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## NAS JRB NOLA Unaccompanied Housing Voted Tops

By Tammy Prine  
The Currents' Staff

From rows of cots in Quonset huts to today's dormitory-style rooms single military living has come a long way. About 400 junior enlisted members from the Navy, Army and Marine Corps call the unaccompanied housing (UH) at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans home and they all seem to love it.

As part of the Department of the Navy's continuous performance improvement effort, CEL & Associates, Inc., compiles customer satisfaction survey data every year from thousands of residents living in properties operated by the military. Since 1998, the A List Awards for cus-

tommer service excellence have been awarded in recognition of achieving a "Best In The Industry" rating for providing the highest level and quality of service.

And for 2014, the enlisted members voted the unaccompanied housing department at NAS JRB New Orleans one of the best earning a spot on the CEL A's Platinum A List. To earn this award, the installation must have a service satisfaction score of at least 94.3. Residents are surveyed on the facilities, management and customer service.

"I am very proud of all the work our staff here does for our single military members," said Lisa Kallio, housing installation program director at NAS JRB New Orleans.

"We have a great group of people from our UH man-



Unaccompanied housing staff and representatives are, center from left: Lisa Kallio, Cassandra Adams and Brittany Robert; back from left are Sgt. Jeremy Lacour, Charlie Brumfield, Ronell Kindell, Johnaton Louis, Ryan Toney, AMC Travis McMahan, lead RA and Staff Sgt. Jacob Rose. Photo by Tammy Prine

ager, Cassandra Adams, our building managers, resident assistants and everyone. We are setting a standard that we hope all barracks will emulate," she added.

Unaccompanied housing is perfect for young single mil-

itary members Kallio said. "We provide a safe and affordable location for the junior military members to live. With the high cost of rent in our area these men and

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## Sea Cadets Complete Petty Officer Leadership Academy

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

Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans hosted 20 U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from around the country June 14-20 for a petty officer leadership academy (POLA).

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a non-profit youth program for Americans ages 11 through the completion of high school. They are composed of more than 396 units in 46 states, Guam and Puerto Rico.

"The POLA is designed to teach basic leadership skills to enable cadets to be valuable assets to their home units," said Jennifer Burnette, a Sea Cadet instructor. "The course is required for cadets aspiring to achieve the rank of petty of-

ficer second class and for those intending on staffing recruit training or Navy League orientation. This one-week course teaches theoretical and practical aspects of leadership, both within Sea Cadets and beyond. Classroom lectures are balanced with indoor and outdoor team building activities, using of multimedia and practical exercises that allow cadets to practice their own leadership styles in a non-anxiety provoking atmosphere."

"We've been learning to become better leaders," said Cadet Maddie Onesti, from Woodstown, N. J. Onesti, 17, said she became interested in the Sea Cadets after seeing a division of cadets drill aboard a visit to USS New Jersey. "I joined the next week," she said.

"I am squad leader in my hometown and it's making



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from around the country show off their dress uniform during Petty Officer Leadership Academy held aboard NAS JRB New Orleans June 14-20. Photo by MCI John Hulle

me the best person I can be and a better leader," said Onesti, who plans to become a medical officer in the Navy.

According to the Sea Cadet website, they provide compelling, life-changing programs that instill the values of teamwork, discipline, camaraderie and service

through a passionate all-volunteer force and partnerships with the nation's armed forces.

"It's a great program. I used to be shy and hide in the corner. I really came out of my shell because of the sea cadets," said Onesti.

After enrolling in the pro-

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*From, Sam and Vicki Polo*

*Jerry Forstater, Norm Umholtz and Ashleigh Vasquez*



By Capt. Scott Gootee  
NAS JRB Commanding Officer

*The People's Vote*, co-sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration, invited Americans of all ages and educational backgrounds to rank 100 milestone documents drawn mainly from the holdings of the National Archives. Among the top ten documents: the Constitution of the United States, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Declaration of Independence, which was voted as the most influential document in U.S. history. Who has not read or heard the second sentence of the Declaration of Independence?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

It is clear that we, as Americans, hold our rights and freedoms — and the documents that proclaim and protect them — in very high regard. And while we each pledge an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, without the Declaration, a Constitution would not exist.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate 239 years of independence as a nation. My hope is you will safely enjoy this holiday and take time to reflect on our country's basic premises of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Independence from foreign energy sources is an ongoing endeavor in the United States and the Navy. The goal of the Navy Shore Energy Program is to reduce shore energy consumption by 50 percent and require production of at least 50 percent of shore based energy requirements from alternative sources. The workplace accounts for most of the energy use at Navy installations and it offers a unique opportu-



nity for people to make a significant impact on conservation by putting into practice some of the following energy saving actions:

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Finally, we are about 30 days into the 2015 hurricane season and have already seen Tropical Storm Ana and Tropical Storm Bill. Again, the time is now to make your plans for the possibility of destructive weather. Our own Fleet and Family Support Center has the tools and information to help you. They can also provide consultation and assistance with your individual/family plan, including information on special needs, impact on children, care of elderly parents, and evacuating pets. FFSC is there for you and your family — use them!

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# Staying Safe - The Adversary Is Watching

## The Currents' Staff

In today's environment of easy and anonymous access to personal information, it is more important than ever to do everything you can to keep yourself and your loved ones safe online. Recent events such as the posting of names and addresses of 100 service members on the Internet by the

terrorist group ISIS/ISIL have highlighted the very real risk of sharing personal information online.

The information ISIS/ISIL posted did not come from hacked databases or sophisticated computer intrusions, it came from publicly available information openly accessible on the Internet, on personal and official websites

ISIS/ISIL took advantage of what many other cyber crimi-

nals already know: that the World Wide Web can be a gold mine which produces nuggets of a wide variety of personal information. People often-times share more information than they realize and ISIS/ISIL has become very good at finding disparate data points, then connecting the dots for nefarious purposes. The lack of physical interaction gives individuals a false sense of security and provides the

impression that they are sharing the information only with friends, rather than everyone else online.

All military personnel and their families should be aware that what they and others share about them online could place them in jeopardy. Any information that identifies an affiliation with the Department of Defense could make personnel a potential target of terrorist groups or a lone wolf radical.

This includes pictures of service members in uniform, other military identifiable items, or posts about the U.S. military on personal social media sites.

Take time to develop good operational security practices with online identities and use of technology. Do not discuss mission-related activities or details online. Be mindful of the vulnerability of location services embedded in most social network platforms and camera apps which generate metadata that can be exploited to identify you and detect patterns and frequently visited locations. Disable or delete accounts no longer in use and take extreme care with how and to whom you provide your personally identifiable information.

NCIS has developed reference materials for Department of Navy personnel to use to ensure that they are not placing themselves at unnecessary risk. Local NCIS offices can provide commands with handouts and also provide briefings in conjunction with the NCIS crime reduction campaign. Information about physical security steps you can take can be found in the handout "NCIS Threat Management: Security Recommendations" available at <http://www.ncis.navy.mil>.

Additionally, the website, DOD.gov, provides the "Guide to Keeping your Social Media Accounts Secure." This downloadable PDF provides specific guidance on steps that can be taken to keep Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Flickr accounts safe, such as modifying specific security settings, creating secure passwords, and deleting old accounts.

Protecting yourself in the virtual world is just as important as protecting yourself in the physical world. The adversary is watching and there is a heightened need for continued awareness, vigilance, and reporting of suspicious activity. Remember, "If you see something, say something".

Report suspicious activity to your local NCIS office at 504-678-2257 or online at [NCIS.navy.mil](http://NCIS.navy.mil) or by calling the NCIS Hotline at 1-877-579-3648.

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# DECA Awards Scholarships to Military Children

By Tammy Prine  
The Currents' Staff

The Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) recently awarded scholarships to two Prairieville, La., students.

Morgan Miller, whose father Michael is a retired Louisiana Air National Guardsman, is a nursing student at Southeastern Louisiana University and received a \$2,000 scholarship. Also receiving a \$2,000 scholarship was Ian Perpeira, a Louisiana State University student studying chemical engineering, whose father retired from the U.S. Navy.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was

created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community.

Each year the scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active-duty, retirees, and Guard and Reserve members. Graduating high school seniors, as well as students currently enrolled in a four-year program, are eligible to apply.

The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation with funding by Kellogg's. Fisher House Foundation provides a "Home Away from Home" for the

families of hospital patients in crisis.

"Community involvement is what our New Orleans commissary is all about," said Clarence Harvey, DECA store director at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans.

"This scholarship program is one way we show we care about our families. The program is funded by local vendors and helps ease the burden of educating our military children."

This year's applicants submitted an essay on this topic: "Aside from service member deployments, what do you consider the greatest challenge military families face and why do you think this



Morgan Miller



Ian Pereira

issue creates difficulties? Given the authority, what policy changes would you make to resolve this problem?" The independent scholarship management company determined awards based on overall application, including grades, community involvement and many

other factors. The scholarship provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other related expenses.

A complete list of rules and deadlines and of all 2015 winners can be found here: <http://www.militaryscholar.org/sfmc/winners15.html>.

## Preventing Identity Theft - Protect Your Financial Future

### Defense Media Activity

The recent breach of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) personnel record systems potentially impacts 4 million federal employees and has been in the news this week. In this digitally connected world it's more important than ever to know how to protect yourself from online identity theft that can lead to someone using your Social Security number or other personal information to open new accounts, make purchases, or get a tax refund.

Here are five things you can do to protect yourself:

1. Check all account information. Monitor it regularly and report immediately any suspicious or unusual activity to your bank

or financial institution.

2. Keep an eye on your credit report. Request a free credit report at <http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com> or by calling 1-877-322-8228. Consumers are entitled by law to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus - EquifaxR, ExperianR, and TransUnionR - for a total of three reports every year. Contact information for the credit bureaus can be found on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website, <http://www.ftc.gov>.

3. Verify who is asking for your information. Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about you, your employees, your colleagues or any other internal information. If an unknown individual claims to be

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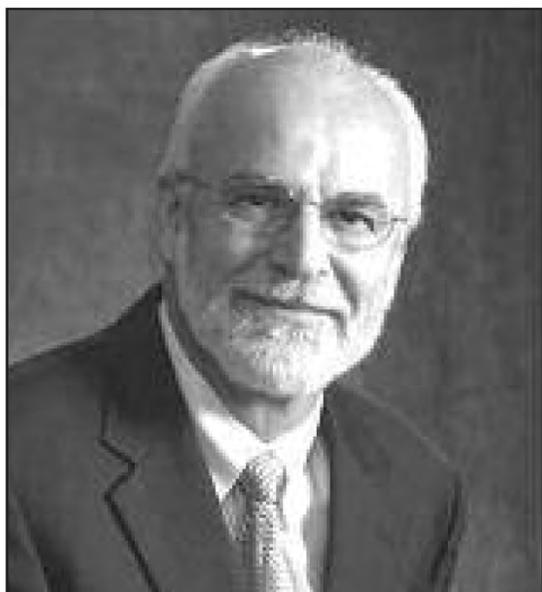
4. Stay vigilant online. Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information. This includes following links sent in email. Pay attention to the URL of a website. Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com vs. .net).

5. Keep your documents in a safe place. At home and when you are traveling it's important to only take what you need. Lock your wallet or purse in a safe place at work and limit what you carry with you. When you go out, take only the identification, credit, and debit cards you need.



The Teen and Youth Center aboard NAS JRB New Orleans held a health and nutrition class on June 17th. The children enjoyed making yogurt parfaits and eating them. For upcoming events for youth at NAS JRB call Dana at the center at 504-678-3310.

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# CNRSE Selects New Region and Command Ombudsman

By Mass Communication Specialist  
1st Class (SW/AW/EXW)  
Stacy D. Laseter  
**Navy Region Southeast  
Public Affairs**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Navy Region Southeast recently appointed Cherine Fleurant as the new Region and command ombudsman.

“We have selected the right person for the job,” said Rear Adm. Mary Jackson, Commander, Navy Region Southeast. “Mrs. Fleurant has a wealth of knowledge in the human services arena and has previously served as a command ombudsman. We are very fortunate to have such amazing volunteers, and she will be a great addition to our team. All of our installation tenant command ombudsmen in our Region can

look forward to her positive engagement and counsel.”

Keeping families informed about their Sailors’ commands is a vital role that Navy ombudsmen fill.

The ombudsman program began in 1970 when former Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)Adm. Elmo

Zumwalt Jr., realized communication between commands and the families of Sailors needed to be improved. In 2006, CNO Adm. Michael Mullen updated the instruction and made a requirement that all Navy families have access to an ombudsman. Fleet, force and region commanders appoint an ombudsman for their staff, who can advise the commander on fleet, force and region-wide matters.

“As a person in the field

of human services, I love the connection you have when you meet people,” Fleurant said. “When I help someone sort out something they need to know, it’s very rewarding. I like that part.”

Fleurant is a native of Marchand Dessalines, Haiti, and has been working in the human services field since 1991, assisting families with children and improving their quality of life. She has been married to Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Paolo Fleurant since August 1998. She served as the security detachment command ombudsman, as well as the base spouse coordinator and chairman of volunteers with the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society while with her husband at Naval Base Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

As an ombudsman, Fleurant serves as the link between command leadership and NRSE families at both the command and Region levels. She circulates information from throughout the chain of command to Sailors’ families, keeping them informed about command information, local quality of life improvement opportunities, and command climate issues.

“I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of the ombudsman,” Fleurant said. “I’m looking forward to meeting different people and I’m looking forward to learning more.”

An ombudsman is a volunteer and usually the spouse of a service member attached to the command.



**Cherine Fleurant,**  
**Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Region and command ombudsman**

Those who wish to apply for the position would do so when the command advertises for volunteers, or one can apply to be on a standby list for upcoming consideration when a position becomes vacant. Once selected to serve as ombudsman, the appointment is made in writing by the commanding officer.

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# Golfers Tee Off for Navy Ball 2015 Golf Tournament

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

The third annual Navy Ball Golf Tournament took place at Bayou Barrier Golf Course in Belle Chasse, La., June 19 to raise money for the upcoming Navy Ball.

There were prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, first, second and third prizes, plus a 50/50 raffle.

Seventy-two people turned out for the tournament. The tournament featured a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. In scramble tournament golf, each player hits a tee shot on each hole, but everyone plays from the spot of the best shot.

"This is our big fundraiser to help make the tickets more affordable for our young Sailors. In preparation for the tournament, we asked for sponsorship from on base groups and from local businesses to benefit the funding of the 240th Navy Birthday Ball, which will be held on October 17 at The National World War II Museum," said Chief Yeoman Virginia Sundermier, Navy Ball chairman.

"We are celebrating by honoring the men and women of the U.S. Navy and the Navy Birthday Ball. This year's Navy Ball theme, "100th Anniversary of the United States Navy Reserves", celebrates and honors this historic centennial milestone of our United States Navy Reserves and their importance to our community."

"This year we have more than 55 members on the committee and they did a great job getting sponsors," said Sundermier. This year the committee signed up 44 sponsors to help cover the cost of the tournament and the ball.

"This is my first command where I have seen a golf tournament as a Navy Ball fundraiser and it was absolutely incredible," said Sundermier. "Our big thanks go to everyone that came out to support the event and all the sponsors."



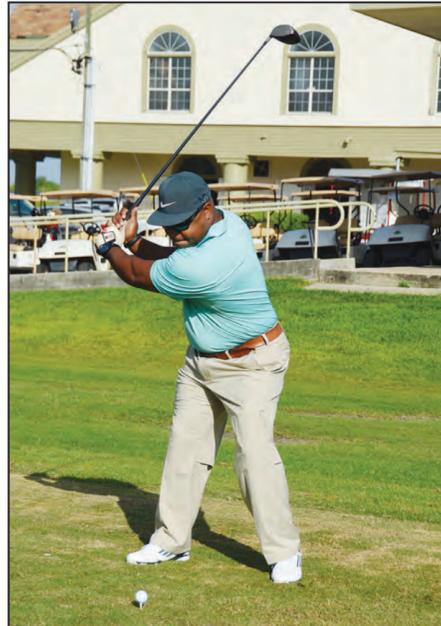
ET1 Alexander Vidmar and AC1 Wesley Carter, both assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, on their way to the next hole.



Capt. Scott Gootee, left, commanding officer at NAS JRB New Orleans, presents LS2 Alexander Woodworth, assigned to Fleet Logistics Center, with an award for longest drive and closest to the pin.



MA1 Scott Brown, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, prepares his strategy for putting on the green.



Lt. Roggie Norman, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, prepares to send this golf ball skyward. This was the 3rd year the Navy ball committee organized a golf tournament to raise money.



ET1 Robert Raizor, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, follows through with his shot after teeing off. The Navy ball golf tournament had more than 70 participants.



MA1 Ronald Norris, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, does a celebratory dance after sinking a putt.



ET2 Aaron Beckwith tees off at Barrier Golf Course in Belle Chasse June 19.



ET2 Aaron Beckwith, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans, shows proper placement of the ball as at hole one during the Navy ball golf tournament.



ASC David Broddy and AOC Saul Ortiz, both assigned to FRC Mid-Atlantic Site New Orleans, zip by in a golf cart to their next hole. This year's tournament had 44 sponsors.



From left Steven Nelson, HMI Nicholas Trosclair, HMI Casey Osbey, and CSC Scott Henderson, all assigned to NOSC New Orleans, pose for a group photo. Photos by MCI John Hulle

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# Sailors Volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank

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

Amid stacks of boxes and donated food, 14 Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank in New Orleans June 15.

Second Harvest's mission is to end hunger in South Louisiana by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. They provide nearly 23 million meals to 210,000 individuals annually.

"We had a great opportunity to get together as a group and help out the community and an awesome opportunity for our team to build a little comradery and have a little fun," said

Electronic Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class Patrick Dickey, assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans.

According to their website, Second Harvest represents the largest charitable anti-hunger network in Louisiana, and offers a variety of distribution methods in order to reach as many households in need as possible. One in six households in Louisiana is at risk of hunger and the solution requires a tremendous community effort. Non-profit and faith-based food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other partner organizations located in neighborhoods throughout South Louisiana depend on us to supply food and grocery products year round.

Master-at-Arms 1<sup>st</sup> Class Roger Price, assigned to NAS JRB's security department, organized the volunteering event.

He said "not only are the staff members at Second Harvest very appreciative but so are the children, schools, churches, senior citizens and everyone else that receive the goods from Second Harvest."

The volunteers spent the afternoon sorting donated food, weighing and packaging it so it was ready to be given to a family in need. Volunteers said the time was enjoyable due to the amount of volunteers and knowing their time was spent contributing to helping out the local community.

Electronic Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Aaron Beckwith said, "It was fantastic. It was nice because we had a lot of people volunteering so it went very smooth. This community is very good about supporting us, so to turn around and help the community felt good."



Sailors assigned to NAS JRB New Orleans sort, weigh and box donated food at Second Harvest Food Bank in New Orleans June 15. Fourteen Sailors spent the afternoon volunteering at the food bank, which provides households in need in Louisiana with sustenance. From left clockwise: MAI Roger Price, MAI Eric Milton, ACI John Wood, MAI Roger Price, MAI Eric Milton, ETI Robert Raizor, ET2 Aaron Beckwith, ACI Leonor Ortégacruz, YNI Kim Ahearn and ETI Samuel Turner.

Photo by MCI John Hulle

# Navy Bringing OPSEC Into The Future

By April Grant  
Office of the  
Chief of Information

WASHINGTON (NNS) — With continuous advances in technology and unlimited access to information, the Naval OPSEC Support Team (NOST) is putting forth an effort to bring Operations Security, or OPSEC, standards into the 21st Century U.S. Navy.

OPSEC, as a methodology was developed during the Vietnam War to determine how the

enemy was able to obtain advanced information on military operations.

Under that idea Admiral Ulysses Sharp, then Commander-in-chief, Pacific, established the "Purple Dragon" team which conceived of and utilized the methodology of "Thinking like the wolf," or looking at your own organization from an adversarial viewpoint.

Since, the OPSEC systematic process, has proven to be successful in identifying, controlling and protecting gener-

ally sensitive but unclassified information by mitigating the adversary's ability to compromise a mission, operation or activity.

As a whole, OPSEC works through proper understanding of each of the five steps within the OPSEC process:

1. Identify critical information. The information you have that could assist an adversary in any way.

2. Analyze the threat to that information. Does an adversary have the capability to collect or use the information, and

if so, how?

3. Analyze the vulnerabilities. How is the critical information relayed in the course of your daily duties and how is it protected?

4. Assess the risk. How likely is it that the information could be compromised?

5. Develop countermeasures. What can you do to protect the information from being disclosed?

NOST wants to stress the fact that everyone, including service members and family members, have a duty to protect your com-

mand, your shipmates and your family by always maintaining operations security. So the next time you send your friends a comment or post a tweet, think about who else may be seeing it.

Each month NOST will be sharing new resources on different OPSEC topics. You can also visit the Navy.mil graphics gallery, [http://www.navy.mil/view\\_ggphotos.asp](http://www.navy.mil/view_ggphotos.asp) to find more resources.

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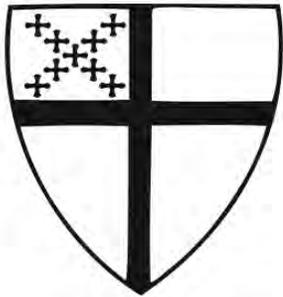
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# La. Guard Responds to Red River Flooding Event

By Staff Sgt. Denis B. Ricou  
**Louisiana National Guard  
Public Affairs Office**

The Louisiana National Guard, as directed by Governor Bobby Jindal, ramped up its flood response efforts in Northwest Louisiana last month assisting local, parish and state emergency officials.

Guard members raced the clock helping parish officials protect a community near the Clyde Fant Pkwy. and Jimmy Davis Hwy. in Shreveport, La., while combatting flood waters from the Red River.

In order to help combat the flood waters and protect communities, Louisiana Guardsmen hauled assets and positioned teams to potentially affected areas. The Red River crested at the highest level in 70 years.

Engineer teams worked non-stop on the construction of an 800 linear foot HESCO barrier, consisting of two rows on the bottom and one row on the top totaling 2,400 linear feet, to fortify a concrete wall.

The LANG repositioned more than 255,000 sandbags from state warehouses to six parishes supporting parish



**Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) James Serio, a Louisiana State Guard warehouse manager, stages pallets of water at Camp Villere in Slidell, La., June 5. The water and other supplies were transported by the Louisiana National Guard to Northwest Louisiana in response to flooding along the Red River.**

*Photos by Spc. Joshua Barnett,  
Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs*

flood fighting preparations and hauled about 200,000 bottles of water to Northwest Louisiana to back up the drinking water supply. They also deployed a liaison officer team to assist Caddo Parish, two engineer assessment teams to help assist Bossier and Caddo Parish personnel in improving protection measures at sewage and water plants, and a team to coordinate with state officials on a response plan to support possible evacuations from the Veterans

Home in Bossier City, La.

The LANG also positioned approximately 20 high-water vehicles and 13 boats in the vicinity of Caddo and Bossier Parishes to help respond for integrated search and rescue missions.

Louisiana's Guardsmen are trained, ready and equipped to stand up at any moment to protect lives and property, maintain communications, and ensure the continuity of operations and government.



**Louisiana National Guardsmen with the 527th Engineer Battalion construct 800 linear feet of HESCO barriers, consisting of two rows on the bottom and one row on the top totaling 2,400 linear feet, to fortify a concrete wall located at Clyde Fant Parkway and Jimmy Davis Highway in Shreveport, La., June 7, 2015.**



**Two Louisiana Army National Guardsmen rig a 5,700 lb. pump to a sling before having it hauled by a LANG Black Hawk helicopter to the Caddo Parish Lift Station in Shreveport, Louisiana, to assist local and state officials in the flood-fighting response. The station services an estimated 20,000 citizens in the local community.**

## Housing: *continued from Page 1*

women would have trouble affording something out in the community."

But living in the base's UH facilities doesn't mean just having a place to sleep. At NAS JRB there is so much more.

"We have a resident advisors (RA) program that is top of the line," said Adams. "Our 14 RAs are senior enlisted members who volunteer to live here with the junior enlisted members.

They serve as mentors to E-1 through E-3 service members and help make sure they have what they need to keep them ready to do their job."

Up until a couple of years ago the UH program fell under Navy Gateway Inns and Suites but is now a part of the Navy housing program.

The unaccompanied housing staff works with the base's Liberty Center, for single military

members 18-25 years old, to help come up with activities for the single service members. Most recently was the crawfish boil and fun day at the center. For Christmas last year Kallio hosted an Angel Tree program for barracks residents who couldn't go home to family during the holidays and says she's working on plans for the 2015 end-of-year holiday season.

The office hours for the UH

staff are 6 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and staff members take calls as needed on the weekend Adams said. "We mostly see our residents before and after their duty day. Whether they are stopping in with problems, questions or just need someone to talk to, we are here for them."

Navy Housing considers customer satisfaction an essential element of an effectively man-

aged housing program and uses surveys to measure customer satisfaction with housing assets, community amenities and housing services. Other installations earning a spot on the A list included NAS Meridian, Naval Support Activity Mid-south and NAS Pensacola.

For more information about Navy Housing visit <http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/ffr/housing.html>.

## Leadership Academy: *continued from Page 1*

gram, all Sea Cadets must attend a mandatory two-week recruit training session. These training sessions are taught all-around the country. Cadets receive 106 hours of instruction with a focus on the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

After graduation Sea Cadets choose from a wide variety of

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This was 16-year-old Cadet Collin Mendoza's fourth training with the corps. Other trainings included merchant marine operations and master-at-arms academy. A Houston resident, he said he enjoys the opportunity to attend a variety of activities the Sea Cadets

provides including Seabee and Seal challenges, ship visits and field operations.

"I love it. It's really interesting to me," he said. "I wish I could do them all."

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# Life's Great Gifts Come Through Sacrifice

By Lt. Solomon Lloyd  
**NAS JRB Chaplain**



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On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill. On same date in 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg began during the American Civil War. The Allied invasion of Italy commenced on July 8, 1943 and Mussolini was deposed just two weeks after the attack on Sicily on July 25, 1943.

President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Acts on

July 2, 1964 and the world's first international overseas airplane flight was achieved by Louis Bleriot on July 25, 1909. These are few of the many historical moments in July.

Of the many historical moments in July, it is important to note that when members of the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence, on July 4,

1776, it made America a free nation and became one of the most important days in world history. The United States has emerged as the most powerful nation the world has ever known. It infused into our culture most of what we have come to believe and value: our noblest ideals and highest aspirations—our beliefs in liberty, equality, and individual rights, including the right of every person to pursue happiness.

When we as Americans look through the pages of history, we are reminded that our National Day came with tremendous sacrifices. Today Americans are serving abroad making sacri-

fices to confront the formidable forces smashing at the ideals that America holds dearly and for which we would gladly give our lives. Our freedom is built upon the foundation of sacrifice.

History has proved time and time again, every great gift has come through sacrifice. God made a sacrifice through Jesus Christ for the salvation of all mankind. The followers of Christ endured suffering, persecutions and made all kinds of sacrifices for others to hear and know about the love, grace and mercy of God. Our Armed Forces continue to make sacrifices so that we can enjoy our God given freedom and exercise

our rights to pursue happiness.

When you are faced with stress and trial do not be discouraged because all is not lost; God's gift of love is available. Bear in mind that the sacrifice God made for you and all of humankind shall find you in your situation if you believe. God will increase your faith and hope that will give you courage to go on in the midst of the rush, roar and the devastation of things.

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