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## Commander Navy Region SE promoted

**By MC2(SW) Greg Johnson**  
Navy Region SE Public Affairs  
Capt. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr.,  
commander, Navy Region South-  
east (NRSE) assumed the rank of  
Rear Adm. during a pinning cere-  
mony on board Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville Sept. 1.

"If you had told me twenty-eight-plus years ago that I'd be standing here today, I would have never believed it," Scorby said. "I'm honored and extremely humbled by it all and it really never would have happened without the help and support of hundreds of people along the way, particularly my parents, wife and the Sailors I've worked with."

Scorby relieved Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander as NRSE commander Aug. 18. He said his primary focus will be on the region's 17 installations and the Sailors and families that support them.

"My job is to make sure we are doing the best we can to support fleet, fighter and family," he said. "Our commanding officers have a lot of responsibility and I'm there to support them in any way I can."

Scorby, a 1981 graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland, was commissioned an en-

## Seabees mark 9/11 with solemn ceremony



Chief (select) Quartermaster Shannon Tracey (left) and Darrin Hill, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Fire Department, salute during the playing of Taps during a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony held on board NCBC Sept. 9. Tracey and Hill placed a plaque and a wreath in tribute to those killed during the terrorist attacks 10 years ago. The ceremony was sponsored by the NCBC Gulfport fiscal year 2012 chief petty officer selectees. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Scott B. Boyle/Released)

*For more 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony photos see the NCBC Facebook page*

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Major mud bath at NCBC

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# Seabee Center Website gets new look and feel

By NCBC Public Affairs

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Beginning Sept. 26, the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport base website will be an extreme makeover.

The design team contractor by Commander Navy Installation Command will complete the migration from old to new over the weekend prior to launch. Unfortunately, the majority of the information currently on the front page will disappear.

No need to worry, it is not being deleted; it is being pushed behind the front page. The base web team will make every attempt to put certain highly used links on the front page; however, some items will require a little digging.

"We hope the migration doesn't scare our customers away," said Rob Mims, NCBC Public Affairs Officer and web team members. "The new site is

cleaner, but people might have to dig a bit for some information."

Hundreds of pages had to be re-designed and moved in the process. Mims said it was also an opportunity to get rid of some of the pages and information that are never or rarely used.

"Every once in a while it is good to go through this process and clean house," said Mims. "This is a perfect opportunity to get rid of things that are no longer needed."

Mims said that while the process is tedious and time consuming, it is worth it and thinks people will be happy with the end product after they learn how to navigate it.

The Web Team also includes Chuck Billeaud, Janice Zimmer, Susan Poolson and Dan Brody.

To reach the website, go to <https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/index.htm>.

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## Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor,  
I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me,  
I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world,  
I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment,  
I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

**Commander's Action Line . . .** The Commander's Action Line gives all NCBC personnel a direct link to Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer of NCBC/commander 20SRG. Go to <https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service Organizations/PAO/CNICP A132870>

# Skipper's Log

## BZ Chief Selects

By Capt. Rick Burgess  
CO/CBC/CMDR 20TH SRG

Being accepted into the oldest fraternity in the Navy is a once in a lifetime experience; tomorrow, 18 first class petty officers will get that experience and take the biggest step of their career — pinning on their chief's anchors and joining the CPO Mess. This is the only time a service member in any branch of the military changes their uniform when they are promoted.

Every career enlisted Sailor strives to become "The Chief" which is the most coveted enlisted position in the Navy. It is the last time they take a promotion exam. When they pass the exam, their records go before a selection board whose job it is to pick the Navy's very best. In the eyes of the CPO community, being selected by the board by no means entitles them to be called "The Chief." They must earn acceptance into the Chiefs Mess by proving they are worthy and able to accept the enormous responsibilities of the Chief Petty Officer.

Over the past few weeks these 18 selectees have been enduring the process of CPO induction. This life-changing event challenges them both physically and mentally in every area of leadership. They are assigned virtually impossible tasks that they struggle to complete, are put through time demanding trials that completely overwhelm them, are put in positions forcing them to lead, and are required to memorize all service songs, creeds and oaths. They are pushed to the limit, forcing them to start thinking, behaving and leading like a Chief. They are put in situations that strengthen



Capt. Rick Burgess

them to be bold when faced with adversity and confident in taking on difficult conversations with people. They carry log books, called charge books, that are scripted with charges, leadership advice, and personal notes ... all written by Chiefs. These written memories are often viewed upon throughout the Chief's career. The whole experience is designed to prepare them to be true deckplate leaders, dedicated to accomplishing the mission and taking care of their people.

The culminating moment arrives when the selectees stand tall before the Chief Petty Officers that trained them, on the stage in a theater packed with family, friends and fellow service members. Their anchors are pinned by family or mentors and their cover is placed by their sponsor, who is their guide throughout the process. Their faces gleam with pride as they hear their name announced for the first time with the title ... Chief Petty Officer. They have now earned the honor and privilege of being called "THE CHIEF."

## Fraud, Waste, Abuse Line

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904-542-5587, E-mail: [CNRSE\\_HOTLINE@navy.mil](mailto:CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil)

# Around the Center



Chief Steel Worker David Eisman of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 dishes up some lunch at a Lunch and Learn hosted by the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) at the Fleet And Family Support Center on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Aug. 22. Attendees sampled a large assortment of cuisine made from two of the packages purchased from Angel Food Ministries and prepared by volunteer chefs. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)

Volunteers from the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society at NCBC went to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport to wish Ardhith Greer a very Happy 90th Birthday. Greer, who has more than 5,100 hours of volunteer service was pleasantly surprised by all the attention. In her volunteer work with NMCRS, Greer has crocheted more than 200 baby blankets for participants of the Budget for Baby classes put on by the NMCRS. (US Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)



Chef Nanghseng Aye, of the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Commissary, prepares Rainbow Sushi Rolls for lunch Aug. 23. Located in building 32, the Commissary is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., and closed on Mondays. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



In preparation for their upcoming promotions to chief petty officers, selectees recently reported to the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop on board NCBC to purchase their new uniforms. The selectees will be advanced and pinned at a ceremony at the Training Hall Sept. 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)



Seaman Jamie Hamm, assigned to the Seabee Memorial Chapel on board Naval Construction Battalion Center helps staff with the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank in Biloxi unload canned food donations from NCBC. The non-perishable food items were given in support of the Feds Feed Families program. NCBC donated more than 6,000 pounds of goods through the program. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

## Gulfport Feds Feed Families campaign exceeds goal

By Rob Mims

NCBC Public Affairs Officer The Feds Feed Family program ended Aug. 31 and officials at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) announced the base collected more than 6,000 pounds of food surpassing its initial goal of 2,000 pounds and helping the Department of Defense significantly exceed its goal of 733,800 pounds. DOD collected 1,970,741 pounds.

"The response for this campaign has been nothing short of phenomenal," said Cmdr. Michael Brown, NCBC Command Chaplain. "Due to the overwhelming generosity of our donors, we've

easily surpassed our initial goal. The Chapel team organized the local response to the program. The overall program was coordinated by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the Chief Human Capital Council.

"In today's demanding economic environment, it's comforting to know that our civilian and military members have such a viable resource to turn to, in order to help assist them through these difficult times, said Brown."

Loaves and Fishes, and Hancock County Food Bank were the recipients of the bases generosity. The last boxes were delivered Sept. 1 by the Chapel staff.

## NCBC Hispanic Heritage Celebration . . .

All service members, civilian employees and family members are cordially invited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. in the Training Hall. The Multi Cultural Diversity Committee has put together a program that features cultural music, dancing and information about the contributions Hispanic Americans have made throughout history. Special guest speaker for the event is Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg. Please come out and show your support for all of the hard work that the MCDC put into this celebration!



# Seabee Volkslauf Mudrun 2011



More than 1,100 people got muddy with the Seabees at the 2011 Seabee Volkslauf Mud Run on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Sept. 10. More than \$17,000 was raised for the Seabee Ball to be held in the spring. Runners negotiated more than 4.2 miles of mud, water slides and dozens of other dirty obstacles. (US Navy photos by Rob Mims/Released)

More Mud Run coverage can be found on the NCBC Facebook page



**Seabee Volkslauf Mud Run Award Winners:** Solo Adult Male: Adam Partridge, 37:34; Solo Student Male: Justin Prendergast, 40:44; Solo Master Male: Ron Piret, 44:55; Solo Grandmaster: Chris Lasdonde, 47:49; Solo Adult Female: Janice Ferguson, 42:57; Solo Student Female: Casey Ferguson, 52:05; Solo Master Female: Anne Bollinger, 52:38; Solo Grandmaster Female: Margie Hanna, 1:02:54 For the complete listing of the Seabee Volkslauf winners, please visit <http://www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=1138>

## Ready, Set, Learn!

The NCBC Resiliency Support Team is sponsoring a Ready, Set, Learn Education and Resource Fair Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Training Hall. Service members and their families are invited to come and visit with educational and community organizations to learn more about useful resources on base and in the Gulfport area that can promote their resiliency and readiness. Everyone is also invited to enjoy a free movie (Kung Fu Panda II from 10 to 11:30 a.m.) with their family members during the resource fair. For more information, you may contact either Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg at 228-871-3504 or Eva Shinka at 228-822-5738.

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# NMCB 1 bridges the gap with multinational forces

By NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Tactical Infrastructure Construction Team (TICT) 1, has been preparing for partnered construction of a Command Outpost with the Afghan National Army Engineers (ANA), and providing vital assistance to maintain freedom of movement for in the Area of Responsibility.

Expediently responding to request for support from Regional Commander West, the Seabees, supported by Coalition forces, rapidly repaired road damage caused by insurgent forces.

The Seabees emplaced an expeditionary road crossing ensuring the continued mission critical support of U.S., Coalition and ANA forward operating bases.

Senior Chief Steelworker (SCW) Joshua Schlegel, TICT 1's Team Leader was very impressed with his Army counterparts and Coalition forces that aided in the mission.

"With the help of 1PTL 509th RCP, and Italian engineers we reconstructed a river crossing that was blown up by insurgents. When the crossing was



Members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Tactical Infrastructure Construction Team (TICT) 1, are pictured with Afghan National Army Engineers (ANA) during a partnered expeditionary gap crossing construction project in Afghanistan. NMCB 1 is deployed in support of Taskforce FORAGER. The taskforce is led by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment (30th NCR). (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

blown it cut off logistic lines for Outposts to the north that needed vital supplies. Without these supplies there was no way these soldiers could complete their missions," said Schlegel. "We got the call, and immediately started coordinating the mission support required. It was challenging for the entire coalition team but together we pushed through. It was a great thing to witness as the entire team worked to-

gether, Seabees, Army and Coalition Forces, to get the job done. We had that gap crossed in less than 20 Hours."

NMCB 1 is currently deployed in support of Taskforce FORAGER. The taskforce is led by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment (30th NCR) and is responsible for construction and construction engineering in southern, southwestern and western Afghanistan.

## NMCB 133 Det Chinhae



Builder 3rd Class Lance Aldrich of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Chinhae nails a wall plank held by a Republic of Korea engineer to the side of a timber guard tower during Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2011. NMCB 133 Seabees participated in the annual joint defensive exercise to increase operability and readiness in Korea. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 1st Class Bo R. Hartley/Released)



CE3 Aaron Chudley assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 is presented the Purple Heart by Commander 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD) Rear Adm. Mark Handley. Chudley was wounded during construction operations in Afghanistan. Lorrie Chudley, his mother, was present for the ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Annariza Brigham/Released)

## NMCB 1 Seabee receives Purple Heart

By MC1 (AW/NAC) Aron Taylor  
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

On Aug. 19, at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va., Commander, First Naval Construction Division (1NCD), Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley presented the Purple Heart to Construction Electrician 3rd Class, Aaron Chudley for injuries sustained Aug. 11 while deployed to Afghanistan with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1.

While making improvements to a Strong Point's barricade wall in Afghanistan, Chudley sustained a single gunshot wound to the abdomen. After hearing the gunshot he was able to get down from the wall and was immediately rendered aid by his teammates and subsequently stabilized by the Team Corpsman, who also prepared him for transport to Kandahar Airfield for additional medical treatment.

"NMCB 1's Tactical Infrastructure Construction Teams are spread throughout of the Area of operations in support of theater mission priorities. Petty Officer Chudley's Team is constructing a strong point to improve security in the area," said Delta Company Commander, Lt. Jonathon Charfauros.

Master Chief Constructionman (SCW) Charles Martens, Delta Company's Delta 5 officer talked about the effectiveness of the joint operation.

"It is a very involved operation with coordination between the Army and the Navy. Every day those guys are out there pushing to get the job done and accomplish the mission." The whole team responded courageously to the incident, it clearly demonstrates the team is well prepared and consummate professionals, said Martens. CE3 is doing exceptionally well in his recovery and was recently released from Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va. He is now on convalescent leave with his family and will soon rejoin the battalion.

NMCB 1's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Michael Saum added, "The First and The Finest is very proud of him and his team for the work they have done and continue to do."

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## 25th NCR holds change of command ceremony



Above Rear Adm. Mark Handley, Commander, First Naval Construction Division (1NCD), congratulates Capt. Allan M. Stratman during the 25th Naval Construction Regiment (25 NCR) change of command ceremony, Sept. 1. Stratman led the regiment for two years and through multiple expeditionary deployments including earthquake recovery operations in Haiti, Balikpapan 2010 in the Republic of the Philippines, and a 7-month deployment as the command and control element for Task Force Overlord in Afghanistan. Stratman was relieved as 25 NCR Commander by Capt. Darius Banaji. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief (select) Mass Communication Specialist Ryan Wilber/Released)



Capt. Darius Banaji (right) salutes Capt. Allan Stratman as he takes command during the 25th Naval Construction Regiment (25 NCR) change of command ceremony, Sept. 1. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Scott B. Boyle/Released)

## 'Roos lend hand to Timor-Leste orphanage

By HM1 Bryan Clarke  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Timor-Leste volunteered to make renovations to the Franciscan Orphanage of the Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary in Dili, Timor-Leste, Aug. 13.

The community relations project occurred alongside the detail's ongoing humanitarian mission to assist one of the world's newest nations with building schools and infrastructure.

"These guys are working hard, six days a week, sometimes putting in 12-14 hour days. For them to give up precious off time shows true commitment to the mission and what we are doing in this country," said Builder 2nd Class Patrick Gaines.

The orphanage was plagued with drainage issues and the existing roof over the children's main play area was rusted and falling apart.

The 11-man team quickly went to work tearing down the existing awning and replacing it with a new more robust structure. The project also included reworking the drainage delivery system and removing obstacles to productive runoff. The volunteers worked late into the evening and were able to finish with outstanding results.

"Since I arrived at the orphanage a



Builder 1st Class Robert Watson with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Timor Leste removes part of existing roof during a volunteer community relations project at The Franciscan Orphanage of the Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary in Dili, Timor-Leste. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Bryan Clarke/Released)

year ago, water has been flooding the building and mosquitoes have been festering inside. Four of our children have contracted malaria in this last year. I am very happy that the Seabees are fixing the drainage situation here at the orphanage," said Sister Felisita, one of the nuns assigned to Holy Heart.

The gestures of goodwill were not just limited to the construction phase, earlier in the day members of the team took up a collection to have pizza delivered for lunch, and later that evening they handed out toys that had been donated to the children.

## NMCB 133 'Bees complete first joint project in Timor-Leste

By HM1 Bryan Clarke  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Timor-Leste celebrated the completion of their largest and first joint project to date at a ribbon cutting ceremony in the town of Port Hera Aug. 24.

The ceremony at the Port Hera School House was attended by local dignitaries, the Chief of Timorese Defense Forces, the Chief of Timorese Naval Operations, and the *Chargé d'Affaires* of the U.S. Embassy. "I look at this building – and from these doors, 30 years from now, I see a future General or President coming through," said Maj. Gen. Taur Matan Ruak, Chief of Timorese Defense Forces. "This is for the future of Timor-Leste."

Since the project's start March 21, Construction Electrician Second Class Justin Urban and Builder Third Class Justin March led a crew of 10 Seabees along with augments from the Timor-Leste De-

fense Force (F-FDTL) and a component of Australian Engineers in a complete demolition and rebuild of the school house.

"Since this was my first time leading a crew, it was most definitely a learning experience," said March. "The beginning was slow to start due to the weather, but in the end, working late nights and sometimes not getting back [to camp] until 1 a.m. helped us to finish the project. It was a good chance for us to give to the community who had so little. I think the kids will be happier with the new, safe learning environment that we provided."

In the beginning, the existing structure was in extreme disrepair and crumbled quickly, but that seemed to be the only break the crew would get. Five weeks of rain cause miserable conditions that forced delays as the section of the site needing soil compaction was too wet for construction equipment to maneuver. As a result, fill material had to be trucked in

from various locations on the island to help stabilize the area.

However, the crew came together, some with little or no block laying experience, to contribute to yet another milestone in the growing list of success stories in Timor-Leste. Even through the difficult times, the crew retained a strong focus on the significance of their work.

"The Hera crew has done an exceptional job in mentoring their F-FDTL counterparts in new construction skills and techniques. This capacity-building relationship is the single most important ingredient for the sustainability of our mission here," said Ensign Ryan Evans, Det Timor-Leste's Liaison Officer to the Timorese Community.

NMCB 133 Seabees in Timor-Leste directly support the Navy's Maritime Strategy by developing interoperability among partner nations and building long term relationships that contribute to stability in the region.



Construction Electrician 2nd Class Justin Urban, the Port Hera School project supervisor and member of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Timor Leste, approaches the podium during the ribbon cutting ceremony as the school's students cheer him on. Urban received a Tias, or scarf, from the local community to show their appreciation for the detail's accomplishments. (U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Bryan Clarke/Released)



### **PAO organizing NCBC Helping Hands Community Outreach Program . . .**

Public Affairs is in the process of organizing NCBC Community Outreach Volunteer Assistance program to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. In order to do this, we ask all organizations/commands on board the Seabee Center who provide volunteer services to send an email to NCBC\_GPT\_PAO@navy.mil for further information.

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**The Child Abuse Prevention Center** needs volunteers for their Haunted Trail in Saucier . . . The Child Abuse Prevention Center hosts a haunted trail every year in Saucier as its biggest fund raiser. Volunteers are needed to build scenes and work the event. The Haunted

Trail will be open Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. If you would like to volunteer to build scenes or work the event, please contact Becky Payne at 228-760-2980.

**Do you want to volunteer for a good cause?** See a concert for free and have a good time? If the answer is yes, the Gulf Coast Women's Center For Non-violence (GCWCFN) is looking for you. The IP Casino has teamed up with the GCWCFN in support of their fundraising efforts and they need your help. Volunteers will be ushers and ticket takers at concert events at the casino. There are a few rules. Go to [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/navy-cni/groups/public/documents/im-age/cnicp\\_a235058.pdf](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/navy-cni/groups/public/documents/im-age/cnicp_a235058.pdf) for a list of rules and upcoming concerts. Then call Carolyn Riser at 228-493-4126 or email carolyn-riser@gmail.com.

**American Heart Association Heart Walk Teams . . .** NCBC is participating in the annual American Heart Association's

Heart Walk Oct. 1. Currently six teams are registered base wide but we are looking for at least one team from all tenant commands aboard NCBC. Creating a team would be a great COMREL activity for your Wardrooms, CPO Messes and your First Class Messes. To register as a Team Captain, click on the link below, select REGISTER and follow the prompts. Also, please contact HMC (SCW/FMF) Brandon Baker of NMCB 11 at (228)871-3239 to if you are on a Heart Walk Team or if you have questions. <https://www.kintera.org/faf/teams/registerTeam.asp?ievent=454974&lis=1&kntae454974=90CA89D5891E4ABDBA6B5AB0E91CF140&teamAction=form>  
**Veterans Stand Down 2011** The Department of Veterans Affairs is in need of 100 volunteers to help at the annual Veterans Stand Down **Oct. 21** (date change from Oct. 7) from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact the Seabee Memorial Chapel at 228-871-2454 to volunteer.



## Chapel Offerings

**Veteran's Standdown** - Backpack donations are now being accepted for the Annual Veteran's Standdown which will take place **Oct. 21** (date change from Oct. 7). Contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454 for information.

**Seabee Food Pantry** - The Chapel is in need of non perishable items please. Donation drop off points are: Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

**Praise and Worship Team** Come out Sunday to see the Praise and Worship Team perform contemporary Christian music at the 10:30 a.m. Protestant service.

**Group 4:12** - A young adult group for military members, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Seabee Memorial Chapel.

**Overseas Coupon Program**

- Donate expired coupons to families overseas by dropping them off at the Chapel. They can be used overseas up to six months after their expiration.

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## 2011 Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Birthday Ball

Celebrate the U.S. Navy's 236th Birthday! The celebration will take place Saturday, Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. until midnight at the Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, Miss. Sponsored by military men and women from Naval Activities Stennis

Space Center; Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport; Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, Keesler AFB; Pascagoula Naval Shipyard and the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Gulfport. Ticket prices: E1-E4 & Guest, \$20; E5-E6 & Guest, \$30; E7 & Above & Guest, \$40; GS-6 & Below & Guest, \$30, GS-7 &

above & guest, \$40. Sponsor a Retiree from the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Gulfport for \$30. Uniform: E1 - E9 Service Dress Whites w/ribbons (Dinner Dress White w/mini-medals optional); O1 - O3, Service Dress Whites w/ribbons (Dinner Dress White w/mini-medals optional); O4 and above, Dinner Dress

White w/mini-medals; Civilians formal attire. Contact AGC Jamie McClain at Jamie.mcclain@navy.mil or 228-688-4892 or AGC Vernon Diedrich at Vernon.diedrich@navy.mil or 228-871-3787 or Ms. Latonja Ervin at latonja@hancockchamber.org or 228-467-9048 for more information.

### Area Off-Limit Locations

**Biloxi:** Boulevard Night Club, Blue Note Lounge, Henry Beck Park, YaYa's; **Gulfport:** Bunk Small Apartments, Herbal Alternatives; **D'Iberville:** Guitars and Cadillacs; **Moss Point:** Tony's Lounge; **Ocean Springs:** Pugs; **Pascagoula:** Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments, H&H Hideaway  
Current "off-limits" establishments are agreed upon and approved by local Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board

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# Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson  
If you could have one thing on a deserted island, what would it be?



"I would have to have my family with me on a deserted island."

CEC (select) Manuel Perez  
25th NCR  
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.



"I'd want my wife with me on a deserted island."

CE2 Wayne St. James  
NMCB 11  
Hometown: Wilmington, Del.



"If I was stranded on a desert island I would have to have water."

EO3 Justin Miller  
NMCB 74  
Hometown: Brewster, Ohio

## NCBC FRAMES

Electronics Technician  
2nd Class Brandi Deakle  
20TH SRG R76

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher

FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most, and why?

**ET2: The moment we had good communications using the Ruggedized Deployable Satellite Terminal (RDSAT) in Afghanistan, because that meant our entire command could finally conduct business and I could call my husband back home.**

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

**ET2: My biggest motivation in my career is just to be successful. Whether I am successful as a team or by myself, I want to make sure what I do is beyond what is expected.**



FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees/Sailors?

**ET2: Don't let those who are negative bring you down; it may be difficult, but if you always try to look at things in a positive perspective you will**

**accomplish far more than anyone would think you ever could.**

FF: What is your favorite thing about working with the Seabees?

**ET2: I like the camaraderie. Once you see the Seabee patch, it is**

**like you are automatically family. Seabees stick together and that is why they succeed. No matter if you are the military member or a spouse in the FRG, someone will have your back.**

FF: Who was your influ-

ential mentor during your career, and why?

**ET2: ITC Pittenger- he always pushed me to do the best for my career and showed me that as long as I stay focused whatever path I choose, I will do great things.**

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## LDO/CWO package deadline right around the corner

By MC3 Andrea Perez  
Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs Office

The application deadline for E6-E9 Sailors for the Fiscal Year 2013 Limited Duty Officer (LDO) and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) programs is fast approaching, officials said Sept. 12.

LDO/CWO applications must be postmarked no later than Oct. 1 for active-duty Sailors and Nov. 1 for reservists.

Both programs provide the Navy with officers who are technical-based leaders and technical experts in key positions throughout the service, said Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell Allen, CWO community manager, Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS).

"Limited duty officers and chief warrant officers are technical experts selected from the enlisted ranks," said Allen. "LDO's become technical leaders, like commanding officers of schoolhouses or shipyard repair facilities, while chief warrant officers stay technical experts in their field often in repetitive assignments."

The LDO and CWO programs provide outstanding senior enlisted personnel the opportunity to compete for a commission without the requirement of a college degree. Combined, these two communities make up 11 percent of the officer corps.

"Over the next several years, we

will be revising the application windows in which senior enlisted Sailors can apply for the LDO/CWO programs," said Allen. "Our hope is to create an even more technically-focused community, with a more predictable career path, more detailed opportunities and better career progression."

Applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements, outlined in NAVADMIN 224/11 for active-duty or NAVADMIN 226/11 for Reserve, before applying for the LDO/CWO programs.

"For the LDO/CWO community, there's only one way to get in and that's sustained superior performance," said Capt. John Jones, LDO/CWO community manager, BUPERS. "The application process is tough and many Sailors won't pick up until at least their third try. We don't want Sailors to give up, we're looking for consistency and we want to see them continue to apply."

Eligible Sailors are encouraged to apply for the designator for which they are most qualified, regardless of their current rating. Upon commissioning, Sailors selected for LDO/CWO will attend the four-week Officer Development School in Newport, R.I.

"Right now the LDO/CWO community is not undergoing any sort of reduction in force because of their technical necessity," said Jones.

Specific requirements and additional information about the programs can be found in OPNAVINST 1420.1B, Enlisted to Officer Commissioning Programs Application Administrative Manual, chapter 7.

More responsibilities as a limited duty officer or chief warrant officer mean more benefits, too, said Jones.

"If you are selected for our program as a petty officer first class, your paycheck will double within four years. The long-term benefit is a substantial retirement check that is double what our great master chiefs receive," said Jones.

"Couple that with our promotion rates and that makes for a very attractive program."

"But it's not just about the financial benefits," said Jones. "It's about understanding the minds of Sailors and using that knowledge to shape your decisions and implement change which best serves our Navy. That's what I really love about the program."

Complete application procedures, eligibility requirements and links to other resources can be found in NAVADMIN 224/11 and NAVADMIN 226/11. Sailors may also learn more about the LDO/CWO communities in the 2011 LDO/CWO Guidebook available on the Navy Personnel Command website at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

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# DON hiring system moving from CHART to USAJOBS

**From Department of the Navy  
Office of Civilian Human Resources**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Department of the Navy (DON) urges its employees and applicants to shift from Civilian Hiring and Recruitment Tool (CHART) to USAJOBS prior to Sept. 30.

The transition to USAJOBS, a one-stop source for posting and receiving applications for all DON job announcements, is a key component to ongoing efforts across the DON to reform and streamline the hiring process.

In the next phase of the transition, operation of the DON's online application system, CHART, will cease. CHART will no longer be available to external applicants beginning Oct. 12.

"We encourage employees and applicants for Department of Navy jobs to create new accounts and move their resume details to USAJOBS by Sept. 30, since USAJOBS will be unavailable Oct. 6-12 for updates and maintenance," said Jean Mercer, director of Human Resources Systems and Business Transformation for DON.

"All information must be manually copied from CHART and transferred to a resume built in USAJOBS or saved as a Word document," she said.

Mercer and the DON hiring reform team have

put together a fact sheet outlining how to transfer information from CHART to USAJOBS in five easy steps.

"When applicants and employees move or create new resumes on USAJOBS, it's a great time to review and update their information. Since USAJOBS will store up to five resumes, it is an opportunity to create resumes to support multiple job announcements," says Mercer.

The fact sheet outlining the key steps to transfer information is available at [www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/hiringreform](http://www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/hiringreform) - the CHART system will not be available for external applicants after Oct. 12. Tips for creating a powerful resume also are available on the DONHR portal at [www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/CivJobOpps/pages/AllAboutYou.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/DONHR/employment/CivJobOpps/pages/AllAboutYou.aspx).

The DON remains committed to improving the applicant's experience, reducing the time to fill vacancies and securing quality candidates for DON positions. Civilian careers in the Department of the Navy offer real world challenges with real life rewards - careers where purpose and patriotism unite. Questions on the transition to USAJOBS or on DON hiring reform efforts can be sent to [DONhrfaq@navy.mil](mailto:DONhrfaq@navy.mil).

For more news, go to [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).

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# Seabees replace roof for Ocean Springs World War II Vet

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Navy Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 began reroofing the home of Leon and Shirley Giafaglione in Ocean Springs in mid-August as a community relations activity (COMREL).

The Giafagliones are receiving help from the Seabees in part because of physical conditions that make it difficult to complete this type of manual labor. Leon, 85-years-old, is a Navy veteran who served with the 127th Seabees during WWII. Shirley, who is 75-years-old, is currently on the Board of Directors for The Lord is My Help soup kitchen in Ocean Springs.

The couple, who have been married for 54-years, began building their home in 1958, adding to it as time and finances allowed. Shirley chuckles that they used to tell their friends and neighbors "if you see us working in the yard, you know we're out of money. You can work in the yard for free." The roof has undergone a few changes over the years. Their son recently noticed that water had gotten through to the wood underneath causing it to deteriorate. Some time passed then the heavy rains came. After examining their limited options, Shirley decided to contact the Navy Seabees in Gulfport.

"I knew they did work like this, but I wasn't sure if this was something they would do for an individual," states Shirley, who is very appreciative for the help she and Leon are receiving. Tears begin to well in her eyes. "It's hard to speak about this without getting emotional," she says, humbly. "We've never really had to ask for anything, and we are so grateful for what they're doing."

Builder Constructionman Susan N. Morris, one of the crewmembers on the COMREL, exclaims, "I really enjoy the fact that we can give back not only to a WWII vet, but a Seabee who was once in my shoes." Other crewmembers express similar feel-



**Builder Constructionman (SCW) Crystal M. Chitel cleans up debris from a roofing job in which Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 participated in as a community relations activity (COMREL). The Seabees reroofed the home of a WWII veteran and former Seabee, Leon Giafaglione and his wife, Shirley Giafaglione.** (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

ings. "It's great to be able to get off base and help out veterans and their families in a time of need," states Builder Constructionman Crystal M. Chitel.

It's clear that helping a military veteran, especially a former Seabee, is a motivating factor for this crew from NMCB 11. Crew Leader, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Johnny Hawkins humbly expresses his feeling about the COMREL; "Getting involved in the community is special, but helping a missionary family as well as a BU1 WWII veteran makes the project well worth every drip of sweat I can squeeze out of my body while working to complete the task. I am honored to be of any assistance whenever they need." Builder Constructionman Timothy J. Gonzales added "I think it's a good thing to help out our veterans. It's even better to help WWII Seabees that went before us, to hear what they went through and compare then and now."

Leon and Shirley have been giving and helping others for decades. They used to build houses for elderly people in Kentucky and other parts of the country. In their living room, a photo album chronicles con-

struction of a geodesic dome house that Leon built for someone in Ocean Springs, Miss., some years ago. In addition to raising their own son and daughter, the Giafagliones have taken care of foster children. Shirley jokes that she likes to consider herself a "professional volunteer" on account of all the volunteer work that she and Leon have been, and still are, involved with.

Listening to the stories they share, one could easily get the sense that this couple knows how to live life to the fullest. In addition to years of helping and giving to others, they have done things for themselves. One example that they light up while reminiscing about is a tour of Europe. In 1961 they traveled by steam-ship to Europe with a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and a box which they built to carry camping gear and supplies. Together they toured Europe on the bike. "It was a lot of fun," exclaimed Leon. "Wherever we went people would gather around to look at the Harley."

The Seabees were happy to complete the work and provide the couple with a water-tight roof to help ease their worries.



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Detachment Jacksonville remove excess asphalt from an aircraft taxiway at Whitehouse Outlying Field (OLF) during a \$928K airfield resurfacing project. The Seabees have begun a one month project to resurface more than five miles of taxiways, access and perimeter roads at Whitehouse OLF. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)

## NMCB 7 paving the way in Jacksonville; improving military landing facility

By NMCB 7 Public Affairs

A detachment of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 begin landing facility upgrades at Whitehouse Outlying Field (OLF), a Jacksonville facility configured to simulate carrier conditions for new pilots, those returning to flight duty and those preparing for deployments.

During the scheduled one month project, requested by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, the Seabees of NMCB 7 will repave more than five miles of taxiways, access and perimeter roads at Whitehouse OLF. In addition to repaving requirements, the Seabees will remove nine pre-existing culverts and replace with 24 inch piping, to improve drainage runoff around the facility runway.

Whitehouse OLF began life as a training field during World War II and has been a vital part of naval aviation for many years. In 1999, the field became the domain of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, after the closure of the former Cecil Field Naval Air Station. Over the past three years, air traffic has more than doubled at the facility, where carrier-based air-

craft practice the patterns, approaches and landing techniques needed to land aboard U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, one of only two such facilities on the east coast.

"As part of the construction readiness training portion of NMCB 7's homeport, this project is a great opportunity for our Seabees to gain paving experience in a real world setting," said Ens. Daniel Cloutier, from Placerville, Calif., Detachment Jacksonville's Officer in Charge (OIC). "The added dynamic of working with an experienced contractor provides us with valuable tools and knowledge that we can carry with us throughout our remaining homeport period and into future deployment tasking. The project site presents challenges that allow our Seabees to improve their skills in a range of conditions, and upon completion of our tasking here at Whitehouse OLF, our Seabees will have the confidence and technical capability to produce high quality asphalt pavement, no matter the location or conditions," said Cloutier.

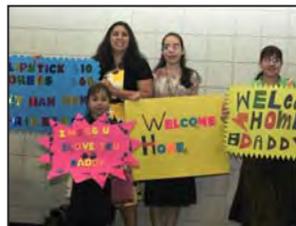
The 20-person detachment, comprised of Equipment Operators and Construction Mechanics of

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# 25th NCR returns home to tears and cheers

Seabees assigned to the 25th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) were greeted by family and friends upon their return to Gulfport Aug. 22, from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan

*Photos by Chief (select) Mass Communications Specialist Ryan Wilber*



# Residential Security

## Enhancing home security to keep your family safe

### By Physical Security NCBC Security Department

When was the last time you checked the physical security of your residence? Did you change the locks when you moved into your home? Do all of your windows lock securely? Is there a dowel or rod in sliding door tracks to keep them from being forced open?

How many of your friends and acquaintances' know where you keep a key hidden outside your home or which window is always open or that your back door is sometimes unlocked? Is there enough outdoor lighting at your home? Positive responses to these questions will make your home a safer place to live. If your answers fell short, consider making the following changes to improve your home security.

Good habits are essential for good security. Several ways to improve your security, and confidence are:

~ Carefully control keys. Consider installing combination locks if you have children who will arrive home from school to an empty house. The combination locks available today can store numerous combinations so each family

member can have their own personal number.

~ Verify utility company employees. Most companies will contact you with a confirmed time of when their employee should arrive at your house. They can also give you a description of their employee and the vehicle they will be driving.

~ Have a good relationship with your neighbors and look out for each other. Ask them to collect your news papers and mail so it doesn't stack up and make your home look vacated. Also, don't change your habits. If you don't keep an outside light on all the time don't do it when you are away for a couple of days.

~ Don't assume telephone conversations are secure.

~ Watch all internet traffic.

Information provided over the internet may put you at risk. If your children use the internet, inform them to NEVER use their full name, address, school, whereabouts, activities, or become online friends with anyone without first having your approval. Know who your children are socializing with.

~ Discuss, and practice what your family will do in case of

an emergency situation. Ensure your family knows what to do if a utility worker shows up unannounced and says they need to enter the house to check something. Have a plan in case your children come home unexpectedly and no one is there to care for them. Have a designated meeting place if a situation causes you to have to evacuate your home unexpectedly.

Physical security measures for your home that should be considered are:

~ Solid doors, quality locks,

deadbolts, slide locks, and reinforcing plates

~ Ensure sliding doors cannot be lifted out and lay a dowel or rod in the track

~ Keep valuables out of sight  
~ Do not hide spare keys outside or routinely leave a window or door unlocked

~ Use an alarm system and display the alarm company's signs in visible areas

~ Improve exterior lighting. Consider motion sensor lights for blind spots around your home.

~ Put gravel outside of win-

dows and trim shrubbery and bushes so they don't provide concealment.

~ Shred or black out personal information on personal documents, policies, or mail that provides personal information about you before it's discarded.

~ Consider replacing locks

Lastly, in the event you observe, overhear plans, or sense something suspicious is transpiring, or about to transpire, don't hesitate, report your suspicions to your local law enforcement officials.

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**Reunions:**

Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc., All Seabee Reunion – Oct. 11 – 14, in Gulfport. Reunite with old friends in fellowship and camaraderie! Events include a tour of the Camp Shelby Military Museum and a tour of the World War II Museum in New Orleans, an All Seabee Reunion Picnic at The Grill on board NCBC, a banquet and much more! For more information contact Danny Duval at 228-324-2794 or Robert Smith at 228-424-1185 or e-mail [allseabeereunion@cableone.net](mailto:allseabeereunion@cableone.net) or [smithrp@cableone.net](mailto:smithrp@cableone.net)

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## Academic Achievement



**Navy College Director Alex Carter presents Personnel Specialist Seaman Muideen Oladejo with his Masters of Public Health degree from American Military University, Sept. 6. Oladejo is serving with Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD).** (U. S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

**NCBC School Liaison Officer,  
MWR, Building 352,  
1706 Bainbridge Ave. , NCBC, (228) 871-2117,  
kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil**

**Register Now for CCC . . .** Coastline Community College has set registration dates for its Fall "B" Term, which runs from Oct. 23 – Dec. 17. Registration is underway and will end Oct. 4. A late registration period will run Oct. 5 – 17. Note that the \$50 Textbook Voucher Program is not available in late registration. For additional information, contact Dr. David Drye at 871-3439 or ddrye@coastline.edu or stop by the Navy College Office in building 60, room 239.

**Donate to Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association through CFC . . .** The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association's purpose is to provide scholarships for sons, daughters, and grandchildren of Seabees, past and present; active, reserve, or retired. Since 1972, the Association, through the generosity of its supporters, has provided scholarships to 670 Seabee dependents seeking higher education. The SMSA desires to support as many applicants as possible and continuously explores ways of increasing the scholarship fund. Our goal is to increase the value and number of scholarships awarded to our youth. Your contribution through the CFC will help us to achieve that goal. Please donate to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association - CFC code 11959

**NCBC Gulfport Youth Activities Center has been accredited . . .** NCBC Gulfport Youth Activities Center has been accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). The COA is delighted to inform you that NCBC Gulfport Youth Activities Center has been accredited. COA's commitment to maintaining the highest level of standards and quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to their constituents to deliver the highest quality services.

**Attention Home School Parents . . .** There will be a Home School Network Meeting Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. in the MWR Office Conference Room (building 352), 1706 Bainbridge Ave., NCBC. For more information contact Kevin Byrd, School Liaison Officer at 228-871-2117.

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Rear Adm. John C. "Jack" Scorby Jr.  
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sign after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School in March 1983.

He holds a Master of Science in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the College of Command and Staff, U.S. Naval War College, and a Master of Arts in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His most recent position was executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, a position he held since May 2010.

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### **CBC Gulfport Shelter Information**

The location for ALL personnel to shelter onboard NCBC Gulfport has changed. ALL personnel will shelter in the MCOOC Warehouse, building 217. Personnel using the shelter will continue to park on the CBC parade field (grinder), where shuttle service will be available for transport to building 217.

**CBC Quarterdeck:**

**228- 871-2555**

**Emergency Info:**

**228-871-4777**

**Gulfport Muster:**

**1-877-733-7303**

**CNRSE Muster:**

**1-866-203-6004**

**FFSC: 228-871-3000**

**Navy Help: 1-877-414-5358**

**Resources for Disaster**

**Preparedness Information:**

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1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)

**Mississippi Emergency Man-**

**agement Agency:**

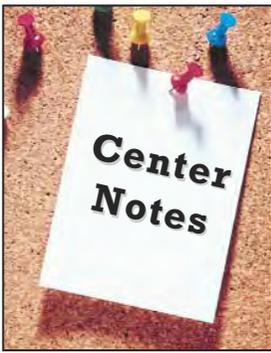
1-800-222-MEMA (1-800-222-6362)

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#### **SUPPORT**

##### **Family Readiness Groups**

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, 228-273-4158, e-mail [mbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:mbonefrg@gmail.com) or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail [nmcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcbonefrg@gmail.com).

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes service members, family and friends to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335. Children are welcome. Please contact the FRG at [nmcb7frg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcb7frg@gmail.com) for more information.

**NMCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

**NMCB 74 FRG** All families and friends of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335 off Bainbridge Ave. behind the Grinder on base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCB 74 FRG please email [nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com). Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74frg.zymichost.com>

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail [hansonki54@yahoo.com](mailto:hansonki54@yahoo.com). To receive updates log on to the FRG at <http://www.orgsites.com/~ms/nmcb133fsg>

##### **Naval Officer's Spouse Club**

The Gulfport Naval Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, please email [noscgulfport@yahoo.com](mailto:noscgulfport@yahoo.com). We hope

to see YOU soon!

#### **NMCRS**

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

#### **Gamblers Anonymous**

The Fleet & Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for information.

#### **TRAINING**

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last

week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

#### **Naval Sea Cadets**

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or [enrique.acosta@navy.mil](mailto:enrique.acosta@navy.mil), or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or [coachcb\\_yahoo.com](mailto:coachcb_yahoo.com).

#### **SOCIAL**

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

**CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association** is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness

Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at [matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil](mailto:matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil) or President LS1 Earl Simpson at [earl.simpson@navy.mil](mailto:earl.simpson@navy.mil).

**VFW Post 3937** Long Beach is open Monday - Thursday from noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602.

**VFW Post 4526** Orange Grove is open daily from noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 228-832-0017.

#### **NMCB 62 Alumni Group**

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion

(NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> for information or for links to Seabee historical sites. **Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport** are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (secretary) at 228-669-8335 or [elevenoaks58@cableone.net](mailto:elevenoaks58@cableone.net) or log onto [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) for an application or information.

#### **HERITAGE**

**The Seabee Gift Store** is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446 and open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at [www.seabee-museumstore.org/shop/index.php](http://www.seabee-museumstore.org/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for more information.

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**Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 enjoy the gratitude of 1st Graders and faculty of Thomas L. Reeves Elementary School on and around the loft that the Seabees built for the class.** (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

## Local school kids honor NMCB 11

**By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael**  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 were honored by Jill Lipski's 1st Grade class at Thomas Reeves Elementary School Aug. 19. The honor was the class' way of thanking the Seabees for a loft they built in the classroom in early August.

Three of the six Seabees who constructed the loft were able to attend the event in which they were served a cupcake and juice along with the class. The celebratory snack followed a period in which Lipski lead the class in reading, writing, and question/answer activities with the Seabees.

The Seabees presented the class with a colorful Seabee wall decoration which they placed on the wall near the loft that they built.

Before exiting the classroom to attend P.E., the students said goodbye to the Seabees. Several of the students hugged the Seabees on their way out. The Seabees each signed and dated the loft before leaving.

Also in attendance at the event were Jennifer Ezelle, teacher's assistant, and Tessa Grimes, NMCB 11 Ombudsman as well as a teacher at the school.

The loft, positioned in a corner of the classroom, is a solid wood structure standing at about 6 ½ feet tall. The 4 foot high platform is approximately 6' x 5' with a sturdy rail around it and a staircase leading up. The class has designated the platform as "the reading loft." They've also placed some desks and chairs underneath and designated that area as the "writing center."

The children appeared to be thrilled as groups of them alternated in escorting each of the three Seabees on a tour of their new reading loft and writing center. The students had a limitless supply of questions for the smiling Seabees that ranged from the expected to the imaginative and the unexpected.

One student asked Builder 3rd Class Shane R. Wooddell if he'd ever built a house in space. Construction Electrician 2nd Class Johnny Hawkins was asked how many pushups he could do then several first graders began to demonstrate their physical strength by doing pushups and flexing biceps. Another student asked Builder Constructionman Jackie J. Watkins if he would add him on Facebook.

Lipski expressed her appreciation for all the Seabees who worked on the construction of the loft.

"They really worked hard. When Tessa (Grimes) told us that the Seabees were going to build this we didn't realize they would actually be able to complete it as fast as they did. They were there from 7 o'clock in the morn-

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# Navy Legal



## Planning for the future is more than just getting a will . . .

### *How ancillary documents can help*

By Lt.j.g. Maren A. Sheppard, JAGC  
NLSO Central

One of the biggest services provided by military legal offices is estate planning. Getting a last will and testament done in preparation for deployment can be just as standard a necessity as getting immunizations. In the course of completing a legal readiness checklist many members also get a power of attorney. This document is generally good for only one year or the length of the deployment, whichever is longer. However, you should also be aware that a legal assistance office also provides powers of attorney that, like a last will and testament, last indefinitely. This means as long as you do not revoke the document it can be effective for the rest of your life and long past one's period of service.

Additionally, individuals can obtain a living will, also known as an advance medical or healthcare directive, which never expires. Whether staying in for the long haul or moving on to the civilian world in the near future, make sure to take advantage of the estate planning services offered by the local Naval Legal Service Office. Any servicemember, retired servicemember, or their spouse, can meet with a lawyer and discuss what type of last will and testament, durable healthcare power of attorney, durable general power of attorney, and living will, is appropriate. The service is, of course, free and people with simple estates could potentially leave an appointment with all four documents in hand. Compared with the alternative of going to a civilian estate planning attorney who may charge thousands of dollars for several hours of work, this is a great opportunity.

**Durable Powers of Attorney:** A power of attorney is essentially a document appointing a person to act on your behalf as an "agent" if for some reason you cannot make your own decisions. Powers of attorney which expire after a certain time, such as those prepared before a deployment, are useful when someone is needed to take care of your affairs. "Durable" powers of attorney are a bit different in that they take effect when one is mentally incapacitated or are prepared in such a way as to remain in full force and effect should one become disabled at some point in the future. "Incapacitation" under these circumstances means that something has happened, such as an acci-

dent or illness, which has made an individual unable to make decisions. Examples include things like lapsing into a coma, being declared by a court to be mentally incompetent, or going under anesthesia during surgery. In some states the power of attorney can be made to, in effect, become dormant after one recovers; the agent's power to act is basically turned off because one can make their own decisions again.

The two standard durable powers of attorney offered are the durable power of attorney for healthcare and the springing durable general power of attorney.

**a. DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTHCARE.** As its name suggests, a durable power of attorney for healthcare authorizes an agent to make medical decisions. The person named as a healthcare agent decides who provides treatment – doctors, nurses, therapists, and the like – where one is treated – hospitals, nursing facilities, etc. – and the type of treatment to be received – diagnostic testing, treatments, or surgery. This document gives the agent full access to your medical records and history. The agent will have complete authority to fully participate with the treating physicians and sign any waivers or consent forms that may be needed.

Another benefit of the durable power of attorney for healthcare is to provide guidance to a court that is considering who should act as the conservator or guardian of the person. By obtaining a durable power of attorney for healthcare while one is alive and well, any judge that could be called upon to name someone to care for an individual would have clear guidance of their wishes.

**b. Springing Durable General Power of Attorney:** Whereas the durable power of attorney for healthcare is used for making medical decisions, a springing durable general power of attorney is used to make financial decisions. This document allows a trusted friend or loved one to make sure one's affairs are taken care of in the event of disability. Like the durable power of attorney for healthcare, springing durable general powers of attorney only come into effect when one is incapacitated and are only good during the period of disability. Like any other general power of attorney, a durable general power of attorney is a very powerful document so it is important to give it to a spouse, family member, or someone else that can be trusted completely. General powers of at-

torney provide a long list of powers granted to an agent that allows them in essence to do anything on your behalf. This document would allow an agent, among other things, full access to bank accounts so bills can be paid, the authority to deal with credit card companies, the power to deal with tax authorities to make the taxes get done, the power to hire other agents (like CPAs or lawyers), and so on. Having a general power of attorney ready in case something, god forbid, does happen can be very helpful. Any period of incapacitation is of course very stressful on family and a power of attorney can lessen the difficulty of dealing with certain agencies thereby preventing unnecessary strain during a difficult time.

**Living Wills:** A living will is not actually part of a last will and testament. Rather, it is a separate writing that documents one's wishes concerning a natural death. Specifically, a living will states that if an individual is in a permanent vegetative state (permanently brain dead) or has an incurable terminal condition resulting in death within a relatively short period of time, and one's wishes cannot be communicated, then artificial life support is to be terminated. This means that procedures and treatments such as surgery, respiratory support, and artificial nutrition will not be given and the patient will be allowed to die a natural death. Without this document, it may be necessary for the patient's family to go to court and have a judge decide if it is appropriate to remove the patient from life support. In rare circumstances, this might even be true if the patient has a durable power of attorney appointing a family member as a healthcare agent. Therefore, if one is sure about their decision now, a living will can speak for the patient down the road when one can no longer speak for themselves.

Getting ancillary documents along with a last will and testament is very easy to do and can save a client and their family a lot of frustration. Naval Legal Assistance Attorneys are here for your family's estate planning needs, whether one is deploying or just getting squared away.

This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. For legal assistance, contact the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) legal office by calling 228-871-2620 to make an appointment.

## MWR announces Shield's RV Park price adjustment

As many of you know, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) recently had an evaluation team from Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) review our park operations as they align with recreational lodging practices and validate the need for future growth of our park. Many realizations and recommendations were shared and briefed to base officials. MWR Gulfport, with support from Command Leadership, will be making a few modifications to current operations. Because we value and appreciate each of our customers, we are using this time to notify you in advance of upcoming operational changes.

Shield's Park price adjustments will take effect Oct. 1, and will then be modified annually to accommodate rate fluctuations in utilities or other amenities provided. Pricing structure will remain competitive but meet the rates of the next lowest park on the coast. Daily (Dry Camping) \$10, Daily \$20, Weekly \$120, and Monthly \$380.

Again, we value and appreciate each of our customers and wanted to share the upcoming changes. If you have any questions, please speak with the RV Office staff, or you may contact the Facilities Manager, Dewayne Riley at 228-224-1639.

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ing to 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, and they even worked over the weekend. By the time we had our open house, the loft was complete. They did a wonderful job! The chil-

dren have been so excited to see the Seabees today and we can't thank them enough."

Judging from the smiles and high spirits of the Seabees, they were pleased with the work they did and the gratitude shown by Lipski and

her class.

"It's a pleasure to do something for these kids," said Hawkins. "We worked long hours, but knowing the positive impact our work will have for these kids is enough to make you want to stay until the

work is done."

"A project like this just makes you feel good," said Wooddell. "This is something these kids will remember for a long time."

"I enjoyed the kids' reactions," said Watkins.

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### On Going Events

#### •GROUP FITNESS CLASSES (228-871-2668)

Monday-Strength/Cardio at 9 a.m.,  
30 Minute Pump at Noon and  
Zumba at 6 p.m.

Tuesday-Cycling at 9 a.m., Water  
Aerobics at 11 a.m., Zumba at Noon

Wednesday-Strength/Cardio at 9  
a.m., 30 Minute Pump at Noon and  
Zumba at 6 p.m.

Thursday-Cycling at 9 a.m., Water  
Aerobics at 11 a.m., Zumba at Noon

Friday-Strength/Cardio at 9 a.m.  
and Pilates at Noon

Saturday-Zumba at 10 a.m.



#### •MONDAY-FRIDAY SCHOOL AGE CARE PROGRAM

(Youth Activities Center)  
6 - 8 a.m. and 2 - 5:30 p.m.

-Registration will continue until all  
spaces are filled.

#### •SAINT TICKETS ON SALE! (ITT)

-Regular Season tickets are \$50.  
Limit two per Military ID. Call 228-  
871-2231 for more information

#### •NEW HOURS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION! (Outdoor Recreation)

Outdoor Recreation has new hours  
of operation. They are now open:  
Monday 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Closed  
Tuesday/ Wednesday; Open  
Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
Call 228-871-2127 for more  
information.

#### •A&E (Anchors & Eagles)

What are you waiting for? Open  
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Right Hand Man social the first  
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every Thursday. Call 228-871-4750  
for more information.

#### •FREE MOVIES! (Training Hall)

That's right - all movies are FREE, at  
your base theater. Movies shown 7  
days a week. Our concessions are  
cheaper too. Call 228-871-4775 for  
info. Movie Line: 228-871-3299.



#### September 15

•3 ON 3 BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT AT THE GYM  
(Liberty Center) FREE prizes for  
1<sup>st</sup> place team - 6 p.m.

#### •IMAGE MAKERS AND NAME YOURSELF NIGHT

(Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 16

•HAPPY 64<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY (Sept.  
18) AIR FORCE - Liberty  
Center - FREE cake while  
supplies last, Noon

#### •RUN/WALK @ WORK DAY

(Fitness Center)  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. with light  
refreshments



#### •MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BIG SCREEN

(Youth Activities Center)  
6 - 9 p.m.  
\$2/person, limited to 50

#### September 17

#### •ARMED FORCES MUSEUM

(Youth Activities Center)  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
\$4/person, limited to 30

#### September 18

•OUTDOOR WATER GAMES  
AND SPLASH THE STAFF  
NIGHT (Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 19

•MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL  
& WINGS (Liberty Center)  
St. Louis Rams vs. New York  
Giants  
FREE Food, 7:30 p.m.



#### September 24

•CRUSIN' KEESLER CAR SHOW  
(Liberty Center)  
Free Shuttle, 10 a.m.

•CORN MAZE AT SEWARD  
FARMS (Outdoor Recreation)  
\$20/person (all day pass) for this  
great family event, 5 p.m. Min of  
10 people, sign up by Sept .19.



#### September 20

•BATTING CAGES ON BASE  
(Liberty Center) 5:30 p.m.

CREAM THE COUNSELOR  
NIGHT (Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 21

•POOL TOURNAMENT  
(Liberty Center)  
Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place winner  
7 p.m.

•WEIRD SCIENCE NIGHT AND  
FAVORITE HAT NIGHT  
(Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 22

•ROCK CLIMBING AT SLIDELL  
ROCKS (Liberty Center)  
\$12 when you get there  
5:15 p.m.

•NATIVE AMERICAN DAY  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
(Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 23

RAMPED UP RUNNERS  
(Fitness Center)  
Last day to sign up for this  
event which takes place Oct. 15  
at 10 a.m. 228-871-2668

•GULFPORT PREMIUM  
OUTLETS  
(Liberty Center)  
Free Shuttle, 6 p.m.

•BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT  
(Youth Activities Center)  
6 - 9 p.m.  
\$2/person, limited to 50

•BOWLING AT GAUDE LANES  
(Youth Activities Center)  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
\$5/person, limited to 30

#### September 25

•BILOXI FISHING TRIP  
ABOARD SAILFISH (Outdoor  
Recreation) \$40/person, 7 a.m.  
Min of 5 people, sign up by  
Sept. 19.

#### September 26

•PING PONG TOURNAMENT  
(Liberty Center)  
Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 7 p.m.

#### September 27

•CYPRESS LANES BOWLING  
CENTER TRIP (Liberty Center)  
FREE shuttle, 6 p.m.

•BOYS ONLY NIGHT HOMERUN  
DERBY (Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### September 28

•D'IBERVILLE PROMENADE  
TRIP (Liberty Center)  
FREE Shuttle, 6 p.m.

•TRIPLE PLAY COOKING CLUB  
AND COMPUTERS  
(Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m..

#### September 29

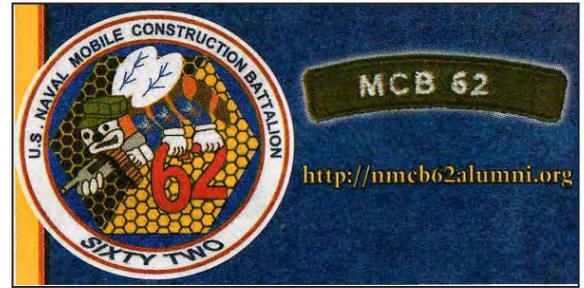
•CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS  
TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center)  
Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 7 p.m.

•BONUS BUCK AUCTION  
(Youth Activities Center)  
FREE, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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the Battalion's ALFA Company, departed their homeport of Gulfport Aug. 29. The project is projected to encompass 356 man-days of direct labor at a cost of approximately \$928K.

"The high summer temperatures here in Jacksonville, along with the extreme temperatures of fresh asphalt, present challenges to our crew, especially when conducting the manual labor portions of the project," said Equipment Operator 2nd Class Derek Willis, from Waco, Texas, Detachment Jacksonville Project Supervisor.

On average, daily high temperatures in Jacksonville, during the month of September, range from 86 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, with fresh asphalt temperatures ranging from 275 to 380 degrees.

"The majority of my crew are laying pavement for the first time of their naval careers, which will make this an outstanding experience for them, and serve as great refresher training for the rest of us," said Willis. "To see the young troops learn this skill and produce an exceptional product will be the most rewarding part of this project. Upon completion of the project, these young troops will have successfully gained valuable skills, such as paving, backhoe operations, and asphalt rolling, that will accompany us throughout our careers and will be a valuable asset during our upcoming deployment to U.S. Central Command's area of operation (AOR) in early 2012."

"It is a breath of fresh air to have our Seabees back in the saddle conducting real-life training," said

Chief Equipment Operator Jerry Greer, from Helena, Ark., Detachment Jacksonville's Assistant Officer in Charge (AOIC). "Asphalt laying is a critical skill that takes specific attention to detail. To get these young troops this particular skill will pay great dividends during our upcoming deployment," said Greer. "Though we place extreme emphasis on the project, our number one goal is, and always will be safety. Keeping our troops safe will ensure that the project is a success."

On Sept. 30, NMCB 7 is scheduled to turn over the paving project to NMCB 11, also homeported in Gulfport, Miss. The detachment will rejoin the battalion's mainbody and continue preparations for a scheduled six month deployment to U.S. Central Command's AOR in early 2012.

## Seabee Memorial Chapel



### Services:

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.**

**Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 11:15 a.m.**

**Protestant Service: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**

**Protestant Sunday School, 9 a.m.**

### Center Chaplains:

**Cmdr. Michael Brown, Protestant Chaplain**

**Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain**

**For information concerning other faith groups,  
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