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Misawa Seabees dewater fuel station

By MC2 Devon Dow

U.S. Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan Public Affairs

Seabees from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East continued cleanup and recovery efforts at Naval Air Facility Misawa's (NAFM) Fuel Pumping Station 2, March 28.

The Misawa-based Seabees have been working around the clock to dewater the Hachinohe-located station that suffered extensive flooding and structural damage following the recent earthquake and tsunami.

"Things are progressing here on a day-to-day basis," said Chief Builder Billy Knox, from Chapin, Ill., assigned to NAVFAC Far East. "Getting this pumping station up and running again is important because it will get the fuel flowing back to through the fuel pump system that is important to the base."

Seabees have dug trenches and are using water ejectors to remove the floodwater from the site. Once dewatering is complete, NAVFAC Far East will reconstruct the security fence surround the

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Happy Birthday Seabees!



Command Master Chief Jimmy Fairbanks, command master chief of Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) Gulfport, and Builder Constructionman Amelia Torres of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), participate in the traditional cake cutting ceremony performed by the most senior and junior Seabees in attendance at the 69th annual Seabee Ball as Commanding Officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC)/Commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) Capt. Lou Cariello and honored guest speaker, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent look on. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aron Taylor/Released)

For more Seabee Ball photos, go to: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Naval-Construction-Battalion-Center-Gulfport/161404016711>

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Regional Legal News:

A General Court-Martial was held this week for an E-3 from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who had been charged with possession of child pornography. The Sailor pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to three years confinement, was reduced in rank to E-1 and received a dishonorable discharge. Due to a pre-trial agreement, he confinement was reduced to two years.

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Together, we can save a life

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ignment plus an additional 60 days to facilitate reintegration and preparation for their next PCS move?

Contact your Command Career Counselor for more info.



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Capt. Lou Cariello, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), administers the oath of enlisted to six Sailors on board NCBC, Feb. 28. Reenlistments such as these contributed to 20 SRG's robust retention statistics. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Terry Spain/Released)

20th SRG captures award for Retention Excellence

By EOCN Shakenia Ceazer
NCBC Public Affairs

Twentieth Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) was announced as a winner of the Retention Excellence Award.

This award is very prestigious and not all commands have the privilege of winning it. Commands have to meet specific criteria before they are eligible for the award.

The Retention Excellence Award is given to commands who have met or exceeded the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) retention goals for two or more quarters, and have passed their annual career information program assessment with a score of 85 points or higher. Each command has to have a Zone A attrition rate of 5.5 percent or lower for the fiscal year.

"Over the last couple of years, we have strayed away from statistics and started gearing more toward our programs. Career Counselors and team members have to achieve greater than 85 percent as well as maintain the CNO's goals," said Senior Chief Career Counselor James Brady.

The Retention Excellence Award is given once during the fiscal year. This will be 20SRG's

first time receiving the Retention Excellence Award. Retaining the most qualified Sailors plays a significant role in the Navy's overall mission.

"Getting this award from the highest level is a huge pat on the back," said Brady. "The Navy recognizes that not only are we engaged in retention and can keep quality Sailors, but we can help them with any situation and their goals. I think that is a huge accolade for the command."

Command Counselors are assessed annually on their command and development programs by U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Navy Counselors. Each program is assessed on a point scale with 15 points being the highest score. The assessment consists of command sponsorship, indoctrination programs, career development boards, mentorship and recognition programs.

Retention is directly related to command climate, involved leadership, clear standards and policies and promotion of quality.

"I believe that engaging career counselors, in every unit, will not only benefit the Navy, but the Sailors as well," said Brady.



Retired Master Chief Pete Grundy addresses fellow Chief Petty Officers (CPO) and guests during the CPO's 118th birthday ceremony held at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Training Hall April 1. During the ceremony Grundy spoke about the importance of being a Chief and the proud traditions within the khaki community. Grundy is the former Command Master Chief of NCBC. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Shakenia Ceazer/Released)



Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Utilitiesman Constructionman Donald Taylor teaches Construction Electrician Constructionman Anthony Pierce how to send and receive 'Yellow Canaries,' also known as Tactical Field Messages, during a Command Post Exercise (CPX) held on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Apprentice Daneia Johnson/Released)



Capt. Lou Cariello, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC)/commander 20th Seabee Readiness Group (20 SRG) signs a Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on board NCBC March 30, in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassandra Secher/Released)

Around the Center



Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Director Michele Shaffer and Public Works Officer Cmdr. Chris Knudsen present Senior Chief Personnel Specialist Michael Thornburg with the Captain's Cup award. Thornburg accept the intramural sports competition award on behalf of Personnel Support Detachment (PSD). (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Shakenia Ceazer/Released)



April Calendar

April 13: Toddler Movie Morning - Residents bring the little ones to join us for our toddler movie morning. The movie will begin at 10:30 am. This is a great time to let allow the younger residents and moms to meet. Besides the movie we will have other activities and refreshments. The movie will play at our model home located at 609 Palm Court, in the Pinewood Community.

April 11 - 15: Win a Back Yard Patio Set - Need a new patio set? Let Balfour Beatty Communities take care of that for you! Here is all you have to do. Call the Community Management Office anytime April 11 - 15, and make sure we have your information updated with a good phone number and email. Even if your information is current just call in verify it. This will automatically get your name in the drawing for a patio set. Having updated information allows us to keep you and your family informed.

April 16: Community Spring Yard Sale - Spring has Sprung and what a perfect time for a little Spring Cleaning. You can rid yourselves of any items you don't want and make cash by participating in our Spring Yard Sale. The Yard Sale run from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Just place your treasures in your front yard. We will have signs for advertisement. Please email if you will be participating so we can spread the word.

April 19: Pictures with the Easter Bunny - Come and get your pictures taken with a real bunny for Easter in the backyard of our Model Home (located in the Pinewood Community at 609 Palm Court) from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. We will take and provide you with the pictures, but if you would like to take picture yourself please bring your own camera. Refreshments will be served; other activities are planned as well.

April 22: Flash Light Earth Day/Easter Egg Hunt - You definitely don't want to miss out on this fun. It is a night time egg hunt so come prepared with a small flashlight! The egg hunt will take place on the Pool House Lawn and kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with Domino's Pizza selling pizza and drinks. Don't worry about bringing your basket Balfour Beatty will provide each participant with a "Go Green" bag!

April 27: National Walk at Lunch Day - Balfour Beatty will be walking the track at lunch in celebration of National Walk Day. Come on out and join us!

~Events are subject to change due to inclement weather. Event updates are posted at www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com under the events tab. For more information on all of the activities, call the Community Management Office at 228-863-

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Seabees learn to pave during NCTC Equipment Operator C1 Advanced school

By UTCA Daneia Johnson
NCBC Public Affairs

Equipment Operator 2nd Class Petty Officer Derek Willis maneuvers the Roller to smooth out asphalt lain during the construction of an 85' x 200' pad which he and the other students from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) 7 and 1 and the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) are constructing during their current assignment to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Equipment Operator C-1 Advanced School.

The Naval Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS) exercise pad project was the first time many of them had ever worked with asphalt.

"[The] majority of the students had no experience and for their knowledge base they did an excellent job," said NCTC's Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Terry Knapp.

The idea of the NOFFS pad was that of NCTC's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Bill Whitmire. The purpose was to create more room and to give

people a variety of workout routines.

Whitmire met with NCBC Executive Officer, Cmdr. Stan Wiles, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), and Public Works to discuss the idea. Plans for the NOFFS pad begin in October 2010, but the students didn't start working on it until February.

Originally, the plan was to have the pad constructed out of concrete, but the process would have taken too long. So, it was decided to use asphalt, because it is quicker and smoother than working with concrete. Public works prepped the whole site before the EOs started construction on the NOFFS pad. Preparations included removing the grass, and placing and compacting the sub base.

The NOFFS pad took approximately 370 tons of asphalt to complete. The pad is located next to the NCBC Fitness Center and was completed March 18. NCBC and the 20th SRG held its first workout routine on the pad March 23.

MWR also purchased \$14,000



Equipment Operator 2nd Class Petty Officer Derek Willis, a Seabee attending Equipment Operator C-1 Advanced School on board Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) maneuvers a roller to smooth out asphalt lain to construct an 85' X200' Naval Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS) exercise pad. Seabees attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) 7 and 1, and 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) are working on the project, which took about 370 tons of asphalt, while attending the course. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Construction Apprentice Daneia Johnson/Released)

worth of fitness equipment to be used on the NOFFS pad. All of the equipment is held in the International Standards Organization (ISO) container next to the pad. Commands who would like to use any of

the equipment can check out the keys from the Fitness Center's front desk.

Future plans call for 30 pull-up bars on the North side of the pad as well as tires and a TRX exercise system.

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After more than 40 years, 'the Phone Guy' hangs it up

From NCBC Public Affairs

The afternoon of March 31, Don Griffith who has worked for the government for more than 40 years finally started a new chapter in his life, retirement.

Most people on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport affectionately know Griffith as "Don, The Phone Guy." He has been at the Base Communications Office for the last 17 years.

But his history with the Navy dates back to July 1968 when he joined up as a Radioman. He was stationed Washington

D.C., then aboard the USS Grapple ARS7 (Auxiliary Rescue & Salvage) that was home ported in Pearl Harbor, completed two Western Pacific tours with stops in Vietnam, Subic Bay, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan. In July 1972, he was honorably discharged with a Vietnam Service Ribbon and National Defense Service Ribbon.

Griffith used his G.I. Bill to get educated in the Electronics Engineering field in while working as a parts manager at an electronics repair shop. In 1975, he realized the Navy was where he needed to be.

He accepted a job with the Naval Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a teletype operator in the World Weather Building in Washington, D.C.

In 1977 he brought his skills to down south to work at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO), located at John C. Stennis Space Center where he ultimately became the Communications Manager until his arrival at NCBC.

According to his supervisors, Griffith excelled in his job by integration of years of technical expertise coupled with tenacity and drive which enabled him to ensure the \$16 million Base Central Office system's uptime rates reached nearly 100 percent.

He applied his many years of knowledge to perform more advanced tasks on his own. Took initiative to learn about

and engage with 3,500 customers to better understand their needs, resulting in a higher quality of products and/or services; made recommendations to improve customer products and/or services.

Griffith worked with Gulfport and Katrina Resident Officers In Charge of Construction (ROICC) to incorporate switch expansion and cable plant growth into plans saving \$120,000. He spearheaded the communications integration during the \$300 million Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission's construction implementation on NCBC.

Over the many years of service he received numerous "BZ" commendation letters from commands never received less than Outstanding and Superior Performance ratings



Don Griffith

which included meritorious monetary awards, administrative day off awards plus On The Spot awards.

"Don, The Phone Guy," has given more than four decades of his life in the service of his country, but now he can relax with his wife, Joyce, of 38 years, his two children, but most of all his six grandchildren.

May he always have Fair Winds and Following Seas.

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NMCB 133 makes a difference in the Philippines

By Lt. j.g. Daniel Brown
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 deployed 24 Seabees from Gulfport March 1, to support the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P).

The Seabees began working within 24 hours of landing in Zamboanga City.

The Seabees of Detail JSOTF-P worked together to improve the safety and appearance of a local playground, immediately making a difference in the community.

"Walking down the street and seeing all the people smile and wave just melts my heart, they know we want to help them and they love us for it," said Construction Electrician Constructionman Elizabeth Leow.

After the initial Task Force processing was completed, the Runnin' Roos' of Detail JSOTF-P had some logistical hurdles to leap as the Det was split up into

three operational teams and a headquarters support element. The three teams moved to separate satellite locations that served different customers at each location.

Construction Electrician 2nd Class Casey Cole took eight Seabees (Team 1), to Camp Bu Datu on the Island of Jolo.

Their mission is to complete the renovation of a four-room school house, and the construction of a new three-room school house. The school compound is located in the poverty stricken barangay of Tambangan.

"The project is continuing to throw new challenges at us every single day. The wood is warped, it rains all the time, and the existing structures are poorly constructed; however, it is all worth it, especially when you see the small children that are going to be using the school houses we build and improve, versus the decaying rooms they use now," said Builder 3rd Class

Antonio Delrio.

Re-sheathing and re-roofing the school will be completed during the rehabilitation. Structural improvements will be made, and doors and windows that will increase the school's security will be installed. Extreme weather and poor building materials lead to structural failure on one side of the roof and truss system.

Team 1 is gaining the engineer's approval for the addition of a gable end to the roof that will protect the truss system from the weather while increasing the life of the structure.

The Seabees of Team 1 have currently finished the demolition, and are constructing new window units and hanging new sheathing on the interior and exterior walls of the school house.

Team 1 will move to another location on the compound to work with local nationals on the construction of the new school house after the rehabilitation of



Builder Constructionman David Jaillet from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines Detail levels footer forms for an Armed Forces of the Philippines Installation located in Cotabato, Philippines. NMCB-133 is currently on deployment in the Pacific Command's Area of Operation. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Daniel Brown/Released)

the four-room school is complete.

"The lasting impression left by the Seabees will continue to serve the mission of JSOTF-P for years to come", said Air Force 1st

Lt. Mike Zudic, JSOTF-P Engineer.

Builder 2nd Class (BU2) Bobby Gaskin took a team (Team 2) of

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1NCD celebrates Seabee Birthday with Sailors in HOA

By MC2 (SCW) Michael Lindsey
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

More than 200 Sailors, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Detail Horn of Africa (Det. HOA) Seabees and Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa service members celebrated the U.S. Navy Seabees' 69th birthday with a ball held March 19 at the 11 Degrees North Recreation Center.

The evening's guest of honor, U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Mark Handley, commander 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD), traveled from Virginia Beach, Va., to attend.

During his address to the crowd, Handley spoke about the Seabees future and legacy, suggesting that the Seabees of the past were historical "giants" who formed the foundation for modern-day Seabees. He illustrated his point with a quote from Sir Isaac Newton, "If I have seen further, it is only because I have stood on the shoulders of giants."

Recent years have been busy for Seabees, Handley said, due in part to the recent troop surge into Afghanistan, which saw more Seabees deploy than had since the Vietnam War. According to Handley, the Seabees' mission supporting CJTF-HOA is as important because it helps prevent future conflicts.

Handley concluded his presentation by thanking the Seabees and their families for their support.

As a longstanding Seabee tradition, the Seabee ball includes a cake-cutting ceremony during which the oldest Seabee gives the first piece of cake to the youngest, symbolizing the passing of the Seabee Legacy to future generations. Master Chief Troy Kellerman, NMCB 74 Det. HOA's senior enlisted leader

and Master of Ceremonies, was happy to participate.

"The Seabees that came before us gave us a legacy and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do today," Kellerman said. "It was an honor to participate in that symbol of passing the cake."

According to Constructionman David Earley, NMCB-74 Det. HOA and member of the Ball Committee, the planning began almost two months before the celebration.

"We raised money with fundraisers to buy the decorations and the prizes by delivering breakfast in bed on weekends," said Earley. "We had appetizers, a cake cutting, games - and we also had some cool prizes to give away. Everyone I talked to at the ball said that they were surprised and that it exceeded their expectations."

Among the guests were Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF-HOA) Commander U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Brian Losey; CJTF-HOA Deputy Commander U.S. Army Brigadier General William Glasgow; U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti James C. Swan; Japan Ambassadors to the Republic of Djibouti Jun Shimmi; and Camp Lemonnier's Commanding Officer U.S. Navy Captain Darius Banaji.

During his visit, Handley toured the recently completed Ecole 5 primary school, one of NMCB 74's many regional projects. Handley said the school was a "shining example" of Seabee efforts helping to build African partnerships.

"This story [of the school] is being repeated throughout the entire area of responsibility - not just here in Djibouti, but Kenya, Ethiopia and elsewhere," said Handley. "This really is a tribute to the mission here."



Master Chief Petty Officer Troy Kellerman and Constructionman Brandon Smotherman, both Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 Detail Horn of Africa, cut the cake together during the Seabee Ball as the oldest and youngest Seabee in attendance along with Rear Adm. Mark Handley (left), commander 1st Naval Construction Division and Navy Capt. Darius Banaji, commander Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti (CLDJ). The Seabees, deployed to CLDJ and Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, celebrated 69 years of heritage since their creation March 5, 1942 during World War II. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)

NMCB 1's CSE Team a big hit for Miss. Navy Week

By UT3 Katie Spencer
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

An estimated 160,000 people attended Keesler Air Force Base's (KAFB) open house and Air Show, Angels over the Bay, March 19 - 20. The celebration of Keesler's 70 years of heritage included the Navy Blue Angels and Army Golden Knights.

Although the air performances were the highlight of this weekend's festivities, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Convoy Security Element (CSE) Team had no problem keeping the crowd entertained on the ground.

The team's enemy suppression fire demonstration was a huge hit; they showed how the team moves into a modified delta formation to show by-standers what the team will do in a hostile situation.

The teams also provided hands on weapons training, where even the smallest of visitors had the chance to get behind a M2H.50 caliber or a M240 Bravo machine gun and learn the workings of Team's most tenacious weapons.



Steelworker 3rd Class Michael Vandebroder a Seabee with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, shows off a M2H .50 cal machine gun to a local youth during Navy Week which took place on board Keeler AFB. Vandebroder is a member of NMCB1's elite Convoy Security Element (CSE) Team. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

There was no doubt this was a week end which every visitor got what they came for, and at the NMCB 1's CSE Tent they got to see a little more.

For anyone that missed the festivi-

ties at KAFB, the team performed the same demonstration during Seabee Day 2011 and also gave the same hands on training on the team's machine guns along with tours of our up-armored vehicles.



Chief Doyle Bitgood (background) and Petty Officer First Class Tony Martinez cut lumber to the correct length to be used in the assembly of picnic bench. The city of Bay St. Louis provided detailed drawings, uncut lumber and hardware for the project, and Seabees from 22 NCR provided the carpentry skills necessary to complete the job. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jeffrey J. Pierce/Released)

Seabees with 22 NCR assist City of Bay St. Louis

By MCC (SCW) Jeffrey J. Pierce
22 NCR Public Affairs

Twelve Seabees from the Twenty Second Naval Construction Regiment (22 NCR) headed to Bay St. Louis March 24, to assist the city in the construction of picnic tables and benches. The construction of the tables and benches was in preparation for events supporting *The Great American Cleanup* in Bay St. Louis scheduled for April 9. *The Great American Cleanup* is *Keep America Beautiful's* signature program and is the nation's largest annual community improvement program with over 30,000 clean-up, green-up, fix-up and recycling events in over 33,000 communities involving an estimated 3.9 million volunteers and participants.

According to Jimmy Loiacano, Director of Beautification for the city of Bay St. Louis, the picnic tables and benches the Seabees built will be placed in different parks around the city.

The 22 NCR's Command Chaplain, Cmdr. William Holiman helped coordinate the community relations' (COMREL) project.

"It was encouraged that all commands participate in a COMREL project to help celebrate Mississippi Navy Week along the Gulf Coast. Rob Mims, the Public Affairs Officer for the Naval Construction Battalion Center had a list of potential volun-

teer projects. The project in Bay St. Louis seemed to be the best fit for 22 NCR and I contacted Katharine Ohman, President of Keep Bay St. Louis Beautiful to set it up," Chaplain Holiman said.

According to Ohman, many of the projects that were planned were skill based and that's where the Seabees came in. The picnic tables and benches did not come in kits simply needing assembly. The city of Bay St. Louis provided detailed drawings, uncut lumber and hardware. What the city didn't have were volunteers with carpentry skills and the tools necessary complete the project.

"The picnic tables and benches required carpentry skills and are some of the heaviest items targeted for the event on April 9," Ohman said. "We were delighted and grateful to have the participation of such a talented group."

According to the Chaplain, COMREL projects have many benefits and he encourages all Navy commands to get involved.

"COMREL projects have several positive aspects. First, it enables us as a command to get out into the community where we live and really become part of that community. Second, it builds esprit de corps among the personnel in a command. Third, it's something fun to do while also providing a service that is needed," Holiman said.

ECS studies military history at National WWII Museum



Students and staff from the Expeditionary Combat Skills (ECS) course, taught on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport, pause for a group photo inside the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. The trip was organized by ECS Leading Chief Petty Officer, Builder Chief (SCW) Scott Enderle as a means to further the sailorization process, to teach students about Navy heritage and to instill a sense of pride among the holding company students who are awaiting a class date for the ECS course. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport



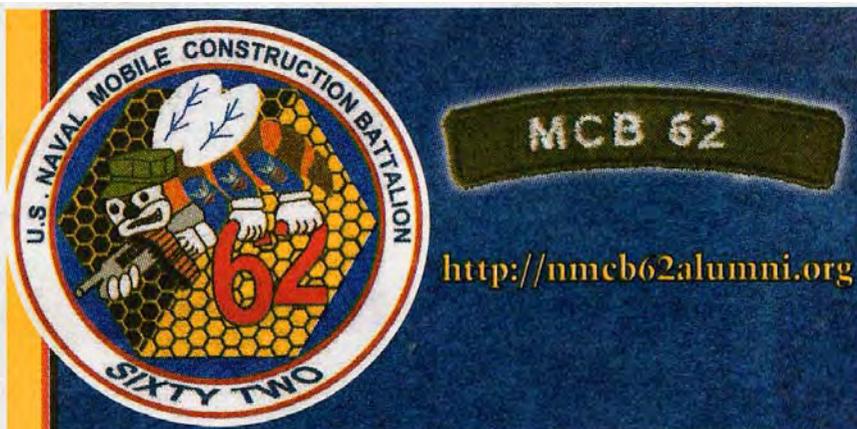
Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time.

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

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FFSC Special Events - April

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is offering a series of special events in April to celebrate "Month of the Military Child" and "National Child Abuse Prevention Month." This year's theme is "Families Under Construction" and the activities include the following:

~ **"Child Lures" Awareness & Prevention Seminars** with Ken Wooden founder of the nationally recognized child safety program, "Child Lures Prevention." - To Construct Safety For Our Children
Date: April 12

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for professionals, paraprofessionals, and command leaders; 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for parents and children
Place: FFSC

~ **Free Family Portraits** - To Construct Memories for Our Children
Date: April 27
Time: 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.,
"First Come, First Served"
Place: FFSC

~ **Weekly Storybook Readings at the Child Development Center (CDC)** - To Construct Quality Time for Our Children: Individuals can demonstrate their support for Child Abuse Awareness Month by volunteering to read a short story to a pre-K class at the CDC on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 -10 a.m. To sign up, please contact the FFSC at 228-871-3000.

~ **Beautiful Blue Thursdays** -To Construct Awareness for Our Children: Civilian/contracted personnel can demonstrate their support for Child Abuse Awareness Month by wearing blue clothing, accessories, and/or ties every Thursday throughout the month of April.

For more information, contact Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg or Sue Maters at Fleet and Family, 228-871-3000.

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Buzz on the Street



By UTCA

Daneia Johnson

What is the funniest prank played on you or by you?



"I took a rubber band and tied it to the faucet of a sink and when someone turned on the water, they would get splashed in the face."

E03 Garry Robinson

NMCB 7

Hometown: Gainesville, Fla.



"When I was an HM3, I took my LPO's pillow, soaked it in water and froze it for about 12 hours. Later, I sealed it in plastic, put it back in a pillow case and when his head hit the pillow it was rock hard."

HM1 Shealeasa Sims

NMCB 7

Hometown: Tuscaloosa, Ala.



"I wrapped an entire office in aluminum foil and saran wrap, filled the office with 600 balloons and 400 post it notes with comments from everyone in the command."

BU1 David Dascastello

NMCB 1

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.

NCBC Frames...

Equipment Operator
3rd Class Brittney Ellis

By Builder 3rd Class (SCW)
Cassandra Secher

FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most, and why?

E03: I have many experiences, but I will never forget a Chief teaching me to "feel" the dozer and drive with my eyes closed.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

E03: I have two little girls who depend on me and they motivate me every day to go out and do the right thing and do it the best way possible.

FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees/Sailors?

E03: Don't give up, never take a butt-chewing person-



ally, grow from it. If you ever find yourself working out of your rate, make the best out of it.

FF: What is your favorite part about working with the Seabees, and why?

E03: I like that we are a small community and that it seems like family away from home. We are not well known; but our accomplishments are landmarks.

FF: Who was your most

influential mentor during your career, and why?
E03: I have two, EOC Couch, now retired and GS2 Garrett. Both have thought me a lot about being a good leader; how to help others and myself; how to talk to others and how to listen.

NCBC Road Work/Closures . . . Milling and paving continues on board NCBC. Road closures include Intersection of **Moreell and 7th Street** and **Moreell and 5th Street**, April 6 - 13; Intersection of **Moreell and Marvin Shields Boulevard**, April 11 - 20. Intermittent closures will also occur at **8th Street**, from **Colby Ave to Ammo Fence**, April 4 - 24; **Colby Ave** from **1st Street to 11th Street**, both lanes; Intersection of Colby Ave and White Pine Circle April 11 - 24; Intersection of **1st Street and Pinewood Drive**, April 11 - 24; **7th Street** from **Colby Ave west to Golf Course Fence**, April 11 - 24; and **Kidd Ave**, April 11 - 24. Detour signs and flag men will provide direction when streets are inaccessible.



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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Did you know that using a cell phone use while driving, whether it's hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent. (Source: University of Utah)

When you're behind the wheel, drive to arrive alive!
Take care of yourself, your passengers and each other.



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NEX Rings Up Sales for NMCRS . . .

NEX Gulfport is now selling Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) benefit sale ticket to customers for \$5. Money collected from the sale of each ticket will be given to NMCRS to help Sailors and their families in need. The benefit sale ticket will entitle customers to specific 10 percent-off discounts for a one-time purchase on either April 11 or 12. Contact the NEX for complete information on exclusions.



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**Balfour Beatty Communities
presents**



Flash Light Egg Hunt

**April 22
6:30 – 8 p.m.**

**Community Pool House Lawn
Magnolia Place Neighborhood
on Holloway Drive.**

**Children will need a flashlight to help
guide them through the Easter Egg Maze.
Lots of Eggs, Prizes and Fun!**

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station that was damaged and begin interior cleanup of the facility.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us, but we have been making good progress," said Builder 2nd Class Charles Hannah, a Tulsa, Okla., native assigned to NAVFAC Far East. "After the tsunami, on our first visit here, the station was flooded. Today, with our dewatering efforts we are able to navigate around the site more ef-

fectively and better assess what we need to do to get things back in operational order."

The station plays a supporting role in transferring fuel from the FISC Yokosuka Defense Fuel Support Point Hachinohe to Misawa

Air Base.

NAFM is a major hub supporting Operation Tomodachi, and currently hosts several repositioned aviation squadrons that provide humanitarian assistance and support to the local community.

HACHINOHE, Japan - Builder 2nd Class Charles Hannah, from Tulsa, Okla., assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East, starts up a water eductor at fuel pumping station 2 as dewatering efforts continue. Misawa-based Seabees are restoring the fuel station that was damaged by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami March 11. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Devon Dow/Released)



NCBC Public Safety Info . . .

Did you know that the Department of Public Safety uses the NCBC website to keep you advised of the most current Navy wide and Installation based security concerns? For a better understanding of Warning Indicators involving Violence in the Work Place, go to <https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/index.htm> and visit the Department of Public Safety's programs which were developed by the Security Division for your information. Under the link for Crime Prevention you will find Disgruntled Employee and Domestic Terrorist Warning Indicators. Additionally, the Anti-Terrorist and Force Protection link provides detailed information involving Warning Indicators for Insider Domestic Terrorism. The Public Safety page also provides a wide range of emergency telephone numbers, as well as other valuable information posted with your safety in mind.

April 7, 2011

Installation Antiterrorism Note . . .

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

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canoe for you and a friend. Bring drinks and food and we will relax under the stars. Bring the whole family. Call 228-871-2127 for more information.

April 15 is the last day to sign up for the Atlanta Braves Weekend April 29-May 1. Cost includes roundtrip transportation, hotel accommodations for two nights, and either one or two baseball games. Packages are still available but don't wait till the last minute to sign up. Call 228-871-2231 for all the details.

April Camping Special from ODR. Get a 20 X 10 tent, up to four sleeping bags, two lanterns, and a camping grill all for \$15/day or \$25/week-end.

Our boats are ready to go. Rent one for the day, week-end, or the entire week. All boats come with all necessary safety gear and you are guaranteed to have fun! Must have Miss. Boater's License if born after June 30, 1980.

Rent a Boat-15 ft. for \$35/day and \$75/weekend or 17 ft. for \$40/day and \$80 weekend. Pontoon Boat Spring Special-ODR has a 10-person Pontoon Boat that is water ready and waiting on you! \$100/day or \$200/weekend.

Liberty Center

There is a ton of fun stuff planned for the beautiful month of April through Liberty! So, come check us out

Fair Winds, Following Seas

Naval Construction Battalion Center Executive Officer Cmdr. Stan Wiles congratulates Deborah Schneider, Business Manager with Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Gulfport, on her retirement after 26 years of exemplary service with MWR. Schneider was also honored at a luncheon given by her co-workers.

(U.S. Navy photo by Nicole Dunn/Released)



and see everything we have to offer!

~On Base Activities~
April 11 come into Liberty and learn how to handle your finances at the Financial Workshop offered by Navy Federal at 6 p.m. with FREE food while supplies last; April 12 is Liberty's Annual Barracks Bash with Natalie Stovall from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. This FREE outdoor concert offers FREE food, drinks and great music! We're offering a Call of Duty: Black Ops tournament April 13 at 6 p.m. Cornhole tournament April 19 at 6 p.m. with FREE prizes awarded only to the First place winners in all of these tournaments. Lastly, we'll be hosting a real life game of Angry Birds April 20.

~Off Base Activities~
Catch a FREE shuttle April 10 at 11:20 a.m., as we plan to explore the beautiful Ship Island. Admission for the ferry is \$22 with your Military I.D. We'll be taking a trip over to the annual Crawfish Festival April 14. This FREE shuttle departs at 6 p.m. and admission to the festival is FREE! For all you thrill seekers, the next Skydiving trip is April 17. It's only \$150 for this great opportunity and the Liberty bus leaves at 9 a.m. Spots are limited so sign up

in Liberty ASAP! We have a FREE Outlet Mall shuttle April 18 leaving the Liberty Center at 6 p.m.! Cirque Du Soliel is coming to Biloxi April 21 and Liberty will be offering a FREE shuttle to their performance. Tickets for this event are \$30!

If you would like to make a difference in the Gulfport community volunteer with us as we help Habitat for Humanity April 9 which depart at 7:30 a.m. Plus you will learn an LOA.

Auto Hobby

A new diagnostic machine is available to help trouble shoot your vehicle. Please stop by and let us check your vehicle before you take it to your mechanic. Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Closed Sunday/Monday.

Car Wash

Keep your car looking great this spring with a wash and wax at the MWR Car Wash. Located at Marvin Shields Blvd. and Rodgers Ave.

Youth Activities Center

Spring Break Camp Registration -Spring Break Camp sign-ups are in progress at the Youth Activities Center

See MWR FUN page 26

Fitness

Power Lifting Contest June 18, with three weight classes for males, females, teens. The contest will consist of three lifts for the Bench press, Squat and Deadlift. For more details on proper technique contact Michael McLaughlin at 228-822-5108, e-mail michael.e.mclaughlin1@navy.mil. Sign-ups begin May 18.

The Next CFL course is scheduled for April 25-29. All the information and application can be found on <http://www.navyfitness.org> select Fitness and then CFL information.

Sports

IM Dodge ball challenge is April 15 at 7 a.m. in the gymnasium. Sign up now at the CBC Fitness Center front counter. Teams consist of six to eight players and all teams must be signed in by 6:45 a.m. so the first game can begin promptly. Format is single elimination and Captain's Cup points will be awarded for the winners.

Aquatics

Swim Lessons at the CBC Fitness Pool - Signups begin April 11 for Group Swim Les-

sons which will be held April 18 - May 2. Registration forms can be picked up in the pool lobby located in the CBC Fitness Center. Swim lessons will be offered for ages six months and up, Monday-Thursday with make-up lessons on Fridays for a fee of \$35 for the first child and \$25 for siblings. Lesson times will be 5 p.m. for parent /tot (6 months and up), 5:30 p.m. Level 1, and 6 p.m. Level 2 & 3. For more information you can contact Alex McCollum at 228-822-5103/5104 or e-mail richard.mccollum@navy.mil

Outdoor Recreation

Color on the Rocks is April 15 at 6 p.m. Join us to create your own painted masterpiece. It's only \$25 per person and childcare is available through the Youth Center for school age children, but you must sign up by April 11. Call 228-871-2127 for more information.

Let's go canoeing and camping on the Wolf River. The weather is great and the water is warming up. Outdoor Rec. will provide all the camping gear for our adventure. Just \$85 reserves a

Movie Ticket

Training Hall Theater, Movie Hotline 228-871-3299

April 7, Season of the Witch, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

April 8, Yogi Bear, PG, 6 p.m., Little Fockers, PG13, 8 p.m.

April 9, Tangled, PG, 11:30 a.m., Chronicles of Narnia: Dawn Treader, PG, 1:30 p.m., Season of the Witch, PG13, 3:30 p.m., 127 Hours, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 10, Tron Legacy, PG, 11:30 a.m., Yogi Bear, PG, 1:30 p.m., Little Fockers, PG13, 3:30 p.m., and True Grit, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

April 11-Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 1, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

April 12, The Fighter, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 13, Country Strong, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

April 14, Yogi Bear, PG, 6:30 p.m.

April 15, Black Swan, R, 6 p.m., The Kings Speech, R, 8 p.m.

April 16, Tangled, PG, 11:30 a.m., Chronicles of Narnia: Dawn Treader, PG, 1:30 p.m., Yogi Bear, PG, 3:30 p.m., and The Kings Speech, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 17, Tron Legacy, PG, 11:30 a.m., Little Fockers, PG13, 1:30 p.m., Country Strong, PG13, 3:30 p.m., and Season of the Witch, PG13 at 6:30 p.m.

April 18, Black Swan, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 19, 127 Hours, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 20, The Fighter, R, 6:30 p.m.

April 21, The Kings Speech, R, 6:30 p.m.

Movies contingent upon training requirements

NAVY WEEK 2011

America's Navy came home to Mississippi March 19 – 27 for the first Mississippi Navy Week ever held in the state. The Gulf Coast kicked off the week with performances by the Navy Blue Angels at the "Angels over the Bay Air Show" on Keesler Air Force Base.



Mayoral Mississippi Navy Week proclamations were signed in Gulfport, Long Beach and Biloxi and the City of Gulfport hosted a Patriots Parade and Street Party in honor of the military presence along the Coast. Former Governor and current Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus served as the parade's Grand Marshal.

Throughout Mississippi Navy Week members of the military and civilian employees of the federal government visited area schools and read to children to promote literacy.

Seabees also visited the Armed Forces Retirement Home to perform trouble calls and help residents.

Mississippi Navy Week wrapped up with Seabee Day 2011 held on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center. Seabee Day is a celebration of the U.S. Navy Seabee and the presence of the Navy on the Gulf Coast for more than 70 years. Thousands came to the Center to learn about the Naval Construction Forces and enjoy great food and entertainment.



*Patriots
Parade*

By NCBC Public Affairs

Seabee Day



Proclamation Signing



Air Show



Military children need nation's support

By Elaine Sanchez

American Forces Press Service
Military children need the support not just of the Defense Department, but the "whole of nation" to ensure they're ready for the future, a DOD official said here today.

"Military children are resilient, but they need a lot of help," said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy. "We're doing much more in the within the Department of Defense and federal government, but it will not be enough, because this is an American problem -- it's not just a problem of the Department of Defense."

Gordon touched on the challenges facing military children and some of the programs the Defense Department is implementing to help them during a roundtable on the education of military children, one of the culminating events of an education summit called "Building a Grad Nation."

Military families today have different challenges from those their predecessors faced, he said, most notably multiple deployments. "Again and again we are seeing service members deployed and spouses having to take care of their families back home," he said. "It's been very difficult."

Gordon said he just returned from a

trip to Europe, where he met with spouses and children. Some of the spouses he met had never been out of the United States before, yet were asked to move overseas with their children and without their military spouse, who was deployed directly into the combat theater. Most of these spouses, he noted, were under 25 years old.

"That is the world in which we live today," he said.

Scattered around the world are about 2 million military children, Gordon said, 1.2 million of school age.

Of the 1.2 million, roughly 90,000 are in the military school system, and about 70,000 are in public schools on military installations across the country. The other roughly 1 million children are scattered throughout the United States in the public school system.

"One the issues is finding them, understanding where in the world they are and what they are doing," Gordon said. Then, he added, it's "finding and engaging them."

This will take a concerted effort that extends far beyond the reach of the Defense Department, he said. Gordon praised President Barack

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Summer opportunity to attend Math, Science Camp

From Kevin Byrd
School Liaison Officer

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) will once again host a Math and Science Leadership Camp this summer. The camp, which will run from July 17 - 22 is for rising 9th and 10th grade students from across the state. An information brochure and application is available at <http://www.msms.k12.ms.us/ma>

th-and-science-leadership-camp-2.

All applications must be received by May 6, to be considered.

Acceptance notices will be mailed within two weeks of the application closing. Students who are selected will be asked to pay a \$25 deposit to hold their places for the camp. There are no other fees associated with attending the MSMS Math and Science Leadership Camp.

Working together to

build a brighter tomorrow



Children and staff of W.J. Quarles Elementary School in Long Beach, stand with Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, after the signing of an "Adopt-A-School Partnership in Education" charter. Some of the activities the Seabees will assist the school with are mentoring, tutoring, test proctoring, guest speaking, junior achievement programs, field day support and minor construction projects. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



Builder 3rd Class Alexander Slick, Builder 3rd Class Martha Rector, Electronics Technician 3rd Class Tyler Palmentera, Builder Construction Apprentice Holly Smith and Logistics Specialist Seaman Apprentice Jeffery Hanson, Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, repaint playground equipment at Gaston Point Elementary School in Gulfport. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, has an Adopt-A-School Partnership in Education" Charter with the school. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

six Seabees to NMCB 133's most northern location on the main island of Mindanao, a barangay called Cota Bato. Team 2 arrived on site after a short flight across the Moro Gulf with a tasking of constructing 250 meters of perimeter fence for an Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Marine Base. The project will require demolition of the entire existing fence followed by a concrete footer, several courses of block, and columns housing razor wire at the top.

The Team was forced to sift sand with a screen door after receiving beach sand to be used in the mortar for laying block.

"It's the challenges and unforeseen conditions that make our job interesting every single day," said Builder 3rd Class Britton Crawford.

Team 2 has completely moved in, set up operations, demolished over 75 meters of existing perimeter fence, and constructed 25 meters of new and improved force protection after just two weeks in the Philippines.

"The Seabees are doing tremendous work out here in Cota Bato and it doesn't surprise me because every time I am in the contingency environment, I see the Seabees doing great things... In Cota Bato alone, their efforts are going to result in a completely secure perimeter and free up over 12 personnel a day from the existing watch bill that is in place due to a dilapidated, practically non-existent perimeter fence," said Army Capt. Ryan Wampler, JSOTF-P Engineer.

Team 2 is looking forward to moving to the Island of Jolo to complete a residential housing project consisting of 30 homes for local civilians after the completion of the perimeter fence.

Builder 2nd Class Jonathan French took a team (Team 3) of seven Seabees to the Island of Jolo where the team will rehabilitate a Civil Affairs Team (CAT) house and enhance force protection at another operational site.

Although the house was in a terrible condition; suffering from extreme termite and moisture damage caused by the high levels of humidity, the team

moved forward and began re-sheathing 2,020 square feet of exterior walls as well as installing trim-work. They also framed and trimmed out eight windows that house the AC units and began re-sheathing 1,025 square feet of interior walls.

The team then began work on the roof which was their main concern. A complete renovation of the roof was necessary due to years of moisture damage.

JSOTF-P Team 3 is already preparing for new humanitarian aid projects that include build-

ing new schools, community buildings, and residential housing that will support the mission of the Task Force as they finish up with the Civil Affairs Team house.

The missions of the Seabees of JSOTF-P have built a relationship between the people of two countries, as well as buildings which will improve the lives of many; which gives true bearing to the old Seabee adage; "With skillful hands and helpful hearts, the difficult we do at once and the impossible may take a little longer."

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center/Beau Rivage Resort and Casino present: Dreams - A Celebration of America

The Beau Rivage Resort and Casino and The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center present Dreams – A Celebration of America at the Beau Rivage Theater April 14 at 7 p.m. Over 300 young actors, singers, musicians and dancers from across the coast will perform in a blockbuster multimedia musical event that pays tribute to our great country and the wonderful men and women who serve to protect it. Colors will be presented by the Naval Construction Training Center of Gulfport and the 338th Training Squadron Freestyle Drill Team from Keesler Air Force Base will take the stage in a dynamic demonstration! A flag folding ceremony by the Marines will also be a part of the evening. Don't miss this family event. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors 65 plus and \$20 for general admission. WW II Veterans are admitted free of charge as our honored guests. (Please call for your reserved VIP ticket.) Tickets are available on line at www.lmdc.org or by calling 228- 897- 6039.

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Chapel Corner



Seabee Food Pantry:

Non perishable items please.
Donation drop off points are:
Navy Exchange, Chapel, Com-
missary, Fleet and Family Sup-
port Center and Armed Forces
Retirement Home.

Praise and Worship

Team: Come out Sunday to
see the newly formed Praise
and Worship Team perform
contemporary Christian music
at the 10:30 a.m. Protestant
service.

Marriage Enrichment

Retreat: May 6 - 7, Seabee
Memorial Chapel

Vacation Bible School:

June 13 - 17, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Looking for volunteers to help
with VBS.

Catfish Fridays for

Lent: Every Friday, March
11 - April 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. \$7 per
plate. Delivery - 228-342-
1087

Easter Revival:

April 21 - 24.

Group 4:12: A young
adult group for any military
member, every Wednesday at
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
of Seabee Memorial Chapel.

Seabee Blood Drive:

April 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall, Seabee Me-
morial Chapel.

Facebook page:

Visit the Chapel Facebook
page by typing Seabee Memo-
rial Chapel in the Facebook
search bar.

STARBASE ATLANTIS 2011 SUMMER PROGRAM

A Department of Defense spon-
sored hands-on opportunity for
discovery in science, technology,
engineering and math for
students 9 through 12 years old.

Classes fill-up fast, so send your
application soon. Space is limited!

We are located in Bldg 386 on
the Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport.

5 day sessions that run from
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

I	6/6-10
II	6/13-17
III	6/26-7/1
IV	7/11-15



Classes release at 2 pm on Fri-
days, after Rocket Launch!
Call 228-871-3735/3469 for
more information on this exciting
summer opportunity.

Starbase Atlantis Summer Program Application

Starbase Atlantis	Session: I	6/6-10	0830 - 1500	___
CBC Gulfport Bldg 386	II	6/13-17	0830 - 1500	___
228.871.3735/3469	III	6/27-7/1	0830 - 1500	___
	IV	7/11-15	0830 - 1500	___

You may drop your child off a little early for convenience. Bring a sack lunch and a drink and wear your Starbase t-shirt each day. Dress for the weather and don't forget sunscreen. Two permission forms will be **emailed** to you at the address you provide below. Please complete them and bring them to class on Day 1. The program ends about 1400 (2pm) after Graduation and rocket launch on Friday.

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Return to: Starbase Atlantis, 5510 CBC Bth St., Gulfport, MS 39501 OR by fax to 228.871-
3468 OR by email to keith.agee@navy.mil

(Please mark your first and second choices)

I:	6/6-10	0830 - 1500	___
II:	6/13-17	0830 - 1500	___
III:	6/27-7/1	0830 - 1500	___
IV:	7/11-15	0830 - 1500	___

Please be on time to
pick up your child

Student Name: _____ Age ____ Grade ____

(Please print)

School your child will attend next Fall: _____

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

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

Parent's Full Name: _____

Driver's License number: _____

Email Address: _____

Ph no. Home: _____ Work: _____

* Call signs or nicknames are used in the program. Ask your child to select a nickname or call sign that will fit on a button. If your child selects a call sign that has already been assigned, we will advise you accordingly.

Volunteer Opportunities

Pass Christian Boys and Girls Club - Six volunteers are needed to fix a pool table leg and assemble an air hockey table at the PC Boys and Girls Club. Call Leah at 228-326-5643 for more info.

Roof and Stair Repair — A resident of Ocean Springs is asking for assistance to make repairs to her roof. If you can help, please call Shirley at 228-875-4700 or 228-217-2034.

Building project — Volunteers are needed to help construct a covered area for wheel chair ramp and covered area for RV for a disabled couple in Saucier. Please contact Gail Preston at 228-209-0503 or email her at crazygailtoo@cableone.net

Pennies for the park – Volunteers are needed. Pennies for Your Park II has a refurbish and build project in Picayune, MS. From April 12 to 16 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., they will refurbish and add to their community park.

Lunch and dinner will be served to all volunteers helping with this project. Rain or shine this project will go on. We need skilled and unskilled workers to help in the refurbishing and building of new areas to expand our current park. We will need equipment to lay the new foundation and the refurbishing along with any tools you may have. For further information and schematics of the park please go to our web site penniesforyourparkII.com or contact Dawn Bechtel at dawnbechtel@yahoo.com or 601-916-8193.

The Great American Cleanup – Volunteers are needed for the Great American Cleanup April 9. Bring shears, rakes and other garden tools. There are a variety of projects available in Bay St. Louis - from cleanup to building. Contact Katharine Ohman at 228-324-0414.

Renew our rivers – Volun-

teers are needed for a cleanup event at Ansley Preserve in South Hancock County April 29. The area is part the Department of Marine Resources Coastal Preserves and was impacted tremendously by debris during Hurricane Katrina. We can use up to 60 additional personnel to assist the other volunteers in relaying the debris out to the dumpsters. We will also be cleaning up debris by hand that will not require cutting up. We will be supported by several "Marsh Buggies" with cranes and will be rigging larger items for removal as well. For more information, call BU2 Resendez at 228-547-2536 or EO1 Pojcky at 228-493-6169 to sign up. Transportation, lunch, bug spray and sun screen provided!

Ocean Springs Boys and Girls Club - Six volunteers are needed to caulk windows, add attic insulation and remodel a restroom. Call Julia at 228-219-2279 or email

julia.weaver@att.net.

Harrison Central Elementary School Field Day - 15 - 20 volunteers are needed to supervise and manage field day game activities April 15, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. for children ages 5 - 9 years old. Contact James Smith, assistant principal at 228-832-2701 between 8 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

North Gulfport, Grade 8 Test

Proctors - May 3 and May 10 - 12 from 7:10 a.m. - noon. A continental breakfast will be served. All proctors must attend testing security training even if they have volunteered as proctors previously. If interested, contact Emie Bankston, 228-864-8944 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., or 228-297-5549 after hours., or send an email to ebankston@harrison.k12.ms.us.

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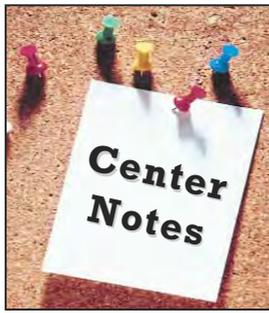
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Family Readiness Groups

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 Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the NCBC chapel. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided for children four and under. Please contact FRG President Dawn MacKenzie at 850-748-6242 or Vice President Laura Linder at 402-369-4090 for more information.

NMCB 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

NMCB 74 FRG All families and friends of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting held the 3rd Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, Bldg. 335 off Bainbridge Ave. behind the Grinder on CBC base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCB 74 FRG please email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com. Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74frg.zymichost.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 sit-

ting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail han-sonkl54@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! For more information, please email nosgulfport@yahoo.com. 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 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

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets 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-

2288 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 the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 228-832-0017.

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@cablone.net or log onto www.nsva.org for an application.

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446 and is open 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, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for more info.

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Equipment Operator Constructionman Darryl Ladner, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28, installs roofing support at Hogar Santa Eduvigis, elderly home, during Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2011. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jeffery T. Williams/Released)

NMCB 28, Marines build SE Asia Huts in Nicaragua

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jeffery Tighman Williams

High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV 2)
Public Affairs

The joint team of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28 and 2nd Marine Logistics Group (MLG) completed a five-day joint construction project at a school in Corinto, Nicaragua, March 27, in support of Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2011.

The 17 Sailors and five Marines were joined by Nicaraguan sailors and soldiers as together they built two Southeast Asia huts (SEA hut), 16-by-32-foot wood frame structures, at Instituto Parroquial Pbro. Emilio S. Chavarria during a subject matter expert exchange (SMEE).

The SMEE is part of SPS 2011 and designed to build and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Nicaraguan government through effective information exchanges targeted at enhancing operational proficiency.

"During our engagement here we have focused on camaraderie and learning from one another while helping out the staff and students at this school," said Chief Builder Estephan Garcia, NMCB 28 detail bravo leading chief petty officer.

The decision to build two SEA huts in five days was a challenge from the NMCB 28 detail bravo officer-in-charge, Lt. Rama Mutyala.

"It was just a motivational chal-

lenge for our team to build morale," said Mutyala. "Our team has performed at an exceptional level throughout this mission, and there was no doubt in my mind they would exceed all expectations and finish this project ahead of schedule."

The SEA huts will serve as a classroom and library for the 127 students at the school.

This project is just one of the projects the Seabees and Marines have completed in six South and Central America countries since SPS 2011 began in November 2010. They have also conducted SMEEs with foreign militaries in Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Peru.

SPS 11 is an annual deployment of U.S. ships to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility in the Caribbean and Latin America. The mission's primary goal is information-sharing with navies, coast guards and civilian services throughout the region.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO) is the naval component command for U.S. Southern Command and is responsible for all naval personnel and assets in the area of responsibility.

COMUSNAVSO conducts a variety of missions in support of the U.S. Maritime Strategy, including theater security cooperation, relationship building, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, community relations, and counter-illicit trafficking operations.

Obama's Presidential Study Directive 9, which directed federal agencies to determine how they can better support military families. A report titled "Strengthening Our Military Families: Meeting America's Commitment" outlines the nearly 50 commitments federal government agencies made on behalf of military families. Many are specific to military children and their education.

"It is a whole-of-nation approach," Gordon said. "All 16 agencies of the federal government focused on military families. It's about strengthening military families."

Within the Defense Department, Gordon called for leadership involvement to help bolster military children and praised the efforts of Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah Mullen, who also spoke at the roundtable.

"The chairman could ... prioritize a lot of different things - this is the DOD - but it has been our children that they have prioritized," he said. The chairman and his wife have gone across country and brought back pertinent issues and avenues of change, he noted, which "helps us craft our programs."

Additionally, DOD leaders have commissioned a 270-day education review, currently under way, to "ensure world-class educational opportunities for all 1.2 million military children," he said.

The review will look at curriculums for military children, the impact of transitions and deployments, and facilities.

Gordon also highlighted the military family life consultant program, which is designed to provide support to service members and their families. Consultants provide parent education, information on support services, and helps individuals and families develop coping mechanisms.

The program includes 40,000 consultants, he said, who assist with nonmedical counseling for a set length of time. They also can work within schools for a semester at a time. "This is a huge success story," he said.

Overall, it will take a combination of strong leadership seeking areas of improvement and the support of the entire nation to ensure military children receive the support they need and deserve, Gordon said.

After all, he noted, "military children are American children."

NMCB 26 'Operation Paksari Mojadam'

U.S. Navy Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 26, depart a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during Operation Paksazi Mojadam in the Shorabak district, Kandahar province, Afghanistan, March 8. Operation Paksazi Mojadam is a joint operation to build an Afghan Border Police (ABP) checkpoint in the Shorabak district. NMCB 26 is part of Task Force Overlord. The 25th Naval Construction Regiment (25 NCR) is the command and control element for Task Force Overlord, which is responsible for all construction engineering and engineering support in Southern and Western Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Joseph J. Johnson/Released)



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Postal Note - The Contract Post Office will be closed April 22, due to floor maintenance. The Official Mail Center will close at 11 a.m., all outgoing mail will secure at 10 a.m. The Contract Post Office will open for normal operational hours April 23.

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with many exciting activities, games and crafts planned. The Camp Program will run April 21-22 and April 25 for Gulfport City Schools and April 18-22 for Long Beach City Schools. Camp hours are from 6 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and lunch is included.

Summer Camp Can Do Registration -Program registration for both Military Dependents and DoD Civilians is underway.

Teen Counselor in Training Jobs! -If you are the parent of a 14 to 17 years old who is interested in working for the

Youth Activities Center Summer Camp Program please have them call 228-871-2251 or stop by the Youth Activities Center, building 335, to pick up an application package.

Beehive Lounge

Located in Building 352, the Beehive Lounge has a lot in store for you this month! Come see the new dart room and while you are there be sure to stay for the live DJ onsite April 9 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

"Slave to the Day" will be performing LIVE April 16 at 8:30 p.m., with a special ap-

pearance by the Bud Girls. Call 228-871-4009/228-871-4750 for more information. **Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT)**

Congrats to the following winners! Donna Sergent won a One Night stay and Dinner for Two at CQ inside Treasure Bay Hotel and Casino. Britney Fitzpatrick won a Dinner for Two at Vibe in the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. All you had to do was stop by the MWR booth at Seabee Day and enter to win. Thank you to all that participated!!

New Orleans School of Cooking May 14 from 11 a.m.

- 6 p.m. Come and learn how to cook authentic food "Nawlins" style at the New Orleans School of Cooking such as shrimp and artichoke soup, crawfish etouffee, pralines as well as one of New Orleans famous soups. \$33.50 per person. Call 228-871-2231 to sign up by May 6. Ten person minimum.

Graceland on May 28-30. Walk in the footsteps of the King of Rock 'n' Roll at Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tennessee. Enjoy video, photos, Elvis' personal mementos, movie memorabilia, stage costumes and much

more. Includes an audio-guided tour of Graceland Mansion and grounds, a self-guided tour of Elvis' custom airplanes, automobile museum, his Hollywood exhibit, Elvis Lives: The King and Pop culture exhibit, and many others. Sign up by May 20. Minimum of 10 people must sign up for trip to be a go. Call 228-871-2231 for lodging and ticket costs.

On-going New Orleans Senior Special - experience the IMAX theatre, Audubon Zoo or Aquarium at discounted rates for seniors 65 and older.

Watch out for pedestrians . . . Remember, they have the right of way! Unless otherwise posted, the speed limited on board NCBC is 25 m.p.h.

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April: Month of the Military Child

Commissaries support military's youngest heroes

By Cherie Huntington

DeCA public affairs specialist

They could be their own army, albeit shorter in stature and perhaps more aware of the campy characters of "Yo Gabba Gabba!" than the nation's defense. They stand 1.7 million strong: the children of the nation's armed forces members. This little army garners special tributes throughout April, designated as Month of the Military Child. The Defense Commissary Agency salutes these youngsters, said its Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu, not only for their strength of character but for their resilience as they face the many challenges of a military life. "We are proud to recognize the youth in our military communities," Jeu said. "They face unique challenges of having to move from place to place and often experience the challenges connected with either one or both parents deploying overseas." The agency's child-oriented programs for the Month of the Military Child range from a chance to win a free bicycle to kid-friendly produce displays and child development tours: ~ Win a child's bicycle. Parents can sign the form at their commissary to enter their child's name in a drawing for a chance to win a child's bicycle donated by commissary vendors. ~ Get a "Fruit & Veggie Eater Meter." While supplies

last, children visiting their local commissary can pick up a "Fruit & Veggie Eater Meter" and track their fruit and vegetable consumption for a week. This meter is also available for download at http://www.foodchamps.org/downloads/Eater_all.pdf. ~ "Kids' Zones." Some commissaries feature a produce "Kids' Zone," a colorful display section placing fresh fruits and veggies at a child's eye level; ~Store tours. Commissaries often invite installation child development centers to participate in a store tour. The tours focus on good nutrition available by consuming more fruits and vegetables. During the Month of the Military Child or any other month, commissaries are doing their part to help mix fun with an awareness of how commissary shoppers save on their grocery bills, said Chris Burns, DeCA's director of sales. "The 'kids' zones' often provide take-aways that serve as the backdrop for explaining the many awareness events that teach children about healthy meals, healthy snacks, and the need for physical activity," he said. "These efforts complement first lady Michelle Obama's 'Let's Move!' campaign." For more information about events surrounding the Month of the Military Child, please contact your local commissary manager.

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NETC VIP tours learning sites on board NCBC

By NCTC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Gulfport and the Center for Security Forces (CSF) Learning Site, Expeditionary Combat Skills (ECS) Course, welcomed a visit from the Chief Operating Officer for the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) March 22 when Rear Adm. (Sel) Michael White spent approximately five hours with the instructors and students of NCTC and ECS as he toured the schoolhouses.

Cmdr. William Whitmire, the commanding officer of NCTC, started the tour by introducing his staff.

The tour began with the Builder "A" school where the Charlie Company Commander, Senior Chief Builder (SCW) James Brooks explained the importance of the Inter-service Training Review Organization (ITRO) class environment and discussed each of the three phases of Builder "A" school. Steelworker Course Manager, Chief Steelworker (SCW) Chris Allgood explained the Steelworker "A" school and afforded White a chance to weld, which he enthusiastically accepted.

After a crash course in welding,

White was running a bead.

Brooks resumed the tour by visiting with the Builder C1 advanced class who were in the Pre-Engineered Building (PEB) laying asphalt shingles.

Alfa Company Commander Senior Chief Equipment Operator (SCW) Helen Daniel and Construction Mechanic Chief (SCW) Mickey Ingram took the VIP for a tour of the Alfa company advanced school which began with a demonstration of the Caterpillar C12 engine trainers.

Chief Construction Mechanic Mickey Ingram explained that the engine trainers were a great teaching tool when it came to troubleshooting because the instructors could introduce commonly encountered break downs into the trainers.

The tour moved to the Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) and Caterpillar Grader simulators, where White operated the MTVR simulator through one scenario, and then had a little "stick time" on the grader simulator.

After Equipment Operator 2nd Class (SCW) Ted Hillanbrand provided a brief overview of the new Caterpillar grader, White got to operate the real thing in the Alfa company training field where he pushed

a little dirt.

Following a windshield tour of other areas of NCTC, the distinguished visitor moved over to CSF for the second part of his tour.

Several demonstrations performed by the CSF staff provided insight into the skills being provided to the Sailors who attend the ECS course.

A demonstration was given on the 21' Action - versus- Reaction drill which encompasses the "threat triangle" that is engrained in each student attending ECS.

Instructor John Pruitt's demonstration on Basic Expeditionary First Aid made an impression on the visitor.

"The amount of training and the efficiency that they treat the wounded is amazing. That is not your basic first aid and CPR," said White.

Next, Instructor Dominic Torti conducted a demonstration of the Fire Arms Training Simulator (FATS) where White and U.S. Army Capt. Matthew Haith, commander of NCTC's Charlie Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, performed as "cover sentries" for three different scenarios.

Haith, who had been through the Army's version of the FATS was



Rear Adm. (Sel) Mike White, chief operating officer, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) tries his hand at running a bead on a welding machine while instructors and staff from Naval Construction Training Center Gulfport look on. White was on board Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) March 22, for a site visit of the school command. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

highly impressed with the Navy trainer.

"The amount of the psychological aspect that your training provides is much greater than what is provided by the Army, said Haith. "We (U.S. Army) only get the mechanics aspect of the FATS trainer."

The day wrapped up with a tour of the Woolmarket firing range, followed by a question and answer session. Rear Adm. (Sel) White was very impressed by both the military and the contract instructors and the high level of training provided here at CSF LS Gulfport.

20 SRG trains NMCBs 24, 27

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. Chiefs and officers assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) 24 and NMCB 27 man an M-240B machine gun and M-16 rifle in a fox hole on the defensive line during a joint chief and officer field exercise. The 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) from Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), is conducting the exercise. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Collin Wiseman/Released)





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