



Ellison Recreation Center Reopens



Left: Capt. Stephen Fimple, Naval Support Activity Mid-South commanding officer, and NSA Mid-South Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department personnel prepare to cut the ribbon at the grand re-opening of the Ellison Recreation Center. **Above:** Guests mingle and enjoy refreshments at the grand re-opening of the Ellison Recreation Center. (Photos by MCI William Jamieson)

By MCI William Jamieson
The Bluejacket

The Naval Support Activity Mid-South (NSAMS) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department held a grand re-opening for the Ellison Recreation Center June 13.

The Ellison Recreation Center had been undergoing renovations including new carpeting, heating and cooling units and consolidated spaces for the offices of Navy Getaway, and Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT).

Before the ribbon cutting for the new facility, Capt. Stephen

Fimple, commanding officer of NSAMS said the upgrades were going to provide a significant improvement to the recreation center.

"The renovations that have taken place on our recreation center are going to truly improve the quality of the facility, with by bringing over Navy Getaway and ITT there will be a lot more going on inside," said Fimple. "This was a good space before, but now it is a great space. This is going to treat NSA Mid-South residents and visitors well into the future."

The Ellison Recreation Center is the home of the NSAMS Single

Sailor program and is a place Sailors can relax and enjoy themselves. Some of the features of the Ellison Recreation Center include pool tables, X-Box and Playstation rentals, a TV lounge, reading room and movie theater.

Ronnie Miles, MWR director, said the Public Works department had done a fantastic job with the renovations.

"Our Public Works department did a wonderful job redesigning the interior of our recreation center, giving it a real home feel," said Miles. "We are happy to have you here and invite you all to come in and enjoy the new facilities."

After the ribbon cutting, guests were invited inside to look around and enjoy refreshments.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department at Naval Support Activity Mid-South (NSA Mid-South) provides Navy personnel (including active duty and retired military, reservists, Department of Defense (DoD) employees and family members) with a varied program of whole-sure and constructive off-duty leisure activities that contribute to their quality of life while stationed at Naval Support Activity Mid-South.

The MWR Department offers

an abundance of recreational opportunities through its many wonderful facilities: fitness centers, outdoor swimming pool, movie theater, do-it-yourself car repair facility, golf course, conference center, riding stables, picnic areas, RV parks ticket/travel office, rental center, enlisted sailor program/facility, youth and family recreation centers, food and beverage facilities, child care centers and much more!

In addition, the MWR Department hosts concerts by internationally known entertainers and community festivals that provide seasonal family entertainment.

Life on NSA

NSA Mid-South Sailors Participate in Shelby Scholars Summer Institute

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More than 40 Sailors stationed aboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South have been lending a helping hand to young scholars at the Shelby Scholars Summer Institute (SSSI) June 10 - June 21.

SSSI is a two week intensive program for Shelby County Schools' 6th and 7th grade students which focus on disaster preparedness through the study and practical application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Since 2010, SSSI and the U.S. Navy have been partners in providing training and real life experience for children enrolled in the programs which use Office of Naval Research generated scenarios and exercises.

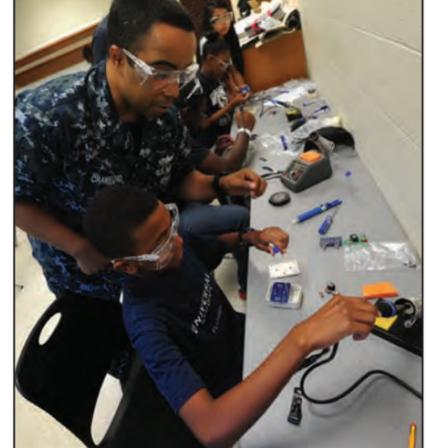
Program coordinator, Dedric McGhee said the partnership had been a natural fit.

"We are trying to teach our students about the value of STEM fields and our Navy volunteers are perfect examples of their real world applicability," said McGhee. "The last few years we've used incidents such as the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan as our scenarios and we have Navy personnel here who were actually part of the relief efforts. It is a wonderful fit for us and we are truly happy to have our Navy volunteers here."

More than 250 students are participating in the program and Some of the activities the children participate include building underwater remote operated vehicles, bridge construction and medical training.

Navy program lead, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW/FMF) Benjamin Heverly said there support he had received from Sailors on base had been overwhelming.

"Our Sailors love to come out and help with efforts like this that provide mentorship and learning opportunities for the children in our community," said Heverly. "We are trained, in the Navy, to be motivators, leaders and mentors every day, and we have the benefit of real life experience using the types of skills these kids are learning. That really helps us get through to them, which is important because we need them to learn how to be problem



Above: Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) David Crawford helps a student solder his remote operating vehicle circuit board during the Shelby Scholars Summer Initiative program at the University of Memphis. **Top Left:** Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW) Kirk Killian helps a student with bridge construction during the Shelby Scholars Summer Initiative program at the University of Memphis. **Bottom Left:** Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW/FMF) Benjamin Heverly and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/SCW) Brian Riordan conduct first responder training during the Shelby Scholars Summer Initiative program at the University of Memphis. (Photos by MCI William Jamieson)



solvers and build that knowledge they are going to need to be our leaders for the future."

At the end of the program, the students will have the opportunity to display and demonstrate the projects they have been working on.

Navy volunteer Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/SCW) Brian Riordan said he really enjoyed getting to see how creative and intelligent the kids attending the program were.

"I really enjoyed interacting with the kids and getting to know them," said Riordan. "Part of being a good citizen is helping to insure the children in our community are succeeding. This was a fun opportunity to be a part of that."



BANG! The annual fireworks show is a go July 3!

The waiver request for Flag City Freedom Celebration has been approved!

Plans are in place. Contracts are signed. Naval Support Activity is partnering with the City of Millington to celebrate our country's birthday with a BANG! Residents from all over join us at Navy Lake July 3 for great live music, conces-

sions, kids' activities, and the best fireworks show in the Mid-South! Our annual festival is open to the public. Location: Navy Lake (6234 Kerr-Rosemark Road Millington, TN 38053.) Cost: Gate fee \$5 per vehicle. The Gate opens at 5 p.m.

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Presented by: Naval Support Activity Mid-South and the City of

Millington.

- . The Gate opens at 5 p.m.
- . Activities start at 5 p.m.
- . Spectacular Fireworks Show.
- . Children's Play Area.
- . Live band performances: Navy Band and The Dallas Cole Band.
- . Do: bring picnic baskets, blankets, coolers and lawn chairs.
- . Don'ts: No pets, No fireworks,

No open fires, No grills, No tents, No soliciting and No political campaigning.
. Food and beverage concessions will be available.
. Alcohol will be sold.
. Anticipating 15,000 spectators.
. Audience will include over 5,000 military personnel and their family members.

Getting Ready to Move Out?

THINGS TO KNOW WHEN MOVING OUT OF A RENTAL

By Region Legal Service Office Midwest

Moving out of your home can be a stressful time, especially if you are moving to a different region. With all of the packing and errands it can be easy to miss a few things during the move-out process. The following is a list of some of the things you should think about before moving out of your apartment or rental home.

1. Review the lease and provide plenty of notice of your intent to move out at the end of the lease term. Review your lease as soon as you begin thinking about moving out. Pay special attention to the lease termination provisions. Your lease should tell you how, when, and where to provide notice of termination. Make sure that you follow all lease requirements because delayed notice could make you liable for additional rent. If your lease is for a specific period of time (e.g., one year) and it's expiring, you might not have to tell your landlord that you're leaving. However, it's a good idea to inform them anyway so that your landlord has plenty of notice, which will establish good will with them thereby increasing the chances that your landlord will not try to reduce your security deposit with nickel-and-dime deductions.

Remember, under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA), you might be able to end your lease early if you have PCS orders out of the area, deploy for 90 or more days, or separate from active duty service. To end the lease early under this law, you will need to provide the landlord with written notice – preferably signed and dated – along

with a copy of your military orders. Notice will need to be provided either in person to the landlord, through certified mail, or by a commercial carrier such as FedEx or UPS. After receiving proper notice, the lease terminates 30 days after the next date the rent is due.

2. Identify any damage to the premises. Review your move-in inspection and compare it against the present condition of the premises. If there are damages above "normal wear and tear," you will likely be liable for the cost of repairs, which will be deducted from your security deposit. Check your lease to see whether you can make repairs. If so, you may save money by fixing minor damage (such as a carpet stain or marks on the wall) yourself. It's usually best not to attempt major repairs, and never make major repairs without first consulting with the landlord.

3. Schedule your household goods pick-up early if you are going to PCS. If you are going to PCS out of the area, be sure to visit www.move.mil at least six to eight weeks in advance in order to ensure you have plenty of time to have the movers pick up your belongings. This is particularly important during the summer months, which is the busiest time of year for moving. If you are moving locally – from one apartment to another in the same city – you will still want to think ahead because moving vans can sometimes be hard to rent on short notice.

4. Get your place inspection ready. Get your rental home "inspection ready" when you move out. This will maximize the amount of the security deposit you get back after you leave. Remember to clean the stove, refrigerator, and

bath tub, wash dirty walls and windows, vacuum carpets, and remove trash before moving out – these are often overlooked and an easy way for the landlord to deduct from your security deposit. Also check the lease to determine whether you are required to hire a professional to shampoo the carpets. Cleaning the apartment gives the impression you have taken care of the premises, makes it easier for the landlord to rent to new tenants, and generally builds up good will with the landlord. You may even be able to negotiate a waiver of any clean-up fee contained in the lease.

5. Move-out inspection. An accurate move-out inspection is a must to prevent wrongful withholding of security deposits. After removing all your possessions, walk through the apartment with your landlord, and ensure that any claims of damage are documented on the inventory. Both parties should date and sign the inventory. Take pictures of the premises, especially if you disagree with the landlord's damage assessment. In that case, you should also consider asking a friend or co-worker that is remaining in the area and would be willing to testify to the condition of the property at the time of your move-out to come over and walk through the property as well.

6. Security deposit. If your deposit exceeds the damages, try to get the landlord to return the deposit before you transfer. If that doesn't work, request a return of the deposit in writing and provide an accurate forwarding address. Under Tennessee law, a landlord will send a notice to you as to the amount of the security deposit I owed back to you. You will have 60 days to respond and if

you do not respond the landlord is entitled to keep security deposit.

Remember, the security deposit is not the same as your last month's rent. Some leases require final month's rent, while others do not – just know that the security deposit is not the same thing as final month's rent. Failure to pay the final month's rent could result in the landlord evicting you from the apartment during your last month there. Then the landlord could come after you in court, after you've left, for any damages above normal wear and tear.

7. Cancellation of utility, telephone, and cable bills. Make sure to call the utility, telephone, and cable companies to have service stopped or transferred to your new residence. Be sure to provide a forwarding address so that the final bill can be sent to your new home – all too often a tenant's final cable or electric bill ends up at with a debt collection agency because the bill went unpaid. Be proactive – and avoid the headache – by setting up a forwarding address to receive the last bills from your old place. You should also check in with the company a few weeks after you've moved out to make sure you have a zero balance with them – it is easier to prevent something from going to a debt collection agency than it is to get it out of debt collections.

8. Update your address to avoid ID theft. Make sure that the post office and your family knows of your change of address to ensure that important mail or notices are sent to you at your new location. You'll also want update your address with your bank, cell phone company, any magazine

subscriptions, and your car and renter's insurance. If you don't update these items your mail might still end up at your old address, making you vulnerable to identity theft.

9. Round up all the keys to the apartment. Don't forget to gather all the keys, garage openers, mail room key, gate access fobs, and the like, to your apartment building or rental home; there is usually a penalty for failing to return all of the keys that were issued to you.

Legal Assistance Attorneys are available to help

Moving out of your rental home can be a hectic and stressful time for you and your family. Fortunately, if you have any questions about the above matters or the lease you are looking to sign, you may make an appointment to review your lease or lease pro-

visions with one of the attorneys at the Legal Assistance Office. The Legal Assistance Office is located on the first floor of Building 456 and the hours are 0730-1630 Monday through Friday and can be reached at (901) 874-7379.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mid-South Commissary Tour by a registered Dietitian- dates are available upon request. Go on a free 90-minute interactive tour of the DeCA commissary with a registered dietitian for inside tips on how to identify tasty, healthful food choices and discover popular food and marketing trends. To register call 874-6178.

The Information, Tickets and Travel office (ITT) and, Navy Getaways has moved into the newly renovated Ellison Family Recreation Center (Bldg. S-499 | 5671 McCain St.) Our hours of operation are Monday - Friday 11 am - 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 2-9 pm and holidays 2-7 pm. Date for our grand opening remains to be announced. Updates to this information will be available online at www.facebook.com/MillingtonITT.

Domestic Violence Awareness-The Memphis NCIS office is currently offering Domestic Violence Awareness Briefings for NSA Mid-South Commands. Interested Units and Commands should contact NCIS agent Chad Willie at 901-874-5387 to schedule a briefing.

Insider Threat Counter Intelligence Briefing Opportunities-The Memphis NCIS office is currently delivering "Insider Threat" Counter-Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Briefings for NSA Mid-South Commands. Interested Units and Commands should contact Deborah Cross at 901-874-5387 to schedule a briefing by an NCIS Special Agent.

Tobacco Cessation Classes- (TBD) Monthly at Naval Branch Health Clinic. If you are unable to attend a class, individual appointments are also available. Call Beth McKinzie RN, CDE Health Promotion/Education at 874-6178 to register.

Child abuse and Exploitation Briefings- NSA NCIS office. Interested Units and Commands should contact Deborah Cross at 901-874-5387 to schedule a briefing by NCIS Special Agent Chad Willie.

The Rock- A teen bible study, every Sunday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a FREE, basic religious instruction for the military teen. Free food and drinks provided. Join us for a fun and informative time at the NSA Mid-South Chapel Center. Please call 874-5341/7232 for more information.

Hands Only CPR Class -One quarter of Americans say they've been in a situation where someone needed CPR. If you were one of them, would you know what to do? Studies have shown that being trained in hands-only CPR can make the lifesaving difference when someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest. If you are interested in completing this fifteen-minute manikin hands-on training, contact Clif Oliver at 874-5398 to sign up for an upcoming class. Groups of six or more can request the training be brought to their worksite on base.

At Eagle's Peak... We'll have your food ready and at your table in a jiffy! Give us 24 hours notice and we will give you ...our Speedy Southern hospitality group service! To reserve tables and/or place an order for your group call 874-5415/5372 or send email to marybalzell@navy.mil.

At Eagle's Peak... Every Friday 4-6 p.m. join us for Happy Hour. Come in for food, drinks and friendly conversation! For more information call 874-5415/5372 or send email to marybalzell@navy.mil.

Every Friday in May - Concerts by the Green Concerts by the Green is a series of free concert events held every Friday in May 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glen Eagle Golf

Course. Admission is free and event is open to public. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Picnic baskets will be allowed, no coolers please. Family friendly area will feature bouncy castle. For more information call 874-5168.

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Every Friday - Trivia Night at Eagles Peak.

Trivia night 7 - 9 p.m. Every Friday Night Team sign ups start at 7 p.m. (Teams 4-6 people.) Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Grill open 6:30 - 9 p.m. Call 901) 874-5415 for more information.

Every Wednesday and Thursday - Free Yoga Class

If you can breathe, you can do Yoga. Free Coed Lunch Break Yoga class will be held Wednesdays and Thursdays at Joe Dugger Fitness and Sports Complex. For more information call 874-5497 or visit www.facebook.com/933Yoga.

Every Thursday - The NSA Mid-South Toastmaster Club Meeting

The NSA Mid-South Toastmaster Club can help you: 1) become a better speaker and presenter, 2) communicate with more confidence, 3) develop better leadership skills, and 4) listen more effectively. All military and civilians are invited to be guests at our weekly meetings held Thursdays, 1135-1235, Whitten Bldg (791), Rm B102. For more information on the benefits of joining Toastmasters, please contact Julieanna Walker at 901-874-6898 or Julieanna.walker@navy.mil.

JDFC 12 week Fitness Challenge!

Join the Joe Dugger Fitness and Sports Complex 12 week Fitness Challenge! Reaffirm your commitment to working out and staying fit.

Registrations accepted Jan. 21 - Feb. 3. Registrations fee \$5 per person. Call (901) 874-5497 for more information.

The NSA Mid-South Splash Park is open for the 2013 summer season.

The NSA Mid-South Splash Park is open 7 days a week 6 a.m. until sunset. The Splash Park provides the families of the NSA Mid-South community a place to gather and relax while children of all ages enjoy the water based activity during the hot summer days we experience here in the Mid-South. Splash Park is located near the baseball field just off Singleton Avenue.

Watercolor 101 with Barrie Foster

Barrie Foster, a nationally award winning artist, will be teaching beginning adult (age 13 and older) watercolor classes at the Ellison Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ellison Family Recreation Center (Bldg. S-499 / 5671 McCain St.) No previous art experience necessary and no drawing! The class will explore all aspects of watercolor while having lots of fun! The cost of the 5 week course is \$60, payable to ITT Office in advance. Classes will be held: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesdays (May 15, May 22, May 29, June 19, and June 26.) Class Updates to this information will be available online at <http://www.facebook.com/MillingtonITT>.

17-21 June - NSA Mid-South Chapel Vacation Bible School - from 6pm - 8pm

Thursday, June 20 - The Junie B. Jones(r) Stupid Smelly Bus Tour

will be visiting NSA Mid-South! Brought to you by your NEX, celebrate 10 years of the Stupid Smelly Bus Tour with her 20 Jun 13 at 1000 at the Mid-South Conference Center. For more information, call 901-872-5756.

Saturday, June 22 - Homebuyer Education Class - 9am- 5pm - Location 2750 Colony Park Dr. For more info contact Sharon Walker -901-272-1122

Friday, June 28 - Mongolian BBQ dinner Mongolian BBQ dinner special served Friday, June 28, 5 - 7:30 p.m. at the Helmsman Complex

(bldg. S-760 | 7611 Singleton Ave.) Menu includes an array of meats, vegetables and sauces cooked to your liking served with rice and rolls. Choose ... turkey, pork, beef, shrimp, green cabbage, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, celery, red/green and white onions, bamboo shoots, snow peas, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple and jalapeno peppers. Cost: 85 cents per oz. Call (901) 874-5132 for more information.

Friday, June 28 - "Concerts by the Green" "Concerts by the Green" is a series of free

concert events held every Friday in May 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glen Eagle Golf Course. Admission is free and event is open to public. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Food and beverage items will be available for purchase. Picnic baskets will be allowed, no coolers please. Family friendly area will feature bouncy castle.

June 28 - "Concerts by the Green" - The Flying Monkeys (7 - 9 p.m.)

For more information call 874-5168.

Wednesday, July 3 - Flag City Freedom Celebration Waiver request for Flag

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Chaplain's Compass

Seven Checkpoints

By Chaplain Dave Mowbray
NSA Mid-South Chaplain

A few years ago, Pastor Andy Stanley wrote a book for Christian youth ministers called "The Seven Checkpoints." These are seven things that should be evident in the lives of those who follow Christ. Last week I wrote about "authentic faith" which means having a heart-felt belief God can be trusted to do all He has promised to do. This week I will look at what Pastor Stanley calls "spiritual disciplines."

"Spiritual disciplines" is how we as believers learn to see things through God's eyes. For Christians, this doesn't just mean "joining a church," praying a prayer, or even "getting religion," as folks in the South like to say. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12 that the real mark of a believer is not so much the outside activi-

ties, but the INSIDE change of heart; allowing God to transform us by what Paul calls the "renewing of our minds."

The New Living Translation says it this way: "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and perfect and pleasing." (Romans 12:2)

A huge part of this change involves filtering the things of this world through God's truth. But how do we know what that truth is?

God gives each believer a measure of his Holy Spirit, which is a spirit of understanding, but God also wants us to be trained (what the church calls discipleship) through the study of Scripture. Replacing the incorrect

things we have been taught or adapted culturally with the truth of God. As Stanley says, "We will never have transformed lives until we have transformed minds."

Sometimes there are things we need to let go of as we embrace the better things God has to offer. Sometimes we need the peace of solitude; to get away from the everyday and find a quiet place—not just to talk to God, but to allow God to talk to us through the Bible or through a period of quiet reflection. I call it solitude with a purpose. In the New Testament we see Jesus doing this on many occasions!

Memorizing Scripture is another act of spiritual

discipline; hiding God's Word in my heart. Others keep a spiritual journal as well. All these things can have the desired effect of opening our eyes to seeing as God sees.

How do I know if I am on the right track toward "transforming my mind?" Here are some things we need to ask ourselves: What consumes my thoughts? What steals my focus from God and his Word? What seems to be the master of my

life? We must attack our trials, temptations, and even our fears with the truth of the Word of God. But life is never just about conquering the "negatives." It's really about moving on from there, transforming our minds and lives so we

can have victory and peace today, as we look forward to the hope we have tomorrow!

- Name that Tune:**
- 1) "A big, big yard, where we can play football (touchdown)..."
 - 2) "Waves of mercy, waves of grace..."
 - 3) "When the music fades, and all is swept away..."
 - 4) "Long as I remember, rain been falling down..."
 - 5) "I love my sunny day, dream of far away..."

What's Happening:
Vacation Bible School
Thanks to all the kids that participated in our chapel's Vacation Bible School this week! Also, a special thanks to all our adults and teenagers that helped make our program a success!

You're Invited!
There are many places

of worship in the Millington and Memphis area. Make plans to attend and plug into the great community of faith here in the Mid-South. If you have questions about what is available, please call Chaps at 874-5344.

You are always welcome to visit our interfaith service at the base chapel at 1000 each Sunday morning!

- Answers to Name That Tune:**
- 1) Big House - Audio Adrenaline - Contemporary Christian Song
 - 2) Every Move I Make - Praise Song
 - 3) The Heart of Worship - Praise Song
 - 4) Who'll Stop the Rain - Creedence Clearwater Revival - Classic Rock
 - 5) Magic - Pilot - Classic Rock

Putting the "Who" Into It

In California, a 31-year-old O-3 was driving his home from an extended session at a local bar. It was 3:55 a.m. He came to a sharp left turn, followed by a sharp right turn.

Here's how the mishap report described what happened next: the Ford Explorer he was driving "failed to follow the roadway, crossed over to opposite left lane and struck the guardrail."

No. The Ford didn't fail to do anything. It was operating just fine. It started when he had stabbed his key into the ignition, and it had moved forward when he put it in gear and stepped on the gas.

All of the failures leading up to the wreck were human.

The driver failed to stop drinking when he'd had a reasonable amount. He failed to call a cab when his BAC was 0.151. He failed to realize that trying to drive home was the worst idea he'd had in a long time.

When he got to the curve, he failed to slow down. And then he failed to keep control of his vehicle, which, by the way, skidded along the guardrail, flipped over the guardrail, and then rolled down into some woods.

The only good thing was that he hadn't been too drunk to forget his seatbelt.

He ended up with severe trauma to his head and a concussion.

Here's another example, a civilian woodworker who had just finished using a nail gun. "He laid the gun down with the nailing end pointing towards him," the mishap report said. "It went off, shooting a nail

through the index finger of his left hand."

"It went off"? Is that what those things do? Doesn't that make them a little hard to use, not to mention dangerous, being so inherently unpredictable? On the last nail gun I

used, you had to make it go off by pressing a trigger.

Back in the day, especially around aviation maintainers, you always heard about "Murphy's Law," which, in its original and purest form, was this: "If it is possible to install a part two different ways, and one way in right and the other is wrong, sooner or later someone will install it wrong." This law said a lot about human error and the need for QA.

But through the years, the law got bastardized into something more on the order of "Bad stuff happens." It wasn't human error. It was bad luck, or being in the wrong place at the wrong time, or some other manifestation of malign destiny.

It reminds me of the report about a culinary specialist third class in Florida who was opening a can when he simultaneously, painfully and bloodily opened his thumb. "Member was a victim of circumstance," the report said.

Sorry, I don't buy it. You can't be a victim of

circumstances that you create, any more than that drunk O-3 was a victim of the circumstance of a sharp turn on a dark road.



OOOPS!

Clinic Corner

PTSD AWARENESS DAY

By Beth McKinzie

"Get a Handle on Things" - Military life presents a multitude of challenges to the member and to families. For most people, the challenges are successfully dealt with, but for others one problem can trigger another and more serious issues can develop.

To face challenges it is important to develop healthy mind and body techniques. It is also important to know when to ask for help. www.militaryhealth.org

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4	Single DoD and Dual DoD	11 July	LES and separation or divorce papers
5	DoD w/working spouse & DoD w/student spouse	16 July	LES; paystub; and proof of school enrollment
6	Active Duty w/non-working spouse	17 July	LES
7	DoD w/non-working spouse	18 July	LES
8	DoD Contractors	23 July	Paystub(s) & supporting documents, as necessary
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This week in Navy History

June 20
 1813 - Fifteen U.S. gunboats engage 3 British ships in Hampton Roads, VA
 1815 - Trials of Fulton I, built by Robert Fulton, are completed in New York. This ship would become the Navy's first steam-driven warship.
 1898 - U.S. forces occupied Guam, which became first colony of U.S. in the Pacific.
 1913 - First fatal accident in Naval Aviation, ENS W.D. Billingsley killed at Annapolis, MD
 1934 - Commander in Chief, Asiatic Fleet Admiral Frank Upham reports to CNO that based on analyses of Japanese radio traffic, "any attack by (Japan) would be made

without previous declaration of war or intentional warning."
 1944 - Battle of Philippine Sea ends with Japanese losing 2 aircraft carriers and hundreds of aircraft.
June 21
 1898 - USS Charleston captures island of Guam from Spain
 1945 - Okinawa declared secure after most costly naval campaign in history. U.S. had 30 ships sunk and 223 damaged, mostly from kamikaze attacks, with 5000 dead and 5000 wounded, while the Japanese lost 100,000 dead
June 22
 1807 - HMS Leopard attacks USS Chesapeake
 1865 - Confederate raider Shenandoah fires last shot of Civil

War in Bering Strait
 1884 - Navy relief expedition under CDR Winfield S. Schley rescues LT A.W. Greely, USA, and 6 others from Ellesmere Island, where they were marooned for 3 years on Arctic island.
 1898 - ADM Sampson begins amphibious landing near Santiago, Cuba
June 23
 1933 - Commissioning of USS Macon, Navy's last dirigible
 1961 - Navy's first major low frequency radio station commissioned at Cutler, ME
 1972 - Navy helicopter squadron aids flood-stricken residents in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, and Pittstown area of PA

June 24
 1833 - USS Constitution enters drydock at Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA, for overhaul. The ship was saved from scrapping after public support rallied to save the ship following publication of Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "Old Ironsides."
 1926 - Office of Assistant SecNav set up to foster naval aeronautics; aircraft building increased
 1948 - Berlin airlift initiated to offset the Soviet Union's blockade access of U.S., France, and Great Britain to their sectors of Berlin.
June 25
 1917 - Navy convoy of troopships carrying American Expeditionary Forces arrives in France

1950 - North Korea invades South Korea beginning Korean Conflict
June 26
 1884 - Congress authorizes commissioning of Naval Academy graduates as ensigns
 1918 - Marine brigade captures Belleau Wood
 1959 - Twenty-eight Naval vessels sail from Atlantic to Great Lakes, marking the formal opening of Saint Lawrence Seaway to seagoing ships.
 1962 - NAVFAC Cape Hatteras makes first Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) detection of a Soviet diesel submarine.
 1973 - Navy Task Force 78 completes minesweeping of North Vietnamese ports.



Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Donald Bradberry, command master chief at the NSA Mid-South Naval Branch Health Clinic and Hospitalman Deondre Frisson cut the cake as the oldest and youngest Sailors in attendance for the 115 Hospitalman Corps. birthday celebration at the NSA Mid-South Naval Branch Health Clinic.

(Photos by MCI William Jamieson)

Family Matters

Official Explains Tuition Assistance Quality Assurance Program

By Amaani Lyle
 American Forces Press Service

To increase stewardship and optimize service members' educational experiences, Defense Department officials have developed a multifaceted quality assurance program to improve tuition assistance, the assistant secretary of defense for readiness and force management said on Capitol Hill today.

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee, Frederick E. Vollrath said new policies will mandate that all participating institutions sign a memorandum of understanding requiring them to adhere to specific principles of excellence.

"This will help end fraudulent recruitment on our military installations ... address other predatory practices by bad academic actors and provide students with personalized, standardized forms outlining costs, financial aid and outcome measures," Vollrath said.

The memorandum also requires that military students have access to a streamlined tool to compare educational institutions using key measures of affordability and value through the Veterans Affairs Department's E-benefits portal.

Vollrath told the panel that 3,100 institutions and more than 1,050 subcampuses have signed the memorandum of understanding.

He also reported that DOD is part of an inter-agency team that is finalizing the development and implementation of a centralized complaint system to resolve concerns raised by students receiving tuition assistance.

The departments of Veterans Affairs, Education, Justice and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will have access to all complaints as they work to resolve issues, he added.

"Underpinning this effort is the requirement that all post-secondary education participating in the Tuition Assistance Program must be accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education," Vollrath said.

Meanwhile, he said, the Defense Department will continue to provide lifelong learning opportunities through off-duty, voluntary education programs, noting that each year, a third of service members enroll in post-secondary education courses leading to associate's, bachelor's and advanced degrees. In fiscal year 2012, more than 286,000 service members enrolled in nearly 875,000 courses, Vollrath reported, and more than 50,000 service members earned degrees or certifications.

"All service members enrolled in the voluntary education programs are nontraditional students, in that they attend school part-time while they are off duty, taking, on average, only three courses per year," Vollrath said. But military missions, deployments and transfers frequently impinge on the troops' ability to continue their education, he noted, adding that this often results in breaks of months or, in some cases, years between service members taking courses and completing their degrees.

With that in mind, colleges and universities are delivering more classroom instruction online as well as on military installations around the world, Vollrath added.

"There are no geographical confines," he said. "Courses are offered aboard ships, submarines and at deployed locations such as Afghanistan -- this is the kind of instruction our service members want."

Vollrath also said more than 76 percent of the courses taken last year were delivered through distance learning. Still, he stressed, the rigors of military service will not relax strict requirements in place for participating service members.

"Prior to enrolling in courses using tuition assistance, service members must establish an educational goal and a degree plan," he said. An educational counselor must review tuition assistance requests outlined in the approved degree plan. Service members who either fail or do not complete the course must reimburse the Defense Department for tuition assistance received for that course.

"Service members failing to maintain a 2.0 undergraduate grade-point average or a 3.0 graduate GPA must pay for all courses until they raise their GPA sufficiently," Vollrath explained. "Our voluntary education program is a key component of the recruitment, readiness and retention of the total force, an all-volunteer force."

To further illustrate the value of the education program, Vollrath cited an example of retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Eric Combs, who entered the military with a general education development certificate before earning his Community College of the Air Force and bachelor's degrees with tuition assistance while on active duty. After retirement, he went on to earn his master's degree in education in 2005.

Upon his retirement, he participated in the Troops to Teachers program and earned acclaim with his selection as the Ohio Teacher of the Year in 2006. He now serves as a principal in the public school system.

"The skills he learned and the education he received while serving in the Air Force ultimately benefited him, the Air Force and the nation," Vollrath said.

Navy Medicine Commemorates Hospital Corps' 115th birthday

By Valerie A. Kremer
 U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery Public Affairs

The Navy Hospital Corps will celebrate 115 years of service June 17.

During the anniversary of the Hospital Corps, Navy Medicine leadership, corpsmen, and staff come together across the Navy Medicine enterprise to honor the sacrifice and achievements of hospital corpsmen past and present.

"Over the past century, the unyielding commitment of our Hospital Corps has been nothing short of remarkable," said Master Chief Sherman Boss, director of the Hospital Corps, and Force Master Chief, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, during a ceremony held at the Defense Health Headquarters honoring the 115th birthday of the Hospital Corps, June 13. "Your service today stands as a benchmark of excellence and professionalism within the Navy and Marine Corps.

As the Hospital Corps begins another year of dedicated service to our warriors and their families, we remember

the rich traditions and legacy of the past and look forward to the future service to our great nation."

Established June 17, 1898, the Hospital Corps provides health care to Sailors, Marines, and those entrusted to their care on the battlefield, at sea, under the sea, and in military treatment facilities worldwide.

"No Marine has gone into battle without you. No ship or sub has gone underway without you," said Rear Adm. Mittelman, deputy Navy surgeon general. "You're always in the thick of the battle and the main reason we have a 97 percent save rate on the battlefield. Your lineage is one of honor, courage and commitment."

Although the name of hospital corpsmen has changed from the Corps' inception in the Continental Navy, from loblolly boy to pharmacists mate to hospital corpsman, the core values of the Hospital Corps remain the same.

"The reason I became a hospital corpsman was because of my grandmother who was sick and I was taking care of her," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class, Keeon Haynes, the most junior corpsman during the ceremony.

"It means so much to me to help people because that is just what I do - putting other people before me. It means more to me to take care of someone else and see them get better than anything else in the world - it makes me happy."

The Hospital Corps, which consists of more than 25,480 active duty and reserve Navy hospital corpsmen, is the largest and most decorated rating in the Navy.

Twenty naval ships have been named after hospital corpsmen. Since 1919, 178 corpsmen have received the Navy Cross Award. In the Vietnam War alone, hospital corpsmen received four Medals of Honor, 31 Navy Crosses, 127 Silver Stars, and 291 Bronze Stars for heroics under fire.

U.S. Navy Medicine is a global health care network of 63,000 Navy medical personnel around the world who provide high quality health care to more than one million eligible beneficiaries. Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ship, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.

Retiree Corner

Hospitalized Veterans Picnic Heals

The Harry M. Crawford American Legion Post 252 Millington hosted 35 patients from the Memphis VA Hospital at the USA Stadium park in Millington on Saturday, June 15.

Post Commander of American Legion Post 252, "Big Dave" Sienkiewicz said, "This is one of several picnics we do every year since 2003. The VA Hospital brings these veterans up here and our members host them with a picnic, entertainment and games."

About 35 people enjoyed the picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and chips as well as talented local entertainment. The "Wise Men" performed a series of gospel and old time country ballads while a mother and daughter duo, Julia Durham and Tori Reynolds, sang a series of pop country songs. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

For more information call Lee Buchschacher at 230-3870.



Post Commander "Big Dave" Sienkiewicz welcomes everyone at the VA patient picnic at USA Stadium, Millington on Saturday, June 15.



EYE ON THE FLEET

The amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), center, leads the amphibious dock landing ship USS Carter Hall (LSD 50), left, and the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17). The ships are part of the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready group, deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

(Photo by MC2Corbin J. Shea)

Navy, Civilian Planners Get Big Assist in Storm Predictions

By David Smalley
Office of Naval Research

With the arrival of the Atlantic hurricane and Pacific typhoon season—and the often dangerous storms that can accompany it—new technology sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) will be used to help Navy and civilian officials alike plan for stormy weather, officials announced today.

Called the Coupled Ocean/Atmosphere Mesoscale Prediction System-Tropical Cyclone (COAMPS-TC), the groundbreaking new weather prediction model offers forecasters a detailed look at tropical storms and gives accurate predictions of a storm's intensity from one to five days out.

The new model went fully operational June 6 at the Navy's Fleet Numerical and Meteorology and Oceanography Center—the naval command that provides meteorological data to U.S. forces.

"COAMPS-TC will be invaluable to Navy leadership," said Dr. Ronald Ferek, the ONR program officer who helped sponsor the project. "It will give them detailed intensity and

wind fields for site-specific damaging wind forecasts: "This upcoming storm will exceed hurricane-force winds at X time, for Y hours." For naval installations, that kind of forecast is really useful."

The program was developed by researchers at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), primarily to support the mission of the Department of Defense's Joint Typhoon Weather Center.

Accuracy has improved dramatically in recent years when it comes to predicting the path, or track, of tropical storms. However, until now, the ability to forecast a storm's strength, or intensity, has been much less reliable.

The new model will help close that capability gap.

Navy officials rely on accurate weather models for a wide array of fleet operations, including planning and executing military operations; avoiding damage; protecting or evacuating vulnerable installations; and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief—all part of Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert's Sailing Directions that emphasize using "new technologies and operating concepts" to create the ability

to "operate forward at strategic maritime crossroads."

Part of the uniqueness of research to further improve COAMPS-TC involves utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles, like NASA's Global Hawk, to make observations above and inside the cyclones themselves, and at higher altitudes than ever before.

That kind of innovation and partnership is precisely what Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder has emphasized in order to help increase knowledge to benefit the nation and its warfighters and to share the load on costs.

Investigators from NRL, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and several universities are also collaborating on research to rapidly improve a new generation of regional (mesoscale) models designed to predict details of atmospheric and oceanographic processes that control tropical cyclone intensity. These models represent an entirely new capability for forecasting tropical cyclones.

"This effort is the poster child for interagency cooperation," said Ferek. "The nation is benefitting from our shared science and technology work."

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