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## Gulf Coast memorial to honor military

By MC2 (SW) Kevin Bowlin  
Coastal Courier Editor

Gulf Coast Community College celebrated its 50th anniversary September 17, 2007. As part of the week long celebration, members of the armed forces were invited to take part in a groundbreaking ceremony September 14 for a tribute GCCC is building to honor the men and women of the military.

Service members from Naval Support Activity Panama City were present, among other service representatives, at GCCC to witness the ground breaking of a monument to honor them. The event that was supposed to take place outdoors was held inside because of the rain. Dirt was piled on stage of the college's auditorium to compensate for the bad weather. YNC (AW) Tammy Sizer of NSA PC Admin was one of the Sailors at the event.

"Usually, you see memorials off campus but to have this huge memorial, from what I here is going to be great, is just wonderful," Sizer said. "It was an awesome feeling to be there witnessing a college dedicate a memorial to the military."

Sizer said she had just got back in March from serving in Iraq for seven months doing causality reports, and so it is awesome to see something dedicated to those who serve and those who have lost their lives serving.

Proud to pick up a shovel and help, Lt. Laura Murrell, acting Executive Officer, Naval Support Activity Panama  
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Gulf Coast Community College Artist's rendering of new memorial gives idea of finished tribute. Five fountains will be constructed to represent the five branches of service. Artwork provided by GCCC and photo of work by MC2 Kevin Bowlin

City took part in the ground breaking event.

"Gulf Coast Community College is a fine learning institution and their service to (continued on page 3)

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# Navy Ombudsmen Day



*During Navy Ombudsmen Appreciation Day Navy Ombudsmen along with a representative of their command join Fleet and Family Center's staff for lunch at the Boat Yard. The attendees from left around the table are: Debera Forand, Cynthia Ramsey, Sue Brookhart, Amy Saunders, Master Diver John Reiss, Elizabeth McDowell, Commander Christopher Moore, Lt. Laura Murrell and Yuko Mallory. (photo by MC2 (SW) Kevin Bowlin)*

**By MC2 Kevin Bowlin  
Coastal Courier Editor**

Naval Support Activity Panama City showed their appreciation for their dedicated ombudsmen Friday 14 by taking them out for a relaxing afternoon of lunch and gifts but as one of the guests, I will tell you, "This was no party."

The ombudsmen from NSA PC and Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center and a representative from each sponsoring command met the Fleet and Family Service Center staff at the Boat House seafood restaurant off of Thomas drive. The gathering was supposed to be a "Thank-you" but turned out to be more of a conference meeting within minutes. If you were there looking for a stereotype group of ladies laughing, comparing nail polish, gossiping and carrying on like many seem to think happens when women get together at a relaxed luncheon, then you would have missed them. Sure, there were a few stories that went across the table but if memory serves me right, the men mostly did the story telling. I was proud to be there to see first-hand the level of commitment these ombudsmen have. The hot topic covered in the thank-you-meeting was Individual Augmentation. The slowly developing IA program is just that, slow, and these bright women want to change that. Thoughts were passed back and forth and topics narrowed to the point. If ever you wonder whose interest they have in mind, then just sit with them at lunch one day and it will become very clear. That day I left the Boat Yard not only with a full stomach but with a new, deeper respect for all Navy Ombudsmen who dedicate their time calming the seas of military life, for Sailors and their families.

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# Service memorial (continued from page 1)

the Panama City area has enabled many in the Navy Family, military and civilian, to attain a higher education. I was honored to participate in the ceremony and hope to be invited back for the dedication,” Murrell said after the event.

According to an artist’s rendition that was on display at the college during the event, the memorial will be west of Moody Ave. by US Highway 98. The tribute will consist of a retention pond in the shape of a three-quarter moon with five fountains that represent the branches of the military. Adjacent to the pond is a stone wall that surrounds a formal lawn setting with flag poles

in center. The tribute will also include a walking path and a view of the Hathaway Bridge.

Chris Thomes, Executive Director of media and community relations for GCCC, said the actual start date of the project will not be until after Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has finished their scheduled reconstruction of Moody Ave.



*Members of the armed forces were invited to Gulf Coast Community College September 14, to take part and witness the ceremonial ground breaking of Bay County’s first ever military memorial to be donated by a college and to be located on its campus. The military and community members that are shown are: Master Chief Steve Cantrell, Officer-in-Charge, Coast Guard Station-Panama City; Lt. Laura Murrell, acting Executive Officer, Naval Support Activity, Panama City; Major General Douglas Burnett, Florida National Guard; Colonel David E. Zeh, Commander, 325th Mission Support Group, Tyndall Air Force Base; William C. Cramer Jr., Chair, District Board of Trustees; Jim Kerley, Ph.D., Gulf Coast Community College President; Karen Durden, District Board of Trustees; Dan Estes, District Board of Trustees; Dr. Stephen Myers, District Board of Trustees; and Ashley Rader, member of student body who preformed the National anthem during the event. (photo by MC2 (SW) Kevin Bowlin)*

# Chief's Pinning

Thirteen new Chief Petty Officers were pinned on Friday September 21 at Naval Support Activity Panama City. The new Chief Petty Officers are: NDC (DSW) Charles Foster, NDSTC; HMC (DV) Michael Lewis, NEDU; NDC (DSW) James Urban, NDSTC; HMC (DV) Christopher Wright, NEDU; NDC (DSW) Tyson Hoover, NDSTC; HMC (FMF) Terrance Covington, NDSTC; NDC (DSW/SW) William Wenzel, NDSTC; NDC (DSW) Timothy Alexander, NSWC; NDC (DSW) R. Shade Holder, NDSTC; ETC (SS/DV) Keith Crider, NDSTC; NDC (DSW/SG/SW) Kevin Moore, NDSTC; HMC (FMF) Blair Dell, NDSTC; and NDC (DSW) Dustin Sullivan, NDSTC. Congratulations to you all.

(photos by Heather Vann)



# PANAMA CITY CHIEF'S MESS WELCOMES 13 TO TIME-HONORED FRATERNITY

By Dan Broadstreet,  
NSWC PC Public Affairs

Officers, family, friends, and enlisted Service members of the United States Navy and Marines gathered at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City's Aviation Unit Sept. 21 for the annual Chief's Pinning Ceremony – a time-honored naval ceremony celebrated world-wide since 1893.

Guest Speaker Master Chief James Brawley, from the Biomedical Research Department at the Naval Experimental Diving Unit, bid welcome to 13 new chiefs informing them that with the transition to Chief Petty Officer, their responsibilities have grown to service both subordinates and superiors in their chain of command.

“Not only will you take care of your junior Sailors, as chiefs, you are now also responsible for the preparation of junior officers for command – do not forget this,” Brawley said.

Brawley said that Chiefs were largely responsible for connecting the two echelons of rank – the enlisted and the officers and he used an historical account of how Admiral William “Bull” Halsey analogized this truth at the tail end of World War II.

Brawley said Halsey was explaining to a civilian why he had given a friendly wink to a chief during a public function honoring Halsey's service.

Halsey was quoted as saying, “You civilians don't understand. You go down to Long Beach and see those battleships and think they float on water, don't you? You are wrong though. They are carried to sea on the backs of those Chief Petty Officers.”

Master of Ceremonies, Chief Christopher Baker from NSWC PC's Diver Locker said if there was a culture shock to the Petty Officer's transition in rank it was simply this – to be an effective leader, a chief had to first learn to how to best serve his subordinates.

“An extremely important lesson, I believe

we were able to convey to these selects this year was that – all your subordinate Sailors – they don't work for you anymore. You now work for them,” Baker said, adding he had met people who tended to believe the opposite to be true.

“No, that isn't the way it works,” Baker added. “As chief you have to take care of your people, and consequently, they take care of you and everything runs better that way.”

NSWC PC Dive Locker's new Chief Petty Officer Timothy Alexander – who was named Sailor of the Quarter, first quarter of 2007; and also, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Sailor of the Year for 2007 – said the truth of Chief Bakers' statements really “hit home” during this indoctrination.

“I don't think I truly understood the full significance of the Chief's Mess before I started this initiation process,” Alexander said, adding that his former chiefs were the very leaders who mentored his career advancement.

“To see the people – those who have helped me in my career: that I get to shake their hands as they welcome me into this fraternity, it is truly an honor for me,” Alexander said.

Baker said the pinnacle of service exemplified by the annual chief induction process was beautifully illustrated by all chiefs from every command on base having contributed to this year's initiation.

“The Chief's Mess at Naval Support Activity Panama City is a community that stepped forward every time they were needed,” Baker said. “They were phenomenal, every request I submitted they volunteered for it, especially Chief Sean Bryans and Chief Blair Ashby.”

Baker asks if you happen to see any of the new Chief Petty Officers around base,

# CNO TO NEW CHIEFS -- GET OUT THERE AND LEAD

From Chief of Naval Operations  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Operations Mike Mullen sent a direct message to the Navy's newest chiefs in his weekly podcast to the fleet, available at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), telling them that once they put on khakis, he expects them to lead, every single day.

"You are no longer a machinist's mate, fire controlman, culinary specialist, operations specialist, or you pick the rate," CNO said. "You are a chief, and you are responsible for one thing and one thing only, and that's leading."

Mullen recounted a time early in his career while serving as a gunnery officer aboard a destroyer. The ship was conducting a gunnery exercise, but the gun failed to fire. Embarrassed and angry, he went to the chief, demanding to know what happened.

"He said, 'Lt. Mullen, there's about 5,000 microswitches in that gun that all have to work perfectly for it to fire. Now, obviously, at least one didn't. Why don't you let me worry about finding out which one it was, and I'll keep you informed,'" Mullen said.

"In other words, it was his gun, his gun crew and he was going to get it working," Mullen said. "He was going to lead the problem. I never forgot that day. I never wanted to forget that day."

Mullen said that when the Chief's Mess is "hitting on all cylinders," there is no better command, and he agreed with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe Campa that deckplate leadership is vital.

"You can't be a chief from behind a computer screen or in an email or even on the phone. You've got to be there, out on the deckplates with your people and their families," he stressed. "You've got to walk the spaces. It's the first principle of naval leadership."

Having in depth knowledge of Sailors gives the Chief's Mess its credibility and a special trust and confidence -- not just from the command, but from the American public.

"They may not completely understand your rank or your responsibilities, but they will know you are set apart by your uniform and the way you carry yourself," CNO said.

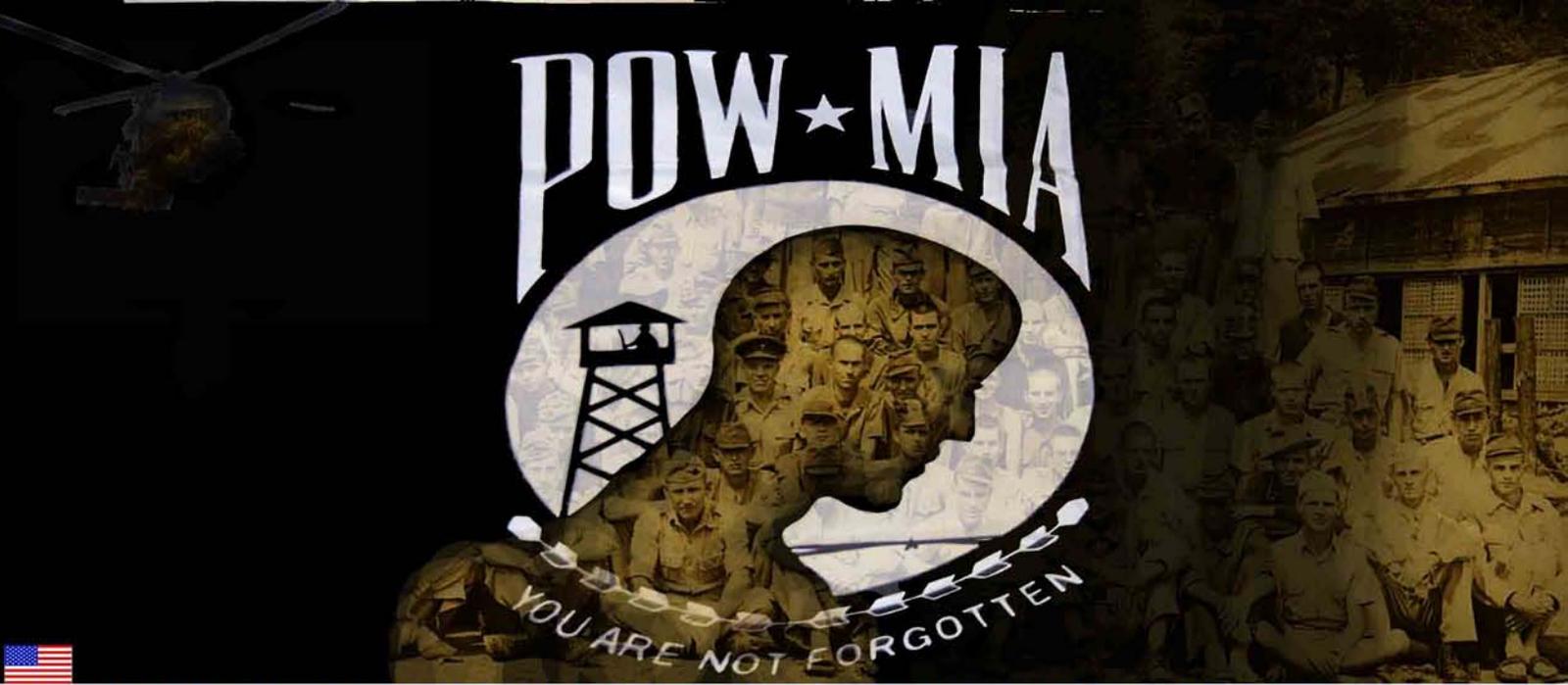
CNO stressed that we live in a dangerous world, and that "we are a Navy at war in that world."

"We have Sailors, sons, daughters, husbands and wives in harm's way right now on the ground in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and elsewhere, not to mention thousands more at sea and it is to you, the chief petty officers, those Sailors and their loved ones back home look to for guidance and a safe return," he said. "It is a heavy load, a big responsibility. I have no doubt that you're up to it."

Mullen also reminded the Navy's newest chiefs that someone paved the way for them, and challenged them to now do the same for their Sailors.

"You must give that opportunity to someone else. You need to extract that same potential from your Sailors."

Wrapping up his podcast, Mullen said, "Enjoy those anchors, chiefs. Enjoy the day. You've earned it. But tomorrow get out there and lead, Chief."



## HEROES HONORED DURING POW/ MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**By MC2 (SW) Kevin Bowlin,  
Coastal Courier Editor**

National Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day was observed throughout the Nation Sept. 21. The traditional third Friday in September was selected to pay respect to POW/MIA's of the past and present and to renew our Nation's vow, to never forget.

POW/MIA Day recognizes the sacrifices of those service members who, at any point including present, were prisoners of war or listed as missing in action. To commemorate the day, the National League of Families POW/MIA flag was flown over the White House, the Capitol, military installations and other locations across our country.

In a proclamation by the President of the United States of America, released September 20, George W. Bush stated, "America has been blessed by the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have answered the call to defend our country and protect liberty around the world. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor a special group of patriots: those who have been prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. We remain forever in their debt, and we renew our commitment to them and to their families never to rest until we have accounted for every missing service member."

Most would say the need of remembering our brave men and women who have or are listed as POW/MIA's is timeless but historical roots traces the idea back to 1971 and the design of the nationally known POW/MIA flag.

The black flag, featuring a black and white silhouette of

a service member whose head is bowed, was designed by the wife of an American service member listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia.

The day is commonly mistaken as a day to recognize POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War, but actually recognizes all service members ever listed as POWs or MIA.

Thousands of service members remain listed as POW/MIA from the Vietnam War. However, POW/MIA status is nothing new for America's Armed Forces. In comparison with other wars, Vietnam is the nation's sixth most costly war in terms of POW and MIA tallies. In the Revolutionary War, 18,152 service members were listed as POW and 1,426 listed as MIA. In World War I, 7,470 service members were POWs or MIAs. During the Korean War, 7,140 persons were POWs and 8,177 were listed as missing in action. The single largest count was the Civil War, where Union POW/MIA tallies totaled 194,743 service members and Confederate POW/MIAs tallies numbered 214,865 personnel.

Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The flag is to be flown at major military installations, national cemeteries, all post offices, VA medical facilities, the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the official offices of the secretaries of state, defense and veterans affairs, the director of the (continued on page)

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selective service system and the White House.

Naval Commands can observe POW/MIA Recognition Day by actively promoting, supporting and participating in the holiday's ceremonies. Commands can also take part by flying the POW/MIA flag at installations and establishing a display or memorial honoring POW/MIA personnel, as did the newly pinned Chiefs at Naval Support Activity Panama City, Florida. The chiefs included a tribute to POW/MIAs during the last Chief pinning ceremony. Remembering POW/MIAs has become a traditional part of their ceremony which often occurs on POW/MIA Recognition Day.

There are other ways of remembering POW/MIAs that have also become traditional. Naval Support Activity Panama City, like other commands, has a special POW/MIA table on display year round. Each item of the table placement is symbolic to those honored.

*The table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.*

*The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.*

*The single red rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.*

*The red ribbon tied on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.*

*The candle, the candle is lit, symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit.*

*A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.*

*There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the families' tears as they wait.*

*The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us.*

*The chair is empty. They are not here.*



*YNSN Eric Warren, Naval Support Activity Panama City, lights a candle symbolizing the unconquerable spirit of the Prisoners of War at the table set in their honor in the Seashore General Mess on September 21. The table is in place as a year long-tribute to prisoners of war and those still listed as missing in action. Each element on the table has a special meaning. (Photo by Steven Applegate)*



*Newly pinned chiefs bow their heads for a moment of silence for POW/MIAs during the Chief Pinning Ceremony also held Sept. 21. (photo by Heather Vann)*



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# Navy rolls out new Mine Warfare Mission Package

By Program Executive Office  
Littoral and Mine Warfare

PANAMA CITY, Fla. - The Navy rolled out its new Mine Warfare Mission Package for the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) in a ceremony on Sept. 14 at the ARINC Engineering Services facility near Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Panama City, Fla.. Congressman F. Allen Boyd, Jr. (D-Fla.-2), leader of the Mine Warfare Caucus, Dr. Delores Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and James Thomsen, Program Executive Officer Littoral and Mine Warfare, all spoke at the event.

"These mission modules will revolutionize warfighting in the littorals and will fill critical requirement gaps that exist in the fleet today. We urgently need them as we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism," said Etter. "I am extremely proud to be here for the rollout of the first Mine Warfare Mission Package. This is a momentous occasion."

The Mine Warfare Mission Package is composed of sensors, weapons, unmanned vehicle technology and aircraft to locate, identify and destroy mines. These systems will reduce risk to Sailors and Marines by taking them out of the minefield. It will allow the Navy to clear sea mines, land U.S. Joint forces on hostile shores and operate ships in coastal areas known as the littorals.

The Mine Warfare Mission Package is modular, scalable and allows the Navy to stay ahead of the threat and assure safe passage for commercial and military vessels. The LCS seaframe hosts a single focused Mission Package to counter Mine Warfare (MCM), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) or Surface Warfare (SUW) littoral threats.

MCM, ASW & SUW asymmetric littoral threats are a significant challenge to freedom of navigation for commercial and naval shipping. LCS Mission Modules will transform warfighting in the littorals. It will take the Sailor out of the minefield, allow the Navy to rapidly engage hostile submarines while the ship stays at stand-off ranges and defeat swarming small boat and patrol craft attacks.

A LCS Mission Package is a combination of modular mission capabilities, aircraft and manpower detachments. Modular mission capabilities include sensors or weapons hosted on an unmanned vehicle or aircraft with

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070914-N-3180M-140: Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) crewmen explain to U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd that by using the Carriage, Stream, Tow and Recovery System (CSTRS) any one of five Organic Airborne Mine Countermeasures Systems can be interchanged according to mission requirements. CSTRS is an armature device attached to the MH 60S Helicopter to arm the helicopter with different Airborne Mine Countermeasure systems. U.S. Navy crewmen from both Littoral Combat Ships were present Sept. 14 to celebrate the Navy's completion of its first LCS Mine Warfare Mission Module Package. Present to assist Sailors describing the various components of the Mission Module Package were various subject-matter experts from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City. .S. Navy photo by Ed Mickley

necessary support equipment packaged in support containers and vehicle cradles capable of meeting standard interface specifications with the LCS seaframe. Mission Package Computing Environment hardware and necessary communications equipment is permanently installed on the seaframe and networked with the Total Ships Computing Environment to support mission planning, execution, post mission analysis and provide tactical picture data exchange with the seaframe.

"The delivery of the Mine Warfare Mission Package provides a significant step forward in assuring access in the littorals for U.S. Joint Forces," said Thomsen.

The Mine Warfare Mission Package will begin operating on the first LCS when the ship is delivered to the Navy next year. The individual mission modules that make up the Mine Warfare Mission Package are optimized for the LCS seaframe, but can operate independently on other platforms if needed.

# Fleet and Family Support Center

## CNO reminds Commands about importance of IA family support

### From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, used his weekly podcast to remind Navy commands about the importance of properly supporting individual augmentee (IA) Sailors and their families.

"Too often, IA families are completely forgotten about by parent commands," Mullen said in his Sept. 10 podcast, available at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil). "IA spouses have used the term "orphans" to describe themselves."

"We've got about 10,000 individual augmentees throughout the Navy, individuals who have volunteered and/or are serving overseas, in some cases away from their spouses and their families for a year," Mullen continued. "I haven't been happy with how we've supported either the members or the spouses."

Mullen spoke of how the Navy took care of Sailors and their families after Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana and Mississippi, saying that the task force established then to assist Sailors and their families can have an impact on how the service takes care of IAs today.

"We had almost 88,000 of our Sailors and their families very significantly affected [after the hurricane]," Mullen explained. "We set up a task force called Navy Family. That task force ran for about six months to assist our families, and had a tremendously positive impact."

There were a number of very valuable lessons learned

from that experience, Mullen said, chief among them was that commands must stay connected to family members on a routine basis.

"I equate family readiness to readiness to do our mission," he said. "And we've got to keep focus on that. The second thing is that because we are so big, you need to set up a task force to go do something like this."

Mullen pointed out the many institutional programs in place to help commands and families cope with IA deployments, including those at Fleet and Family Support Centers and the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command (ECRC). He pointed out the ECRC hotline at 877-364-4302 and the fact that Navy Services Family Line has also produced an IA Family Handbook, which is available online at the ECRC Web site [www.ecrc.navy.mil](http://www.ecrc.navy.mil).

"This is about readiness; it's about retention; it's about the kind of focus that we need to make sure we have for our families," he said.

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# Tricare improves health care option for Reserves

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Adding a major incentive to the smorgasbord of reserve benefits, Navy Selected Reservists (SelRes) will be able to enroll in an improved Tricare service beginning Oct. 1.

Under the new system, drilling reservists will pay \$81 a month for self-only coverage, or \$251 a month for self and family coverage. This replaces the complex qualification rules previously in place for Reservists receiving Tricare coverage. With the new rule, the only requirement is being in SelRes, meaning the Sailor drills one weekend each month.

The new plan is designed to simplify the current Tricare Reserve Select benefit and make it available to more reserve-component members and their families, said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity.

Participation won't be automatic for 11,000-plus reserve Sailors currently enrolled in the Tricare Reserve Select program. They'll be disenrolled when that program expires Sept. 30 and must sign up for the new plan to maintain coverage, Granger explained.

For those leaving active duty and affiliating with the drilling reserve, the Tricare Web site at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil), offers details and tells how to sign up. Go to the "My Benefit" link, then to the Guard and Reserve portal.

Incentives for joining the Navy Reserve team include a lot more than health benefits, said Navy Recruiting Command, Active-to-Reserve Transition Coordinator Randy Miller.

The Navy Reserve offers a two-year deferment from involuntary mobilization to Sailors who join the Reserve Component within six months of leaving active duty, said Miller. Those who join seven-to-12 months after leaving active duty are eligible for a one-year deferment. According to NAVADMIN 007/07, the deferment dates start the day the Sailor joins the Navy Reserve, regardless of previous active duty obligations or deployment schedule.

"Navy experience is something you carry with you,"

Miller said. "Sailors can hold on to the rewarding benefits of Navy service, while enjoying the advantages of life in the outside world. There's no better time to pick up where active duty leaves off because the perks are improving."

One of the biggest attractions is extra income. Sailors can earn a potential affiliation bonus if they join in a critical rating. On drill weekends, Sailors earn four days'

pay for only two days work, and they get paid for two weeks of annual training in locations at home or abroad, Miller said. Sometimes reservists can do more than two weeks. Some other benefits include: low-cost life insurance up to \$400,000 through Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, Montgomery GI Bill, and points towards retirement pay with each drill.

"Add to that tax-free commissary and exchange privileges, access to a wide range of recreational opportunities, and eventually, a military retirement check, any way you look at it, fringe benefits like these are hard to find" in the civilian sector, Miller said.

For more information about Tricare, visit [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil). For more information about the Navy Reserve, visit [www.navyreserve.com](http://www.navyreserve.com).

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# Important input into your future - 2007 Navy-wide Personnel Survey

From Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy-wide Personnel Survey is one of the main sources of information Navy uses to get feedback from the fleet to improve its policies and quality of life programs.

"This survey will focus on the things that matter most to our Sailors – their careers and job satisfaction; leadership; what's good and what's challenging about Navy life, and what we can do to support them better," said Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. John C. Harvey Jr. "What I hope to get out of this is direct feedback from the deckplates. I want to know if we have the right programs and policies in place to support our Sailors and the fleet."

Results from past surveys had a direct impact on quality-of-life; including pay raises; increasing housing allowances; design improvements in ship-board berthing; improving SRB calculations, and

improvements to the detailing process that considered the Sailor's career and his/her family needs.

"Navy leadership is taking this survey very seriously and is encouraging maximum participation," said Dr. Kimberly Whittam of Navy Personnel Research, Studies and Technology. "Approximately 17,000 officers and Sailors from throughout the fleet were sent invitation letters with user-ID to access the online survey," Dr. Whittam said.

The survey will be administered online, making it fast and easy to complete.

"One of our Navy's greatest strengths is its willingness to listen to the Sailor on the deckplate," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa, Jr. "Whether it's feedback on quality of life or any number of Navy policies, the voice of the Sailor is valued and listened to by our leadership. This survey takes very little time but has the potential for great impact on every Sailor serving in our great Navy."

## Veterans kick off Golf Drive

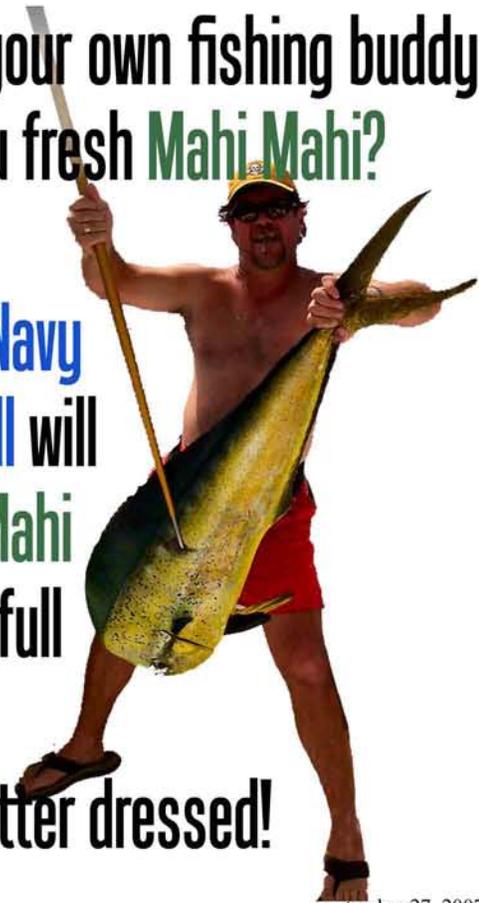
Various veterans organizations of Bay County have begun their drive for this year's annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament. Organizations include American Veterans (AMVETS), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, and the Marine Corps League.

Solicitations will be sent to area businesses asking for sponsorship donations as well as merchandise and gift certificates. The golf tournament will take place at Bay Dunes Golf Club off of John Pitts Rd on Saturday, 10 November 2007 in connection with Veterans Day week. This year's proceeds will be used to build a Pavilion at the Veterans Clinic at the Navy Base on Panama City Beach for those vets waiting for their medical appointments.

Any organizations wishing to donate or participate may do so by calling the AMVETS Post 2298 at 784-0066 or one of the project officers: Jerry Hoff – 819-0717; Danny Somers – 814-0885; Sonny Person – 785-5992; Bob Murch – 265-3374; George Gordon – 874-9914; Dave Goodwin – 871-2963; Jimmy Christmas – 871-3955; or Gordy Tamplen – 769-6125

Don't have your own fishing buddy  
bringing you fresh Mahi Mahi?

The 232nd Navy  
Birthday Ball will  
have Mahi Mahi  
and a room full  
buddies,  
probably better dressed!





# Daily Tools

*spiritual nourishment and direction*

## Chaplain Howard says “Good-by”

By LT Ben Howard  
NSA PC Chaplain

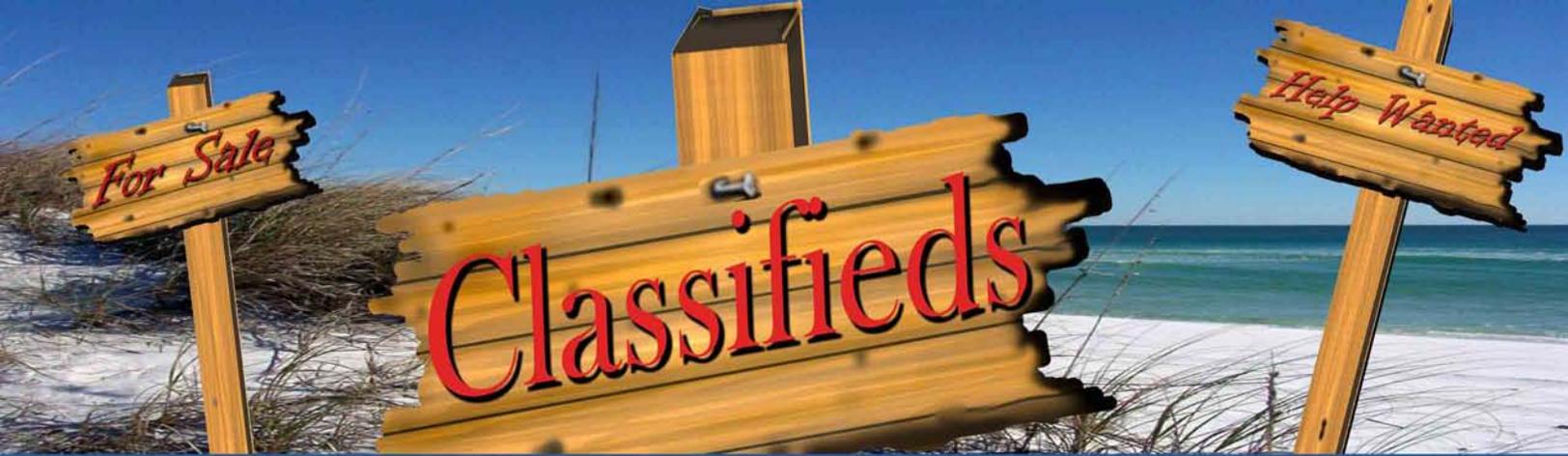
Two and a half years ago I started my first column for the Coastal Courier asking if you ever felt a little overwhelmed and unsure of exactly what your job was, and then explained what a Chaplain’s job entailed. Well, I’m not sure that I have totally filled that role as well as I should have, but it has been a great experience learning and growing here for the last couple of years.

I want to take this opportunity for my last article and tell you what I tell every student that classes up at NDSTC. My job as a Chaplain is to facilitate or provide opportunities for your spiritual fitness, whatever that may entail. Whether it is providing that momentary focus God-ward at a retirement or a building dedication, organizing or teaching a Bible study, providing worship services on Sunday, or listening and counseling to try to help with issues you may face, each time is an opportunity on my part to try to help you focus on your relationship with your Creator. Now, in the Navy, we can force people to be physically fit and mentally fit, or face the consequences of failed tests; but spiritual fitness is totally on you. Chaplains, pastors, priests, rabbis, and other spiritual leaders can help facilitate your spiritual growth, but only you can truly improve your spiritual fitness. While you may be able to solve complex algebra equations, or be able to run 6 miles in 30 minutes, if you neglect the spiritual dimension of your life and your relationship with God, the results will be with you long after death has ended both your mental and physical abilities. For me, strengthening my rela-

tionship with Jesus Christ improves my spiritual fitness and gives me the foundational strength for tackling the mental and physical tasks that are put before me.

Lastly, I also want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain. I was privileged to meet and get to know many of you during this time. Whether it was working on a Habitat for Humanity house, learning from each other at a Bible study, running and doing PT, riding on a boat, or just meeting around the base, you have enriched my life and taught me much about how to be a better Chaplain and a better person. May God richly bless each of you in your future endeavors. I can only hope that you would show as much support for my relief, Chaplain Bornemann as you have given to me. Peace, fair winds and following seas to each of you.

**Chaplain Howard’s next assignment is with 3rd Marine Air Wing (MAG 39) at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. We will miss him!**



## The Home and misc.

### Appliances for sale

-remodeling kitchen.

30" drop in GE oven/stove \$50.00

Kenmore coldspot 18 cu ft fridge

w/icemaker \$75.00 Kenmore quiet-

guard dishwasher (1 yr old) \$75.00

Whirlpool large microwave w/turndial  
\$25.00

850-814-9286

**Mattress for sale** Queen size water bed with heater tubes (looks like reg mattress) uses standard size sheets and bed frame. \$250 call 850-230-7699

## The Home and misc.

### Moving Sale: Everything must go!

living room set \$400 (sofa, love seat, 2 end tables, 2 lamps, coffee table), entertainment center (\$65), oriental rug (\$60), bedroom set \$500(2 night stands, 2 lamps, dresser/mirror, chest, pillow top mattress set), vacuum (\$35), microwave (\$30), blender (\$20), VCR (\$15), bookcase (\$7), ionic air purifier (\$90), Honeywell oil filled radiator (\$45) and many more. Call 850 319-4252.

### Developmental Baby Items For Sale:

Fisher Price Aquarium Take-along Swing, Baby Einstein Discover and Play Activity Center and Sesame Beginnings Walker. Good Condition, very clean. All three for just \$100. Can email pictures. Call 230-7167 (days) and 303-2313 (evenings).

### Great for Kids, Riverside Park, Lynn Haven area.

4014 Riverside Dr. New luxury 4 bed/2.5 bath. 2500 sf. Gym, Pools, Bay Access, Playground. 1yr lease min. \$1,850/mo

[www.riverside.wingocreation.com](http://www.riverside.wingocreation.com)  
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### Riverside Park, Lynn Haven area.

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## The Home and misc.

### PBC newer home in Palmetto

**Trace** subdivision. 10 mins from the Navy Base, walk to Pier Park & less than 1 mi from the Beach. This 3BR, 2BA home + office + oversized 2 car garage has a screened in porch and fenced yard. Granite countertops in the kitchen with tile in the kitchen, foyer and bathrooms, the master bathroom has a tiled walk in shower, separate garden tub and large walk-in closet . 2 community pools. It is approx 1900 sq ft.

For sale @ \$304,900 or lease for \$1550 a month + deposit. Avail immediately. No smokers. Call 850-234-9846.

## Navy Ball special at Edgewater

The Navy League has arranged for a block of rooms at Edgewater Resort for the night of the Navy Ball (Oct. 13, 07) at the following rates:

One Bedroom - \$79.00 plus cleaning fee and tax.

Two Bedroom - \$158.00 plus cleaning fee and tax.

These rooms are located in the Gulf Villas and you will need the promotion code 5510 for these rates.

Call Edgewater reservations at 800 - 874 - 8686 to book your rooms now. There are a limited amount of rooms at this rate, and it would be better to reserve and cancel if need be than to be shut out.

## Leave Donor Program

## Donate leave to those in need!

Mr. Steve Horton, Code R14

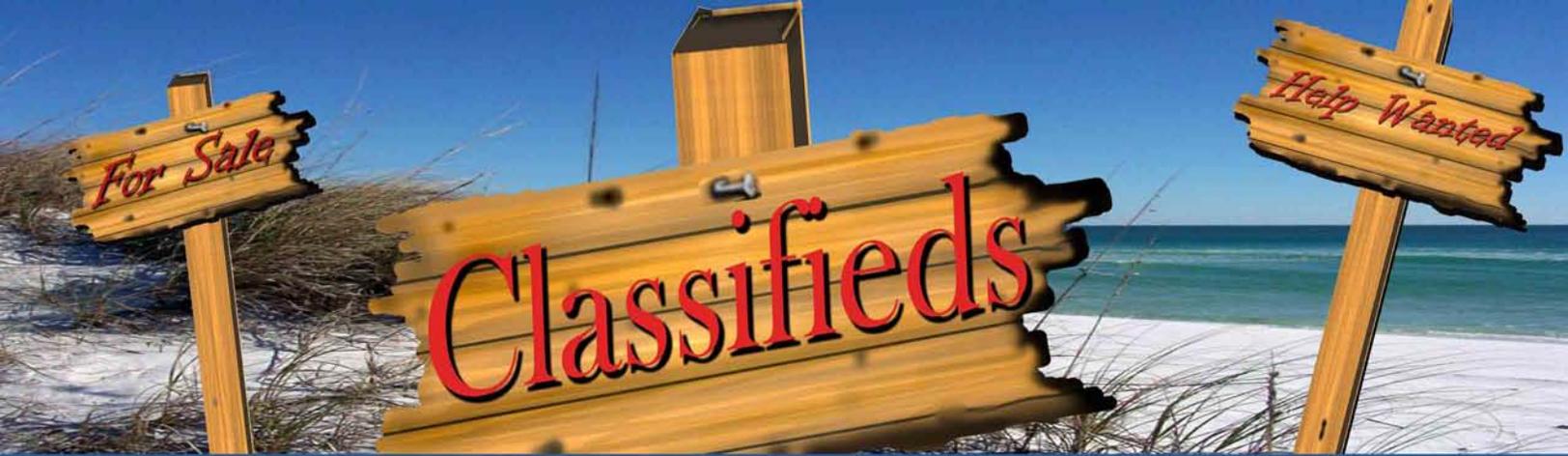
Mr. Rony Oglesby, Code HA13

Ms. Sharon Bearden, NEDU

Ms. Jena Jeffries, Code E32

Ms. June Fordham, Code XPS

To make donations please call  
PH: (850) 234-4415



## Pets

### Chinese Crested Puppies

2 powder puffs/7 hairless, avail. Mar 17th, Non-shedding, 10-12 lbs grown. Sire/dam on premises. Dewormed, 1st shots & health certificate provided when released. Accepting deposits of \$150, at 8 wks remainder \$250 due. Non-refundable deposits. Call 960-5499.

## Vehicles

**2000 Chevy Suburban** 4WD LT, loaded, 110k miles, good condition, all records. 319-1240. (7)

**Two 2006 Honda CRF 100 Motocross / Trail Bikes.** Low Hours, Excellent Condition, Garage Kept. 3k for both or \$1600 each. 319-1240 (6)

**2000 Toyota Celica GT,** Sporty Reliable & Affordable – 110K miles, automatic, PW, PL, AM/FM CD, Cold Air, does have cosmetic damage but runs great (just like a Toyota should.). Asking \$3,500 call 769-2726 or 814-9992 (6)

**2004 White Chrysler Crossfire,** 6 Speed with low profile tires, Low Mileage 9,143, Infinity Stereo/CD player, \$18,000, 819-4335 or 819-4341 (6)

**1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette** Premiere Edition, auto trans/6-cylinder engine, van has new transmission, fuel pump, alternator, tires, battery. \$5,500 OBO, call 252-5551

**2002 Harley Davidson FXSTI,** Softail Standard Fuel Injected. Stage one kit installed, Vance & Hines exhaust, Kuryakyn pegs and grips. Many extras. Asking \$14,000. Call 230-7177 or 236-5995.

**2005 HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER 883 CUSTOM.** BLACK CHERRY COLOR. 2500 MILES. \$5900. CALL STEVE CANTRELL AT 850.258.6283

**International Harvester Scout, 1966 model 800,** 4WD, 4-196, 3 spd, 8000LB winch, winch bumper, 10x31x15 tires, has roll bar available, full top. Includes 1962 International Harvester Scout strictly for parts. Asking \$2K, 769-2726 or 814-6994

## Outdoors

**New Little Tykes Slide,** paid \$110, will sell for \$50. for ages 2-7. Panterra Seated Gas Scooter, 220 lb. load, 43cc 2-stroke engine, up to 20 mph. Garage kept, less than 4 hrs. use. paid \$270, will sell for \$125. 769-7149, leave message. (8)

**Skim Board,** used but in great shape! Yellow/white, up to 165 lbs. \$195 OBO. 850-625-7323 (8)

**Surfski Kayak,** asking \$300 firm. For info contact Ryan at 960-1609 or ext. 4997 on base. (8)

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