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NMCB 133's Task Force Anchor improves camp security



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - An equipment operator from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 drives a bulldozer into a massive pile of earth during force protection upgrades near the camp, Sept. 25. The Task Force Anchor Seabee battalion is deployed to Afghanistan to provide engineering support for theater coalition forces. (U.S.Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

Broad Ave Gate Construction Oct. 8

Due to installation of new gates, traffic will be restricted to one side of the Broad Avenue Gate Oct. 8. Motorists should pay close attention to the instruction of Security personnel and be prepared for delays.

NCBC to Celebrate Hispanic heritage

By CM3(SCW) Katchen Bernath

NCBC Public Affairs

Each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 the Navy celebrates Hispanic heritage month with the nation. This year Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport's Multicultural Diversity Committee will host a special event at the Base Training Hall at 11 a.m., Oct. 10.

Hispanic Heritage Week was first approved by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968, and expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988.

This year's theme is: Diversity United, Building America's Future Today, and will include traditional

dances and a video presentation.

"Our main goal is to inform the command and tenant commands of the Hispanic history, and give them an idea of the month that represents Hispanic heritage and also a little bit of the culture that resides within the military what they've done for the military what they've done for the nation and its entirety," said Builder 1st class Jerma Cloude vice president of the Multi cultural diversity Committee.

A special meal will also be served at the Colmer Dining Facility in honor of Hispanic heritage from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 10. The meal is open to all Department of Defense employees, retirees and authorized civilians at a cost of \$4.55.

Commissary Closed for Columbus Day

The NCBC Commissary will be closed Oct. 8 and 9 in recognition of Columbus Day.

Normal operations will resume Oct. 10.



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West's last HOOYAH, Stevens takes helm

By MCC(SW/AW) Sonya Ansarov, Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy



WASHINGTON - Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Michael D. Stevens accepts the ceremonial cutlass from the Navy's 12th MCPON, Rick D. West, during a change of office ceremony Sept. 28 at the Washington Navy Yard as Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert presides over the ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Thomas L. Rosprim/Released)

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West gave his last 'HOOYAH' during the change-of-office ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard, Sept. 28.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert was the guest speaker for the ceremony and highlighted MCPON West's accomplishments during his naval career while thanking him for his leadership.

"MCPON West, you made the Navy better through your willingness to listen and learn," said Greenert. "I watched you firsthand in the Pacific Fleet, at U.S. Fleet Forces, as VCNO, and I had the honor to serve with you for one year as CNO. MCPON West had the heartbeat of the Navy. Sailors communicated with him. He challenged Sailors and they loved it."

The ceremony marked the end of a nearly 32-year career for West, who had served as the 12th MCPON since Dec. 12, 2008. During his time as MCPON, West instituted the Senior Enlisted Continuation Board, introduced CPO 365, and implemented the mandatory enlisted warfare designation.

"MCPON West made a difference and led by example. He made a tangible improvement in our Navy," said Greenert. "I say to you and Bobbi (wife), thank you very much and our nation and our Navy thanks you."

West did not discuss personal accomplishments during his

retirement remarks, instead focusing on thanking family, friends, shipmates and mentors who helped shape him into a leader and the memories he'll take with him of his years of service.

"There is simply no way I can mention you all. Just know that if you are here today, you played some part in the success that I have enjoyed," said West. "It has been an honor and privilege to serve our great Navy for nearly 32 years and especially to serve as MCPON for the last four. Thirty-two years is a long time, but when you are talking about the end of a fantastic journey, it was just a "flash of time." I've never had a "bad command" because I feel commands are what you make of them and how you choose to seize the opportunities."

"The thing I'm going to miss the most is, by far, the people and the energy and innovation of our Sailors and families. The 'engine' that truly drives our Navy is our people. Our Sail-

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Naval Legal Service Command adapts to best serve clients

As of Oct. 1, the Navy Legal Service Command will reorganize to better serve its clients by meeting the growing demands for legal services while continuing to provide quality military justice service.

Naval Legal Service Offices (NLSO) will realign to become Defense Service Offices (DSO). The DSOs' sole mission will be to defend service members in military justice proceedings, represent them at administrative boards, and provide advice on non-judicial punishment and adverse personnel actions.

Navy, Marine and Coast Guard Servicemembers seeking Defense services have the option of calling or visiting the DSO office in person. Arrangements will then be made for

an attorney to contact the individual via telephone, webcam or in person.

Individuals seeking Defense services from outside of the Pensacola/Gulfport area will be required to send over proof of identity/eligibility by emailing/faxing a copy of their military identification. The Defense Service Office will then arrange for the individual requesting services to get in contact with an attorney. The individual will have the option of speaking to the attorney via telephone or webcam.

On an as needed basis, RLSO Branch Office (BROFF) New Orleans will provide a designated confidential space for phone calls and/or web conversations. There is also a fax machine and a scan-

ner available for use when transmitting documents to the DSO.

The following offices will provide defense services: DSO Southeast DET Pensacola, 161 Turner St., Suite B, Bldg. 624, Second Deck, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508-5526, (850) 452-3737 (DSN 922), Fax: (850) 452-4576.

To schedule an appointment call: (850) 452-3734. Walk-ins for Active Duty and their dependants: Tuesday-Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. Powers of Attorney/Notary walk-ins: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

DSO Southeast BROFF Gulfport, 5301 Snead St., Bldg 30, Gulfport, MS 39501-9018, (228) 871-2866 (DSN 868).

Appointment Times: Call to schedule an appointment,

Walk-ins for Notaries and Powers of Attorney, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

NLSOs will transfer the mission of providing legal assistance services to the Region Legal Service Offices (RLSO). Legal assistance services include wills and powers of attorney, and matters involving consumer, family, landlord-tenant, immigration and predatory lending law.

Navy commands will retain their current staff judge advocate support. RLSOs will continue to provide court-martial prosecution and command legal advice to Navy region and installation commanders, and tenant commands such as ships and squadrons.

Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

"What do you like most about being a Seabee?"



"Being diverse in many trades. I'm a Builder but I've learned to operate equipment and how to weld amongst other things."

BUC(SCW) Zachary Vaughan
20th SRG
Hometown: Seattle, Wash.



"The tight knit community."
UTCN(SCW) Amanda Timpleton
NMCB 74
Hometown: Saint Paul, Minn.



"Being a mechanic. I love working on things I wouldn't have a chance to work on in the civilian world."

CMCN Mark Hovik
NCBC Gulfport
Hometown: Mission, Texas

Around

the

Center



20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) Command Master Chief (CMC) Duane Sharp solves manning issues while working from his office in Building 1 on board NCBC Gulfport Sept. 26. As the CMC, Sharp is the senior enlisted person at 20th SRG, and the liaison between the commanding officer and the enlisted ranks. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Bernath/Released)



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Sean Mueller, left, Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Nicholas Miracle, center, and Construction Mechanic Constructionman James Cook, all assigned to 20th SRG, repair a king pin assembly on a globe trailer in the CM Shop on aboard NCBC, Sept. 27. The previous king pin assembly on the globe trailer was damaged. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Kim Arnold, a cashier for the Commissary, assists customer, Alisha Schultz, during the Case Lot Sale at the Commissary on board NCBC Gulfport, Sept. 28. Each year in May and September the Defense Commissary Agency holds a worldwide Case Lot Sale event, offering customers bulk quantities of their favorite products at increased savings. The commissary is open Sundays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and closed Mondays. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

NCBC supports Honor Flight IV

Hundreds of service members and citizens of the Gulf Coast gathered at the Biloxi-Gulfport International Airport Sept. 25 to welcome World War II Veterans back to Gulfport as they arrive on Honor Flight IV, Sept. 25. The Veterans spent the entire day in Washington, D.C., visiting historical sites such as the World War II Memorial

and the Iwo Jima Memorial. They also attended a Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery and observed the Changing of the Guard before returning home to a heroes' welcome. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey and Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryan Williams/Released)



NCBC welcomes back Dawn Hill

By MCC(SCW/SW/AW)

Ryan G. Wilber

NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport welcomed back a familiar face recently, when Dawn Hill returned from a 5-year tour in Guantanamo (GITMO) Bay, Cuba to resume duties as the installation Forward Deployed Financial Manager.

Hill first worked on board NCBC Gulfport in 1981, one year after she started working in Civil Service. She left shortly thereafter, but returned to the Seabee Base in 1991 to work for the next 16 years. Like many Mississippians, or those who have been in this area for a while, Hill said she recalls long days working with a team of financial personnel after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, and now notices many changes to the base since her

departure.

"The base is beautiful. It's really changed a lot," said Hill.

Hill said she wanted to try something new after her husband retired from the Navy as Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Command Master Chief and her children left the house, so they signed on for a tour to GITMO. According to Hill, taking an overseas tour as a Civil Servant comes with return rights, which allows the person to return to the same stateside job they left if within five years of leaving. Hill said she really enjoyed her time on the island, but is happy to be back.

"I'm glad to be back in the states. My family is here. It's just like coming home. It's great," said Hill.

Working on NCBC through her parent command, Commander, Naval Region South-

east out of Jacksonville, Fla., Hill now assists NCBC personnel with proper use of the Defense Travel System, Government Purchase Cards, Government Travel Cards and much more.

Hill said her work for NCBC Gulfport is more than just a job for her. She said she is here to help the warfighter and those leading and supporting the men and women serving the country.

"Servicing the warfighter is important to me. I'm very patriotic. I'm not just here for a paycheck, I'm here to help the Seabees and the people who are running the base to support them," said Hill.

For assistance with financial issues, learn how to use financial programs within regulations or just welcome her on board or back, Hill can be found working from her office in building 1.



Dawn Hill, NCBC Gulfport Forward Deployed Financial Manager, works from her office in building 1. Hill has recently returned to NCBC Gulfport to continue her civil service after five years working overseas in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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

NMCB 11 returns home from seven months in Afghanistan

By MC1(SCW/AW) Jonathan Carmichael

NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 were welcomed home by family and friends Sept. 21 after a successful seven-month deployment to Afghanistan, which began in February.

NMCB 11's delayed party personnel arrived in a caravan of buses at Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport sometime before 10 p.m. Advanced party personnel arrived Sept. 9.

Spouses, children, friends, family and even some pets were on site to embrace their Seabees. Many displayed signs welcoming home their Seabee.

NMCB 11 was deployed to U.S. Central Command to con-

duct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army (ANA) 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.

Among the numerous missions the battalion conducted were, a large-scale road construction project in southern Helmand province in which they partnered with the ANA, a village stability platform mission in support of Marine Special Forces, construction of helicopter landing zones, in partnership with the Italian army, to facilitate timely medical evacuations, and construc-

tion of buildings and facilities for an ANA recruit training command.

Despite being faced with the dangers of operating in a combat zone for the length of the deployment, the Seabees of NMCB-11 are fortunate to have all returned. Thorough training and preparation in the months leading up to the deployment undoubtedly contributed to the battalion's success.

Following a brief stand-down period to allow sailors time to rest, spend time with family and take care of personal matters, NMCB 11 will reorganize and begin a homeport period filled with training, and tactical exercises designed to prepare them for the next deployment and increase their in-rate knowledge and skills.



Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 reunite with family and friends at the Training Hall on board NCBC Gulfport as they returned from deployment. The battalion had been deployed to Afghanistan in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility for seven months. (U.S. Navy photo illustration by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

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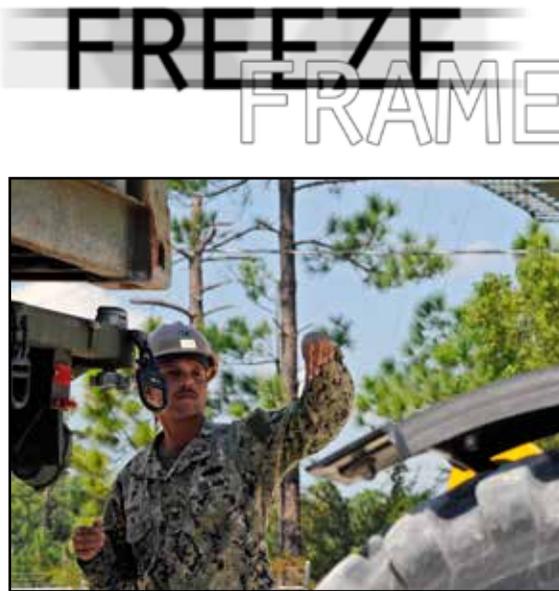
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NCBC FRAMES

EO2(SCW) John C. Rivera

20th SRG, R436
Yard Boss



By CM3(SCW) Katchen Bernath, NCBC Public Affairs

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

EO2: Loading airplanes in Iraq during NMCB 7's push from Iraq to Afghanistan, because the opportunity to load airplanes with CESE is not an

everyday thing for an EO in battalion.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?
EO2: My family and the mentors that have been by my side.

FF: What is your favorite thing about working with

Seabees?

EO2: The friends I have made and the places I have been, because visiting places around the world was a goal that the Navy has helped me accomplish.

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during

your career, and why?

EO2: EO1 Johnson and EOC Cincinnati have been the most influential mentors in my career. They took their time to teach me and guide me throughout my career with the knowledge they possess.

FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees/Sailors?

EO2: Enjoy the unique opportunities that the Navy has to offer. Have pride in what you do and strive to be the best in everything you do in your career.

Task Force Anchor improves force protection

By UT3 Drew Verbis, Task Force Anchor Public Affairs



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Seabees from Task Force Anchor’s Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 discuss the project progress Sept. 25. The battalion is deployed to Afghanistan to provide engineering support for theater coalition forces. (U.S. navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

CAMP KRUTKE, Afghanistan – Seabees from Task Force Anchor’s Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 constructed additional force protection measures around the Camp Bastion-Camp Leatherneck compound Sept. 25.

Working day and night for nearly 96 hours, five dozers and two excavators protected by static security teams moved earth to construct a formidable wall more than four kilometers long.

“Before we arrived there appeared to be a flat easy access from a road to the perimeter,”

said Equipment Operator First Class Michal Shafer. “What we’re building should definitely strengthen the force protection.”

“Despite long hours with fatigue and heat in full battle rattle, we were able to change the landscape to achieve the grade and slope necessary. It was hard work but Seabees have to be flexible,” said Shafer.

Task Force Anchor’s NMCB 133 is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Task Force Empire, providing engineering support to coalition forces.

NMCB 133 Seabees create impact at Camp Dwyer

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By MC1(SW/AW) Steven Myers

NMCB 133, Public Affairs CAMP KRUTKE, Afghanistan - Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133’s Detail Dwyer hit the ground running upon their arrival Sept. 18.

The 23 members of the advanced party conducted a two-day turnover with NMCB 11 before starting their first projects of the deployment.

Lt. Cmdr. Blake Burket, the detail’s officer-in-charge, said the phrase

“teamwork makes the dream work” was the core of their turnover and made it a quick, thorough and safe evolution.

Less than a week later, the detail had already made an impact on board Camp Dwyer and with the camp’s occupants.

“We have begun the execution of immediate force protection improvements throughout the Camp,” said Burket. “Working with the camp’s base defensive operations center, we have utilized Seabee ingenuity and a

foundation of tactical doctrine to directly support and improve camp defensive operations. Simultaneously, we have been supporting the U.S. Forces – Afghanistan directives to reduce footprint by performing demolition and demilitarization of recently vacated areas.”

During that short period following turnover, the Seabees completed numerous force protection improvement projects ranging from the installation of anti-vehicle berms, the installation of entry

control point gates, the demilitarization of multiple areas, the shifting of 900 cubic feet of four-foot tall temporary barriers, the repair of protective barriers and a welding repair to a guard tower. This work continued with the ongoing demolition and disposal of temporary barriers, 3,000 linear feet of protective wire, seven wooden structures and a concrete pad.

“From the beginning of turnover to our current phase of operations,” said Burket, “safety and quality

have remained hot topics. We embark on making everything count toward a bigger cause. NMCB 133’s Det. Dwyer will not only meet, but also exceed, every expectation according to the highest standard.”

NMCB 133 is currently deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, providing engineer support to Joint Task Force Empire, headed by the U.S. Army 411th Engineer Brigade, to help the Afghan people create their future.

DAPA NOTE

Young men who need to drink more than others to “get a buzz” face a higher risk of alcoholism as they approach their 30s. A study of 450 men also confirmed observations that alcoholism runs in families. Men with alcoholic fa-

thers were nearly three times more likely to become alcohol-dependent than men whose fathers weren’t alcoholics. For information on the Navy’s drug and alcohol policies and programs, please contact your command DAPA.

NMCB 74 completes mount out exercise

By MCC Jason A. Penny

Navy Office of Community Outreach CAMP SHIELDS, Okinawa, Japan - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 completed a mount out exercise, Sept. 28. The exercise is a test to see how quickly the battalion can respond to a situation that requires the capabilities of the Naval Construction Force (NCF). Personnel from the 30th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) were on hand to evaluate the battalion's performance during the exercise.

Also known as embark, the battalion must prepare heavy equipment, tools and personnel for shipment aboard military aircraft to be transported into the crisis area within 48 hours.

During the exercise a Mount Out Control Center, or MOCC, was stood up to direct all of the different elements required to identify the equipment to be shipped, stage it, prepare it for shipment and finally transport it in a convoy to the nearby Kadena Air Base where it would be loaded onto military aircraft in the event of a real world operation. Alfa company, which maintains the battalion's heavy equipment,

works closely with the embark staff to ensure the proper preparation and movement of the required assets to the affected area under the direction of the MOCC.

The exercise was carried out under the order of NMCB 74's commanding officer, Cmdr. David McAlister, who said the exercise is important to undertake for two reasons. First, it ensures that the battalion is ready and able to respond wherever and whenever it is required. That response could be everything ranging from major combat operations to disaster recovery/humanitarian assistance, said McAllister.

During the battalion's previous Pacific theater deployment, they were called upon to provide support to the people of Pakistan after a 7.6-magnitude earthquake struck the Kashmir region, Oct. 8, 2005. The scenario for this exercise is similar in that the battalion must prepare to provide assistance to a small island nation in the aftermath of an earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

The other reason the exercise is important, according to McAlister, is that it makes sure individuals are trained and familiar with the differ-



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 perform weight and length measurements on an 11K fork lift as part of a mount out exercise during which the battalion is evaluated on their ability to prepare support equipment and personnel for air transport to a location requiring support of Naval Construction Forces. NMCB 74, home ported in Gulfport, Miss. is currently operating forward throughout the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) supporting U.S. naval and joint forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason A. Penny)

ent aspects involved in carrying out this type of response. There are different steps in the process including putting basic supplies on pallets, washing vehicles, collecting weight and balance data for each piece of equipment and prioritizing the order of shipment in a staging area. The equipment and pallets are then organized into chocks, which represent the order in which they will be loaded onto the aircraft. Each element requires training in specific procedures with a high level of attention to

detail. It's a combination of everything from the unit level down to the individuals, McAlister said.

Master Chief Constructionman Al Cadena, operations chief for 30th NCR and one of the evaluators for the exercise, said that he was impressed with the engagement level of the battalion, particularly Alfa company and the embark staff. Those guys really were the backbone of the exercise and were really important in it being successful, Cadena said.

McAlister said that one of his guiding principles

is that the battalion should always be preparing for the future. A large part of that preparation involves training his Sailors during exercises like this one to give them better skill sets and experience so that the battalion can respond where needed for the supported commanders.

The Gulfport based battalion is currently operating forward throughout the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) supporting U.S. naval and joint forces under the command and control of 30th NCR.

Focus on Education

SPICE: Another way to spell disaster

By Force Master Chief April Beldo

NETC Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Naval Education and Training Command's (NETC) Force Master Chief April Beldo released an editorial Sept. 24 to the NETC domain about the use of Spice and how it affects fleet readiness.

The Navy is a "Global Force for Good" and our Sailors embody its Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Each day, I'm energized when I see Sailors challenging themselves to reach their personal and professional goals. Because of their enthusiasm, I have no doubt that the outlook of our maritime force shines bright as these individuals motivated by dedication, service and sacrifice continue to perfect their talents across the fleet and around the globe.

Yet, for all of the positive things going on in our Sailors' lives, OUR Navy is being plagued by a sickness among our ranks. Each week, in all-too-familiar reports, we see detailed accounts of Sailors being caught, testing positive and being separated from the Navy for using synthetic marijuana or Spice. This threat to our Navy's readiness is also known as K2, Spice Gold, Spice Silver, Spice Diamond, Genie, Yucatan Fire, Bliss, Black Mamba, Bombay Blue, Fake Weed, Zohai or Red Magic. Whatever it's called, NOT IN MY NAVY!

This synthetic drug presents a real and existing danger to a user's mental and physical health, as well as their military careers. Being under the influence of this drug can adversely affect the performance

of our shipmates on and off duty. Some of the short-term effects include auditory and visual hallucinations, painless head pressure, panic attacks, time distortion and delirium. Psychotic symptoms can last for days, even months in some cases. Long-term effects from this mind altering drug can include permanent physical impairment, mental illness or death.

These products aren't approved for human consumption and there is no oversight of the manufacturing process. Similar to other drugs on the street, experts warn that you never know what mixture of chemicals could be present in the drugs and users are experimenting with the combination of multiple products which can dramatically change or increase its effects on a case-by-case basis. In San Diego, one of our major fleet concentration areas, multiple patients have been treated at Naval Medical Center San Diego, for using Spice, some resulting in months of inpatient treatment for persistent psychotic symptoms. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, increased dosage, addiction and use of synthetic marijuana has led to a surge in emergency room visits and calls to poison control centers. It saddens me that even though they know that the odds are against them, some of our Sailors continue to gamble with their lives, playing Russian roulette with no possible way to win.

Regrettably, simple message traffic can't portray the negative impact the use of this man-made drug has on unit cohesion. Drug abuse puts lives and missions at risk

and undercuts unit readiness, morale and esprit de corps. On flight lines, onboard ships and on bases around the world, we put our LIVES in the hands of our shipmates. We trust that the Sailor or Marine we are working with is focused and capable. If they have used Spice, their readiness for duty and their professional judgment is in question.

I also can't adequately express the drug's impact in terms of permanent personal consequences including criminal charges, discharge, and long-term medical issues, not to mention the impact to the Sailor's family. Those most painful and private elements often go untold.

The Navy's implementation of synthetic drug testing is a necessary step in putting a halt to Sailors and Marines using these outlawed and hazardous substances. If unclear of the Navy's policy on drug abuse, it's straightforward and to the point - Zero Tolerance and illegal. Using Spice, or other trendy drugs and artificial compounds, by any member of our Navy and Marine Corps team is incompatible with the guidelines for performance, military discipline, and readiness characterized by today's Sailors and Marines.

In 2011, close to 400 Sailors were processed out of the Navy because they chose to use these drugs.

As shipmates we must all watch out for each other and remind each other that abusers will be caught, they will be separated, lose benefits and will let down the Navy team.

With that gloomy forecast said, I want you to understand that I'm only identifying a very small population of misguided



individuals and that an overwhelming majority of our Sailors and Marines conduct themselves honorably. There are also signs that we are winning the battle. The Navy's history of Zero Tolerance clearly shows dramatic gains in reducing illegal drug use. In 1982, the first year of urinalysis screening, the percent of positive samples was 7.21 percent. For FY 2011, that number was less than one percent, with a total of 1,515 out of 1,184,160 samples testing positive.

Here at Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) headquarters and throughout our domain, we understand that fleet readiness starts here and we go the extra mile to make sure that our students are equipped to succeed in the fleet. Our instructors and staff are charged with their training, mentoring, setting a personal example, and are committed to good order and discipline. As a team, we take on challenges by developing situational awareness, coaching our shipmates, taking advantage of resources and providing positive leadership. We also faithfully help our shipmates navigate through rough seas, and go the extra mile to prevent a shipmate from making a bad decision that could ruin their lives. If you or someone you know needs help, all you have to do is ask.

Coastline Community College Fall 'B' Registration Registration for the Fall "B" term at CCC will continue through Oct. 14, with the term running from Oct. 22 to Dec. 16. Additional information can be obtained in the Navy College Office, Building 60, Room 239 or by contacting Dr. David Drye at 228-871-3439 or email at DDRYE@COASTLINE.EDU.

Save the Date!

The Military Child Education Coalition's Professional Development Institute presents: 'Living in the New Normal Institute: Helping Children Thrive in Good and Challenging Times' Oct. 24, 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center No cost to participants. Funded by OSD/DA.

For more information, contact Myriam Virella, 254-953-1923, X1119 or myriam.virella@Militarychild.org. Log on to www.MilitaryChild.org and click the Training tab to register.

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

October is Domestic Assault Awareness Month

THE HOME IS NOT A WAR ZONE



At the Movies



Oct. 5: The Amazing Spider-Man, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 6: Brave, PG, noon; Madea's Witness Protection, PG13, 2:30 p.m.; Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter, R, 5 p.m.

Oct. 7: Rock of Ages, PG13, 2 p.m.; Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, R, 4:30 p.m.

All movies are FREE! Be sure to call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299 to check for movie schedule updates.

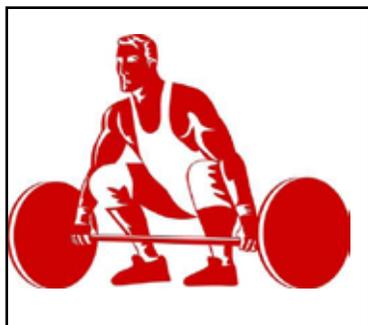
Fitness

Zumba: Monday and Wednesday at 6pm FREE

Aquatics: An hour of vigorous swimming will burn up to 650 calories. It burns off more

calories than walking or biking. It also helps with STRESS! Customize your workout by visiting www.swimplan.com.

Power Lifting Meet, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Sign up before Oct. 15. There will be five weight classes for male and female and we will have a teen class. For more information: Call Michael (228) 822-5108. Start training now!!!



Recreation

Auto Hobby: Free tire rotation and balancing during the month of October, Tuesday-Friday 2-7 p.m. and Saturday noon-5 p.m. For Reservations call (228) 871-2804.

ITT: Need a vacation or just a weekend get away? Let us help you plan that! Cruise lines are offering off-season rates and resorts in the mountains of Tennessee with great military deals. Stop in to

see what we can do for you!

Liberty Center: Save a Life! American Red Cross Blood Drive, October 4, noon-5 p.m.

Diners, Drive-ins and Dives! Eat at Darwell's Café – Featured on Food Networks Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, Oct. 6, noon.

AKC Dog Show, Oct. 7, FREE Shuttle departs at noon.

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

October Specials: All camping equipment (including A-Liners) is 10% off.

Rent three sets of **Paintball Equipment** and get one free. What a deal!

FREE Batting Cage: No more tokens needed, stop by and take a swing. Bats and helmets can be checked out at no charge at Outdoor Recreation during business hours.

Food and Beverage

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



The Grill: Open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-1:30

p.m. for a great breakfast or lunch. Call ahead for takeout and avoid the wait: (228) 871-2494.
Anchors & Eagles: Open Tuesday-Thursday, 2-9 p.m.

Youth Activities

Movie Night on the Big Screen, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m., Only \$2, popcorn included, limited to 50.



Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch & Hayride, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Only \$7. Lunch needed.

Mummy Wrap & Halloween Fear Factor Games, Oct. 9, 5:30-8 p.m., Free.

Weird Science Night: Homemade Volcanoes, October 10, 5:30-8 p.m., Free.

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.

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



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ors are what makes our Navy the best that's ever sailed the world's oceans," said West.

MCPON (AW/NAC) Mike D. Stevens took the helm of the enlisted force as the Navy's 13th MCPON after receiving the ceremonial cutlass from MCPON West.

"I was honored to pick MCPON 13," said Greenert. "It was not an easy task. MCPON Stevens is a proven and effective leader. This is a guy ready to lead our Navy and I look forward to your insight and perspective."

Stevens, a native of Montana, joined the Navy in 1983 and most recently served as Fleet Master Chief for U.S. Fleet Forces Fleet Master Chief in Norfolk. His previous Command Master Chief tours included U.S. 2nd Fleet, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14, and Naval Air Station Pensacola.

MCPON Stevens thanked Admiral Greenert for his trust and faith in his selection as MCPON.

"I am both humbled and honored to have been provided this magnificent opportunity to lead and serve our Sailors, their families and our government civilians as the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy," said Stevens.

Stevens thanked West for his service, leadership and friendship and spoke to the Navy, saying he is excited about the future and looking forward to serving the Navy as MCPON by working together to carry out the Navy's mission.

The MCPON serves as an advisor to the CNO and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters dealing with enlisted personnel and their families. The MCPON is also an advisor to boards dealing with enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.

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THE 34th ANNUAL**

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Secretary of the U. S. Air Force
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SEN. ROGER WICKER
REP. STEVEN PALAZZO

Music by the **Navy Band**
New Orleans
and presentation of the 2012
Thomas V. Fredian Community
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TUESDAY ★ OCT. 23 ★ 6:00 P.M.

**MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM
CONVENTION CENTER**  **BILOXI**

For ticket information, contact NCBC Public Affairs Officer Rob Mims by email: robert.c.mims@navy.mil

Anchor Dedication at Jones Park, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.

NCBC Gulfport invites the Gulf Coast Community to a dedication ceremony at Jones Park Oct. 10 at 10 a.m., featuring live performances by the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Wings Performing Arts Program.

Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE

is searching for highly motivated Seabees and
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Join an ELITE force and travel as a small, professional team. Execute specialized construction, diving and demolition skills with the latest and greatest technology and equipment.

Contact UCT CCC/Diver recruiting team @ (757) 462-3988/4313 or Email YNC Aberle at christopher.aberle1-@navy.mil; SW1 Dohse at ryan.dohse@navy.mil or visit www.facebook.com/seabee.diver for more information.

FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
1) 366 TRS	7	3	.700	174	130
2) 25TH NCR	7	3	.700	131	114
3) PCU-LPD24	6	4	.600	180	105
4) 20TH/CBC	6	4	.600	137	97
5) NBHC	4	6	.400	82	198

Race Engines, Dirt Bikes, ATV's, Cigarette Boats, Zodiacs

Are you up to the challenge of hard work and
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Naval Special Warfare Development Group is seeking active duty Construction Mechanics and all other Seabee rates.

- **Motivated/Volunteer**
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October 4, 2012

Seabee Courier

2nd Annual Long Beach Veteran's Day Parade

Date: Nov. 11, 2012

Time: Festivities start 1 p.m.

Location: Downtown Long Beach, Jeff Davis
Avenue, Long Beach

Contact: Susan Taylor - Event Coordinator

Phone: (228) 332-1083

Admission: Free!

Chapel Offerings

Veterans Stand Down

The Chapel is collecting backpack items such as clothing, toiletries and other essentials for the annual Veterans Standdown Oct. 17 at the Biloxi, Va. Donations may be dropped off at the chapel during normal duty hours.

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 a 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.

NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAYS

Volunteers are needed to take part in Habitat for Humanity Workdays throughout the local area as follows: Friday and Saturday, and Oct. 12 and 13. 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.

RENEW OUR RIVERS

Renew Our Rivers is looking for volunteers to take part in cleanups at the following locations: Saturday - Boley (Hobolochitto) Creek, Pica-yune, Wednesday - Gulfport Lake/Industrial Seaway, Gulfport Lake boat launch, Oct. 11 - Pascagoula River, Little River Marina. For more information, contact Renew our Rivers on Facebook or call EO1 Douglas Pojegy, 228-493-6191 or email: douglas.pojegy@navy.mil.

CITY OF GULFPORT

The City of Gulfport will hold "Boo Bash," it's annual Halloween event, Oct. 27 from 6-9 p.m. under the Barksdale pavilion in Jones Park. Volunteers are needed who are interested in setting up a Halloween-themed booth with a children's activity and working the booth during the event. Volunteers who are interested in creating a Halloween-themed backdrop for children to take pictures in front of during the event are also needed. Contact



Brittany Dyess at 228-868-5881 or bdyess@gulfportms.gov if you or your group are interested in volunteering.

GULFPORT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Gulfport Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting with the Youth Aftercare Program. Volunteers would work with youth grade 4 - grade 8 in team-building exercises designed to increase self confidence, self-discipline and self-respect. Program hours are Monday-Friday, 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. For more information, call Officer Tonya Laville at 228-596-0281 or 228-868-5703.

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 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

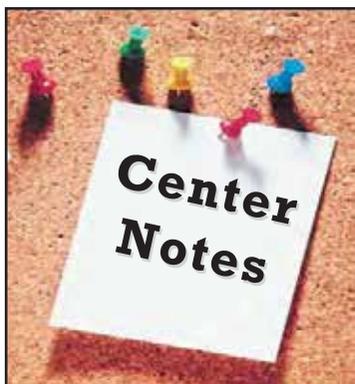
Services:

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.



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://nmc11.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://nmc62alumni.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 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeeuseumstore.org/-/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available for customers.

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

2012 Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Birthday Ball



Celebrate the U.S. Navy's 237th birthday and the War of 1812 bicentennial! The celebration will take place Oct. 13, from 6 p.m. until Midnight at Keesler AFB Bay Breeze Event Center. Participating installations include Stennis Space Center, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, Keesler AFB, Pascagoula Naval Shipyard and Armed Forces Retirement Home, Gulfport. Tickets are on sale now!

Contact your command representative and purchase your tickets today! Ticket prices are E-6/GS-5 and below - \$20, E-7/GS-6 and above - \$30. Command representatives are Stennis Space Center: Larry Mitchell, 228-688-5226 or larry.e.mitchell@navy.mil; NCBC Gulfport: Cecil Jordan, 228-871-3643 or cecil.jordan@navy.mil; Keesler AFB: Christie King, 228-377-0230 or christie.king@navy.mil. Ticket sales end Oct. 5!

Visit <http://msgulfcoastnavyball.weebly.com/index.html> for details on food, uniforms and the program.