost deafening, but you can hear commands being shouted by the Seabees placing an 8 foot high concrete wall. The project being constructed for Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) Lackland is construction at its best.

You may ask yourself, what are Seabees doing on an Air Force base in Texas? It turns out that the Navy's Master-At-Arms "A" school is located aboard this Joint Base in San Antonio and they called on the Seabees to get the job done.

The job entails the construction of seven 8 foot high by 86 foot long concrete walls, one 28 foot by 48 foot concrete slab for a mobile armory, 180 linear feet of grounding wire, and 400 linear feet of 2" concrete encased conduit.

It's a job that fits the Seabees skill-set well and a great learning experience for everyone involved. Even though over half the project crew is new they are still putting forth a strong effort and showing the MA's

what "Can Do!" really means.

"The Seabees are great and we couldn't ask anything more from them," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Cowart, executive officer for NTTC Lackland. "Every time we go out to the project site we are amazed at how quickly the work is getting done."

From the Seabees perspective, this project is a great learning experience.

"It has been one of those great experiences being a Project Supervisor; to be able to mentor these younger guys and watch them take something away from this valuable training," said Builder 1st Class (SCW) Jeffrey Boutot.

First time Crew Leader - Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Jeremy Cogar talked about the effort his crew put forth every day.

"Being a Crew Leader is the hardest job in the BEES. It's even harder in 100 [degree] plus heat! Production is outstanding and the troops are motivated and have a willingness to learn," said Cogar.

Despite the difficulties of working out in the heat, the crew members are motivated. During a short break from

working the chute of the pump truck, Builder Construction-man Jackie Minter offers up his perspective as one of the junior crew members.

"It's been a pretty good experience. Even though it's challenging and difficult, I am learning a lot," said Minter. "Construction projects like this one offer the best learning environment for the Seabees to hone their skills on a project that will pay dividends to NTTC Lackland once it is completed."

When the Seabees finish the project, the instructors at NTTC Lackland will be capable of moving and shooting with six students simultaneously instead of just one at a time which will greatly increase their capacity to train over 4,000 new MA's annually. They will also be able to fire M16s on the range, which will allow them to train future MA's to move, shoot and transition between the M16 and M9.

Overall it's a win-win for all parties; the MA's will receive better training, and the Seabees will leave with stronger planning and construction skills.

'First and Finest' CSE teams travel to Camp Shelby for weapons training

By UT3(SCW) Katie Spencer
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Convoy Security Element (CSE) Teams have spent the past few months of homeport training preparing for their upcoming deployment.

The Seabees spent the past week in Crew Serve Weapons class learning the basic fundamentals, safety and operation of the M-240B and M2HB .50 caliber machine guns. Once the classroom training portion was done, the class traveled over the weekend to Camp Shelby where the Seabees had the opportunity to fire the weapons down range in a controlled learning environment.

Many team members have already experienced the live fire exercise with these weapons, but for some of the class this was the first time for hands-on training with the weapons. The training that the CSE teams are going through will help better prepare them for combat operations in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

"The training is very useful and practical. I know that when we are over there, these Seabees will have my back," said Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Alex Eneix.

During the training, the students each fired 100 rounds down range to practice sighting in on their targets which was designed to help pin point targets that may not always be easy to see.

The instructors then demonstrated alternating fire techniques, also referred to as "talking guns," in which pairs of weapons are used to continuously engage the same target one at a time. These techniques are used to successfully suppress a target and other threats if needed.

The training will soon ramp up to an arduous pace for NMCB 1's CSE teams, as they will take part in the newly modified Urban Skills training located at Camp Shelby.



Seabees attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Convoy Security Element (CSE) Team receive hands-on training at the range on board Camp Shelby, Miss., Sept 18. The battalion continues its homeport training in order to prepare for their upcoming deployment to CENTCOM area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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back your ballot by e-mail, fax, or by posting online. Requesting your ballot is simple and fast at

www.FVAP.gov where you can use our online registration and absentee ballot assistant to complete your Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) and have your forms completed, printed out, and ready to send back home in less than 10 minutes.

Questions on voting may be answered by contacting the NCBC voting officer, Chief Logistics Specialist Timothy Hammond at 228-871-2411 or by emailing him at timothy.hammond@navy.mil.



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Welcome Home AFRH Residents



Kenneth McGuire, state commander of the American Legion Department of Mississippi, looks up at the newly finished Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Gulfport. The AFRH welcomed back 135 residents Oct. 4 who were evacuated to Washington, D.C., after Hurricane Katrina decimated the complex. The Veterans were met by hundreds of well wishers, and assisted by active duty volunteers from the Seabee Center and Keesler AFB. As their vehicles passed local elementary schools on the way to their new home, children and teachers waved flags and displayed homemade signs of welcome. More former residents are expected to arrive at the AFRH throughout the next several weeks. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)



Above: Service members stationed along the Mississippi Gulf Coast escort military retirees to their living quarters in the refurbished Armed Forces Retirement Home. Below: The refurbished Armed Forces Retirement Home welcomed back 135 residents. The residents evacuated to Washington, D.C. after Hurricane Katrina decimated the complex. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)



Left: An honor guard raises the American flag during the reopening ceremony for the Armed Forces Retirement Home. The flag was flying over the center when Hurricane Katrina damaged the building. Right: Equipment Operator 3rd Class Jacob McNamare, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, helps retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Neal Stone into his living quarters at the refurbished Armed Forces Retirement Home. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)



Domestic Violence Prevention Month

This year the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will promote Domestic Violence Prevention by holding several activities including:

Oct. 14: Pledge of Hope drive at FFSC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stand with others to create a world free from domestic violence by taking the Pledge of Hoop. FFSC hopes to obtain at least 1,500 signatures. Refreshments will be provided.

Oct. 1 - 25: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Art Contest. Submit art work in medium of your choice (paint, sculpture, photography, etc.) depicting DVPM theme "Mourn, Celebrate, Connect." Contact Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg at 228-871-3000 for more information.

Oct. 1 - 31: "Purple Threads Thursday" - Civilians are encouraged to show their support for a domestic violence free world by wearing at least one item of purple clothing to work on Thursdays.

Oct. 1 - 31: Cell Phone/Wish List Drive: Support the local women's shelter by donating used cell phones/chargers, extra large and very small trash bags, shampoo, cream rinse, baby wipes, bleach, all purpose cleaners, paper towels, bath and hand towels. Please bring donations to FFSC, building 30.

Contact FFSC at 228-871-3000 for more information on these activities.

NCBC is a No Litter Zone! Pitch In!
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Buzz on the Street



What is something you would like to see added to the Seabee Center, such as entertainment or dining?



"I think a bowling alley would be fun."

ET2 Brandi Chopie
NMCB 133

Hometown: Ft. White, Fla.



"I'd like to see a good coffee shop, like Starbucks."

EO3 Joshua Reiner
NMCB 133

Hometown: Providence, R.I.



"We should have good live entertainment, like a big name concert."

EO1 Felipe Pardo
20TH SRG

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

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Academic Achievement



Chief Legalman Erin Lanette Wilmer, assigned to Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) Gulfport, receives her Associates of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Coastline Community College. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Terry Spain/Released)

NCBC School Liaison Officer is located at Building 352, and may be contacted at (228) 871-2117 or kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

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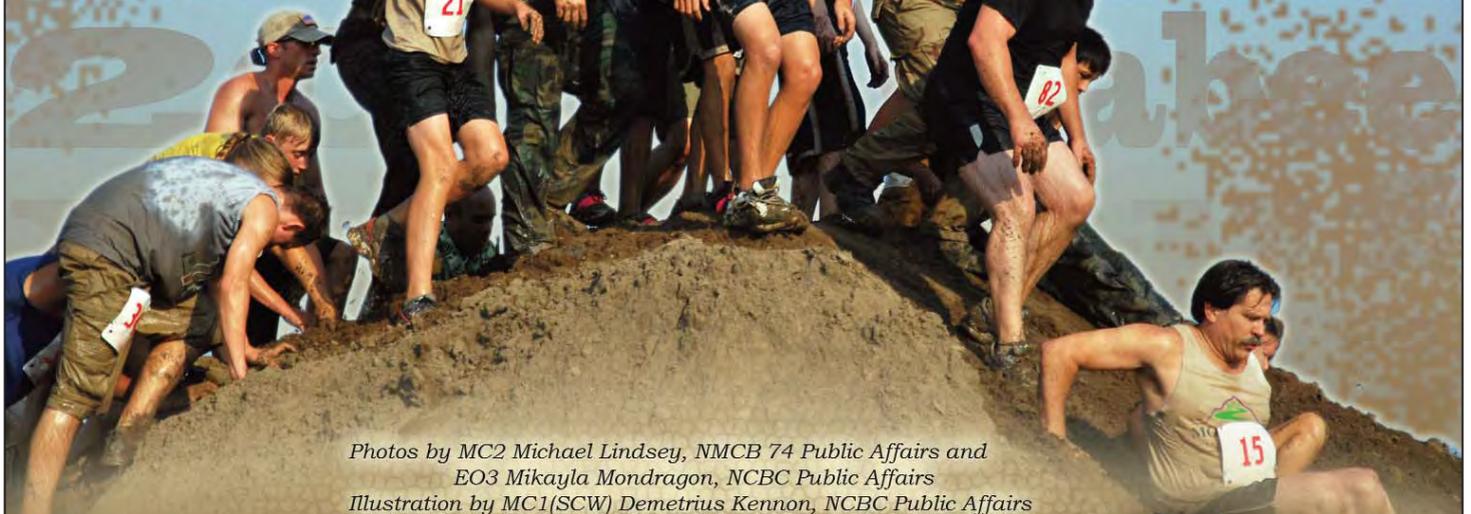
Install a playground . . . Volunteers are needed to install a playground at Bayou View Elementary School Oct. 23 (tentative) at 7 a.m. Volunteers will need to bring their own tools such as drills, hammers, screw drivers, wrenches, rakes and shovels, etc. An auger and concrete will be delivered. Volunteers will have to install playground equipment utilizing concrete for posts, install 128 LF of 4x4 plastic timbers around border and spread 51 CD of wood mulch inside border. Food and drink will be provided. Call Theresa Frontz at 228-424-0204 or 228-871-2610, Allison Alexander at 228-383-4833 or Susan Stewart at 228-234-1276. To see a list of all volunteer opportunities go to <http://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/CNCP A169092>.

Around the world with NMCB 7



(A) Nicaragua - Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), rebuild baseball bleachers at an engineering site in Bluefields, Nicaragua. Service members and civilians are deployed supporting Operation Continuing Promise 2010 providing medical, dental, veterinary, engineering assistance and subject-matter exchanges to the Caribbean, Central and South America. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Samuel R. Beyers/Released) (B) Nicaragua - Navy and Marine Corps leaders render honors during the U.S. national anthem at the newly constructed baseball field built by Seabees with NMCB 7 and CBMU 202 during a Continuing Promise 2010 community service project. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Bryan Weyers/Released) (C) Rota, Spain - Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson, Commander, Navy Expedition Combat Command, awards the Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist insignia to Construction Mechanic Constructionman Joshua Adams, assigned to NMCB 7, during a site visit to Camp Mitchell at Naval Station Rota, Spain Sept. 18. 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. (D) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba - Petty Officer 3rd Class Jared Wygant, left, and Petty Officer 3rd Class William Couch, both assigned to NMCB 7, work at a construction site for a youth facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba Sept. 28. NMCB 7 is deployed at GTMO conducting various construction jobs. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins/Released)

2010 Seabee Volkslauf Mud Run



*Photos by MC2 Michael Lindsey, NMCB 74 Public Affairs and
EO3 Mikayla Mondragon, NCBC Public Affairs
Illustration by MC1(SCW) Demetrius Kennon, NCBC Public Affairs*

Participants in the 15th Annual Seabee Volkslauf Mud Run navigated their way up and down obstacles in the mixed-terrain course at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Sept. 18. The five-mile course, organized by NCBC and the Gulf Coast Running Club, drew both military and civilian participants along the coast. More than 1,000 people participated in this year's mud run, nearly doubling last year's turnout of 600 personnel. Of the more than \$22,000 raised, over \$15,000 will be used to fund the 2011 Seabee Ball.





Fitness Center

Fall Aerobics Group Fitness Schedule: Monday-Bosu at 9 a.m., Total Body Express at 11 a.m., and Cycling at 5 p.m./Tuesday-Cycling at 9 a.m., Water Aerobics at 11 a.m., Ab Blast at 11 a.m., and Cardio Kickboxing at 5 p.m./Wednesday-Bosu at 9 a.m., Stroll N Stride at 9 a.m., Total Body at 11 a.m., and Cycling at 5 p.m./Thursday-Cycling at 9 a.m., Water Aerobics at 11 a.m., Ab Blast at 11 a.m., and Cardio Kickboxing at 5 p.m./Friday-Bosu at 9 a.m., Stroll N Stride at 9 a.m., and Total Body Express at 11 a.m.

IM Flag Football League sign ups will be held from Oct. 18 - Nov. 1. The season will be from Nov. 8 - Dec. 15. Team rosters will consist of a maximum of 15 players and are due to the NCBC Sports Coordinator, Samuel Perkins no later than Nov. 4. Please contact Sam Perkins at samuel.perkins2@navy.mil or call 228-822-5109 for additional information.

Vehicle Storage

CBC Base Housing Residents - All vehicles and RV's receive 50 percent off the regular storage rate. It's as easy as 1-2-3. Just present your proof of residency (phone bill, cable bill, etc.). For more information and space availability please contact the MWR Auto Hobby Shop at 228-871-2804.

Vehicle Storage Deployment Special-Free storage for your first vehicle and 50 percent off each additional vehicle this includes all RV's for all deploying troops. Must present a letter of deployment from your command. For more information and space availability call 228-871-2804.

Auto Skills

Center Special: Wear your favorite Halloween mask and receive the first hour of shop fees free. *Two hour minimum in order to receive this special.*

The MWR Auto Hobby Shop now has an overhead electric engine hoist and technician to assist customers with pulling and installing engines. For any automotive questions or more information about available services

call 228-871-2804

Seabee Recreational Park Area

The Seabee Recreational Park Area has many activities to offer for your outdoor enjoyment. MWR has three large pavilions for rent that include picnic tables, BBQ grills, lighting and electrical. There are also 11 smaller pavilions available on a first come-first serve basis. We have a large, covered, kid-friendly playground area, basketball court, sand volley ball court, four practice golf holes, chipping range, paintball field, dog park and walk trail all located at the Seabee Recreational Park Area.

MWR's highlight item at the lake is the paddle boats with no cost to authorized patrons. We have two deck boxes on the pier with various life vest sizes that must be worn at all times while on the water. For more information please contact the MWR Outdoor Rental Center at 228-871-2127.

MWR Vehicle Resale Lot

Have a Vehicle, Motorcycle, RV, Boat or Utility Trailer you want to sell? Put it in the MWR Vehicle Resale Lot located on 5th Street. The cost is \$5 per week or \$15 per month. Location is in a high visibility area and is lighted for extra security. For more information, contact MWR Auto Hobby Shop today at 228-871-2804.

Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT)

Mike Epps - Enjoy the comedic style of Mike Epps Oct. 22 at the IP Casino Resort and Spa. Must be 21 or older attend. Call ITT at 228-871-2231 for ticket prices.

Boo at the Zoo-Bring your little ghosts and goblins to Boo at the Zoo Oct. 23. Boo at the Zoo's annual event is being brought to you by MWR at a low price of \$15 per person. The event is safe and fun filled with entertainment targeting youth up to 12 years of age. Price includes transportation, entrance into the Zoo, trick or treat house, Mombassa Ghost Train, haunted house, games/prizes, and tons of entertainment. Call the ITT of-

fine at 228-871-2231 for more information.

Saints Tickets - Get your tickets to cheer on the team. Tickets will go on sale two weeks prior to each game. During the first week of sales it will be open to Active Duty only. During the second week of sales tickets will be available for purchase to all eligible MWR patrons (active duty, DoD, dependants, and retirees) with proper identification. Limit 2 per military ID card. Parking passes are \$35 for parking inside of the Superdome parking garage and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Call 228-871-2231 for more info.

Upcoming Games: Saints vs. Browns Oct. 24 (on sale Oct. 12), Saints vs. Steelers Oct.31 (on sale Oct.18)

Jeff Dunham-Jeff Dunham's "Identity Crisis" will be held Nov. 5 at the Miss. Coast Coliseum at 8 p.m. Call ITT at 228-871-2231 for ticket prices.

Disney Vacation-Book now through Nov. 25 and save up to 25 percent off on your room. Call ITT to book today at 228-871-2231

Lions, Tigers and Mice? ... Oh my!! MWR is featuring a trip where you can see all the lions, tigers, and mice (Mickey and Minnie Mouse of course) to your heart desire. Join us for a daring and magical adventure to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., and your choice of an Orlando Theme Park (Disney World, Universal Studios, or Sea World). Kick back and relax and let MWR do all the work for you.

Open to all MWR eligible patrons including Active duty, Retiree, Family Members and DoD employees. Call ITT for more information and pricing at 228-871-2231

Historic Month - Book your historic adventure to Old Spanish Trail in Pascagoula, Miss., Stanton Hall and Longwood in Natchez, Miss., and Laura Plantation in New Orleans, La. Trips will take place in January 2011. Call ITT for info at 228-871-2231

Liberty Center

Catch the FREE Liberty Shuttle for these awesome events!!! On Oct. 8 take a ride to the Field of Screams, Haunted Corn Maze located in Baton Rouge, La. - only \$7 at the gate departing at 6 p.m. Cruising' The Coast Classic Car Show is Oct. 9 so be ready because the bus leaves at 11 a.m. Let's go to Wally World in D'Iberville Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. Check out Fall Muster Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. and see the War Between the States Re-enactment at Beauvoir (Jefferson Davis Home). Shop till you drop at the Prime Out-

October Movie Preview



All movies are shown at the Training Hall theater. For this month's schedule, go to <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/MWR/NCBCTrainingHall/index.htm> or call the Movie Line at 228-871-3299.

lets Oct.19, departing at 6 p.m. Come bowl with us on Keesler AFB Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Be sure to bring cash for your games. Come with Liberty to see The Rocky Horror Picture Show Oct. 28 at The Hard Rock in Biloxi. This free showing starts at 7:30 p.m. Feel like getting into the Halloween spirit? Go to the Trail of Terror in Hurley, Miss., Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the gate, but if you bring two canned food items you get \$2 off.

Tournaments at Liberty! All of these begin at 6 p.m. and are free to enter with prizes for 1st and 2nd place! Oct. 12 is Ping Pong, Oct. 21 is Texas Hold'em Poker and Oct. 26 is Black Light Pool.

Don't forget about our free food events! Let's celebrate the Navy's 235th Birthday Oct. 13 with FREE cake while supplies last. Oct. 18 is National Cupcake Day - come by for your free sample.

Other upcoming Liberty events include Skydiving in Lumberton, Miss., Oct. 10 at 9:30 a.m. for \$150. Come volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. and earn a Letter of Appreciation. Craig Morgan performs live at The Hard Rock Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Liberty goes to

New Orleans, La., to see The Mortuary Haunted House Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. Get your VIP Pass for \$35. Give back to the community Oct. 23 by working with Habitat for Humanity. Sign up by Oct. 14 - all participants will receive a LOA. Come check out the Saints vs. Browns game Oct. 24 departing at 10 a.m. Cheer the Saints on to victory for only \$40/person. Start off Halloween Week with a horror movie night with free popcorn Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Pumpkin Carving will be Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. and be sure to come back the next day as we smash the left over pumpkins. Join the Who Dat Nation Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. as we cheer the Saints to victory over the Steelers. Tickets are \$40, sign-up by Oct. 15.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation will have 17 new inflatable bounce houses to include water slides, dry slides, obstacle courses, themed bouncers, as well as combination units. Call to begin reserving your bouncing fun today. Delivery, set up, and pick up will be included in the price with our larger units and will also be available for our smaller units for a small fee. Stop by building 456 for more information or call 228-871-2127.

working people in the Navy.”

Wilbur has been on the staff of the Naval History and Heritage command, working as the art director for Naval Aviation News magazine.

His work is represented in several collections including the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum, and his art has been reproduced in numerous books and magazines.

In 2002, Wilbur boarded the USS John C. Stennis, an aircraft carrier engaged in offensive operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In April 2003, he traveled to Iraq to document Navy Medicine’s support in Operation Iraqi Freedom, which included time with Fleet Hospital 3 in southern Iraq. Wilbur returned to Iraq in 2005 to document the work of Navy medical corpsmen serving with the Marines, and in 2006 to document coalition activities in Baghdad.

“My trips have mostly been to shore based units,” said Wilbur. “When people think of the Navy they think of the water. I wanted to show people a different side, a side that not everyone knows about.”

Wilbur spent three weeks in Afghanistan and visited more than three forward operating bases and two combat outposts.

“The environment out here is incredible,” said Wilbur. “All I knew up [until] this point is what I’ve

read about Afghanistan. I knew it sounded like a difficult place to do the work that Seabees do. From what I’ve heard of the Seabees, I thought it would be good way to learn a lot about what they do and to help document their history and

contributions to the people of Afghanistan.”

Wilbur plans on painting at least a dozen different scenes from his time in Afghanistan. “The dusty environment, the sun and the heat,” said Wilbur. “I’m just going to try and

capture this incredible work and these harsh environmental conditions. But the main thing is the people and their attitudes. One of the main impressions is the physicality. It’s pretty impressive. The Seabee culture is very interesting.”

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October is National Energy Awareness Month

The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) has established the following energy goals for the Department of the Navy (DON): (1) Energy Efficient Acquisitions: Evaluation of energy factors will be mandatory when awarding contracts for systems and buildings. (2) Sail the “Great Green Fleet”: DON will demonstrate a Green Strike Group in local operation by 2012 and sail it by 2016. (3) By 2015, reduce Non-Tactical Petroleum use by 50 percent. (4) Increase alternative energy ashore by producing at least 50 percent by the year 2010. (5) Increase alternative energy use DON-wide. By 2020, 50 percent of total DON energy consumption will come from alternative sources.

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Community Notes

SUPPORT

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 second Tuesday of every month at 6 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 hansonkl54@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, and 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 nationwide 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. 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 of 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 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://nmcb62alumni.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.

HERITAGE

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 11 a.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.seabee-museumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop locally at 228-871-4779.

Customer Appreciation Day . . . MWR Outdoor Recreation will hold a Customer Appreciation Day Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Enjoy FREE Hamburgers and Hotdogs for lunch. Also featuring lots of sliding and bounce fun for children. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Call Outdoor Recreation at 228-871-2127 for details.

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October calendar of events



Oct. 1 - 21: Scarecrow Contest - Whether scary or funny, silly or ridiculous, this is your chance to express yourself! Use your imagination, discarded old clothes, hats, gloves, and any other accessories you'll need to make your scarecrow unforgettable! You may decorate your scarecrow however you like. Be creative, but please keep them tasteful! Scarecrows must be out on display for judging Oct. 21. Please email abingham@bbcgrp.com so we know exactly who will be participating!

Oct. 9: Coats for the Coast Beach Bash – We have been collecting Coats for those in need this winter. We will end the coat drive at the beach. We will be located at the Courthouse Road Pier. Look for the Balfour Beatty signs. The event will kick off at 4 p.m. This is also the week end for Cruisin the Coast. Bring your coats this will be the last donation drop of location.

Oct.13: Halloween Jewelry Making – We will be making all kinds of Halloween bracelets and necklaces for Halloween in the Community Management Office. The jewelry is for both boys and girls. Community Management Office from 3 to 5 p.m.

Oct.22: National Make a Difference Day – We are hoping to reach our goal for the Welcome Home Card for the Veterans. Our goal is 584 cards. Please make sure you have your cards in by October 22, 2010 to the Community Management Office. Together we can make a difference!

Oct. 23: Breast Cancer Walk – Join Balfour Beatty Communities in the 5th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Biloxi Town Green. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. Please email lladner@bbcgrp.com to sign up and get additional information.

Oct. 27: Pumpkin Face Painting and Movie Night – Residents join us at the front lawn at the pool house for some pumpkin face painting and movie under the stars. Starts at 6 p.m.

Oct. 25 - 29: Halloween Decorating Contest – We will be out looking at the best Halloween decorated yards. Please read over Holiday Decorating Reminder before decorating. Homes in violation of the Holiday Decorating Policy will not be eligible for contest.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas on events, please contact Addie at abingham@bbcgrp.com or 228-863-0424.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!



Secure Flight Passenger Data required for all plane reservations

From Defense Management Travel Office

This fall, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will complete implementation of the Secure Flight Program, which aims to enhance the security of domestic and international commercial air travel using improved watch list matching.

As of Nov. 1, all passengers will be required to have Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) in their reservation at least 72 hours prior to departure. You will be unable to travel without providing this information. Although not effective until Nov. 1, please note that some airlines are requiring this information immediately.

SFPD includes traveler's full name, date of birth, gender, and redress number, if applicable. The traveler's full name must match the government issued identification (driver's license, passport, or military identification). For example, if the government identification used contains full middle name, then the SFPD must reflect full middle name.

The Defense Travel System (DTS) was modified in September 2009 to capture and transmit the required SFPD. Travelers making reservations in DTS must verify the SFPD is accurate and complete. Do NOT include rank, titles, suffixes ("CPT," "Maj," "CMSgt," "Mr.," "Dr.," "Ms.," "Jr.," "Sr.," "III," "IV," etc.) or special characters in the SFPD. This information will be saved to your DTS "TSA Profile". The system will continue to prompt travelers to verify or update this information each time they attempt to make any travel reservations.

As of Oct. 1, 2010, if you contact the commercial travel office directly to make reservations, you will be required to provide SFPD at the time the reservation is requested or the reservation will not be accepted.

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FOCUS on FITNESS

Baseball

By E03 Mikayla Mondragon
NCBC Public Affairs



Fit Tip:

Improve upper body strength, arm muscles and hand-eye coordination with baseball.

Baseball is a sport that kids and adults can enjoy. "America's pass-time," as it's often called, not only has many health benefits, it also builds camaraderie and sportsmanship. Baseball offers a variety of advantages, such as aerobics from running, and strength building from batting, throwing, and catching. So, if you're looking for a sport everyone can enjoy, give baseball a try. For more information on baseball or other fitness opportunities call the Fitness Center at 228-871-2668.

A service member utilizes the baseball fields located next to the Fitness Center. The baseball fields are open to all service members and DoD employees and their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Demetrius Kennon/Released)

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NEX Online Store expands its selection of merchandise

By Kristine M. Sturkie
NEXCOM PAO

The NEX launched its online web store, myNavyExchange.com earlier this year with select merchandise such as tactical gear, Navy Uniforms, Navy Pride items, fitness apparel and shoes, motorcycle safety gear, watches and sunglasses. Since its launch, new items have been continually added to the store.

"Each week, we are adding new items and new categories to the store to ensure our customers have the products they want and need at the click of the mouse," said Cindy Trager, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) Divisional Merchandise Manager for e-Commerce. "I encourage all our authorized patrons to visit the web store often to see what new products have been added."

A new category of merchandise that has been added are home store products, including floor care, microwaves, rice cookers, irons, water filtration, toaster ovens, oral care, candles, giftware, sheets, towels, pillows, bake ware, cookware, cutlery, gadgets and food storage from popular name brands such as Emeril, Paula Dean, Rachael Ray, Chicago Cutlery and Calphalon. Also new to the web store are brand name fragrances including Dolce & Gabbana and Ed Hardy.

"We sell the same name brand products in our web store as we do in our NEXs," said Trager. "We know our customers are looking for quality name brand products and that's what they'll find at their NEX, no matter where it is purchased. So, purchase either in a store or online to receive the same great price!"

In electronics, customers can purchase Ipods, MP3 players and accessories, notebook and desktop computers, GPS, TVs up to 32-in., video games, eReaders, clock radios, DVD players, headphones, earbuds, and cameras and accessories. In Navy Pride, backpacks, lap top attaches, pad folios and other accessories are now available in the Navy Working Uniform digital camouflage pattern.

Customers can also find an expanded selection of baby gear, men's and women's athletic and toning shoes as well as outdoor apparel from The North Face and Columbia. There is also a new assortment of sunglasses from Oakley and Maui Jim and watches from Seiko and Citizen.

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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@ca-bleone.net or log onto WWW.NSVA.ORG for an application.



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Hotmail, X-Box Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. -
5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Closed Sundays)



MCB 62
<http://nmcb62alumni.org>



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,

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