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1NCD visits NMCB 1

Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, commander First Naval Construction Division (1NCD) and commander, Naval Construction Forces (NCF) Command, addresses the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 during a site visit to Camp Mitchell on board Naval Station Rota. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aron Taylor/Released)



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PCU Arlington completes phase one certification



Precommissioning Unit Arlington (LPD 24), the eighth of the Navy's San Antonio class of ships, recently completed Naval Surface Force Atlantic (SURFLANT) Crew Certification Phase One administrative evaluation. The ship is under construction in the Huntington-Ingalls Industries' shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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NMCB 11 first to try out new Technical Trainer facility



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, participate in a masonry course that utilizes the Technical Trainer on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport. The new facility includes training stations for masonry, utilities, pre-engineered buildings, overhead power lines, reinforcing steel fabrication, interior finishes, concrete flatwork, concrete formwork, stair forms and carpentry. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael / Released)

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Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend

Daylight Saving Time will come to an end Nov. 4 at 2 a.m. Be sure to move clocks back one hour Saturday night before going to bed to reflect the time change.

Skipper's Log

Saving energy important to national security

By Capt. Rick Burgess
CO NCBC/Cmdr/ 20th SRG

As October and Energy Action Month come to an end, I hope some of the messages we have tried to convey have stuck with you. Saving energy is not only important to your pocketbook, but also your country, as we strive to be more energy independent.

The Department of Defense takes energy conservation very seriously. Across DOD, there has been a continued push for improved energy efficiency, increased use of hybrid vehicles, development of alternative fuels and much more. There are always improvements and changes which can be made to help conserve energy. Our Public Works Department sponsored information displays outside the NEX this month and we've been providing training to our Building Energy Monitors that spearhead smart energy usage in each command or department.

A recent initiative that affects us here at the Naval Construction Battalion Center is the newly introduced Resident En-

ergy Conservation Program (RECP) for base housing. Last week, we held an information meeting in conjunction with Balfour Beatty Communities for all base residents to learn about the program and how it will affect them.

The RECP, kicked off in 2003 by the Army, provides incentives for residents to manage their energy consumption. The Navy began its implementation last year, starting with pilot programs in Hawaii and South Carolina. Initial results showed savings of over 8 million Kilowatt-hours and more than \$1.5M in electricity costs. We are now poised to start our program here at NCBC Gulfport. Implementation begins in November with the establishment of a consumption baseline. Mock billing will begin in January 2013 (with statements sent out in mid-February) and live billing will commence in April 2013.

Residents will be able to view their bill and understand how much energy is being consumed in their homes. If the usage is higher than the established base line for their group



Capt. Rick Burgess

of "like type homes," residents will have to pay a bill. If it is lower, they will get a refund. Balfour Beatty will work with our residents to ensure they understand how the program works before live billing begins. If you have questions, contact the Housing Office! Whether it involves minding the thermostat at work or at home, paying attention to your energy consumption is a sign of the times. Rising energy costs and international tensions make it imperative that we take action to conserve energy. Thank you for doing your part!

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right of vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt ~



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5 days to go!

Colmer Dining Facility Menu Review Board

The Menu Review Board will meet Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. inside the Colmer Dining Facility, building 367. All departments are asked to send a representative. Vendors will be at the meeting with new food items for sampling.

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 text 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, 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.



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Long Beach Middle School Veteran's Day Program . . . Active duty, Reserve and Retired military are invited to join the Gulf Coast community for a Veteran's Day program at Long Beach Middle School, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. in the school gym. The program will feature musical entertainment and a guest speaker. Long Beach Middle School is located at 204 North Cleveland Avenue in Long Beach.

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
12th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 11:00 AM

2ND ANNUAL LONG BEACH VETERANS' DAY PARADE and CELEBRATION . . . Long Beach will hold a Veterans' Day Parade and Celebration Nov. 11. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at War Memorial Park on Church Avenue and continues to the Long Beach Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue. After the parade, musical entertainment performed by the Long Beach Middle School will cap off the event. Sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach. Contact Susan Taylor at 228-332-1083 for more information.

Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

What do you think about the capping procedures?



"From what I've seen I think it's highly misused; however, it's good for people who had opportunities to advance off the exam, but rates are locked or there are few advancements in their rate."

BU1(SCW) Tony Lent
20th SRG
Hometown: Grant, Fla.



"I feel getting capped is an unfair advantage because the ones who make it off of the exams don't get paid instantly, they have to wait until eligible to test for the next rank. It's good for those who aren't good test takers or came close off the exam."

GM3 Sean Roberson
20th SRG

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.



"Some people who get capped deserve [it], others are favored."

EOEN Kaci Woods
20th SRG

Hometown: Coldwater, Mich.

Around the

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Center



Builders 3rd Class Josh Chastain and Andrew Cooney, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, practice laying block during a class on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Oct. 24. The class is part of a new battalion technical training program being offered and the builders are among the first to receive the training. The project they are working on will eventually be used as a dog shelter. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), and Command Master Chief Duane Sharp, 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) command master chief, presented Letters of Recognition to Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) employees Mark Garwick, B.J. Kane, Robert Moore, Geoffrey Stumpf, Chris Jacobs and John Lane, Oct. 26. The six maintenance department employees were recognized for their outstanding performance preparing for Hurricane Isaac. Their behind the scenes efforts included securing equipment and preparing base facilities to handle strong winds and potential water damage. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of MWR/Released)



Students enrolled in Equipment Operator C1 Advanced pave the parking lot of the Embark building 323 on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Oct. 23. Seabees attend Advanced level courses as they progress in rank and proficiency in their chosen career field. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

Commander 1NCD visits 'First and Finest' of NMCB 1

By MC1(NAC/AW) Aron B. Taylor

NMCB 1 Public Affairs

The commander of 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD), visited with members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 during a site visit to Camp Mitchell aboard Naval Station Rota.

Rear Adm. Mark Handley toured the camp and met with some of the stellar Seabees in each company.

"It's great for me to be here and it's great to see all NMCB 1 has done so far since being deployed here," said Handley. I get a little nostalgic when I come back here to Rota, into this camp; this was one of the first places I deployed to when I was Alfa Company six with NMCB 3."

The visit continued through the afternoon as Handley toured the different project

sites located throughout the base and spent some time talking to the project crews.

The highlight of the visit came after lunch when during an All Hands call the admiral presented Command Master Chief (SCW/FMF) Mark Z. Thomas with an Army Meritorious Unit Commendation medal, the award was earned on NMCB 1's last deployment to Afghanistan.

"I just want to congratulate NMCB 1, it's not everyday that you get an Army awarded Unit Commendation, you did absolutely phenomenal work in Afghanistan and I can't tell you how impressed I am," said Handley.

NMCB 1 is currently deployed to 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) through out Europe and Africa in support of construction operations and African Partnership Stations.



Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, commander First Naval Construction Division (1NCD) and commander, Naval Construction Forces (NCF) Command, speaks with members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 during a site visit to Camp Mitchell aboard Naval Station Rota. Handley presented NMCB 1 with an Army Meritorious Unit Commendation for their achievements during their deployment to Afghanistan. NMCB 1 is currently deployed to 6th Fleet in support of construction operations through out Europe and Africa. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aron Taylor/Released)



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Christopher Stamps, NCBC Gulfport building 1 energy monitor, checks the advanced electrical meter outside building 1 on board NCBC Gulfport, Oct. 30. The meter is part of an Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI), a network that collects, and wirelessly displays and transmits the real-time electrical and mechanical performance of a building. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

Advanced metering helps NCBC improve energy efficiency

By MCC(SCW/SW/AW) Ryan G. Wilber

NCBC Public Affairs

Over the past five months more than 370 electric, water and gas meters, creating an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), have been installed on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. The base officially took possession and began monitoring the system Sept. 21.

An AMI includes the meters, a data transmission network and host or server, and according to the Electric Power Research Institute the systems enable measurement of detailed, time-based information, and frequent collection and transmittal of that information. Simplified, it can be thought of as a computer network wirelessly providing real-time electrical and mechanical performance of a building.

Coming online just before National Energy Awareness Month, the AMI helps NCBC to meet the Navy's shore energy guiding principle of developing and utilizing integrated systems, which link facilities maintenance and recapitalization systems with en-

ergy management, control and distribution systems, as well as comply with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), which directs that all Federal buildings be metered for the purposes of efficient energy use and reduction in the cost of electricity used in such buildings. Gene Baker, NCBC Gulfport Energy Manager, said the new metering system will do just that.

"We can use it [metering infrastructure] as an energy tool to help us reduce energy, as well as collect information on a building," said Baker.

Traditional meters provided cumulative usage information, while the advanced meters provide real-time usage that can be used to isolate and correct a problem to save money and conserve energy. Baker said that the AMI has already proven successful in its short time of operation by alerting him to a possible water waste, which he was able to isolate to an inefficient icemaker, and get fixed using real-time information and more energy efficient equipment.

"That was a pretty good suc-

cess story for looking at a meter and trying to find a problem and solving it," said Baker.

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Christopher Stamps, NCBC building 1 energy monitor, said he believes the new metering system will help him do a better job as a base energy monitor (BEM), as well as possibly help him win recognition as the BEM with the most energy efficient building.

"They'll allow me to see when we're using the most energy, and allow me to see if we are using the same amount of energy at night as during the day, which is obviously a problem, so we would investigate that, find out what the problem is and stop it before it accumulates too high," said Stamps.

The AMI is one more tool that allows NCBC Gulfport to become increasingly more energy efficient and meet its energy conservation goals. Baker, however, encourages each person on the base to do their part in conserving energy, including shutting off computer monitors and turning off lights each afternoon before leaving work.

Gulfport Commissary November holiday schedule

NCBC Commissary will be open normal operating hours Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), and open Monday, Nov. 19 (Thanksgiving week), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 - 23. Commissary operating hours are Sunday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday: Closed, Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 228-871-2039 for more information.



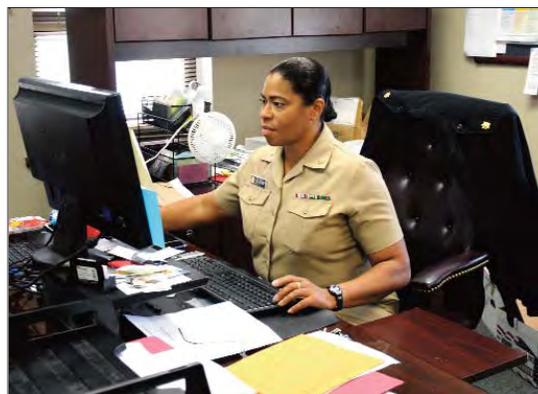
NCBC FRAMES

**Lt. Cmdr. Cheryl M. Hawthorne
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Navy Mobile Personnel Site
Gulfport**

By CM3(SCW) Katchen Tofil
NCBC Public Affairs



FREEZE FRAME



FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most and why?

Lt. Cmdr. Hawthorne: Serving as XO Acting at NCBC Gulfport was the greatest leadership experience. Being trusted by Capt. Burgess and Capt. Wiles to coordinate an important project at Pascagoula Lakeside and the CBC contributions to the USS Mississippi Commissioning Ceremony was an awesome motivator to increase my leadership skills.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

Lt. Cmdr. Hawthorne: My biggest motivation throughout my career is wearing the Navy Uniform with the officer rank that demonstrates the professional and educational development that I have achieved. I am motivated by the leadership opportunity and challenge that comes with the professional military growth.

FF: What advice would you give to future Sailors?

Lt. Cmdr. Hawthorne: Identify at least two to three mentors and meet with them regularly that will assist you in your Navy career at different levels. Identify and write down short term and long term goals that you evaluate and update regularly. Take full responsibility for your career.

FF: What is your favorite thing about working with the Seabees?

Lt. Cmdr. Hawthorne: I enjoy the outstanding work ethic; combined with the hard play and good fun. Engineer's rock!

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during your career, and why?

Lt. Cmdr. Hawthorne: Capt. Burgess and Capt. Wiles have been my most influential mentors to date. They have challenged me to develop my Chief's Mess; to develop a strong working relationship base wide; and to focus on my personal communication skills at a much higher level considering the gray area as much as the black and white.

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NCBC reduces motorcycle accidents with classroom and practical training

By CM3 Katchen Tofil
NCBC Public Affairs

Motorcycle safety is an important issue throughout the Navy. Instructors at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport are offering classes help riders learn to operate safely and proficiently, as well as reduce the likelihood of accidents.

According to Ricky Morgan, lead rider coach for NCBC, motorcycle safety is the largest safety program that the Navy has to offer, and he hopes to instill in his graduates the confidence and knowledge to ride a bike comfortably.

Master at Arms 1st Class Terry Nelson, a motorcycle safety

course student assigned to NCBC Safety Department, said one thing he learned during training was about road awareness, not to put all your focus on vehicles, but to also look out for potential hazards, such as debris and pot holes in the road, and what action to take when faced with one of these hazards, the appropriate speed and position when entering and exiting a curve and not to be influenced by peer pressure to do anything uncomfortable or foolish.

"You have to learn and know and your riding limits," said Nelson.

The Basic Rider Course (BRC) is the minimum required training for operating a motorcycle on or off

duty, on base or off. It is a 16-hour, two-day course. Within 60 days of taking the BRC, either the BRC Level II or the Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC) is required depending on the type of motorcycle being operated, cruiser or sport bike. Completion of the BRC is one of the requirements to obtain base stickers.

According to Morgan, teaching the class is important to him so the riders can learn the basic fundamentals of riding and build their skills and self-confidence.

"I feel good when I can take someone who has never ridden, and they pass and have the confidence to buy a bike and ride," said Morgan.

Some of the technical skills taught during the training include: how to lean, turn, brake, accelerate and take evasive actions when needed.

Morgan said motorcycle safety courses are important in order to become better riders and have a long adventurous motorcycle-riding career. Nelson added that the courses help people gain knowledge of how to enjoy riding a motorcycle while operating it safely.

For more information on scheduling a motorcycle safety course, including the new Advanced Riders Course (ARC), or learning more about licensing and personal protective equipment requirements contact the NCBC Safety Office at 228-871-3801, or log on to the Enterprise Safety Applications Management System (ESAMS) at https://esams.cnbc.navy.mil/esams_gen_2/loginesams.aspx.



Ricky Morgan, right, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Safety lead motorcycle rider coach, instructs students attending a Sports Bike Riders Course on board NCBC, Oct. 19. The course teaches students skills needed for operating safely, stopping quickly when needed, and to ride defensively in an environment where they may not be easily visible. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)



Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) students walk in the 16th annual Gulf Coast Heart Walk in Gulfport, Sept. 29. NCTC students donated \$760 towards the research and prevention of heart disease in the weeks before the Heart Walk. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

“Heartbeat of the ‘Bees’” exceed expectations for Gulf Coast Heart Walk

By BU2(SCW) Whitney Taylor
NCTC Echo Company

Thousands of people ignored the damp, drizzly weather to participate in the 16th Annual Gulf Coast Heart Walk, Sept. 29. The walk is sponsored by the American Heart Association (AHA) - the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to the prevention, treatment and defeat of heart disease, stroke and other cardio vascular diseases which claim more than 813,804 American lives each year.

This year's event was conducted with the help and support of Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) and

members of the 366th TRS Air Force 'AIT' school.

In the weeks leading up to the Heart Walk, the NCTC students were able to collect \$760 towards the research and prevention of these diseases by hosting a command coordinated PT (Physical Training) buyout which allowed students to miss one day of PT for their contributions.

In addition, more than 100 staff and students helped with the set up and break down of the event. The students arrived at 6 a.m. to set up an amazing event. Some of their tasking included setting up sponsor booths, placing the balloons for the memorable heart arch and assisting in the placement of

barriers for volunteer safety.

After completing set up duties, the NCTC students also participated in the 5K Heart Walk, with Builder Constructionman Christine Fletcher, Student Company Commander, running with the Seabee Flag. The students had the choice to run or walk the event, with most of the students displaying Seabee pride while running in ranks and singing cadences.

Once the walk concluded, the NCTC volunteers helped break down the event before returning to the Seabee Center. Each class was awarded a Community Service class pennant for their hard work and dedicated contribution toward the fight against heart disease.

PCU Arlington completes first Crew Certification

By MC1 Eric Brown

USS Constitution Public Affairs

PASCAGOULA, Miss. – Precommissioning Unit Arlington (LPD 24) completed the two-day Naval Surface Force Atlantic (SURFLANT) Crew Certification Phase One administrative evaluation Oct. 22, while the ship is under construction in the Huntington-Ingalls Industries' shipyard.

The inspection, performed by nine members of the amphibious transport dock ship's type commander from Norfolk, Va., reviewed the command's administration, policies, training and warfare areas to ensure the crew can safely operate their ship at sea following delivery.

"Arlington did an outstanding job," said Lt. Tim Henderson, the SURFLANT team's amphibious readiness officer. "It was evident that the ship's leadership and crew were very engaged."

Arlington has been preparing for this phase of crew certification since "day one" – almost two years – said Prospective Commanding Officer Cmdr. Darren Nelson.

"Overall, our programs are in really good shape," he said. "I'm very proud of my command's senior leadership, as well as all the first and second class petty officers, who stepped up and made this a success on the deckplates."

The second and final phase of crew certification, scheduled to take place during the last week of February, will include material inspections of the ship.

"We cannot perform a material inspection of the ship yet, because most of our equipment is still in warehouses, and the Navy doesn't own the ship," Nelson explained. The Navy is scheduled to take delivery of Arlington on Dec. 7. Arlington's next milestone will be acceptance trials, Oct. 28 through Nov. 2.

"Huntington-Ingalls Industries will be showing the ship to the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey, and if everything looks good, they will make a recommendation to the secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations to accept the ship for delivery," Nelson explained. "Once the secretary of the Navy has given the green light, the Supervisor of Shipbuilding will accept the ship on behalf of the Navy, and they will sign the ship over to the crew of Arlington."

Arlington is named for Arlington County, Va., home of the Pentagon, in honor of the 184 victims and heroes who lost their lives during the terrorist attack there on 9-11.

Arlington is the eighth in Navy's San Antonio class of ships, designed to be the most survivable amphibious vessels ever put to sea. The third in the U.S. fleet to bear the name, Arlington will be commissioned in early 2013 and homeported in Norfolk, Va. The ship combines 21st century amphibious shipbuilding and warfighting technologies to support current and future Marine Corps aircraft and landing craft, and will be capable of taking nearly 1,200 Sailors and Marines into harm's way.

Precommissioning Unit Arlington (LPD 24), the eighth of the Navy's San Antonio class of ships, is under construction in the Huntington-Ingalls Industries' shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)



6th Annual Children of Fallen Soldiers Poker Run - The 6th Annual Children of Fallen Soldiers Poker Run will take place Nov. 3 at 11 a.m., and start and end at the AFMC MS Clubhouse, 11007 Wolf River Road, Gulfport, Miss. Registration begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call 228-342-0205.

Seabees refresh valuable skills, enhance career potential

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs
Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 became the first to utilize the Technical Trainer on Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport this week.

Eleven students from NMCB 11 completed the four day Tech Trainer Masonry course, Oct. 26. Completion of the course resulted in these Seabees obtaining the skill of Masonry Unit Construction-II.

What makes this unique in relation to other classes that Seabees participate in is the hands-on experience the students gain by using the Technical Trainer. The only way that gaining experience like this would have been possible in the past would be through on-the-job training on a project with a hard deadline and little to no time for honing one's skills.

Seabees have a diverse set of skills, but one doesn't always get the opportunity to practice all of those skills as his or her career progresses. According to course instructor, Builder 1st Class Sidney Lyons, this is where the Technical Trainer comes in.

"It's like a refresher," said Lyons. "We get them back up to speed to be proficient at their job when they finally get there."

Originally from Valdosta, Ga., Lyons knows firsthand how a training tool like this can be beneficial. He had a 10 year stretch, during his now 17 1/2 year Navy career, in which he did not have the opportunity to work on any projects requiring him to lay block. When Lyons was assigned as the subject matter expert to a project that entailed a lot of masonry he knew he was not ready.

To ensure that he wouldn't fail at the task of leading a crew of junior Seabees on the project, Lyons bought some bricks and mortar and practiced at home after working hours in the days leading up to the project. Through his self training and practice, he was able to overcome the potential embarrassment and poor performance that years of not utilizing that skill would have inevitably resulted in.

A-schools, the primary means of rate training in the Navy, teach skills that a Seabee needs to be success-

ful in his or her rate. However, it is common for four or more years to pass before a Seabee encounters a situation that requires use of some of the skills he or she learned in A-school. This can result in less than efficient on the job performance for a project crew who must take time to retrain individuals who may have been out of practice for years on a particular skill or resort to employing an otherwise capable Seabee with tasks such as fetching tools and doing other non-skilled labor.

Builder Constructionman Shaun Albright, originally from Bethalto, Ill., has been in the Navy for three years. As a student in the class, Albright said that he was rusty at first after not having practiced masonry since A-school. He marveled that having four days devoted to improving and practicing his masonry skills has brought it all back and made him more proficient.

"It takes a little bit of technique," said Albright, "but once you get a good row going it's just a matter of lining it up and leveling it off."

Builder 3rd Class Asia Gilchrist is a student in the class. "The work is hard, but fun," said Gilchrist who also believes that her experience in the class will help her career as a Navy Seabee. Gilchrist is originally from McCormick, S.C.

In addition to Masonry, the Technical Trainer facility currently includes training stations for utilities, pre-engineered buildings, overhead power lines, reinforcing steel fabrication, interior finishes, concrete flatwork, concrete formwork, stair forms, steel fabrication, and carpentry.

According to Chief Builder Anthony Boldrey, the concept of the Tech Trainer was born roughly five years ago, and construction on it has been ongoing for the past two to three years. Because NCBC, Gulfport is home to multiple Seabee battalions, those who are not deployed have built the Technical Trainer.

"It is in its infant stage," said Boldrey, who emphasized that the Technical Trainer will continually evolve to meet the needs of the Seabees. Boldrey is the Technical Trainer Chief in NMCB 11's training department.

NMCB-11 is homeported in Gulfport, and recently completed a successful seven month deployment to Afghanistan.



Above: Builder 3rd Class Susan Boos, left, a Garden City, Kan., native, Builder 3rd Class Asia Gilchrist, middle, from McCormick, S.C., and Builder Constructionman Shaun Albright, from Bethalto, Ill., all assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, participate in a masonry course that utilizes the Technical Trainer on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC.) (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael / Released)

Left: Builder Constructionman Shaun Albright, from Bethalto, Ill., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, prepares mortar during a masonry course that utilizes the Technical Trainer recently completed on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC.) (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael / Released)

Change of leadership for NAVFAC, Civil Engineers Corps

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Public Affairs

The leadership of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) was transferred during a change of command and retirement ceremony aboard the Washington Navy Yard Oct. 26.

Rear Adm. Kate L. Gregory relieved Rear Adm. Christopher J. Mossey and became the 43rd commander of NAVFAC and Navy Chief of Civil Engineers. Before the ceremony, Gregory was promoted to rear admiral (upper half) by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert.

NAVFAC is the Navy Systems Command that builds and maintains sustainable facilities, delivers utilities and services, enables energy security and environmental stewardship, and provides humanitarian assistance, contingency engineering response, and expeditionary combat force capabilities. Established in 1842 as the Bureau of Yards and Docks, NAVFAC enables Navy and Marine Corps readiness through 15 commands in the United States, Europe, Southwest Asia and the Far East.

In his remarks Greenert thanked Mossey for his service to the Navy and the nation. Greenert presented Mossey with the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional meritorious service to the United States while serving as NAVFAC commander. The citation reads in part: "During his time as commander, Mossey flawlessly led a worldwide NAVFAC team in delivering more than \$25 billion of facilities planning, design and construction, environment and energy management, and expeditionary support for supported commanders across the globe."

Mossey retires after serving 31 years in the Navy. In 1981 he was commissioned an ensign through the Naval Re-

serve Officer Training Corps program at Cornell University after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He received a Master of Science degree in Construction Management from Stanford University in June 1981, and completed the Executive Training Program at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business in August 2003.

Mossey assumed command of NAVFAC in May 2010. Other assignments included: commander of both NAVFAC Pacific and NAVFAC Atlantic; vice commander of Navy Installations Command; director of the Shore Readiness Division (N46) on the CNO staff; and chief of staff at NAVFAC Headquarters. Mossey is a registered professional engineer, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and is designated as a Seabee combat warfare officer.

In his remarks, Mossey reflected on his extensive career as a Civil Engineer Corps officer and as a Seabee. "I'd like to start by thanking by NAVFAC shipmates . . . Professionals who toil out of the limelight - but no ship sails, no Sailor is trained, and no family is taken care of without your contributions.

"When I'm asked someday what I did in the Navy, my answer will be simple. I was a Navy Seabee. Every single day, our Seabees make important contributions to the Navy in support of the CNO's three tenants: warfighting first, operate forward, and be ready. Over 1,800 Seabees, active and reserve, are forward deployed at this moment, operating in 26 countries. No matter the task, from building a forward outpost for the Marines in Afghanistan to shifting through debris in Haiti for survivors, Seabees work with just an incredible sense of esprit de corps and pride. What an incredible privilege to have been

part of this community."

Gregory comes to NAVFAC Headquarters from NAVFAC Pacific, where she has served as commander and Pacific Fleet civil engineer from July 2010. She is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and holds graduate degrees from the University of Southern California and George Washington University. She also completed the Senior Executive Program at the London School of Business.

Gregory's other assignments included: commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133; commander of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment; and chief of staff for the First Naval Construction Division. Her facilities and project management assignments include: Yokosuka, Japan; Naples, Italy; Adak, Alaska; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Gregory emphasized responsibility and making a difference during her remarks. "To the NAVFAC, CEC, and Naval Construction Force communities: I am honored to serve with you, and to have this opportunity to lead - especially at this time. Yes, there are challenges ahead, but how lucky we are to be here now and to serve.

"Few people have the chance to make a difference in the lives of people: the warfighters and their families we support; the workforce and Seabees whom we lead; the Navy and DoD community with whom we engage; and the nation, to whom we're accountable. The shore infrastructure supports the readiness of our fleet and warfighters, and touches the lives of hundreds of thousands of people every day. We are part of a great legacy and charged with great responsibilities. I am excited to be part of this effort. Let's get started!"

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Fright Night at The Lake



Food, Fun, Games

Oct. 26
hosted by MWR

Spooky Good Time



Fright Night Costume Contest Winners

Ages 0-3: 1st Place Joey Semler, Sushi Costume; 2nd Place Gabriel Wallace, Sock Monkey; 3rd Place Ethan Maginity, Cookie Monster

Ages 4-6: 1st Place Samantha Sanchez, Cruella DeVille from "101 Dalmations"; 2nd Place Elijah Puls, Lego Costume; 3rd Place Cheyane Crow, Merida from "Brave"

Ages 7-9: 1st Place Isaac Sanchez, Edward Scissorhands; 2nd Place Austin Rife, Scary Pumpkin Head; 3rd Place Chance Ramsey, Scream Scary Pumpkin

Ages 10-12: 1st Place Zaine Lupino, Evil Jester; 2nd Place Zachary Puls, Lego Man; 3rd Place Ragan Dunton, Candy Corn Witch



Photos courtesy of MWR, Rob Mims and Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil



Fitness

Sports: Ready for a little healthy competition? Sign up for intramural basketball from now until Nov. 5. The league will run Nov. 27 to Feb. 5. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register at the Fitness Center front desk.

The November Group Fitness Class Schedule is now available at the Fitness Center. November is packed with strength/cardio, yoga, zumba, cycling and low impact aerobics courses. The schedule includes a variety of class times to accommodate your needs.

Recreation

Movie Theater: **FREE** every weekend. Grab some popcorn and sit back and enjoy the movie!

Friday, "Dark Knight Rising," PG13, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, "Ice Age Continental Drift," PG, noon; "Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed," PG13, 2:30 p.m.; "Magic Mike," R, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, "Ice Age Continental Drift," PG, 2 p.m.; "Dark Knight Rising," PG13, 4:30 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel:

Your ITT Office now carries select Hornets games!! Upcoming games on Sale are New York Knicks, Nov. 20, Oklahoma City Thunder, Dec.

1, Memphis Grizzlies, Dec. 7 and Indiana Pacers, Dec. 22. Call ITT for pricing and info! Saints vs. 49ers tickets go on sale Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. for just \$52.25/ticket! Please note that this is a Tuesday . . . ITT will not be open Nov. 12 due to Veteran's Day. 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, Reservists, Dependents, Retirees and DOD employees) with proper ID. Limit two tickets per Military ID card. Parking passes are \$40 for inside the Superdome Parking Garage and are available on a first come first serve basis. (No refunds or exchanges. Ticket prices are subject to change without warning. ITT is not responsible for lost, stolen or laundered tickets and will not replace them. Due to government agency discounts, resale is prohibited and not authorized.)

We have your Mississippi Surge tickets in stock! Stop in to get your game vouchers for only \$11 each! Vouchers are good for the entire 2012-2013 season but do not include playoff games. Purchase your tickets today!

Disney Military Salute tickets are in! The promotion has been extended. The deeply discounted 4 Day Park Hop-

Hockey season is here & has the best deal!

MS Surge vouchers on sale now for \$11. Call ITT at (228) 871-2231 before they are gone.



2012-2013 Available Game Dates
 *Games start at 7:05 p.m. (CST).
 Sunday games start at 3:05 p.m. (CST)

Nov. 3, 9, 10, 17, 21
 Dec. 14, 15, 22, 26, 30
 Jan. 4, 5, 20, 23
 Feb. 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 22, 26
 March 1, 2, 7, 15, 22, 23

per ticket is the way to go. New tickets are valid through Sept. 30, 2013 and they are only \$153.25 each! Purchase up to six for your Disney getaway. Eligible patrons only (active duty, reservist, retired military.)

Liberty Center:

Is American muscle your style? Take Liberty's free shuttle to see "Vettes by the Shore!" The shuttle departs the Liberty Center Saturday at 11 a.m.

Want to burn off some steam and win a FREE prize? Sign up for a Racquetball Tournament through the Liberty Center; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Fall is here. What a great time to get outside! Stop by and check out our wide variety of gear from tents to sports equipment.

November Specials: Cajun cookers, tables, charis and grills - 25 percent off!

FREE Batting Cage: No

more tokens needed. Stop by and take a swing! Rent bats and helmets at no charge from Outdoor Recreation during business hours.

Food & Beverage

Monday Night Football: Grab a buddy and head to the "BeeHive" on Monday to catch all the action.

The Grill: Open Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Grab a tasty breakfast or lunch. Call ahead for takeout and avoid the wait.

Anchors and Eagles: Open

Tuesday - Thursday,
2 - 9 p.m.

Youth Activities

Put on your safari clothes and get pumped up for a gator Ranch Swamp Tour on Saturday; only \$5. Trip is limited to 30 participants, so sign up now and please bring a sack lunch.

Want something fun to do mornings and evenings? Try the YAC Before and After school program; Monday-Friday, 6 - 7:30 a.m., and 2 - 5:30 p.m.

For more information about MWR programs and opportunities, contact:

Anchors & Eagles	228-871-4607
Auto Hobby	228-871-2804
Beehive	228-871-4682
Child Development Center	228-871-2323
Fitness Center	228-871-2668
Information, Tickets & Travel	228-871-2231
Liberty Center	228-871-4684
Seabee Heritage Center	228-871-3619
Navy Outdoor Recreation	228-871-2127
RV Park	228-871-5435
The Grill	228-871-2494
Training Hall	228-871-4750
Youth Activities Center	228-871-2251
Main Office	228-871-2538

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Habitat for Humanity is in need of five to 10 volunteers with basic carpentry skills for two weekends of work on a housing project in Pass Christian. Volunteers are needed Nov. 2, 3. Contact Leah at lladner@bbcgrp.com or 228-326-5643.

CIVITAN TURKEY TROT BRIDGE RUN/FOOD DRIVE - The Civitan Club will hold their 3rd annual Turkey Trot Bridge Run/Food Drive Nov. 3 at the foot of the Oceans Springs Bridge on the pedestrian side. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Runners (minimum age of 11), are asked to donate at least five non-perishable food items

or \$5 as a registration fee. The "trot" will begin at 8:30 a.m. A Gobble Wobble for bridge walkers will follow the Turkey Trot. The food drive ends at 10 a.m. For more information, call the "trot" line at 228-219-2238.

HONOR FLIGHT REUNION - The Honor Flight is hosting a reunion at Joppa Temple Nov. 3 for participants of all four Honor Flights and is requesting assistance cooking for the event and transporting a grill to the event. Please contact MCC Ryan Wilber at ryan.wilber@navy.mil if you are interested in volunteering.

IRD/YOUTH BUILD - International Relief & Development/Youthbuild is

asking for 10 volunteers during October to participate in the "Mental Toughness" portion of a recruitment for Cafe Climb. Cafe Climb is directed towards career development for youth ages 18 - 26 years old. Volunteers are needed to help screen candidates. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Elias at 228-223-3384 or eelias@ybgulfcoast.org.

ANNISTON ELEMENTARY FUN RUN - Anniston Elementary School needs volunteers Nov. 7, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., to set up and take down the event and also to run with the students during the the Fun Run. Please call Megan Straub at 228-896-6309 to volunteer.

BEL-AIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA - Bel-Aire Elementary School PTA is asking for 10 volunteers Nov. 10, to help with the set up and installation of new playground equipment and with

clean up and painting of old equipment. The school has saved for more than two years to purchase the equipment, but does not have enough money to pay for the installation. A playground coordinator will be on site to help with installation and provide direction as to where the equipment should be placed. Please contact Gabrielle Collier, 228-326-4475 or gabriellecollier39503@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Bel-Aire Elementary is located at 10531 Klein Road in Orange Grove.

LONG BEACH ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SEEKS MENTORS - Long Beach Alternative School on Old Pass Road in Long Beach is looking for mentors for three high school girls and four high school boys. Mentor duties will include providing direction on assignments, increasing personal accountability and other life skills.



Please call Michelle Harrison at 228-865-1956 for more information or to volunteer.

WOOLMARKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEEKS MENTORS - Woolmarket Elementary School on John Lee Road in Biloxi is looking for mentors for their male students as they prepare for middle school. Please contact Shirley Hardman at 228-392-5640 for more information or to volunteer.

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are need for various projects throughout the year. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org 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.

Chapel Offerings

Looking for a church?

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

Seabee Pantry

Seabee Pantry donations are always welcome. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home. Everyone affiliated with NCBC can use the

Seabee Pantry.

Praise and Worship

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 invited to come share your gift.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Fall Bible Study is held Seabee Pantry donations are always welcome. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home. Everyone affiliated with NCBC can use the Seabee Pantry. Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. The Fall Bible Study is conducting a six-week study by Jennifer Rothchild - "Missing Pieces." Free child care is available. Chapel: 228-871-2454

Seabee Ball Committee Gas & Glass

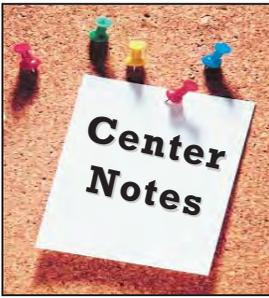
The Seabee Ball Committee is holding a Gas & Glass Nov. 2, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NEX Mini-Mart Gas Station. All donations from the event will go toward raising money for next year's Seabee Ball.



United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball

Nov. 10, 6 p.m., Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis. Tickets - \$50 each. 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 him at 228-871-3104.





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 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 goscgulfport@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 and 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

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 mem-

bers. 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 or President LS2 Earl Simpson at 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 or log onto 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.

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 or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available for customers.

Papa Johns Military Appreciation Week
Papa Johns will honor members of the military Nov. 5 - 12 during "Military Appreciation Week." Papa Johns is offering a great special of 50 percent off regular menu prize pizzas for delivery or carryout. In order to receive the discount, military identification must be presented. This offer is good at all Mississippi Gulf Coast locations - Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, D'Iberville, Ocean Springs and Gautier.



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USO to Grant Wishes

The USO would like to once again extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and commitment to our nation's troops and military families.

Now through Nov. 16, the USO will be granting wishes for our heroes stationed around the world in celebration of Veterans Day.

To grant a hero a wish or

learn more about what the USO will be doing to honor our troops and military families for their service, sacrifice and strength in defending our country, visit uso.org/grant-a-wish.



Keesler Airman's quick action saves life

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

A routine trip to pick up their son from daycare Oct. 11 turned into a life-saving event for a Keesler Airman and her husband.

Senior Airman Heather Holley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and her husband Eric were crossing the Pops Ferry Bridge that evening when a truck ahead of them suddenly came to a complete stop. The operator of a motorcycle that was right behind the truck swerved to avoid hitting the stopped vehicle, lost control and wound up with his motorcycle on top of his legs.

Holley recalled his legs appeared to be "almost cut off."

"We were directly behind the accident scene. We stopped

and jumped out of our car. My husband (who had served in the Navy as a medical corpsman) rushed over to the accident victim while I called 9-1-1. Incredibly, people were just standing around watching.

"We tried to keep him as calm as possible. He was starting to fade in and out of consciousness so we tried to keep him awake. An ambulance arrived about 15 minutes after the accident.

Heather said the victim, a retired Air Force member, had given Eric his wife's phone number and Heather called her to inform her of the accident. The Holleys visited the victim at the hospital that evening; his wife hugged and thanked them for what they had done for her husband.

Heather said the victim, who had surgery the night of the accident and again Sunday, was transported to Jackson, Miss., for additional treatment.

Holley learned Oct. 22 that the victim would lose his leg. "The doctors tried to save it but there was too much damage. He will also have to undergo rehabilitation.

"Reflecting on the event, Heather said, "It brought back some bad memories -- we almost lost my dad in a car wreck last year. It was scary at first but we realized we were able to help. It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time." She added, "All the exercises we've participated in really came in handy. You never think it's valuable until it's needed."