

# THE SKYLINE



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## On Base...

✓ **The Military Sportbike Rider Course** will cover two half days instead of one day due to extreme outdoor heat conditions. Classroom portion of the course will be Aug. 11 from 7:30 a.m. to noon; range portion will be Aug. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Completion of both portions of the course is required to receive credit. Completion of the BRC is a prerequisite. This is the only MSRC scheduled for the remainder of 2011. Register in ESAMS or call Jerry Snow in the Safety Office at (601) 679-3756.

✓ **The NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office** holds free fire safety, fire extinguisher and fire warden training classes which can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. New fire wardens assigned to facilities on board NAS Meridian must complete initial training provided by NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office. Facilities with established fire wardens must complete fire warden training through ESAMS.

✓ **The All Hands Pool** has started Water Aerobics on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15-1 p.m.; and Lap Swimming Monday-Friday from 10:45 a.m.-Noon

✓ **Swimming Lessons** will take place Monday-Friday from 8-8:45 a.m. for adults age 16 and older, and from 9-9:45 a.m. and 10-10:45 a.m. for all others.

**Session 3: July 11-21**  
**Session 4: July 25-Aug. 4.**  
For more information, call (601) 679-2379.

## A Day in Naval History

- June 24**  
1926: Office of Assistant SecNav set up to foster naval aeronautics; aircraft building increased
- June 25**  
1950: North Korea invades South Korea beginning Korean Conflict
- June 26**  
1884: Congress authorizes commissioning of Naval Academy graduates as ensigns  
1918: Marine brigade captures Belleau Wood  
1959: Twenty-eight Naval vessels sail from Atlantic to Great Lakes, marking the formal opening of Saint Lawrence Seaway to seagoing ships.
- June 27**  
1950: To support U.N. call to assist South Korea, Truman authorizes U.S. naval and air operations south of 38th Parallel, Korea

-- [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

**THE SKYLINE IS A CHINFO AWARD-WINNING NEWSPAPER**

# Greenert recommended for next CNO

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced June 16, he has recommended Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, vice chief of naval operations, to succeed the retiring Adm. Gary Roughead as the next chief of naval operations.

Gates said he made the recommendation to President Barack Obama based on Greenert's solid portfolio that includes both significant personnel programs and budget responsibilities.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Greenert is "an exceptional officer, and if confirmed, will be, I believe, an exceptional CNO."

"He has wonderful operational experience, fleet experience, he's terrific with people and he has extensive experience in the money

world, which is now facing all of us," Mullen said. "So I strongly concur with the secretary's recommendation."

Gates praised Roughead, who will retire this fall, for four decades of service and leadership at the helm of the Navy for the past four years.

"I have very much enjoyed working with Gary and have greatly valued his counsel and wisdom on both Navy issues and broader strategic issues," Gates said.

Upon being notified of the news, Roughead offered his congratulations and endorsement.

"I could not be more pleased that Adm. Jon Greenert has been nominated to be the 30th Chief of Naval Operations. I have known Jon and his family well for years and I have the utmost respect for

him as a leader and a naval officer."

In a statement released after the announcement Greenert said "I am honored and humbled by the Secretary's recommendation and look forward to working with Congress during the confirmation process."

Greenert's career as a submariner includes assignments aboard USS Flying Fish, USS Tautog, Submarine NR-1 and USS Michigan and as commander of USS Honolulu. He also served as commander of Submarine Squadron 11, U.S. Naval Forces Mariana, U.S. 7th Fleet in the Pacific and U.S. Fleet Forces Command before he became the vice CNO.

-- From Department of Defense



Greenert

# NJROTC cadets gather on board NAS Meridian for summer camps

By Penny Randall  
Editor

As it has in years past, Naval Air Station Meridian hosted the Area 8 NJROTC summer camps at which hundreds of cadets attended experiencing the Navy life.

NJROTC Leadership Academy for those age 16-17 in their second or third year of NJROTC ran June 12-18 with an enrollment of 129 cadets. NJROTC Basic Leadership Training for cadets in their first year of NJROTC ran June 18-23 with about 100 cadets participating.

The Area 8 district of NJROTC includes high schools in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Thomas Fincher, 16, a student at

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Photos by Penny Randall

Above, NJROTC cadets perform a four-person push up during the Physical Challenge event on June 17. Left, NJROTC cadets practice their drill competition routine in the NOSC. NAS Meridian hosted two weeks of NJROTC camps on board the installation where hundreds of cadets from Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana participated.



## Happy 113th Birthday Corpsmen



HM1 Dominic Liquete and HA Ryan Hauke, the oldest and youngest Sailors at Naval Branch Health Clinic Meridian, join Maj. A.J. Brooks, commanding officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One, in the ceremonial cake cutting at the 113th birthday of the hospital corpsman. Brooks was the guest speaker at the event on June 17 which featured a reading of the hospital corpsman history, the corpsman pledge and a tribute to all corpsman who have been killed in action since 2001.

Photo by Penny Randall

## Navy makes more suicide prevention resources available

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy released NAVADMIN 178/11 June 9, reminding Sailors about the importance of suicide prevention and the resources available for commands as well as Sailors and their families.

Suicide prevention resources are more readily available than ever, according to Lt. Cmdr. Bonnie Chavez, Navy Behavioral Health Program director.

Every Navy homepage now has a direct Lifeline link to a live chat staffed by Veterans Affairs professionals. The national suicide prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) and Sailors are urged to add this number to their phones and their family members' phones for quick access.

"Just like fire extinguishers and floatation devices, these phone and

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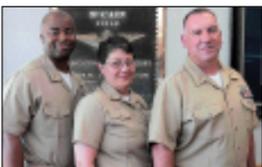
# Freedom Fest

NAS Meridian Fitness Center Complex  
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Fireworks  
Extravaganza,  
Food and  
Entertainment

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A Night of Celebration!

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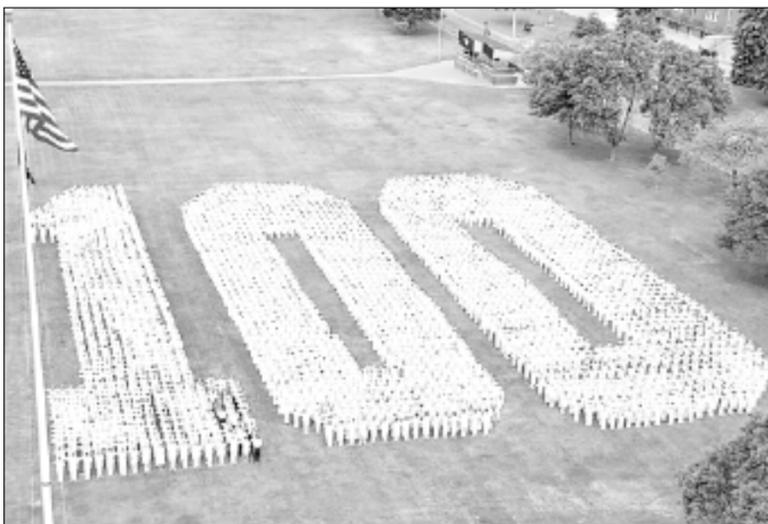


Photo by MC2 Thomas Miller

**GREAT LAKES, Ill. --** More than 3,400 Sailors and 50 veterans gathered at Ross Field at Naval Station Great Lakes to form the "Living 100" on Flag Day, June 14. Ross Field is the original location where all new Sailors graduated from boot camp to enter the Navy. Naval Station Great Lakes is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

## NAS Key West earns public affairs award

The Navy's Chief of Information (CHINFO) announced June 15 that Naval Air Station Key West is the "Best in Show" recipient of the 2010 Thompson-Ravitz Award for Excellence in Navy Public Affairs.

The air station's submission, "Raising Awareness of Mooring Procedures at NAS Key West" was a look at the air station's plan for communicating with the boating public the need to protect their safety by the enforcement of restricted waters near NAS Key West properties.

"This award is a testament to the dedication we have as an installation to continue communication with our partners and neighbors in the local community to ensure compatible use of the land and resources we share," said NAS Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick Lefere.

The Thompson-Ravitz Awards Program is designed to recognize and reward the accomplishments and achievements of active duty command public affairs programs and personnel. These awards honor exceptional performance in public affairs research, planning and execution throughout the Navy public affairs community.

The awards bear the names of Rear Adm. William Thompson, the first designated public affairs officer selected for flag rank, and Rear Adm. Robert Ravitz, a former director of the Naval Reserve public affairs program and special assistant to CHINFO. These two icons in the community had a major role in establishing the high standards and tradition of professional expertise, leadership and excellence which guide Navy public affairs professionals' actions 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.

## Area Happenings

### JUNE

**Now through 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](http://www.meridianmuseum.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 (601) 693-1501 or go to: [www.meridianmuseum.org](http://www.meridianmuseum.org).

### JULY

**1:** Sucarnochee Revue at The Temple Theatre, 2320 8th St., Downtown Meridian, fro 7-10 p.m. Live taping of radio program featuring local, regional and national music talents from all venues. The Sucarnochee Revue Radio Program is featured on 59 public, commercial, and internet radio stations from Alaska to Australia. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information, call Jack White at (205) 652-6680.

**4:** City of Meridian 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Display at Bonita Lakes Park on Highway 19 South. The event features entertainment starting at 6 p.m., a gigantic fireworks show over the lakes at 9 p.m., food vendors and great family fun for all ages. Admission is free. For information, call (601) 485-1944.

**9:** Sunfish Summer Triathlon featuring 1K swim, 34K bike race and 8K run at Bonita Lakes Park in Meridian on Highway 19 South. Sponsored by Meridian Athletic Association. Time: 7 a.m. For information and entry forms, contact Stacy Barr by e-mail: [jsbarr57@hotmail.com](mailto:jsbarr57@hotmail.com).

**15:** Gospel Concert featuring the "Inspirations" at 7 p.m. at The Temple Theatre, 2320 8th Street in downtown Meridian. For information, call Richard Ferguson at (601) 416-1630.

**20:** The Riley Center presents Victor Wooten in concert at 7:30 p.m. The center is at 2200 5th Street, downtown Meridian. Tickets are \$32 and \$26. For information, call the box office at (601) 696-2200 or go to: [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com).

### AUGUST

**5:** The Riley Center presents The Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley in concert at 7:30 p.m. Preshow party at 6 p.m. The center is at 2200 5th Street, downtown Meridian. Tickets are \$46 and \$40. For information, call the box office at (601) 696-2200 or go to: [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com).

**10-Sept. 24:** Meridian Museum of Art presents its 38th Annual Bi-State Art Competition -- the oldest juried art competition in the region. The museum is at 628 25th Ave., Meridian. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call (601) 693-1501 or go to: [www.meridianmuseum.org](http://www.meridianmuseum.org).

**12:** Moonlight Run sponsored by the City of Meridian Parks and Recreation at Northeast Park on Highway 39 North. Run begins at 10 p.m. For information, call (601) 485-1802 or (601) 485-1895.

## Orientation sessions at MCC

Summer is a great time to get a head start on fall plans – including coming (or returning) to college. And Meridian Community College is offering several opportunities in which future students can do just that with upcoming orientation sessions June 28 or July 12. The sessions begin at 8 a.m. "Pre-registration for the summer sessions has already begun and we are expecting a very enthusiastic class of students," said Angela Payne, director of admissions. To register for one of the sessions, call the college at 601-483-8241 or 1-800-MCC-THE-1.

## 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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**Starbase Atlantis on board NAS Meridian Summer Program Class is from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Students should bring a snack. Classes are free. Call 601-679-2448 or 601-679-3809.**

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## Award



Photo by Penny Randall

**Capt. Charles Gibson presents LSSN Lauren West with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her professional achievement while serving as assistant officer-in-charge of the volunteer center for NAS Meridian's Golden Wings Over Meridian air show.**



## New Senior Chiefs

**A frocking ceremony was held June 6 for newly promoted Senior Chief Petty Officers. Those promoted to the following rank were Senior Chief Petty Officer Aviation Ordnanceman Bobby Lee, Senior Chief Petty Officer Electronics Technician Kathleen Jackson and Senior Chief Petty Officer Air Traffic Controller John D'Arcy.**

Photo by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio

# Some Navy transportation service providers fully booked

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (NNS) -- A Navy general administrative message (GENADMIN), released June 15, advises Sailors and civilians not to schedule any household goods (HHG) pack and pickup dates now through July 15.

According to Naval Supply Systems Command's GENADMIN MIL-STD-6040(SERIES)/B.0.01.00, the Navy's current transportation service providers (TSPs) are fully booked to and from Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Customers who are projected to move by July 15 and have not yet scheduled their pack-out, should immediately log into the Defense Personal Property System (DPS), get a user name, and complete their self-counseling, or go to their local personal property office to get a face-to-face counseling session. Sailors and civilians can register with DPS at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil).

"If you can avoid this period, we advise you to do so," said Frank Piacine, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAV-SUP) Navy Household Goods director.

"However, if you must move during this time frame, please understand that short-notice delays or cancellations may occur due to lack of TSP personnel or equipment."

The GENADMIN notes, "...Sailors/Employees are cautioned not to plan, cancel, or enter into rental agreements or leases, or buy/sell their homes until local transportation offices and/or TSP confirms your requested HHG pack, pick-up, and delivery dates.

There are many factors that could impact whether or not a pack out or move could be cancelled, including the location being moved from, the location being moved to, the weight of the goods to be moved, the specific dates the move must be made, and others.

"Overall, less than one percent of moves will be impacted," Piacine said. "However, in an area where we experience a 'perfect storm' and many of these factors impact a base or bases, the actual numbers for that area could be higher.

Piacine said planning, preparation and flexibility are keys to success. Customers need to get their shipment requests into the system as soon as they

receive their orders. Procrastination hurts the customer's chances of getting a moving company during this timeframe. The customer can benefit substantially from paying attention to their counseling, asking questions and staying in contact with their moving company once they have been contacted.

"Members who are separating, retiring, vacating government quarters or have a date that cannot be changed, will need to work closely with their local personal property office to reschedule the move or have their goods stored at the current location until transportation becomes available," Piacine said. "Alternatively, customers can choose to perform a Personally Procured Move (PPM) and move as scheduled to meet their report date or have a family member remain behind to conduct the move."

"If you have been contacted by a moving company, we recommend you maintain communications with their personnel and call them several times, including the day before the scheduled pick up to help avoid delay," Piacine said. "If you have not been contacted by a company and your move is fast approaching

we recommend you contact your local Department of Defense personal property office for assistance."

Piacine said service members who have their scheduled pack out cancelled, need to contact their local personal property office immediately. There are some different options available depending on individual circumstances.

For more information, contact a local personal property office or send questions to [householdgoods@navy.mil](mailto:householdgoods@navy.mil).

NAVSUP's primary mission is to provide U.S. naval forces with quality supplies and services. With headquarters in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and employing a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 22,500 military and civilian personnel, NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation, and security assistance. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for quality of life issues for our naval forces, including food service, postal services, Navy Exchanges, and movement of household goods.

-- From Naval Supply Systems Command Corporate Communications

## Merchant Marine Reserve Program becomes Strategic Sealift Officer Program

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The deputy chief of naval operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics approved revisions to the latest CNO Instruction (OPNAVINST 1534.ID), transitioning the Merchant Marine Reserve (MMR) Program into the Strategic Sealift Officer Program (SSOP) June 10.

Extensive coordination with several Navy organizations and the U.S. Maritime Administration helped with the program change.

The SSOP supports national defense sealift requirements and capabilities, which are executed by Military Sealift Command (MSC). The program provides the Navy with officers that possess sealift, maritime operations, and logistics subject matter expertise, and further hold U.S. Coast Guard credentials as merchant marine officers.

"These changes will help align and improve support to Military Sealift Command and numerous other Joint and Navy commands," said Vice Adm. Bill Burke, Deputy CNO for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, who is the SSOP program sponsor. "This revision improves stewardship, integration, and opportunities for about 2,400 Navy Reserve officers."

The SSOP, like the old MMR Program, will continue to provide the capability for emergency crewing of sealift ships and shoreside support to Navy commands that require unique maritime expertise. Further, this change provides opportunities for greater opera-

tional support to the Navy by expanding selected Reserve (SELERES) billets and active duty recalls to SSOP officers.

"The improved program aligns strategic sealift officers under MSC to provide the best use for their training as both Navy officers and licensed Merchant Marine officers," said Rear Adm. Mark Buzby, commander, MSC, and Flag sponsor of the program. "It also expands training requirements to ensure that these officers are best ready for mobilization."

"Both the Navy and the officers in the SSOP will benefit from improvements such as increased opportunities to serve, better alignment of name to its military purpose, streamlining to a single designator, and improved training consistent with other Navy communities" said Rear Adm. Buzz Little, commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command. "This new SSOP builds upon the tradition of the MMR, by becoming more ready, relevant, visible, and providing greater opportunities for service."

For more information about the SSOP, please see OPNAVINST 1534.ID at <http://doni.daps.dla.mil/Directives/01000%20Military%20Personnel%20Support/01-500%20Military%20Training%20and%20Education%20Services/1534.1D.pdf>.

-- From Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategic Mobility and Combat Logistics Division

## MCPON visits Master At Arms "A" School

By YNSN Steven Cooney  
Center for Security Forces Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (NNS) -- The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) visited the Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC), Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to witness firsthand the training, conditioning and quality of life for Navy Master-at-Arms (MA) students, June 6.

During his visit, MCPON(SS/SW) Rick D. West met with both staff and students while touring training and living facilities at one of the Navy's largest "A" schools based in San Antonio, Texas.

MCPON West's tour included a stop at the weapons range where he observed MA students practicing live fire exercises with the M16 rifle. Seaman Erica Trynn from Long Beach, Calif., was the first off the range and the first to receive a critique from MCPON West.

"Did you get the job done Sailor?" asked West.

"Hooyah Master Chief," replied Trynn.

The last stop for the MCPON's tour was a walk through of living spaces and recreational facilities to get a glimpse into the quality of life for MA "A" school students. During a break in the tour, West spoke with various MA students discussing their



Photo by YNSN Steven Cooney

**Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West meets with and encourages students attending Master-at-Arms "A" School during a visit at Naval Technical Training Center Lackland.**

training and the importance of their job.

"I believe the most important aspect of MA training is being comfortable in the job you are doing," said West. "Master-at-Arms [personnel] are essentially the front line in Security Force Protection."

As the Navy's force protection experts, Master-at-Arms personnel provide specialized security and force protection services at Naval stations and aboard ships around the

world.

Sailors graduating from NTTC Lackland are thoroughly trained and prepared to augment these forces to protect and defend our nation's freedoms.

The Center for Security Forces, located in Virginia Beach, Va., provides basic and advanced anti-terrorism, security force, expeditionary and Code of Conduct training to more than 22,000 students each year in support of fleet training requirements.

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**Matt Hostetler receives his Employee of the Quarter certificate from NAS Meridian Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr. Lance Coe.**

**PW Supervisor of Quarter**

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**Lt. Cmdr. Lance Coe presents Hank Burns with the NAS Meridian Public Works Supervisor of the Quarter certificate.**

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**Pfc. Emily Brown**

MATSS-1 Student  
Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

**OOORAH!**

Pfc. Emily Brown joined the Marine Corps on Jan. 3, 2011.

"Marines are tough," said Brown who is currently a student at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One (MATSS-1) on board NAS Meridian. "I joined for educational opportunities, travel and insurance."

Brown, 19, lists her hobbies as listening to music, drawing and working out.

"I'm looking forward to traveling to different countries and experiencing different cultures," she said.

The person she most admires is her sister.

"She is the most amazing person and dedicated to everything she does even with all her 'bad luck.'"

**Pvt. Elizabeth Kelley**

MATSS-1 Student  
Hometown: Attleboro, Mass.

Pvt. Elizabeth Kelley also joined the Marine Corps on Jan. 3, 2011.

"It has been a lifelong goal and dream," Kelley said. "I knew it would make me a better and more strong-willed individual."

Kelley is currently a student in the Aviation Operation Specialist Course at MATSS-1.

Her hobbies include reading, music and working out. She has three sisters.

"I can't wait to experience different places and meet all different types of people," Kelley said.

The person she most admires is her boot camp Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. McGee.

"She inspired and motivated me through the stories of her experiences to make the Marine Corps a career."

**'Warfighter' takes charge as new Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps**

By Lance Cpl. Daniel A. Wetzel  
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON -- "The Marines in uniform today, every single one of them, had a choice and they all chose to serve. I get to serve them, and I am privileged to get to serve in this capacity," said newly appointed Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal P. Barrett after he took the reins as the senior enlisted advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Barrett became the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps during a relief and appointment ceremony June 9 at Marine Barracks Washington as Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent retired from the Corps.

It was 90-degrees and humid throughout the evening in the 210-year-old Marine post in downtown Washington when the sword of office was handed to Barrett, signifying the transition in responsibility. Nonetheless, all Marines in attendance were in their "dress blues," a uniform of a jacket and trousers that distinguish Marines since the 1800s.

The warm night only intensified two of the Corps' most top enlisted Marines when they were center stage during the scripted traditional ceremony to impart their genuine comments. Their voices bellowed through the post's courtyard corridors -- Kent reflecting on his 35-year career and Barrett sharing anecdotes of Marines he's met and the excitement on becoming a leader of a "fearless and selfless" force.

"I expect all of our Marines to continue to be selfless. I expect our Marines to continue to sacrifice for one another. I expect our Marines to continue to do brave deeds and endure the tough times that lay ahead," Barrett said.

The position of Sergeant Major of

the Marine Corps was established in 1957 and was the first such post in any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. Typically, it's a duty served for four years at the Commandant's discretion.

Barrett praised Kent for his successful tour and said he plans to carry on from where Kent left off -- to "work in line with the commandant's priorities and modernize the force."

"I'm going to be focused on all the issues. I'm going to give it all of my effort. I'm going to give it all of my energies, and I'm going to enthusiastically continue to coalesce the team," Barrett said.

Before the appointment that brought Barrett to his current post, he was serving as the sergeant major of 1st Marine Division, a combat-ready unit of almost 20,000 Marines and sailors headquartered at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He recently returned from a deployment to Helmand province, Afghanistan, where he served as Regional Command Southwest's sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Anthony Spadaro said to consider the appointment of Barrett a warning order -- "everyone better bring their 'A-game' when he's around." Spadaro was the sergeant major of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), a unit recently deployed to Afghanistan that supported Barrett and his Marines when conducting combat operations in Helmand province.

"Duty is not just a sublime word to Sgt. Maj. Barrett. It's everything to him," said Spadaro. "We're talking about a transcendental Marine who's ideal for the part."

In addition to a leader of Marines in a combat zone, Barrett was a sniper early in his career, made Marines as a



Photo by Sgt. Michael S. Cifuentes

**Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos hands the sword of office to Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett during a relief and appointment ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington June 9, 2011. Barrett took charge as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps as Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, the predecessor, relinquished his duties as senior enlisted advisor to the Commandant and retired from active service in the Marine Corps.**

drill instructor, and led Marines on the forward edge of the warzone -- to include two tours to Iraq as battalion sergeant major of the battle-hardened 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

"The man is a warfighter," said Kent, describing Barrett. "And, he's a leader. The Marine Corps is in great shape because of the leaders that we have."

Kent said he's going to do "the most important thing" a Marine should do when he retires from the Corps -- spend quality time with the family.

Throughout his 35 years of service in the Corps, Kent has served as a drill

instructor and made Marine aviators as a chief drill instructor and senior enlisted advisor at Naval Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. He took on lead roles a sergeant major of an artillery battalion, sergeant major of the West Coast's Recruit Training Regiment, and sergeant major of I Marine Expeditionary Force, a position that put him in front of tens of thousands of Marines and sailors.

He said it was an honor to serve as a leader, and he's leaving with a sense of pride in knowing that the Marines today are living up to the legacy Marines from the past have created.

**Safety Is Our Duty****Atlantic Hurricane Season**

Atlantic hurricane season started June 1 and will end Nov. 30. The conditions expected this year have historically produced some active Atlantic hurricane seasons therefore, the 2011 season could see activity comparable to a number of active seasons since 1995. With the prediction of 12 to 18 named storms, six to 10 hurricanes and three to six major hurricanes, preparedness is key.

Hurricane disasters can occur whether the season is active or relatively quiet. It only takes one hurricane (or tropical storm) to cause a disaster. Residents, businesses, and government agencies of coastal and near-coastal regions are urged to prepare for every hurricane season regardless of this, or any other, seasonal outlook. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Hurricane Center (NHC), the Small Business Administration, and the American Red Cross all provide important hurricane preparedness information on their web sites.

-- From NAS Meridian EOC

**NOAA recommends weather radios**

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio can help monitor dangerous storms. The weather radio transmits alerts of severe weather and dangerous conditions before they arrive.

The National Weather Service broadcasts forecasts and severe weather warnings and watches 24 hours a day over the NOAA radio network. A watch means that potentially life-threatening weather is heading toward your area. A warning means that potentially life-threatening weather is imminent or already occurring.

NOAA's radio system is an all-hazards system, providing watches and warnings for such incidents as

floods, tornados, oil spills, 911 telephone outages, terrorist and AMBER alerts, as well as post-event information. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommend that every home and business have a NOAA Weather Radio receiver as standard equipment for around-the-clock reports.

Weather radios are available at electronics stores at prices ranging from \$20 to \$200. Here are some features you should look for when purchasing one:

• Alarm tone -- This allows the radio to be set on silent but produces a special tone to alert you to severe weather.

• Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) -- This feature provides area specific information by filtering out alerts that do not affect your immediate area.

• Hand crank or battery operated -- A radio should be able to operate on batteries or be hand-cranked to produce operating power.

• Tunable to all NWS frequencies -- Visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr) for frequencies.

• For hearing or visual impairment -- A feature that allows radios to connect the alarms to other attention-getting devices such as personal computers and text printers.

More information is available online at [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr)

**Navy tests 'green' hybrid diesel trucks**

By Darrell E. Waller

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Public Affairs

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (NNS) -- Navy engineers in San Diego and Bangor, Wash., began testing diesel powered hybrid vehicle technology June 15, for possible deployment to Navy and Marine Corps bases worldwide.

The program kicked off with the delivery of two vehicles to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Coastal Integrated Product Team (IPT) in San Diego, May 12. A second pair of trucks will be pressed into service with the recycling team in Bangor, Wash., this month.

The Navy has commissioned a total of four test vehicles - two diesel hybrids and two conventionally powered trucks - that will be compared side by side for six months at Bangor and the California site. Each location will receive a single hybrid to be tested against a similar, non-hybrid model. Both sites will operate the trucks under normal conditions, and the results will be compared at the end of the test period to determine potential fuel savings for the Fleet.

"The testing in this phase will be compared to earlier baseline tests to determine how well the hybrids

match up in the real world against their conventional counterparts," said Capt. Paz B. Gomez, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center commanding officer. "This has the potential to save millions of dollars for the fleet and taxpayers, enabling the Navy to move closer to achieving the SECNAV's energy goals of 50 percent reduction in petroleum used in naval vehicles by 2015."

NAVFAC ESC is working with the sites to monitor critical operating data on the truck use and hybrid system status for the duration of the test period. The trucks will be required to undergo weekly inspections of the hybrid systems. The fleet managers, operators and service teams will provide input on the truck status throughout the demonstration period.

"Both the NAVFAC Southwest Base Support Vehicles and Equipment Core team and the Coastal Integrated Product team worked closely with NAVFAC ESC and the manufacturer to make this happen," said Luann Benson, NAVFAC Southwest Base Support Vehicles and Equipment product line coordinator. "We are looking forward to reviewing the results and hopefully implementing more heavy hybrid vehicles."

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**Fireworks Safety Tips**

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, whether you live on board NAS Meridian or out in the local community, fireworks safety is crucial.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 8,800 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2002. During the past 10 years, about a third of the injuries associated with fireworks have been caused by illegal explosives or homemade fireworks.

1. Check local laws. Make sure that fireworks are legal where you live.
2. Fireworks are "PROHIBITED" on board NAS Meridian.
3. If they are legal, know what kinds are legal and what kinds aren't.
4. Don't let small children play with fireworks or set them off. Adults should ignite the fireworks, or supervise older children who are doing it.
5. Read the warnings, rules and instructions. Then, after you read them, follow them to the letter.
6. Wear eye protection and keep all parts of your body out of the line of fire.
7. Make sure the audience is out of range of misfired or misdirected rockets and roman candles.
8. Set off the fireworks on a hard, flat surface away from anything flammable.
9. Wait several minutes before walking up

to a firework that didn't go off. Don't try to relight duds or misfires. Soak them in water.

10. Have a bucket of water or a garden hose handy.

11. Buy fireworks from reliable retailers.

12. Never experiment with fireworks or try to make homemade ones.

13. Avoid storing fireworks for extended periods. If you must store them, keep them in a cool, dry place.

14. When the show is over, soak the expended fireworks and dispose of them in a trash container.

15. M-80s and "blockbusters" are not legal fireworks; they are dangerous, banned explosives. They are extremely dangerous. Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the product, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

16. If you attend a professional display:

• You don't need to get close. The best view is from several hundreds yards away.

• If debris falls nearby, don't touch it.

• Leave pets at home. Dogs, in particular, can have their hearing damaged by the explosions.

Be safe and enjoy the time that you are going to have with your family and or friend.

If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3875/2589.





**Antioch Missionary Baptist Church**  
 10638 Antioch Rd • Daleville, MS • 601-681-8500  
**REV. DR. CLEVELAND HAYES, SR, PASTOR**  
**Call if you need transportation!**  
**CHURCH MOTTO: "ONLY WHAT YOU DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST."**

July 3 Early Morning Worship 8a.m.  
 July 10 137th Church Anniversary 3p.m.  
 July 24 Homecoming Service 11:15a.m.  
 July 25-29 Summer Revival 7:30p.m.  
 July 30 - Single, Married, Single again Ministry 5p.m.

Directions from I-20/59 & Meridian: Take exit 154 off I-20/59, then Hwy 39N for approx. 20 miles, turn right on Hickory Grove Rd., continue 1.2 miles, turn left on Antioch Rd. The Church is on the right.

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!

# New CO for Oceanography Operations in Mississippi

STENNIS SPACE CENTER, Miss. (NNS) -- A change of command ceremony took place at the Naval Oceanography Operations Command (NOOC), Stennis Space Center, Miss., June 10.

Capt. Van Gurley assumed command, relieving Capt. David J. Walsh who has commanded since November 2009.

The NOOC, an Echelon IV command of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command located at

Stennis Space Center, Miss., is comprised of over 1,000 military and civilian personnel located at seven globally distributed subordinate commands supporting every warfare area in the fleet.

Rear Adm. Jonathan W. White, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC), presided over the ceremony.

"They are doing things in naval oceanography that have never been done before," White stat-

ed, citing the command's global operations providing meteorology and oceanography products and services to aviation, ship operations, anti-submarine warfare and mine warfare.

Walsh was awarded the Legion of Merit for his achievements as the NOOC's commanding officer and as the operations officer for CNMOC.

"I was fortunate to be surrounded by professionals. If I have a regret it's the fact that almost every significant event that occurred on my watch, with the potential for our community to respond, was in effect a catastrophe for someone else," he said, referring to the command's work in response to the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, as well as the earthquake/ tsunami/nuclear disaster in Japan, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and other humanitarian assis-

tance/disaster relief efforts involving the Navy.

Before taking leadership of the NOOC, Walsh served as the Navy Europe Liaison Officer to Headquarters, United States European Command, and was directly involved during the 2008 humanitarian assistance operation Assured Delivery, in Georgia. Other previous tours included serving as fleet meteorologist and oceanographer and assistant operations officer for Commander, 6th Fleet.

Gurley will arrive to Mississippi from Washington, D.C., where he served as military deputy/executive assistant to the Oceanographer of the Navy. He has served two previous tours in Mississippi, including a tour on the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command staff from 2004-2006 and as the first commanding officer of the Naval Oceanography Anti-Submarine Warfare Center from 2006-2008.

"It is wonderful to be back at Stennis Space Center and wonderful to be back in the operational mainstream," Gurley said. "The NOOC delivers readiness to the fleet every day."

The NOOC, the operational arm of NMOC, is aligned along nine warfighter enabling directorates providing tailored meteorological and oceanographic support for joint and coalition forces across the globe. Its seven subordinate commands are located in Japan, San Diego, Norfolk, Va., and Stennis Space Center, Miss.

--From Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Public Affairs

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**  
**Naval Air Station Meridian, Ms.**  
 MSDH PWS ID # 03S0026

**June 01, 2011**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from the **White Aquifer**.

Our source water assessment has been conducted and is available at this time, and copies of this assessment are available at our office. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Robert Whitlock at 601-679-2530 0700-1400 Monday thru Friday. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please call to schedule a meeting at the NAS Meridian Water Plant.

Mississippi State Department of Health and the Certified Operators of NAS Meridian routinely monitor for 86 constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detect (ND)** -- laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.  
**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** -- one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.  
**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)** -- one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.  
**Percent per liter (PCL)** -- percent per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.  
**Millirads per year (mrem/yr)** -- measure of radiation absorbed by the body.  
**Action Level** -- the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.  
**Treatment Technique (TT)** -- A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  
**Maximum Contaminant Level** -- The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** -- The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

TEST RESULTS									
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects at 0 of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Primary Source of Contamination	
<b>Disinfectant By-product</b>									
Chloroform	N	1 Jan. 2010-31-Dec. 2010	1.32	0.95 - 1.58	PPM	NONE	4.0		Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>									
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	7/2007	N/A	1	PA	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples		Naturally present in the environment
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>									
5. Alpha emitters	N	11/01	1.0	0	PCL	0	15		Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>									
10. Barium	N	2/25/98	0.01804	0	Ppm	2	2		Discharge of drinking water; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2/23/99	.0005	0	Ppm	100	0.1		Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	04/2010	0.1	0	Mg/L		AL=1.3 mg/L		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	04/2010	0.001	0	Mg/L	0	AL=0.05 mg/L		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

**Additional Information for Lead**  
 If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Naval Air Station Meridian Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead). The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10 per sample. Please contact 601-576-7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions. Public Works Officer (601) 679-2940 or Robert Whitlock, Maintenance Supervisor (601) 679-2151. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

**Fluoridation Results**  
 To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of community Water Supplies", the MERIDIAN NAVAL AIR STATION is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year that average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 7 - 1.3 ppm was 11. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar that was within the optimal range of 7-1.3 was 92%.

Sincerely,  
  
 LCMDR Lance Coe  
 Public Works Officer

**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

**Did You Know?**  
 NAS Meridian NEX offers Western Union money transfer. Located in Building 214 at the Personalized Services counter at the front of the store.

# Sale ... or

**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.

**ELECTRONICS MUSICAL/COMPUTERS**

**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.

**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**

**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 Brennhof at 601-679-2408 or 601-678-9504.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

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

**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 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.**

**NEW! Four 31" by 15 All Terrain Tires and Custom Rims off a Dodge 4x4,** 90 percent tread life left. Asking \$400 for set. Call Adam at (601) 678-8614.

**NEW! 2003 Gold Chrysler,** 300M loaded, heated leather, CD, XM satellite, sun roof, nice interior. High mileage but well maintained. One owner, new transmission and battery, fairly new tires, needs motor work. Asking \$1350 OBO. Call (601) 679-2636 or (662) 803-9007.

**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.

**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: [accalais@gmail.com](mailto:accalais@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**

**NEW! 2004 Honda Foreman ES 4 Wheeler,** 400CC Motor, 4 wheel drive, red in color, 2300 LB winch on the front. Asking \$2,000. Call Adam at (601) 678-8614.

**NEW! 4-wheeler** for sale. Asking \$800. Call (601) 483-3801 for details.

**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) 934-6151.

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

**HOMES/APARTMENTS**

**NEW! For Rent: 4000 38th St., 2 BR/2 BA** (duplex), covered parking, \$650 per month with 1 year lease, \$650 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

**NEW! For Rent: 1414 24th Ave., 3 BR/2 BA** (triplex), hardwood floors, covered parking, \$1100 per month with 1 year lease, \$1100 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

**NEW! For Rent: 414 24th Ave., 1 BR/1 BA** (triplex), hardwood floors, covered parking, \$400 per month with 1 year lease, \$400 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

**NEW! For Rent: 5903 19th Ave.,** (house) 3/2, carport, fenced yard, Poplar Springs school district, granite, stainless appliances, new carpet in bedrooms and study, new interior & exterior paint, \$1450 per month with 1 year lease, \$1450 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

**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.

**For Sale:** 4 BD/2.5 BA in West Lauderdale School District. Indian 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

**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 undated 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 5A. 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 a 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 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 [Militarybyowner.com](http://Militarybyowner.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**

**NEW! Chickens and pigs for sale.** Call (601) 483-3801.

**NEW PRICE! Golf TaylorMade Driver R9 \$200; Bobby Jones Workshop Edition Driver \$100 -- 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.

**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](mailto: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 checks 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.randall@navy.mil](mailto:penny.randall@navy.mil) or call (601) 679-2809. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before publication.

# Mission First... Sailors Always



## June Specials

### Mondays:

Colored Head Pin Special 5-9 p.m.

Notify the counter before you bowl with a colored head pin -- if you get a natural strike the game will be free. Regular rates apply.

### Tuesdays:

NAS Staff Bowling Night 4:30-9 p.m. \$2 a game including shoes

### Wednesdays:

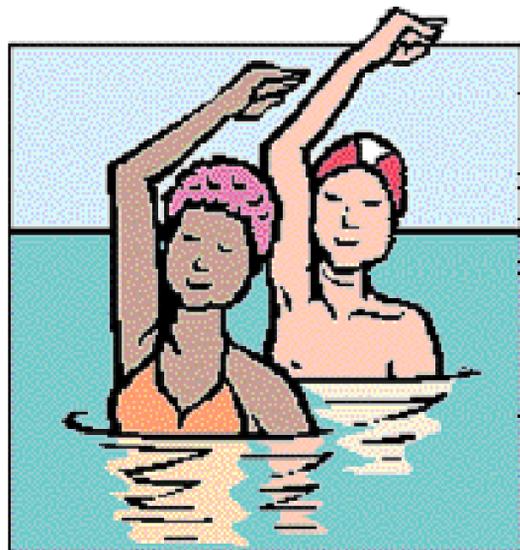
NTTC/MATSS-1 Student Bowling Special 5-9 p.m. \$2 a game including shoes.

### Fridays:

9 Pin No Tap Tournament Sign up by 6 p.m. on game days. \$10 entry fee

### Saturdays:

Cosmic Family Bowling 1-5 p.m. Parents bowl free if kids bowl at regular rates!



## At the pool....

### Water Aerobics

M, W, F from 12:15-1 pm.

### Lap Swimming

Monday-Friday from 10:45 a.m.-Noon

## 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 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)

# FREEDOM EST

## July 1, 2011

### A Night Of Celebration!

Featuring live music by Fatback, Randy and Samm and The Pete O' Show.

Fireworks Extravaganza, Food and Entertainment.

1700-2100 Fitness Center Complex Open to all eligible MWR customers.

## Ponta Creek Golf Course

Weekday Special Monday-Thursday  
18 Hole Green & Cart: \$20  
9 Hole Green & Cart: \$12

Carts Rates for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays:

18 holes: \$14 ~ 9 holes: \$7

### Greens Fees

	18 holes	9 holes
E-1-E-5	\$9	\$5
E-6 and up	\$12	\$7
DOD/NL	\$14	\$8
Others	\$16	\$9

Pro Shop Hours: Monday-Sunday: 8-5 p.m.  
For more information, call the Pro Shop at (601) 679-2526.

## 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!

June...

- 23: "I am Number 4" (PG13)
- 25: "Night at the Museum" (PG)
- 28: "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" (PG13)
- 29: "Just Go With It" (PG13)
- 30: "Walk the Line" (PG13)

July...

- 2: "Gnome & Juliet" (G)
- 5: "The Wedding Crashers" (R)
- 6: "Stealth" (PG13)
- 7: "The Eagle" (PG13)
- 9: "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" (PG)
- 12: "Take Me Home Tonight" (R)
- 13: "Unknown" (PG13)
- 14: "Beastly" (PG13)
- 16: "Pirates: Dead Man's Chest" (PG13)
- 19: "Hall Pass" (R)



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.

JUNE

**25th:** Geyser Falls Water Park Trip ~ Beat the heat by plunging into cool water and having fun in the sun! Bus leaves Library 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.

## Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
For more information call (601) 679-2326.

## Play Ping Pong at Rudders

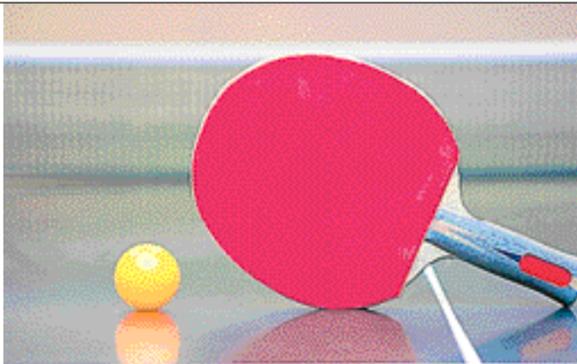
Games are Free!

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 5 p.m.-Midnight

For more information, call (601) 679-2636.



Open Enrollment for Headstart at the CDC on board NAS Meridian for the 2011/2012 school year has started.

For more information contact Geneva Burton in the Region Office at (601) 483-2225.



## 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.

## Belly Dancing Group Class

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Gym. Not just for ladies either, men welcome ...that means come join us~! (harder exercise than most may think). Stacey Jemison is the instructor. For information, call (601) 679-2379.



## 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
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
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.....	
<b>SATURDAY</b>					
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.	
	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
	6 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
7:40 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	7:30 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.	Pass. Drop off if any.....	
<b>SUNDAY</b>					
12:30 p.m.	1 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	
	2 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	
3:40 p.m.	3 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	
	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	6 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
6:10 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Pass. Drop off if any	7:20 p.m.
Applebee's Restaurant ..... (upon request only)					

# It's Your Turn...

In honor of Father's Day, we asked these NAS Meridian civilian and Sailors, "Name a man, other than your father, who has had the most influence in your life? Why?"

Photos by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio



**ABH1 Jeremy Chase**  
Field Support ALPO

"My uncle, Bill Liszka, has been a great mentor and someone I look up to. He has outstanding values and supports his country's military. Overall a great guy!"



**Renecia Willis**  
Financial Tech

"Smiley Bonds, my high school vice principal. He motivated me to succeed. I graduated valedictorian. He still motivates me to this day."



**Mary Page**  
Financial Tech

"My husband -- he is my other half. We are meant to last a lifetime together; we are so in sync."



**LSSN Lauren West**  
NAS Meridian Supply

"My husband, Lormar Wallace, is my best friend and amazing father who loves to spend quality time with his family. He supports the military and has a lot of respect for others."



**Johnny Davis**  
APC

"First Sgt. White set the stage for my military career. He changed my mind and taught me not to judge a person until you have gotten to know them."

## Fleet & Family Support Center

### How to achieve freedom from debt

By **Stacey Jemison, AFC**

FFSC Work & Family Life Educator

When Independence Day rolls around every year, Americans across the country celebrate freedom – fought for and won by military members.

We enjoy the freedoms to assemble, bear arms, practice whatever religion we choose, and much more, but the simple fact is that many Americans (including many military members) are still enslaved – servants to their debt loads.

According to the Federal Reserve Board, Americans now owe more than \$2.4 trillion in consumer debt – more than 10 times what they owed in 1970. The introduction of credit cards in the 1970s changed the way Americans spent their money, and the trend set in motion has continued and grown. To put it plainly, most Americans simply spend more than they make by using credit cards, loans, overdraft privileges, and other forms of "consumer credit".

So do you have a debt problem? Take this quick quiz to find out:

- ✓ Do you carry credit card balances for a long time and usually pay only the minimum amount due?
- ✓ Are your credit card balances growing each month?
- ✓ Do you no longer have a savings account, or are you using savings to pay bills you used to pay from your checking account?
- ✓ Do you use cash advances from credit cards or the overdraft feature on your checking account to pay bills and basic living expenses?
- ✓ Have you "consolidated" your debts into a home equity loan or single credit card at least once?
- ✓ Does your heart rate increase when your credit card is run through the machine because you never know if it will be accepted?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may have or be headed toward a serious debt problem. But don't panic yet – you aren't alone and help is available.

The first thing for you to realize is that getting out of debt isn't going to be easy. It took you a while to accumulate that debt, didn't it? So it makes sense that it will take a while to dig yourself out from under it. You will have to make sacrifices, and you must really commit yourself to solving this problem.

Part of the solution is to do some looking within yourself to understand why and how you've gotten yourself into debt in the first place. Many people don't fully understand the emotional aspects of money and their own spending patterns. Take some time to think about your personal relationship to money, and explore the reasons that you spend your money certain ways. Tracking your spending with a calendar or by saving receipts may be very revealing in this process – you may find that you spend more money at certain times (maybe when you're feeling depressed) or for certain things (gifts, for example). By recognizing destructive spending behaviors, you will be one step closer to changing them.

#### First Step

The first step you need to take in getting yourself out of debt is to admit that you have a problem and commit to solving it. Sounds like something out of a 12-step program, but guess what? It works. If you never admit that your debt is out of control, you can't work on getting it under control. You can admit and commit in many different ways. Maybe you should call a family meeting and acknowledge the debt problems you (and the family) are facing. Maybe you could make an appointment with a financial counselor. Sometimes, just admitting a problem out loud helps to put it in perspective.

Then consider just how serious you are about fixing things. Think about the emotional strain that debt causes. Think about the damage that financial problems can wreak on marriages and families. Think about how much better you would feel if you didn't have to worry about how much you owe any more. Finding help can often give people a sense of relief that they aren't alone and that their problems truly are fixable. Help is available at NAS Meridian for service members through their Command Financial Specialists or through the Fleet & Family Support Center's Work and Family Life staff who can also assist family members with financial issues.

#### Second Step

The next step is to stop debt spending. This sounds impossible to some people, but it can be done. Take all of your credit cards (including gas cards and store credit cards) out of your wallet and put them in a drawer (or, better still, in a Ziploc bag of water in the freezer) at home. Make it through a whole day using only cash, checks, or debit/ATM cards. You'll probably find that simply using cash (or other forms of cash) will, in and of itself, take the wind out of your spending sails. You're much less likely to buy extra items on impulse if you are using cash. In today's electronic world, cash may seem antiquated, but it actually represents the money you

have (not all the money you can borrow). So try it. After a week or so of cash-only spending, take an even bigger step – cut up your credit cards and cancel your overdraft protection. Easy access to credit is what got you into debt to begin with, so denying yourself access to credit is part of the solution to controlling debt. And don't buy into the "credit card for emergencies" theory – people dealt with all sorts of emergencies before credit cards were so prevalent, so you can get through them now. That's why having an emergency savings fund is so important – so you don't have to borrow money when you do have a legitimate emergency. And people rent cars and make Internet purchases all the time without credit cards (it may be a little more trouble than using a card, but it is possible).

#### Third Step

The third step to getting out of debt is to formulate a spending plan. If you aren't tracking your spending, you don't really know where all your money is going (despite your best estimates). In fact, it's estimated that approximately 10 percent of your income is wasted if you don't have a formal, written spending plan (aka "a budget"). If you think this isn't true, try this: write down how much money you made last year, and then total up the expenses you can track in your head. Subtract the expenses from your income and you'll probably end up with a surplus that you could have put into savings – but how does that compare to what actually happened? You need to make a spending plan.

Command Financial Specialists or FFSC Work & Family Life staff can help you with this, or you can make your own by following these steps:

**\$-Track your cash spending** – write down every single thing you purchase with cash for at least a week. It sounds labor-intensive, but it really only takes a couple of minutes a day.

**\$-Track other expenditures** – write down every payment or purchase you make with checks or debit/ATM cards (by this point, you shouldn't be making any credit purchases, so you don't have to track those).

**\$-Combine the two into a weekly and monthly spending record.** It's easiest to track expenses monthly, since most bills are paid once a month. A calendar can be very helpful for tracking spending.

**\$-Make your spending plan** – this is simply the process of bringing your expenses in line with your income. If your expenses dramatically outweigh your income, you may have to make major changes (such as selling an expensive car or home and buying a less expensive one). If your expenses aren't that high, you can probably find small ways to shave them down and free up some money for debt repayment (eating out less often, discontinuing or reducing cable or satellite TV, canceling cell phones, stopping smoking, etc.). This part won't be easy – you actually will have to do without luxuries that you've probably thought of as "needs" up to this point.

**\$-Think about other ways to earn money** – perhaps you or your spouse could get a second job. You could sell a valuable item through the newspaper or an online auction site. And do collect on any old debts that others owe to you.

#### Fourth Step

The final step to getting out of debt is to pay down your debts every month, one at a time. Start by making a list of your creditors (anyone to whom you owe money, with the exception of mortgage payments – this is considered a basic housing cost and goes with your monthly expenses). Write down the creditor's name (the bank, credit card company, etc.), the minimum monthly payment, the total amount you owe (your balance), and the annual interest rate (APR) applied to the balance. Then calculate your totals – the total balance and the total of your monthly payments. From these numbers, you'll be able to get a better perspective of your debt (it may not be as bad as you thought), as well as an idea of how much you'll have left over at the end of the month to pay your creditors. You want to make the minimum monthly payment to each creditor (and on time, to avoid often exorbitant late fees). Ideally, you should have a little extra money each month – maybe \$50 or \$100 – to pay down the debt load. Prioritize your debts to figure out which one to pay down first (usually the one with the highest interest rate, as this will save you the most money, but some people like to pay the lowest balance off first, giving them a sense of satisfaction that helps them keep going). Start sending that extra \$50 or \$100 each month to the first creditor on your prioritized list, while making the minimum payment on all the other debts. When the first debt is paid off, start sending that extra money each month to the next creditor on your list (and, if the first creditor was a credit card company, cancel the card!). And so on until they're all paid off. Focusing your repayment dollars on one debt at a time gets them paid off faster and

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## 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.*

**Stress Management: 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.

**Communicating With Teens: 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.

**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.

**Kids Summer Safety Day: July 6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Fleet & Family Support Center and Balfour Beatty Communities are partnering to offer this informational and fun workshop for kids, teaching them a variety of summer safety skills. Topics will include: heat-related illnesses, fire safety, dangerous animals, bicycle safety, and more! Lunch will be provided. \*Held at Balfour Beatty Community Center in housing on board NAS Meridian.\*

**Welcome Aboard & New Spouse Orientation: July 7 from 8 a.m.-noon** (New Spouse Orientation is from noon to 1 p.m.) 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 (EFM) Program, TRICARE, vehicle registration, on- and off-base driving regulations, legal services, community services, Chapel and other religious services, MWR, things to do at NAS and in Meridian, and more! The New Spouse Orientation will include a Q&A session with command Ombudsmen and other briefs of interest to military spouses. Whether you're a spouse new to military life or just new to Meridian, you'll be able to pick up important information and meet other spouses.

**Car Buying Strategies: July 12 from 9-10 a.m. or July 21 from 3-4 p.m.** Are you in the market for a new or used car this summer? Attend this workshop for useful strategies to help you avoid getting swindled or stuck with a "lemon". We'll cover topics such as: the car purchase, financing, trade-ins, fair price and negotiations, "tricks of the trade", your legal rights, and insurance.

**Time Management: July 14 from 4-5 p.m. or July 20 from 10-11 a.m.** Do you often think that there just aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done? Do you frequently feel harried and stressed as you run from place to place and task to task? If so, you might need to learn some new ways to manage that precious resource – TIME! This workshop will focus on learning to maximize use of your time and how to better schedule all the things going on in your life so you don't feel so crunched. Make sure to schedule time for "Time Management"!

**IA Readiness Fair: July 15 from 9-11 a.m.** FFSC hosts this deployment readiness event to help Individual Augmentee (IA) deployment candidates and their families prepare. We'll have representatives from various departments and agencies on-hand to answer your questions and provide valuable information.

**IA Spouse Discussion Group: July 15 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!

**Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar: July 25-28 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Military personnel who are voluntarily or involuntarily separating or retiring and are within 180 days of separating should attend this seminar, held at the FFSC. It is highly recommended that spouses attend. You may also attend if you're up to 18 months away from your separation or retirement date.



Photo by Pfc. Cory D. Polom

Crew members conduct final preparations on the Marine Corps' first EA-6B Prowler, 000, before the aircraft takes its final flight, which left from Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, June 10. The first Marine Corps Prowler was in service for more than 34 years and during that time it flew more than 11,000 flight hours and was piloted by four VMAQ-2 Marines for its final flight.

## First Marine Corps EA-6B Prowler makes final flight

By Pfc. Cory D. Polom  
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — In early 1977 the Marine Corps received its first EA-6B Prowler, tail number 160432, marked with the number 000 by the aircraft's original home squadron, Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2, of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

After 34 years of service and more than 11,000 flight hours, aircraft 160432 made its final active duty flight June 10.

"This aircraft is a legend among my friends and me," said ret. Lt. Col. Hal L. Baker, a former operations officer with VMAQ-2. "It was the first of many of these amazing machines, but there will never be another like it."

The first Prowler flew to Cherry Point flanked by its predecessor, the EA-6A Intruder, which was used to train the first class of pilots and crew members.

"This aircraft was originally used to knock out the radar of the enemy and jam communications," said ret. Col. Richard W. Bates, who was the commanding officer of VMAQ-2 in the early 1990s. "I flew about 3,000 flight hours in a Prowler and more than 300 hours in this specific aircraft. It is a part of the history and heritage of the Prowler community."

Bates said the Prowler was a critical asset and never let the Marine Corps down.

"The electronic system in the Prowler helped the Marine Corps by

allowing the aircraft to operate with little thought to a generator failing," said ret. 1st. Sgt. James A. Zinni. "In the previous aircraft, if one generator went out, then the aircraft had to turn around and abort the mission. With the Prowler we were able to always perform our mission."

Having flown missions in many areas of the world, the retired Prowler will now become a display at its home base of Cherry Point.

"This aircraft has been used by all the VMAQ squadrons aboard the base and finished up here with its final flight under the Q-2 logo," said Lt. Col. Todd M. Caruso, the commanding officer of VMAQ-2 and one of the four members of the final crew to fly 160432. "We here at VMAQ-2 did everything we could to keep the history of that aircraft alive. We have used it for training and it has even been to Afghanistan."

Caruso said 160432 has been in every conflict that has involved the Prowler, from the Cold War crisis to the Gulf War and even Iraq.

"When I was an aircraft electrician for the Prowler, I was certified to conduct low and high power checks," said Zinni. "It is an amazing feeling when you're sitting on more than 37,000 pounds of thrust. You feel powerful."

Baker said the power of the Prowler will not be forgotten by those who have come in contact with it, especially '432.

"...14 years I spent with this bird, and I would not trade a day of it," said Zinni. "Prowler '432 is a part of Marine Corps history and a part of every Marine who has the opportunity to operate or work on it. This aircraft will never die."

*"This aircraft is a legend among my friends and me."*

Lt. Col.  
Hal L. Baker

## Pilot safe after T-45 crash in Texas

NAS KINGSVILLE, Texas (NNS) -- A T-45 Goshawk from Training Air Wing Two at Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville crashed at approximately 10 a.m., June 15, in a remote field near George West, Texas.

The pilot, a student naval aviator assigned to Training Squadron 21 (VT-21), was conducting a routine training flight at the time of the crash. He ejected from the aircraft and landed safely about a mile from the crash site. He sustained only minor injuries, but was transported by U.S. Coast Guard helicopter to Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg in Kingsville for further observation. He was later released. It is the policy of the Naval Air Training Command to not release the names of student aviators injured in mishaps.

The aircraft came to rest on a remote part of a private ranch near George West. Troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and helicopter crewmen from Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi provided immediate assistance at the remote location, while security and firefighter personnel from NAS Kingsville and Navy Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove made their way to the remote location. Once on scene, firefighters sprayed down the aircraft to ensure

the flames from the crash were extinguished, and NAS Kingsville security personnel secured the crash site.

An investigation team from Training Air Wing 2, traveled to the site late Wednesday afternoon to survey the aircraft, and begin the preliminary stages of their investigation into the cause of the crash.

The aircraft will remain at the crash site while the investigation team completes their initial inspection of the aircraft. It will then be transported back to NAS Kingsville for further inspection.

The T-45 Goshawk, built by Boeing, is a two-seat jet aircraft used to train student naval aviators in the jet/strike pipeline. Students spend an average of 12 months with Training Air Wing TWO completing the training syllabus. Upon completion they receive their coveted 'Wings of Gold' and are designated as Naval Aviators. They then receive orders to a Fleet Replacement Squadron where they'll learn their selected fleet aircraft.

Training Air Wing 2 is one of two Navy commands that train Navy and Marine Corps jet pilots for the fleet, training 50 percent of all Navy and Marine Corps jet pilots each year.

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gives you the satisfaction of watching one balance after another shrink and disappear. Again, this will take time, but it will happen.

Finally, make sure you avoid the consumer credit trap in the future. After your debts are paid off, consider saving or investing the money you were used to spending on paying creditors. That way, you'll be able to make purchases and deal with emergencies without relying on credit and borrowing. Of course, wise use of credit can be a very good thing, strengthening your credit report and credit score (which can help you with future pur-

chases and more). Just make sure you pay your credit card balances in full each month and make any loan payments regularly and on time.

If your debt problems have gone too far to control using the methods described here, do seek help. Your Command Financial Specialists, FFSC Work & Family Life staff, Military OneSource, InCharge, and many other resources are available to you to help get your debt problems under control. Every day you delay in seeking help just increases your debt as well as the stress it causes.

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Photo by Cpl. Rashaun X. James

Cpl. Chad Helms walks down the flightline toward an MV-22B Osprey at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, June 16. Helms is an Osprey crew chief with VMM-264 based out of Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

## Ospreys continue success story in Afghanistan

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CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan -- The Marine Corps' MV-22B Osprey is the world's first production military tiltrotor aircraft. Since the inception of its concept in the early 1980s, the Osprey has seen many trials and tribulations. Unsuccessful prototypes took Marine's lives, while negative press slammed the project for being too expensive.

Despite these hurdles, the current iteration of the Osprey is alive and well, operating daily from U.S. Naval vessels and supporting coalition troops in the mountains and deserts of Afghanistan.

In 2007, the Osprey began replacing the CH-46E Sea Knight, which had been in service since 1962, with providing assault support and transport for the Marine Corps. For veteran pilots, like Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 executive officer Maj. Steve Turner who has piloted both platforms, the Osprey is a clear improvement.

"Everything that has always been advertised about the Osprey in terms of replacing the last medium-lift platform, the CH-46, is true," said Turner. "With the Osprey we are able to increase the air speed almost three-fold, double our transportable payload, and fly at much higher altitudes keeping us out of the reach of the enemy's weapons envelope." Turner's squadron is currently deployed to southwestern Afghanistan, from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. From Camp Bastion, the tiltrotor squadron supports Marines and their NATO International Security Assistance Force partners operating in Helmand and Nimroz provinces.

Turner said the Osprey's ability to take off and land vertically like a helicopter, and then cruise at more than 250 miles per hour, makes it a prime candidate for conducting troop inserts and combat resupplies in unsecured landing zones in Afghanistan. This mix of fixed and rotary wing capabilities is something Turner said is "the best of both worlds."

"The big advantage with the Osprey is we can go from one runway to another

runway, or from a runway to any landing zone in our area of operations faster than the other assault support squadrons we have here," said Maj. Doug Thumm, the assistant operations officer at VMM-264. "The rate we cruise at allows us to move to just about any point in Helmand province in about 40 minutes."

Marines who work daily with the Osprey said the replacement parts can be harder to come by than for more seasoned aircraft and that mechanics haven't yet accrued the decades of mechanical experience to learn tricks of the trade that cut down on maintenance man-hours.

Additionally, the Osprey squadron's Marines, from pilots to maintainers, said the biggest challenges they have faced with the Osprey are similar to those faced by other aircraft operating in Afghanistan's intense heat, dust and altitude.

"I think the biggest challenge we have right now is what we call the high, hot and heavy," said Thumm. "The temperature goes up and increases the density altitude diminishing the aircraft's ability to achieve lift, but that is something that affected the CH-46 as well." And Turner, who flew the Sea Knight during Operation Iraqi Freedom, said he feels the Osprey is a worthy successor to the CH-46.

"I would much rather fly the MV-22 in this theater any day than go back to a legacy platform like the CH-46," said Turner. "Both were good aircraft to fly, but you have to progress at some point."

The Osprey being a platform with a lot of potential is a sentiment echoed by newcomers to the medium-lift community, veterans who cut their teeth on the CH-46, and Marines on the ground who benefit most from the Osprey's unique versatility.

"It is phenomenal what we are able to do with cargo and passengers in the Osprey," said Staff Sgt. Joel Giuliano, the flightline division chief for VMM-264. "It would take us five to seven hours to carry out the same mission in a CH-46. With the speed of the MV-22 we are cutting that time almost in half."

## EMALS launch test



Photo by Sherry Jacob

LAKEHURST, N.J. -- Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Dennis Lopez, left, secures a T-45C Goshawk to the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) shuttle while Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Richard Berger signals to the pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Raymond Bieze, from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 at Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst, N.J., for the first successful launch of a T-45C Goshawk. Twelve successful launches were made June 1 and 2 as part of the on-going aircraft compatibility testing. EMALS is a complete launch system designed for the Ford-class aircraft carriers and will replace the steam catapult system, which has been in use for more than 50 years.

## More vets gain federal employment

WASHINGTON -- Thanks to President Barack Obama's Veterans Employment Initiative, more veterans are now federal employees.

Federal agencies hired 72,133 veterans in fiscal 2010, about 2,000 more than in 2009, U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials said in a news release.

"Through the president's Veterans Employment Initiative, OPM and our agency partners are helping tens of thousands of veterans and their families continue their legacy of service," OPM Director John Berry said.

The OPM report, Employment of Veterans in the Federal Executive Branch for

Fiscal Year 2010, also states that 25.6 percent of new hires across the federal government in fiscal 2010 were veterans. This is a 1.6 percent increase from fiscal 2009.

Of the veterans hired in fiscal 2010, 23,140 are disabled veterans, compared to 20,448 in fiscal 2009. This is a 1.2 percent increase.

"These are some of the best, brightest and hardest-working Americans in the federal government," Berry said. "While we've accomplished a lot in the first year, too many veterans are still unemployed, and we're going to keep pushing to do even better going forward."

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