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## All Hands Pitch In to Weather Issac

By Mass Communication Specialist  
1st Class John P. Curtis  
**The Currents' Staff**

Before, during and after Hurricane Isaac, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans' personnel worked to bolster and sustain operations and to help service members, their families and employees on base.

Before the storm battered the area for more than two days with sustained winds at 75 miles per hour, dropping more than 20 inches of rain, personnel (military and civilian) went to work.

The emergency operations center (EOC) mirrored NASA prepping for a space launch with NAS JRB departments and tenant commands discussing everything from damage, security, emergency services, utilities, and feeding the people on the base to support emergency services.

By night, blue flashing lights moved about base as security patrolled and re-



Military families enjoy hot food and cool temperatures inside MACAN's at NAS JRB New Orleans after the passing of Hurricane Isaac. The base MWR department opened it up for base residents to eat some hot food and spend the day out of the heat relaxing, watching television or playing games.

*Photo by MC1 John P. Curtis*

sponded to calls. During the storm, they worked 12 to 14 hour shifts patrolling and

manning the main entry gate keeping it open for vehicles coming on the base.

On Tuesday night, as Isaac was heading on shore

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Patrician Military Housing residents and employees aboard NAS JRB New Orleans release red, white and blue balloons Sept. 11 to commemorate 9/11. Participants wrote personal messages on the balloons prior to the release, and observed a moment of silence in a short ceremony. More than 300 balloons were sent skyward.

*Photo by P03 Laura Munoz*

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This month in Navy & Marine History

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**From the Flightline**

By Capt. Jack Hill  
NAS JRB Commanding Officer

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all of you who responded so admirably to the challenges of Hurricane Isaac. Few, if any, predicted that Isaac would linger over us with driving rain as long as it did. As designed, our Emergency Operations Center stood up and put into motion contingency plans to protect lives, property and sustain the mission of our base. There were many challenges in a short amount of time but each was met head-on and we moved forward. Now, in the recovery and repair period, we continue to collect lessons learned and will use these to further prepare for the next storm. Preparation for a force as powerful as nature is never a fixed objective. It's not too soon to start preparing for the next storm. Do you have a plan?

One of the most significant and meaningful days in the career of any enlisted Sailor occurred at NAS JRB New Orleans on September 16th. We should all take pride in the pinning of the new chief petty officers. I was honored to be there with this year's guest speaker, retired NAS JRB New Orleans Command Master Chief Deborah Lay. I want to give special thanks to all who helped with the outstanding ceremony, especially VAW-77 who graciously allowed the use of their hangar to handle the overflowing crowd of family, friends and dis-



tinguished visitors.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign has kicked off. We really need your help this year, as the economy struggles and many are less able to contribute to the charities that help those in need. No one joined the military to get rich, but as service members we do have the security of a stable paycheck. If we all give a little, it really adds up. Please consider contributing to a charity of your choice through the CFC this year.

Finally, my wife, Sandra, and I hope you will join us for the Greater New Orleans Navy Ball at the Marriott Hotel in downtown New Orleans on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The event starts at 6 p.m. on the U.S. Navy's 237<sup>th</sup> birthday. Navy Band New Orleans will be there to help us get our party on. Attire for the evening is dinner dress blues or formal evening wear, and our guest speaker for the evening is Vice Adm. Robin Braun, chief of Navy Reserve and commander, Navy Reserve Force. Tickets can be purchased by contacting a Navy Ball committee member at (504)678-3554.

In closing, I thank you and your families for your service and sacrifice. It is my privilege and honor to serve in your company.

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# Fire Prevention Week Urges All to Plan and Practice

By Wendy Shimmin  
NAS JRB Fire Prevention



The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual public awareness campaign, Fire Prevention Week (FPW), begins October 7. This year's theme is focused on have a home fire escape plan that prepares family members to think fast

and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. Family members also need to know what to do if the first escape route is blocked by smoke and/or flames. That's why having two ways out is such a key part of every household's escape plan.

This year's theme, "Have 2

Ways Out!" focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

The reality is that when fire strikes, homes could be engulfed in smoke and flames in just a few minutes. Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half actually

practiced it. One-third of Americans households who made and estimate they thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. And only eight percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

Develop a home evacuation plan, encourage every-

one to participate in creating the plan and practicing the plan. It's a fun, family project that everyone can live with!

The FPW website; <http://www.nfpa.org>, offers helpful tools and resources for anyone wanting to run a community campaign or people simply trying to educate themselves or family members. Some features on the site include the FPW quiz, public service announcement videos, fire safety resources for families, and safety tip sheets covering a broad range of topics.

Visitors to the FPW website can test their fire safety IQ with the FWP Quiz, which asks questions about pertinent fire safety information such as, "Where do most home fires start?" and "What time in the day do home fires peak?" At the end of the quiz, visitors can see how they did, review correct answers, and even showcase their results on Facebook or Twitter.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on Oct. 9, 1871.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

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# 'WHO DAT' SAY THEY AFRAID OF THE DENTIST, 'WHO DAT, WHO DAT'???

*By: Dimetry B. Cossich, DDS*

Is DAT you? I hope not. But if DAT is you, it may not be DAT way for much longer!

I first wrote this article the week after the Saints won our first Superbowl. Since that time we have helped hundreds of people confront their fears and worries about dentistry by informing them of the various techniques available in dentistry today that can help them acquire the smile they've always wanted.

While the level of fear and anxiety was elevated in all of these patients, the level of treatment required to achieve the desired results varied greatly. Even though you may require more extensive dental treatment than others, you may be shocked at how easy it can be to achieve outstanding results. Regardless of the amount of treatment required, the bottom line is this: all of these patients are smiling proudly now, and comfortably enjoying the wonderful food that our area is so famous for.

It still amazes me to see the dramatic change that takes place when someone finally fixes a broken and worn out smile with one they are proud to show anyone. The joy my staff and I experience when we help someone overcome their fear, and the gratitude and thanks they bestow is just such a blessing for us all. It can literally change your life! READ ON!

If the Saints can win the Superbowl, then now we all know that dreams can and do come true. If your smile on Superbowl Sunday wasn't as pretty as you would like it to be, then read on to discover an Amazing Treatment available today that will allow you get that Beautiful Smile you deserve.

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# Air Guard Performs Variety of Hurricane Response Missions



CHALMETTE, La. – Senior Airman Santiago Mabens, of the 159th Security Forces Squadron, maintains security as local residents pass through a commodities distribution site in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac Aug. 31, 2012. These distributions sites were set up across the state to assist those in need with various items including water, ice and MREs.

By Louisiana National Guard  
Public Affairs Office

PORT SULPHUR, La. – Every mission matters to Louisiana National Guardsmen and when tasked with helping to rebuild a small fishing community located in the mouth of the Mississippi River, the Airmen gladly stepped up to the challenge.

For many in the Air Guard, the mission sets were very different from their typical assignments of working directly with aircraft or air operations at the 159th Fighter Wing's headquarters at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in Belle Chasse, La.

One challenge was delivering much needed fuel

on Sept. 5 to the water treatment plant in Port Sulphur, a community devastated by Hurricane

Isaac, and the other was to supply local residents with food, water, ice and tarps.

Staff Sgt. Brandon J. Gallagher, a 159th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMS) avionics specialist, was tasked with driving 300 gallons of fuel to Port Sulphur. Once there, an Army Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew sling loaded it and placed it on top of a water treatment facility in order to power a generator that the Army Guard had flown in the day before.

"It was really cool to see this in person," said Senior Airman Leah Crow, 159th AMS avionics specialist, who helped deliver the fuel. "This has proba-



PORT SULPHUR, La. - A Louisiana Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter piloted by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Matt Krutzfeldt carefully drops a container holding 300 gallons of fuel to supply a generator needed to power the local water treatment plant in Port Sulphur, La., Sept. 5, 2012, following the flooding caused by Hurricane Isaac.

*Navy photo by MC1 Andrew Meyers*

bly been the highlight of hurricane response for me because we are helping people in a devastated area get clean drinking water."

Air Guardsmen took the lead on two additional missions, opening Points-of-Distribution sites in Port Sulphur, Sept. 5, and another in Boothville, La., Sept. 6. Airmen at these

sites managed and supplied residents with water, ice, MREs and tarps.

Senior Airman Gary Martin, 259th Air Traffic Control Squadron radar technician, said those coming through the commodities line were incredibly receptive and grateful to the Guard.

"These residents have been so appreciative and



PORT SULPHUR, La. - Louisiana Air National Guardsmen, Senior Airmen Hunni Bolton and Gary Martin, both of the 259th Air Traffic Control Squadron, load commodities into the back of a resident's vehicle, Sept. 5, 2012. The LANG conducted more than 260 emergency response missions since Hurricane Isaac operations began.

*Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Daniel P. Farrell, 159th Fighter Wing public affairs office*

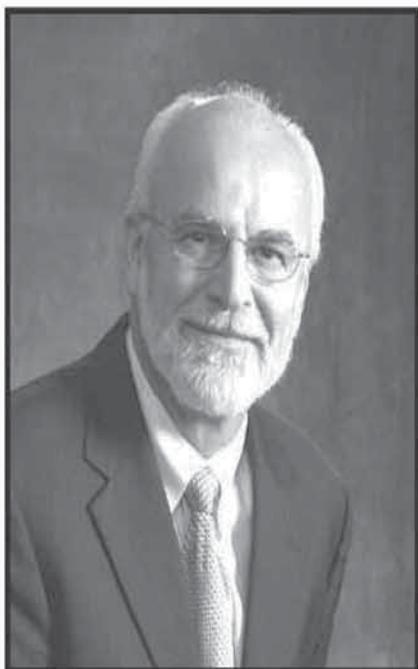


BRAITHWAITE, La. - Senior Airman William Killett of the 159th Civil Engineering Squadron, comforts a dog rescued from the rooftop of a flooded home in the town of Braithwaite, La., Aug. 30, 2012. More than 8,000 Louisiana Guardsmen were activated in support of Hurricane Isaac.

considerate," said Martin, explaining that many residents wanted no more than the minimum distribution to make sure their neighbors would have enough when they came through the line.

Gallagher, who had worked at several POD

sites prior to delivering the fuel, summed up the sentiments of many of the Air Guardsmen working in Plaquemines Parish by saying it was an "honor" to serve the community regardless of what he was tasked to do.



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# New Orleans Coast Guard Saves Lives While Serving

By Petty Officer 3rd Class  
Laura Munoz  
The Currents' Staff



**HOUSTON** - Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopters from Air Stations Mobile, New Orleans and Houston are brought inside the hangar at Air Station Houston hanger for protection and routine maintenance as they wait for Hurricane Isaac to make landfall, Aug. 28, 2012. A Mobile-based HC-144 Ocean Sentry airplane and two MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters were also pre-staged at the air station. Coast Guard units all along the Gulf Coast pre-staged assets and personnel to better assist anyone or thing in distress after Hurricane Isaac made landfall.

*U.S. Coast Guard photo by  
PO3 Class Richard Brahm*

It wasn't the first time that the New Orleans area had been struck by a hurricane, and it's almost certain that it won't be the last. Hurricane Isaac, a Category 1 hurricane, intruded Louisiana on the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the Category 4 hurricane that dismantled the Gulf Coast in 2005.

Even with proper warning and time for preparation, there were still residents who needed to seek emergency assistance due to the storm. Fortunately, the Coast Guard in New Orleans was ready and willing to act.

Consisting of approximately 200 personnel, Coast Guard Air Stations from New Orleans, Mobile, Houston and Clearwater, worked together to complete each mission and make it a success by readying nearly 20 aircraft. The group

logged 325 flight hours in just six days, demonstrating their dedication to saving lives.

"This was my first time being involved in a hurricane operation," said Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Eric Turner of Air Station New Orleans. "It was nice to see how quickly the Coast

Guard was able to mobilize so rapidly and efficiently."

The last Search and Rescue mission of the storm involved two boats which collided on the Mississippi River; a total of 19 people were involved. Thirteen people at the scene required an evacuation to a



**BELLE CHASSE, La.** - Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam Carr, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason McClure, Petty Officer 1st Class Nikolas Staley, Lt. Caitlin Mitchell Wurster and Lt. Cmdr. Jorge Porto pose with Loisa and Greg Knight at Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, August 29, 2012. The Knights, along with their two dogs, were rescued by the Coast Guard from their flooded home in LaPlace, La., during Hurricane Isaac.

*U.S. Coast Guard photo*

medical facility. With ambulances unable to reach the victims due to a flooded road, two Coast Guard helicopters from New Orleans had to carry the victims to safety. It was a 20 minute flight each way. This was the largest mass casualty incident since the Deepwater

Horizon incident in 2010.

All together, the Coast Guard saved 28 lives and assisted 54 victims of Hurricane Isaac. These numbers promote the importance of preparation and show that even a Category 1 hurricane can cause immense damage and threaten lives.

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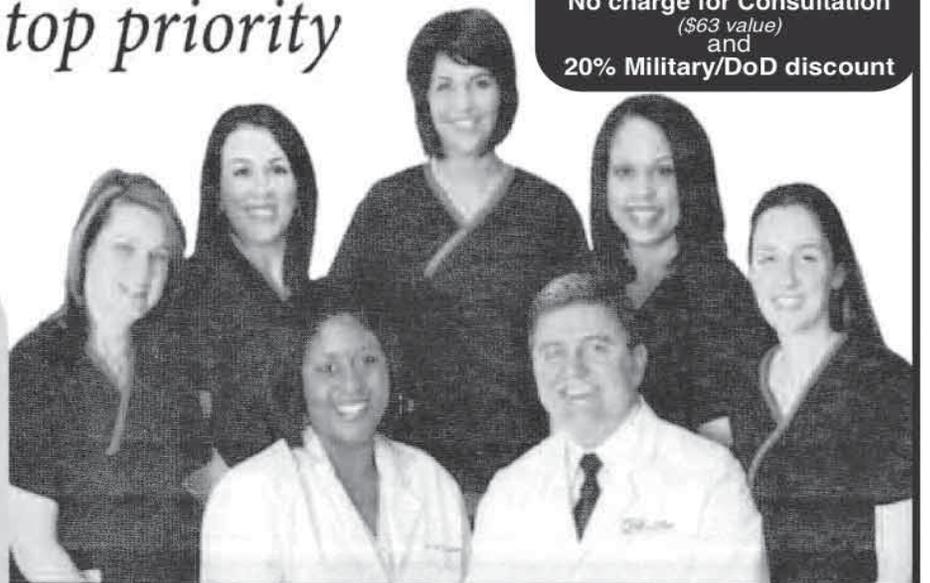
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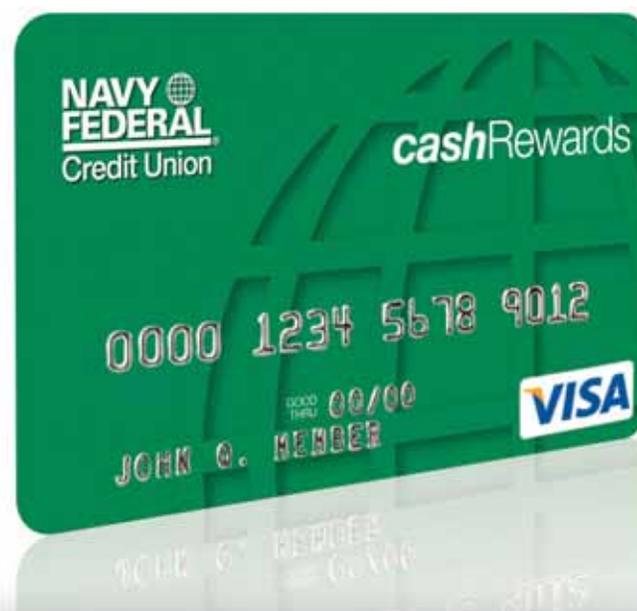
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and Plaquemines Parish was lost. Although many base facilities have generators, Patri- cian Military Housing is not equipped with back-up power.

The base Morale Welfare and Recreation department lived up to its name by providing free food and an air conditioned place at the Magnolia Terrace Conference Center and MACAN's for people to get out of the heat and enjoy a good meal. They also worked with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast, New Orleans to get the base pool powered up and open in record time. The MWR's library center provided board games, a movie projector, and movies for families that were sheltered in the Frank Uddo Building.

NAVFAC workers maintained more than 40 generators on base, ensuring primary functions and opera-

tions continued.

"The shop guys are rock stars," said Lt. Cmdr. Griffin Stauffer, the public works officer on base. "They were out around the clock, despite hurricane conditions, making sure base operations continued."

Fleet Logistic Center (FLC) Jacksonville, Detachment New Orleans, worked overtime to support all of the logistical needs on base.

"The fuels team was mission essential and stepped up to the challenge receiving high praise from operations and public works for their dedication and persistence in sustaining the mission," said Cmdr. Tyonia Burns, FLC officer in charge. "The team delivered 22 times the normal amount of diesel at 24,895 gallons between Aug. 22 to Sept. 3"

Along with the fuel, FLC provided 137 cots for the shelter in Building 492 and



Cmdr. Robert Pritchard, center standing, NAS JRB executive officer, briefs representatives from base organizations in the emergency operations center (EOC) just after the passing of Hurricane Isaac. The EOC served as the central hub for response, base activities and information immediately prior, during and after the storm.

Photo by MC1 John P. Curtis

41,000 pounds of ice and 3,600 cases of water to the water and ice distribution point on base. Sailors from around the base worked eight hours each day handing out ice and water to base families.

The galley, Red Fish Rocks,

opened its doors immediately to all those with base access, to ensure people were fed hot meals. The staff, made up of mostly contractors, worked long hours to provide the tasty meals.



A shopper at the Belle Chasse Navy Exchange (NEX) waits to check out with supplies after Hurricane Isaac. Opening its doors on generator power, the NEX had portable generators, extension cords, gas cans and more recovery supplies ready for customers.

Photo by PO2 Laura Munoz



Hospital Corpsman Deika Basoraduran assists a resident from the Riverbend Nursing and Rehab Center in the drill hall of the Frank Uddo Armed Forces Reserve Center at NAS JRB New Orleans. Riverbend residents were evacuated to the base just after Hurricane Isaac when the nursing home was threatened by rising water.

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Drivers line up at Belle Chasse Academy on NAS JRB New Orleans to receive water and ice after Hurricane Isaac left the base without power for six days.

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## NOSC New Orleans Helped Keep Calm During the Storm

By Mass Communication Specialist  
1st Class Erica R. Gardner  
Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command

The strong winds and piercing rains created by Hurricane Isaac beat mercilessly on the residents of New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana seven years to the day after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, devastating the area. Sailors assigned to Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) New Orleans banded together to provide needed support to the base and medical clinic following Hurricane Isaac.

"When the storm touched down, we all took shelter until it became safe," said Chief Hospital Corpsman John Boyle, NOSC New Orleans senior enlisted leader. "The next day those of us able to come to work did so to help out others."

Boyle and a staff of less than 10 came together to assess the damage to the NOSC and evaluate how they could help others. Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) and water had been pre-staged for base residents and was used for the first days following the hurricane.

The building that houses NOSC New Orleans has a 1,000 kilowatt generator, which was

the most reliable source of power on base during and after the storm. Power to the base was knocked out during the storm and the generator provided enough power to support the entire 113,000 square foot facility.

"The air was hot and muggy," said Boyle. "We had power which allowed us to be in a cool environment with cold drinks."

Many base housing residents stayed in their houses as long as they were able but due to the rising temperatures and lack of power a temporary shelter at the NOSC drill hall made it possible for them to relax during what was a very stressful event.

The day after the storm a portion of Plaquemines Parish, just south of the base, was ordered to evacuate due to potential flooding. Residents of a nursing home in that area needed to be moved out quickly and needed a place to go.

"We received a call from a local nursing home seeking assistance due to potential flooding of their facility", said Cmdr. Theresa Wood, Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Belle Chasse officer in charge. "We were happy to help the nursing home and their staff with about 100 patients."

"Lt. Lori Campbell (NBHC)

ran the medical staff in the drill hall," said Wood. "She and our staff worked with the nursing home staff to ensure the nursing home patients were well taken care of and felt safe in the different environment."

Wood explained some of the patients suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia, making the transition from their known environment to a much different environment a challenge at times. Campbell and the others stepped up to the plate to ensure they were well taken care of.

"The support for the nursing home was an unexpected joy for my staff," said Wood. "It was the right thing to do and the team came together wonderfully."

The NOSC was also transformed into a treatment center and pharmaceutical storage locker which proved to be essential for refrigerating immunization drugs when the galley refrigerator failed.

"We were given a couple of medical evacuation missions and the medical staff along with NOSC staff assisted in getting storm victims them transported to the drill hall in a timely manner," said Wood. "They were scared and unsure but we made them feel comfortable."

# New Chiefs Anchored After Storm

By Mass Communication Specialist  
1st Class John P. Curtis  
The Currents' Staff

After delayed board results and a hurricane, 29 Sailors advanced to chief petty officer during a CPOs' anchor pinning ceremony on Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans, Sept. 16.

At most traditional Navy commands, first class petty officers selected for chief start their induction to chief on Aug. 1. That day, locally, only eight began the chief's induction. The remaining 21 were not identified until Aug. 24 following the results of the reserve and full-time support (FTS) chief's board. And, Hurricane Isaac interfered as well.

"It was induction by fire hose," Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Melissa Hubenak said, while talking about the delays. "There are a lot of topics and events to cover to better facilitate a smooth transition from first class to chief."

The chief's induction process is typically six weeks of challenges designed to strengthen their leadership abilities. For the 21 FTS and reserve Sailors, they had two weeks of training while dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac.

The selectees all completed the phases of the Chief Petty Officer 365 training program. CPO 365 is a three-phase training process, created by the Master Chief Petty Officer of Navy as guiding principles for inducting new chief petty officers.

"CPO 365 has been a great addition to the process," said Hubenak. "It gave the selectees more tools to help them in the transformation process in addition to the actual chief's induction."



Chief petty officers, family and friends fill the hangar for the Sept. 16 CPO pinning ceremony at NAS JRB New Orleans.

Photo by MC1 John P. Curtis



Greater New Orleans chief selectees march into VAW-77's hangar singing Anchors Away to begin the chief's pinning ceremony.

Photo by PO3 Laura Munoz



NAS JRB CMDCM Les Burl waits as retired CMDCM Deborah Lay congratulates MAC Dionne Robinson on earning her anchors.

Photo by MC1 John P. Curtis



AEC Scott Ellis from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 204, left, and other chief petty officers congratulate the newly anchored chiefs at the pinning ceremony at NAS JRB New Orleans Sept. 16.

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## Greater New Orleans Newest Chiefs

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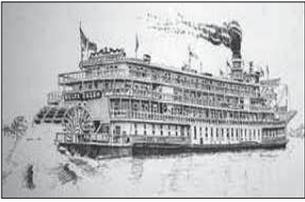
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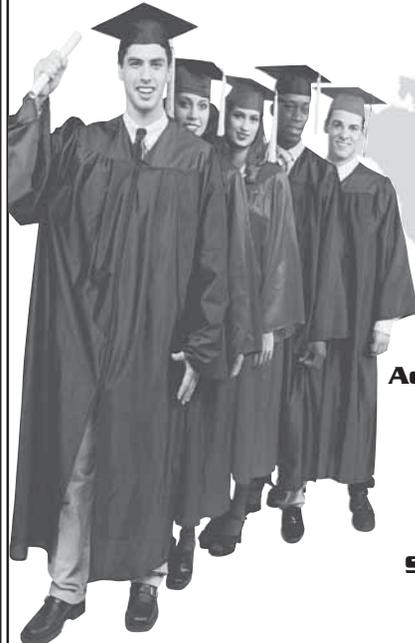
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## NAVFAC Awards Contract for Hurricane Isaac Repairs

By Sue Brink Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command Southeast  
Public Affairs Officer

Jacksonville, Fla. – Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$7.4 million contract Sept. 17 to Atlantic Contingency Constructors L.L.C., of Norfolk, Va. for repairs at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans, La. after damages sustained from Hurri-

cane Isaac.

“As an installation, we try to prepare for the worst and hope for the best when a hurricane threatens, but every storm is different,” said Capt. Jack Hill, NAS JRB New Orleans commanding officer. “Now that the storm has passed, an evaluation of our post-hurricane situation is complete and initial remediation actions are ongoing.”

“During the first days and week following the storm, public works de-

partment employees and members of the Contingency Engineering Response Team, out of Jacksonville, Fla. provided immediate response evaluating at all of our facilities,” said Lt. Cmdr. Griffin Stauffer, NAS JRB New Orleans public works officer.

The hurricane moved very slowly over the New Orleans area subjecting the buildings to several days of rain and high winds. Damage to the buildings consisted primarily of water intru-

sion through wind-driven rain. The buildings at NAS JRB New Orleans are built-up with positive drainage away from the buildings so no buildings suffered from flooding due to rising water.

Some building exteriors were damaged finding broken windows, missing downspouts, gutters, shingles, soffits, fascia and ventilation fan covers. There was roof damage, particularly to some of the older roofs.

Damage to the interi-

ors of the buildings consisted of soaked ceiling tiles, insulation, walls, and wet carpets and floors.

This contract will provide for the construction phase of Hurricane Isaac recovery efforts to repair buildings damaged by Hurricane Isaac. The goal is to bring the facilities back to pre-storm condition.

“The award of this contract is the next step towards final repairs,” said Hill. “Over the next few months restoration

will be based on mission priorities.”

“I appreciate and commend NAVFAC, including our own NAS JRB public works department, for their prompt and proactive actions before, during, and after the storm. Everyone is already looking forward to things getting back to normal as soon as possible and this is a big move in that direction,” said Hill.

The work is expected to be completed by December 2012.

## NAVFAC Proudly Building on 170-Year Navy Heritage

By Sue Brink Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command Southeast  
Public Affairs Officer

On Aug. 31, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command

(NAVFAC) celebrated 170 years of Naval history.

The 13th Secretary of the Navy, Abel P. Upshur, officially established NAVFAC’s predecessor, the Bureau of Naval Yards and Docks in 1842, to execute the design, construction and maintenance of Navy yards and a few other shore stations around the eastern seaboard of the United States. Eventually the bureau and its responsibilities would grow into the global enterprise known as NAVFAC, which was officially established in May 1966.

“Our team of civil engineer corps officers, civilian personnel and Seabees are testament to the remarkable contributions of those who have given their all to this organization in the past 170 years,” said Capt. Christopher Kiwus, NAVFAC Southeast commanding officer. “I could not be more proud of what our NAVFAC team is doing

for our supported commanders and the Sailors and Marines who live on the installations we support, along with their families.”

NAVFAC is the naval systems command that delivers and maintains high-quality, sustainable facilities, acquires and manages capabilities for the Navy’s expeditionary combat forces, enables energy security and environmental stewardship, and provides humanitarian and contingency engineering response. Its signature is visible on every Navy and Marine Corps installation around the globe. Nearly every pier, runway, building, gymnasium, barracks, road, utility plant, and other facilities on shore has been constructed or acquired by NAVFAC.

NAVFAC Southeast employs 1,800 people at 22 installations throughout the southeastern United States

and Cuba and delivers and maintains high-quality, sustainable facilities, enables energy security and environmental stewardship, and provides humanitarian and contingency engineering response.

In response to Hurricane Isaac, NAVFAC Southeast sent a Contingency Engineering Response Team (CERT) composed of 15 military and civilian personnel to Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

In 2011, NAVFAC exceeded all government-wide program goals and targets, with more than 55 percent of the total dollars awarded and more than 25,000 contracts going to small businesses. NAVFAC Southeast’s small business program was the only one in NAVFAC to achieve every individual program goal.

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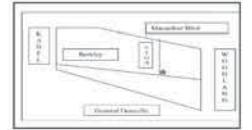
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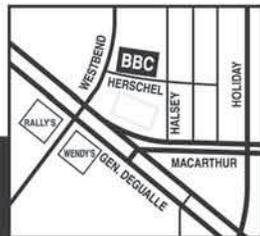
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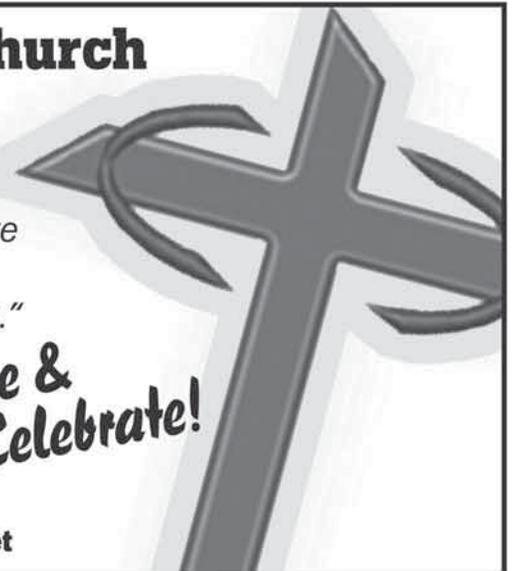
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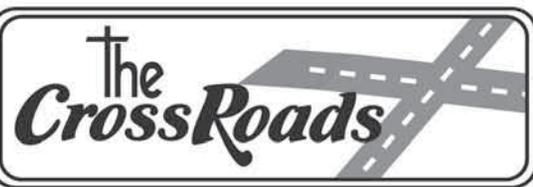
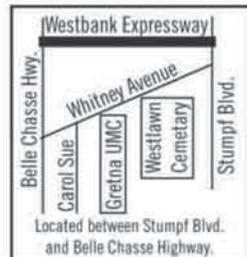
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# October is Energy Awareness Month

By Tammy Prine  
The Currents' Staff

American Energy Week was first observed in 1981 and 10 years later President George Bush proclaimed October as Energy Awareness Month. The Department of the Navy has long been conducting energy awareness campaigns that promote the wise and efficient use of energy.

Everyone benefits from the sensible use of energy at federal facilities. As the single largest domestic user of energy, the federal government spends more than \$9 billion to power its vehicles, operations, and approximately 500,000 facilities throughout the United States. Efficient energy management at federal facilities not only saves taxpayer dollars but reduces greenhouse gas emissions, protects the environment and natural resources and contributes to our national secu-

urity.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires federal agencies to meet a number of energy and water management goals. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 further specifies a 3% energy reduction per year and an overall reduction goal of 30% by 2015 relative to the 2003 baseline.

Several installations across the Navy Southeast Region have recently been named winners of the Secretary of the Navy Energy and Water Management Awards in recognition of their energy and water conservation programs based on the fiscal 2011 energy reports.

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City was awarded a top honor by being named a Platinum level award winner. Gold level winners were Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS Jacksonville, Naval Station (NS) Mayport, Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay, NS Guantanamo

Bay, NAS Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth, NSA Orlando, NAS Kingsville and Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. Blue level winners included NAS Corpus Christi, NAS JRB New Orleans, NAS Key West, NAS Whiting Field and NAS Meridian.

The annual awards are presented to commands that have made notable progress toward the Department of the Navy (DON) goals to reduce energy and water consumption, increase use of renewable energy sources, and construct sustainable facilities. The DON Energy Program evaluates and classifies the overall energy and water management performance of each installation. Awardees are categorized according to SECNAV winners as platinum, gold and blue level achievement.

Doug Mercer, Director of Infrastructure Assessment for CNRSE, said that seeing every installation in the Southeast

Region earn a SECNAV award for energy and water conservation shows that meeting energy reduction goals is a team effort.

“We have come a long way in spreading the culture of energy conservation,” Mercer said. “More people are realizing they can make an individual contribution to our energy independence, and that the funding we reduce in our utility bills goes directly to the training and equipment needed to maintain the U.S. Navy as the preeminent force in the world.”

“Everyone can do their part to help boost NAS JRB New Orleans to the gold level achievement,” said James Wright, NAVFAC SE engineering technician. “We all need to make more progress towards our energy reduction goals which will result in more dollar savings.”

For more information on ways to cut energy costs at home or at work call James Wright, Robin Perkins or Ens-

Sara Burg, the NAS JRB NAVFAC SE utilities engineering management team at 678-9989 or visit these websites: <https://navyenergy.navfac.navy.mil/> and <http://energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>.

#### Energy conservation tips:

(1) Make sure furniture, drapes, etc., do not obstruct air registers, grilles or diffusers.

(2) In winter, keep drapes and blinds open during daylight hours to let in sunlight.

(3) Hot-water temperatures should not exceed 110 degrees F at the point of use — use cold water when possible.

(4) Reduce use of overhead lighting.

(5) Turn off vehicle engines when vehicles are parked.

(6) Turn off office equipment at the end of each workday.

(7) Maximize the use of timers, motion sensors and photocells.

## Department of the Navy Energy Quiz

Test your energy knowledge by selecting the appropriate answers to the questions below. Then check the answers to see how well you've done.

1. What is the single largest line item in the shore facility operating support budget?

- A) Utilities
- B) Office Supplies
- C) Food
- D) Insurance

2. The President has mandated that the Department of the Navy reduce energy consumption what percentage by the year 2005?

- A) 10%
- B) 29%
- C) 30%
- D) 50%

3. The Department of the Navy shore facilities have reduced energy consumption since 1985 by what percentage?

- A) less than 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 15%
- D) more than 20%

4. How much energy is saved by producing cans from recycled aluminum rather than from raw materials?

- A) 25%
- B) 50%
- C) 75%
- D) 90%

5. Compact fluorescent lamps are how many times more efficient than incandescent lamps producing an equivalent light output?

- A) 50% more efficient
- B) Twice as efficient
- C) 3-4 times more efficient
- D) 10 times more efficient

6. Utilities consume, on average, what percent of a CO's base operating budget?

- A) 5%
- B) 11%
- C) 23.7%
- D) 38%

7. A successful energy awareness program requires the following "C" component:

- A) Communication and Cooperation
- B) Coordination and CO Support
- C) Commitment and Continuity
- D) All of the Above
- E) None of the Above

8. Energy Awareness Week takes place the last full week of which month?

- A) April

- B) May
- C) October
- D) December

9. Which of the following are HVAC equipment efficiency measurement(s)?

- A) SEER and HSPF
- B) COP and EER
- C) AFUE
- D) None of the Above
- E) All of the Above

10. Approximately what percentage of electricity do incandescent light bulbs convert into visible light?

- A) 10%
- B) 30%
- C) 75%
- D) 100%

11. How much is the Federal government's annual energy bill?

- A) \$800,000
- B) \$8 million
- C) \$850 million
- D) \$8 billion

12. These electric devices consume more than half of the nation's electricity:

- A) Refrigerators
- B) Electric Motors
- C) Lights
- D) TVs

13. What is the fastest growing use of electricity in U.S. commercial buildings and among the fastest growing in homes?

- A) Air Conditioning
- B) Office Equipment
- C) Portable Electric Heaters
- D) Water Coolers

14. The Department of the Navy is the lead service for solar and renewable energy (including geothermal power and wind energy).

Energy production from renewable sources at the Department of the Navy is equivalent to what percent of the total shore energy consumption?

- A) 0.6%
- B) 6%
- C) 16%
- D) 61%

15. How much of the energy typically is lost during conversion and transmission before electricity gets to your house or office?

- A) 1/4
- B) 1/3
- C) 1/2
- D) 2/3

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**MWR Spotlights October 2012**

### Halloween Haunted Hayride

Oct 26th & 27th  
6:30 - 9:00 PM  
Place: Paintball Field  
Hot cider, coffee and cookies provided.

Children can pick a pumpkin at the great pumpkin patch and bring it to our children's Happy Halloween tent to decorate it. The tent will be full of fun happenings including Halloween games, arts and crafts and face painting. For more information call 678-3807

### Costume Party at Macan's!

Friday, Oct. 19th  
6-11 p.m.

Have a frightfully good time dancing to the haunting music of azebbie!!

For more information call 678-3258

*Don't forget your costume!!!!*

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### Library Events

#### Halloween Coloring Contest

The coloring contest is for children ages three through 11. Children and parents can pick up a coloring sheet from the Library on Oct. 2 after 10 a.m. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the age groups three through five and six through 11. Two contest age groups - All entries must be returned by close of business, Oct. 27. Prizes will be awarded Tuesday, Oct. 30th at 5:30 p.m.

#### Halloween Photo Contest

Surprise everyone with your creativity. The contest is open to everyone and will have two categories: color photos and black and white. Entry is limited to one submission (in either category) per person and print size must be 8 x 10. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each category. Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 9th and ends close of business Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. All photos must be submitted with a matted background. For more information stop by or call the library at 678-3078.

#### The Alpha Club

The Library presents the Alpha Club for beginner or team chess players. Play begins Saturday, Oct. 6th at 1 p.m. Chess boards and tutor will be provided. Fun for all ages. For more information call the library at 678-3078.

### Fitness Center Events

Call 678-3230 for more details

Dodgeball Tournament  
Saturday, Oct. 6, at 9 a.m.  
Team registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 3. A tournament meeting will be held before the tournament the morning of the events.

Not Exactly Noon Basketball 3-Point Shootout  
The 3-point shootout will be held Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

Wallyball Tournament  
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 at 9 a.m.  
Team registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 10. A tournament meeting will be held before the tournament the morning of the events.

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### MACAN's Pub presents an Oktoberfest Night

Friday, October 12, 2012  
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Tuesday through Friday: 4-10 p.m.  
Saturday: 6-11 p.m.  
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Monday: Only for Monday night football.  
For more details call 678-3258  
Must be 18 years of age to enter.

# Standifer Takes Command of the Revelers

By Mass Communication Specialist  
1st Class John P. Curtis  
**The Currents' Staff**

The "Revelers" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 54 held its 16<sup>th</sup> change of command at the National World War II Museum Sept. 22. Cmdr. Kate Standifer relieved Cmdr. Phillip Fauchex as the commanding officer of the C-130 Hercules squadron. Vice Adm. Robin Braun, chief of Navy Reserve and commander Navy Reserve Force, was the guest speaker in the crowded venue.

"Cmdr. Fauchex has the kind

of spirit that makes people want to follow him," said Braun. "He has led the squadron to the "top of their game." The squadron has flown 3,300 mishap-free hours during Fauchex's tenure as commanding officer."

Standifer is the eighth woman to take command of an operational reserve unit.

"I was personally excited to see you were selected as the commanding officer," said Braun while addressing Standifer.

Braun awarded Fauchex the Meritorious Service Medal prior to him addressing the audience.

"When my squadron succeeds it isn't because of me, but because of all of the hard work of everyone has performed," said Fauchex. "The squadron should revel in their successes."

After thanking his family and all of the families of the Sailors assigned to VR-54, he acknowledged the support and hard work Standifer had performed as his executive officer (XO).

"She [Standifer] has been a friend and a great XO," said Fauchex.

"It's been a pleasure to watch you rise," he said to Standifer. "You are the best officer I have

ever worked with."

Standifer thanked Fauchex and addressed the audience saying that the personnel make the planes fly and everyone of them deserves that recognition.

"I look forward to working with each and every one of you during our future successes," she said while addressing the command.

Standifer is a 1996 Naval Academy graduate and was designated a Naval aviator in 1998. In 2005 she converted to full-time support.

Her military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation



Cmdr. Kate Standifer addresses the crowd after taking command of VR-54 Sept. 22, at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Photo by MC1 John Curtis

Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

# Oh, How I Love October – Count The Reasons

By Lt. Lee Brown  
**NAS JRB Base Chaplain**

This has to be the greatest time of the year. College football is in full swing and baseball is coming to its grand conclusion. This overlap is definitely my favorite of any of the overlapping sport seasons. We also celebrate a grand birthday this month; happy 237<sup>th</sup> birthday to our Navy. And yes probably a day that will impact more of you than the Navy birthday or any sports season falls at the end of the month—Halloween.

"So what are you going to be

for Halloween this year?" That is a common question in the neighborhoods, at school, and yes even around "the water cooler" at work. Did you know that Halloween has become the most popular holiday among adults in America?

We may have an argument here in New Orleans that it does indeed come second to Mardi Gras, however the concept is the same (the masquerade). The website History.com tells us, "Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday." So why is it so popular among

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Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and  
Tuesday-Friday at 11:30 a.m.  
Protestant Service  
Sunday at 11 a.m.

the adults now? What is it about the masquerade? We probably shouldn't answer those question here in this space—come by the chapel and we'll chat.

Of course the day is hugely popular with children because of the abundance of candy. Kids love to dress up, and they love the games and the special events and opportunities of the day. I remember school parties

and block parties, and even events at church. Though not the same and not on the same day, the chapel will have an event, a Fall Harvest Festival. This event will be on Saturday afternoon Oct. 27. For information please call the chapel at 678-3525 or just stop by during the week.

There is something else about Oct. 31 though. On that date in the year 1517 the event that has been the biggest divide ever in church history occurred. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenburg church, thus sparking the Protestant Reformation—thus the day is also known as

Reformation Day.

Rather than spark yet another monumental division, I think I will just get back to SEC football and the MLB playoffs. Enjoy the month, with all it has to offer and stay safe. And if you have questions or want some answers about the religious nature of Halloween, or the Protestant Reformation swing by the chapel. Your NAS JRB Religious Ministries team is standing by ready to assist you and to walk with you on this journey.

Blessings,  
Chaps

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<b>November 22 &amp; 24</b> Closed	<b>December 25</b> Closed
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