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**Equipment Operator 2nd Class Melissa Estes, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 reviews video footage with Dave Barnes, a NBC videographer, Aug. 17 on board NCBC. Estes was later interviewed by ABC concerning her role in the rescue of two women from a burning SUV. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)**

## Seabee helps save sisters from fiery crash

**By Rob Mims**  
NCBC Public Affairs

On a pretty typical south Mississippi summer morning, Aug. 16, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Melissa Estes from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, who had just picked her mother up from the airport in New Orleans, had an experience that was anything but typical.

Estes, a six year Navy Seabee, saw a smoking sport utility vehicle off the side of Interstate 10 in Hancock County. Much to the angst of her mother, the Seabee pulled over to offer assistance. Little would prepare her mind for what she saw next.

"I noticed the smoke," she said. "I saw only one person so I stopped and ran down there to help."

As she went down to the SUV to help a man who also stopped to assist, she saw a woman pinned inside the car. She also noticed the flames picking up intensity under the hood of the severely damaged vehicle.

The driver, Giovanna Demonte, of Picayune, was unconscious, Estes said. "She was pretty much crunched in the vehicle."

As she was trying to free the woman

she noticed movement in the back of the SUV. It was the woman's disabled sister, Felicidad Demonte. Estes quickly removed Felicidad's seatbelt while another person who stopped to assist took a wheelchair from the rear of the SUV. Estes took chair and passenger to safety with bystanders by the roadway, and returned to continue trying to free the trapped driver.

As other motorists happened on the scene, a desperate search for fire extinguishers or any other substance that could douse the flames ensued.

"Someone came with a case of bottle water and we used that," Estes said. "Some people came running with coolers of ice. Everything that we had, we were using."

A cement delivery truck arrived to help. The driver used 150 gallons of water in his truck to keep the fire at bay while three men pried the driver's door open with a crowbar, Estes said.

After the door was opened, Estes cut the seatbelt with a knife, releasing the driver from the burning SUV. Estes and another rescuer helped the yelling and crying woman to safety as fire trucks arrived on the scene.

Giovanna Demonte was airlifted to a

local hospital with serious injuries, while Felicidad Demonte suffered only minor injuries.

Estes said if things hadn't have come together as they did or if this accident happened in a remote area, the outcome could have been tragic. Thanks to the heroic actions of passersby working toward a common goal, two lives were saved. "I was honored to be a part of that," Estes said.

Associated Press photographer Gerald Herbert, who arrived on the scene during the rescue, first assisted, and then documented and interviewed people who helped. Estes was one of the people who captured Herbert's attention. After he wrote and released his story and photos, national media became interested in her also. Estes was interviewed by NBC for Nightly News with Brian Williams and Today show, as well as ABC's Good Morning America.

Estes, who was injured during the rescue when a snapped tow hook hit her in the shoulder, took the interviews in stride and said she was truly humbled by all the attention. She said she was more concerned about the condition of the driver of the SUV.

## Navy seeks command master chief/command senior chief applicants

**From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs**

The Navy is accepting applications for the Command Master Chief (CMC) and Command Senior Chief (CSC) program, officials said Aug. 15.

A selection board is scheduled in January 2013. NAVADMIN 247/12 outlines eligibility and application procedures. Applications are due Dec. 1.

"Hard-charging and highly motivated senior chiefs and master chiefs, including those in a frocked status, and who meet eligibility requirements are strongly encouraged to apply. We want our top performing master chiefs and senior chiefs to be the command leaders and members of the command triads of the future," said Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port.

The CMC and CSC programs are intended to ensure Sailors are effectively



led and developed. Senior enlisted leaders selected for these programs are responsible for leading the alignment efforts of the chief's mess with the Navy ethos, Navy core values, and the MCPON's mission, vision, and guiding principles.

CMCs and CSCs are also charged with ensuring active communication throughout the chain of command and report directly to their respective commander or commanding officer.

They advise their respective commander or commanding officer and provide input in the formulation, im-  
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## Everyone is invited...

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Women's Equality Day

Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

Colmer Dining Facility



Woman's Equality Day is a day proclaimed each year by the United States President to commemorate the giving of the vote to women throughout the country on an equal basis to men.

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# Skipper's Log

## Chief Inductees . . .

### Building Deckplate Leadership

**By Capt. Rick Burgess  
CO/CBC/CMDR 20TH SRG**

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of congratulating a number of first class petty officers on achieving a monumental career milestone – they were selected for Chief Petty Officer.

These Selectees have worked and studied hard for their opportunity to be called "Chief," proving themselves over a period of years as leaders at the petty officer level. They will soon join a long line of men and women before them who have led our Navy

since 1893. For more than 117 years, Chief Petty Officers have been the backbone of the Navy.

The Chiefs' duties and responsibilities carry a tremendous weight. The Chiefs are the ones charged with enforcing standards and developing our sailors – they ensure we have the best trained fighting force in the world. They are the ones who turn concept into action at the working level. They will carry the Navy to success today and into the future.

But, before they can assume

the vaunted title of "Chief," the Selectees must first complete CPO Induction.

For six long weeks, the selectees are pushed, pulled, tested and tried. They are schooled more deeply in leadership and Navy heritage. They are challenged physically with extra PT sessions. They learn to apply the Navy core values to a variety of situations that they will face as "The Chief."

Though Induction is not an easy process, it leads to tremendous growth and development. Guided by their



Capt. Rick Burgess

sponsors, the selectees are transformed from first class petty officers and prepared to enter into the Chiefs Mess.

For all the Chief selectees, Bravo Zulu on being selected! You will keep the Navy strong with your deckplate leadership. I look forward to the pinning ceremony and expect great things from each of you as Chiefs!

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## Voting 101: Why do we use the Electoral College system of voting in America?

From NCBC Public Affairs

*The Nov. 16 presidential election is just around the corner, but it's never too late to brush up on election policy and procedure. This is part two of a three part series on the Electoral College System.*

The founding fathers established the Electoral College in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the President by a vote in Congress and election of the President by a popular vote of qualified citizens. However, the term "electoral college" does not appear in the Constitution. Article II of the Constitution and the 12th Amendment refer to "electors," but not to the "electoral college."

Since the Electoral College process is part of the original design of the U.S. Constitution it would be necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment to change this system.

Note that the 12th Amendment, the expansion of voting rights, and the use of the popular vote in

the States as the vehicle for selecting electors has substantially changed the process. Many different proposals to alter the Presidential election process have been offered over the years, such as direct nation-wide election by the People, but none have been passed by Congress and sent to the States for ratification as a Constitutional amendment. Under the most common method for amending the Constitution, an amendment must be proposed by a two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the States.

What proposals have been made to change the Electoral College system?

Over the past 200 years, over 700 proposals have been introduced in Congress to reform or eliminate the Electoral College. There have been more proposals for Constitutional amendments on changing the Electoral College than on any other subject. The American Bar Association has criticized the Electoral College as "ar-

chaic" and "ambiguous" and its polling showed 69 percent of lawyers favored abolishing it in 1987. But surveys of political scientists have supported continuation of the Electoral College. Public opinion polls have shown Americans favored abolishing it by majorities of 58 percent in 1967; 81 percent in 1968; and 75 percent in 1981.

Opinions on the viability of the Electoral College system may be affected by attitudes toward third parties. Third parties have not fared well in the Electoral College system. Candidates with regional appeal such as Governor Thurmond in 1948 and Governor Wallace in 1968, won blocs of electoral votes in the South. Neither come close to seriously challenging the major party winner, but they may have affected the overall outcome of the election.

The last third party, or splinter party, candidate to make a strong showing was Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 (Progressive, also known as the Bull Moose Party). He fin-



ished a distant second in Electoral and popular votes (taking 88 of the 266 electoral votes needed to win at the time). Although Ross Perot won 19 percent of the popular vote nationwide in 1992, he did not win any Electoral votes since he was not particularly strong in any one state. Any candidate who wins a majority or plurality of the popular vote nationwide has a good chance of winning in the Electoral College, but there are no guarantees.

**Next week:** What are the qualifications to be an Elector?**'s Note:**

**Editor's Note:** All material for this article was taken from www.USA.gov

# Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**

NCBC Public Affairs

What do you think about advancement numbers opening up?



"It's a great opportunity for junior Sailors to advance in their careers and stay Navy."

**NC1 Amie Morgan**  
NCBC

Hometown: Pasadena, Texas



"Finally. I've been in 4 years now and I just made rank off the March exam. It's better for everyone to have the opportunity."

**CM3 Ian Grady**  
NMCB 74

Hometown: East Tauton, Mass.



"That's good news. In boot camp people used to make fun of me, because Seabees had a zero percent advancement rate."

**BUCN (SCW) Joshua Belcourt**  
NMCB 74

Hometown: Meriden, Md.

# Around the Center



A Chief Petty Officer Selectee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 paints a 'tactical flower' on a Seabee during 133's pre-deployment fair. Seabees from NMCB 133 hosted their pre-deployment fair at the Harrison County Long Beach Sports Complex. The well attended fair included a wide variety of information, giveaways, delicious BBQ food, and family fun. NMCB 133 is deploying to Central Command area of operations in September to support Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

Chief of Staff, Commander Naval Region Southeast (CNRSE), Capt. Steven Blaisdell toured the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), the Combat Convoy Simulator and the Logistics Center during his visit to NCBC, Aug 16. During his visit Blaisdell held a working lunch with several NCBC department heads. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Cmdr. William Whitmire, commanding officer, Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, stands ready to be relieved as NCTC Prospective Commanding Officer Cmdr. Scott Anderson reads his orders during a change of command ceremony held at the NCBC Gulfport Training Hall, Aug. 17. Upon assuming command, Anderson becomes the 21st Commanding Officer of NCTC Gulfport since its inception in July 1947. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

# Seabees anchor ties to Gulf Coast communities with Jones Park donation

By MCC(SCW) Ryan G. Wilber  
NCBC Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), R436, transported a 41,900-pound shankless, U.S. Navy anchor from Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport to Jones Park in Gulfport. to serve as a city monument, Aug. 15.

According to Gulfport Mayor, George Schloegel, the idea for placing an anchor at Jones Park came about in the spring of 2010 when he inadvertently came across one while on the Seabee base. He said the city always knew that a monument would go in roundabout, but was not sure what it would be until that day.

Starting in 1942, and through Hurricanes Camille and Katrina, community relations between the Atlantic Fleet Seabees and the Gulf Coast community have always been strong. Schloegel said the anchor at Jones Park will serve as a visual representation of that bond.

"This is the anchor that anchors the Seabees in Gulfport, Miss., so it's symbolic of the long-term relationship that this community has had with the Seabees since World War II, and it's visible evidence for everybody who comes down to the park to see this in the central circle as the home of the Seabees," said Schloegel.

Before the 20-ton anchor could be transported, it had to



**Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, R436, deliver a 40,000 pound anchor to Gulfport city officials at Jones Park, Aug. 15. The anchor, placed as the park centerpiece within the roundabout, will serve as a city monument representing the long history and relationship between the Seabee Base and the Gulfport community.** (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

be lifted from its resting place on NCBC Gulfport and loaded onto a tractor-trailer, requiring special approval and the execution of a complex crane lift. Chief Equipment Operator Michael Cincinnati, 20th SRG, R436 operations chief, said he had complete confidence in his crew's expertise to safely complete the lift.

Many military members appreciate the opportunity to support community relations projects and often feel a sense of pride in what they are doing.

Everyone on the crew was excited about it [the anchor donation]. They knew it was a

good thing for the city, a good thing for the base and one of those things that they will be able to sit back and say to their kids 'I helped put that there,'" said Cincinnati.

Schloegel said city officials thought the idea of placing an anchor at the park was perfect, and NCBC leadership said they were pleased to be able to donate it.

"My hope is that the anchor will serve as a reminder to military members and the community of our strong and lasting bond," said Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer, NCBC Gulfport and commander, 20th SRG.



**Workers place the newly-delivered 40,000 pound anchor in its place of honor at Jones Park in Gulfport. Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center, (NCBC) R436, loaded and delivered the anchor to Gulfport city officials Aug. 15. Gulfport Mayor George Schloegel envisions the anchor as a visual representation of the bond that exists between the Seabees and the Gulf Coast.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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## Retirees and Family Members Eligible for Enrollment at NBHC Gulfport

Naval branch Health Clinic Gulfport is opening enrollment to TRICARE Prime retirees and family members age 64 and younger beginning Sept. 1. Interested re-

tirees and eligible family members must visit the TRICARE Service Center (TSC) located at 284 Debuys Road in Biloxi, Miss., to enroll. The TSC's hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, please contact the Clinic's Health Benefits Advisor, Mrs. Debbie

Sekul, at 228-822-5725. At NBHC Gulfport, we take very seriously our vision to "Exceed Expectations Everyday" and hope you decide to entrust us with your family's healthcare needs.



## NMCB 7 Decommissioning

The Decommissioning Ceremony for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 will take place Sept. 5 at 8 a.m. on the NCBC Grinder. Please come out and show your support for all of the men and women who have been a part of "Magnificent Seven" throughout the years.



# Payback is delicious for Camp Vance 'Bees

By Lt. Cmdr. Chris Coggins  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

After being deployed several months and the routine of deployment sets in, one can't help but experience the "Groundhog Day" phenomenon, where essentially the same day is experienced over and over again.

This feeling of "same stuff – different day" can lead to complacency and low morale when troops don't have much to look forward to other than more work.

One way the Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 – Det. 4 break up the monotony is through participating in a local Pizza Night event held every Saturday on Camp Vance at Bagram Airfield.

Headquartered out of the Fallen Hero Memorial facility constructed several deployments ago to honor fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines attached to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A), the exact origins of Pizza night are unknown due to frequent turnover of personnel, though it appears that the weekly event has been held on Camp Vance for the last several years.

The centerpiece of the event is a hybrid pizza oven that consists of a traditional Afghan clay bread oven that has been modified to include an Italian style brick cooking surface. The wood burning oven and eight motivated volunteers are the key ingredients for the successfully weekly event.

Like anything at the CJSOTF-A, Pizza Night is a joint operation. The Camp Vance Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC), Dining Facility (DFAC), the CJSOTF-A J6 Communications Directorate and NMCB 11 Det. 4 are regular contributors and

share responsibility amongst the 10 coveted volunteer positions. Of the eight person crew, two coordinate delivery of authentic naan bread from a local Afghan vendor and collect payment from customers. One person is responsible for toppings, one manages the music selection in addition to cutting the pizzas and heckling the crowd, one person mans the oven and rotates the pizzas, one applies the pizza sauce and cheese, and two man a secondary grill that produces scrumptious desert pizzas.

The cooks and volunteers arrive about one hour before the doors open to get the fire started and have coals ready for the nearly 220 pizzas that are cooked on a typical Saturday night. The DFAC provides marinara sauce, provolone and cheddar cheeses and miscellaneous toppings like lamb and sausage and helps deliver them to the site. The naan bread is delivered by a local Afghan vendor and the "saucer" stages pizzas so customers can request specific toppings before the pizzas are put in the oven. A few moments later, the homemade pizzas emerge from the oven with crispy, toasted crust and bubbling melted cheese.

Carrying on the tradition from previous battalions, the Seabees have volunteered hundreds of hours of service and minor construction improvements to increase the efficiency and throughput of the event, which has steadily increased in popularity since its inception.

The event has become so popular that it often attracts visitors from elsewhere on Bagram, who find an excuse to be on Camp Vance on Saturday nights and wind up with a pizza or two. More than once the quantity of guests has overwhelmed the residents and volunteers and the

event has had to be restricted to Camp Vance personnel only.

Regardless, it is a great social event everyone looks forward to, plus it's a great break in the routine of 12+ hour workdays and seven day work weeks. Veterans even come to measure their time remaining in Afghanistan by the number of pizza nights they have left vice the number of calendar days.

Steelworker 3rd Class Brice Randall, a Pizza Night volunteer from NMCB 11 Det. 4, used his metalworking skills to fabricate a large pizza cutter in the local knife shop. He also helped construct a custom awning and smoke ventilation system to save the cook and other volunteers from soot covered evenings.

Along with Utilitiesman 3rd Class Taylor Cook and Builder 2nd Class Amanda Glover, Randall also fabricated a set of shelves and installed improved lighting to allow the volunteer crew to work more efficiently and protect volunteers from the elements. When asked about all the things he and his team did to improve Pizza Night, Randall responded, "Some of the improvements were outside my rate, but they were fun knowing I was contributing to Pizza night. It's a huge event around here and gives the folks that have been out in the field awhile something to look forward to."

Other NMCB 11 Det 4 members that have contributed to the event include: Constructionman Elizabeth Smith, Builder 3rd class David Morris, Construction Electrician 3rd Class Jason Ray, Builder 3rd Class Adam Clancy, Steelworker 2nd Class Bradford Jennings, and Builder 1st Class Jeremy Johnson.

Chief Builder Peter Phillips and Lt. Brian Holmes serve as the dessert pizza connoisseurs and chefs, cook-



**NMCB 11 Det 4 volunteers, Builder Chief (SCW/PJ) Peter Phillips from Atoka, Okla., Utilitiesman 3rd Class (SCW) Taylor Cook from Paris, Texas, and Engineering Aid Constructionman (SCW) Elizabeth Smith from Jackson, Mich., make preparations for the legendary Camp Vance pizza night. For more than 7 months, NMCB 11 Seabees have regularly volunteered 3 - 4 hours a week serving pizzas on Saturday nights to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan personnel. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Chris Coggins/Released)**

ing a sweet assortment of pizzas that include caramelized brown sugar, marshmallows, strawberries, bananas, apples, chocolate fudge, melted butter, caramel and powdered sugar.

Although twice the price of a normal pizza, a whopping \$2 to cover the costs of obtaining the bread from the vendor, the dessert pizza is worth its weight in gold as is evident by the huge line that typically extends out of the memorial building.

Further evidence of the event's popularity is that many personnel begin showing up to stand in line over an hour before the first pizzas are served!

Phillips, a regular volunteer, said, "We do everything we can to make folks feel welcome and get a taste of home. We know what it's like living in austere conditions for month's on-end without showers, eating MRE's and sometimes getting sick from the living conditions. It's awesome to make all these extra preparations to see the smiles before returning to remote locations."

Although the Seabees love serving pizzas, they too are looking forward to the familiar heckle: "Last Timer!" that the crew of volunteers shouts in unison to customers who are patronizing the pizza night for their final time.

## Feds Feed Families

The Department of Defense 2012 Feds Feed Families food drive is running through September. Once again the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Seabee Memorial chapel is leading the base-wide effort to raise over 5,000 pounds of food. This year, the collected donations will be given to Saint Theresa Hospital. Prepackaged bags of food may also be purchases from the NCBC Commissary. Food donation drop off locations are throughout NCBC: Battalion building spaces, NCBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. For more information, contact Chaplain Choi at 228-871-2454.



## See Something Wrong, Do Something Right!

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

### To report information by Cell text:

1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone.
2. Receive a response, for example: "Your alias is: S2U5 Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP"

### 3. Begin dialogue

### To report information Online:

1. Go to [www.NCIS.navy.mil](http://www.NCIS.navy.mil), click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline."

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



# Seabees in Diego Garcia: 41 years and still going strong

By E03 Brittoni Brown  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Diego Garcia- Since their arrival in 1971, Seabees have been developing the remote island of Diego Garcia into the United States Navy communications station it is today. Now a large-scale, fully functional Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia continues to benefit from the hard work and expertise of Seabees.

With the first battalion arriving by ship, the Seabees immediately began construction on vital operational facilities such as a 3,500 foot airstrip, troop housing,



**Builder Constructionman Robert Cox (left) and Construction Electrician 3rd Class Gabriel Parson, Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, lay block used to construct a 16 room, apartment-style building complete with all appliances.** (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Brittoni Brown/Released)

water and electrical systems, dining, laundry, refrigeration and other storage facilities.

Today, Seabees still maintain a constant and welcomed presence on the Island in the form of permanently assigned Sailors and rotational details from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions operating in the Pacific Command area of operations.

Currently, 20 Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 are nearing the completion of a 16-room, apartment-style building complete with all appliances. The building will greatly improve the living conditions and effectiveness of permanently assigned personnel that provide mission support to the island. According to the Project Supervisor, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Lucas Gaige, the unique project provides the crew an opportunity to learn new skills and increase the readiness of both the individual Seabees and their Battalion.

"It's a great learning experience for us all to step out of our comfort zones and take charge," said Gaige. "We have been eager to get going and continue building on the Island's Seabee legacy,"

Despite scorching temperatures and daily rain, the crew has already completed one concrete masonry wall and made great progress on a second wall. The team's electricians and plumbers are running rough electrical wires and preparing plumbing for the hydrostatic pressure tests designed to ensure there are no leaks in the water lines.

The crew's safety representative, Builder 3rd Class Lauralie Gutschmidt said getting the metal roof on the building is the biggest challenge yet.

"Most of the crewmembers have never installed a



**Builder Constructionman Robert Cox, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, cuts a roof panel for use in the construction of a 16 room, apartment-style building complete with all appliances. The building will greatly improve the living conditions and effectiveness of permanent assigned personnel that provide mission support to the island.** (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Brittoni Brown/Released)

roof quite like this," said Gutschmidt. "They have had to adapt to not only using different construction methods, but also a very different form of fall protection. It has proven to be a learning experience for all, but once complete, construction will be able to continue rain or shine."

NMCB 74 relieved NMCB 40 in July and is currently executing theater security cooperation, Construction Civic Action Detail and construction readiness projects across the PACOM area of operations.

## NMCB 3 transfers authority to NMCB 1 in Rota

By Morgan Over  
NAVSTA Rota Public Affairs and  
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NMCB 3 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, homeported in Port Hueneme, Calif. transferred authority of Camp Mitchell and ongoing Seabee missions throughout Europe and Africa to NMCB 1, during a transfer of authority (TOA) ceremony held on board Naval Station Rota, Spain, Aug. 15.

Commander Scott Raymond, commanding officer NMCB 3, exchanged salutes with Cmdr. Chad Brooks, commander NMCB 1, in front of Capt. Bradley Martin, commander, Combined Task Force (CTF) 68, during the ceremony. The ceremony marked the official end of NMCB 3's deployment to

Europe and Africa, which began in February.

Martin spoke of the work NMCB 3 completed during its deployment and future Seabee projects.

"You've overcome all kinds of adversity and done it in a very, very professional manner," said Martin. "I truly appreciate the work you've done."

Martin spoke specifically to NMCB 1 during the ceremony as well.

"NMCB 1, you come with a great reputation and I think you're going to do some magnificent work out here."

Brooks spoke of the guidance NMCB 3 provided during the turnover and said it will make the unit more efficient during its deployment.

"I couldn't be more proud than I am here today," said Brooks.

"We're ready to do whatever our country asks us to do. To win our nation's wars, to invest in people and excel as a team, to manage risk, work safely and achieve high quality and do it with the finest character."

Before the TOA, a week long inspection and review was conducted of all equipment, supplies, projects, facilities and civil engineering support equipment.

Along with the equipment and supply turnover, NMCB 1 relieved NMCB 3 of ongoing construction project responsibilities, including placing a water line in Zagreb, Croatia, construction of a gazebo for the air terminal here and drilling water wells in Ethiopia.



**Commander Scott Raymond, far right, commanding officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 exchanges salutes with Cmdr. Chad Brooks, commanding officer, NMCB 1 as Capt. Bradley Martin, commodore, Combined Task Force (CTF) 68 oversees the Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Mitchell aboard Naval Station Rota, Spain, Aug. 15. The ceremony marks the official transfer of Seabee construction projects from NMCB 3 to NMCB 1.** (U.S. Navy photo by Morgan Over/Released)

# Seabees of 'Lucky Eleven' build SWA



Builder 1st Class Adam C. Booher, from Bristol, Tenn., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, takes measurements on the roof of a Southwest Asian Hut being built by his crew of Seabees for Task Force Warhammer on Camp Leatherneck. NMCB 11 is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined/joint operations area - Afghanistan in order to enable the neutralization of the insurgency and support improved governance and stability operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)



## CPO Selectee Car Wash

The FY 13 Chief Petty Officer Selectees will be washing cars Aug. 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ashley Furniture parking lot, 2650 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi. Hotdogs and beverages will be served as well.

*Donations are appreciated.*

## Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE

is searching for highly motivated Seabees and CEC Officers looking for a career and lifestyle change



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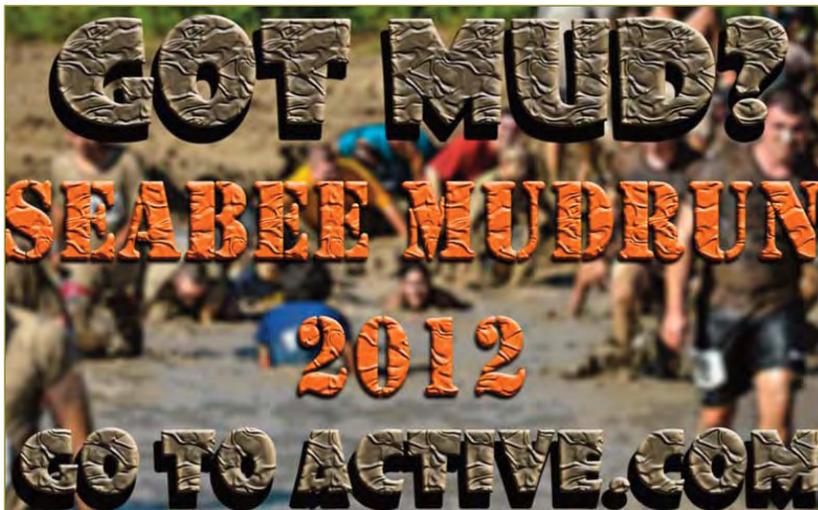


Email us at [DEVGRURecruiting@vb.socom.mil](mailto:DEVGRURecruiting@vb.socom.mil) or contact your detailer to request additional information.

# NCTC on watch at Quarles Elementary



Lt. Joseph Johnson, Navy chaplain at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), volunteers as a safety monitor at Quarles Elementary School in Long Beach, Aug. 17. The volunteer effort is part of the new school Watch Dog Program designed to create a safe environment on school grounds. NCTC is partnered with Quarles Elementary and takes part in numerous volunteer activities such as mentoring, light building, test proctoring and science fair judging with the school through out the year. Questions on the partnership effort may be answered by contacting Johnson at 228-871-2611. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)



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

For all of the latest NCBC information, follow Seabee Center on Facebook and Twitter and subscribe to Inside the Gate by sending an email to [seabecourier@navy.mil](mailto:seabecourier@navy.mil).

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plementation, and execution of policies concerning morale, welfare, job satisfaction, discipline, utilization, family support, and training of enlisted Sailors, as well as providing input and advice in matters affecting mission and operations as required.

"CMCs and CSCs are placed in a position like no other senior enlisted leaders. They are called upon to make hard calls on behalf of the command along with their commanders, and they are called upon to lead their respective CPO messes and Sailors. If you have the desire to serve at the next level and be part of the command leadership triad, then step up and send in that application," said Port.

CMC and CSC selection boards convene annually at NPC. The board reviews and selects the best-qualified applicants for assignment into the CMC and CSC program.

Upon selection and receipt of orders for assignment as CMC, master chief petty officers' ratings will be changed to CMDCM. Senior chief petty officers filling CSC billets will retain their source rating.

Master chiefs and senior chiefs selected into the CMC/CSC program will be assigned by the CMC detailer based on billet availability, experience, qualifications, and desires.

For more information, read NAVADMN 247/12 and OPNAVINST 1306.2G available at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

## MFLC Program Supports Military Families



Pictured from left are Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) Corbin Hobbie, Jane Carey, Scot Rowland, and Melissa McDowell supporting Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Pre-Deployment Fair Aug. 17 at the Harrison County Long Beach Sports Complex. MFLC counselors are licensed and credentialed professional counselors who provide support to Child and Youth Programs, DODEA Schools and local education agencies. School MFLC's provide non-medical support to school faculty, staff parents and students for issues amenable to short-term problem resolution such as school adjustment issues, deployment/reunion adjustments and parent-child communications. MFLC's can also assist in training staff and students through presentations on topics such as bullying, stress relief, anger management, anxiety and other pertinent topics. For more information, please contact NCBC School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd at 228-871-2117. (Photo courtesy of School Liaison Officer/Released)

*The MFLC's will be supporting military students and school staff at the following locations:*

**Corbin Hobbie:** Harrison Central High, Harrison Central Elementary, Lyman Elementary, Orange Grove Elementary, Three Rivers Elementary and West Wortham K-8

**Scot Rowland:** Gulfport High, Gulfport Central Middle, Anniston Elementary, 28th Street Elementary and Quarles Elementary

**Jane Carey:** Biloxi High, Biloxi Junior High, Jeff David Elementary, Popp's Ferry Elementary and North Bay Elementary

**Melissa McDowell:** Ocean Springs High, Ocean Springs Middle, Ocean Springs Upper, Magnolia Park Elementary, Oak Park Elementary and Pecan Park Elementary.

## SAVE the DATE

EFMP & Child Find  
Family Fun Day  
Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Lynn Meadows Discovery Center  
Base & Community  
Resources Information Fair



A free, family fun event for active duty Navy, Air Force, Army, National Guard and Reserve families who have children with special needs.

Presented by the Airman and Family Readiness Center's Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), Youth Center and Child Development Center. Come play, gather information and connect with other families.

Child Find's goal is to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities from birth to age 21 who are in need of early intervention services or special education.

Bring your picnic lunch - beverages will be furnished.

\*\*\*Preregister by Sept. 20 by calling 228-376-8728 \*\*\*

## NCBC School

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

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER NOTE:

Dates for the September 2012 Navy Wide Advancement Examinations are as follows: E6 Exam: Thursday, Sept. 6; E5 Exam: Thursday, Sept. 13; E4 Exam: Thursday, Sept. 20. The exam test site will be at Bldg. 433. For all candidates, please report to the exam site no later than 0630, in uniform of the day, with ID card. Absolutely no cell phones or watches. For more information or questions, please contact PS1 Gates at 871-2883 or email at [yim.gates@navy.mil](mailto:yim.gates@navy.mil).

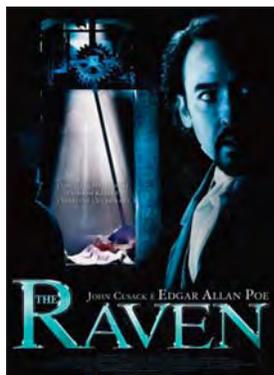


## At the MOVIES

**Aug. 24:** Avengers, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 25:** Pirates Band of Misfits, PG, Noon, Dark Shadows, PG13, 2 p.m., The Raven, R, 4:30 p.m.  
**Aug 26:** Pirates Band of Misfits, PG, 2 p.m., Avengers, PG13, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug 31: Dark Shadows, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
*All movies are FREE!* Be sure to call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299 to check for movie schedule updates.

## STEALS & DEALS

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



**Islands Water Park** with water activities for kids of all ages! Day passes for only \$18.50 and you may upgrade these day passes to season passes at the water park front gate. Call 228-871-2231 for more info!

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

Regular Season Game, Saints vs. Redskins will go on sale Aug. 27, 9 a.m., \$52.25/ticket  
**Base Wide Yard Sale** - The next Base Wide Yard Sale is Sept. 22, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$10 for two tables and two chairs. Minimum of six participants, Last day to sign up is Sept. 19.

**Waterparks, hotel discounts, adventure parks, vacation packages, and**

**destination cruises.** Call 228-871-2231 for your tickets to the perfect adventure.

**Fitness Center:** New Aerobics schedule coming in September. **Horseshoe**

**Challenge,** Aug. 24, 7:30 a.m. **Aquatics:** Water Aerobics is a great full body, low impact workout. Customize your workout by visiting [www.swimplan.com](http://www.swimplan.com).

**Learning Resource Lab:** Feel free to come in and browse our selection located inside of ITT! Offering free wireless Internet access to patrons with wireless enabled devices. Visitors can receive reception anywhere in the Learning Resource Lab.

**Liberty Center:** Black Jack Night, Aug. 23, 7 p.m., FREE Pool Tournament, Aug. 28, FREE, 1st Place prize, 7 p.m.

**Hop on the Liberty Center van** as we cheer the Saints to victory this season. Regular Season games are \$45/each. Saints vs. Redskins Sunday, Sept. 9 at noon (Deadline to sign up is Aug. 26.) \*These tickets are nonrefundable and you must sign up two weeks prior to each game.

**Outdoor Recreation:** Seven cajun cookers are available for rent for your next shrimp boil. ODR has a wide variety of gear ranging from tents to sports equipment.

**August Special** – Catch a wave with ODR!! Kayak or Stand up Paddle Board rentals are 30 percent off. All required safety equipment included.

**A-Liner Campers are available for rent!** Daily (Monday – Thursday), Weekend (Friday – Sunday) and Week rates. All deposits require a major credit card. Deposits are refundable upon return with a favorable inspection for damage to the unit. (MWR will not put hitches or trailer balls on any vehicles,



but trailer light plug adapters will be available if needed.) Call 228-871-2127 for details.

**Passes for The Coast Rifle and Pistol Club Shooting Range are available**

**through ODR.** This is free, but you must attend safety training/briefing provided by Coast Rifle and Pistol Club Shooting Range before you can check out a pass from ODR. Come take advantage of this wonderful facility for free. Passes are for Active duty ONLY and are available on a first come first served basis. 228-871-2127.

**Auto Hobby: August Special** - Stop by Tuesday through Friday between 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturday noon - 4 p.m. to have your fluids checked including antifreeze to keep your car in top performance.

**Special Event: End of Summer Bash** - Sept. 21, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free hamburgers, hot



dogs, sausage on a stick, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, and beverages will be served. Sign up to participate in Driving Range Contest at 8 a.m., Putting Contest at 8 a.m., Last Man Standing Paintball Challenge at 8 a.m., Chipping Contest at 9:15 a.m., Batting Cage Challenge at 12:30 p.m., and 4 Hole Scramble Scratch Play at 1 p.m. Clubs will be furnished for all contests. Twelve sets of golf clubs will be made available on a first come, first served basis. All paintball equipment including paintballs will be supplied. Prizes will be given to participants who finish in First, Second, and Third place. For more information please contact ODR at 228-871-2127.

**Youth Activities Center: The Before and After School Program registra-**

**tion** will continue until all remaining spaces are filled.

Is your 3 – 4 year old ready to learn the basics of soccer and have some fun? Then this is the program for you! Registration ends Aug. 31. The fee is only \$35/child which includes a t-shirt, participation trophy, and end of season banquet. Call J.J. Atkinson at 228-871-2251 for more information.



**Pick Up/Drop Off** - Every Tuesday through Thursday we are providing pick up and drop off service in all base housing areas. Parents, please call in advance to provide the youth/teens name and address. 228-871-2251

**Summer Bash Pool Party, Aug. 24, 6 – 9 p.m.** All youth and teens are invited to join us for this night of food, friends, and fun! Please drop off and pickup children at the CBC Fitness Center. Don't forget to back your towel. Only \$4/person.

**Jones Park Splash Pad, Picnic, and Fishing Trip, Aug. 25,** Enjoy the splash pad, a picnic, and fishing. Fishing poles are optional, but encouraged for participants interested in fishing off the harbor pier! Only \$5/person. A sack lunch, towel, sunscreen, and money for the ice cream truck are needed.

**Indoor Hide and Go Seek** along with Extreme Dodgeball, Aug. 29, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., FREE.

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



## Chapel Offerings:

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

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

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

**Praise and Worship members needed** - The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sundays. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are cordially invited to come share your gift.

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

**Feds Feed Families Food Drive** - The annual DoD, Feds Feed Families Food Drive, is taking place through September. Seabee Memorial Chapel is leading the base-wide effort to raise over 5,000 pounds of food. To date, over 2,000 pounds of food has been collected. This year,

collected donations will be given to Saint Theresa Hospital. NCBC food donation drop off locations are battalion building spaces, CBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. You may also purchase pre-bagged items at the Commissary. For details, call the Chapel at 228-871-2454. **Catholic Parish Reunion** - A Catholic Parish Reunion will take place Sept. 16, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Anyone that is or has been a member of the Catholic Congregation, please join us for Mass and breakfast. Mingle and update everyone on family happenings over the past years!

## NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** - Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) volunteers from Stennis Space Center are asking the Seabees for help with a project they are working on in Covington, La., (about 72 miles from Gulfport) at the Covington Boys and Girls Club. The request is for 10 volunteers with tools, to construct and install shelving in two rooms at the Boys and Girls Club. NAVOCEANO has five volunteers already involved in the project. The wood for the building project is on site, but mounting brackets, nails and tools are not available. The ideal time frame for the work to be done is from now through Aug. 27 as there will be no children at the facility during this time frame. NAVOCEANO's point of contact is AG1 Bradley Ball, 919-394-8965.

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

**WEST HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL TEST PROCTORS** - Five volunteers are needed to assist proctoring of State tests Sept. 17 - 21. Volunteers would report to the school at 6:30 a.m. and finish by noon. Please contact Julie Hadley at jhadley@harrison.k12.ms.us if you are interested.

**GULF COAST HEART WALK** - The 2012 Gulf Coast Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Jones Park in Gulfport and is the primary fundraising event for the American Heart Association. This non-competitive 5k walk/run begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes family friendly activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a whole lot of fun. Money raised at the Heart Walk is used to fund critical research, education, and interventions used to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. NCBC has a long history of supporting this

walk through participation and volunteers. Volunteers can help by forming a walk/run team by registering at [www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org](http://www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org) or consider volunteering for set up (9/28/12) and tear down (9/29/12) of the Heart Walk event. Fund raising is the ultimate goal of the event, but is not required to participate in the walk/run. You can also register your team at the NCBC's group page <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org/nbc> under the "Action" column at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Westbrook, 228-871-2906 or [kevin.westbrook@navy.mil](mailto:kevin.westbrook@navy.mil).

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

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

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

## Seabee Memorial Chapel



### Center Chaplains:

**Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain**

**Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain**

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

### Services:

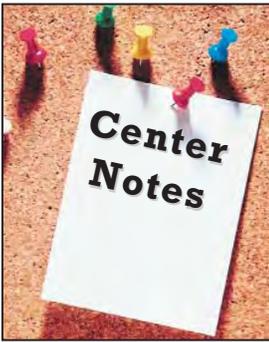
**Gospel Service: 8 a.m.**

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.**

**Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.**



## SUPPORT

### Family Readiness Groups

**NMCB 1 FRG** invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

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

**NMCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

**NMCB 74 FRG** All families of NMCB 74

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

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

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or send an email to NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>

### Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfport Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, email noscgulfport@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU soon!

### NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always

welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

### Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet & Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for information.

### TRAINING

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

### Naval Sea Cadets

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. Contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com for information.

### SOCIAL

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

**CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association** is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at [matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil](mailto:matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil) or President LS2 Earl Simpson at [earl.simpson@navy.mil](mailto:earl.simpson@navy.mil) for information.

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

**VFW Post 3937** Long Beach is open Monday - Thursday from Noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood Night, the remaining Fridays are Steak Night. Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602 for information.

**VFW Post 4526** Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

### NMCB 62 Alumni Group

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

Seabee historical sites.

**Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport** are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (secretary) at 228-669-8335 or [elevenoaks58@cableone.net](mailto:elevenoaks58@cableone.net) or log onto [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) for information.

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

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

### HERITAGE

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

## D.A.V. Disabled American Veterans Chapter 5



2600 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501  
228-871-5463

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome!

To all Veterans and future Veterans: Come and visit our Service Officer, Silva Royer. Please contact our Service Officer for available times by calling 228-324-1888.

Bingo: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Friday Night Dinners, Saturday Night Karaoke.

Call for more information on all services that are available.

## NCBC Gate Hours

**Pass Road:** 24 hours,  
7 days a week

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

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

**Commission Road:**  
CLOSED

## United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball



**When:** Nov. 10, 2012

**Time:** 6 p.m.

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

**Price:** \$50 (per ticket)

**Uniform:** Marines - Blue Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A"  
Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)  
Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue  
Air Force - Mess Dress  
Civilians - Black Tie

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