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## Are you ready, as we approach the peak of hurricane season?

The second tropical storm of the 2014 Atlantic season strengthened quickly Sunday night and was forecast to become a hurricane earlier than expected, according to the National Hurricane Center.

It turned out that the storm did not pose a threat to the U.S. East Coast. But, the storm seemed to form quickly. And, tropical storms and hurricanes can be life-threatening, as well as cause serious property-threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against these dangers. Know the difference between the threat levels and plan accordingly.

### Know the Difference

**Hurricane Watch**-- Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans. Get ready to act if a warning is issued, and stay informed.

**Hurricane Warning** -- Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area, if directed to do so by authorities.

### What should you do?

Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).

\* Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.

\* Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).

\* Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.

\* Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.

\* Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.

\* Fill your car's gas tank.

\* Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

\* Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

\* Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

\* Because standard homeowners insur-

ance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S.

For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov).

### What supplies do I need?

\* Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day

\* Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food

\* Flashlight

\* Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)

\* Extra batteries

\* First aid kit

\* Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)

\* Multi-purpose tool

\* Sanitation and personal hygiene items

\* Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

\* Cell phone with chargers

\* Family and emergency contact information

\* Extra cash

\* Emergency blanket

\* Map(s) of the area

\* Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

\* Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)

\* Tools/supplies for securing your home

\* Extra set of car keys and house keys

\* Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes

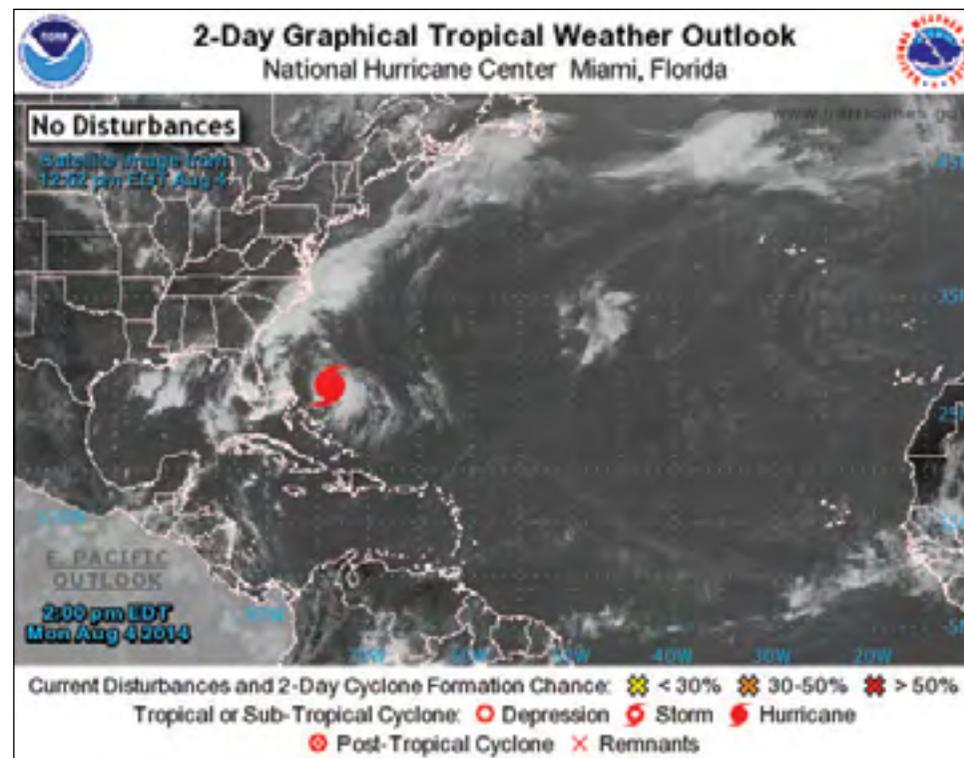
\* Rain gear

\* Insect repellent and sunscreen

\* Camera for photos of damage

### Storm surge

Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane. In the past, large death tolls have resulted from the rise of the ocean associated with many of the major hurricanes that have made landfall. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 is a prime example of the damage and devastation that can be caused by surge. At least 1500 persons lost their lives during Katrina and many of those deaths occurred directly, or indirectly, as a result of storm surge.



### Storm Surge vs. Storm Tide

Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. Storm surge should not be confused with storm tide, which is defined as the water level rise due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide. This rise in water level can cause extreme flooding in coastal areas particularly when storm surge coincides with normal high tide, resulting in storm tides reaching up to 20 feet or more in some cases.

### Factors Impacting Surge

Storm surge is produced by water being pushed toward the shore by the force of the winds moving cyclonically around the storm. The impact on surge of the low pressure associated with intense storms is minimal in comparison to the water being forced toward the shore by the wind.

The maximum potential storm surge for a particular location depends on a number of different factors. But, the bottom line, is you should be prepared for the surge prior to the "arrival" of an impending storm.



**Set for school --** A tremendous amount of school supplies were collected throughout July for Operation School Supplies, a local program developed to help ensure our Sailors' family members have supplies needed to start school. Members of the Junior Enlisted Association collected donation boxes from throughout the air station. The items were sorted and distributed earlier this week. Pictured left, CS2(SW/AW) Johnathan Smith and ET3 Maggie Allen, members of the JEA, sort through school supplies collected.

## From the Bridge



Capt. Chris Misner  
Commanding Officer



Team Kingsville,

Here we sit in the 100-plus degree heat during the “dog-days” of summer. It’s hard to believe summer is winding down, and we are starting to think about returning to school and starting another football season. Before you know it, we’ll be thinking about our Christmas plans and our goals for the new year... but let’s not get too ahead of ourselves.

If you have been keeping score of columns, they tend to coincide with some milestone in that month: Independence Day in July; Veterans and Memorial Days in November and May; Navy Birthday in October; and so on. August tends to be a pretty slow month and maybe that’s why everyone from the President, to Congress to your typical family in Kingsville and Bishop takes a week or two off in August.

As I was thinking about what to write, I started thinking about what I was reading this month, “Partners in Command: George Marshall and Dwight Eisenhower” by Mark Perry; “The Liberty Amendments” by Mark Levin; and “Revolutionary Summer” by Joseph Ellis. I suppose it’s pretty clear where my passions lie.

My bride and I recently met a couple from London and we spent quite a few hours discussing our two countries and the many issues of the day from sports to politics. It seems to me that folks seem to want to know a little more about where we come from when we say we are from Texas. Now with all deference and respect to the other 49 from sea-to-shining-sea states, people seem to sit up, take notice and want to hear

## Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM (SW/EXW)  
Randy Foust  
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

I have heard Sailors are concerned with how the command handles Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) violations.

First, I want to make sure everyone is clear, every allegation of UCMJ violation receives the exact same process. Report Chits are filed, and a Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) is held to find out “the rest of the story” and make a recommendation. The DRB can handle the discipline at the Chiefs level with up to Extra Military Instruction (EMI) or we will recommend it

what you have to say when you say you’re from Texas. As I have said before, the history of Texas and the history of our nation are cut from the same cloth. The values of the people not only reflect Texas, they seem to reflect the value and vision of what America is supposed to be.

I have now spent a few Independence Days here in South Texas, and also many in our nation’s capital. Now if you have never been to our nation’s capital during one of the “high holidays” or an inauguration, I highly recommend that every American make that trip at least once. But now having experienced both, I am not sure I would trade the genuine sense of Texas and American pride



**Fair Winds and Following Seas** – AC1 Roberto Hernandez recently transferred into the Fleet Reserve after 20 years of honorable service. The Somerville, Mass., native was a member of NAS Kingsville’s Security department and worked alongside Mrs. Nidia Desiderio (left) and Mrs. Jennifer Girgan (right) at Pass and Tag. (Photo by FC1(SW) John Sessions)

higher, if we feel the violation warrants higher attention. We can recommend Executive Officer Inquiry (XOI) and or CO Mast. This process is the same, no matter if the violation is blatant or not. Of course, the CO has the prerogative to direct that a case will come directly to CO Mast without DRB or XOI, however the CO is committed to ensure every Sailor is treated consistently and fairly, so we have maintained the same process.

Why can two Sailors violate the same UCMJ Article and receive different discipline? Every case is weighed on its merits: the Sailor’s record, the recommendation of the DRB, XOI, and the chain of command.

Why does it seem to take so long for a Sailor to be held accountable? Everyone in the chain of command is extremely concerned with every fact being found. If there is an external investigation involved, the timeline gets extended. Since every case can

Shannon and I feel here for anything.

From the American Revolution, the defense of the Alamo and throughout every conflict up to the present, Texans have given their blood and treasure to support a cause much greater than themselves. Of the American Revolution, Washington once said that posterity would likely remember the revolution as an act of fiction, as no one could possibly believe that such a professional armed force could be “baffled by numbers infinitely less, composed of men oftentimes half-starved, always in rags, without pay, and experiencing, at times, every species of distress human nature is ca-

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This paper is published for people like MA1 Manuel Gallegos who is retiring from the U.S. Navy at the end of the month with 20 years service. The Corpus Christi native will be staying in the area, working security at a local hospital.

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pable of understanding.” History will show this sentiment could surely be applied to the defense of the Alamo, to the Ardennes Forrest in 1944, as well as other battles during the War on Terror where small units of special operations forces achieved victories against overwhelming numbers and in brutal environmental conditions.

Our Founding Fathers often referred to the revolution as “the cause.” I cannot help but think that during these challenging times in our history, that same sentiment applies. These are without a doubt, some of the most challenging times in the history of the Republic. But as I look to my own children, I cannot help but think the future is bright. It will take a concentrated effort on our part to ensure the next generation of Americans understand “the cause” and understand exactly what is at stake. Much to my 10-year old’s dismay at times, she gets to spend a bit of time each night writing out the U.S. Constitution long-hand. Is this just part of the “harassment package” that goes along with a set of parents who love this stuff and home school their kids? Maybe. But most importantly it stems from a love for what this nation means to us and what is at stake if we lose our way as a nation. And just for good measure, both our 10- and 6-year olds have been studying the question banks for the citizenship exam and must pass the exam by September.

Last week we celebrated the 45th anniversary of man’s first steps on the moon. There is no question to me that a nation that can place a man on the moon and, in only two and a half short centuries, has become the leader of the free-world is by definition exceptional. As Texans and Americans, we must be proud of who we are and teach this pride to our children and grandchildren, and teach them the values of men like Washington and Travis.

As Commander of our Naval Air Station, I will emulate the ideals of President Washington and Colonel Travis and those brave men who fought during that revolutionary summer and defended that tiny mission in San Antonio, and be uncompromising in my adherence to standards and unyielding in my pursuit of excellence. I am committed to ensuring that our Air Station is a command of values. If we have a set of core values to guide our moral compass, we will be better positioned to make the correct choices during these difficult times we continue to face each and every day. I will strive to ensure every man and woman under my command lives up to the values that are expected from folks who live and work in the Republic of Texas. I will also strive to continue the legacy of thousands of Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our fledging republic.

One Team, One Fight, One Focus!  
Skipper



**Boy Scout Troop 289** – Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Troop 289 in Corpus Christi toured the installation recently. AC2 Michael Woodrome, air operations, provided the scouts with a detailed familiarization of the air traffic control tower and radar control room. (Photo by FC1(SW) John Sessions)

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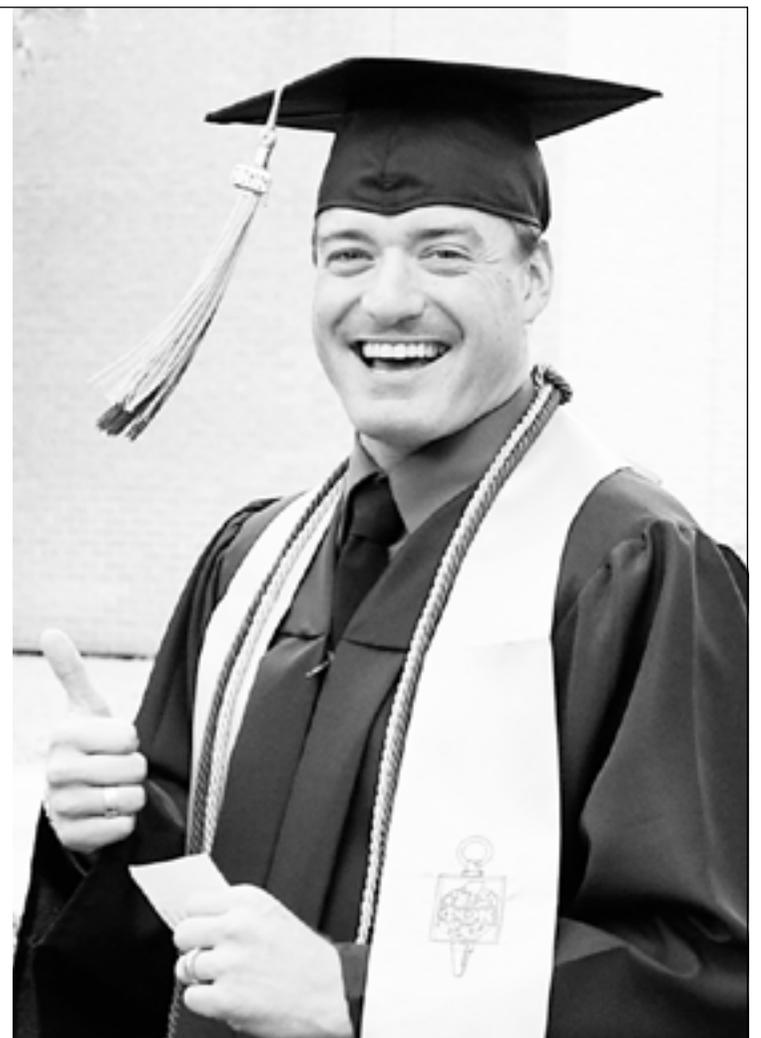
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-- Lt. James Thornton gives the signal to launch a T-45C Goshawk assigned to the Redhawks of Training Squadron (VT) 21 from the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Harry S. Truman was underway conducting carrier qualifications. (Photo by MC3 Karl Anderson)

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**In the Break**



Capt. Donald Nisbett Jr.  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

Congratulations to Lt. Matt Suyderhoud of Training Squadron 22 (VT-22). He was one of the three F/A-18 demonstration pilots selected for the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, 2015 team. The squadron also selected an executive officer, an events coordination officer, two C-130 demonstration pilots, a flight surgeon, and a supply officer to join the 2015 team. For more information, please visit <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil>. We look forward to seeing him over the skies across South Texas at next year's "Wings Over South Texas 2014" air show.

I would also like to send a special thanks to our Kingsville Navy League for their strong and continuous support to the men and women here at NAS Kingsville. They will host our next quarterly Student Naval Aviator social on Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for our newest students to meet some of the local members of the community they live in.

Later this month, the squadrons of TW-2 once again depart the local training area for a detachment to Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., for carrier qualification aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Finally, as a reminder, the next Winging ceremony will be held at the Captain's Club aboard NAS Kingsville Sept. 12, at 4 p.m.. Please mark your calendars and join us in the celebration of the achievements of the Navy and Marine Corps' newest Naval Aviators.

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plain the process of that particular matter.

I want to remind all of us on base, 8 a.m. every day we conduct colors. Every day at 8 a.m., our National Anthem is played over "Giant Voice." Every day at 8 a.m. ALL pedestrians stop, face the American flag if you can see it or face the music. If you are in uniform, salute; or stand at attention. Civilian team members you should stand at attention and place your right hand over your heart. If you are in your motor vehicle, STOP! I recommend you place your hazards on just to make sure the motorist behind you knows you are stopped. Please pay respect to our National Anthem and colors! Too many of our predecessors sacrificed their lives to allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

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## Bravo Zulu

### NASK personnel recognized

Bravo zulu to the following Naval Air Station Kingsville who were recently recognized.

**AC2 Jerald Collier** and **ABH2(AW) Willie Hatfield** were frocked to their current rank.

**ABE1(AW) Lucimar Dossantos** was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for serving as the field support leading petty officer aboard NAS Kingsville from July 2011 to August 2014. Dossantos maintained 16 shore base emergency arresting gear systems. He supervised 28 personnel in more than 3,200 preventative maintenance actions and three E-28 arresting gear certification inspections, which resulted in a 98.9 percent availability rate. His team conducted airfield lighting and runway checks in preparation for each day/night event vital to the command's ability to meet all sortie operations.

**MA1(AW) John Eaton** received his third Navy Achievement Medal for serving as air show anti-terrorism/force protection officer and incident commander on board NAS Kingsville March 28-30. He was responsible for the planning and execution of the anti-terrorism/force protection plan for more than 152,000 visitors including numerous dignitaries. He managed a security plan consisting of 164 personnel from the NAS Kingsville security department, two Naval Reserve Centers and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies across 40 roving and fixed posts ensuring a safe and enjoyable air show for the command and community.

**MA1 William Peoples** received his fourth Navy Achievement Medal for serving as air show security operations officer on board NAS Kingsville March 28-30. Peoples was responsible for access control, parking and traffic control plans for more than 152,000 visitors and numerous dignitaries during the air show. He managed a security force consisting of 164 personnel from NAS Kingsville security department, two Naval Reserve Centers and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure a safe and enjoyable air show for the community.

**AC2 Drew Wittmeyer** was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his achievements while serving as crash and salvage crew member, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove, Texas, from June 2011 to August 2014. He displayed exceptional technical skills in the comple-

**ABH2(AW) Kevin Mitchell** was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his achievements while serving as crash and salvage crew member, Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove, Texas, from June 2011 to August 2014. He displayed exceptional technical skills in the comple-



AC1(AW/SW) Vincent Jones pins on AC2 Jerald Collier's second class petty officer crowns during a recent award ceremony. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



ABH2(AW/SW) Lance Carter pins on ABH2(AW) Willie Hatfield's second class petty officer crowns.

tion of 1,500 preventive maintenance checks on eight arresting gear engines and 130,000 safe flight operations. Also, his leadership was key in the training of 12 crash crew members in the day-to-day crash and salvage operations and supplementing manning requirements in support of the federal fire department.

**MA1 William Peoples** received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014.

**MA2 Richard Wilkin** received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014.

**ET3 Amanda Paez** received a Letter of Commendation for her selection as Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014.

**AC2 Patrick Nemeth** received a Letter of Commendation for his superior performance while serving as tower supervisor, NAS Kingsville, from July 2011 to August 2014. His expertise contributed to the successful completion of more than 552,000 safe aircraft operations. He qualified more

than 70 new controllers and allowed NAS Kingsville to remain 100 percent mission capable.

**ABH2 Philip Baker, AZ2(AW) Gregory Hillman, ET2(SW/AW) Aaron Zimmer and AC3 Jerald Collier** received Letters of Appreciation for their "outstanding" contributions in the NAS Kingsville 2014 Physical Fitness Assessment Cycle I from April 14 through June 30.

**Pete Gonzales**, firefighter, received a Letter of Appreciation for his assistance in the preparation of the 2014 Occupational Safety and Health management Evaluation.

**Cody-Ray Campos**, firefighter, was recognized for 10 years of federal service.

**Joe Richardson**, security, was recognized for five years of federal service.



Baker



Campos



Dossantos



Eaton



Gonzales



Hillman



Mitchell



Nemeth



Paez



Peoples



Richardson



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**Top Hook** -- Lt.j.g. Matthew McDonald, a native of Lakewood, Ohio, earned the "Top Hook" award for the recent carrier qualification detachment. Pictured right, Capt. Donald Nisbett, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO, presents McDonald with the award. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



**Wings of Gold** – A winging ceremony was held July 25, at the NAS Kingsville Captain’s Club. Congratulations to the Student Naval Aviators who earned their coveted Wings of Gold. Pictured above are leadership and students who were winged. From left are (front row) Cmdr. Charles Stahl, CO, VT-21; Col. John Rahe, CO, MTSG-22; Lt.j.g. Joseph Healey; 1st Lt. Erin Mathis; 1st Lt. Vinton Ulrich; Lt.j.g. Benjamin Wattam; Capt.

Donald Nisbett, Commander, TW-2; Cmdr. Rey Molina, XO, NAS Kingsville; Lt. Col. Robert George, XO, VT-22; (back row) Cmdr. Corey Plocher, XO, VT-21; Lt.j.g. David Gregor; Lt.j.g. Daniel Slater; Lt.j.g. Dustin Oftedal; 1st Lt. Craig Nygaard; Lt.j.g. Daniel Beveridge; Lt.j.g. Douglas Haby; Lt.j.g. Matthew McDonald; and Cmdr. Natesh Rao, CO, VT-22. . (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



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**SAPR:** DoD surveys of Sexual Assault in 2012 suggest that there may have been approximately 26,000 Service members who experienced some form of USC (unwanted sexual contact) in the year prior to being surveyed.

**Suicide Prevention:** Talking about suicide doesn't give a person morbid thoughts. Rather, it's one of the most helpful things we can do to encourage our shipmates that it's okay to speak up when you're down. Seeking help is a sign of strength, and we can take the first step together.

**Alcohol:** The target population for Sailors at risk of abusing alcohol is defined as:

- \* E-1 to E-5
- \* Between 18-25 years of age
- \* Within the first three years of first enlistment
- \* Within 12 months, before or after, 21st birthday

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**Useful Tips for Conserving Energy:**

- \* Do not charge personal items at work! Appliances like cell phone chargers, coffee makers, etc. all continue to consume energy just by being plugged into an outlet.
- \* Before leaving work make sure to turn off all fans and lights!

**\*\*The bottom line shipmates:** In all of the above, YOU are the key to our success in the Navy! Intervene, speak up and look out for one another and all our resources!!!\*\*

# Identity theft: you can take steps to prevent it

By Lt. Jennifer N. Smith, JAGC, USN

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America.

Last year, nearly 10 million people were victims. And it's not just the financial loss, but the impact on your credit. It includes your borrowing and repayment plans, credit cards and loans, whether you have been delinquent on payments, or you've filed for a bankruptcy.

The identify thief steals your information and opens one or more accounts.

In the mail you begin receiving past due notices for accounts in your name. Erroneous postings end up on your credit report. The negative entries lower your credit score. They lead to denials of future loan requests.

Employers and landlords look at credit reports when deciding whether to hire you or if you qualify for a lease. The effort to clean up the mess left by identity thieves is hours of your time and months to get your good name back.

Active-duty military are prime targets for identity theft. Lots of moves. Extended absences for training or deployments. Working in remote locations unable to monitor bank and credit accounts.

The consequences for active-duty service members can be severe. Poor credit reports can result in the loss of a security clearance and impact future service or your career.

While there's no 100 percent guarantee against identity theft, there are steps you can take to make it more difficult for your identity to be stolen and to limit the impacts should identity theft happen.

Here are some helpful tips:

\* Regularly monitor bank and credit accounts: Check accounts twice a month for incorrect entries.

\* Safeguard your personal information and protect yourself by:

- 1) Shredding documents that contain personal information; e.g., receipts, bank statements, and medical documents.
- 2) Having a friend pick up mail or request a hold at the post office.
- 3) Considering opting out of prescreened offers of credit and insurance by going to [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com).
- 3) Limiting identification you carry such as your Social Security card.
- 4) Avoiding logging into personal accounts on a public wireless network.
- 5) Regularly changing passwords.
- 6) Not posting personal information such

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as your full birthday on public websites.

\* Check your credit report three times a year: You can access your credit report annually for free from the three credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and Transunion, or you can go to [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). Space your requests to each of the agencies throughout the year to regularly monitor your credit for any suspicious entries. Early identification of identity theft is your best defense.

\* Set up a credit alert: These alerts require businesses to contact you to verify your identity before issuing credit in your name. You only need to request an alert with one of the credit reporting agencies and they will

report it to the others.

If you become the victim of identity theft, an initial alert for 90 days can ensure that no further credit is taken in your name. If deploying, consider the active duty alert which last for 12 months and removes you from prescreened offers for credit and insurance.

While you can't always avoid identity theft, you should take steps to limit the possibility.

For more information and advice, visit: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity>. And of course, if you become the victim of identity theft, contact your local RLSO Legal Assistance office!

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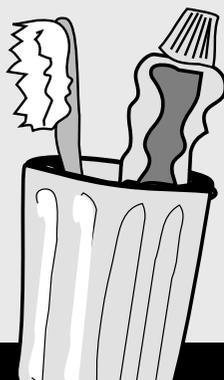
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