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NMCB 11 Seabees work with Marines to check construction progress in Afghanistan communities



Builder 2nd Class Trevor King, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, bumps fists with a local child in the Khanishin District bazaar, July 19. King was part of a civil affairs group patrol that inspected projects being built in the Khanishin District. NMCB 11 is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in a combined joint operations area. (U.S. Navy photo by Cpl. Ed Gallo/Released)

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Everyone is Invited . . .

Navy Lodge Expansion Ribbon Cutting

Aug. 14, 11 a.m.,

Building 463, 1st Street

&

NEX Mini-Mart Groundbreaking

Aug. 14, 2:30 p.m.

Corner of 7th Street & Bainbridge Street

Navy Housing: Helping us help you

Blog Post by Commander, Navy

Installations Command Public Affairs

"As a Navy leader – and someone who lives in Navy housing – I am committed to ensuring service members and their families have suitable, affordable and safe housing. Recent events pertaining to mold in Navy barracks, and government owned and family privatized housing have indicated a need to more clearly communicate as assistance available on all issues, but particularly when pertaining to health or safety issues. This is a personal issue for me. I am determined to ensure we are providing the very best housing throughout the fleet – but I also need your help. If you help me by reporting your housing issues, we can help ensure you maintain a house or barracks room that you can feel proud to say is your home."

VADM Bill French
CNIC



Vice Adm. William D. French

Should a health or safety issue arise during a Sailor's stay in Navy barracks, government owned, or privatized family housing, we'll work with the Sailor as an advocate for their needs until we find a solution. If the issue cannot be resolved, we will work with the Sailor to find alternate accommodations.

Whether in a barracks room or home, if you live in Navy housing and suspect a health or safety con-

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Being Open to Possibilities

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By Cmdr. Ruth E. Goldberg, MSC
 Mobile Care Team 6
 Bagram Airfield Afghanistan

After 30 exhausting hours of continuous sleep deprivation, in which I feared that I either would start having bizarre hallucinations or would start transforming into an unbearable, reprehensible human being (from being sleep deprived, of course), I finally arrived to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

Although I have travelled all over the world, and likewise, have had the honor and privilege of serving as an Active Duty Social Worker overseas, this was my first journey to Afghanistan as a deployed Navy Individual Augmentee (IA).

As in all of my world travels, immediately upon arriving, aside from wanting to catch up on my sleep, I felt strongly compelled to search, seek, and embrace possibilities, no matter how brief, which would bridge me to the local culture.

"But, you are inside the wire", said a fellow shipmate. "What exactly do you expect to experience of the Afghan culture inside the wire?"

I knew what he was implying; after all, inside the wire, Bagram,

with all of its amenities, does provide a "feeling" or "taste" of America. Aside from the DFACs (Army's version of galleys) with their plethora of American food choices (enough to make you gain ten pounds within a matter of weeks if you are not careful), the ever so popular Green Beans coffee shop to saturate your veins with caffeine, and gyms with many exercise options to choose from (even Yoga classes), there's also a Burger King, a Pizza Hut, a Subway, and even a Popeye's Fried Chicken.

Well, I didn't have a specific answer to my shipmate's question; nor was I going to engage in a debate with him about my aspirations, because I knew, intuitively, that despite being inside the wire, there would be possibilities but only if I allowed - in an unexplainable, mystical manner- my heart, mind and spirit to be open to them.

And, within a matter of days, without having absolutely any knowledge of it existing and without anyone leading me to it, I walked upon a building with a sign that read "The Cat in the Hat Language Arts Center".

From the exterior, the building appeared to be abandoned. Its

doors were locked, and from what I was able to glimpse via a small glass pane, its walls echoed with absolute silence. But, my intuitions whispered differently, and I became determined to discover why this structure existed and if it served any meaningful purpose.

I asked, I inquired, and I researched; but ended with more questions than answers.

Approximately a week later, I decided to return to the building on a Sunday morning and discovered that it was open. As I slowly walked inside, I was surprised to encounter about 24 Afghan children from the province of Parwan, all seated at desks, reciting the American alphabet and pronouncing English words with absolute energy, enthusiasm and jubilation. I felt as if I had just stepped into a different part of the world.

The teacher looked at me and, with a welcoming smile, motioned me to come further into the classroom. The children immediately noticed my presence; some, overwhelmed with shyness, gently looked away; but many, as I smiled at them, humbly smiled in return. My heart was immediately touched.

I was informed that this center, operated solely by volunteers, has

been providing free English classes to Afghan children for over a year - classes which, otherwise, would never be available to them in their local villages. I have been serving as a volunteer since that day.

I can eat Popeye's Fried Chicken back in the States, especially in my hometown of New Orleans where it originated, anytime (and don't get me wrong, I absolutely love Popeye's Fried Chicken). But to be able to sit next to little Afghan children, in their native country, and assist them in their diligent efforts to learn English is, for me, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Once again, life had reminded me that when our hearts, spirits, and minds are truly open to possibilities, somehow, in some way, what we yearn for, what we desire, will materialize.

As the English poet, Samuel Johnson, once expressed, "Our aspirations are our possibilities."

Editor's Note: Periodically, Capt. Rick Burgess allows a special guest writer to contribute to the Skipper's Log. This month's author is Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg, a licensed clinical social worker currently on IA in Afghanistan.

See Something Wrong, Do Something Right!

NCIS has two new anonymous ways to report crimes or suspicious behavior with the use of discreet and secure online or texting tip lines.

To report information by Cell text:

1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone.
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3. Begin dialogue

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There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline Information

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_HOT-LINE@navy.mil.

Gulf Coast Heart Walk

The 2012 Gulf Coast Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Jones Park in Gulfport and is the primary fundraising event for the American Heart Association. This non-competitive 5k walk/run begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes family friendly activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a whole lot of fun. Money raised at the Heart Walk is used to fund critical research, education, and interventions used to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. NCBC has a long history of supporting this walk through participation and volunteers. Volunteers can help by forming a walk/run team by registering at www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org or consider volunteering for set up (Sept. 28) and tear down (Sept. 29) of the Heart Walk event. Fund raising is the ultimate goal of the event, but is not required to participate in the walk/run. You can also register your team at the NCBC's group page <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org/ncbc>. Click "create new team" under the "Action" column at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Westbrook, 228-871-2906 or kevin.westbrook@navy.mil.



Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

What is your favorite Olympic Sport?



"Water Polo, because it's the greatest sport ever."

SW2 (SCW/SW) Michael Brackett
NMCB 133
Hometown: Longview, Wash.



"Basketball, because to see all the best of the best U.S. players playing together and winning is amazing."

BUCN (SCW) Kevin Michell-Aguirre
NMCB 133
Hometown: St. Louis, Mo.



"Swimming, because I'm very proud that Phelps holds the world record as the most decorated Olympian."

Maranda Johns
MWR

Hometown: Goldboro, N.C.

Around the Center



Chief Logistics Specialist Annette Thorpe, assigned to 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), R4, washes a car during the Gulf Coast Chief Petty Officers' Association (GCCPOA) Car Wash Fundraiser held in the Anchors & Eagles Parking Lot on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Aug. 3. Donations to organizations such as the GCCPOA, allow them to continue to function and support those in need, while maintaining a presence in the community. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Jessica Fudge, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) life guard, gives a private swim lesson at the Fitness Center pool on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Aug 1. Private, semi-private and group swim lessons, and pool parties are offered upon request at the NCBC Fitness Center. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Life Flight personnel of Baptist Health Care, Pensacola, Fla., brought their EC-130 helicopter on board NCBC to provide training to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Fire Department and Expeditionary Combat School (ECS) personnel Aug. 6. The training included information on medical evacuation and landing zone procedures, and helicopter services familiarization. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

NADAP Seeks the Opinions of Sailors

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

A Navy-wide survey was launched Aug. 6 to learn more about Sailors' alcohol use and the best ways to communicate abuse prevention and responsible use of alcohol messages, according to the Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) Office director.

The survey is completely anonymous, according to Dorice Favorite, director, NADAP program, and will take five to eight minutes to finish.

"Every Sailor's feedback will be invaluable in helping to shape the messages we create, to determine the appropriate communication tactics, and identify effective tools to use to help prevent alcohol abuse in the Navy," said Dorice Favorite, director, NADAP program.

The "Right Spirit" campaign was created in 1995 and focused on alcohol abuse prevention education, de-glamorization of alcohol use, alternatives to drinking, and clear and enforceable policy guidance from commanders. As a result, the Navy's "responsible use" policy on alcohol has led to an overall steady decline in alcohol use by Sailors.

"It is time to effectively revamp the Navy Right Spirit campaign," said Favorite. "NADAP is conducting qualitative and quantitative research to identify knowledge, attitude, behaviors, and practices associated with alcohol abuse in the Navy. Sailors have changed since we started the "Right Spirit" program and we need a communications campaign that grows with them."

Sailors responses to the survey will help to inform a new social marketing campaign aimed at reducing alcohol abuse in the Navy.

To take the survey, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z3LNH7P>.

The survey password is "Navy" and is case sensitive. For security purposes, participants can only take the survey once from an IP address, which protects the integrity of the data.

The survey will be online until Aug. 27.



Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport invites you to the
Change of Command Ceremony
at which
Commander William Whitmire, United States Navy
will be relieved by
Commander Scott Anderson, United States Navy
August 17, 10 a.m. at the NCBC Training Hall

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Feds feed families, the annual DoD food drive, is happening through September. Most wanted items include canned fruits, vegetables, multi-grain cereal, canned proteins, soups, grains, condiments, 100 percent juice, baking goods, snacks, hygiene items and paper products. NCBC food donation drop off locations are battalion building spaces, CBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. For more information, contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454.



NCBC Commissary Offers Shoppers Two Ways to Support Feds Feed Families

Customers can donate nonperishable food and personal hygiene items to the Feds Feed Families program using marked bins located at the entries or exits of participating commissaries. Donations help charitable organizations

such as the local food bank. The program runs through Aug. 31.

In addition, prepared donation bags are available at the Gulfport Commissary in support of the Feds Feed Families program. The bags contain a variety of

"Most Wanted" items and are available in prices ranging from \$5 to \$15 dollars. The bags are located at queuing line for shopping convenience. All donations are picked up and managed by the NCBC Chaplain's office.

Chief Petty Officer Selectee Leadership Course all ready to go for the 2012 Induction Season

By Susan Henson

Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

A new Chief Petty Officer Selectee Leadership Course (CPOS LC) will be available for this year's CPO Induction Season, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West said July 27.

"Our Navy chief petty officer community is excited about this new training," said West.

The Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport CPO Induction Committee said they share West's sentiments.

"Induction provides a completely unique transition into the Chief Petty Officer ranks unlike any other branch of service or military anywhere. It requires the combined experience and expertise of seasoned CPOs and is crucial to preparing the new Chief Petty Officers. With the high demands the current force flow puts on us we have to change and adapt in order to stay relevant. By improving this course we will be able to focus our efforts and mentorship much more effectively, thereby creating more diverse and effective Chiefs. We are excited to have this new course to use as we train the selectees for success in their careers. Can Do!" said Builder Senior Chief Joseph Daniel, NCBC FY-13 CPO Induction Committee Chairman.

"CPPD worked extremely hard to put together a good product that prepares selectees for the diverse responsibilities that come with our anchors. This combination of critical case studies, fundamental pro-

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NCBC Command Master Chief Wade C. Howk

gram awareness and practical knowledge will give selectees a solid foundation and help develop cohesion within the mess that is so instrumental in everything we do. Hooyah to the team that worked behind the scenes to bring it to reality ... their efforts are going to have a lasting and positive impact on CPO leadership across the Fleet," West added.

The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) developed the course based on the results of a three-day Human Performance Requirements Review (HPRR) Board conducted in October 2011.

The HPRR board's members consisted of 45 senior enlisted leaders from across the fleet that included U.S. Fleet Forces Command Fleet Master Chief (AW/NAC) Mike Stevens, who has been selected to serve as the 13th MCPON, and Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet's Force Master Chief (SW/AW) James Williams. The board reviewed the previous Chief Selectee Training course to identify redundancies and overlaps of training, gaps in the objectives, and student learning strategies to align the new training with identified and vali-

dated requirements for CPO selectees.

The result was a complete revision of the course that now features an array of facilitation techniques to make the training more interactive and effective.

"CPOS LC is designed to prepare chief petty officer selectees as they transition into their new role," said CPPD Commanding Officer Capt. J. P. Newcomer, who was also a chief prior to being commissioned. "Each chief plays a unique role within the command and the organizational structure. The chief is the senior technical expert, manager of enlisted personnel and linchpin between officer and enlisted personnel. This course provides training on a series of duties, leadership themes and additional concepts that support and reinforce the critical duties of a CPO."

The course was developed over a five-month time frame and piloted in May at CPPD Learning Site Dam Neck, in Virginia Beach. Eight first-year chiefs served as students, and a team of three senior chiefs and a chief were the facilitators.

"The students unanimously agreed that this course was better than the one they received last



NCBC Gulfport and 20th Seabee Readiness Group Fiscal-Year 2013 Chief Petty Officer (CPO) selectees are addressed by FY-13 CPO Induction Committee Chairmen, Senior Chief Builder Joseph Daniel, assigned to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, and Senior Chief Steelworker George Rogalski, assigned to 25th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), after a meet and greet at Anchors & Eagles on board NCBC, Aug. 1. During the meet and greet, the CPO selectees and their family members were introduced to the Chief Petty Officers' Mess, and family members were advised of what to expect throughout the next six weeks as the CPO selectees go through induction. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

year," said Master Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW/AW) Leon Hazley, CPOS LC course manager. "They liked the scenarios and the group discussions because it allowed them to give their opinions and share their experiences with each other."

While the previous course consisted of two phases, the new course has 14 topics divided into three units. It includes content such as leading and managing a division as a chief; mentoring and

supporting junior officers; communicating effectively within the chain of command; and executing the expectations of your leadership triad, said Hazley.

Senior Chief Engineman (SW/PJ/DV) Ronald Shasky, lead facilitator for the CPOS LC pilot said, "The course is more interactive than the former version. There are group discussions, brainstorming activities, role plays, and a case

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BUC (SEL) Derek Helvie
BUC(SEL) Brett Wilburn
BUC(SEL) Bo Hartley
BUC(SEL) Anthony Thibodeaux
BUC(SEL) Jason Fletcher
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NMCB 11's Construction Management Training Team members patrol Kanishin District

By Cpl. Ed Gallo

Public Affairs Office
Regimental Combat Team 6

Patrolling through the streets of the Khanishin District of Afghanistan with tape measures, papers and pens, the Marines of 3rd Civil Affairs Group checked up on various projects in the local area, July 19, 2012.

During the patrol, Marines talked with shop owners in the district's bazaar and stopped at a school and health clinic that are both under construction.

"Our role here is just to make sure the projects are going smoothly and completed on time," said Sgt. Kairo Ortez, civil affairs noncommissioned officer, 3rd Civil Affairs Group.

Ortez, from Los Angeles, says the projects should be done by the end of this year. Local Afghans provide labor for the projects, and the civil affairs team coordinates with local national and American contractors for supplies.

"The projects are supposed to stimulate the economy and give the locals some type of ownership," Ortez said. "Hopefully this will make them take better care of them too."

Civil affairs Marines determined these projects were necessary by handing out surveys and talking with locals.

On their most recent visit to the district, Marines talked to bazaar shop owners before making their way to the school and clinic being built.

"Education is one of the top priorities around here," said

Ortez, who is an infantryman by trade. "Because the better education they have, the better opportunities they will have, and it will be harder for them to fall under the influence of the Taliban."

The current school is a small mud compound that is falling apart. The new school is a metal and cement structure being built in the current compound.

Ortez said that access to health care is another top priority that will help stabilize the area. The clinic under construction will be a basic health center most likely staffed with two doctors and a few midwives, he said. Future staffing will come through the country's Ministry of Health.

The Marines and Sailors patrolling through the district were met with waves, smiles and handshakes. Ortez says he thinks it's because the locals know the Civil Affairs Group is there to help.

While on the patrol, Builder 2nd Class Trevor King, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, periodically took measurements of the compacted dirt road under construction to ensure it is within standards. He oversees its construction, which is done by locals. He is also the inspector for the school and ensures it's being built properly.

Ortez says civil affair's main focus right now is not to start new projects, but to finish up old ones and make sure they



Builder 2nd Class Trevor King, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11, talks with locals in the Khanishin district about a school being built, July 19. King was part of a civil affairs group patrol that inspected projects being built in the Khanishin District. (U.S. Navy photo by Cpl. Ed Gallo/Released)

are done well.

"The purpose for us coming out and doing all the quality control is to make sure all the tax dollars that are being invested are being well invested," he said.

According to Ortez, the projects are slated to be completed by the end of the year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion is a part of Regimental Combat Team 6. RCT-6 falls under 1st Marine Division (Forward), which heads Task Force Leatherneck. The task force serves as the ground combat element of Regional Command (Southwest) and works in partnership with the Afghan National Security Force and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to conduct counterinsurgency operations. The unit is dedicated to securing the Afghan people, defeating insurgent forces, and enabling ANSF assumption of security responsibilities within its area of operations in order to support the expansion of stability, development and legitimate governance.

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NCTC Top Performers



Senior Chief Builder Ricky Long presents Builder Constructionman Jody Sambury as the Honor Graduate of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport Builder "A" School, class 12460 at a graduation ceremony held on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). (U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aide 3rd Class Andrew Chubb/Released)

Builder 1st Class Douglas Rathert presents the Military Excellence Award to Builder 2nd Class Pierre Sanchez at the Builder "A" School class 12460 graduation ceremony held at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). (U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aide 3rd Class Andrew Chubb/Released)



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study that will require students to rely on everything they've learned over the duration of the course to adequately resolve the issues presented in the study."

Hazley said the revision of the course afforded the chief's mess the ability to leverage its vast experience and deckplate leadership to add realism and relevancy to the course. "We infused the course with constant interaction between the CPO facilitators and selectees to give the students opportunities to draw on the experiences of their Shipmates in the Chief's Mess to fully prepare them to transition into the role of 'the chief.'"

Because the content is more facilitator based, selectees are able to exercise skills they learn immediately rather than listening in a traditional classroom setting and trying to recall the lessons later, said Shasky. "The students were highly motivated throughout the entire three-day course. Their engagement level and energy were phenomenal."

Hazley said that upon completion of the pilot, CPOS LC underwent a series of subject matter expert reviews by fleet and forces master chiefs, and West gave final approval for the course.

Per Naval Administrative Message (NAVADMIN) 272/08, this training is mandatory for all chief petty officer selectees and is to be completed prior to pinning. The course is available for download on Navy Knowledge Online as of July 27. Copies of the course will also be mailed out to all ships and commands outside the United States beginning July 30. Commands experiencing difficulties downloading the training will be allowed to use previously distributed training for this year only.

The NCBC CPO Induction Committee training team is on track to utilize the new course as the CPO selectees along the Gulf Coast navigate their transition.

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CPPD is the Navy's learning center of excellence that equips Sailors to think critically, act responsibly, and lead proactively through the Navy's voluntary education program as well as a wide range of personal and professional development courses and materials, including Navy instructor training, alcohol and drug awareness program training, suicide prevention, Bearings classes, and Personal Responsibility and Values Education and Training (PREVENT) classes, and General Military Training (GMT). CPPD's leadership training is delivered throughout a Sailor's career via command-delivered enlisted leadership training material and officer leadership courses in a schoolhouse setting.

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Federal program helps Sailors serve again

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Sailors transitioning from the Navy who would like to pursue a career in teaching may be eligible for assistance and monetary compensation from a federal program called Troops to Teachers (TTT), officials said Aug. 2.

"Our classrooms are looking for leadership and service members bring that to the classroom," said Cliff Yager, TTT regional director for Tennessee and Northern Alabama. "Service members understand leadership, management, organizational skills and those are skills we need in the classroom today."

Last year TTT helped nearly

2,000 former service members begin new careers as teachers, but Yager admits that just like the military, teaching is not for everyone.

"The thing they need to ask themselves is whether they are passionate about teaching, being involved with parents, and making a difference in young children's lives," Yager said.

TTT provides counseling and referral services to eligible service members and veterans interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. State TTT will help applicants identify teacher certification requirements, programs leading to certification and employment opportunities in their state.

According to Yager, TTT offers funded and unfunded assistance based on an individual's military service. Funded assistance provides financial support for both the certification process and for employment in a high need school. Unfunded assistance offers counseling and assistance regarding certification. Math, chemistry, physics, special education and foreign languages have the greatest demand for teachers according to Yager.

"There is a tremendous amount of opportunity available in those areas, especially for male teachers in elementary and middle school arenas."

Yager suggests Sailors try

volunteering with a local school or even work as a substitute teacher if their schedule permits in order to determine is teaching for them. Sailors may get more information and guidance by speaking with the TTT representative in the state where they would like to teach.

TTT is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) and was established in 1994 with the primary objective of helping qualified service members successfully transition into careers in teaching.

Sailors can learn more about Troops to Teachers at their website www.proudtoserveagain.com.

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dition exists, please report it to the local Private-Public Venture (PPV) office, the local Navy Housing Office or your barracks manager. Use your Chain of Command; talk to your LPO, LCPO, Division officer, Ombudsman and even your Commanding Officer until you feel you're getting the right amount of attention on your issue.

If you feel you are having health issues that may be related to conditions in your home or barracks room, see your medical provider immediately and then report the issue to your command medical officer or representative and your chain of command.

Taking personal responsibility to prevent issues like mold before it gets out of hand is essential. In many environments mold can grow no matter how well we maintain the home or condition the air quality. Be vigilant and ensure areas of your home or barracks room that tend to have more moisture, like kitchens and bathrooms, are kept clean on a regular basis. Often times, all it takes is a once weekly wipe down with mold/mildew cleaner.

As a ready and resilient force, 21st Century Sailors and their families must feel confident they can report personal and housing concerns in order to stay safe and healthy in the places they live so we can all focus on our mission, our duties and those we care about.

Everyone is Invited:

*Navy Lodge Gulfport Expansion
Grand Opening*

Aug. 14, 11 a.m.

Building 463, 1st Street

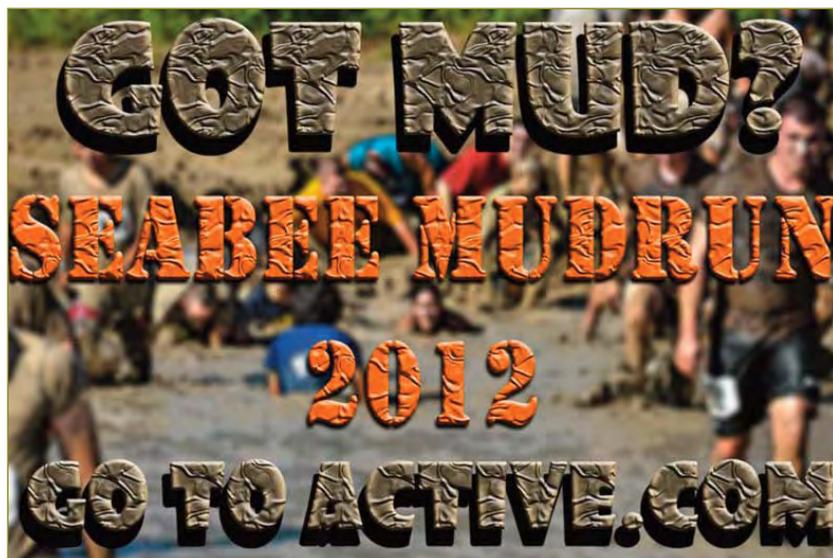
*Come out for the ribbon cutting and
take a tour of the new rooms!*

Everyone is Invited:

*Navy Exchange Mini-Mart
Groundbreaking*

Aug. 14, 2:30 p.m.

*Corner of 7th and Bainbridge Streets
Come to the ground breaking and
share the vision!*



NCBC Gulfport will host SEABEE MUD RUN 2012 Sept. 8. Registration and check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. and the race begins promptly at 8 a.m. The course is just over four miles with mud, water, mud, dry obstacles, mud, water slide, mud, hills and of course, mud!

Seabees help Gulfport students prepare for new school year



Members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 volunteered to pass out class schedules to 7th and 8th grade students at Gulfport Central Middle School Aug. 6. From left, Steelworker 2nd Class (SCW/EXW) Michael Brackett, Builder Constructionman (SCW) Dana L. Green, Construction Electrician 3rd Class (SCW) Jared Townsend, Construction Mechanic Constructionman Rachel Albers, Builder Constructionman Mark Byrne, Construction Electrician Constructionman Philip Hoose and Utilitiesman Constructionman John Grow are pictured after their volunteer session. The Seabees of NMCB 133 are mentors for the school and participate in projects such as this throughout the year. (U.S. Navy photo by Kevin Byrd/Released)

Back to School Safety

From School Liaison Officer

The greatest risk for children is not while riding a school bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. It is essential that drivers know and follow these rules:

- ~ When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or bicycling to school.
 - ~ When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be focused on getting to school but may not be thinking about safety.
 - ~ Slow down. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops or walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks.
 - ~ Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
 - ~ Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state.
- "Danger -- Know the Zone" guidelines for children:
- ~ Children should be at the bus



stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

- ~ When the bus approaches, have them stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.

- ~ Instruct children to wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.

- ~ If children have to cross the street in front of the bus, instruct them to walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before they cross.

- ~ Be sure the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver.

NCBC School Liaison Officer, Kevin Byrd is located at: MWR, Building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave. NCBC 228-871-2117, email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

Back to School: Save on school lunches, snacks at the Commissary

From DeCA

Before their children return to the classroom, military parents can check their commissary for sales events offering contests, coupon booklets, giveaways, shopping sprees and overall discounts on all their "Back to School" meals, said the Defense Commissary Agency's director of sales.

"Your commissary is the place to be for all your back-to-school essentials!" said Chris Burns, the agency's sales director. "There are specials on every-thing you need for hearty family break-fasts,

healthy 'pack-a-lunch' and snacks for school, and easy-to-fix, 'good-for-you' snacks for after school."

Now through September, DeCA's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings.

NCBC Commissary Hours

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Youth learn and have fun during "Teen Extreme Summer Camp"



Kids from the NCBC Gulfport Teen Activity Center, attending Teen Extreme Summer Camp, test their self-constructed SeaPerch underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) at the Fitness Center on board NCBC Gulfport, Aug. 3. According to the SeaPerch website, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater ROV in an in-school or out-of-school setting. Students build the ROV from a kit comprised of low-cost, easily accessible parts, following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)



At the MOVIES

Aug. 10: Avengers, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 11: Pirates Band of Misfits, PG, Noon; Avengers, PG13, 2:30 p.m.; The Dictator, R, 5:30 p.m.

Aug 12: Dark Shadows, PG13, 2 p.m.; Think Like A Man, PG13, 4:30 p.m. All movies are FREE!

Be sure to call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299 to check for movie schedule updates.

STEALS & DEALS

Summer Sizzling Deals with ITT! Explore and relax with Ship Island Excursions. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$15.25 for children ages 3 – 10 years old. The vouchers are good for the entire 2012 Ship Island Season (now through Oct. 28), but will be void after the season is over. Refunds will not be given for vouchers not used within this time frame.

Celebrate the last few weeks of summer at Gulf Islands Water Park with water activities for kids of all ages! Day passes for only



\$18.50 and you may upgrade these day passes to season passes at the water park front gate. Call 228-871-2231 for more info!

Purchase your tickets to see the New Orleans Saints 2012 Home Games through ITT! Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to each game. The first week of sales will be open to Active Duty only. During the second week of sales tickets will be available for purchase to all eligible MWR patrons (Active Duty, Dependents, Retirees, Reservists, and DoD) with proper identification. Limit two per Military ID Card. Please call ITT, 228-871-2231, with any questions.

Pre - Season Game, Saints vs. Jaguars is sold out.

Pre Season Game, Saints vs. Texans goes on sale Aug. 13, 9 a.m., \$10/ticket

Regular Season Game, Saints vs. Redskins will go on sale Aug. 27, 9 a.m., \$52.25/ticket **Let MWR transport you to Gulf Islands Waterpark!**

Join ITT as we take a trip Aug. 19, 10 a.m. \$5/shuttle fee and \$18.50/ticket. Grab your swimsuit and go wild! Children 6 and under must be in a pas-

senger restraint device not provided by MWR. Minimum of six, maximum of 12. Last day to sign up is Aug. 15. This is a joint trip with the Liberty Center Program so space is limited. For more information, contact ITT at 228-871-2231.

Waterparks, hotel discounts, adventure parks, vacation packages, and destination cruises. Call 228-871-2231 for your tickets to the perfect adventure.

Outdoor Recreation: ODR has a wide variety of gear ranging from tents to sports equipment. For those summer cookouts or rummage sales, the Rental Center offers tables and chairs, canopies and coolers for rent.

ODR August Special – Enjoy a day of fun on the water with friends and rent any style Kayak or rent a Stand up Paddle Board and receive a 30 percent discount. All required safety equipment included.

Our Driving Range is FREE and open for business! The Driving Range is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Tuesday - Wednesday. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Right and left handed beginners clubs are available for check out at no charge from ODR during business hours. We take pride in providing you with an environment that allows you to work on your game at your own pace. We incorporate yardage markers from 100 - 250 yards. Each



token provides roughly 25 balls. Tokens do not expire. **Bring out the kid in you again!** The Batting Cage is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down offering a slow pitch softball machine. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. ODR is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bats and helmets can be checked out at no charge from ODR during business hours. Each token gives 10 balls. Tokens do not expire. It's fun for the whole family! For more information please contact the ODR Supervisor, Steve Vowell at 228-871-2127/2629.

MWR has the perfect picnic spot for your next function. Discover all that Seabee Lake has to offer including covered playground, basketball court, paintball course, dog park, ample parking, barbecue grills, picnic tables and more. All active duty personnel and their dependents receive a 20 percent discount on all rental items. All military, retirees and their dependents receive a 10 percent discount on all rental items.



Auto Hobby August Special

Stop by Tuesday through Friday between 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturday noon - 4 p.m. to have your fluids checked including antifreeze.

Resale Lot: Advertise the car you want to sell for \$5/week or \$15/month. Display the vehicle you want to sell for up to 30 days or find a new car at



an unbelievable price. For a listing of vehicles for sale, contact Auto Hobby today at 228-871-2804.

Liberty Center:

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Aug. 9, noon - 5 p.m.

CPR Fest Shuttle, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., and Aug. 11, 4 p.m.. \$51 for ticket and transportation.

Arcade Basketball Tournament, Aug. 13, 7 p.m. FREE with prize for 1st place.

Jalapeño Eating Contest, Aug. 14, 7 p.m. FREE with prize for 1st place.



Liberty's Pensacola Beach Weekend Adventure,

Aug. 24 - 26, staying at the Days Inn Pensacola Beach located on the Pensacola Beach. Last day to sign up is Aug. 14. Only \$85/person. Book now by calling the Liberty Center, 228-871-4684.

Youth Activities Center:

Aug. 10 - 11 is the **Back 2 School Lock In and Lazer Craze.** Calling all parents . . . this one is for you! Spend the evening out and don't worry about the kids. Three games of laser tag, late night snack, and breakfast included for only \$15/child.

Soccer for 3 - 4 year olds

Is your child ready to have fun and learn the basics of soccer? Registration ends Aug. 31. The fee is only \$35/child which includes a t-shirt, participation trophy and end of season banquet. Call JJ Atkinson at 228-871-2251 for details.

MWR FACEBOOK is now easier than ever to access on your smart phone!



Chapel Offerings:

Women's Bible Study takes place Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

LIGHT is a Young Adult Group for members of the military. Meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Seabee Pantry - Donations are now being accepted to restock the Seabee Pantry. Everyone affiliated with NCBC is eligible to draw from the Seabee Pantry.

Praise and Worship members needed - The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sundays. If you

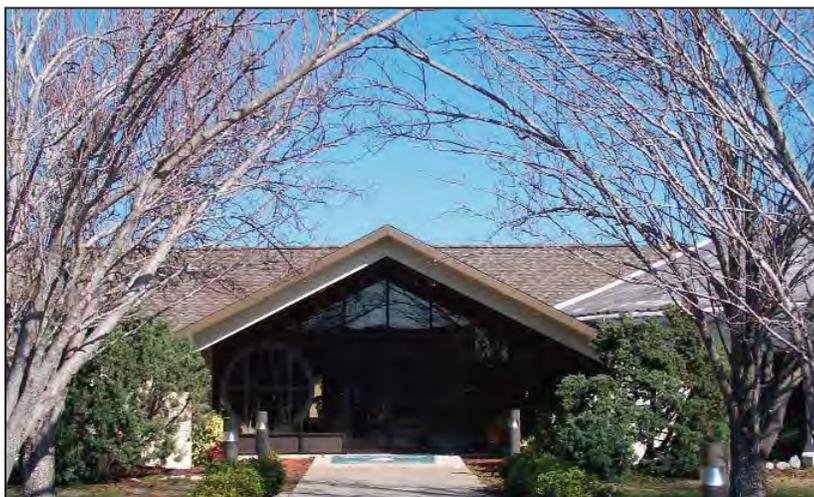
can sing or play an instrument, you are cordially invited to come share your gift.

Looking for a church? The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday that might just suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Gospel Service at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Catholic Services include Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. There is also a Catholic Mass Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Feds Feed Families Food Drive - The annual DoD, Feds Feed Families Food Drive, is taking

place through September. Seabee Memorial Chapel is leading the base-wide effort to raise over 5,000 pounds of food. To date, over 1,000 pounds of food has been collected. This year, collected donations will be given to Saint Theresa Hospital. NCBC food donation drop off locations are battalion building spaces, CBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. You may also purchase pre-bagged items at the Commissary. For details, call the Chapel at 228-871-2454.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain

Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups, call the chapel office at 228-871-2454

Services:

Gospel Service: 8 a.m.

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.

Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



YOUTH FOR CHRIST - Youth for Christ in Gulfport is looking for 25 volunteers for their annual Lock In at Gulf Islands Waterpark, Aug. 17 and Aug. 18. Approximately 2,000 youth will attend the event which features water recreation, music, food and beverages. Volunteers are needed for shifts Aug. 17, 7 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. and Aug. 18, 1 a.m. - 7 a.m. Duties include crowd control, set up/tear down, security and food service. Volunteers will receive free admission to the park and can utilize the park when not on their shift. Please contact Joyce by Aug. 16 at 228-864-0788 if you are interested.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAYS - Volunteers are needed to take part in Habitat for Humanity Workdays throughout the local area as follows: Aug. 24, seven volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Aug. 25, six volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Sept. 21, four volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Sept. 22, seven volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m. Volunteers must be registered prior to the work day, so please contact Leah as soon as possible at LLadner@bbcgrp.com or 228-326-5643.

GULF COAST HEART WALK - The 2012 Gulf Coast Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Jones Park in Gulfport and is the primary fundraising event for the American Heart Association. This non-competitive 5k walk/run begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes family friendly activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a whole lot of fun. Money raised at the Heart Walk is used to fund critical research, education, and interventions used to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. NCBC has a long history of supporting this walk through participation and volunteers. Volunteers can help by forming a walk/run team by registering at www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org or consider volunteering for set up (9/28/12) and tear down (9/29/12) of the Heart Walk event. Fund raising is the ultimate goal of the event, but is not required to participate in the walk/run. You can also register your team at the NCBC's group page

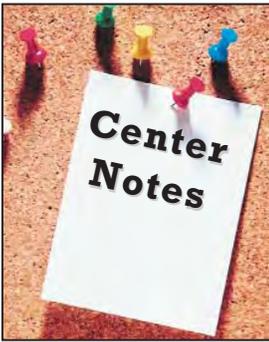
<http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org/ncbc>. Click "create new team" under the "Action" column at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Westbrook, 228-871-2906 or kevin.westbrook@navy.mil.

FOSTER CARE PARENTS - Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully, is looking for caring adults, single or married, aged 25 years old and up to become foster care parents. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Frazier at 601-572-3717 or jimmy.frazier@youthvillages.org

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are need for various projects throughout the year. The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Biloxi is always in need of assistance in the Athletic Department, Fitness Center, Arts and Music Department, Aquatic Center, and marketing. Many other opportunities are available. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org for information.

HARRISON COUNTY YOUTH COURT - HCYC is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the life of a child. Volunteers who are bilingual in Spanish and Vietnamese are needed. You can help by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) or volunteer to become a mentor for C.H.A.N.G.E. (Cultivating Healthy Achievements in the Next Generation of Excellence). Contact Beth Casey at 228-865-7000 if you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child.

RED CROSS SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER - The Red Cross in Biloxi has an immediate need for volunteers to work in the front office assisting visitors and directing incoming phone calls and generally assisting staff. Call 228-896-4511 for information.



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, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 7 FRG remains available to assist NMCB 7 families. Although the NMCB 7 Family Readiness Group is no longer conducting general meetings, the Ombudsmen and FRG officers continue to serve the battalion's family members. For information or assistance contact the FRG at nmcb7frg@gmail.com or visit the NMCB 7 FRG facebook page.

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 of NMCB 74

are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335, behind the Grinder on NCBC. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m., and meetings begin at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner.

Children are welcome. Email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG" for more information.

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 Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or send an email to NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfport 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, email 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. Contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com for information.

SOICIAL

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 or President LS2 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil for information.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is seeking members. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact BU1 Jerma Cloude at 228-871-2454 for details.

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 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602 for information.

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. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member, go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> 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 or log onto www.nsva.org for information.

D.A.V. - Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5 invites Veterans and future Veterans to monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Service Officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more about our organization and all that is offered to members.

Navy Ball Committee needs help to put on this year's Navy Ball The 2012 Navy Ball Committee is looking for six volunteers to work on the committee for this year's Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Ball. Committee members will be expected to attend monthly meetings to discuss fundraisers and ideas for the Navy Ball. If interested, contact AG1 Jordan at 228-871-3667.

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/-/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available for customers.

Summer Blood Drive - A Red Cross blood drive will take place Aug. 9, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Seabee Memorial Chapel Fellowship Hall and noon - 5 p.m., at the Liberty Center. To schedule an appointment, visit: www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code SEABEES.



United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball

When: Nov. 10, 2012, 6 p.m.

Place: Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Price: \$50 (per ticket)

Uniform: Marines - Blue Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A"
Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)

Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue

Air Force - Mess Dress, Civilians - Black Tie

See I&I First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. Coston, building 114 (NOSC) or call 228-871-3104



FFSC will present Welcome to the Coast/New Navy Spouse class, Aug. 22, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Fleet and Family Support Center. Call 228-871-3000 today to reserve your space as seating is limited.

NCBC Gate Hours

Pass Road: 24 hours, 7 days a week

Broad Avenue: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat/Sun and Holidays

28th Street: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 5 - 7 p.m., Outbound Only

Commission Road: CLOSED