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## Walkway for Wounded Warriors



KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 are currently building a new covered walkway and access ramp for the Wounded Warrior Unit (WWU), located at Kandahar Airfield in southern Afghanistan. The ramp and deck allow wounded Soldiers ease of mobility around their compound during their recovery and rehabilitation. NMCB-1 is deployed to Kandahar as part of Task Force Overlord and is responsible for all construction engineering and engineering support in south and southwest Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aron B. Taylor/Released)

## Greenert recommended for CNO

**From Department of Defense**

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced June 16, he has recommended Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, vice chief of naval operations, to succeed the retiring Adm. Gary Roughead as the next chief of naval operations.

Gates said he made the recommendation to President Barack Obama based on Greenert's solid portfolio that includes both significant personnel programs and budget responsibilities.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Greenert is "an exceptional officer, and if confirmed, will be, I believe, an exceptional CNO."

"He has wonderful operational experience, fleet experience, he's terrific with people and he has extensive experience in the money world, which is now facing all of us," Mullen said. "So I strongly concur with the secretary's recommendation."

Gates praised Roughead, who will retire this fall, for four decades of service and leadership at the helm of the Navy for the past four years.

"I have very much enjoyed working with Gary and have greatly valued his counsel and wisdom on

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# Sailors gather to mourn loss of shipmate

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Philomena L. Roberts of D'Iberville, Miss.; sunrise May 24, 1967 and sunset June 1, 2011. She was a Logistics Specialist with the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) in Gulfport at the time of her death.

Petty Officer Roberts joined the Navy Oct. 7, 1997. She served on the USS Merrimack and the USS Nimitz. During her service years, she had been stationed at the Naval Air Facility Mildenhall in England; the Center for Combat Learning Site in Norfolk, Va.; and the Naval Specialty Warfare Group 3 in Little Creek, Va.

Petty Officer Roberts was a 1985 graduate of North Plaski High School, Jacksonville, Ark., and attended University Central Arkansas, in Conway, Ark.

She was a warrior and a proud member of the U.S. Navy. She was a friend, mother, sister and aunt. She was a member of the Little Rock, Baptist Church, Gulfport. She was a cancer survivor and supporter of the Susan G.

Komen Cancer Foundation.

Petty Officer Roberts leaves to cherish the memories of her life to her husband, T.E. Roberts: a son, Philip Branden, a sister, Jackie Bush (East Spencer, N.C.), two brothers; Erik and William Jr., her parents Eva and William Sr., her grandmother Ruth, five aunts: Sadie (N.J.), Mary (N.C.), Diane (Dan)(N.C.), Linda (Washington D.C.), Bethenia (Lee)(Md.), seven uncles: Franklin (Christine)(N.C.), Arnold (Margie)(N.C.), Hew Lee(Conn.), Ralph (Pearl)(Mich.), Cleophas (Eura)(N.J.), Samuel (N.C.), and Leroy (Doris)(Tenn.), and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Petty Officer Roberts loved to ride horses. She also has left behind four dogs that she loved and they loved her dearly as we all did.

Funeral Services were held June 9 in North Little Rock, Ark., with interment at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery June. 10. A Memorial Service was held at the Seabee Me-



**Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SW)  
Philomena L. Roberts**

memorial Chapel on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) June 14.

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## Who Has TALENT? Do YOU have talent?

The NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is sponsoring NCBC Who Has Talent – a Talent Show for DoD personnel, showcasing a variety of talents! Single and Group entries are welcomed! Prizes will be given to all participants. First Place winner awarded a \$500 VISA gift card! The contest will take place Aug. 19 at the Training Hall at 7 p.m., and features a special guest appearance and special guest judge!



Interested parties should contact the Seabee Memorial Chapel right away at 228-871-2454 or e-mail [carl.loescher@navy.mil](mailto:carl.loescher@navy.mil). Registration deadline is July 8. Sign up Now! 15 Acts + 3 Judges = 1 WINNER!

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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.



**The Commanding Officer,  
Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport  
and  
Commander, TWENTIETH Seabee Readiness Group  
requests the pleasure of your company at the  
Change of Command Ceremony  
at which  
Captain Lou Cariello, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy  
will be relieved by Captain Rick Burgess,  
Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy  
on Friday, the eighth of July  
at eight o'clock in the morning  
on the Parade Field  
Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Gulfport, Mississippi**

**Participants: Full Dress White  
E-mail: [NCBC\\_20SRGCO@navy.mil](mailto:NCBC_20SRGCO@navy.mil)  
Military Guests: Summer White  
(228) 871-3320/3321  
Civilian Guests: Informal**

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Saudi Rodgers, Financial Counselor at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) reviews a chart displaying the five areas that make up a consumer's credit score: debt, type of debt, payment history, length of credit payment history and new credit. To learn more, contact FFSC at 228-871-3000 for an appointment with a financial counselor. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Devida Pope/Released)

## Credit Reports: Never underestimate their importance

**By EO CN Devida Pope**  
NCBC Public Affairs

Are you constantly receiving phone calls from creditors? Do you feel that you just can't escape them? Then this is the time to get your credit in order. This can be achieved by requesting a simple credit report and credit score.

"Getting your credit check is a good thing. No need to hide from the creditors and don't be ashamed to look at your credit report," said Saudi Rodgers a Financial Counselor at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

Knowing the background of a credit report and a credit score is very important. You can't receive a credit score without a credit report because your credit score is a number that reflects your credit history. Each year people are offered three free credit reports, but to obtain your actual credit score you must pay for it.

quest their free credit reports do so online, but for military members and their spouses, FFSC now makes it much easier by offering a new tool called "My FICO," which is much easier than ordering online and also more cost efficient. My FICO gives the service member or their spouse the choice between using TransUnion or Equifax to receive a credit report and score.

Once a Sailor receives their report and score they should thoroughly review it to make sure there are no discrepancies. If a discrepancy is found sending a certified letter known as a credit dispute letter to all three credit agencies is the most efficient way to document the dispute. It is very important to document the dispute because the information can remain on your credit report for up to seven years.

If you have bad credit it's never too late to correct it. One way to get your credit back on the right track is by picking one of the

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# Around the Center



Builder 3rd Class Andrew Cooney drills a hole for bolts used to complete a 30-foot observation tower on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) June 16. This action is part of a two-week Observation Tower Class that Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 is undergoing in preparation for their upcoming Field Exercise (FEX). (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Devida Pope/Released)



In honor of Father's Day, children at the NCBC Child Development Center invited their parents to an Ice Cream Social June 17. Although the parents were given their fair share of the ice cream, it was the children who seemed to enjoy it the most as they dug into the cold creamy treat with great enthusiasm. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of MWR/Released)



Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman David Porter and Hospitalman Garrett Wentland, the oldest and youngest hospital corpsman on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) cut the ceremonial cake during the 113th birthday celebration of the Hospital Corpsman June 17 at Anchors and Eagles. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Devida Pope/Released)



Security personnel band together to clear out a warehouse on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) during a simulated terrorist threat exercise June 15. Members of Security and other first responders on board the Center use exercises such as this to learn proper response in the event of a real terrorist threat. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Devida Pope/Released)

# Fleet feedback prompts ERB changes

## From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Responding to requests made to the chief of naval personnel (CNP) during his visit to the operating forces in Fifth Fleet, the Navy announced changes and clarification to the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB), June 9.

NAVADMIN 180/11 extends the deadline for Sailors to request a rating conversion and updates how these requests will be considered. Additionally, the new message provides eligibility clarification for Sailors not scheduled for Perform-to-Serve (PTS) adjudication in fiscal year 2012, and creates an additional exemption for Sailors enrolled in or selected for commissioning programs.

As CNP Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson explained, "Based on feedback from our deployed forces, we have revised the conversion application timeline and process to retain the best Sailors in their rating, and have given our Sailors more time to complete their conversion packages."

One of the most visible changes in the updated guidance surrounds how conversion applications will be handled. Specifically, these requests will not be reviewed until after the ERB has selected Sailors for retention, and only those Sailors who were not selected for retention within their rate will be considered for conversion. In doing so, ratings will be able to keep their most qualified candidates, while still providing Sailors an additional opportunity for continued service in another rate.

Also, based on the difficulties

# Repeat after me ...



Cmdr. Stan Wiles, executive officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), administers the oath of enlistment to Yeoman 2nd Class Bryan Snell, attached to NCBC Admin on board the USS Alabama (BB60) June 3. USS Alabama (BB-60), a South Dakota-class battleship, was the sixth completed ship of the United States Navy named for the U.S. state of Alabama, however she was only the third commissioned ship with that name. Alabama was commissioned in 1942 and served in World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. She was decommissioned in 1947 and assigned to the reserve duty. She was retired in 1962. In 1964, Alabama was taken to Mobile Bay and opened as a museum ship the following year. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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## CBC/20SRG Command Picnic

Military members and civilian employees of CBC/20SRG and their families are invited to the Command Picnic June 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Seabee Lake.

There will be FREE FOOD (hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken), Live DJ and Games. Civilian attire is authorized for military members.

The CBC/20SRG Command Suite leadership will be participating in the Dunk Tank.

For more information please contact CSC Houston at 228-871-3459 or Lt.j.g. Pattillo at 228-871-3460.



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# NMCB 74 Sailor, mom to six, earns two college degrees

By MC1 (SCW) Ryan G. Wilber  
 NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Culinary Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW/AW) Tanioe Roberson of Tifton, Ga., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, received two college degrees during a ceremony held at the Base Chapel on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain May 20.

Roberson, an 11-year veteran, earned an associate's degree in Supervision and Management from Coastline Community College and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University in the short span of only two years. She attributed selecting a military-friendly school with the right accreditation for her accomplishment.

"It is important to select a school that is understanding of the military, with regional, not national accreditation, and that offers short semesters online. Being deployed often can really slow you down, but you can make it work if you choose the right school," said Roberson.

The mother of six school-age children said that she had to sacrifice time with her family while working on her education, but made it work by having a family homework time for two hours

each evening.

Lt. Cmdr. Ron Dennis, NAVSTA Rota commanding officer, addressed the 2011 graduates praising their accomplishments and sacrifices, as well as encouraging their continued education in and out of the classroom.

"For many of you, just like Petty Officer Roberson, you sacrificed many off-duty days to accomplish what you accomplished, finishing school and finishing your degree; many off-duty days that you could have been out exploring Spain, exploring Europe, enjoying life in general," said Dennis. "You don't merely earn your degree by sitting in a classroom. Education is a lifelong process. Today is just another stepping stone in life, a door-opening event, as I like to call it. Continue your education; in the classroom, out of the classroom, don't stop here. Set your next goal."

Roberson expressed a feeling of relief after receiving her degrees, but also said that she plans on continuing her education.

"Finishing my degree feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders, and now I'm getting ready to enroll for a master's degree," said Roberson. "My plan is to get my master's and put in a package for officer



Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota Commanding Officer Cmdr. Ron Dennis presents Culinary Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Tanioe Roberson of Tifton, Georgia, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Headquarters Company, with a certificate for her associate's degree during the 2011 commencement ceremony held in the NAVSTA Rota Base Chapel. Roberson graduated with a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University and an associate's degree in Supervision and Management from Coastline Community College. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

candidate school, so I can retire as an officer and hopefully educate junior

sailors about the importance of education."

# Timor-Leste joint project renews children's future

By CE2 Justin Urban  
 NMCB 133 Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, members of the Australian International Stabilization Force (ISF), and the Timorese military, Falantil-Forces Defense Timor-Leste (F-FDTL), completed their first joint project May 16.

The joint project, a much needed renovation of Bella Vista Primary School in the remote mountain district of Baucau in Timor-Leste, brought together three different militaries and created a strong bond between them and the local community.

By sharing one common goal, the three groups overcame cultural and language barriers to learn construction tech-

niques from each other.

"This is the first time I have been involved in a project like this. It was really gratifying to be able to fix the school for the kids," said Construction Electrician Constructionman Gabriel James. "You could really tell how happy they were when the project was completed. I never thought I could have such an impact on people's lives."

The four school buildings received a paint job, stucco patching, window and door installation, and new drop ceilings. The building that was in the most disrepair received a new roof, and new window frames manufactured from steel, greatly enhancing the structural integrity of the building.

Upon completion of the school, the local community opened their arms to the group. They held a ribbon cutting ceremony, honoring all those who helped in bringing the school back to life.

U.S. Ambassador Judith Ferng; Colonel Andrew Duff, the Australian Defense Attaché in East Timor; Dr. Joao Cancio, the Timorese Minister of Education; and other dignitaries attended to share their words of appreciation and encouragement.

"This was a great opportunity for us to do something good," said Builder 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Victoria Hughes. "I could really see how appreciative the people were with all their support and always wanting to help."



Construction Electrician Constructionman Gabriel James of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 receives a "Thais" from the Baucau community leader during a ribbon cutting ceremony May 16. The "Thais" is a traditional gift given to show appreciation; this one for the Seabees efforts in restoring the Bella Vista Primary School. (U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Ryan Evans/Released)

# CNO Administers Oath

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead administers the oath of enlistment to Seabees and Sailors attached to Naval Station Rota, Spain, including Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Steven Wade (front left) of Sanford, N.C., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Medical Dept. Wade will finish his three year tour with NMCB 74 in June and transfer to Everett Dental Clinic, Wash., for his first shore duty assignment. Roughead conducted a group reenlistment followed by an awards ceremony and all-hands call during his visit to the base. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)



## Naval Construction Training Center Builder "A" Graduates



Above: Graduates of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport Builder "A" School class 11330 are pictured after their graduation ceremony June 15. While under instruction, the class was awarded the Commanding Officer's Red, White and Blue pennant for overall excellence. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of NCTC/Released)



Left: Builder "A" School class 11310 graduated from Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport June 7. While under instruction, the class was awarded the Commanding Officer's Red, White and Blue pennant for overall excellence. Only a small percentage of classes completing their training at the school command achieve this distinction as it requires a class to earn and retain all five of the other pennants available to them while in "A" school. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

## Chapel Corner



### Chapel Offerings

**Group 4:12:** A young military adults group who meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Seabee Food Pantry:-** The Seabee Food Pantry, located inside the Seabee Memorial Chapel is in need of donations of non-perishable food items such as baby food, canned goods, peanut butter, mayonnaise, dried fruit, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, sugar cereal.

**Backpack donations:** Donations are now being accepted for the Annual Veteran's Standdown in November.

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

Contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454 for information on all that the Chapel has to offer and be sure and visit the Chapel Facebook page by typing Seabee Memorial Chapel in the Facebook search bar.

**Volunteers Needed . . .** The City of Gulfport is requesting 15 volunteers to help stage a parade and help park cars in the CTA parking garage for two Nations World Series Baseball Tournaments. The first parade is July 10. All volunteers need to be at staging location on 22nd Ave. by 11:30 a.m. The second parade is July 20. All volunteers need to be at staging location on 22nd Ave. by 4:30 p.m. For more info and to sign up, call Brittany Dyess at 228-860-4444.

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# Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson  
**How do you stay cool during the summer?**



"I remain cool by staying inside under the air conditioner."

**Staff Sgt. Steve Eversole**  
 366 TRS DET 6  
 Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.



"I swim to stay cool during the summer."

**Brooke Arkwright**  
 Liberty Center Staff  
 Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.



"I seek shade, stay hydrated, wear my cover and long sleeves also help to stay cool."

**E01 Rich Liberman**  
 NFELC  
 Hometown: Port Hueneme, Calif.

# NCBC FRAMES

**Construction Mechanic 1st Class (SCW) Clint Davis**  
 By EOcn Shakenia Ceazer

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

**CM1: Deploying to Rota, Spain to set up a 500-man Fleet Hospital because the hospital cared for wounded troops during the start of our invasion of Iraq.**

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

**CM1: Making rank. I always wanted to be in the position of becoming a leader for the junior troops and now I have that opportunity to help them succeed.**

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



**CM1: Give 100 percent in everything you do. Stay positive and motivated.**

FF: What is your favorite thing about working with the Seabees?

**CM1: The camaradery. You don't find it anywhere else.**

FF: Who was your influential mentor during your career, and why?  
**CM1: I have had a few of them the last eight years and**

**they have all helped me in so many ways. I wouldn't be where I am if they hadn't guided me in the right direction.**

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# Navy Medicine seeks SARP Counselor candidates

By Paul R. Dillard

Navy Medicine Public Affairs

Navy Medicine announced June 21 it is looking for E-5 through E-9 Sailors and Marines to become drug and alcohol counselors for the Navy and Marine Corps Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Program (SARP). SARP is a subordinate activity of the Navy Medicine Support Command.

Approved applicants attend an 11-week Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor School (NDACS) at the Surface Warfare Medical Institute in San Diego, and enter into a training pipeline that offers the potential for both Navy and international civilian certifications.

"We are looking for individuals who can really relate to other people," said Ted Judson, assistant department head for certification and contracts, NDACS. "We need candidates

who have good active listening skills, can empathize well with others, who can be non-judgmental, and show warmth and positive regard for others."

NDACS Students learn counseling skills and techniques, the integration of 12-step programs with bio-cycle, social and spiritual aspects of substance abuse and dependence.

Sailor and Marine applicants can be from any rating or MOS, but must meet certain criteria, including having no record of non-judicial punishment for at least two years and must have stable personal affairs.

"Many students arrive with little or no exposure to work in mental health or substance abuse settings but have amazing treasures of life experiences, and end up leaving with profoundly altered views of the world around them - and of themselves," said Jerry Adams, a psychologist and

clinical preceptor at NDACS. "They leave with skills that ready them for lifelong learning, which is so essential to success in this field."

NDACS is designed to provide training to military personnel who will eventually provide outreach, screening, assessment, and treatment of alcohol and other drug addictions for fellow Sailors and Marines. The school convenes a new class five times a year and is now accepting applications for its session that begins Oct. 4, 2011.

Students participate in a variety of classroom activities including didactic lectures and experiential activities. They go through a three-week practicum experience where they actually go into the field and work with drug and alcohol abusers in a treatment setting, before wrapping up their final week with information and readiness surrounding

their internship.

Practice council sessions are recorded so that students can actually see themselves and evolve as counselors.

"There is no other Navy school like this, no other experience like this," said Judson. "If you want a challenge to reach out beyond what you are doing now, then try this on."

Once a candidate graduates NDACS, they enter a minimum one year internship as a SARP counselor. After the first year, applicants take a certification exam, and if they pass, they are certified as a Navy Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC I).

After working in the profession for three years, they can apply and take an international certification exam that is recognized in 40 states, 14 countries and a number of federal-level certification boards. If they pass the exam, they receive an ADC II certification.

"Navy-trained counselors certified at the reciprocal level as ADC II's are highly sought after in the civilian treatment community," said Judson.

"Whoever the person is before they come into NDACS, they are better when they come out - better Sailors, better Marines, better spouses, better partners, better communicators. As drug and alcohol counselors, we do far more than just treat substance use disorders. The impact of what we do ripples out and affects work centers, squads, commands, as well as families and loved ones."

NDACS is staffed for class sizes of up to 40 students, but in recent years typical classes have had an average enrollment of 10-15 students, according to Judson.

"We would absolutely welcome another full class of 40 students, or even better - five classes of 40 students," said Judson.

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**Hurricane season is here . . .**

Do you know what you and your family will do if a hurricane is headed toward the Gulf Coast? — Visit Emergency Management at [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service\\_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm) to help you answer the question. Do you know how to get info about current tropical cyclone conditions and base actions? There are several avenues to get accurate info quickly including the Base Website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport), Facebook (sign up for SMS alerts) at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gulfport-MS/Naval-Construction-Battalion-Center-Gulfport/161404016711?ref=mf>, Twitter at <http://twitter.com/Seabee-Center>, Base Marquees, AtHoc (CAC card holders only), and 228-871-4777.

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**A reminder from NCBC Safety.** . . . Motorcycle Safety Training is mandatory for all Sailors who ride motorcycles.

Sign up on line at:

<http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com> or call NCBC Safety at (228) 871-4343 if you have questions. In

order to improve the skills and knowledge of motorcyclists, it's **mandatory for all Sailors** who are motorcycle riders to attend motorcycle safety training courses.

Courses are available at no cost.

There are three types of courses:

**Basic Rider Course (BRC):** A two day course required for all military who ride motorcycles. Then depending on the type of motorcycle owned the next class is either:

**Experienced Rider Course**

**(ERC):** A one day course for standard cruiser or touring motorcycle greater than 500cc. Must complete no later than three years following BRC.

**Military Sport Bike Rider**

**Course (MSRC):** A one day course required for all sport/touring bike riders. Must complete no later than 60 days following BRC.

**Recycling Reminder . . .** If there is a wheeled recycling bin in your building please be aware that we all share responsibility for taking the bin to the curb when it has reached its capacity. Please take the time to wheel it to the curb Thursdays by 8 a.m. and return it after it has been emptied. You will be doing yourself, your building and your environment a favor.



**4<sup>th</sup> of July Hours of Operation**

	Thursday June 30	Friday July 1	Saturday July 2	Sunday July 3	<b>Monday July 4</b>	Tuesday July 5	Wednesday July 6	Thursday July 7
A&E	1400-2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	1400-2100	1400-2100	1400-2100
Aquatics	0530-2100	0530-2100	0900-1700	0900-1700	<b>0900-1700</b>	0530-2100	0530-2100	0530-2100
Auto Hobby	1100-1900	1100-1900	0900-1700	CLOSED	<b>1100-1900</b>	1100-1900	1100-1900	1100-1900
Bee Hive	1600-2230	1600-2330	1700-2330	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	1600-2230	1600-2230	1600-2230
CDC	0600-1730	0600-1730	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	0600-1730	0600-1730	0600-1730
Grill	0630-1330	0630-1330	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	0630-1330	0630-1330	0630-1330
Fitness/Gym	0430-2100	0430-2100	0900-1700	0900-1700	<b>0900-1700</b>	0430-2100	0430-2100	0430-2100
ITT	0900-1730	0900-1730	0900-1730	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	0900-1730	0900-1730	0900-1730
Liberty	0900-2200	0900-0000	0900-0000	0900-2200	<b>0900-2200</b>	0900-2200	0900-2200	0900-2200
Movie Theater	Unknown PG13 1830	Red Riding Hood PG13- 1800  Paul R 2000	-Rango PG- 1130 -Gnomeo & Juliet G-1330 -Sucker Punch PG13 - 1530 -Battle: LA PG13- 1830	-Mars Needs Moms PG- 1130 -DWK: Roderick Rules PG- 1330 -Limitless PG- 1530 -Adjustment Bureau PG13- 1830	<b>-Battle: LA PG13- 1130 -Mars Needs Moms PG- 1400 -Rango PG- 1600</b>	Mars Needs Moms PG- 1830	Battle: LA PG13- 1830	<b>No Movie Due To Official Activity</b>
Outdoor Rec.	0900-1600	0900-1600	0900-1400	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	0900-1600	0900-1600	0900-1600
RV Park	0700-1700	0700-1700	0700-1700	0700-1700	<b>0700-1700</b>	0700-1700	0700-1700	0700-1700
Snack Bar	1030-1400 1700-2100	1030-1400 1700-2100	1100-2100	1100-2100	<b>1100-1730 Concession Menu</b>	1030-1400 1700-2100	1030-1400 1700-2100	1030-1400 1700-2100
YAC/Teen Center	0600-2030	0600-2100	0800-1500	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>	0600-2030	0600-2030	0600-2030

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# F O C U S E D U C A T I O N

## Home School Day at Starbase Atlantis



Starbase Atlantis (SBA) instructor Mike Donlea makes science fun by teaching a pair of students about air pressure using a ball and a vacuum. Homeschool students from area military families were invited to attend SBA for the day to experience the Department of Defense program in which students participate in challenging hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The program provides students with 20-25 hours of stimulating experiences at National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force Reserve and Air Force bases across the nation. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Daneia Johnson/Released)

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

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

June 23, 2011

## Scholastic news you can use

### Area school start dates, registration information for 2011/12 school year

**Bay St. Louis:** registration July 20-21, first student day Aug. 5, phone 228-467-6621; **Biloxi:** registration July 20-21, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-374-1810; **Jackson County:** registration July 20-22, first student day Aug. 3, phone 228-826-1757; **Moss Point:** registration July 20-22, first student day Aug. 10, phone 228-475-0691; **Pascagoula:** registration July 21-22, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-938-6491; **Gulfport:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-865-4600; **Harrison**

**County:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-539-6500; **Long Beach:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-864-1146; **Ocean Springs:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 4, phone 228-875-7706; **Pass Christian:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 4, phone: 228-255-6219; **Hancock County:** registration - call, first student day Aug. 5, phone 228-255-0376. Required documents for registration include a certified copy of birth certificate, two proofs of residency, shot immunization form 121, social security number, IEP paperwork-if student has special needs. Also, a copy of leaving school report card is helpful. All phone numbers given are to the respective Superintendent's office.



## Balfour Beatty Communities

Invites you to our

### Independence Day Celebration Pool Party

Friday, July 1, 2011

12:00 noon

We will be serving lots of fun, music,  
Refreshments and games.

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# Safety rules on the range



KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) 26 and 1 listen to range safety instructions before a crew served weapons familiarization training exercise at the Tarnak Weapons Range. NMCB-1, is relieving NMCB-26, a reserve component battalion from Harrison, Mich., in June as one of two Seabee battalions deployed to Afghanistan under Task Force Overlord. The 25th Naval Construction Regiment is the command and control element for Task Force Overlord, which is responsible for construction engineering and engineering support in southern, southwestern and western Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Scott B. Boyle/Released)

## Joint crane ops creates unique experience for NMCB 133 'Roos

By EO3 Brent Raths

NMCB 133 Public Affairs

OKINAWA, Japan - Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, currently deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations, recently responded to a unique request for assistance from a deployed Marine Corps unit.

Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 211, deployed to Kadena Air Force Base, a few miles from the battalion's headquarters at Camp Shields, contacted the Alfa Company crane crew asking them to help maintain a broken aircraft.

The crew took the opportunity to perform their fourth lift of the deployment and set up their equipment, a Mark 46 wrecker, to remove a damaged engine from a single seat, single engine AV-8B Harrier aircraft.

"Your team's fast response and professionalism had a direct impact



on our squadron's readiness," said Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Ball of VMA-211.

Part of the procedure required that the entire wing assembly to be removed before lifting the engine out of the aircraft. The multiple lifts held no room for errors where the slightest unintended movement could cause more damage to the aircraft. With seamless support from the aircraft's maintenance crew and their clear and concise crane signals, the job was completed without issue.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience, and one we will never forget," said Equipment Operator 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Andrew Johnson.

## NMCB 74 DET Senegal Pool Project



ROTA, Spain -- Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Detachment Senegal, pour concrete at a pool project on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain. NMCB 74 is currently deployed to Camp Mitchell on NAVSTA Rota supporting Commander, Task Force (CTF) 68. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

# NCBC tribute to CM3 Marvin G. Shields and SW2 (DV) Robert D. Stethem June 15, 2011



*Tribute ceremony photos by  
Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Cassandra Secher/Released*

Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin G. Shields (left) was the first, and remains the only, Seabee to receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic service in Vietnam. Steelworker 2nd Class (DV) Robert D. Stethem was a United States Navy Seabee diver who was killed by Hezbollah militants during the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 in June 1985. Petty Officer Stethem was frocked to the honorary rank of master chief petty officer 25 years after his death and has an Aegis Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer, the USS Stethem (DDG-63) ship named in his honor.





### Liberty Center

There are some great activities planned at Liberty the rest of June and in July. So come on in and sign up for these exciting events and trips headed your way.

When it comes to off base fun we can make that happen for you! We're offering a trip to Ship Island off the Mississippi Coast June 26! It's only \$26 to go and the bus departs at 8:15 a.m. In early July, we're going to Barnum & Bailey's Circus Show - July 2! Tickets are just \$20 and the Liberty bus will be departing at 2 p.m. There is a World War II Museum Trip July 3 to New Orleans. The bus departs at 9 a.m. and it's only \$7 for transportation and a museum ticket. We're also heading to Mobile July 9 to see the Minor League Baseball Mobile BayBears take on the Mississippi Braves at 5:30 p.m. and admission is charged at the gate. Liberty is taking a trip over to Orange Beach in Alabama July 10! This day trip will allow you to check out this Gulf Coast city and take in the sights and sounds, and enjoy the beach. We'll be departing at 8 a.m. The cost of the shuttle is \$3.

The Liberty Center offers many in-house activities such as tournaments, open mic night and movies on the lawn. Liberty has a Ping Pong Tourney June 30 at 6 p.m. and MLB 2K11 July 12 at 7 p.m. FREE prizes will be given to the First place winner of both tournaments! We're having another Open Mic/Karaoke night June 24 at 7 p.m. Also, a Movie on the Lawn will happen July 7 at 6 p.m. We'll provide all the popcorn. You just bring your chairs and blankets to enjoy the movie!

### Anchors and Eagles

This facility for Chiefs and Officers (E7 and above) is located in building 303 and is open Tuesday-Thursday from 2 - 9 p.m. and by reservation all other days. Right Hand Man social is held on the first Tuesday of each month and every Thursday is the Khaki social. Call 228-424-6892 for info.

### Beehive Lounge

"Eno Moxy" will be performing

June 25 at 8:30 p.m.

### Snack Bar

Are you looking for a quick meal at a good price? Then come to the Snack Bar in Bldg 446 and eat your fill of PoBoys, salads and other tasty options. June's special is a BBQ Pork Sandwich with Fries, Coleslaw and a Medium Drink for \$6. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Call 228-871-4775 for carry out.

### YOU HAVE TO ENTER TO WIN!

Congrats to Quinton Finuff and David Molson who were the two winners of the "Text to Win" drawing that took place June 17. Don't fret because two more winners will be drawn to win \$15 Navy Federal Visa Gift Cards. Just text to the number 30364 and send the message CBCFun, CBCMWR or CBCFitness (Or all three) and you will opt into the program. It's that simple!

\*\*Standard carrier message and data rates apply.

\*Text STOP to opt-out at anytime (or text STOP to end).

\*Text HELP for help.

\* The Navy nor any other part of the federal government officially endorses any company, sponsor, or their products or services. Promotion Rules: MWR Prizes are open to MWR patrons only. The next winner will be announced and notified via text July 1.

### Vehicle Storage

CBC base housing residents receive 50 percent off the regular storage rate of all vehicles and RV's by presenting proof of residency. For more information and space availability please contact your MWR Auto Hobby Shop at 228-871-2804.

### Auto Hobby Shop

The Auto Hobby Shop now has the ALL DATA on line program to research any information you may need on your vehicle. Please stop by and see one our staff members on duty or our ASE mechanic for any assistance.

### Outdoor Recreation (ODR)

Outdoor Recreation is taking you Blueberry Picking July 2 at 9 a.m. (we must have six people). This is

great family fun and with blueberries only \$8/gallon why not sign up today? Call 228-871-2127 or stop by building 456 for all the details and to sign up.

Flint Creek Water Park is a great getaway for friends and family alike. Cool off as you play in the water or sit under the trees to picnic. The trip happens July 10 at 11:30 a.m. and only costs \$10 per person. Call 228-871-2127 for more information.

July 11 is the last day to sign up for Tubing on the Bogue Chitto River in Louisiana or splashing at the Grand Paradise Water Park in Collins, Miss. Ten people are needed for each trip. Stop by building 456 to sign up or call 228-871-2127 to get more information about these and other trips.

### Youth Activities Center

The Before and After-School Program registration will begin July 1, and continue until all spaces are filled. Weekly fees are based on gross total family income. Please call the YAC at 228-871-2251 for more details.

Welcome Home New Families! We know moving gives you a lot to think about. We would like to tell you about the outstanding Youth & Teen Recreation, Sports, and School Age Care Programs located on the base. Stop by the YAC, building 335, for age specific information and a Center tour.

### Fitness Center

"Fourth Coming Fitness Fireworks Workout" Start your 4th of July weekend with a workout July 1. This will be a two-hour long class beginning at 9 a.m. in the cycle room at the Fitness Center. Signups will begin June 20. Due to space there are only 30 bikes available so don't hesitate to reserve your spot. Bring a water bottle and maybe something to snack on to keep your

## CDC Father's Day Ice Cream Social



bodies cracking during your "fireworks" workout. Sign up at the Front Desk or call 228-871-2668.

### Intramural Sports

Time to hoop it up with IM Summer Basketball League starting July 7. Sign ups end June 24 and games will be played in the Fitness Center Gym. For more information please contact Sam Perkins, IM Sports Coordinator at 228-822-5109.

Lunchtime Dart League sign-ups are now through June 30 with the season starting July 12. Games will be played from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Beehive Lounge. Captain's Cup Points will be awarded and if you are interested in participating please contact Sam at 228-822-5109.

### Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT)

Plan a family vacation and create memories to last a lifetime! Travel to Walt Disney World with ITT July 1-4. Prices include round trip bus transportation and your hotel stay.

Tickets to the theme park of your choice are available to be purchased separately from ITT. Please sign up by June 24. A minimum of ten people are required for this trip.

Soak up the sun in Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 19-21. Prices vary from \$96-\$255 and are based on room occupancy. Trip includes transportation and two nights hotel accommodations at the Days Inn Pensacola (Beach Front). Deadline to sign up is Aug. 5 and a minimum of ten people are needed for this trip. Call ITT at 228-871-2231 for more information or to sign up.

### Child Development Center (CDC)

Summer Reading Program is underway and will continue now until July 16. This year's theme is "A Midsummer Knight's Read". Parents of currently enrolled students will receive information in their classrooms, but we want to encourage all families to read each night with their children.

## Movie Ticket

Training Hall Theater, Movie Hotline 228-871-3299

**June 23**, Just Go With It, PG13, 6:30 p.m.; **June 24**, I Am Number 4, PG13, 6 p.m., Hall Pass, R, 8 p.m.; **June 25**, Gnomeo and Juliet, G, 11:30 a.m., Beastly, PG13, 1:30 p.m., Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, G, 3:30 p.m., Hall Pass, R, 6:30 p.m.; **June 26**, Big Momma's: Like Father Like Son, PG13, 11:30 a.m., Gnomeo and Juliet, G, 1:30

p.m., Beastly, PG13, 3:30 p.m., The Eagle, PG13, 6:30 p.m. **June 27**, Gnomeo and Juliet, G, 6:30 p.m.; **June 28**, Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, G, 6:30 p.m.; **June 29**, Big Momma's: Like Father Like Son, PG13, 6:30 p.m.; **June 30**, Unknown, PG13, 6:30 p.m. For the most current information, call the Movie Line at 228-871-3299.

\*\*\*Movies contingent upon training requirements\*\*\*

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VOLKSLAUF MUD RUN 2011**

**US NAVY  
SEABEE**

**SAT. SEPT 10 AT 8AM**

**FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS**  
Visit the below web addresses

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<http://www.active.com/running/gulfport-ms/seabee-mudrun-2011>  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/seabeevolkslauf>  
<http://www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org/index.php>





## NCBC Commissary News

**Farmers Market coming to NCBC . . .** The area outside of the NCBC Commissary will transform into a Farmers Market filled with fresh produce July 1 – 3. After stocking up on veggies and fruit, be sure and stick around to take the Pepsi Challenge!

**Commissary to “Reset” for an improved shopping experience . . .** The Gulfport commissary will close July 10 at 4 p.m. and remain closed until July 13 at 9 a.m. while it undergoes a “reset” as part of the Defense Commissary Agency’s ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experi-

ence. The reset is part of an agency-wide program that systematically changes how products are displayed on shelving throughout a commissary in order to better serve customer shopping patterns. To make changes easier for customers to follow, stores have aisle layout maps available as well as generic item locators on their Web pages. Store Web pages are under the locations link at <http://www.commissaries.com> along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.

### **MWR Fitness Center Ball Fields Closure**

Due to a light replacement project, the MWR Fitness Center ball fields are closed to all activities (including Command PT) until further notice. The project completion date is estimated to be September.

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# Navy Legal: Making the SGLI work for you; protect a valuable asset



**By T Andrew Clayton, JAGC OIC NLSO Central—BROFF Fort Worth**

Service member Chris Sullivan\* (all names have been changed to protect privacy) died in November 1996, leaving his entire Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) policy to his wife Linda. Chris's ex-wife Cindy, along with Chris and Cindy's daughter, sued Linda for a portion of the insurance. After a long legal battle, a court ruled in March 2000 that Linda was the sole beneficiary.

The emotional damage caused by this conflict must have been devastating. Furthermore, the legal dispute lessened the financial benefit Chris's family was supposed to receive: legal costs were substantial for both sides, and Chris's wife, Linda, did not receive the disputed amount until the legal process was finalized.

This tragic situation illustrates many of the difficult issues that service members in blended families face when determining how to distribute their SGLI benefits. Too often, service members do not put enough thought into naming beneficiaries of their SGLI.

The sad result is, after a Service member's death, loved ones often fight over money or are left without adequate financial resources. A well-drafted testamentary trust, along with a comprehensive estate plan, can save time, money, and emotional stress.

A testamentary trust is a legal entity in which you designate one person, such as a parent or a current spouse, to hold and spend money on behalf of another person, such as a child or grandchild. Often, a testamentary trust is the best way to provide for your children in the event of your death.

Service members often think that they can do the same thing by just leaving the money directly to one person, with an informal understanding of how the money will be spent. I've had many clients initially tell me, "Just leave it to my mom, she'll take care of it." After explaining the benefits of a trust, however, most clients come to un-

derstand why just leaving the money to one individual for the benefit of others is not always a good idea.

Here are the top four reasons why service members with blended families should consider using a testamentary trust for their SGLI.

~ \$400,000 is a lot of money. It's enough to send several kids to college. It's enough to buy a nice house. It's enough to pay an average Chief or Gunny's basic pay for about ten years. But most importantly, \$400,000 is enough to fight over.

~ Children cannot receive money directly from the insurer. If anyone under 18 is the beneficiary of an SGLI policy, the insurer will not release the money except to the child's legal guardian. In some cases, this can mean that an ex-spouse will receive money you did not want him or her to have. In other cases, it could mean a long, ugly battle where two relatives fight over who gets to control the money.

~ A trust protects the money from your trustee's creditors and pesky relatives. An informal, my-mom-will-take-care-of-everything "trust,"

does not provide any safeguards for your child's money, or your mom (or whoever else you may want to take care of the money for your child).

First, anyone that your mom owes money to can go after money that you intended to benefit the child. So, for example, if your mom accidentally rear-ends someone in a car accident, she can be sued and be forced to use your SGLI money to pay the judgment.

Second, anyone, including your no-good brother-in-law or good-for-nothing cousin, can ask your mom

for a little help, "just this once." A testamentary trust creates a legal obligation for your trustee to spend the money only for your children and makes it much easier for your mom to turn away people asking for money.

~ Your death will be a difficult and emotional situation for everyone. Emotions can cause people to act irrationally, irresponsible, or in other ways that cannot be anticipated. Having a trust to protect your SGLI will provide structure

See SGLI page 23

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Watch out for pedestrians . . . they have the right of way . . . obey the speed limits on board NCBC and buckle up!

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**Volunteer Opportunities**



*Moving books and shelves* - Officials at the Vancleave Public Library at 12604 Hwy 57 in Vancleave need 10 volunteers to help box up books and remove some shelving July 18 and 19 in preparation for new carpet and paint. Afterward, they need help to return the books and shelves Aug. 1. Call Yvonne Parton at 228-826-5857 or 228-282-3877 anytime between 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to volunteer.

*The City of Gulfport* is requesting 15 volunteers to help stage a parade and help park cars in the CTA parking garage for two Nations World Series Baseball Tournaments. The first parade is July 10. All volunteers need to be at staging location on 22nd Ave. by 11:30 a.m. The second parade is July 20. All volunteers need to be at staging location on 22nd Ave. by 4:30 p.m. For more info and to sign up, call Brittany Dyess at 228-860-4444.

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### Reminder from NCBC Public Safety regarding Fireworks . . .

Except for command controlled displays, the possession of explosives and fireworks for sale, storage or use of any description on board NCBC Gulfport property, are strictly prohibited. Fireworks are spectacular to watch, and make great noises, but can be extremely dangerous in the hands of amateurs. Fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory if children and adults are injured while using fireworks. NCBC Fire Prevention Division recommends attending public fireworks displays because shows are safer and have better visual displays than what might be accomplished at your home. Stay safe this 4th of July!



#### 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 [mcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:mcbonefrg@gmail.com) or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail [nmcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcbonefrg@gmail.com).

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, Bldg. 335. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided for children four and under. Please contact FRG President Dawn McKenzie 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](mailto: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 sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail [hansonk154@yahoo.com](mailto:hansonk154@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 [noscgulfport@yahoo.com](mailto:noscgulfport@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 1, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact AGC Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or [enrique.acosta-](mailto:enrique.acosta-@navy.mil)

[@navy.mil](mailto:@navy.mil), or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or [coachcb@yahoo.com](mailto:coachcb@yahoo.com).

##### 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 first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (Secretary) at 228-669-8335 or [elevenoaks58@ca-bleone.net](mailto:elevenoaks58@ca-bleone.net) or log onto [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) for an application or information.

##### HERITAGE

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# Homefront in Focus:

## Friendship and the Military Spouse

By **Beth Wilson**  
Military Spouse Contributor

Facebook has left a lasting mark on 'friendship.' With the click of a button you could be friends, sometimes with total strangers. Merriam-Webster defines a Friend as "one attached to another by affection or esteem, one that is not hostile, one that favors or promotes something."

In researching the challenge of friendship as military spouses I stumbled on an article in the *American Sociological Review* (June 2006) identifies a loss in the quality and quantity of close friendships since at least 1985. The study states 25 percent of Americans have no close confidants and the average of those who do has dropped from four to two.

Building strong friendships start with looking in the mirror. Do we have the skills and characteristics that not only make us a good friend but enhance our ability to develop fulfilling friendships.

Below is a list of nine key characteristics of successful friendships. Join me in looking at how these affect our relationships and let's assess how well we display these characteristics ourselves.

○ **Be a friend:** The old adage "to have a friend you must first be a friend" seems to be the starting point. To have relationships we must be willing to be a good friend and invest the time, energy and emotion needed to be a friend.

○ **Integrity:** Honesty and a firm adherence to the moral values of protecting your friend, their reputation and their best interest are primary. Never say anything about your friend that you are not willing to say to their face. Facebook is not the place to work out a conflict. Likewise be willing to speak the truth, in compassion with your friend's best interest in mind.

○ **Acceptance:** Knowing your friend's history, strengths and weaknesses and allow them to be who they are, confident that you will stand by them lays a foundation of openness and trust.

○ **Trust:** Hold your friend's confidences as if your heart is a vault. In addition, trust means that you are faithful to your word, to be there when you say you will, etc.

○ **Selflessness:** Friendships are not 50/50 partnerships. If you enter a friendship to 'get' from it you will drain the relationship of life. While friendships require give and take a selfless attitude will enhance the quality of your friendship.

○ **Communication:** Isn't this key to all of life, whether marriage, the workplace, family and, yes, friendship is no different. Friendship requires communication - not talking - communication. Communication comes from the word 'commune', where we also get the words communion. It is a verb 'to share' and infers a level of intimacy. Are you a good listener? Do you draw out your friend by asking follow-on questions to really understand them?

○ **Care enough to confront:** A pastor's wife, Julie Kauflin once told me, "If you do not confront a problem with a friend you will reject that friend." She then added that she has come to realize that confrontation, handled well, can lead to greater intimacy in friendships. If you run into bumps or conflicts in your friendship, it requires caring enough to be willing to go to your friend to talk about the conflict and work it through.

Technology provides an incredible opportunity to connect with family and friends but it is a mixed blessing. Do yourself and your friends a favor and determine NEVER to use Facebook, Twitter or other social media to work through a conflict.

Next week we'll look at levels of friendship and tips for building healthy friendships.

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bills that shows up on your credit report and paying on it faithfully for a minimum of six months.

You can schedule an appointment at the FFSC to receive your credit report and score.

"It's always good to check your credit report even if you don't think you have taken out any credit; make sure you check that no one has taken any credit out in your name," said Rodgers. "You don't want to find out at the worst time that you have become a victim of identity theft."

The financial counselors at FFSC are there to help with questions you may have regarding your credit. Become proactive in making sure your credit is where you want it to be, instead of reactive.



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described by deployed Sailors in meeting previously announced conversion application deadlines, CNP has directed the ERB to accept all submissions received prior to the board's convening date of Aug. 15. This will allow Sailors to obtain the results of certain tests, such as the ASVAB, to be included in their applications for conversion.

Initial ERB eligibility guidance excluded Sailors who were subject to PTS adjudication in FY12. This created some uncertainty in the Fleet regarding Sailors who are not subject to PTS, but who are in an ERB-eligible paygrade and rating. NAVADMIN 180/11 clarifies ERB eligibility to include E-4 to E-8 Sailors who are not subject to PTS adjudication, regardless of their End of Active Obligated Service as extended ("soft" EAOS, or SEAOs) date.

Finally, an additional exemption has been authorized for those Sailors currently enrolled in or selected for an enlisted commissioning program.

The ERB will enable the Navy to shape our future manpower requirements in a fair and transparent manner. Board members will include a diverse group of professionals representing different ratings, geographic locations and warfare perspectives who will rely on their best judgment and fleet perspective throughout the process.

To learn more about the Enlisted Retention Board, visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/enlisted-continuation/Pages/default.aspx>.

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both Navy issues and broader strategic issues," Gates said.

Upon being notified of the news, Roughead offered his congratulations and endorsement.

"I could not be more pleased that Adm. Jon Greenert has been nominated to be the 30th Chief of Naval Operations. I have known Jon and his family well for years and I have the utmost respect for him as a leader and a naval officer."

In a statement released after the announcement Greenert said "I am honored and humbled by the Secretary's recommendation and look forward to working with Congress during the confirmation process."

Greenert's career as a submariner includes assignments aboard USS Flying Fish, USS Tautog, Submarine NR-1 and USS Michigan and as commander of USS Honolulu. He also served as commander of Submarine Squadron 11, U.S. Naval Forces Mariana, U.S. 7th Fleet in the Pacific and U.S. Fleet Forces Command before he became the vice CNO.

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and guidance in a difficult time and ensure that there is no question about how you would want the money spent.

Estate planning for blended families presents several complex issues: providing financial support for children in multiple families, arranging

guardianship, and complying with divorce court orders. A full estate plan, created with the assistance of your local legal assistance attorney, can make sure that your loved ones are taken care of in a difficult situation.

This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. For legal assistance, contact the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) legal office by calling (228) 871-2620 for an appointment.

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# NCTC makes the grade during bi-annual crane audit

By E01 (SCW) Joshua Brand  
NCTC Public Affairs

The Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) recently received the results of an audit conducted by the Navy Crane Center (NCC). NCC visited NCTC in April as part of a bi-annual audit. The audit team inspected every facet of the crane program including documentation of training records, maintenance, certification and safety.

The inspection criterion is strict and straight forward. The NCC auditors treat the crane program of ship yards supporting nuclear subs no different than that of a Seabee Battalion deployed in Afghanistan or the Navy's various training centers. It goes without saying that the NCTC

team took their responsibilities seriously. They implemented the recommended improvements from the last inspection two years ago and continued to improve the program.

The overall performance and attention to detail were evident as the audit team reported a "No Response" from NCTC.

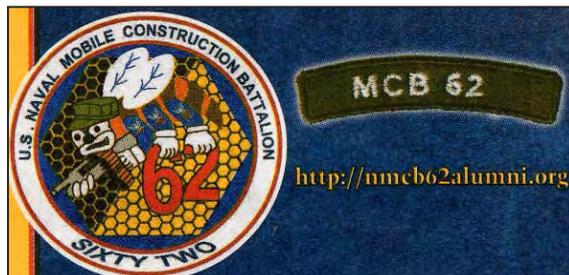
Cmdr. Bill Whitmire, announced the results of the audit to the entire command at weekly quarters, "In my experience this is an unprecedented accomplishment. In my 18 years of service I have never seen an audit come back with no discrepancies," said Whitmire.

The NCTC team which supported the audit was made up of Senior Chief Equipment Operator (SWC) Helen Daniel,



Chief Construction Mechanic (SCW) Holly Tretheway, Chief Builder (SCW) Christen Allgood, Dave Therrien, Larry Shedden, Jim Granger, Equipment Operator 1st Class (SCW) Justin Hallahan, Equipment Operator 1st Class (SCW) Joshua Brand, Equipment Operator 1st Class (SCW) Paul Parker, Construction Mechanic 1st Class (SW/AW) Justin Carey, Steelworker 1st Class (SCW) Matthew Haffner, Equipment Operator 2nd Class (SCW) Ted Hillanbrand and Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) Daniel Leih.

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### **Services:**

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.**

**Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 11:15 a.m.**

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

**Protestant Sunday School, 9 a.m.**

### **Center Chaplains:**

**Lt. Cmdr. Michael Brown,**

**Protestant Chaplain**

**Lt. Yoon Choi**

**Protestant Chaplain**

**For information concerning other faith groups,  
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