

NSA Bahrain Tailgates for Super Bowl XLV

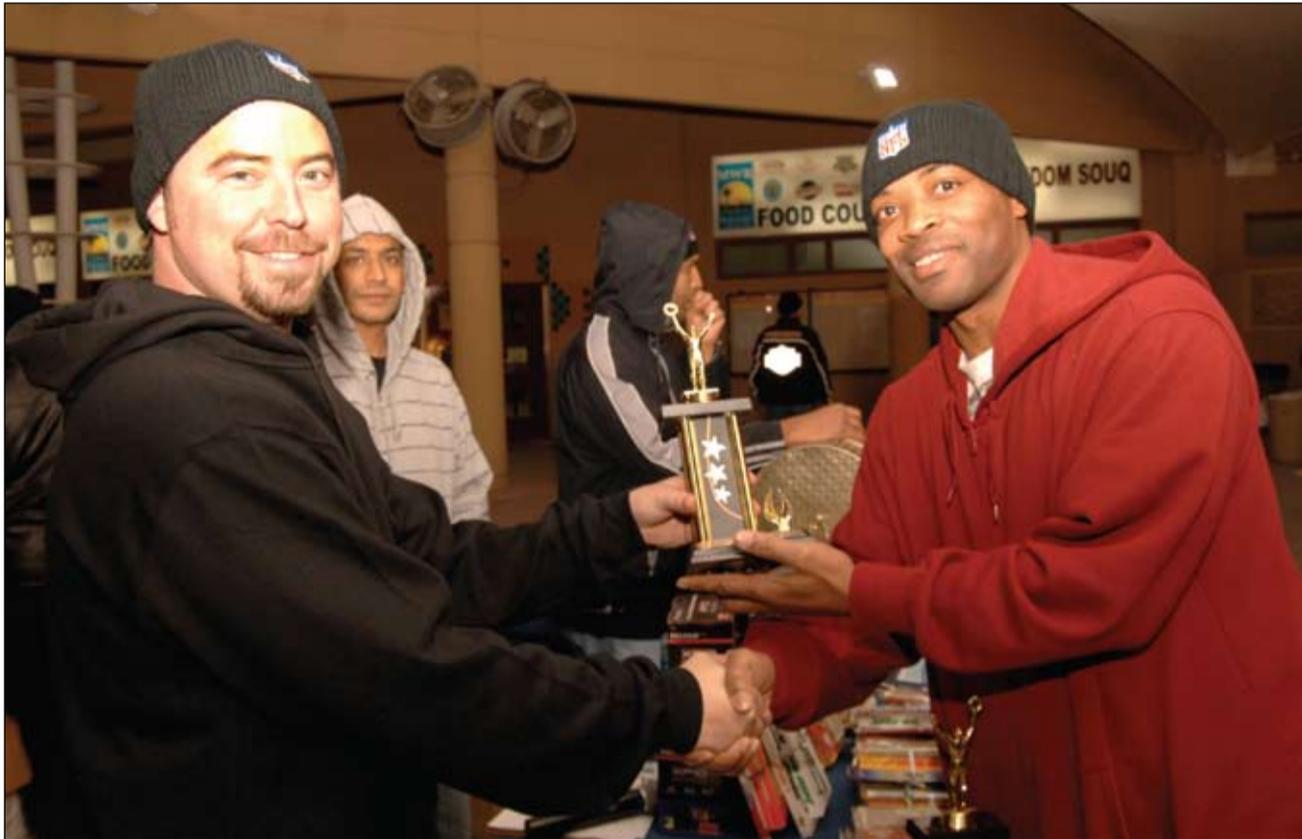


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MWR Bahrain Community Programs Manager Jeffrey Shaw presents the first place trophy for best ribs to Builder 2nd Class Kelmore Batt during the Super Bowl XLV Tailgate Party BBQ Competition, Feb. 6.

By MC2 Daron Street
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bahrain hosted the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Super Bowl XLV Tailgate Party in the Freedom Souq courtyard, Feb. 6.

Some of the activities for the event included a quarter-back football toss, Tailgate BBQ competition, a hot wing eating contest and a seven-foot by 12-foot screen for the big game.

Builder 2nd Class Kelmore Batt from the Public Works Department, took home both Best Chicken and Best Ribs in the Tailgate BBQ competition.

"It feels good that I can help shine some light on the Seabees," he said. "We do a lot of work up-keeping the base and this is just something else that we do. Every year for the Seabee ball we do ribs and chicken as our fundraiser and I figured I would enter the contest because the Seabees would win hands down."

For the hot wing eating contest, contestants were given a plate of 10 spicy wings to finish within five minutes and Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Tyler Mosier from Naval Security Force Bahrain was the first to finish.

"I've never been in a competitive eating competition



Photo by MC2 Daron Street

Participants in the hot wing eating contest try their best to finish the spicy wings in front of a crowd of onlookers cheering them on.

before," he said. "I'm glad I could hold my own because I had some good competition. The wings were pretty spicy, but I was recently on leave and had some wings that were way hotter. I guess that helped me prepare for this event."

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NSA to stop sponsorship for contractors

By MC2 Daron Street
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Effective March 1, 2011, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain will stop sponsoring contractors (those not employed directly by the US Government).

Current visas will remain valid until expiration. After current visas expire, and for all incoming contractor personnel, it will be up to the contractors or their employing companies to obtain visas for the contractors and their dependents.

"We believe this new procedure adequately balances the U.S. Government's need to differentiate the separate legal status of U.S. contractors, to comply with our Host Nation's immigration rules, and to provide the logistical support necessary for contractors to continue working on board NSA Bahrain," said NSA Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Sadsad in a letter to all personnel dated Feb. 2.

Options for contractors to obtain visas are the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), local company sponsorship, self-sponsorship or to enter the Kingdom of Bahrain on a 14-day visa and extend for another 14 days (10BD total) and depart the country after 28 days and repeat the process for as long as the contractor wishes to stay in Bahrain.

If a contractor or company chooses to use the LMRA or a local company, they should contact the LMRA or the local company directly. NSA Bahrain cannot make any recommendations.

If a contractor decides that self sponsorship is the best option for them, the NSA Immigration Office will assist in the process of obtaining a 5-Year Multiple Entry Visa. The contractor will have to present a letter from the command to which they are assigned requesting assistance along with their orders.

For more information contact Mr. Ali Taqawi in the NSA Immigration office at 439-4258.

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Family Life at NSA Bahrain

Girl Scouts “Survive” campout

By MC1(SW) Sonja Chambers
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO) Bahrain held a “Survivor” campout at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, Jan. 21-22.

The campout featured challenges based on the TV show “Survivor,” such as working as a team to build a mini-raft and eating gross food. NSA’s Naval Security Force (NSF) Training Division demonstrated law enforcement and K-9 tactics for the girls and NSA’s Environmental Department gave the girls some recycling tips.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jessie Ramirez, a non-lethal weapons instructor and formal Girl Scout, said the demonstration gave her a chance to interact with kids and show them that being in law enforcement is not all about violence.

“It’s not our intention to be violent,” she said. “We’re trying to keep everyone safe.”

Each troop completed challenges to earn beads toward the camp trophy. USAGSO Bahrain Event Coordinator Leslie Jones said the challenges and activi-

ties were meant to test the girls’ skills and have fun.

“I think the challenges gave the girls a chance to work together which is a big part of the Girl Scout philosophy,” she said. “I enjoyed watching the girls perform their songs and skits in the gym after the campfire. You get to see their creativity and personalities. I couldn’t quit smiling during their performances!”

Junior Girl Scout Sydney Goodridge said the gross food challenge was her favorite.

“It looked so nasty,” she said. “It was in a kitty litter pan with a pooper-scooper and it looked just like my cat’s litter box, but it tasted pretty good.”

In addition to the challenges, there were the traditional camp activities including roasting marshmallows by the fire. USAGSO Bahrain Overseas Committee Chair Becky Goodridge said making s’mores was the overall most popular activity.

“It sent a wave of excitement through the girls that was contagious,” she said. “We had one little girl who was very hesitant to get close enough to the fire to actually roast her marshmallow, but once she



Photo by MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers

Naval Support Activity Bahrain’s Regional Environmental Coordinator Awni Almasri speaks with Girl Scouts from USA Girl Scouts Overseas Bahrain during a campout, Jan. 21-22. Environmental gave the girls information and tips on recycling.

finally tried it, she was addicted!”

Cadette Troop Leader Dawn Bunting said the event was great for the girls for so many reasons.

“The older girls get leadership experience working with and mentoring the younger girls,” she said. “The younger girls have positive experiences learning from girls slightly older than themselves. It’s always more fun for children to learn from older kids than from adults!”

Brownie Troop Leader Carrie Scheidt

said this campout was the first night away from home for many of the girls in her troop of 2nd and 3rd graders.

“It was a step toward independence, confidence and accountability,” she said. “Girl Scouts offers my daughter and all its members opportunities to apply critical-thinking tasks to earn badges and engage in meaningful events that ultimately enrich their lives.”

To register or volunteer, email Bahraingirlscouts@gmail.com.



Photo by MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers

Daisy Girl Scouts look at the “kitty litter” cake during the gross food challenge. The challenge was one of several the girls could take on during the “Survivor” Campout.

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Cub Scouts win Pinewood Derby



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

Christian Jennings, Joshua Reed and James Scheidt show off their trophies and wooden cars at the conclusion of Cub Scout Pack 826’s Pinewood Derby held at the Bahrain School, Jan. 29. Pinewood Derby is an annual event hosted for Cub Scouts by the Boy Scouts of America in which contestants, with parental assistance, construct cars from wooden “kits” consisting of pinewood, plastic wheels and metal axles for race competition.

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Chaplain's Corner

God loves us equally



By Cmdr. Chin Van Dang
Supervisory Chaplain

One Sunday morning, an old black man entered a church just before Services were to begin. He wore jeans, a denim shirt and shoes that were very worn and ragged and carried a worn out old hat and an equally worn out bible. The church he entered was in a very upscale and exclusive part of the city. It was the largest and most beautiful church the black man had ever seen. The people of the congregation were all dressed with expensive clothes and accessories. As the old black man took a seat, the others moved away from him. No one greeted, spoke to or welcomed him. They were all appalled at his appearance and did not attempt to hide it. The preacher gave a long sermon about hellfire and brimstone and a stern lecture on how much money the church needed to do God's work. As the old man was leaving the church, the preacher approached and asked the old man to do him a favor.

"Before you come back in here again, have a talk with God and ask Him what he thinks would be appropriate attire for worship."

The old man assured the preacher he would. The next Sunday, he showed back

up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, shoes and hat. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored. The preacher approached the old man and said,

"I thought I asked you to speak to God before you came back to our church."

"I did," replied the old man.

"If you spoke to God, what did He tell you the proper attire should be for worshipping here?" asked the preacher.

"Well, sir," replied the old man. "God told me that he didn't have a clue what I should wear. He says He's never been here before."

We are all created in the image of God and God loves us all equally.

During this Black History Month, as we look at the contributions of those who can trace their roots to the African Continent, we can open up the Scriptures and find wonderfully rich stories. God has used Africa and its people as a place of refuge and worship. He includes all races and culture in His kingdom to further His work and glory.

In early American history, the first casualties of the American Revolution were of African descent. Our American tapestry has woven in its fabric a beautiful blend of those Americans who can trace their family origins to Africa.

Let us reflect the following message from Saint Paul:

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)... But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." (1Cor. 12:22-26)



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Sailors promote positive life choices



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

Naval Support Activity Bahrain's Drug and Alcohol Programs Advisor, Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Colin Small, speaks to audience members during Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions' (CSADD) Operational/Unplanned Pregnancy Open Forum. CSADD's mission is to provide service members prevention, intervention and informational tools to assist them in making life decisions that will maintain positive lifestyles in keeping with military core values. NSA Bahrain provides operational support to U.S. and Coalition Forces operating throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Members of the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) held its inaugural open forum at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, Jan. 26.

The forum's topic of discussion, Operational/Unplanned Pregnancy, offered service members a platform to gather information by voicing their opinions and sharing experiences in a group atmosphere.

CSADD advocate, Yeoman 2nd Class Antonio Wilson, assigned to NSA's Administration department, said that although unplanned pregnancies are not actually considered "destructive," the forum's current and future topics are designed to teach Sailors how make informed choices and how to approach situations that stem from their decisions.

"We're trying to target junior service members and provide them with information as well as provide alternatives to possible destructive decisions such as drinking," Wilson said. "Alcohol-related incidents are a destructive decision and major concern in this area of responsibility. CSADD is targeting those by providing alternative activities such as hosting events during the time people would be drinking,

so instead of having a drink, come out and have fun with CSADD."

Bahrain's CSADD was founded in 2010 to provide military members from all branches of service prevention and intervention tools to deal with issues of drinking, reckless driving and other life challenges while maintaining positive lifestyles in keeping with Navy core values. CSADD's mission is to guide service members away from making poor and destructive decisions by providing them with positive and dynamic training which enables them to make quick constructive decisions during times of high stress and peer-pressure.

Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Stacey Nuñez, assigned to Personnel Support Detachment Bahrain, attended the meeting and said the forum's success is due largely to the open atmosphere it creates where people feel they can freely speak their minds.

"On topics such as unplanned pregnancy, most people generally don't like speaking on these subjects, but here you feel a little bit more comfortable," she said. "You can tell your story, not be judged and just feel relaxed."

For more information go to <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/cnrma/Programs/CSADD/index.htm>.



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Lt. Jill Cunningham, assigned to Naval Branch Health Clinic, discusses the Medical Enlisted Commissioning and Medical Service Corps In-service Procurement Programs during a commissioning seminar hosted by Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain's Mustang Association at NSA, Feb. 2. Mustang Association members organized the seminar to highlight multiple enlisted-to-officer career opportunities available to the NSA community. NSA Bahrain provides operational support to U.S. and Coalition Forces operating throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

NSA Mustangs pass on knowledge

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Members of Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain's Mustang Association held a commissioning seminar at NSA, Feb. 2.

The association organized the seminar to highlight multiple enlisted-to-officer opportunities available to the NSA enlisted community.

Mustang Association member, Lt. Cmdr. Vincent Hamilton, assigned to Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two, said the seminar gave his fellow Mustangs an opportunity to promote, define and introduce officer commissioning programs. The Mustangs, a title bestowed to any officer who ascended from the enlisted ranks, wanted to assist a community of Sailors who may lack the strong support structure from their parent commands due to their status as Individual Augmentees (IA).

"Because of the unique nature of this area of responsibility, there are a lot of service members here IA," he said. "These Sailors are usually away from their normal communities, outside of their respec-

tive warfare specialties and may lack the resources available from their parent commands. This is why the Mustang Association here at NSA feels that it is especially important to disseminate this information and ensure that anyone who wishes to pursue one of these programs have the option to do so."

The seminar discussed commissioning opportunities in the Seaman-to-Admiral, Limited Duty and Chief Warrant Officer programs in addition to commission prospects in the medical community including the Medical Enlisted Commissioning and Medical Service Corps In-service Procurement Programs.

Seminar attendee, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jessie Ramirez, assigned to Naval Security Force Bahrain, said the seminar enabled Sailors to receive much more information than they could have by reading military instructions or web sources.

"To see these [familiar] faces, understand that they're prior enlisted and know that they've been able to do it, actually gives you something to strive for," Ramirez said. "It was very encouraging."

For more information, contact Hamilton at vincent.hamilton@me.navy.mil.



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

Come out to the Community Park at NSA!

The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain community can expect to see a new recreational area at the installation in the coming months.

NSA's Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Public Works departments will be working together to develop a piece of land by the softball field into a community park.

Public Works department senior

architect Nidin Kaul said the plans to have a park at the base have been in development since the return of family members in 2009.

"Community members will be able to lounge with friends and family, picnic and have a place to bring pets," he said.

Kaul said that NSA should be able to utilize the new park toward the end of the year.

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Representatives from the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions were also on hand to spread their message to those in attendance.

"We're out here tonight promoting the 'That Guy' campaign trying to make sure active duty members and dependents don't make destructive decisions while having fun and enjoying the Super Bowl," said CSADD advocate, Yeoman 2nd Class Antonio Wilson, assigned to NSA's Administration department.

The final score of Super Bowl XLV was 31-25 with the Green Bay Packers beating the Pittsburgh Steelers to win their 4th title in franchise history and first in 14 years.



Photo by MC2 Daron Street

A Green Bay Packer fan watches his favorite team during the pregame show for Super Bowl XLV.

WORD ON THE STREET:

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



LS2 Kashya Mock
Fleet Post Office

"I'm going to have a dinner date with my girlfriends."



UT1 Steven Thomas
Public Works

"I'm just getting settled into my tour here at NSA, but I'll be communicating with the family back home on Valentine's Day."



Chief Nick Mullen
NAVCENT

"I'm just checking onboard, so I hope to be settled into my new apartment by Valentine's Day."



YN3 Jeannie Jardt
NSA Bahrain

"I'll be hanging out with my boyfriend on Valentine's Day."



MA3 Patrick Garrett
NSA HPU

"I've already sent my gifts off to the family back home and I'll enjoy working on Valentine's Day."



Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Baggett
NAVCENT

"I'll be hanging out with friends, relaxing and just enjoying the day."

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Rescue Swimmer Naval Aircrewman 3rd Class Toni Jester, assigned to Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 15, deploys to recover a Sailor who went overboard from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), Feb. 4. The Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group is deployed supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy ships disrupt pirate attack



Photo by Chief Hull Maintenance Technician John Parkin

A small boat being towed by a suspected pirate mothership in the Arabian Sea is destroyed by USS Momsen (DDG 92), after the guided-missile destroyer received a distress call and disrupted an attack on a commercial oil tanker, Feb. 2. Momsen and USS Bunker Hill (CG 54) came to the aid of the merchant vessel simultaneously in a coordinated rescue and assist effort. Momsen and Bunker Hill are deployed supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

From COMUSNAVCENT Public Affairs

ARABIAN SEA — USS Momsen (DDG 92) and USS Bunker Hill (CG 54) disrupted a pirate attack on Panamanian flagged merchant vessel Duqm, Feb. 2 in the Gulf of Oman.

While transiting in international waters, the merchant vessel reported that pirates were attempting to board the vessel. Momsen and Bunker Hill, which were in the vicinity, immediately responded to the Duqm's distress signal and caused two pirates skiffs alongside the vessel with ladders against its hull to flee the area.

Momsen and Bunker Hill tracked the skiffs movement and located the mothership that facilitated the attempted boarding of Duqm, towing the two empty skiffs. Consistent with the U.N. Security Council Resolutions on piracy and U.S. rules of engagement, Momsen destroyed the two skiffs to prevent their use for future attacks.

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Registration mandatory for Wide Area Alert Network

By Commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Public Affairs

NAPLES, Italy — The world we live in is filled with danger: hurricanes, blizzards, floods, terrorist attacks and civil strife occur every year. Would you know what to do if one of these happened at your installation? Commander Naval Installations Command (CNIC) has developed a way for you to be prepared during these situations.

It's called the Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN) and CNIC wants you to be a part of it.

"The WAAN's primary purpose is to provide real time emergency alerts and protective guidance to personnel in buildings, surrounding areas on board installations, and family members via three systems," said Steven Layne, the emergency operations center manager at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, Italy.

In order to quickly and effectively communicate to installations, the WAAN employs the Computer Desktop Notification System (CDNS), the Automatic Telephone Notification System (ATNS) and the Giant Voice/Indoor Voice (GV/IV).

The GV/IV is an interior and exterior voice loudspeaker notification system while the CDNS will notify personnel through pop-ups on their desktop. Sailors and civilian contractors are automatically connected to CDNS whenever they are logged into the ONE-NET network.

Originally developed and deployed to installations in 2008, recent crises such as severe winter weather in the continental U.S., evacuations of U.S. personnel from parts of North Africa and the Middle East, and flooding in Millington, Tenn., have reinforced the necessity for rapid communications.

"WAAN registration is therefore imperative and mandated," said Layne, "to ensure

personnel are quickly notified of emergencies, including urgent or significant events such as gate closures and re-openings, severe weather warnings, school closures, etc."

GV/IV and CDNS are effective while on base or at work, but what if there is an emergency while personnel are off base, at home or on travel? ATNS is the answer. ATNS is what makes the WAAN truly effective. During a crisis ATNS will send notifications to you via email, voice recording and even text message.

The success and effectiveness of ATNS is reliant on personnel registering for the service inside of CDNS. The link is already on your desktop and ONE-NET users can register in two easy steps.

First, right-click on the purple globe in the taskbar located in the lower right side of the monitor and click on "access self service." Next, click on the "my info" tab and fill in all the appropriate information. Finally,

click on devices and complete the sections. At a minimum, according to Layne, should be work email, work phone and a cell number required to receive alerts via text message.

If personnel would like to register their family's devices, ATNS allows for both home email and phone to be added during the registration process. Currently only 20 percent of personnel attached to CNIC installations are registered for ATNS. CNIC urges Sailors and contracted civilians to register immediately.

"The purpose of mass notification is to protect life by indicating the existence of an emergency situations and instructing people of the necessary and appropriate response and action," said Layne, adding, the lack of registration "affects the effectiveness of it [the WAAN] to a significant extent."

For more information contact the Regional & Installation CDNS Administrator at DSN 314-626-3585.

Decreased funding reduces orders timeline

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Citing the impact of reduced funding, Navy announced Feb. 8 that Sailors should expect to receive orders with shorter lead times and based on operational priority.

NAVADMIN 049/11 informed the Fleet of the impact to permanent change of station (PCS) orders while operating under a continuing resolution (CR), which is a Congressional budget authorization that allows for continuous normal operations while a final budget is approved.

"Due to the way resources are phased and allocated under a CR, Navy currently does not have sufficient funds in our manpower accounts to allow for normal lead times for Sailors to receive PCS orders," explained Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "The measures

we are taking are absolutely necessary in order to remain within budget. Our goal remains to mitigate the impact to Sailors and their families as funds become available."

Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) ability to release approximately 10,000 orders at the end of fiscal year 2010 minimized the impact of the CR until now. To date, NPC has received 40% less funding than planned and is currently releasing priority orders for members with detachment dates between February and May 2011. Sailors detaching in the next few months who have not yet received orders will likely have less than two months lead time when the orders are released.

Navy has utilized this prioritization strategy in previous PCS funding-constrained periods with the intent to minimize impact to Fleet readiness, career timing, and families. Emphasis will remain on global support assignment rotations, career milestone billets, critical readiness fills, mini-

mizing gaps at sea for deployed units and those working up to deploy, and keeping the training pipelines moving.

Anticipating a heavy volume of Fleet questions and concerns, Navy leadership reminds the Fleet that the Sailor to detailee ratio is 1500:1 which means there may be a delay in response to individual questions. When seeking more information on this topic, Sailors are asked start with the PCS "Frequently Asked Questions" on the NPC website at <http://www.npc.navy.mil> or to contact the NPC call center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

"We remain committed to providing Sailors with as much information and lead time as possible," said Ferguson. "Thank you for your patience as we work through the continuing resolution funding challenges."

To read NAVADMIN049/11, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/>



Timely Perform to Serve applications critical to keeping quality Sailors

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — Navy Personnel Command (NPC) is reminding commands and Sailors that submitting Perform to Serve (PTS) applications is the key to being able to stay Navy.

"If you're in a leadership position, this should be one of your top priorities," said NPC Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon D. Port. "Sailors E6 and below with up to 14 years active service must use PTS/Fleet Rating Identification Engine (RIDE) to remain in the Navy. They must carefully watch those timelines and work with their command retention team to ensure timely application.

"PTS is as much the Sailor's responsibility as it is a command responsibility," Port added. "But Sailors need to be provided the tools and information to do this. That informational role rests with the command retention team."

An approved PTS application is required before negotiating for orders, reenlisting or extending. NAVADMIN 352/10 explains how PTS is used to shape the Navy, and includes all business rules concerning

Port said all Sailors should set an alarm to go off 15 months before their projected rotation date or reenlistment. Commands must ensure PTS applications are submitted for all designated Sailors in ranks E3-E6 who have up to 14 years of service as early as 15 months, but no later than 12 months prior to their end of active obligated service (EAOS). If a Sailor has extended, then these time frames use the extended or "soft" EAOS (SEAOS).

During this mandatory submission period, applications must be completed even if the Sailor plans to separate or if the Sailor is ineligible or not recommended for reenlistment at the time of application.

PTS quotas issued prior to Oct. 1, 2009, are valid until March 1, 2011. Career counselors and commands are required to obtain Enlisted Community Manager concurrence prior to using quotas issued before Oct. 1, 2009. PTS quota approvals will be granted after the monthly rack and stack, and final review.

"Getting into PTS on time is not enough," said Joseph Kelly, PTS/Fleet RIDE program manager. "Sailors must also pay attention and start nego-

tiating orders and handling reenlistment prerequisites to ensure the quota doesn't expire."

Once additional obligated service is incurred for an approved PTS application, or a period of 13 months passes since the quota was issued, the PTS quota is considered expired and is no longer valid. Quotas also expire if a Sailor extends. If a quota expires, the Sailor must reapply.

Kelly said separate formulas remain for in-rate and conversion applications; however, applicants will only be compared against other Sailors within the same year group. He said this is a fairer rule because previously they were compared against Sailors within the same zone, which meant a third class petty officer with little experience could end up competing with a more-seasoned first class petty officer.

Applications for PTS-eligible Sailors will be automatically pre-populated in Fleet RIDE 15 months prior to their SEAOS, but they must manually apply in PTS with their career counselor's help.

For questions, e-mail PTS_Help_Desk@navy.mil. For in-depth information concerning PTS, visit www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/.

HR Classified Ads

LOCAL POSITIONS:

Who May Apply: Current Navy Employees; Military Spouse Preference/Family Member's eligible residing in the Commuting Area; Veterans Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA) Eligible; VRA; 30% disable; Reinstatement Eligible.

Announcement: NSA-11-012

Position: Supv Housing Specialist (Director of Housing), GS-1173-13

Department: NSA, Housing Department

Opening Date: 04 Feb 2011 - **Closing Date:** 18 Feb 2011

BG POSITIONS:

Announcement: NSA-11-010

Position: Cashier Stocker, BG-2091-04

Department: Isa Base, Navy Exchange

Opening Date: 03 Feb 2011 - **Closing Date:** 16 Feb 2011

Who May Apply: Bahraini Citizens (1st priority consideration), Non-U.S. citizen Spouses (2nd priority consideration) GCC Nationals, Local Foreign Nationals, or Current BG employees.

Come join MWR for Bingo!



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Naval Support Activity Bahrain's Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts Bingo every Wednesday starting with "Early Bird" Bingo at 5 p.m.



Movie Schedule

Friday, February 11

Theater A

- 10 a.m. - Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)
- 12 p.m. - Flipped (PG)
- 2 p.m. - Chronicles of Narnia: 3 (PG)
- 4 p.m. - Red (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - Case 39 (R)
- 9 p.m. - For Colored Girls (R)

Theater B

- 11 a.m. - Legend of the Guardians (PG)
- 1 p.m. - Megamind (PG)
- 3 p.m. - Alpha and Omega (PG)
- 5 p.m. - Takers (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - My Soul To Take (R)
- 9 p.m. - Black Swan (R)

Saturday, February 12

Theater A

- 10 a.m. - You Again (PG)
- 1 p.m. - Alpha and Omega (PG13)
- 3 p.m. - Life As We Know It (PG13)
- 5 p.m. - Memphis Belle (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - My Soul To Take (R)
- 9 p.m. - The Last Samurai (R)

Theater B

- 11 a.m. - Despicable Me (PG)
- 1 p.m. - Gulliver's Travels (PG)
- 3 p.m. - Easy A (PG13)
- 5 p.m. - Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - Paranormal Activity 2 (R)
- 9 p.m. - The Town (R)

Comments & Suggestions

All are welcome to send comments or suggestions to MWR Bahrain. Please e-mail them to: MWRsuggestionBox@me.navy.mil

If you would like to receive MWR Bahrain's e-mail announcements, just send your official e-mail to the above address.

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Hawar Island Overnight Stay

Friday, February 18

- Time and Cost: TBD

Men's and Ladies Choice Spa Day Sparadise Packages

Saturday, February 19

- Time and Cost: TBD

Guided Cultural Tour of Bahrain

Sunday, February 20

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Min. 14 people; Cost: \$35

Belly Dancing Dinner Show

Thursday, February 24

- 8 p.m.
- Min. 10 people; Cost: \$30

Arabian Experience

Friday, February 25

- 1 - 7 p.m.
- Min. 5 people; Cost: \$18

Camel Farm and Saudi Causeway

Saturday, February 26

- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Min. 5 people; Cost \$5

****Please arrive 15 minutes prior****

All dates and times are subject to change

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Sunday, FEB 13
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NSA Bahrain

For more information, call: X4802

Radio Shows

- DJ Sharpe
- DJ Audity
- Felix the Cat
- DJ Swag
- DJ Lo

Want to hear something on air?
(Song requests, Shout-Outs, Announcements, etc.)
Airs Sunday thru Thursday
6-9 a.m., 11-1 p.m.



Monday, February 14

Last Buck Party

- 12 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15

Liberty Advisement Meeting

- 12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16

Darts Tournament

- 12 p.m.

Thursday, February 17

Visit to Animal Shelter

- 9 a.m.

Friday, February 18

Tree of Life Bike Tour

- 8 a.m.
 - E6 & Below \$10; E7 & Above \$15
- #### Video Game Friday
- 12 p.m.

For more information, call the Liberty Center at 439-3192

Friday, February 11

Bahrain Cultural Trip

- 12 p.m.
- E6 & Below \$3; E7 & Above \$5

Saturday, February 12

Tree of Life Bike Tour

- 8 a.m.
- E6 & Below \$10; E7 & Above \$15

Sunday, February 13

Mall Shopping and Dinner

- 5 p.m.
- E6 & Below \$3; E7 & Above \$5

Monday, February 14

February Birthday

- Free cake