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Night out for NSA PC



Engineman 2nd Class William Nesbit hands out coloring books to children at National Night Out Against Crime in Panama City Fla.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS DAVID DIDIER

Naval Support Activity Panama City along with the Panama City Police Department and the Bay County Sheriff's Office hosted the 26th annual National Night Out Against Crime on August 4th in the parking lot of the Panama City Mall.

National Night Out Against Crime is a nationwide crime and drug prevention program that promotes neighborhood spirit as well as partnerships between the community and law enforcement.

"I did this last year and I think it's a good thing," said Engine-

man 2nd Class Christopher Diaz. "The fact that it could reduce casualties or kids being abducted, it's good to make people aware of these things."

Several local law enforcement agencies and businesses participated at this year's event, which was free and open to the public. Activities included child ID kits, K-9 demonstrations, a live alligator, moon walks, face painting. Kids and families collected a variety of educational coloring books, crime prevention information, and free hot-dogs, popcorn and drinks.

"Navy-wise we handed out flyers, did some face painting and gave balloons to the kids and their parents to make them aware of general safety, like traveling

safety, bicycle safety, safety for cars," said Diaz. "For the parents we gave out pamphlets on how to properly strap in car seats for kids."

Parents took the opportunity to thank military members for their service.

"I had several kids come up to me and ask me questions about the Navy," said Diaz. "What I did in the Navy, how the Navy works, do I enjoy the Navy. A lot of parents just came up and shook our hands, thanking us for being in the Navy and serving in the Military. It made me feel wonderful...it makes me love my job and makes me proud to be in the Navy."

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NNO 2008 involved 37 million people in 15,449 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Naval Support Activity Panama City has an active and ongoing commitment to provide positive leadership and foster good relations within the community by participating in events like these.



A little boy sits in the front seat of the NSA PC fire truck at National Night Out.

Right: NSA PC Command Master Chief Dale Pitts talks with members of the Panama City Law Enforcement Explorers.

Bottom: NSA PC Explosive Ordnance Disposal team member EODCS Randolph Lawson gives a demonstration of a robot used to remove dangerous objects at National Night Out.



Four-year-old Giuliana gazes at the arm of a robot used by Explosive Ordnance Disposal to remove dangerous objects in the field at National Night Out Against Crime.

Goodbye USS Sentry

USS Sentry departed NSAPC for what may be the final time on August 8.

It was as if the ship departed like it has many times before. No large crowds of people waving, no tears from the eyes of loved ones, just another departure like any other after working with Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City division on reasearch and development efforts here.

While in Panama City, Sentry's crew made a positive impact by participating in community relations projects here.

USS Sentry and her crew will soon be transferred from Ingleside Tx. to the west coast where they will continue their mission of protecting the world's harbors and shipping lanes from the actions of the few to control the many.

Farewell USS Sentry. Stand your post well and protect us from those who wish us harm.

Fair winds and following seas. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David Didier.)



Sailors encouraged to participate in study on sexual assault

STORY BY BRUCE MOODY

The Navy encourages active-duty Sailors to participate in a sexual assault study to assess the effectiveness of the Navy's Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program.

The Office of the Naval Inspector General (IG) is conducting the survey, which is available at www.ig.navy.mil/sastudy.htm. The survey was designed for active-duty personnel, is confidential, anonymous, and will be available for participation through Sept. 30.

Naval IG teams are also visiting installations around the fleet through the end of September. As part of the visits, they are facilitating focus group

discussions to gain more insight from a fleet perspective, about the occurrences and command support during incidences of sexual assault. Each focus group will be composed of a cross-section of personnel and consist of approximately 20 people from various rank categories.

The Navy's SAVI Program is managed by Commander, Navy Installations Command's Fleet and Family Support Program. The Fleet and Family Support Program manages a wide variety of programs, including SAVI. These programs enhance Sailor readiness and family preparedness, directly contributing to mission readiness.

The Navy is the first of the armed service to have a dedicated program for sexual

assault awareness, prevention, and intervention. Established in 1994, the program has recently shifted more focus toward prevention and is incorporating new initiatives based on civilian best practices and recent research.

"Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated," said Paul Finch, SAVI's program manager. "It is a criminal act, incompatible with the Navy's core values; it dramatically affects morale and operational readiness. Senior leadership is committed to an effective and responsive SAVI program in order to ensure prevention, quality victim care and response and to holding offenders accountable."

In working toward this commitment, the Navy is sustaining a robust sexual assault preven-

tion and response policy, identifying and eliminating barriers to reporting, ensuring that care is available and accessible to victims of sexual assault, and providing continuous, relevant, and effective training and education to all service members. All Navy commands have a 24/7 sexual assault response capability focused on victim support. Commanders ensure that female and male sexual assault victims (or survivors) have access to the assistance and resources to meet their needs and to provide a safe and professional work environment.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.

Letter from the Editor:

New plans for Coastal Courier



Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David Didier

Hello, my name is Mass Communication Specialist (MC) 2nd Class David Didier. I am the new Editor of the Coastal Courier. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, the readers, and to provide you with a little history of my career.

I have not always been an MC. I started my Navy Career as an undesignated Fireman in the main spaces of USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) in Sept. of 2001. After a little over two years of turning wrenches I requested to become a Photographers Mate (PH) and attended the Basic Still Photography course at Defense Information School.

From there I moved on to “The War Eagles” of VP-16 out of Jacksonville Fla. I spent nearly three years there until I was stationed in Sasebo, Japan with Fleet Public Affairs Center, Det. Japan.

After a little over two years in the land of the rising sun, I received orders to return to Fla.

and be stationed here. While in route, I attended the Intermediate Photojournalism Course at DINFOS where I learned a great deal on Photojournalism, news layout and design from some of the best instructors in the industry.

Now that I am here in beautiful Panama City I have a lot of great ideas for this paper. Please feel free to let me know the things you like or dislike about the paper. I am also interested in taking new steps toward social media and multi-media packages. These are new to the Navy but have proven to be very beneficial when placed in the right hands for large companies.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to providing you with your news for the next four years.

MC2 David Didier
Editor Coastal Courier

Basic Military Requirement questions for Sept. exam

1. What maximum number of gallons of foam will a 5-gallon can of AFFF concentrate produce?

- A. 660
- B. 600
- C. 560
- D. 500

2. What device is used to secure shots of anchor chain together?

- A. Link Pins
- B. Banding Shackles
- C. Detachable Links
- D. Securing Shackles

3. What ship earned the nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812?

- A. Chesapeake
- B. Constitution
- C. Constellation
- D. United States

4. What branch of the government performs the function of administering the laws?

- A. Executive
- B. Judicial
- C. Legislative
- D. Military

Liasion Officer links NSA PC to local schools



Naval Support Activity Panama City, Fla. School Liaison Officer Lynda Kent will help to empower parents to be their child's best advocate in the education process.

STORY BY LYNDA KENT

On average the military child will move every three years and attend nine different schools from grades K-12.

This means a lot of good-byes and a lot of stress in adjusting to new environments. It also means difficulties in transitioning from one school system to another, usually to another state or sometimes to another country.

To offer help with these issues, Naval Support Activity Panama City now has a School Liaison Officer under its Navy Child & Youth Program.

Lynda Kent comes to NSA PC from Lake County in Central Florida where she previously worked in public schools. Her experience in education includes working both as a teacher and as a school administrator in all three levels of elementary, middle, and high schools. Kent earned a Bachelor of Science

degree in Education from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from NOVA Southeastern University.

As the Navy School Liaison Officer (SLO) at NSA PC, Kent is able to draw upon her educational background to serve the military families. School Liaison Officers seek to "level the playing field" for military students by ensuring that they are given the opportunities to achieve their highest potential at any assigned location. Part of that help is ensuring that proper credits transfer as the military students move from one state system into another where different curricula may be taught and graduation requirements often differ.

The goal of the SLO is to empower parents to be their child's best advocate in the education process. A Navy SLO serves as the focal point of contact between military families, the local school administration, and the military installation Command. One of their primary responsibilities is to help parents navigate the school system, facilitating in the permanent change of station

(PCS) process as families move from base to base and school to school. The SLO also serves as a resource of pertinent educational information and offers training to families and schools on educational and military issues, needs, and areas of interest.

"It is both a privilege and an honor to serve our military families in matters pertaining to the education of military dependent children," said Kent. "Through the lives of my own kids who are serving in the Army, I see firsthand the difficulties that families face in military life, especially the children. Yet, the children willingly make the sacrifices with determination out of great love for their military parents and their country. They deserve our best efforts and support."

Kent's office is located in the Seashore Chapel and she can be reached by email at lynda.kent@navy.mil or on her cell phone at (850) 774-7976.

Upcoming Events

Support our Sailors, Navy Ball Golf Tournament

Friday Sept 18 at Bay Dunes Golf Course in Panama City. For more info contact Bob Harned at Tele: 850-249-4584, Email: Robert.L.Harned@saic.com.

NSA PC Pig Roast

The NSA PC Pig Roast for all employees and their dependents will be held September 3, starting at 5 p.m. p.m. at the NSA PC recreational marina. Tickets are \$7, kids under 6 are free. Prizes will be given for best Hawaiian outfits. For more information, please see your command representative.

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Balfour Beatty Communities Strives for 5 in Annual Housing Survey



**WE WANT
YOU**

*to let us know
how we are doing!*

By BALFOUR BEATTY COMMUNITIES

The Annual CEL Housing Survey time is upon NSA Panama City once again. In a few weeks, family housing residents will be receiving the CEL Resident Satisfaction Survey. Balfour Beatty Communities encourages residents to fill them out and return them.

By returning completed surveys, residents will qualify for weekly drawings.

The survey is part of a performance assessment program. Balfour Beatty Communities ranks “extremely” satisfied and “very good” a passing grade on the survey and any score that is less than this is considered unacceptable.

“We truly strive to exceed our resident’s expectations and hope that every resident

enjoyed their home and the services that we provided,” explained Catherine Lancaster, Community Manager for Balfour Beatty Communities.

“The survey allows us to see where we are succeeding and where there is room for improvement,” said Lancaster, “it’s important for residents to fill them out honestly.”

Residents can return their completed surveys in the envelopes provided by bringing it to the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office and dropping it in the authorized locked mailbox. Only CEL employees will open the returned envelopes. Survey results are completely confidential and anonymous.

The survey deadline date is Wednesday, October 7, 2009.

BMR Answers From Page 4

1. 560
2. Detachable Links
3. Constitution
4. Judicial

**GET YOUR
TICKETS
TO THE
NSA PC
PIG ROAST
TODAY.**

**Further your
education.**

**Get you college
degree while
you serve.**