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The Sea Fighter finds new home

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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY, Fla.- The FSF-1 Sea Fighter, a high-speed Naval craft designed by the Office of Naval Research, sailed into port at the Naval Support Activity Panama City March 29. Made available primarily for research, development, testing and evaluation for developmental technologies, the Sea Fighter will be considered as another tenant command of NSA PC, according to its Officer-in-Charge, Capt. R.E. Lee Bond.

“Panama City is known to be a community where Navy activities are well regarded and embraced,” Bond said. “For those reasons, as well as the actual technical project connection to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, this just felt like the right place to be.”

According to Bond, the ship made the long transit from its former home port of San Diego to strike up permanent residency pier side at NSA PC to conduct several types of experimental projects. Planned experiments include assessments associated with the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) mission module concept, material assessment of the effects of temperature and environment on aluminum fatigue properties, and the use of the ship to demonstrate autonomous underwater vehicle operations.

“The ship is basically built with a plug

Blue Angels highlight of airshow



Photo by MC3 Joseph Moon

The Blue Angels fly their F/A-18 Hornets in their famous Diamond Formation over Tyndall Air Force Base March 24 during the Gulf Coast Salute to America's Heroes. The Blue Angels were the final act in the open exhibition of a variety of aerial performances. The airshow included several static displays from every branch of the armed forces. Go to page 3 to see more photographs of the event.

and play modular concept where any capability we want to bring on board and deploy comes in CONEX boxes – literally as mission modules,” Bond said, adding that the ship would frequently be dedicated to NSWC PC’s Mine Warfare mission modules.

Bond made it clear, however, that the ship would be made available for several different types of missions and experimental projects – some deployed almost simultaneously.

“There is a lot of room for more than one thing simultaneously,” Bond said.

“We can put modules in here that contain everything from specialized mission-related equipment to general ship-support spares, to modules for additional crew berthing.”

NSWC PC Sea Fighter Representative David Hardesty added that it was the ship’s versatility that made it so invaluable as a research and development vessel.

“The Sea Fighter has several invaluable characteristics that make it a unique

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April, Month of the Military Child

When parents choose to serve, their children serve, too.

That is why April is observed as the Month of the Military Child. First designated by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the month was set aside as a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and challenges they overcome. Military children face many obstacles – frequent moves, separation from their active-duty parent, school changes, and saying goodbye to

FROM THE BRIDGE



Capt. Hal Harbeson
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Panama City



friends, just to name a few.

According to the 2005 *Demographics Report* by the Military Family Resource Center, there are fewer Active Duty members (1,373,534) than their associated family members (1,865,058). Over one-third

(37.8%) of Active Duty members are married with children and 5.4 percent are single parents. The largest group of children is between birth and 5 years old (469,129). The next largest groups are between the ages of 6 and 11 years old (375,000) and between

the ages of 12 and 18 years old (286,795).

Throughout the month, Navy installations around the world will plan special events to honor military children. These events stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

Locally, the NSA-PC Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) partners with the Bay County School District to work on issues impacting military

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VIEWPOINT: *“How do you help your children cope with the challenges of military life?”*



“I try to keep a set routine. We look at pictures and I make sure they are home when he calls to say goodnight.”

Yuko Mallory
OMBUDSMAN
NSA PC



“I try and communicate and stay in touch as much as possible. I always bring them home gifts and they like the stories I tell them.”

HMCM Glenn
Hunsinger
MDSU TWO



“We get them involved with church programs. It’s rough. We’ve moved three times. We make sure we’re there for them.”

ETSN Joshua
Keller
Student
NDSTC



“We keep him busy with t-ball, school, swimming lessons and taking him to the park. We spend a lot of time at the marina.”

Nicole Chase
House Wife

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Tyndall ends airshow with Blue Angels

Photos and Cutlines by MC3 Joseph Moon



(Above) One of the U.S. Army's Black Daggers floats down with Old Glory trailing from his parachute lines and four F-15s passing behind him during the opening ceremonies of the Tyndall Air Force Base Gulf Coast Salute to America's Heroes. The Black Daggers are the official U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team. The Black Daggers' mission is to perform live aerial demonstrations in support of U.S. Army Special Operations Command community relations and recruiting. This team is comprised entirely of volunteers from throughout the Army special operations community. They have diverse backgrounds and various military specialties.

(Right) The Heritage Flight program features F-22, F-16, F-4, and F-86 jets flying in formation at the show. Established to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force, the Heritage Flight program has jets from World War II to today's modern aircraft to proudly display the evolution of U.S. Air Force air power



(Above) Patty Wagstaff flies her Extra 300S upside down, feet from the ground, and under a flag suspended between two poles at the airshow. Wagstaff is a six-time member of the US Aerobatic Team, has won the gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic-level international aerobatic competition and is the first woman to win the title of US National Aerobatic champion. She is also one of the few people to win it three times.



The Blue Angel pilots display their phenomenal flying skill passing by each other with a matter of feet between their F/A-18 Hornets. Formed in 1946, the Blue Angels have flown a variety of craft over the years. The Hornet has been their choice of aircraft since 1986.

NSWC PC Sailor of the Year moves on as a CNO Sailor of the Year finalist

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Shortly after having been named Naval Sea Systems Command's Sailor of the Year, Navy Diver First Class Petty Officer Timothy Alexander was selected March 22 as one of five finalists to compete for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations Sailor of the Year for the United States Navy.

Although Alexander said he felt honored being recognized individually for an accomplished Naval career, he stated that his achievements were in large part due to having been inspired by his peers.

"I have been lucky enough to be teamed with guys that are very experienced. The average level of experience here in our dive locker is about 16 years, plus a Master Diver who has been around for about 26 years, Master Chief Kyle Gaillard," Alexander said, adding that Gaillard would not hesitate to spend time with any one of the divers under his command to help further

their careers.

"Master Chief Gaillard can't be heralded enough, he truly cares about my career," Alexander said.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Alexander graduated Middletown High School in May of 1990 and enlisted in the Navy in June of 1991.

"I joined the Navy to serve our country, to serve at the wishes of the President and the citizens of this country that vote," Alexander said.

Alexander is the Leading Petty Officer and supervisor for the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Dive Locker, and according to his immediate superior, Master Chief Kyle Gaillard, his passion to serve honorably side by side with his peers is what qualifies his service as second to none.

"Petty Officer Alexander is a talented and accomplished combat veteran," Gaillard said. "His extensive combat experience was critical to a joint services mission to lessen the threat of Improvised Explosive De-



ND 1 Timothy Alexander

vices in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM."

Gaillard heralded Alexander's achievements as the dive locker's Diving Operations Supervisor.

"As the Diving Operations Supervisor, he has flawlessly planned, coordinated, and supervised 17 critical mine countermeasure projects," Gaillard said, adding that especially noteworthy was Alexander's involvement in the recovery of six misplaced Collective Delivery Vehicles in

the Gulf of Mexico – a project resulting in a \$6 million savings to the Navy.

Apart from his commitment to serve his country with the highest regard, Alexander said it was with equal regard for his fellow men and women in uniform that served as his inspiration.

"It really can't be stressed enough how much I've been inspired by the professionalism of the men and women in uniform that I work with at NSWC PC – those who helped me

prepare for this Sailor of the Year competition," Alexander said, adding that there were also numerous other military members from other tenant commands at the Naval Support Activity Panama City who helped him as well.

"I just want to publicly thank all of them for their support," Alexander said, adding that these professionals were truly inspiring and only added to his resolve to strive for making Chief in the U.S. Navy.

NSWC PC Commanding Officer Capt. Andrew Buduo III commended Alexander calling him, "the best of the best" and a "model Sailor and leader."

"His strong commitment to the Navy, and his sustained superior performance has directly increased my command's mission effectiveness," Buduo said, concluding with, "Petty Officer Alexander is the person I proudly choose to represent my command and the United States Navy as the best the Navy has to offer."

Farewell, following seas to NSA PC plank owner

MC3 Joseph Moon
Coastal Courier Editor
NSA PC Public Affairs

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY, Fla. – Today we say farewell and following seas to a plank owner of this command.

Lt. Cmdr. Ted Cooper, former executive officer of NSA PC, is scheduled to retire today at 10:00 a.m. at the Long Glass building here.

Cooper, retires after 25 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy.

“Besides being married to Pam, the Navy is the best thing that’s happened to me,” said Cooper, speaking of his wife of 28 years and his service in the Navy.

The Navy gave him a great appreciation for this country while exposing him to the cultures of other nations, he said.

He enlisted in the Navy in May 1982 from Dugger, Indiana as a boiler technician.

His first ship was the *USS Dewey* (DDG 45), home ported in Charleston, South Carolina where he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) pin.

Following his tour in Dewey, Cooper changed rates to fire controlman.

His first ship as a fire controlman was the *USS Samuel Eliot Morison* (FFG 13), home ported in Charleston South Carolina where he was selected for Chief Petty Officer and was initiated into the Chief Petty Officer’s mess.

Cooper’s next tour was to Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston South Carolina where he was the discharge housing unit Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) responsible for prisoners whose sentences required transfer to Federal facilities.

Cooper’s next tour of duty was *USS Robert G. Bradley* (FFG 49), home ported in Charleston South Carolina, where he was selected and commissioned as an Ensign in the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program specializing in ordnance.

Cooper’s first officer tour was to Naval Magazine Guam as the Ammunition Wharf Of-



Lt. Cmdr. Ted Cooper

ficer where at Kilo Wharf he supported fleet ordnance operations.

Cooper’s next assignment was to Naval Surface Warfare Center Coastal Systems Station Panama City Florida as Fleet Liaison

and Station Ordnance Officer.

He eventually moved on to the *USS Porter* (DDG 78) home ported in Norfolk Virginia. While onboard Porter, Lieutenant Cooper qualified as Officer of the Deck underway

and earned his Surface Warfare Officers pin.

Cooper’s next assignment brought him back to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City. Upon arrival in 2003, he was assigned to stand up Naval Support Activity Panama City’s Weapons and Safety departments.

Mid-tour, Cooper volunteered for and was selected as an Individual Augmentee for Navy Provisional Guard Element in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a company commander where he stood up as the executive officer for the entire battalion of over 650 Sailors. While at Camp Delta, Cooper was responsible for the safe, secure detention of enemy combatant detainees being held

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Leave Donor Update

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2007 AMCM Advanced Tactics Continuum

John Sudduth
ARINC Support
Contractor

The ninth Airborne Mine Countermeasures (AMCM) Advanced Tactics Continuum was held from March 12 to March 16 at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City.

Students traveled from Calif., Miss., Texas, and Va. to attend what turned out to be the largest class ever held, with 30 students completing the course. Students participated in two full days of classes and then formed into three groups that planned an AMCM warfighting operation in support of an amphibious assault. Their work was then evaluated using a resident computer program called Naval Mine Warfare Simulation. After a night of running the program, the teams were informed of how successful their plans had been.

The point of the operation was not to come up with the perfect plan, but to learn the pitfalls of AMCM mission planning and the numerous, often complicated resources available, said Cindy Weilert, Continuum Task Leader.

"Now is a very exciting time to be in the Mine Warfare community," said Weilert.

Aviation commands are seeing the design, delivery, and employment of new systems and hardware that are pushing the limits of both man and machine, she said.



Photo by Abie Clements
Graduates of the AMCM Advanced Tactics Continuum gather for a class photo in the NSWC PC Hangar. Back row; MN2 Brian Smith, Lt. James Lomax, AW2 Paul Rankin, Lt.jg. Donald Engle, MN3 Amanda Hall, AWC Douglas Schulte, MN1 Patrick Brady, Lt. Joshua Patterson, Lt. Brian Evick, Lt.jg. Steve Malvig, MNC Christopher Standley, Cmdr. Jeffrey Cole, AW1 Darrell Edwards. Middle Row; Lt. Andrea Ragusa, AW2 Daniel Blunt, MN3 Raymar Morales, Lt. Jeffrey Fisher, MNSN Chris Turner, Lt. Michael Trudell, Lt. Cmdr. Alvin Montgomery, Lt.jg. Steven Mason, AW2 Michael Wall, AWC Justin Crowe, Megan Natter, AG1 Raymond Glass, MN3 John Stanford. Front row; Lt. Don McNeil, MN2 Sheree Stevens, Lt.Cmdr. Timothy Burke, Lt. J. Brellman O'Donovan, Lt. Curtis Hardy, MN1 Brandi Jimenez.

Students were able to extensively tour equipment, including MH-53E helicopter MCM systems, the MH-60S helicopter itself, and the new AN/AQS-20A towed sonar/electro-optic identification system.

This year's Continuum graduated students from Helicopter Mine Squadrons Fourteen and Fifteen, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadrons Two and Two Eight, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One, Naval Oceanographic Office (Stennis Space Center, MS and San Diego, CA), and three schools (Mine Warfare Training Center, Airborne Weapon Systems Training

School, and Helicopter Sea Combat Weapons School, Atlantic), representing a broad cross-section of the Mine Warfare community.

Yet with all this emerging technology, the one thing that remains constant is the Sailor. Whether he or she is on a ship, aircraft, or a planning staff, it is an individual that makes the decision that determines whether or not the mission is a success or failure, said Weilert.

Most Sailors are not able to devote enough time to filter through the daunting pile of references available to understand where they need to focus, she said. It is for this rea-

son that the original class was convened in 1999 at NSWC PC under the direction of Commodore Bruce Russell of (then) Helicopter Tactical Wing, Atlantic in Norfolk, VA.

The AMCM Advanced Tactics Continuum is currently the highest level tactical course available to Fleet operators in the AMCM arena and was designed to augment available pipeline training.

Students leave their parent commands and spend a tactics-focused week with personnel from the NSWC PC Tactics Branch (HA12), as well as project engineers

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NSA PC to hold housing town hall meeting

Shirley Shoemaker
Family Housing Manager
NSA PC

A town hall meeting will be held April 26 in the Conference Center of Building 308 at 6 p.m. to provide information regarding the upcoming partnership with GMH Military Housing for future family housing operations.

This is part of the Navy's ongoing commitment to improving housing for servicemembers and their families using the Public Private Venture (PPV) Initiative.

The Department of the Navy has selected GMH Military Housing to become

the managing partner for all PPV projects at 11 bases throughout the Southeast Region.

PPV is designed to eliminate inadequate family housing, and provide servicemembers and their families with housing communities that equal or surpass those in non-military housing. GMH personnel and Commander Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) leaders will be present for this town hall meeting.

NSA PC Commanding Officer Capt. Hal Harbeson encourages all military members, command leaders, tenant commands, and interested civilians to attend this informa-

tive and important meeting.

The management and operations leaders of GMH will be the keynote speakers. Presenters will discuss proposed plans for operating, maintaining, and improving the family housing facilities for NSAPC.

After their presentation, GMH and CNRSE staff will be available for a question and answer period. GMH has the experience and desire to make PPV part of a positive Navy housing experience.

The Navy remains an active partner in this process and is dedicated to providing our families the support and services they deserve. Additional town hall meetings will be held

regularly to keep everyone informed as we prepare for the October 1 implementation of PPV.

Youth activities will be scheduled for children of NSA PC housing residents, ages 5 through 12, during the meeting on the 26th. Activities will be held at the Youth Center facilities near the new Chapel, Bldg 385. The center will be open at 5:30 p.m. for residents to drop their children off before coming to the town hall meeting. Housing personnel will be available in bldg 308 during the meeting to assist in caring for children under age five. Please contact the Housing Office with any questions at 234-4757.

Fair Winds, Chief

Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Robert Sanderson, with his wife Tammy, ends his retirement ceremony by walking between saluting sideboys March 30 at the Marina here. It is a longstanding tradition for the retiring Sailor to be piped ashore one last time. Sanderson joined the Navy in 1985, and has served aboard several ships as a gunner's mate.

Sanderson plans on utilizing his ordnance specialization and to continue his career in that field.

During the ceremony he was presented with a gift from his team at the armory, a putter. It was his co-worker's hope that with more time he could improve his short game on the golf course.



Photo by MC3 Joseph Moon

Base scientists, engineers support local University

Dr. Dave Skinner
Asst. Teaching Prof.
FSU

Technical experts working onboard the Naval Support Activity Panama City are providing their expertise to a number of classes at the Florida State University Branch Campus to enhance the education of the next generation of engineers.

The real world and cutting edge experiences provided by these personnel are highly valued by the local students as an adjunct to their formal education.

As one student said, "Our professor's are great but there is nothing like hearing the perspective of a practicing engineer."

Wells Parker, the NSA PC power engineer provided insight into the day-to-day problems confronted in the power industry.

Discussing such issues as why the power industry bills more for "dirty" power and the perils of squirrels and birds (common sources of the power outages we all experience), topics not normally included in the "Introduction to Power systems Course".

Even more interesting was Wells' experience with maintaining the Iraqi power grid while on active duty with the Army, a problem that would challenge any engineer.

Dr. Gary Sammelmann, research physicist at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City shared his expertise in acoustic modelling with the Sonar Engineering class. Sammelmann is a world class expert in Shallow Water Acoustic Modelling and author of the "Shallow water Acoustic set." Sammelmann shared the latest cutting edge science on propagation modelling,

comparing the method of images, ray theory, GRAB, normal mode theory and parabolic equation methods of modelling acoustic propagation.

Most recently Bobby Ludlum, of NSWC PC, shared his more than 30 years experience in small signal electronics with a Senior Electronics Design class.

The key question was probably "How do we design like Bobby?" as he discussed crowbars, darlington pairs, op amps, and anything else the class through at him from his vast experience base.

Retiring with honor

Engineman First Class (SW) (Craftmaster) Harold Snider passes an American flag he was given to his father, Harold, at the NSA PC Marina March 23.

Traditionally an American flag is ceremoniously passed between the hands of several fellow Sailors before being given to the retiring Sailor. Snider chose to give his flag to his father.

Snider's sons, Logan and Wesley, presented him with his shadow box, displaying his awards throughout his Navy service.

Snider's service is noted with accolades working as the Chief Engineer for the Admiral's Barge in Naples, Italy, and as the mentor for NSA PC's Sailor of the Year 2006.

Snider retired after twenty years of honorable service.



Photo by MC3 Joseph Moon

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Room 4 rent in Kingspoint executive home. \$400/mo & 1/3 utilities. Garage available. No pets/smoking. 866-4337.

1996 Thor Millennium Camper, totally remodeled, everything Works. \$6995 OBO249-3810 (1)

St. Andrews apartment for rent. Nice 2 bd, 1 ba, apt. with water & sewage furnished. 1 year lease req. Rent is \$650/mo with \$550 deposit. Call 234-5734 for more info or appointment. (1)

For Rent - Palmetto Trace Townhome 2 bd, 2 ba, 1350 square feet, 2 years old with Florida room, granite and tile floors, 1 car garage, private pool and clubhouse. Pets negotiable. \$1150/mo neg. includes yard maint./trash. . 1/2 mile to beach, Pier Park and Frank Brown Park. Primary: (305) 942-1475, Alt. (305) 731-3360 Jeff or Jennifer (1)

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tures. Call 747-1531 leave message.

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Civilian Length of Service Awards April

Name	Years Service
Jeffrey Holcomb	5
Donald Tibbetts	10
Luis Aponte	15
John Roesch	20
David Vickers	20
Lisa Nowalk	20
Richard Brantley	20
John Gainous	20
Kenneth Gentry	25
Byron Himebaugh	30
Cathy Carpenter	30
Benny Whittemore	30
Sanford Martin	35

Thank you for your Service.

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platform. For example, it has the flight deck that enables us to conduct airborne missions via the MH-60S helicopter; it has the mission bays that can house up to 12 mission modules; and, it has a launch and recovery ramp located at the aft end of the ship that enables the launching of manned and unmanned underwater and surface vehicles while at sea," Hardesty said, adding that the ramp also converted to enable land-based vehicles to drive

on and off the ship as well.

Bond compared the ship's architecture to today's computer technology.

"These days when you speak of modern computer architecture, you speak in terms of plug and play, as long as you are conforming to interface standards. This whole ship is built on that concept, so any capability you bring with your mission module, we plug it in and we're ready to play," he concluded.



Photo by MC3 Joseph Moon

A tugboat gently guides the FSF-1 Sea Fighter pier side at NSA PC while curious onlookers watch, March 29.

LCDR

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during the Global War on Terrorism. Cooper was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his performance.

Upon return from Camp Delta GTMO, Cooper was given his

final assignment as executive officer of NSA PC. He was responsible for representing the commanding officer in maintaining military, professional and general efficiency of the activity.

Cooper has an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences for Surface Mining Engineering and will continue to support national defense after his retirement with plans to stay in Panama City.

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families and their relocation to Florida. The FFSC Site Manager, Sue Brookhart, as the installation School Partnership Community Liaison, works closely with the School District Liaison to assist parents with school relocation issues. If you have relocation issues you cannot resolve, contact Ms. Brookhart at sue.brookhart@navy.mil.

The FFSC also annually hosts the Bay County School Superintendent's Forum to allow Military Parents to discuss with the Superintendent a variety of topics about questions and concerns they have about their children and the Bay County School System. The next forum will be held in the fall of 2007. For information about the various resources available to Military Families, call the NSA-PC Fleet and Family Support Center, 235-5800 (Bldg 304, Room 121).

In honor of this special month, NSA PC MWR has a number of special events, listed on page 11. I encourage all of our military families to attend and support these events.

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and specialists from across the base. Students get a tour of mines, current AMCM equipment, and an advanced look at the latest Organic

AMCM technology, including the opportunity to visit with research, test, development, and evaluation experts.

The NSWC PC

technical point of contact for the AMCM Advanced Tactics Continuum is Cindy Weilert, who can be contacted at (850) 234-4548.

BLOOD DRIVE

April 6

You will get free juice and cookies and it's something money can't buy. Only something one person can give to another.

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the MWR Multi-Purpose / Aerobics Room Off the Main Gym.



MWR events for Month of Military Child

In honor of the "Month of the Military Child", please plan to attend these upcoming MWR events:

April 7, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt, behind the Long Glass (Bldg. 308). Enjoy inflatable rides, face painting, IscreamUscream ice cream truck, Craft Tent, Bubble Station, Live music & a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

April 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FREE Movie at NDSTC starting at 6:00 p.m., "Charlottes Web" Rated G

This is an All AGES WELCOME event.

April 20, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Youth Activity Center (across from the chapel at the north end of Solomon Drive) will be hosting a **FREE Movie** for Ages 5-12. "Unaccompanied Minors" Rated PG

April 21, 2007 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Daddy Daughter Ball "Now & Forever" at the Long Glass Community Center. \$20 per couple, \$10 for each additional princess. Price to include; craft, dessert, drinks, dancing and a picture of your special evening. Call 235-5576 for more info.

Also as a part of April's "Month of the Military Child," United Concordia is sponsoring a Web-based, random selection drawing. Children of active duty or National Guard and Reserve sponsors who are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Plan are eligible for this drawing.

One first-, second- and third- place prize will be awarded in each of the six TRICARE regions (North, South, West, Pacific, Europe and Latin America/Canada) for age categories 0-4, 5-7, 8-12 and 13-17.

To enter, simply complete the form found on the TDP Web site, www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com, between March 28 and April 26, 2007 and submit it online. Winners will be selected at random.

13th Annual Gulf coast CPO Association

Chiefs Golf Tournament, Select Shot

Bay Dunes Golf Club
 Friday, May 11 @ 8:00 am

Shotgun Start (show up early)
 \$70 per person/\$280 per team
 \$175 for hole sponsorship
 \$415 for hole sponsorship with team (4 players)

Includes:
 Green fees with cart, light lunch, soda, 2 beer tickets, golf shirt, golf towel, ball, tees, raffle ticket, \$10,000 worth of raffle prizes, 5k hole-in-one, additional prizes for other holes, and lots of fun too.

See our website at www.gccpoa.com

Horse Show

Free to military



The 2007 Gulf Coast Charity Horse Show and Music Festival will be held April 26-28 at Frank Brown Park on Panama City Beach. As thanks to the military for their service to our country, organizers have invited all active duty personnel in uniform or with a valid military ID to attend the event free. Children 12 years of age and under are also free. Other family members and guests will pay the general admission price of \$12, part of which will go to support the Anchorage Children's Home, this year's major beneficiary. Over \$600,000 has been given to local area charities in the eight year history of the show. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. each day, and the show starts at 5:00. For more information visit www.gulfcoasthorseshow.com.