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La. National Guard Demonstrates Disaster Readiness

By Spc. Joshua Barnett
241st Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The Louisiana National Guard (LANG) participated in a statewide disaster response exercise (DRX) designed to test the capabilities of various local, state and federal agencies, April 18, 2015.

The exercise, organized by the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), involved training missions that took place simultaneously in Louisiana at Acadiana Regional Airport in New Iberia, Camp Villere in Slidell, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans in Belle Chasse and a warehouse facility in Rose-

land.

"The Louisiana National Guard takes our responsibility to remain prepared for any disaster very seriously," said Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, the adjutant general of the LANG.

"The GOHSEP disaster response exercise allows us to maintain a high-level of training and preparedness, as well as partner with our local, state and federal agencies to make sure that together, we all respond to disasters in the most efficient and effective way possible. Our Soldiers and Airmen are the best at what they do, and it shows during exercises such as this."

The DRX involved more than 1,200 Soldiers and Airmen from the Louisiana National Guard and nearly 400 civilian officials and first-re-



Airmen from the 159th Fighter Wing, LAANG and 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio Texas, transport simulated patients from a municipal ambulance for aeromedical evacuation processing during an Ultimate Caduceus 2015 at NAS JRB New Orleans.

Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Farrell, 159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

sponders from more than 25 port, Soldiers rehearsed agencies.

At Acadiana Regional Air-

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SAPR Training Teaches Intervention, Awareness

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Hulle
The Currents' Staff

Servicemembers and civilians at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans recently participated in two different sexual assault prevention, bystander intervention, and survivor support training sessions—the InterACT Troupe and "Can I Kiss You?".

Based out of California State University in Long Beach, InterACT consists of 40 members who have performed for more than 17,000 people since the beginning of 2014. The troupe originated in the school's communications studies department and performs for incoming college freshmen,

athletes and military members.

During the performance April 13, five actors from the InterACT troupe acted out various scenarios leading to sexual assault, as well as dealing with the aftermath of being a victim. In one scene where a boyfriend and girlfriend are fighting, the troupe invited several audience members to come to the stage and show how they, as bystanders, might intervene. Participants were asked to find ways to calm the tension between the couple and defuse the argument.

"We take interactive theatre and interchange it with the audience. Instead of showing you how to fix a situation we enroll the audience into creating the show with us," said Kelly Pfeleider, president of Pure



Praxis, representing the Troupe. "We were able to adapt this show so more people can be part of the conversation. We believe this type of work is a better way to train because we listen to each other."

Photo by MCI John Hulle

On April 6, the Date Safe

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By Capt. Scott Gootee
NAS JRB Commanding Officer

On May 1st NAS JRB New Orleans set Hurricane Condition of Readiness 5 in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. Already, Colorado State University climatologists are predicting a lower than average Atlantic hurricane season, with three hurricanes and seven named storms in 2015. They predict one of those three will be a major hurricane - a category 3 or higher. This follows a relatively quiet 2014 Atlantic hurricane season that saw only six hurricanes - two of them major - and eight named storms. Predictions can be interesting. I'm more interested in the probable and actual.

Recent history - Hurricane Isaac in 2012 - showed us that a Category I hurricane can cause significant damage and disruption. When Isaac came ashore in Louisiana, it produced an 11-foot storm surge in Shell Beach. It also brought high winds across the state, with sustained winds of 67 mph and gusts to 85 mph on Grand Isle. More than 600,000 households in Louisiana were without power - this included our own base housing.

The only tangible defense we have is to prepare. By knowing what actions to take you can reduce the risk of damage and take back control of your life, both during a hurricane and during the recovery that will follow.

During May and June we will hold preparedness briefs for base personnel, our tenant commands and base residents. Now is the time to determine. Are you and your family ready for hurricane season? Are you prepared to evacuate, either voluntarily or by direction? Are you prepared to stay behind and "weather" the storm? Are you



ready to go three or more days without basic services and power? How about seven days without electricity and air conditioning, as the installation experienced with Hurricane Isaac? Do you have a family plan that includes your pets? Have you communicated that plan to your command? If you are in the Navy, have you updated your personal information with Total Workforce Management Services (TWMS)? If you cannot answer each of these questions the time is now to do something about it. I cannot be more emphatic when I say that you and your family need to be prepared for all destructive weather possibilities.

Disaster preparations include knowing what resources are available to you before a crisis occurs. This issue of *The Currents* can serve as an informational starting point. Our Fleet and Family Support Center maintains a wealth of materials to help you prepare. They also can provide hurricane preparation briefs. An abundance of information is available online through the American Red Cross, Ready Navy, getgameplan.org, and you may even find others. Become a friend or fan of the NAS JRB NEW ORLEANS Facebook page and follow @NAS JRB NOLA on Twitter. Should a storm come our way, we will use each of these tools to distribute information.

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DOD to Disinter USS Oklahoma Unaccounted-For Service Members

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced April 14 that the remains of up to 388 unaccounted-for Sailors and Marines, associated with USS Oklahoma, will be exhumed later this year. Upon disinterment, the remains will be transferred to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) laboratory in Hawaii for examination. Analysis of all available evi-

dence indicates that most USS Oklahoma crew members can be identified upon disinterment.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Bob Work approved the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma and also established a broader DoD policy which defines threshold criteria for disinterment of unknowns.

“The secretary of defense

and I will work tirelessly to ensure your loved one’s remains will be recovered, identified, and returned to you as expeditiously as possible, and we will do so with dignity, respect and care,” said Work. “While not all families will receive an individual identification, we will strive to provide resolution to as many families as possible.”

The threshold criteria includes research, family reference samples to compare DNA, obtaining medical and dental records of the missing service members, and having the scientific ability and capacity to identify the remains in a timely manner. To disinter cases of commingled remains, the department must estimate the ability to identify at least 60 percent of the indi-

viduals associated with a group. A likelihood of at least 50 percent identification must be attained for individual unknowns.

On Dec. 7, 1941, USS Oklahoma sank when it was hit by torpedoes, during the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor. A total of 429 Sailors and Marines were killed. In the years immediately following the attacks, 35 crew members were positively identified and buried.

From June 1942 to May 1944, during salvage operations, the remaining service members’ remains were removed from the ship and initially interred as unknowns, in Nuuanu and Halawa cemeteries in Hawaii. In 1947 all remains in those cemeteries were disinterred for attempted identification. Twenty-seven unknowns from USS Oklahoma were proposed for identification based on dental comparisons, but all proposed identifications were disapproved.

By 1950, all unidentified remains associated with the ship were re-interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as the Punchbowl.

In 2003, the DoD laboratory in Hawaii, disinterred one casket containing USS Oklahoma remains based on historical evidence provided by Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor. The evidence helped establish the identification of five servicemen; however, the casket contained the remains of up to 100 men who have not yet been identified.

Analysis of remains will begin immediately after their arrival into the DPAA laboratory and will utilize current forensic tools and techniques, to include DNA testing. Service members who are identified will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

For additional information on the Defense Department’s mission to account for Americans, who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call 703-699-1420.

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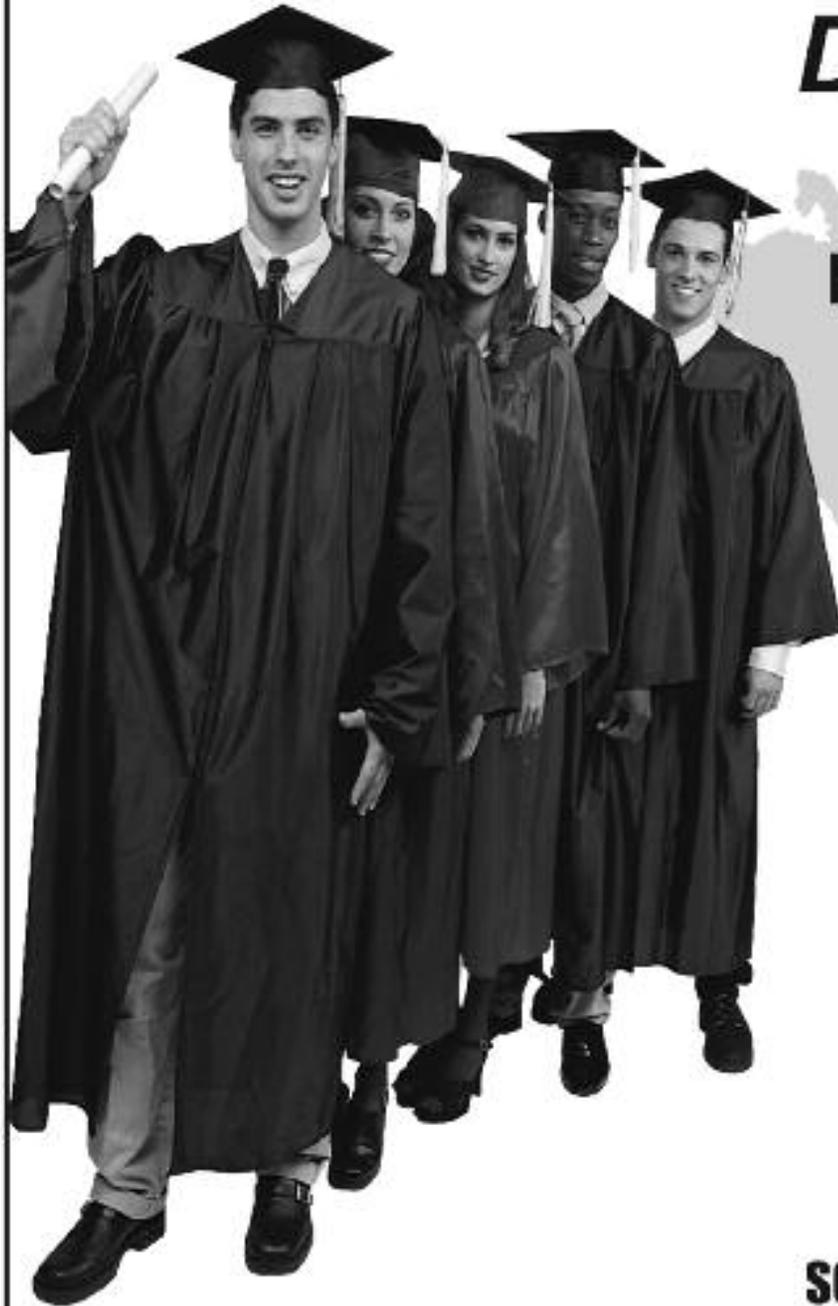
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U.S. Coast Guard Carries On an 'Ancient' Tradition

By Lt. j.g. Katie Braynard
U.S. Coast Guard

What is an ancient albatross?

While it may sound like an insult, it's actually a coveted position among the Coast Guard's aviation community.

An ancient albatross isn't just any senior Coast Guard aviator – it's an honor given to the longest serving Coast Guard aviator on active duty. The ceremonial title traces its roots to 1966, and has been held by senior ranking Coast Guard officers such as retired Vice Adms. Vivien Crea and John Currier, both prior vice commandants of the Coast Guard.

For nearly one year, Rear Adm. John Korn, currently the commander of the 7th Coast Guard District, held the distinction at the service's senior aviator, but passed along the honor to Vice Adm. Charles Ray in a ceremony held last

month at Coast Guard Air Station (CGAS) New Orleans located at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans.

"It was an absolute honor for Air Station New Orleans to host the 25th Ancient Albatross change of watch with the commandant presiding," said Cmdr. David Cooper, commanding officer of Air Station New Orleans. "Admirals Ray and Korn are both giants in Coast Guard aviation and it was a privilege for those standing the watch today to witness this tradition and hear their amazing contributions to Coast Guard aviation, which collectively covers nearly 60 years. It was a historical moment and everyone here was honored to be a part of it."

During the ceremony, Korn also passed on his wings – the Coast Guard's aviation insignia – to the junior most pilot in attendance, Ens. Adam Guarino, assigned to CGAS New Orleans.

Guarino knew the moment was coming and was anxious the week leading up to the ceremony, continually checking and preparing his uniform for the exchange.

"Getting called up on stage to receive Korn's wings, which he later told me he wore for 25 years, was such a surreal moment symbolizing the legacy of Coast Guard aviation being passed along from one generation to the next," said Guarino. "This was truly a moment that will stick with me for the rest of my career."

Korn then passed along traditional flight gear to Ray, signifying the end of his reign as the Coast Guard's ancient albatross and allowing Ray to hold the distinction.

Ray, who currently serves as the commander of the Coast Guard's Pacific Area, has logged more than 5,000 flight hours throughout the course of his career. "I'm honored and humbled to be named the Ancient Albatross



Rear Adm. John Korn, right, passes on traditional flight gear to Vice Adm. Charles Ray during a change of watch ceremony at Air Station New Orleans. Ray relieved Korn as the Coast Guard's 25th Ancient Albatross. Korn took his final flight at the change of watch ceremony.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by
PO2 Patrick Kelley

for our service," said Ray. "I'm grateful for this opportunity to represent Coast Guard aviation and the many Coast Guardsmen who take to the skies every day to ensure our Nation's safety, security and

prosperity; it's also humbling to be in the company of so many great Coast Guard aviators. I knew a helicopter could take you far, but I never imagined it would take me this far."

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Project's "Can I Kiss You?" engaged the audience in tough topics ranging from why sexual assault and rape occurs to addressing intimacy and communication in marriage. This is the second year Mike Domitrz, founder of the project, performed at NAS JRB New Orleans. He started his organization as a way to handle his anger and make a difference after his sister was raped in 1989. "I started

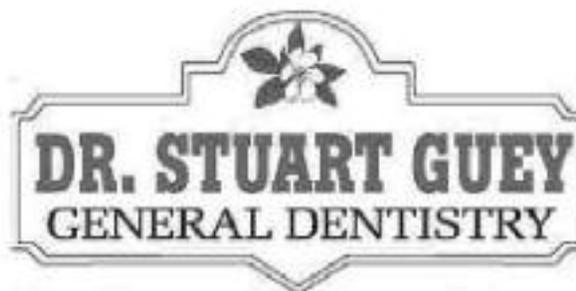
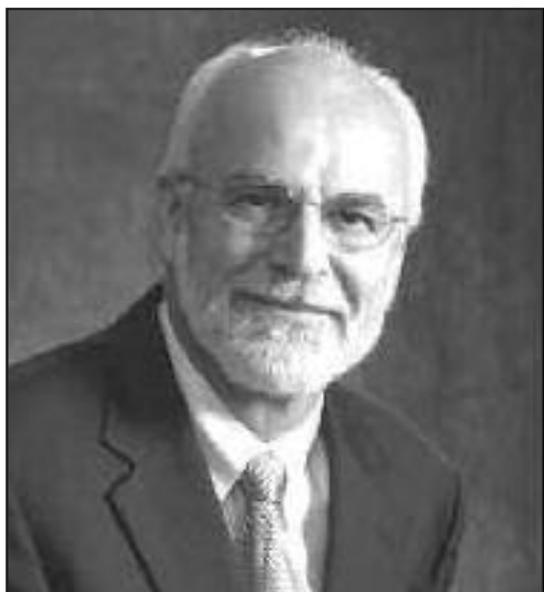
speaking out in 1990, did it full time though college and then came back to this full time in 2002 and since then, I've been travelling the world and spreading these lessons and our mission." Through the entire session, Sailors were able to dissect situations from the perpetrator, victim, and bystander viewpoints, asking questions and were given new tools for sexual assault situations.

Domitrz shared a four-step program in preventing sexual assault. The first step is to identify the situation in order to prevent it and the second step is to connect to the scene.

"You need to imagine the victim as a loved one so it becomes your problem," stated Domitrz. The next steps are geared towards bystanders uniting and actively intervening with the last step of remaining calm in the situation.

Another major topic discussed was how to support victims after the incident. "You don't want to say, 'I'm sorry,' it comes off as pity. You don't want to say, 'Who did it?' It sounds like you are focused on the wrong person. Instead you want to look this person you care about deeply in the eyes and simply say, 'Thank you so much for sharing. Clearly you are strong, you are courageous. What can I do to

help?," shared Domitrz. Domitrz discussed why people are afraid of asking the simple question in an intimate situation. and on the awkward factor and fear of rejection. Domitrz offered alternative views of why asking to kiss someone is a good thing, what situations it can prevent and also how to answer a "no" response. "We need "how to" skills on how to ask for things," he said.



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NAS JRB Caped Crusader Saves the Day

By Mass Communication Specialist
1st Class John Hulle
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A paramedic assigned to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans had an unexpected experience during the Allstate Sugar Bowl Crescent City Classic April 4 in New Orleans.

T.J. Maury was four miles into the race when James Bell, 66, suffered a medical emergency. Maury, who happened to be dressed as Batman, sprang into action.

"I was running with my son on Esplanade and I saw someone on the ground," said Maury. "He had collapsed and I could tell he was bad. He was cold and had a weak pulse."

Maury and another paramedic on scene performed first aid on Bell, who had suffered a heart attack. "We put the paddles on him and shocked him and did two minutes of CPR, and we got him back that quick," Maury said. Maury then rode with Bell to the hospital.

"I'm like, 'Wow. We had Batman come and save our dad, and it's just amazing,'" Andrea Creggore, Bell's daughter, told a local television reporter during an interview.

"So from my family to you and anybody else out there that was helping, we are grateful. We're thankful," she said. "God bless y'all."

Maury is an avid runner who has completed several marathons, road races and said it's not uncom-



T.J. Maury poses next to an ambulance at NAS JRB New Orleans April 20. Maury, a paramedic with the NAS JRB Fire and Emergency Services performed CPR on a fellow runner who suffered a heart attack during the Allstate Sugar Bowl Crescent City Classic April 4.

Photo by MCI John Hulle

mon for him to dress-up as Batman. Although he was not able to complete the race with his family, he has plans to finish it next year. "The race director emailed me and thanked me and gave me a free pass for next year," said Maury.

The Crescent City Classic road race is held in New Orleans on the Saturday before Easter Sunday each year. The 10-kilometer course (6.2 miles) begins in Downtown New Orleans in front of the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, runs participants through the French Quarter, and then up Esplanade Avenue to New Orleans City Park.

Summer Fire Safety Tips

By Wendy Shimmin
NAS JRB Fire Prevention Inspector

Summer in New Orleans is a perfect opportunity for people to tune up lawn equipment and fire safety knowledge. Here are some tips reducing the risk for garage fires from your Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans Fire and Emergency Services Department.

- Allow your lawn mowers to cool down outside before being stored.
- Clean and clear lawn mowers of all accumulated lawn debris.
- Keep gas and fuel containers stored in well-ventilated outdoor storage areas.
- Have lawnmowers serviced by a professional maintenance technician.
- Install and test smoke alarms in garages and storage areas.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near and/or mounted on garage walls, kitchen areas and outdoor grills.

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As the Storm Approaches

If you are told to leave your home, do so immediately!
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Bring in light-weight objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys and lawn furniture.
Know in advance where you are going and if possible, pre-arrange lodging with family or friends.
Don't wait until the last minute to leave. Evacuation routes may become impassable.
Leave early and in daylight, if possible.
Notify friend or relative of your plans.
Take pets with you if possible, but remember, most public shelters do not allow pets other than those used by used by people with disabilities. Identify pet-friendly hotels along your evacuation route.
Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!

What to Bring to a Shelter

First-aid kit and toiletries
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Be Alert For

Tornadoes— they are often spawned by hurricanes.
The calm "eye" of the storm—it may seem like the storm is over, but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

The Currents' Staff

With hurricane season approaching, now is the time to ask: Are you ready? Hurricane season begins June 1 and lasts until November 30, with the peak of the season from mid-August to October. Hazards from hurricanes come in many forms, including storm surge, heavy rainfall, inland flooding, high winds, tornadoes, and rip currents.

The 2015 Atlantic hurricane season may be one of the least active in decades, according to an initial forecast issued last month by Colorado State University.

The early outlook released April 9 calls for seven named storms, including three hurricanes, one of which is predicted to attain major hurricane status (Category 3 or stronger on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale).

This is well below the 30-year average of 12 named storms, six hurricanes, and three major hurricanes.

The outlook, headed by Dr. Phil Klotzbach in consultation with long-time hurricane expert Dr. William Gray, is based on a combination of 29 years of statistical predictors, combined with analog seasons exhibiting similar features of sea-level pressure and sea-surface temperatures in the Atlantic and eastern Pacific Oceans.

Whether you are a seasoned storm veteran or new to a hurricane region, according to Jim Bouchie, emergency management officer for Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans, apathy is one of the biggest mistakes for people facing dangerous weather. "Don't underestimate a storm," he said. The 1992 season produced only six named storms and one subtropical storm. However, one of those named storms was Hurricane Andrew, which devastated South Florida as a Category 5 hurricane.

"Stay informed; access all available information, either through the local media, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and municipalities," said Bouchie.

The Official Louisiana Hurricane Survival Guide recommends having a minimum of three-days of emergency supplies and seven days of needed medication on hand during hurricane season. Hurricane kits should contain items to endure lack of facilities and power to include; non-perishable food, water, batteries, flashlights and a battery-operated radio. It is also important to have paperwork like social security cards, birth certificates and insurance policies in a water tight container.

However, even with the best preparations at home, often the best thing a family can do is to evacuate, especially if you aren't

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2015 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

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Erica	Peter
Fred	Renee
Grace	Sam
Henri	Teresa
Ide	Victor
Joaquin	Wanda

Tropical Cyclones: Development Areas and Movement

Stages of Tropical Cyclone Development

- Tropical Wave or L Low Pressure Center (< 20 kts)
- Tropical Depression (20 - 33 kts)
- Tropical Storm (34 - 63 kts)
- Hurricane (64 kts or greater sustained winds)

Naming Begins (at Tropical Storm stage)
Numbered Warnings Begin (at Tropical Depression stage)

Saffir-Simpson Scale - Hurricane Destruction Potential

Category	Sustained Wind Speed (knots)	(mph)	Storm Surge (ft)	Damage
1	64 - 82	74 - 95	4 - 5	Minimal
2	83 - 95	96 - 110	6 - 8	Moderate
3	96 - 113	111 - 130	9 - 12	Extensive
4	114 - 135	131 - 155	13 - 18	Extreme
5	> 135	> 155	> 18	Catastrophic

NOTE: Category 3, 4, & 5 are considered MAJOR hurricanes

Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert (TCFA)

TCFAs provide a heads up to where TC development is likely and potentially reduce the OTSR Advisory/Divert totals.

KEY TO TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING GRAPHICS

The black and red lines around a projected tropical cyclone track indicate the 34 knot, 50 knot, and 64 knot wind radii associated with the storm at a given point. The outermost black line indicates the 34 knot radius, the red line indicates the 50 knot radius, and the inner black line shows the 64 knot radius. Since not all cyclones have the highest winds associated with them, weaker storms will not have a 64-knot radius (and possibly no 50-knot radius also.) The actual number of miles for the radius in each quadrant is listed in the associated Tropical Cyclone Message.

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- View Reference Information

NFAAS Website — <https://www.navyfamily.navy.mil>

essential personnel involved in emergency management operations. "Whenever you feel uncomfortable, leave," said Bouchie. Some people can be cash strapped, but waiting until the last minute to evacuate might be too late. Start early to avoid a mad dash. The FFSC offers individual and group counseling to members and can help plan with special circumstances that make evacuating difficult, such as exceptional family members or pets. The staff at FFSC can also help active-duty military understand the entitlements and resources available such as Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Red Cross and United Services Automobile Association (USAA).

Being prepared and having a plan is one of your best defenses. Bouchie urges residents and those employed at NAS JRB New Orleans to register with the base's Atoch Interactive Warning System. "Mass warning notification is the essential means of getting the word out as quickly as possible," said Bouchie. "Otherwise, you might be out of the loop for critical information such as storms, active shooter situations or other emergencies." If you already have Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) access, you can register for the service from your work desktop. Non-NMCI users will need to contact NAS JRB New Orleans Emergency Management to become registered.

Plaquemines Parish also has a reverse 911 system and advises all parish residents and businesses to register for information in an emergency situation. Up to three home and mobile telephone numbers can be registered for free at <http://alertregistration.com/plaquemines>. While Navy installations have been spared direct hits in recent years, the need to prepare for these natural disasters has not lessened. It's not a question of "if" a storm will strike, but "when." Don't wait until the storm is bearing down, but instead use the calm before the storm to prepare. To download the complete Louisiana Emergency preparedness guide visit <http://gohsep.la.gov/evacinfo.aspx>.

Southeast Louisiana Contraflow

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA EVACUATION PLAN

Legend:

- Index Map Reference
- Contraflow Corridor
- I-10 West NORMAL Flow
- I-10 West to I-59 North NORMAL Flow
- I-10 East to I-55 North NORMAL Flow
- Corridors to I-12 West to I-55 North NORMAL Flow
- I-10 West to I-59 North NORMAL Flow
- I-12 West to US 190 West NORMAL Flow
- I-58 North CONTRAFLOW
- I-55 North CONTRAFLOW
- I-59 North CONTRAFLOW
- I-10 West CONTRAFLOW to LaPlace

Contraflow, a process in which all Interstate lanes are made one-way leading out of the threatened area, was developed by a task force comprising the Louisiana State Police and the Department of Transportation and Development.

The overall strategy of all Southeast Louisiana Parishes for dealing with a potential catastrophic hurricane or other major emergency, is to evacuate as much of the at-risk population as possible.

Years ago, the State of Louisiana designed what is known as the contraflow plan, a system where major interstates in the state will have lane reversals so all traffic is flowing out of heavily populated areas creating more traffic lanes for evacuations.

The states of La. and Miss. have developed coordinated plans to evacuate the New Orleans metropolitan area using Interstate 55 and Interstate 59. Contraflow starts 30 hours before the onset of tropical winds and exits off of some Contrastate lanes will not be allowed.

For detailed maps on contraflow go to:
http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Operations/Emergency_Operations/Maps/Southeast%20EvacuationContraFlow%20Map.pdf.

GETAGAMEPLAN.ORG

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) hosts an energetic web-based education and information portal designed to help Louisiana citizens prepare for, monitor and respond to disasters. The website is maintained by GOHSEP and provides information about hazard mitigation measures, disaster preparation, ways to respond to an emergency and how to recover from weather-related disasters, as well as other hazards. It helps you develop a simple, yet successful game plan for your family, should an emergency occur, in order to keep you and your family safe. The GETAGAMEPLAN app is now available for iPhone and iPad in the Apple iTunes store. The app:

- Identifies places to evacuate and includes pet sheltering and special needs information.
- Provides critical information and checklists to help you create a personal evacuation plan.
- Includes evacuation maps for viewing in the event of an emergency or natural disaster with additional panels for routes and an information icon to display or email more detailed routing information.
- Lists important numbers needed in the event of an emergency are listed along with the ability to place a call, text and create a contact for later retrieval on an iPhone.

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Command Turnover for Navy Recruiting District New Orleans

By Mass Communication Specialist
1st Class Richard Perez
NRD New Orleans Public Affairs

Sailors and guests were on hand at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans on Friday, April 10, to witness the change of command for Navy Recruiting District (NRD) New Orleans where Cmdr. Collin Wynter relieved Cmdr. Christian Stover as the new commanding officer.

Under Stover's leadership, more than 3,800 young men and women from four states on the Gulf Coast joined the U.S. Navy. These Sailors will serve in active-duty and reserve

forces as both enlisted Sailors and Naval officers. His team of recruiters exceeded 100 percent of its assigned goals for three consecutive years setting the standard throughout Navy Recruiting Region East.

"It is awesome to be a part of a team who helps young American men and women do their part to protect our way of life," said Stover, a native of Pensacola, Fla.

He added that the key to successful leadership is the ability to "surround yourself with good people then get out of their way so they can get the job done."

He will assume duties at Special Operations Command, Central at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

Wynter, who served as the executive officer of NRD New Orleans since December said it is an honor to lead a naval command and it is a duty that he holds in the highest regard.

"I am so excited to lead this highly talented team. I consider the opportunity to be a commanding officer in today's Navy my greatest professional endeavor," said Wynter.

A native of Jamaica, Wynter enlisted in the Navy in 1988 before receiving his commissioning via the Seaman to Admiral Program and graduating from Officer Candidate School in 1996. NRD New Orleans is one of 13 districts which make up Navy Recruiting Region East. More than 98,000 square miles are as-



Cmdr. Collin Wynter

signed to NRD New Orleans that span across the Gulf Coast to include counties in Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi.

La. National Guard Conducts Christmas Tree Drop in Bayou

By Louisiana National Guard
Public Affairs

The Louisiana National Guard's 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New Orleans officials participated in the annual Christmas Tree Drop in Bayou Sauvage in eastern New Orleans, April 2, 2015.

Recycled Christmas trees are used to establish a wave break in the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. These tree jetties will create new productive marsh habitat by trapping sediment and building up a plantable structure which will eventually support native marsh grasses. The project has re-established about 175 acres of marsh in Bayou Sauvage NWR.



A Louisiana National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from the 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment lowers a bundle of recycled Christmas trees into Bayou Sauvage during the annual Christmas Tree Drop in New Orleans, April 2, 2015. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service worked with the helicopter crews to arrange placement of the trees which will create a wave break to trap sediment and restore marshland as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service program.

Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Toby Valadie, LANG public affairs



A crew member of the 244 Aviation Regiment helps coordinate placement of the recycled Christmas trees as they are placed into the marshes in Bayou Sauvage in eastern New Orleans.

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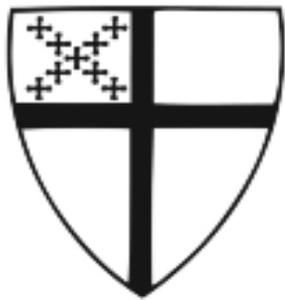
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Naval Branch Clinic Medical Staff Under New Charge

The Currents' Staff

Under the direction of Capt. Maureen Padden, from Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla., Capt. Fredrik Schmitz turned over the charge of Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Belle Chasse, at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans to Cmdr. Michael Kohler, Friday, April 24.

Schmitz, who has led the staff at the clinic since October 2013, leaves NAS JRB for Cherry Point, N.C.

"In the Navy, you don't get anywhere by yourself," Schmitz told guests at the ceremony.

"Thanks to all of you who have served



here with me," he said. "I leave Cmdr. Kohler a great team that is ready to do great things."

Kohler, a 28-year Navy veteran, began his career as a seaman recruit just out of

high school. After completing his associate's degree in nursing he was commissioned as a warrant officer and upon graduation with his bachelor's degree he was promoted to ensign.

"I like the way things look here," Kohler told his staff and guests. "I'm excited to take charge of this health clinic. I know I'll never learn every nook and cranny of this facility but I know I can count on you all for that."

The NBHC is one of 10 branch health clinics under the umbrella of Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla. Members assigned to the clinic provide primary care, outpatient, wellness, dental and supporting health care service for more than 20,000 military, family members and retirees throughout the New Orleans area.



Cmdr. Michael Kohler, officer in charge of Navy Branch Health Clinic Belle Chasse at NAS JRB New Orleans, speaks to the guests during the change of charge ceremony.

Photo by Tammy Prine

Disaster Readiness: *continued from Page 1*

search and rescue operations via multiple means. The 2225th Multi-Role Bridge Company conducted water rescue operations, 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment conducted ground search and rescue and F Co., 2-135 MEDEVAC conducted aerial rescue training.

"This is a really hands-on training for us," said Spc. Leah Allen, a driver with the 199th Brigade Support Battalion, 256th Infantry Brigade. "We'll know what to expect if the time

ever comes to use this. We want to get as much experience as we can."

At Camp Villere and in Roseland, the exercise focused on the logistics of distributing commodities, such as water and packaged meals, to points of distribution throughout the state.

"It's important to make sure that we have appropriate supplies and appropriate commodities, for example MREs and ice, to hand out to the citizens of Louisiana at points of

distribution, or PODS," said Capt. Noel Collins, support operations officer for the 165th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

The DRX is an annual exercise, but this year's had a new component. It was tied into a multi-state military exercise called Ultimate Caduceus 2015, at NAS JRB New Orleans April 16-18.

Ultimate Caduceus is a federal exercise involving Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command that

focuses on the processing and transfer of patients from a disaster site to medical care.

"Ultimate Caduceus 2015 is essential to ensure the safe evacuation of patients to hospitals outside of the strike zone of hurricanes prior to landfall and to track those patients end to end to ensure their safe return to Louisiana once the danger is gone," said Lt. Col. Ray Schindler, deputy commander of the Louisiana Air National Guard's 159th Mission Support Group.

An additional 140 active-duty and Air National Guard personnel, representing nine states, participated in the aeromedical evacuation exercise.

"We're partnering with the Air Guard, the Army Guard and our state partners to demonstrate our ability to evacuate Southeast Louisiana in the event of a hurricane," said U.S. Air Force Col. Tami Rougeau, the Air Mobility Command exercise coordinator.



Airmen from the 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, load simulated patients onto a U.S. Air Force C-130 cargo aircraft during an Ultimate Caduceus 2015 exercise at NAS JRB New Orleans during Ultimate Caduceus 2015. The exercise consisted of two Disaster Aeromedical Staging Facilities deployed to NAS JRB New Orleans, to staff 12-hour operations and process 280 patients each day.

Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Farrell, 159th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office



Air Force Staff Sgt. Erin Moove with the 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, scans simulated patients aboard a municipal ambulance bus for any items that could be used to as weapons prior to an Air Force aeromedical evacuation during Ultimate Caduceus 2015 at NAS JRB New Orleans.

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National Day of Prayer Shepherds Us to May

By Lt. Solomon Lloyd
NAS JRB Chaplain



The month of May is an attention grabbing month that brings with it all sorts of emphases and celebration. For us, your religious Ministries Team, we are excited to be part of activities that will create opportunities for fellowship and interaction.

Beginning on Friday, May 1, the National Day of prayer- as designated by Congress – we

will join millions of citizens in communities across the United States to pray together for our nation and families. The National day of prayer affords us the opportunity to come together and bring God into our discouragement, the failure in our personal characters, the fail-

ure to achieve some ambition and the gloomy awful conditions of the world. Prayer is a strong medicine, our nation will apply it on May 1 to address and seek cure from God for our nation and families.

In this vain, your NAS JRB Religious Ministries Team is honored to invite all of you to join us at the chapel for a prayer brunch. We will also have a prayer breakfast at the galley aboard NAS JRB; it is open to everyone on the base, including DoD civilians.

The second great happening in May is Mother's Day. It will be observed on May 12, not just in the United States, but in many different countries around the world. It is a day set aside to celebrate mothers and honor motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Mothers have made and continue to make tremendous contribution to our military, nation, and the world. The love a mother sustains us in a day when nations rage and the earth changes and mountains are

shaken into the sea.

You are welcome to join your Religious Ministries Team at the chapel on Mother's day as we show appreciation to all mothers. You are always welcome to stop and see us even during the dark and tumultuous period of your life or military career, when terribly discouraged, and when all external circumstances seemed to be going against you. We are here to walk with you.

Peace,
Chaps.

GKMMC Looking for New members

The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club (GKMMC) Chapter 105 in Belle Chasse, La., is looking for new members.

The GKMMC was founded in 1999 on the pillars of motorcycle safety and mentorship and is open to anyone carrying a DOD ID card (active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired military and family member) and who has a motorcycle and drivers' license endorsement.

The club hosts monthly mentorship rides and meetings which are usually held at Boondoggles on board Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans in Belle Chasse, La.

For more information or to join call Sue Freese at (757) 775-4475. Visit the GKMMC on the Web: <http://www.gk105.mmc.org>, or on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Green-Knights-MMC-CHP-105/233185090029101>.



MWR Happenings for May

"American Sniper" Movie Premier at Mag-T

The dinner and movie event at Magnolia Terrace will be Saturday, May 16. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the movie begins at 7 p.m. For those who want dinner, the cost is \$5 per person. For details call 504-678-3034.

Murder Mystery Dinner

The Magnolia Terrace will host a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, May 29, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and tickets must be purchased at ITT. There is limited seating for the dinner show and the deadline for ticket purchase is May 22. The dinner consists of a three-course meal and one non-alcoholic drink. For more information call 504-678-3034.

Captain's Cup Leagues

The Captain's cup softball league's first pitch will be Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. Team registration deadline is Friday, May 1.

Captain's cup volleyball begins Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

For more information call the fitness center at 504-678-3230 or Gavin at 504-678-3848



NAS JRB New Orleans Summer Camp

Summer Camp at NAS JRB is provided by the Navy Youth Programs and is for youth ages 5-12 years and enrolled in school. The summer camp is offered in weekly segments from June 1 to August 7. Camp hours are 6 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Sponsors must register at: <http://www.militarychildcare.com> and will be called by a representative from the program. Cost for camp is based on the total family gross income. Upon registration sponsors must have: current LES or pay stub; family care plan within 60 days from date of enrollment and a minimum of two local emergency contacts other than parents or guardians.

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VI	\$76,163—\$88,079	\$129.00	\$103.00
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VIII	\$103,623—\$129,572	\$138.00	\$110.00
IX	\$129,573+	\$142.00	\$114.00
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Children from the child development center at NAS JRB New Orleans visit the base commissary April 13 as part of a celebration on the Month of the Military Child to learn about healthy eating. Adults from left are Lisa Washington, from the NAS JRB child development center (CDC); Joy Schaubhut from the Naval Branch Medical Center's health promotions office; Jazz the alligator; Victoria Lachney, commissary produce manager; and Chrishondra Stamps from the CDC.

This awareness month was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. There are approximately 2 million military children, ranging in ages from newborn to 18 years old; 1.3 million military children are school-aged. Care of military children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

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