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On Base...

✓ **Safety Stand Down** will be May 27 at Rudders. NAS Meridian civilian and military are highly encouraged to attend one of the two sessions at 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

✓ **Battle of Midway Commemoration Ceremony will be June 3.** NAS Meridian will honor one of the Navy's and history's most significant naval victories -- the Battle of Midway. The commemoration will take place at 9 a.m. at the flagpole in front of Administration Building 255 where a wreath will be placed by Capt. Charles Gibson.

✓ **MWR will host a "Midway" Celebration** for families at the All Hands Pool (next to Rudders) on June 3 from 5-9:30 p.m. The movie "Midway" will be shown on a massive outdoor movie screen. There will be FREE hot dogs, chips, soda and water, plus a bounce house for the kids! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. No coolers.

✓ **Galley open to honor Battle of Midway Commemoration** on June 3 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All those who work and live on board NAS Meridian are invited to enjoy lunch. Cost is \$4.25. Please bring exact change.

✓ **Midway Movies** honoring this historic battle are available for check out on DVDs in the Public Affairs Office. Call (601) 679-2809 for more information.

All Hands Pool (beside Rudders on Higley Road) is scheduled to open May 28

A Day in Naval History

May 28
1980: 55 women become first women graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy.

May 31
1944: USS England sank a record sixth Japanese submarine in 13 days.

June 1
1954: First test of steam catapult from USS Hancock

June 3
1949: Wesley A. Brown becomes the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.
1966: Launch of Gemini 9, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Eugene A. Cernan, USN. The mission included 45 orbits over 3 days. Recovery was by USS Wasp (CVS-18).
-- www.history.navy.mil

THE SKYLINE IS A CHINFO AWARD-WINNING NEWSPAPER

Conversion opportunities for ERB eligible Sailors

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- In an effort to provide conversion opportunities ahead of the Enlisted Retention Board, NAVADMIN 160/11 was released May 9, to waive some standard conversion requirements and provide Sailors with the guidelines for submitting applications.

The goal of the ERB is to re-balance manning in 31 overmanned ratings, improve advancement rates, and increase Perform to Serve (PTS) opportunity.

"Leadership respects and values the service of our Sailors," explained Rear Admiral Tony Kurta, head of personnel policy. "By providing increased opportunity to convert to undermanned rates, our goal is to keep high performing Sailors in the Navy while increasing competition and advancement opportunity in those overmanned ratings."

As part of Navy efforts to increase conver-

sion opportunities for ERB eligible applicants, some of the waived conversion requirements include:

- Years of Service: Personnel with greater than 12 years of service will be considered for conversion.
- Paygrade: All personnel, regardless of paygrade, will be considered for conversion.
- Personnel who are more than 12 months from their rotation date will be considered for conversion.
- Minimum activity tour requirements are waived.
- Personnel in receipt of PCS orders will be considered for conversion.
- Existing obligated service requirements incurred as a result of reenlistment, training, or other programs are waived.

Sailors who desire a conversion will need

to submit, by June 15, a NAVPERS 1306/7 signed by their commanding officer or officer in charge (OIC), a signed memorandum prioritizing conversion requests, copies of all evaluations for the previous three years, a PRIMUS print-out showing PFA scores for the previous four years, a print out of FleetRIDE qualification to the rating(s) they are applying for and any additional documents required for their targeted conversion ratings.

To learn more about the ERB, including eligibility requirements, read NAVADMIN 129/11 on Navy Personnel Commands website at, www.npc.navy.mil.

To learn more about the conversion opportunities available, to include a list of the eligible undermanned ratings, read NAVADMIN 160/11 at www.npc.navy.mil.

-- From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

'Run for the Wall' reaches Meridian

NAS Meridian military, civilian show their support



Above: NAS Meridian Color Guard members present colors at the luncheon to welcome participants in the 23rd Annual Run for the Wall in Jackson on May 23. The event brought together nearly 655 motorcyclists and hundreds of community members to honor many of our country's veterans including World War II Code Talkers, World War II Tuskegee Airmen, Vietnam POW's and two Medal of Honor recipients. Later in the day the group of motorcyclists arrived in Meridian where 14 military and civilian motorcycles from NAS Meridian joined the welcome party at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center.

Photo by Penny Randall

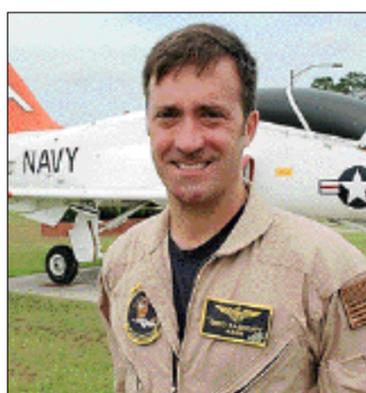
Left Top: Flag tour events manager Carolyn Deters assists Sailors from Naval Technical Training Center on board NAS Meridian as they help stitch the banner on May 23 at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center. The National 9/11 Flag tour is making stops in cities and small towns across the nation so that local heroes can help stitch the banner that was damaged during the terrorist attacks in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. The tour is sponsored by The New York Says Thank You Foundation.

Left Bottom: Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One and Naval Technical Training Center students salute as cross-country motorcycle riders arrive at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center. About 150 riders from Meridian greeted the riders as they made a rest stop in Meridian. The destination for the Run for the Wall group is the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Photos by MC2 Fiordeliz Valerio



Pankhurst



Kashouty

Pilots reach milestone during Centennial of Naval Aviation

By Penny Randall
Editor

What a better time for two pilots to celebrate a career milestone than in 2011 as the Navy celebrates the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

Lt. Cmdr. Terry "Spanky" Pankhurst and retired Lt. Cmdr. Greg "Kash" Kashouty, both recently arrived at 3,000 flight hours in the T-45 Goshawk -- Pankhurst and Kashouty are two of only three pilots who have reached this accomplishment.

"Three thousand hours kind of snuck up on me," said Pankhurst who is an instructor pilot with Training

Squadron Seven. "I've loved every minute of this job -- I don't really give much thought to how long I've been at it. One day, it seemed, I just turned around and discovered time had passed and how many hours had accumulated."

As a student, Pankhurst flew the T-34C Mentor, the T-2C Buckeye and the T-45A. In the fleet he flew the S-3B Viking out of Jacksonville, Fla. He has been flying and teaching in the T-45A and T-45C since February 2000 in both Kingsville, Texas, and in Meridian. Pankhurst has been an instructor in all of the T-45 Advanced Squadrons -- VT-21, VT-22, VT-9 and VT-7.

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A remembrance...

Battle of Midway

June 4-7, 1942

The Battle of Midway, fought near the Central Pacific island of Midway, is considered the decisive battle of the war in the Pacific. Before this battle the Japanese were on the offensive, capturing territory throughout Asia and the Pacific.

By their attack, the Japanese had planned to capture Midway to use as an advance base, as well as to entrap and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Because of communication intelligence successes, the U.S. Pacific Fleet surprised the Japanese forces, sinking the four Japanese carriers, that had attacked Pearl Harbor only six months before, while only losing one carrier. After Midway, the Americans and their Allies took the offensive in the Pacific.

Battle of Midway Background

Following the outbreak of the Pacific War in December 1941, the Japanese armed forces conducted military operations against U.S., British Commonwealth, and Dutch possessions in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. The first phase of these operations, which was the seizure of Malaysia, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, and various island groups in the central and western Pacific, was virtually complete by March 1942. The second phase, initiated by Japanese Imperial Headquarters on Jan. 23, was designed to isolate and neutralize Australia and India. In the Pacific, this plan envisioned the seizure of bases in Papua/New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, which would be used to support future operations against New Caledonia, Fiji, and Samoa. By early March, with the seizure of Lae and Salamaua, the entire north coast of Papua/New Guinea had fallen to Japanese forces who were planning for an amphibious invasion of Port Moresby.

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Photo of the Week



Photo by MC1 Abraham Essenmacher

WASHINGTON – Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class Amy Davis, left, U.S. Fleet Forces Sailor of the Year; Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Andrew Jenkins, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year; Aviation Warfare Systems Operator (Mechanical) 1st Class James Henson, Navy Reserve Sailor of the Year; and Construction Electrician 1st Class Leonardo Calderon, Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year, stand at attention before their meritorious advancement to chief petty officer on May 19.

Area Happenings

MAY

28: Chunky River Harley Davidson Hog Fest 2011 at the Chunky River Harley Davidson dealership, 584 Bonita Lakes Drive I-20 (South Frontage Road). For information, call (601) 482-4131 or go to www.chunkyriverharley.com.

30: Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Lauderdale County Court House, 21st Avenue (Confederate Ave.) between Sixth and Fifth Streets. Public is invited to attend.

JUNE

June 1-July 15: Meridian Museum of Art Summer Art Classes for ages 6-12. Classes are taught by various instructors. The museum is located at 628 25th Ave., Meridian. Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Class fee is \$35. For information, call Kate Cherry at (601) 693-1501 www.meridianmuseum.org.

5: The MSU Riley Center presents Jonny Lang in concert. Preshow party at 4:30 p.m., concert at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and \$44. Call the box office at (601) 696-2200 or go to www.msurileycenter.com.

17-19 and 23-26: State Games of Mississippi 20th Anniversary Competition Weekends. State Games is Mississippi's largest amateur athletic sporting event for all ages featuring a variety of sports events—something for teams and individuals. Opening Night Ceremony, Parade of Athletes and Lighting of the Torch will be June 17 at 7:30 p.m. in downtown Meridian at Dumont Plaza. Admission is free. For more information, call (800) 482-0205 or go to www.stategamesofms.org.

24: Meridian Museum of Art presents “Martinis at the Museum” featuring a huge auction of paintings. The museum is at 628 25th Ave., Meridian. For information, call Kate Cherry at (601) 693-1501 www.meridianmuseum.org.

Enrollment is open for the Head Start 2011/2012 program at the Child Development Center on board NAS Meridian. For more information contact, Geneva Burton at the Head Start Regional Office at (601) 483-2225.

Legal Assistance Attorney

On board NAS Meridian from June 7-9 in the Legal Office (Administration Building 255, Suite 222) to assist with the following:

- A Will, Medical Directive, Estate Planning, or Power of Attorney
- Basic advice and assistance with tax related questions, state tax exemptions, and SSCRA
- Help with family and domestic relations or consumer law/affairs or landlord-tenant relations, etc...

Appointments are required and made by calling (601) 679-2340. Personnel needing will services will need to stop by and complete a will worksheet for planning purposes NLT May 31. This FREE service is available to active duty military and their family members, retirees and their family members, and pre-mobilization assistance for reserve personnel.



In the Spotlight...

Special Thanks...

Special thanks to the CYP Administration and Staff for an Outstanding Job on our Annual Multidisciplinary Inspection.

Special thanks to our CYP parents who participated in the End of the Month Celebration held for the Month of the Military Child.

Special thanks to our CYP parents who participated in the End of the Year Celebration held for Preschool/Head Start class.

To include an item in this column, e-mail penny.randall@navy.mil or call (601) 679-2318. Photos may be included.

Navy Region Southeast welcomes CMC Ellis

By MCC Monica R. Nelson
Region Southeast Public Affairs

Transitioning from Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific in Hawaii, Command Master Chief (CMC) Herbert Mack Ellis reported to Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) to relieve CMDCM Joseph Curtin, May 9.

Ellis' plan for how he will lead the military staff at CNRSE centers on Navy policy.

“For those of us at CNRSE, it is a must that we lead by example,” Ellis said. “From our most junior Sailor to our most senior Sailor, we must be on the same page. Education is our page as far as communication, as far as teaching the Navy’s policies. I believe if we follow the basic guidelines of educating ourselves and leading by example, we will do well.”

Ellis' leadership at the installations command also includes frequent air travel to work with many of his team members at their respective commands throughout the region.

“I will be their leader and their mentor,” Ellis said of the installation command master chiefs through the Southeast Region. “At the same time, I expect to learn as much from them as they can expect to learn from me. We will communicate. I will be communicating Navy policy and any other information our Sailors need to our installation-s' CMCs and they will pass that information down to the lowest level.”

A Radioman Senior Chief prior to 2001, Ellis was made staff command senior chief of Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet that year by now-Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West. The appointment opened Ellis' eyes.

“I was totally unaware of what was going on in the submarine force before



Ellis

that,” Ellis said. “I never could have imagined the amount of energy and education that I would receive from the chiefs of the boats and other command master chiefs.”

It was a tour that led Ellis in a new direction.

“At one point, I thought I wanted to retire. I’ve always worked hard, but I didn’t make plans to become a command master chief,” he said. “It’s everyone’s dream to be a Navy Chief, and that had been mine, too. Still, I wanted to make a difference, and to make a difference, you have to keep climbing and convince others to do the same.”

According to Ellis, he has found positive guidance from multiple individuals throughout his career.

“I feed off people and believe in influence going both ways, in leading by example. I value effort and integrity, and I value motivation in every Sailor. No one is perfect, everyone should do their best, and we should be able to accept that,” Ellis said. “All of that has led me into the position I’m in today.”

NMCRS seeks volunteers

The NAS Meridian branch of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is in need of volunteers who can commit one or two days a week. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and they reimburse volunteers for gas and childcare. This is a great way for people to learn office skills, improve resumes, and make new friends. NMCRS has branches at nearly every Navy and Marine Corps base worldwide, and therefore experience is transferable. NMCRS helps active duty and retired military with budgeting, financial assistance, and getting service members home when they have received a Red Cross emergency message from their families. On board NAS Meridian, contact NMCRS Chair of Volunteers Jenny Enderlin at (601) 679-2504.

Click It or Ticket -- day and night

By MAC C.J. Hoffman
NAS Meridian Assistant Security Officer

Have you ever thought of your personal vehicle as a weapon? Although it may seem harmless while sitting in your driveway, when out of your control those thousands of pounds of steel can quickly become a threat to your life.

In fact, an average of 93 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes every day of 2009. And those daily tragedies added up to 33,808 people killed, not to mention 2,217,000 people injured. Our streets and highways should not be overcome with more casualties than a battlefield!

Let's take a stand to prevent motor vehicle fatalities on our base as well as across the state. The Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization is returning from May 23 through June 5, where law enforcement will be out in full force to encourage drivers and passengers to

buckle up. Both locally and nationwide, police will be fully mobilized and on the lookout for those not following state seat belt laws. Anyone caught without their seat belt buckled will face a ticket.

Don't be one of them. Make buckling up automatic. Each time you put on your seat belt, you help fight the war against unnecessary loss of life in motor vehicle crashes. Buckling up is so effortless -- and proven effective year after year. From 1975 through 2009, seat belts saved the lives of an estimated 267,890 passenger vehicle occupants (ages 5 and older)!

Whether you're a driver or passenger, on base or off duty, driving during the day or night -- wearing a seat belt is the easiest way to protect yourself from death or injury in a crash. So why take the risk of driving unbuckled?

Rest assured, if you don't buckle up, base law enforcement will be prepared to help remind you, with a ticket.

Moving with TRICARE: What you need to know

TRICARE Prime coverage is portable -- you can easily transfer your TRICARE Prime enrollment when you move within your TRICARE region or to a new TRICARE region. Follow these simple steps to ensure continuous coverage when you move:

- Do not disenroll from TRICARE Prime before you move to your new location.

- Once you arrive at your new location, update DEERS immediately.

- Select a new PCM or transfer your TRICARE Prime enrollment within 30 days of arrival at your new location.

If you move to another TRICARE

Prime Service Area (PSA) in the South TRICARE region, contact Humana Military; you will only need to change your PCM. If you move to a TRICARE PSA in another TRICARE region, contact the new regional contractor to transfer your enrollment. The enrollment transfer is effective when your new enrollment application is received by your new regional contractor.

Information is from the PRIME Handbook. More information is available via the web at Tricare.mil, Humana-Military.com, Humana Military 1-800-444-5445. Assistance via Humana Military TRICARE Service Center located inside NBHC Meridian from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office is closed on federal holidays.

Off Limits Establishments

The following establishments located in the city of Meridian are off limits to military members stationed at NAS Meridian.

The Underground
(Bonita Lakes Mall)
Meridian Underground Music Exchange

Club Flame Throwers
(advertised as “Club End Zone”)
Club Fusion (Formerly Club Swaggards and Club Midnight Sun)

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NBHC graduates first corpsman from new training program

By MC2 (AW/SW) Flordeliz Valerio
Staff Writer

Hospital Corpsman Melissa Vertner recently became the first graduate of the 12-week Corpsman Required Skills Course at Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Meridian on May 13.

Vertner received a new stethoscope during the ceremony as a symbol of her achievement.

"I feel that I have succeeded and accomplished a lot," Vertner said. "I have set a path for more junior corpsmen to get through the course."

The course entails one-on-one, undivided attention with the instructor teaching corpsmen how to respond to casualties and injuries in combat situations.

NBHC Meridian Physician Assistant Lt. Christopher Sharpe said that the course teaches junior corpsmen to be efficient not only while on shore duty but when they deploy to the field.

"The ultimate vision and goal for these corpsmen is to serve in combat... on the front line...by themselves, independent of any medical support," Sharpe said. "So, we teach them how to effectively communicate what they see, hear, feel and touch to a medical officer that may be 40, 60 or 100 miles away. If I drop a corpsman off 60 miles from the wire in Afghanistan, I want to be comfortable that they can tell me what they see or what they have, so I can make a decision whether or not a MEDEVAC helicopter or a 12-man, three-truck unit is needed to pick somebody up in the middle of IED alley, or tell them to hang on a little while."

Sharpe also said the course is more than evaluating patients at sick call; corpsmen are taught 'cradle and grave' medicine.

"Basically, they pick up the chart, check the patient, do their vital signs, take their history, do a complete physical exam, make a diagnosis, then come up with a

treatment plan and lastly, a follow-up," Sharpe said. "A corpsman might end up in the back of a Humvee with a gear bag, and I believe every single corpsman should walk out of this clinic and effectively operate in combat."

The course also teaches corpsmen how to tackle administrative issues including light duty to limited duty boards, physical evaluation boards and how to read x-rays. Corpsmen will also learn how to interpret basic labs.

Vertner said the skills course was tough to complete. "When I first started it was really difficult, but once I grasped the idea, it allowed me to excel," Vertner said. "I realized I can help other corpsmen understand it a lot faster and easier."

NBHC Meridian Officer-in-Charge Lt. Cmdr. Roger Caron said there is a need to develop corpsman programs which train and prepare them for the real world.

"There is great value to these types of programs, but none of the previous programs ever satisfied us," Caron said. "Because of that, Lt. Sharpe developed this course based on experience, as to what level, the types of diagnosis, and care a corpsman should be proficient in."

Sharpe feels the skills course should remove the corpsman from their comfort zone.

"What I found is that while in Iraq and Afghanistan, a lot of the junior corpsmen who were deploying with us were assigned to health records or some other administrative functions," Sharpe said. "I've got E-4s, E-5s and sometimes E-6s and E-7s that can't treat combat casualties."

Vertner highly recommends that her fellow shipmates take the course.

"You don't want to be the corpsman in the battlefield not knowing what to do when your fellow soldiers are out there dying," Vertner said. "Once you get a grasp of the course (and graduate from it), you know you are going to work to the best of your ability when you get out there in



Photo by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio

Hospital Corpsman Melissa Vertner is the first graduate of the 12-week Corpsman Required Skills Course.

the field."

Caron and Sharpe hope to expand the course to other branch health clinics.

"Currently this course is available only on board NAS Meridian," Sharpe said. "Ideally, we would like to move this towards branch health clinics such as Pensacola, Millington, Panama City, Whiting Field, Gulfport and even our Army counterparts at Camp Shelby."

Caron believes this course is essential to every corpsman.

"There is a certain expectation of proficiency and care that a junior corpsman should provide to an operational command," Caron said. "We are training junior corpsmen to meet these expectations. That's the whole point of this course."

Fire Department Training



NAS Meridian Fire and Emergency services fire fighters remove simulated incapacitated T-45 aircrew during egress training in the hangar on May 17. Thanks to Andy "Curly" Neal, Fidelity Instructor; Rick Main, CNTRA; and Lt. Cmdr. Vic Roman, TW-1; for conducting the training which was supervised by Fire Training Chief Kelvin Williams.



NAS Meridian Fire and Emergency Services respond to and mitigate a simulated leak of 150 pound cylinder of chlorine during a recent a Department of Defense Hazardous Material Technician Certification Course. Fire fighters respond to, recognize and evaluate hazardous materials incidents. They organize the response; identify methods for unknown substances, identifying known materials while using response resources, equipment and air monitoring. Techs implement basic control and containment measures. The HAZMAT techs also sharpen their decision-making skills. This training helps them to better protect our command, the public and the environment.

Thank you MATSS-1



Left: The staff and parents of children at Northeast Elementary Schools would like to say thanks to MATSS-1 staff and students for all the help and support they have given Northeast schools this year. "Thank you to a great group of MARINES."

Right: Recently 36 staff and students from Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One volunteered to help the victims of the tornados that stuck Tuscaloosa, Ala. Marines were split into groups and assisted in surveying damaged homes, providing food and water to those in need, and clearing debris in and around homes.

Submitted photos



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Star Service Training

Star Service, Creating Stellar Customer Relations, a required customer service course for all N9 employees, was conducted from May 17-18 for employees of the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, MWR and Bachelor Housing. The course covers the following topics: Reaching for Star Service, the framework for delivering Star Service; Caring for Customers: Skills for providing attentive, caring service; Healing Customer Relationships: Skills for serving customers who are angry or upset; and Dazzling Your Customers: Skills for "surprising" customers with pleasing extras. Pictured are Lakisha Watson, Millie Rush, Renee Keith, Sharon Clayton, Michelle Crowell, Patricia Kennedy, Teresita Sumera, Vonda Roseman, James Dodd, William Cook, Robert Davis, Karis Griffin, Melinda Bohannon, Charity Hopson and Jenna Bickel. Not pictured are facilitators John Houdek and Stacey Jemison.

Submitted photo

Starbase Atlantis 2011 Summer Activities
Call 601-579-2448 or 601-579-3809 to register!
All workshops are from 8 a.m. to noon - Students should bring a snack

June 8 & 9 ~ Rocketry & Flight
Few experiences can compare with the excitement & thrill of watching a rocket thunder into space. Join us for a look at rockets, their scientific principles and even construct a few of your own. You'll be soaring before you know it. This workshop is open to those who have completed 2nd and 3rd grades.

June 21, 22, & 23 ~ Starbase Engineering
Come to Starbase and become one of our engineers. You will experience the role of engineering in activities such as building a seat belt for an egg, using a circuit board to cause a bulb to light, building and launching a rocket, and many other fun activities. This workshop is open to those who have completed 4th and 5th grades.

July 12, 13, & 14 ~ Lego Robotics
Robots build automobiles, perform surgery, explore the surface of Mars, and vacuum carpet. Come to Starbase, build your own robot and see technology and innovation at work. Our LEGO robots will perform feats of skill. This workshop will emphasize teamwork and cooperation. If you have completed 5th or 6th grade for this fun workshop.



Patriotic Tree

The staff of VT-7 Admin Office shows off their patriotic spirit with a "Memorial Day Tree." The tree remains up year round and the decorations are changed for every holiday. Decorators are Kim Smith and Dave Klutz.

Submitted photo

F-35C test aircraft exceeding test and evaluation goals

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) -- Naval Air Systems Command announced May 17 that the test aircraft for the carrier variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is exceeding test and evaluation program goals so far this year.

According to the announcement, the F-35C test aircraft, 'CF-1,' currently at Naval Air Station Patuxent River has completed 36 test flights as of May 11, nearly half the program's goal for the year of 85.

"CF-1's been flying well, even with a number of planned and unplanned maintenance periods," said U.S. Marine Corps Col. Roger Cordell, military site director. "It's a great sign for the fleet that the aircraft is doing well so early in the test program."

In April, CF-1 completed 13 flights, tying a record for the number of test flights for any aircraft at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. Additionally, the integrated test team has completed seven CF-1 test flights this month.

"The team has been doing a great job staying on top of maintenance requirements," said Jim McClendon, Lockheed Martin site director vice president. "Just last week, CF-1 flew six flights in six days, which is a great



U.S. Navy photo courtesy Lockheed Martin

The U.S. Navy variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35C, conducts a test flight over the Chesapeake Bay. Lt. Cmdr. Eric "Magic" Buus flew the F-35C for two hours, checking instruments that will measure structural loads on the airframe during flight maneuvers.

accomplishment in any test program, let alone test and evaluation for a brand new aircraft."

Coupled with this week's arrival of the second carrier variant, CF-2, and arrival of CF-3 later this year, the F-35C test program is making rapid progress toward initial carrier suitability testing this year at Joint Base Lakehurst-McGuire-Dix in New Jersey.

First carrier suitability testing this summer is scheduled to include the first catapult launches, and the F-35C is scheduled to commence shipboard testing in 2013.

The F-35C is the carrier variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, with larger wing control sur-

faces and reinforced landing gear to operate in the maritime environment. The F-35C is undergoing test and evaluation to evaluate flutter, loads and mission systems at NAS Patuxent River prior to eventual delivery to the fleet.

From F-35C Integrated Test Force, Naval Air Systems Command Public Affairs

Mullen: SEAL Team represents all military

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

NEW YORK (NNS) -- The scene at the White House was "tense" during the assault on the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, that killed Osama bin Laden, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the audience at the Robin Hood Foundation gala in New York May 9.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen answered questions posed by Tom Brokaw during the annual fund raiser at the Javits Center, and gave some insights into the operation.

"It really was the culmination of a phenomenal effort on the part of all the government agencies," the chairman said. He singled out "the best intelligence work I've ever seen that enabled those in the military who executed this mission to do so successfully."

The chairman praised President Barack Obama's decision to go after bin Laden saying it was by no means a sure thing that the al-Qaida leader was in the one-acre compound. "I thought it was a courageous decision on the part of the president," Mullen said, noting it was only a 55 percent chance that the 9/11 attack mastermind was in the compound.

The president did "100 percent certainty in relying on our military," the chairman said.

The SEAL team that killed bin Laden

"represents 2.2 million men and women -- active, Guard and reserve," Mullen said. They are part of the best military he has seen in his more than four decades of service that started in Vietnam.

"I've spoken to them -- they are proud of what they did; they are proud to represent this extraordinary military," he said. "They really did make a difference."

The silent special operations warriors also would like to fade back into the shadows, the chairman said, "and I hope that we can let them do that."

Brokaw asked Mullen about what the feeling was like in the White House when word came back from Pakistan that the team had killed bin Laden. Mullen said he was elated, but he also was still worried.

"It was far from over at that point," he said. "They were still inside the building. There was the need to get them out and get them out safely."

They, of course, did make it out safely. The special operators performed the mission perfectly even when faced with an additional challenge -- one helicopter had a hard landing and had to be abandoned.

"I think tremendous credit goes to a lot of people," Mullen said. "Not only did we execute this mission, but we didn't lose anybody, none of our people were injured, and we achieved it in a way that many people didn't think we could years ago. They are the best of the best."

The Petty Officers Association meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at Air Operations. All petty officers are invited to attend!

Selective Reenlistment Bonus adjustments made

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- A second adjustment to the fiscal year 2011 Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) Program was announced in NAVADMIN 166/11 released May 18.

SRB is a dynamic market-based incentive program designed to retain Sailors in the Navy's most critical ratings and enlisted classifications (NEC).

The NAVADMIN adjusts the 124 skill/zone combinations that were updated in February, reducing 46 skills and eliminating 34.

The NAVADMIN also outlines a policy change for the SRB program. Reenlistment requests for SRB awards will be approved based on quota availability. Specifically, within 30 days of a particular skill/zone reaching the needed quota for reenlistments, a "shutdown date" will be posted on the PERS-811 webpage of the Navy Personnel

Command (NPC) website.

As with Perform to Serve (PTS), eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their chain of command as early as possible within their reenlistment window to maximize potential for SRB.

PERS-811 will post and update a current list of SRB eligible ratings/skills based on available quotas at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlisted/careeraadmin/Pages/SRB.aspx>.

For commands with limited internet access, command career counselors should contact PERS-811 directly for the latest updates at (901) 874-2526/DSN 882, FAX (901) 874-2623/DSN 882 or e-mail EMCM(SS) Irish at douglas.d.irish@navy.mil, Mr. Frank Palomo at francis.co.palomo@navy.mil, or PSC Bellew at jefrey.bellew@navy.mil.

-- From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

• Flight hours

Pankhurst offers the students he trains a piece of advice, "Never forget how lucky we are to be doing this job. When you get tired or frustrated, think back to high school or earlier when you sat and dreamed about doing just this type of thing. How many others have dreamed of it and will never know what it's like?"

Pankhurst lists his most memorable experience in the Navy as his first trap on a carrier.

"It was March 1994 in a T-2C on the USS Eisenhower -- it's something you just don't forget."

Lt Cmdr. Greg "Kash" Kashouty retired from the U.S. Navy in June 2008 from VT-22 in Kingsville. He trained student pilots at NAS Meridian from 2003-2008 for Training Squadron Seven and Training Air Wing One. He is currently a contract pilot working for M-1 Support Systems on board NAS Meridian. His job is to fly functional check flights, ferry flights and rescue flights.

Kashouty realizes that reaching 3,000 flight hours is a huge accomplishment.

"It's a lot of hard work and long hours for many years. Most of the missions are less than one hour each time that you fly, so it means there are a lot of man-ups, putting flight gear on and walking out to the plane and starting it -- lots of takeoffs and landings. I have more than 2,800 sorties to accomplish this."

Kashouty has trained hundreds of students who have successful careers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

"I have a lot of old students who are now commanders," Kashouty said. "I have students who have taught students, who have taught students... three to four generations since I started flying the T-45 in 1996."

During his career Kashouty flew nine different types of aircraft including T-34, T-2, A-4, S-3A/B, C-9/DC-9, T-45A and T-45C.

Kashouty's piece of advice for the pilots in training: "You have to want it very bad. Never stop studying, and listen to the 'Old Timers,' because most really have been there and done that.' You can learn a lot from other people's mistakes."

As for celebrating their 3,000th flight hour, both officers are very modest, but Pankhurst says it best: "I suppose I'll dwell on it for a few minutes and then get back to work."



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Pfc. Chris A. Fontana
MATSS-1 Student
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Pvt. Danielle Toglana
MATSS-1 Student
Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

Pfc. Chris A. Fontana is a student in the Marine Aviation Supply Specialist Course at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.

"I became a Marine to do something important, worthwhile and meaningful for my country and myself," said Fontana who joined on Aug. 18, 2010.

Fontana said his most vivid memorial of boot camp came during Marine Combat Training firing the M249s and M240s.

"I'm most looking forward to meeting new people, advancing in rank, serving people that have no way to help or serve themselves," Fontana said.

The people he most admires are his grandmother and mother. "They have been through a lot and work hard every day with little time off. Their heads are always held high -- they never complain."



Pvt. Danielle Toglana is the second member of her immediate family to join the Marine Corps.

"I became a Marine to improve myself physically and mentally, to be a role model to my nieces and other females, but most importantly to support my little brother who is also a Marine currently deployed in Afghanistan," said Toglana who joined in December 2010.

Toglana is a student in the MASS Course at MATSS-1 on board NAS Meridian. Her hobbies include watching movies, music and camping.

The person she most admires is her brother, Irvin Toglana. "He is in infantry and that's the most intense job to me -- he risking his life. It's an honorable thing to do for our country. I'm proud to be his sister."

Who makes the rules? East Coast Corps gather to discuss policy

By Lance Cpl. Andrew D. Johnston
2nd Marine Division

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- Are the five-fingered "Avatar" running shoes authorized to wear during physical training? Should Marines with children be allowed to pick them up from daycare or school facilities out in town without having to change into civilian attire?

Senior enlisted Marines and sailors throughout Marine Corps Forces Command, attended the annual Sergeant Major, Master Gunnery Sergeant and Master Chief Symposium at the Marston Pavilion aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 3, 2011. Issues like the above were put in the hot seat and hashed out for a week.

With more than 165 leaders in attendance, Gunnery Sgt. Jerry Pennington, administration chief for II Marine Expeditionary Force staff secretary, said the group left no stone unturned. They covered a vast multitude of topics that military personnel and their families deal with on a daily basis, he said.

"They're broken into groups and each group has a certain number of agenda items that they research and discuss options," said Pennington. "They try to figure out whether or not it should go up to the Headquarters of the Marine Corps or the commandant to fix the issue and if not; why not?"

From as far north as the tip of Maine all the way down to southern Florida, the massive group of seasoned vets professionally gave their expertise on each subject.

Sgt. Maj. Matthew V. Wilhelm, sergeant major for Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, said the event was one of the year's tipping points that ultimately unified all senior enlisted members from the East Coast on matters frequently being questioned in the Corps.

"We got together and made an impact on the Marine Corps," explained Wilhelm. "The future of the Marine Corps is based off our decisions as leaders to shape policy that makes sense for Marines and their families. We're here to implement a better Corps for the up and coming Marines and sailors."

Wilhelm said his true belief was that junior Marines were the ones who actually made the most impact on procedures and regulations. Although most Marines and sailors thought their voices were unheard, he and other leaders wanted people to know even the smallest concerns were being addressed. To him the event was a key factor in giving families the resources and tools for keeping their warriors combat ready.

"The operation tempo of the Marine Corps over the past 10 years has been very fast," said Wilhelm. "Every junior Marine needs to understand that in order for us to function at 100 percent as a Corps, we need to know what you and your families think. Fortunately for us, we have had tremendous amounts of feedback from Marines and families, which allows us to take on all of these issues."

Wilhelm talked about how the gathering had a positive outcome. With the amount of solutions that came from the event, he said the symposium should run more than once a year.

"This has been very, very beneficial and it should probably be done more often," said Wilhelm. "Future sergeant majors and master gunnery sergeants need to know and understand about this process. Lance corporals and private first classes need to understand the impact they have and where the rules come from. If we don't hear about it, we can't discuss it. We are here to make sure the Marine Corps and our families are moving forward in a positive direction."

MASS Class 11120 graduates



Above: MASS Class 11120 pose for a class photo with their instructors. Middle: Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One Executive Officer Capt. Michael Lupient congratulates the classes top graduate Dino Dejesus, who was promoted to Lance Corporal and the class leader, Pfc. Christian Correamirez. Right: Pfc. Michael P. Stacey is congratulated by Gunnery Sgt. Philip Calligan after Stacey was named the Honor, Courage and Commitment Award Winner.



Photos by Penny Randall

Safety is Our Duty

Bedbugs with "Superbug" bacteria

The CDC in Atlanta released recently a preliminary study where in Canada researchers detected drug-resistant staph aureus (MRSA) in bedbugs from three hospitalized patients from a lower economic neighborhood in Vancouver.

There is no evidence yet that the bedbugs found had spread disease they were carrying within the hospital. Bedbugs can cause severe itching that can lead to excessive scratching. The scratching breaks the skins integrity and makes the person more susceptible to becoming infected with the germs.

Not only did the bedbugs have MRSA but two of the insects had VRE, or vancomycin-resistant enterococcus, which is also a dangerous resistant bacteria. Bedbugs are becoming a national problem in the United States as well, and it is not just prevalent in low economic areas, but across the spectrum.

Both these germs can be seen often in hospitals and can cause life threatening medical complications to immune compromised patients, the very young and the elderly. Hospitals nationwide are spending significant dollars to prevent the spread of these superbugs by both screening patients prior to admission to certain units, extensive cleaning, staff education and epidemiological monitoring of high risk areas. Acute care hospitals, long-term care and behavioral health also incur huge costs when bedbug infestations take over units and mattresses have to be thrown away. Behavioral health facilities have problems specifically tied to the admission and multiple re-admissions sometimes of the mentally ill homeless who live in poor hygienic situations.

Hospital-acquired MRSA or VRE has not been an issue yet here at NHCCC. We do occasionally see patients with community-acquired MRSA in wounds. The use of proper hand hygiene, cleaning exam rooms between patients and at the end of the day, proper disinfection and sterilization of instruments used in procedures are three important ways to help prevent the spread of MRSA and VRE.

For further information on MRSA, VRE and bedbugs you can go to the Web site CDC.gov

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

Military Summer Statistics
14 Sailors and 14 Marines lost their lives between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2010.

How they died
4 Drowned
5 Died during recreational activities
6 Died on motorcycles
13 Died in cars and trucks

Trends in Summer Safety
After spiking in 2008, summer deaths have decreased by 54 percent for Sailors and 37 percent for Marines. The 5-year average is 44 Sailors and Marine deaths each summer.

Profile of fatal motorcycle rider
✓ Sport bike rider
✓ First year rider
✓ No formal training
✓ Under age of 30
✓ Speeding
✓ Doesn't know limitations
✓ Failed to identify hazards

Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable to crashes than other drivers. Many crashes occur because motorcycles are hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. It is important that motorists always make a visual check for motorcyclists by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Throughout May, the National Safety Council will encourage motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and be extra alert when they are nearby.

Fatalities involving motorists and motorcyclists increased 131 percent between 1998 and 2008. The mileage death rate for motorcyclists in 2007 was 37 times greater than for passenger car occupants.

"Throughout spring and summer the number of motorcyclists on the road will increase. It is important for both motorists and motorcyclists to be aware of one another," said David Teater, NSC senior director of Transportation Initiatives. "To better defend themselves, motorcyclists should follow the rules of the roadway and wear protective gear, including a Department of Transportation compliant helmet."

-- From National Safety Council Web site

Motorcycles: Increasing Driver Awareness

More than two-thirds of the time when cars and motorcycles crash, the driver causes the wreck, not the motorcyclist. Most of the time, the driver didn't see the motorcycle.

Here are some tips for motorcyclists to help them stay visible.

1. Don't assume a driver can see you. The primary precautions are: helmets with retro-reflective materials; bright, contrasting clothing; fluorescent vests.
2. In 23 states, motorcyclists must keep their headlight on at all times. It is a good idea everywhere.
3. If you can't see a driver's face in his rear-view mirror, he can't see you, either. Be aware when you are in a blind spot.
4. Use your turn signals and don't make any sudden moves.
5. The most likely situations for a wreck:
 - A car turning left in front of you.
 - A driver changing lanes or turning when you are in his blind spot.
 - Road hazards (potholes, standing water, railroad tracks) that make drivers do something sudden or unexpected.

Steps to help parents, children practice home exit drills

With children getting out of school for their summer break, it is a good idea to, if you have not all ready done so. Practice exit drills in the home. Here are some safety steps to use when teaching your child about fire safety.

1. Explain to your child what you're going to teach him. Tell him/her it's similar to fire drills in school, and that it's just as important to have fire drills at home.
2. Draw a simple diagram of your house and go over it carefully with your child.
3. Find two escape routes for every room. Take the child

to each room and ask him/her how he/she would escape if there were a fire.

4. Practice opening windows, taking off screens and using ladders (if on a second story). Children must be able to open windows and window locks and use collapsible ladders if on a second story.

5. Make sure there are no security bars on bedroom windows - or if there are, that they can be opened and closed easily. You may even want to remove bars from your child's room.

6. Sleep with bedroom doors closed, and teach your child that if the smoke detector goes off, he/she should feel the door with the back of his/her hand before opening it.
7. Teach your child to place the back of his/her hand on the door to check for heat, starting at the bottom and working up. Then he/she should place the back of his/her hand on the doorknob; if there's any heat outside the door, he/she should be able to feel it.
8. Teach your child to crack

open the door - if he/she doesn't feel heat, he/she should stay low and check for smoke. If smoke is present, he/she should use the other way out.

9. Choose a place for family members to reconvene outside.

10. Tell your child that once he/she has escaped, he/she must not go back in the house for any reason until firefighters have deemed the house safe for re-entry.

If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3867.



● Midway

By this time, two secure American naval intelligence centers were in operation in the Pacific: one in Melbourne, Australia, and another at Pearl Harbor ("Hypo"). A third, at Corregidor ("Cast"), was rapidly disintegrating under Japanese air and artillery attacks on the island. Its cryptanalysts and equipment were in the process of evacuation to Melbourne. These facilities intercepted Japanese radio communications and, through traffic analysis and codebreaking, uncovered the location of major fleet units and shore based air forces. More importantly, by translating messages and studying operational patterns, Melbourne and Hypo predicted future Japanese operations. The intelligence centers provided their analysis, through daily communications intelligence (COMINT) briefings and warning reports, to senior American commanders, including Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet (Admiral Ernest J. King), and Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet (Admiral Chester W. Nimitz).

In early March, the Japanese postponed their planned seizure of Port Moresby because of previous events. An American carrier raid on Japanese shipping at Lae and Salamaua on the 10th, along with a previously unsuccessful attempt to attack Rabaul on Feb. 20, had demonstrated to Commander in Chief, Fourth Fleet (Admiral Shigeyoshi Inouye), that Japanese were not assured of air superiority in the region. It was not until early May, when Admiral Inouye had three carriers for operations, that the invasion could begin. On May 7-8, the first carrier battle of the war took place in the Coral Sea. Each side had a carrier damaged, while the American lost the carrier USS Lexington and the Japanese lost the light carrier Shoho. More important the Japanese broke off their invasion attempt. It was the first time the Japanese had been stopped in the Pacific. Significantly, American cryptanalysts had provided crucial order of battle and operational communications intelligence to the Allied commanders in the South Pacific.

In addition to this advance toward Port Moresby, evidence that Japan was intent on expanding east of the Marshall Islands appeared in COMINT in early 1942. Land-based air units and equipment began appearing in message traffic to and from the Marshall Islands and the Mandates. On March 4, the designator "AF" began appearing in partially decoded messages. Then, on March 5, Japanese seaplanes, refueled from a submarine at French Frigate Shoals, Territory of Hawaii, conduct a small armed reconnaissance mission over Oahu. Finally, on 13 March, American cryptanalysts both broke the Japanese Navy's General-Purpose Code (JN 25) and identified "AF" as Midway Island.

On April 16, after several months of discussion, Commander in Chief, Combined Fleet (Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto), convinced the Imperial General Staff to agree to his Midway and Aleutians strategy for the summer. In Admiral Yamamoto's view, the capture of Midway Island would allow Japan to pursue its Asian policies behind an impregnable eastern shield of defenses in the Central Pacific. The centerpiece of this plan was a feint toward Alaska followed by an invasion of Midway. When the U.S. Pacific Fleet responded to the landings on Midway, Japanese carrier and battleship task forces, waiting unseen to the west of the Midway strike force, would fall upon and destroy the unsuspecting Americans. If successful, the plan would effectively eliminate the U.S. Pacific Fleet for at least a year and provide a forward outpost from which ample warning of any future threat by the U.S. would come.

Two days later, Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle and a small number of American airmen from the U.S. Army Air Corps took off from USS Hornet in land based bombers to attack the Japanese home islands. As a result of this attack, which caused the Japanese to want to extend their first line of defense as far east as possible, the Japanese advanced the date of their planned attack on Midway. On May 5, Imperial General Headquarters issued "Navy Order No. 18" directing Admiral Yamamoto to carry out the occupation of Midway Island and key points in the western Aleutians in cooperation with the Army.

At the same time, Japanese Navy communication activity in the vicinity of Japan dramatically increased, reflecting naval exercises conducted in preparation for both the Midway and Aleutian operations. On May 7, Hypo provided a translation of the agenda for a Japanese aviation conference, called by Commander in Chief, 1st Air Fleet (Vice Admiral Nagumo), scheduled for May 16. The conference concerned tactics to be employed in obtaining air superiority over a target, assisting in amphibious landings, and bombing and strafing attacks to wipe out local resistance. On May 9, Melbourne intercepted and translated "1st Air Fleet Striking Force Order No. 6," which confirmed the creation of a new carrier strike force and that a major Fleet movement would begin on May 21. In response to this COMINT, American cryptanalysts supplied warning notices of Japanese offensives scheduled for late May.

On May 19, the Officer in Charge of COMINT processing at Hypo (Commander Joseph J. Rochefort) and the intelligence officer for the Pacific Fleet (Lieutenant Commander Edwin T. Layton), identified Midway and Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, as specific Japanese objectives. On the 22nd, following a radio deception operation, Melbourne completely confirmed that "AF" meant Midway. Hypo then discovered the date cipher used in Japanese message traffic. This meant analysts could determine exactly when the attack would



USS Lexington (CV-2) burning and sinking after her crew abandoned ship during the Battle of Coral Sea, May 8, 1942. Note planes parked aft, where fires have not yet reached.

take place. After examining previously intercepted messages, Hypo predicted an attack on Midway on June 4. Admiral Nimitz used this estimate to plan American countermeasures.

On May 26, since COMINT suggested the Japanese intended to approach from that direction, submarine USS Gudgeon (SS-211) sailed for a surface patrol northwest of Midway. Also on the 26th, aircraft ferry USS Kitty Hawk (AKV-1) arrived at Midway with reinforcements for Marine Air Group (MAG) 22, a light tank platoon earmarked for a mobile reserve, and the 3d Defense Battalion, equipped with 3-inch anti-aircraft guns. On that same day, Task Force Sixteen (TF 16) under the command of Rear Admiral William F. Halsey, and centered around USS Hornet (CV- 8) and USS Enterprise (CV-6), returned to Pearl Harbor from the South Pacific to begin preparations for the upcoming battle. Although suffering from damage inflicted by Japanese bombs during the May 7-8 Battle of the Coral Sea, USS Yorktown (CV-5) returned the next day.

Also on the 26th, the Japanese Northern Force, which included two light carriers, sailed from Ominato toward the Aleutians. The next day, Japanese forces began getting underway for Midway. Chief among them was First Mobile Force, Carrier Strike Force (Vice Admiral Nagumo Chuichi), comprising the four large carriers Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, and Hiryu with a total of 229 carrier aircraft. On the 28th, the Japanese First Fleet, Main Body (Admiral Yamamoto in battleship Yamato) sortied from home waters. The Second Fleet, Escort Force (Rear Admiral Tanaka Raizo), including 15 transports, sailed from Saipan; Second Fleet, Occupation Support Force (Rear Admiral Kurita Takeo) sortied from Guam. These forces were supported by 17 patrol seaplanes.

TF 16 (Rear Admiral Raymond A. Spruance), formed around Enterprise and Hornet, departed Pearl Harbor on May 28, to take up a position northeast of Midway. Spruance replaced Halsey for this operation because Halsey was suffering from a painful attack of shingles. Two days later, Task Force Seventeen (TF 17) under the command of Rear Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, formed around the quickly repaired Yorktown, and sailed from Pearl to join TF 16 northeast of Midway. When TF 17 and TF 16 joined about 350 miles northeast of Midway on June 2, Rear Admiral Fletcher became officer in tactical command. The three American carriers, augmented by cruiser-launched float-planes, provided 234 aircraft afloat. These were supported by 110 fighters, bombers, and patrol planes at Midway. As part of pre-battle disposition, 25 fleet submarines under the command of Rear Admiral Robert H. English were deployed around Midway.



Pilots of the four Patrol Squadron 24 (VP-24) and Patrol Squadron 51 (VP-51) PBV-5A "Catalina" patrol bombers that flew the torpedo attack mission against the Japanese fleet's Midway Occupation Force during the night of June 3-4, 1942.

Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives.

Meanwhile, on May 29, seaplane tender (destroyer) USS Thornton (AVD-11) arrived at French Frigate Shoals to relieve light minelayer USS Preble (DM-20) on patrol station there. The presence of U.S. ships at French Frigate Shoals prevented the Japanese from refueling flying boats to reconnoiter Pearl Harbor. Although the Japanese could not visually confirm the departure of Task Forces 16 and 17 from Pearl Harbor, American preparations to defend Midway were on the verge of discovery anyway. Japanese COMINT stations not only learned of carrier movements in and out of Pearl Harbor, simply by listening to increased air-ground radio chatter, but traffic analysis of "Urgent" American radio messages coming out of Pearl Harbor suggested at least one Task Force was at sea. Incredibly, these discoveries by Japanese COMINT were withheld from the Midway Strike Force because of Yamamoto's strict radio silence restrictions.

On June 3, in the preliminary moves of the Battle of Midway, American land-based aircraft from Midway located and attacked Japanese transports about 600 miles west of Midway Island. U.S. Army Air Force Boeing B-17 ("Flying Fortress") bombers inflicted no damage, however, and four Consolidated PBV ("Catalinas") from VP-24 were sent out for a night attack on the approaching transports. As part of the overall Japanese plan, the Second Strike Force

(Rear Admiral Kakuta Kikuji) bombed Dutch Harbor with planes from light carriers Ryujo and Junyo. In an event whose importance became clear only later, one Mitsubishi A6M ("Zeke") carrier fighter was disabled by anti-aircraft fire and made an emergency landing on Akutan Island. The pilot, fooled by the flat ground, flipped the plane over upon landing in a bog and was killed. American intelligence analysts later studied the plane to discover its strengths and weaknesses.

The Battle

Just after midnight on June 4, Admiral Nimitz, based on patrol plane reports, advised Task Forces 16 and 17 of the course and speed of the Japanese "main body," also noting their distance of 574 miles from Midway. Shortly after dawn, a patrol plane spotted two Japanese carriers and their escorts, reporting "Many planes heading Midway from 320 degrees distant 150 miles!"

The first attack on June 4, however, took place when the four night-flying PBYs attacked the Japanese transports northwest of Midway with one PBY torpedoing fleet tanker Akebono Maru. Later that morning, at roughly 6:30 a.m., Aichi D3A ("Val") carrier bombers and Nakajima B5N ("Kate") torpedo planes, supported by numerous fighters ("Zekes"), bombed Midway Island installations. Although defending U.S. Marine Corps Brewster F2A ("Buffalo") and Grumman F4F ("Wildcat") fighters suffered disastrous losses, losing 17 of 26 aloft, the Japanese only inflicted slight damage to the facilities on Midway. Motor Torpedo Boat PT-25 was also damaged by strafing in Midway lagoon.

Over the next two hours, Japanese "Zekes" on Combat Air Patrol (CAP) and anti-aircraft fire from the Japanese fleet annihilated the repeated attacks by the American aircraft from Marine Corps Douglas SBD ("Dauntless") and Vought SB2U ("Vindicator") scout bombers from VMSB-241, Navy Grumman TBF ("Avenger") torpedo bombers from VT-8 detachment, and U. S. Army Air Force torpedo-carrying Martin B-26 ("Marauder") bombers sent out to attack the Japanese carriers. Army Air Force "Flying Fortresses" likewise bombed the Japanese carrier force without success, although without losses to themselves.

Between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Douglas TBD ("Devastator") torpedo bombers from VT 3, VT-6, and VT-8 on the three American carriers attacked the Japanese carriers. Although nearly wiped out by the defending Japanese fighters and anti-aircraft fire, they drew off enemy fighters, leaving the skies open for dive bombers from Enterprise and Yorktown. VB-6 and VS-6 "Dauntlesses" from Enterprise bombed and fatally damaged carriers Kaga and Akagi, while VB-3 "Dauntlesses" from Yorktown bombed and wrecked carrier Soryu. American submarine Nautilus (SS-168) then fired torpedoes at the burning

Kaga but her torpedoes did not explode.

At 11 a.m., the one Japanese carrier that escaped destruction that morning, Hiryu, launched "Val" dive bombers that temporarily disabled Yorktown around noon. Three and a half hours later, Hiryu's "Kate" torpedo planes struck a second blow, forcing Yorktown's abandonment. In return, "Dauntlesses" from Enterprise mortally damaged Hiryu in a strike around 5 that afternoon. The destruction of the Carrier Strike Force compelled Admiral Yamamoto to abandon his Midway invasion plans, and the Japanese Fleet began to retire westward.

During the battle, Japanese destroyers had picked up three U.S. naval aviators from the water. After interrogation, however, all three Americans were murdered. One TBD pilot, Lieutenant George Gay escaped detection by the Japanese ships and was later rescued by a PBY.



Midway Atoll -- Aerial photograph, looking just south of west across the southern side of the atoll, Nov. 24, 1941. Eastern Island, then the site of Midway's airfield, is in the foreground. Sand Island, location of most other base facilities, is across the entrance channel.

Official U.S. Navy Photograph,

On June 5, TF 16 under command of Rear Admiral Spruance pursued the Japanese fleet westward, while work continued to salvage the damaged Yorktown. Both Akagi and Hiryu, damaged the previous day, were scuttled by Japanese destroyers early on the 5th.

The last air attacks of the battle took place on June 6 when dive bombers from Enterprise and Hornet bombed and sank heavy cruiser Mikuma, and damaged destroyers Asashio and Arashio, as well as the cruiser Mogami. At Admiral Spruance's expressed orders, issued because of the destruction of three torpedo squadrons on June 4, "Devastators" from VT-6 that accompanied the strike did not attack because of the threat to them from surface anti-aircraft fire. After recovering these planes, TF 16 turned eastward and broke off contact with the enemy. COMINT intercepts over the following two days documented the withdrawal of Japanese forces toward Saipan and the Home Islands.

Meanwhile, on the 6th, Japanese submarine I-168 interrupted the U.S. salvage

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Deadline extended for voluntary retirement requests

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Active duty captains and commanders who wish to be exempted from consideration by the fiscal year 2012 Selective Early Retirement (SER) boards now have until May 30, to submit their requests, according to NAVADMIN 165/011, released May 17.

The extension is being offered to provide officers with additional time to thoughtfully consider their options following release of the recent O-6 selection board results.

"These officers serve our Navy capably and faithfully," said Rear Adm. Anthony Kurta, director of military personnel plans and policy. "It is the right thing to do and in the Navy's best interest to provide them with extra decision-making space at an important time in their careers."

The SER boards, originally announced in NAVADMIN 006/11, are designed to balance the force by ensuring sufficient senior officers are available at the right time in their careers to serve in critical billets in the Fleet. The boards will consider the records of all active-duty Unrestricted Line (URL) captains with at least four

years time in grade as of July 1, 2011, and commanders who have twice failed for promotion to O-6.

Current projections indicate the SER boards will select approximately 120 captains and 120 commanders for early retirement. The numbers may be adjusted based on the volume of voluntary retirement requests received prior to the board.

Officers selected by the board for early retirement will be required to retire no later than the first day of the seventh month following the secretary of the Navy's approval of the board recommendations. The target date for this approval is Sept. 1, 2011.

In contrast, officers who submit retirement requests before the deadline will not be considered by the SER board and can choose retirement dates no later than Sept. 1, 2012.

Requests for exemptions must contain the following subject line: "Voluntary retirement request per NAVADMIN 006/11."

-- From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Message updates status of foreign language testing delivery, policy

By Lt. Cmdr. Walter Rogers

Center for Personal and Professional Development

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Naval administration message (NAVADMIN) 161/11, released May 10, provides

updates to the status of foreign language testing delivery and information on the policy regarding the testing.

The message includes basic information to keep Sailors informed on policies, including possible bonuses for language skills.

The Navy's Foreign Language Testing Program allows the Navy to capture and measure the language capabilities and determine the readiness of its forces.

As part of the program, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) is responsible for program activities related to test administration and delivery. The Navy Foreign Language Testing Office (NFLTO) manages the administration of foreign language testing under the Navy foreign language testing program and is responsible for execution of the testing program under the administrative control of NETC.

The defense language

proficiency testing (DLPT) system is the only test battery authorized for assessing an individual's proficiency in a foreign language. The Web-based DLPT is available at select Navy College offices, as well as commands and Navy accession points.

Oral proficiency interviews (OPI) are available through NFLTO, provided Sailors meet eligibility requirements. Information on foreign language testing and a full list of Navy foreign language testing sites is available in the Navy Advancement Center area on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), and on the Navy College program Website at <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>, under educational resources.

Demonstration of proficiency through language testing is necessary to validate the language ability and skill of Navy career linguists and Sailors who are eligible for Foreign

Language Proficiency Bonuses (FLPB).

"The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) is pleased to be able to support this important language testing capability at select Navy College Offices," said Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, CPPD commanding officer. "Our geographically dispersed locations allow us the flexibility to support career linguists and other Sailors who need the testing to maintain their currency."

Career linguists, such as members of the cryptologic technician, interpretive and foreign area officer communities, are required to recertify their language proficiency by testing annually. Non-career linguists who want to maintain eligibility for FLPB must recertify annually.

For more information about the Navy College Program, visit <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>.

NAS Meridian Chapel

211 Fuller Road

Protestant Sunday Services 9 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Lunch 11:15 a.m.

Those wishing to attend Catholic service in Meridian should meet in Chapel parking lot no later than 10 a.m. for a ride to and from St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Come Worship With Us! Call (601) 679-3635

Registration open for White House Internship Program

On May 16, The White House announced that the application period for the prestigious White House Internship Program for Spring 2012 is now open.

Applicants have until Sept. 11, 2011, to apply for a Spring 2012 White House Internship. The spring term runs from Jan. 17, 2012-May 4, 2012.

Internships are full-time and unpaid however the experience is second-to-none. Participants will work as part of the Administration's White House staff and gain a wide range of experience in public policy and experience, first-hand, the functions of our Government.

Eligibility: White House Internship Program participants must be a United States citizens; at least 18 years of age on or before the first day of the internship

and currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college, community college or university or graduated in the past two years from undergraduate or graduate program at a college, community college or university or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who possesses a high school diploma or its equivalent and has served on active duty at any time over the past two years.

Please read instructions fully, refer to the frequently asked questions page for additional explanations and contact the program directly if there are any questions.

More information can be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/apply>.

KIDS STUFF

Children's play kitchen set with plastic plates & food. Asking \$50; 3 different girl's electric jeeps. All in pretty good condition, but need batteries. Asking \$40 each. Call (904) 923-9356/9357.

Graco color blocked play yard in good condition \$25. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Rainforest Jump-a-roo in excellent condition. Asking \$50. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Graco Playpen w/changing table and napper. Asking \$60. Call (601) 679-2447 or (601) 938-1683.

Welcome Home Playhouse from Step2. One year old and in EXCELLENT condition. It is VERY large and has only been used maybe 10 times. Paid \$500; willing to sell for \$350 OBO. Call (601) 513-3035.

ELECTRONICS MUSICAL/COMPUTERS

NEW! Two 12" powerbass subwoofers. Asking \$100. Call (601) 678-9177.

Klipsch Proedia 2.1 Speaker System in used, working condition. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.

E-Machines Media Center T6520 Desktop with 17" CRT Monitor. 2.4 GHz 200GB HD. Asking \$200. Contact Kevin at (601) 604-3870.

Spiderman CPU & Case, see through and lights up - web design. Asking \$150. Call (601) 679-2447 or (601) 938-1683.

Fender American Standard Stratocaster. Humbucker pick-ups with S-1 switch, sunburst red, deluxe carrying case, purchased new last year, played very little. Also Peavey Vyper 30 watt modeling amp. Paid \$1,550. New, will sacrifice all for \$995. Call (601) 938-9627.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Bowflex Extreme 2 includes leg attachments. Max weight 310 pounds. Asking \$500. Call (601) 481-4893.

ProForm XP 160 Elliptical Crosstrainer. Asking \$399.99. Like new -- was used a handful of times. Call (559) 410-1608.

BIG STUFF

NEW! 1998 Stingray 190RX Ski boat and Trailer. 19' w/Mercruiser 3.0L alpha drive. Walk thru windshield, stereo, and sunbathing deck. 8 person capacity. \$7,000 OBO. Call (601) 513-0183.

25 Foot Prowler 5th Wheel camper. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

16 Foot aluminum fishing boat with 75 hp Mercury. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

2007 Fleetwood Revolution LE 40ft. Very low miles and very low hours. 400 Cat engine w/ Allison push button transmission w/ fuel economy mode. One piece fiberglass roof, 95 gal. Fresh water system, 40 gal. waste tank, 60 gal. grey water tank, Spartan chassis, automatic leveling, trailer hitch. Plenty of space for storage under coach, storage slide outs. There are 3 wall slide outs, 2 in the living room and one in the bedroom. Has 1 and 1/2 baths and a shower, washer dryer combo, bedroom includes a sleep numbers bed and wall mount 23" TV. With 26" LCD TV Digital Satellite System Home Theater System in the main coach, round table w/4 cushioned chairs (opens to seat 6 w/2 folding chairs to match). Galley has 4-door refrigerator/freezer w/ ice maker and water on the door. GE microwave/convection oven over regular 3 burner gas range w/oven. Cori an counter tops in kitchen and baths. Beige colored carpet throughout, with ceramic tile in kitchen and baths. NON SMOKER RV is in really good condition. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$149,000. Call Gail Brennhofner at 601-679-2408 or 601-678-9504.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

NEW! 8-inch deep Stainless Steel kitchen sink, 33" x 22" N, still in box. Asking \$95. Call (601) 693-5578.

NEW! Microwave, white, \$20; 2 typing tables with folding sides, \$35 each; new electric smoker for meat, \$55 (paid \$159); chandelier, brown/beige cut leaded glass, \$65 (paid \$379); dorm size refrigerator (35"x22") \$35; Oak school chair with attached table, \$35; and Old fashion study, \$35. Call (601) 679-9935.

China cabinet with china \$200; TV Stand (very nice wood and heavy) \$75; Round kitchen table with 4 matching chairs \$100; Wooden couch (blue cushion and two matching pillows) \$50. Call (601) 480-2687.

MAYTAG Neptune front load washer, \$250. GE dryer \$175. Will sell as set for \$400. Call (601) 626-7703.

Butterfly couch and chair with the pillows. Asking \$500 set. Color is forest green. Call (417) 664-5420.

GE Chill Water Dispenser, great condition, includes 2 (5 gallon) jugs. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.

Brand new in box, International Silver 70 Piece Service for 12 (San Marcos pattern) 24K Goldplated Flatware Set with Bonus Flatware

SALE ... or

Chest. \$25. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Solid Cherry Wood Entertainment Center, 7 1/2 foot tall, Holds up to a 40" TV. Beautiful piece of furniture -- Like New. Asking \$600. Call (601) 679-8052.

Queen Size Airbed with electric air-pump built inside, used one time excellent condition. Asking \$60. Call Lisa at (601) 679-8052.

Two nice, light brown couches, less than 2 years old, no stains, no sagging and from a smoke free home. Asking \$150 each OBO. Call (904) 803-8776.

Two 36-inch TV'S (not flat screen). Asking \$200 each. **Oak Entertainment Center,** \$250. **Pine Book Shelves,** ready to stain for \$100 each. Call Clinton at (601) 323-1003.

AUTOMOBILES, ETC.

2008 Honda CR-V EXL Fully Loaded 43k miles. Asking \$19,999. Call (559) 410-1608.

2005 Ford Explorer, sunroof, leather interior, low mileage. Asking \$75,000 OBO. Call (601) 490-3905.

One owner 2001 BMW 325 Convertible in great shape. One owner all maintenance records available. Asking \$7000. Call (601) 462-1376.

20in Chrome rims and tires (Toyo Proxy-295/45R/20), 6 lug. Only 10k miles. Asking \$750. Call (757) 814-9739 / (601) 479-3446.

1998 GMC Sonoma SLS 3rd door 4.3L Vortec V6, 5 speed, PW, PDL, PM, tilt, cruise, CD, new AC as of last year, has 205,000 miles, legal tinted windows, vent visors, new spray in bed liner, custom grill, integrated fog lamps, K&N air filter. Asking \$4500. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Mercedes C230 Coupe, 2004, loaded -- mint condition, silver, leather, Bose, 6 CD Changer, A/C, 65K miles. Asking \$14,200. Call (361) 442-4489.

2005 Pontiac Montana SV6, 3.5L, Minivan, 65k. Excellent interior and exterior condition. Dark grey, new tires, new front brakes, CD, DVD Video, power sliding door, power driver seat. Asking \$8,700. Call (210) 250-0187 or email: acr-calais@gmail.com.

Tonneau cover, black snap down roll up type -- brand new in box. Fits Ford F-250 1980-98 long bed. Made by Sure Fit. Bought at 4 wheel online. Asking \$100. Call John at (601) 484-7244.

MOTORCYCLES/GEAR/ATV

2005 350 Rancher 2 wheel drive 4 wheeler. Call Darin at (601)

480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

2008 Kawasaki Ninja 250R, blue with jacket and helmet included, 3800 miles. Asking \$2000. Call (601) 562-6508.

2004 Honda VTX1300C, burnt orange, very clean, runs great, many accessories. Can email pics and more details. Call Frank at (601) 513-1738.

2005 Yamaha Scooter. In storage for 2 1/2 years, 3500 miles, like new, 75 MPG, perfect for commuting around the base. Asking \$1,650. Call Murvis at (601) 632-1167 or (601) 679-2361.

2006 Honda VLX, 3,500 miles with new windshield. Great bike in very good condition. Asking \$3,200. Call (601) 632-1167.

Honda CRF 100. Great dirt bike for a youngster to start on. Garage kept. Includes boots, pants, chest protector and gloves. Asking \$1000. Call Jerry at (601) 513-2624.

2005 Yamaha FJR 1300. 145 hp., 8020 miles, electric blue, power adjustable windshield, ABS front & rear brakes, front & rear adjustable ride. 2 hardshell (removable) side bags with inserts. 2 helmets & 2 "Joe Rocket" jackets included. Just serviced and is in perfect condition. garaged kept. Call (601) 934-6615.

2006 Triumph Speed Triple 1050, white, 3k miles. Asking \$6,500. Call (210) 313-5874.

HOMES/APARTMENTS

NEW! For Sale: Home in Meridian city limits at 4408 King Road, red brick home, 3 BR/1-1/2 BA and oak floors. Asking \$110,000. Call (601) 604-6838 or (601) 679-3775 before 8 p.m.

NEW! For Sale: 4 BD/2.5 BA in West Lauderdale School District. Indiana Springs Subdivision. Original Owner. Pergo Hardwood flooring, tiled kitchen and entrance way. Over-sized 2 car garage. Open floor plan w/9 foot ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace and coffered bedroom ceiling. Plantation blinds and more. Master bath w/separate whirlpool tub and shower. His/Hers sinks and closets. Two walk in closets in bedrooms. Huge privacy fenced yard with extra lot and well on the property. Offered at \$219,500. Call (601) 447-8953

NEW PRICE! For Rent: Beautiful brick 3 BR/2 BA home approximately 1800 sq. ft., large kitchen, large laundry/mud room, W/D, fireplace, skylights, large covered back patio, double car garage, large storage building in back of property, 3 acres, close to Okatibbee Reservoir. House sits at the end of a cul-de-sac, great for children.

Beautiful well maintained neighborhood. Great for all outdoor activities, close to schools and close to shopping. Location: 8380 Oak Ridge Estates, Meridian. Asking \$1200 per month plus utilities. If interested call (228) 872-4916.

For Rent: Unique Tri-level home in Northeast School District. Spacious, over 3,000 sq. ft. 4 large BR/3 full baths, study, den, huge room that can be used as game room, new roof, cook top/hood, sink. Ideal for big family or bachelors sharing a home, Minutes from NAS Meridian (About 6 miles) Call (601) 616-2263.

For Rent: Home at Dalewood, 2BD/1BA, screen porch overlooks main lake, covered patio, storage building, recent complete remodel, stainless appliances and fully furnished. Asking \$1200 per month. One year lease with military clause. No pets/non smoker. Contact Ross at (601) 513-5505.

For Rent: 2,400 sq. ft. 4 BR/2 BA home with bonus room upstairs, Southeast School District (level 5 school). Quiet country location 15 miles from Meridian and Naval Air Station. Asking \$1,800 a month with deposit of \$1,800. Lawn care is included. Call (601) 604-4000.

For Sale: Doublewide, 3 BR/2 full BA. Master has shower and garden tub with 2 vanities. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Central air & heat. Gas fire place. Large kitchen with all updated appliances with dishwasher. 10x20 covered front deck with 10x20 side deck. 12x15 Storage building included. Large yard with circle drive on 2 acres. Located Collinsville/Martin area on Mayatt Road. West Lauderdale school level \$A. 18 miles from NAS. Asking \$75,000. Call (601) 938-1903.

For Rent: Country living in the city. 4 BR/2 1/2 BA, central heat and air, fireplace, formal dining room, living room an den, large hobby shop, green house and a garden spot. Call (601) 527-1426 or (601) 644-3003.

For Sale: Home in Poplar Springs School Dist. 3 BR/2 BA with split floor plan; upgraded kitchen with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, new flooring and breakfast nook, formal dining room; master bath has jetted tub with separate shower. Indoor laundry; large garage with storage room. Nice yard with privacy fence and covered patio.

Outside trim painted with new gutter in 2010. Asking \$185,000. Call (601) 604-2015.

For Rent: 1 bedroom cottage, private setting at 11117 Hill Thompson Rd, 2 years old, appliances, just off hwy. 19 north between Meridian & Collinsville. West Lauderdale just 10

minutes from Meridian and Reservoir. Asking \$400 month, \$200 deposit, 1 year lease. Call Jack at (601) 917-7752.

For Sale: 4 BR/2.5 BA Historic home in DeKalb, 20 minutes north of NAS Meridian, 2,500 square feet, hard wood floors, 5 fire places, living room, family room, dining room, multi-level deck, playground, workshop, carport, sitting on 0.5 acre lot. Asking \$80,000. Call (601) 604-3870.

For Rent: Very quite home in North Meridian neighborhood. Very close to shopping and all fast food restaurants, supermarket, video store, and bowling alley. Call (601) 485-5546 for details and to view.

For Sale: Beautiful home on Confederate Drive, 4BR/3.5 BA, 3 fireplaces, solid oak floors throughout, enclosed pool with shower, half-bath and hot-tub, 2.75 acre lot, new roof, remodeled master bath and updating throughout, two-car carport with large storage room and upstairs storage. Under appraised value at only \$328,500. Can see full details at MilitaryBuyowner.com, or call (601) 693-8386.

WANTED TO BUY

Motorcycles any size any condition, will pay above salvage price. Also have a large selection of good used parts for sale. Call (601) 938-4295 anytime.

MISCELLANEOUS

Golf Taylormade Driver R9 \$225; Bobby Jones Workshop Edition Driver \$125 -- all in like new condition. Call or text George at (361) 442-4489.

Craftsman 10" compound miter saw. Works great. \$40. Call (757) 412-9411. Leave message.

ESPN 7.5 ft Pool Table. Asking \$150. Call (601) 938-1683.

ATV Push Blade with tapered design. Has manual lift and is easy to hook up. Great for driveway and field use. Stored in warehouse out of the weather. Call Tamra at (601) 479-7902 or email 1proud-mom2@live.com for pictures. Asking \$250, paid over \$500.

10hp generator for sale used very little. Asking \$450. Call (601) 323-1003.

U 12 Ga. shotgun with chocks and cleaning kit, asking \$1,200; **40 round bales of hay,** fescue and clover mix cut this year, \$25 each; **Pure local honey** for sale, quart size bottles, \$10 each (other sizes available). Call Clinton at (601) 323-1003.

If you wish to add or remove an item from "Sale...or" please send your request to penny_rland@navy.mil or call (601) 679-2809. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before publication.

MWR Mission First... Sailors Always



May Specials

Mondays:

MATSS-1/NTTC Student Special

5-9 p.m., \$2 a game and \$1 for shoes.

Wednesdays: RCTA Special
4:30-9 p.m. Bowl for \$2.50 a game including shoes.

Fridays:

Cosmic Kid Bowling Night

6-10 p.m. kids age 16 and under bowl for \$1.50 a game when parent bowls at regular rate.

During May...

Active duty bowl free of charge Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.! Shoe fees will be \$1 per player. All bowling that is free must be completed by 2 p.m. Special applies to active duty, not their dependents.

(Not valid on holidays)

Base Bowling Championship

May 28, at 10 a.m., McCain Lanes

• All entrants must bowl 10 games. Format is total pins scratch

• Open to patrons of McCain Lanes age 16 and up

• Cost is \$20 per person Call (601) 679-2651

Grumpy Bowling

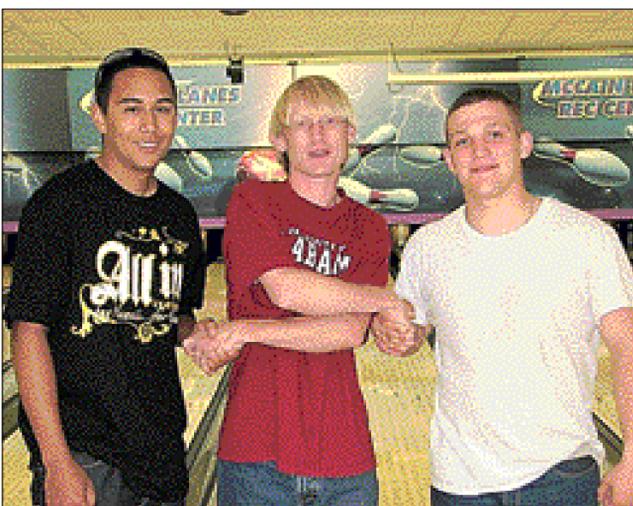


Photo by Matt Davis/MWR Marketing Director
Jimmy Rodgers, center, won the Grumpy Granny Bowling Tournament at McCain Rec Center on May 14. Tyler Bolosan placed second and Anthony Massey placed third.

10K Run



Photo by Matt Davis/MWR Marketing Director
Pictures are participants in the 10K Run on May 12. Winners were Patrick Krantz, Male 16-23 Division, with a time of 35:23; Haavard Haavardoshlom, Male 30-39 Division, with a time of 39:34; Nicholas Morin, Male 24-29 Division, with a time of 42:12; Lino Tobar, Male 40 and over Division, with a time of 50:03; Pfc. Williams, Female 24-29 Division, with a time of 45:21; and Asia Wolf, Female 16-23 Division, with a time of 48:58. There were more than 80 participants in the run.

Lake Okatoma Canoe Trip ~ June 11, 2011
\$30 per person. Sign up at The Outpost. Deadline is June 6.
For more information, call (601) 679-2609.

What's Happening at Rudders

Staff Night is May 31 at 3:30 p.m. * Join us for country music hour until 7 p.m. every Wednesday * Upick music nights.

Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 4:30-10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 4:30-11 p.m. For more information, call (601) 679-2636.

BASE CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING TOURNAMENT
MAY 28 AT MCCAIN REC . SIGN UP BY 9:45 A.M. DAY OF TOURNAMENT. GAMES SCRATCH, \$20 ENTRY FEE. FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CALL GENE AT (601) 679-2651.

AT THE MOVIES

There are three scheduled movies per week at McCain Lanes Theater. The movies are shown at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. On Fridays you can select from the 780 movies on file. Movies on this schedule will not be available for open viewing until after their scheduled showing date. Call (601) 679-2651.

Admission: Free!

- May 26: "The Rite" (PG-13)
- May 28: "Bad News Bears" (PG)
- May 31: "Tin Cup" (R)
- June 1: "The Roommate" (PG-13)
- June 2: "The Punisher" (R)
- June 4: "Rudy" (PG)
- June 7: "40 Year Old Virgin" (R)
- June 8: "Fantastic Four (PG-13)
- June 9: "No Strings Attached" (R)
- June 11: "The Incredibles" (PG)

Summer Kid Matinees

Summer matinee movies for military dependent children are scheduled at 1 p.m. every Monday. The second movie will start after the first with some re-wind time involved. These have been randomly selected, please do not request a change in the viewing. Popcorn may be available if in stock by request. Movies are FREE!

- June 6: "SHREK THE 3RD" (PG) & "SHREK FOREVER AFTER" (PG)
- June 13: "TOY STORY" (G) & "TOY STORY 3" (PG)
- June 20: "ICE AGE, DAWN OF DINO'S" (PG) & "HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON" (PG)
- June 27: "MARMADUKE" (PG) & "BOLT" (PG)
- July 11: "SHREK" (PG) & "SHREK 2" (PG)
- July 18: "PRINCESS AND THE FROG" (G) & "TANGLED" (PG)
- July 25: "YOGI BEAR" (PG) & "KUNG FU PANDA" (PG)
- Aug. 1 "ALPHA & OMEGA" (PG) & "HORTON HEARS A WHO" (G)
- July 8: "SPACE CHIMPS" (G) & "ASTRO BOY" (PG)

community YARD SALE

June 4, 2011
0800-1200
Inside Rudders Community Center
Email Jennifer.Drury@navy.mil to reserve your free space.
Deadline to reserve space is Friday June 3, 2011 at Noon.

Fitness Center

Group Exercise Schedule:

Mondays ~ 11:30 a.m.: Belly Dancing with Stacey
6 p.m.: Self Defense with Dawg Kerwood

Tuesdays ~ 11:15 a.m.: Cardio Mix with Shannon

Wednesdays ~ 11:30 a.m.: Belly Dancing with Stacey
6 p.m.: Self Defense with Dawg Kerwood

Thursdays ~ 11:15 a.m.: Cardio Mix with Shannon

Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m.: Belly Dancing with Stacey
P90X and Insanity available any time!

Fitness Center Policy: The Sonny Montgomery Fitness Center will conduct a 100 percent ID check of all fitness center patrons.

- 1.) ID check will be administered to ALL unless wearing issued PT gear or are in uniform.
- 2.) If NO issued PT gear is worn, then you must show ID to enter the workout zones.
- 3.) If any civilian is sponsored by authorized personnel, they must pay the daily fee of \$2.
- 4.) All contractors must pay the daily fees or monthly dues and show ID to enter workout zones.

The NAS Meridian Fitness Center is in its temporary location in Building 266 (Behind Starbase Atlantis).
Call (601) 679-2367.

2011 POOL

General Info
Pool opens May 28, Hours of Operation
Tuesday-Friday 1200-2000
Weekends/Holidays 1200-1800

Pool Fees
MWR is excited to announce that for the 2011 season Active Duty/Retires swim free at all times.

Daily
Active Duty/Retires: \$2 per family member.
DoD/Quest: \$3 per person.

Monthly
Active Duty/Retires (E1-E9)
With 1 Dependent \$20.00
With 2 Dependents \$30.00
With 3 Dependents \$35.00
With 4 Dependents \$40.00
With 5 Dependents \$45.00
DoD/Quest \$30.00
With 1 Dependent \$40.00
With 2 Dependents \$45.00
With 3 Dependents \$50.00
With 4 Dependents \$55.00
With 5 Dependents \$60.00

Active Duty/Retires (E6-E10)
With 1 Dependent \$60.00
With 2 Dependents \$75.00
With 3 Dependents \$90.00
With 4 Dependents \$105.00
With 5 Dependents \$120.00
DoD Employees \$80.00
With 1 Dependent \$75.00
With 2 Dependents \$90.00
With 3 Dependents \$105.00
With 4 Dependents \$115.00
With 5 Dependents \$130.00

Swim Lesson Fees/Session
1 Swimmer \$40.00
2 Swimmers \$75.00
3 Swimmers \$90.00
4 Swimmers \$105.00
5 Swimmers \$120.00

Pool Party Hourly Fees
1-25 Guests \$25.00
26-50 Guests \$40.00
51 and over \$60.00

Swim Lessons
All swim lessons will take place Monday-Friday from 0800-0945 for adults age 16 and up and from 0900-0945 and 1000-1045 for all others. There will be no swim lessons on Memorial Day.
Session 1: June 6-16 Session 2: June 20-30
Session 3: July 11-21 Session 4: July 25-Aug 4

Lap Swim Schedule
Lap swim sessions will take place Monday-Friday from 1045-1200. There will be no lap swims on Memorial Day.

Pool Parties
Pool Parties must be reserved for a minimum of two hours.

Water Aerobics Schedule
Water Aerobics begin on June 6, 2011. Sessions take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1215-1300.

For more info call 679-2379.

Start your morning off right with breakfast at the Sandtrap Grill! Breakfast is served from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday. Call (601) 679-2780.

Meridian/NAS Bus Schedule

Have exact cash change ready when boarding the bus. Fare: \$4.

Union Station	MATSS-1	NTTC	McCain Lanes	Bonita Lakes Mall	Wal-Mart
FRIDAY					
4:35 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
	6 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
7 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	9 p.m.	
	10 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	Drop off if any.....	
SATURDAY					
9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	11 a.m.
11:10 a.m.	12 p.m.	12:05 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1 p.m.
1:10 a.m.	2 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	3 p.m.
3:10 p.m.	4 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
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Applebee's Restaurant (upon request only)

LIBERTY MWR NAS Meridian, MS

The following are activities scheduled for single and unaccompanied active duty military on board NAS Meridian. For information or if you have an idea for a trip or event, call (601) 679-3760. The Liberty Program is housed on the second floor of NTTC Admin Building 220. Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-9 p.m.; Friday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

MAY

30th: Birthday Bash

A celebration of May birthdays! FREE cookies and soda at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center.

JUNE

4th: Get on board with the Atlanta, Ga., Six Flags trip! Bus leaves Liberty parking lot at 3:15 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Must register & pay for the trip by June 1. Minimum of 20 people needed for trip to run - NO REFUNDS (unless trip is cancelled).

8th: 3-on-3 Basketball at courts next to the Marine barracks and across from Rudders for an end of the day game. Game time is 6:30 p.m. -- be at the court by 6:15 p.m. No registration necessary-come ready to play!

16th: FREE bowling to all Liberty patronage at the McCain Rec Center from 6-8:30 p.m.

20th: FREE ice pops will be handed out at the Liberty Center to help you "chill out" after a long day at work (while supplies last).

25th: Geyser Falls Water Trip ~ Beat the heat by plunging into cool water and having fun in the sun! Bus leaves Liberty parking lot at noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Must register & pay for the trip by June 22. Minimum of 20 people needed for trip to run - NO REFUNDS (unless trip is cancelled).

29th: Birthday Bash

A celebration of June birthdays! FREE cookies and soda provided at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center.

It's Your Turn...

Schools Out! We asked these military children, "What are your plans for summer vacation?"

Photos by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio



Lizabeth Toole
Age 13

"I'm going to babysit and might go to Tennessee to visit my Nana."



London Goodman
Age 12

"I will be going to a lot of camps and just hanging out with my friends having a blast."



Gabriel Spencer
Age 6

"We are going to Texas. We are also going to Sea World."



Azia Ray
Age 8

"My family is going on a trip."



Erica Tobar
Age 13

"I'm moving to California. I'm going to make new friends."

Fleet & Family Support Center

What you need to know about EFMP

When you transfer to a new duty station, everyone in your family has to make adjustments. Meeting new friends, changing schools and jobs, and getting familiar with new surroundings can be exciting and stressful at the same time. And there are added challenges when someone in the family needs special educational or medical services.

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) helps ensure services are available to meet the family member's medical and education needs before a new assignment. With mandatory enrollment for service members who have family members with special needs, the program also works to link families with Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs), DoD programs, and services in the local community. The following information will help you understand the program and how it works.

Identifying a family member with special needs

For EFMP purposes, special needs can include either a medical condition or a condition that requires special education services. Generally, a special needs medical condition is any condition that requires a specialty consultation. Special needs include any special medical, mental health, developmental, or educational requirements, adaptive equipment, or assistive technology devices and services.

Your Primary Care Manager (PCM) or doctor can help you determine if your family member has a medical special need.

Special education needs are usually identified through the school system. If you, your child's teacher, or your child's doctor notice she is not making progress at home or at school, your child should be referred to the school system for testing. (Your child's teacher or doctor can help coordinate the written referral.) A team of specialists evaluates the results and, if necessary, puts together a special program for your child. School-age children with special education needs may receive an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Younger children with special needs may be eligible for Early Intervention Services (EIS).

Overseas relocation screening

In some cases, special needs are identified through an overseas screening. At least six months prior to a PCS move, military families will take part in a medical screening. For service members with families moving to an OCONUS location, all family members -- regardless of special needs status -- must be screened to identify any special needs. This process helps guarantee your family's medical and educational needs can be met at your new duty station.

During the interview, the screening committee will review your family's medical records and help you complete any necessary forms.

Most U.S. military installations are located in areas where services can be provided and coordinated locally, but medical standards and

NAS Meridian FFSC will host Exceptional Family Member Program Orientation June 29 from 2-3:30 p.m.

the availability of facilities are not the same everywhere. For that reason, when you are assigned to a duty station outside the U.S. (or in certain remote locations in the U.S.), all family members will be screened.

Enrolling in the EFMP

Service members are required to enroll in the EFMP as soon as they become aware that they have a family member with special needs, and at least six months before a PCS move. This gives EFMP staff time to evaluate your family member's special needs and determine if services will be available at your new assignment. It's important not to wait until you have orders to enroll in the program. If the qualifying condition is discovered during an overseas screening, your family's travel could be delayed.

To enroll in the program, contact the EFMP Coordinator at your installation's Family Support Center or MTF (enrollment procedure varies by service branch). The EFMP Coordinator can help you determine if your family member meets the conditions for program and help you fill out the required paperwork.

How the EFMP works

By combining the efforts of the personnel and medical commands, as well as the education system, the EFMP helps ensure continuity in care and education for family members as they move from one duty station to the next. The program includes two main functions:

- The personnel function works to identify family members with special needs, document the services they require, and consider those needs when making personnel assignments.

- The family support function helps families locate and access services, including programs offered through the military and in the local civilian community. Depending on the services available, this can include help finding child care or help advocating for your child in the school system.

EFMP by service branch

The identification and assignment coordination function of EFMP is standard across the service branches. The family support function varies by service branch and sometimes, by installation. You can find more information on the program by contacting your EFMP Coordinator:

- **Army.** EFMP Coordinators at the installation MTF handle assessment and enrollment for the program. Family Readiness Assistants at the Army Family Service Center are available to help families with

community resources. For more information on the Army program, visit <http://efmp.amedd.army.mil/>.

- **Navy.** Navy EFMP Coordinators are available at the installation MTF. Assessment and enrollment is handled through the MTFs. The Fleet and Family Support Center has a liaison who helps families coordinate special needs services. More information is available at www.persnet.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember/.

- **Marine Corps.** Dedicated EFMP Coordinators at the MCCS Family Support Center handle both assessment and enrollment in the program, as well family support and advocacy. Visit www.usmcmccs.org/efmp/ for more information.

- **Air Force.** The EFMP is also called Special Needs Identification and Assignment Coordination (SNIAC) in the Air Force. Special Needs Coordinators are available at the installation's medical facility.

Moving to a new duty station

Whether you're transferring within the U.S. or overseas, moving your family to a new community is a big undertaking. It's important to begin gathering information about your new location as soon as you receive PCS orders.

Researching the availability of services for your family member may seem like an insurmountable task, but your EFMP Coordinator and Family Support Center can help.

Here are some ways to ease your transfer with an exceptional family member:

- Contact the EFMP Coordinator at your current installation as soon as you have orders. Let them know when you are leaving and the installation to which you will be moving. The EFMP Coordinator can then contact the EFMP Coordinator at the next installation. If you want to make the contact yourself, you'll find a link to a locator on the Military HOMEFRONT site at www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm.

- If you need accessible housing and wish to live on base, contact the housing office at your next duty station directly or ask the EFMP Coordinator to make the contact for you. Depending on your family's requirements and the availability of housing, you may qualify for a priority housing assignment.

- Keep copies of your enrollee's medical and educational records in a convenient location and make sure you carry them with you when you move. If you have a child in special education, it's especially important to keep the most recent IEP and most recent evaluation.

- Keep your enrollment information current. Enrollees must be re-evaluated every three years or sooner if there is a change in status.

Military OneSource is free 24-hour service is available to all active duty, Guard, and Reserve members (regardless of activation status) and their families. Consultants provide information and make referrals on a wide range of issues, including special needs issues. Free face-to-face counseling sessions (and their equivalent by phone or online) are also available. Call 1-800-342-9647 or go to www.MilitaryOneSource.com to learn more.

FFSC Briefs

To register for any of the following workshops, please call (601) 679-2360. The class will not be presented if no one registers, so please make sure you sign up if you're interested. If you can't attend at the scheduled time, call anyway -- the workshop facilitator may be able to meet with you one-on-one, give you materials, or let you know when the class will be scheduled again. All active duty, reserve, retired military and their families are eligible for programs and services provided by the FFSC. Civil service employees can utilize the services on a space available basis.

Welcome Aboard: June 2 from 8 a.m.-noon FFSC welcomes you to Meridian by providing current information and policies regarding NAS. Topics covered will include: Navy career choices, FFSC services, medical/dental, Exceptional Family Member Program, TRICARE, vehicle registration, on- and off-base driving regulations, legal services, community service, Chapel and other area religious services, MWR, things to do at NAS and in Meridian, School Liaison Program, and more!

Developing Your Spending Plan: June 7 from 3-4:30 p.m. or June 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. Come to this workshop to learn about the importance of developing financial goals and having a written plan to help you make your goals a reality. Using the Financial Planning Worksheet, a comprehensive financial planning tool, you will learn how to measure your wealth by calculating net worth, account for all of your income, document living expenses, and detail your indebtedness. You will also learn easy ways to improve your cash flow, reduce unnecessary living expenses and pay off debt, and know where to go for help!

Stress Management: June 9 from 9-10 a.m. or June 27 from 3-4 p.m. Everyone experiences stress in normal day-to-day life, and your reactions to stress can be difficult to control. Some stress can be helpful because it spurs you to meet life's challenges, but too much stress (or poor stress management skills) can affect your mental and physical health and damage your relationships. If you feel that you're just not handling stress well, come to this workshop to learn about your stress triggers and what you can do to manage your stress better.

IA Spouse Discussion Group: June 10 from 9:30-11 a.m. FFSC hosts this IA Spouse Discussion Group over coffee! Join other military spouses to talk about the challenges of IA deployment, share survival tips, discuss the impact of deployment on kids, remind one another about the benefits of deployment, or just kick back and chat!

Smooth Move: June 15 from 1-3:30 p.m. This training provides valuable information to relocating service members and their families with Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders within the continental United States (CONUS). Topics covered include an overview of the moving process, tips and techniques for coping, managing the move, moving with children, and resources available throughout the relocation process.

Command Financial Specialist (CFS) Training: June 20-24 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Each command with at least 25 active duty service members is asked -- in accordance with OPNAVINST 1740.5B and SECNAVINST 1740.4 -- to select individuals to attend CFS Training. Commands are required to maintain a ratio of one CFS to every 75 active duty personnel. Current CFSes must attend CFS Training every three years to remain active. Only E6 & above service members are eligible to attend this training and serve as CFSes. For more information about eligibility, or to register for the class, please call (601) 679-2360.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Orientation: June 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. The Navy first established its Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) to identify children with special educational needs or disabilities. Over the years, it has grown to support dependents who have special needs of virtually any kind. This training will cover important EFMP topics such as: program eligibility, myths vs reality, application tips, and resources.

Communicating With Teens: June 13 from 2-3:30 pm. or June 28 from 8:30-10 a.m. Parents of teenagers have an incredibly challenging job, especially when you feel "shut out" of your formerly communicative child's life. If you're having trouble talking with your teen about anything, come to this workshop to learn some communication techniques just for bridging the gap between you and your adolescent.

• Midway

operations, torpedoing Yorktown and torpedoing and sinking destroyer USS Hammann (DD-412). Screening destroyers depth-charged I-168 but the Japanese submarine escaped destruction. Yorktown, suffering from numerous torpedo hits, finally rolled over and sank at dawn on June 7.

Aftermath, significance of the Battle

On June 9, submarine Trout (SS-202) rescued two survivors from sunken Japanese heavy cruiser Mikuma. Ten days later, on the 19th, seaplane tender (destroyer) USS Ballard (AVD-10) was directed by a

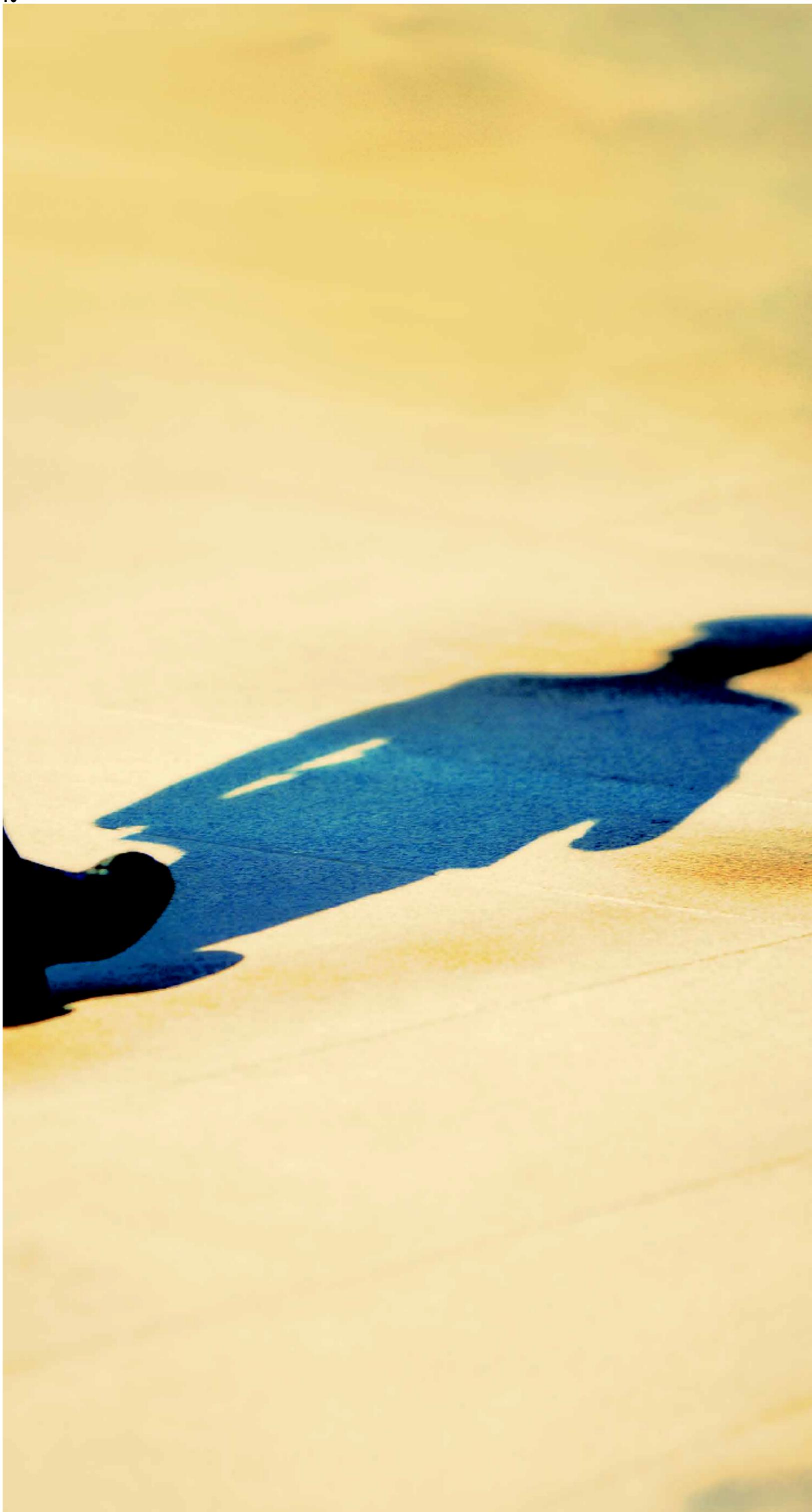
PBY to the site where Hiryu crewmen were in the water. The tender rescued 35 Japanese survivors who, as members of the engineering department deep in the ship, had been left for dead in the abandonment of the carrier. On June 21, a PBY from VP-24 rescued two men from an Enterprise TBD about 360 miles north of Midway. These were the last survivors of the Battle of Midway to be recovered.

Thanks to American signals intelligence, judicious aircraft carrier tactics, and more than a little luck, the U.S. Navy had inflicted a smashing defeat on the Japanese Navy. Although the performance of the

three American carrier air groups would later be considered uneven, their pilots and crew had won the day through courage, determination, and heroic sacrifice. The Japanese lost the four large carriers that had attacked Pearl Harbor, while the Americans only lost one carrier. More importantly, the Japanese lost over one hundred trained pilots, who could not be replaced. Recognizing this defeat for what it was, Admiral Nagumo's Chief of Staff later wrote: "I felt bitter... I felt like swearing." In a larger strategic sense, the Japanese offensive in the Pacific was derailed and their plans to advance on New

Caledonia, Fiji, and Samoa postponed. The balance of sea power in the Pacific shifted from the Japan to an equity between America and Japan. Soon after the Battle of Midway the U.S. and their allies would take the offensive in the Pacific.

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