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**Construction Mechanic Constructionman (SCW) Jose Argueta, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 takes time off from a construction project, in order to help teach local children how to read. NMCB 1 is currently deployed to 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) in support of construction operations throughout Europe and Africa.** (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aron Taylor/Released)

## NMCB 1 - Making a difference in West Africa

Courtesy of NMCB 1 Public Affairs LOME, Togo - Seabees assigned to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 Detail Togo recently completed their special construction partnering mission with host nation military engineers in early September, as part of African Partnership Stations 2012.

The mission of African Partnership Stations is to conduct theater security cooperation through a continuum of activi-

ties designed to advance maritime security in Africa. Combined Task Force 68 and NMCB 1 are supporting this effort using a task tailored detachment to contribute to the economic prosperity and security on land through humanitarian civil assistance projects with the host nation military engineers.

Completion of the APS mission by the Seabees of NMCB 1 marked the end of a six week humanitarian civil assis-

tance project involving the renovation of a local school compound in the Totsi District of Lome, Togo. The three classroom buildings in the compound were renovated by the joint team of U.S. Navy Seabees and Togo Military Engineers using locally procured materials.

The impact the team made at the school is clear. The failing roof and roof support system has been replaced with new See **DIFFERENCE** page 5

## Seabee Center among CNRSE installations to be recognized for energy, water management efforts

By Michael Maddox  
Region SE Public Affairs

Several installations across the Navy Southeast Region have recently been named winners of the Secretary of the Navy Energy and Water Management Awards in recognition of their energy and water conservation programs.

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City was awarded a top honor by being named a Platinum level award winner. Gold level winners were Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS Jacksonville, Naval Station (NS) Mayport, Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay, NS Guantanamo Bay, NAS Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth, NSA Orlando, NAS Kingsville and Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. Blue level winners included NAS Corpus Christi, NAS JRB New Orleans, NAS Key West, NAS Whiting Field and NAS Meridian.

The annual awards are presented to commands that have made notable progress toward the Department of the Navy (DON) goals to reduce energy and water consumption, increase use of renewable energy sources, and construct sustainable facilities. The DON Energy

Program evaluates and classifies the overall energy and water management performance of each installation. Awardees are categorized according to SECNAV winners as platinum, gold and blue level achievement.

"Being recognized as a leader in supporting SECNAV's goal of shrinking the Navy's energy and water consumption footprint is a great honor and a testament to the base personnel's commitment to being a "green" team," said Evelyn Baskin, the Installation Energy Manager for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast at NSA Panama City.

"The SECNAV recognition is a great honor reflecting daily boots-on-the-ground hard work," said Baskin. "NSA Panama City's energy program recent success is due to an effort in getting all-hands onboard with our energy reduction and management program."

Baskin said their installation has become an energy champion through efforts such as mechanics practicing preventive maintenance to keep facilities "tuned-up" and building energy monitors (BEMs) staying vigilant in reporting energy leaks and

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# Navy Legal Evictions and Privatized Housing: Got Rights?

By Lt. Mike Ellis, JAGC  
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Access to subsidized base housing is one of the more valuable benefits available to military service members and their families. Contemporary base housing can offer a cheaper alternative and is often-times conveniently located in safe neighborhoods with good school districts; however, the perks of base housing can come at the expense of some of the liberties we take for granted.

Tenants can be evicted from base housing for even the most minor violations. But can base housing really do that? The answer depends not only on the specific facts of the case, but also on the nature of the housing itself. It all comes down to who has jurisdiction and what is the nature of the lease violation.

**Who has jurisdiction?** In 1996, the Department of Defense embarked on the Military Housing Privatization Initiative; as a result, most base housing is now managed by private entities operating on public lands. The laws, however, have been slow to catch up to this hybrid system.

On some military installations, base housing is still under exclusive federal jurisdiction. In those cases, federal law governs the eviction. Unfortunately, there is no federal eviction law. As such, tenants cannot be "evicted" because there is no federal landlord/tenant court which has authority to evict. Nevertheless, many

base housing providers will still serve tenants with eviction notices, knowing there is no authority to enforce them.

On other military installations, the jurisdiction is concurrent. This means that the landlord/tenant law in the state applies. On these installations, the local landlord/tenant court has the authority to evict, but requires both parties to appear before a neutral judge before carrying out an eviction. This is where the Service members' Civil Relief Act (SCRA), a federal statute, comes in handy; prior to evicting a service member or his/her dependents a landlord is required to obtain a court order. The SCRA can also, in some instances, allow a stay in the eviction proceedings, postponing the case for a period of time.

**What is the nature of the lease violation?** Lease violations that lead to eviction typically fall into three categories: failure to pay rent, damage to housing, and personal feuds between neighbors. Fighting an eviction that was initiated due to failure to make timely payments is difficult. Some base housing will begin threatening eviction within 10 days of nonpayment and may not rescind the eviction even if the balance is paid at a later date.

Additionally, the installation commanding officer (CO) does not condone the behavior, and may assist base with the removal of nonpaying tenants.

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## PPV Housing Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP)

NCBC, in conjunction with our family housing partner, Balfour Beatty Communities, is moving forward with a plan to increase awareness and conservation of electrical use in our neighborhoods. The program carries out a policy from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The intent of this program is to promote good stewardship of our resources and environment through awareness, personal responsibility and education. See the rest of the letter to base housing residents at: [http://www.cnbc.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/documents/document/cnicp\\_a295650.pdf](http://www.cnbc.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/documents/document/cnicp_a295650.pdf).



# Skipper's Log

## Our Navy is in good hands

By Capt. Rick Burgess  
 CO CBC/CMDR 20th SRG

Last week, we had the distinct privilege to witness the pinning of 36 Sailors as Chief Petty Officers.

As their new covers were placed on their heads, I thought about the journey they have taken to get to this important milestone in their careers.

Each of them had established a record of successful performance at the Petty Officer level. Each of them had scored well enough on the Chief's exam to "make the board," to have their record be considered by a Selection Board. Each of them was selected by the Board based on their potential to succeed at the next level of leadership.

But even that process – as rigorous and selective as it is – did not put them up on that stage in the Training Hall. They first had to complete CPO Induction successfully.

Over the course of six weeks, the Chief-selects were tested completely and thoroughly. Only then, having met the challenge, could they stand tall on the stage as their friends, family and sponsors pinned anchors on their collars and placed the CPO cover on their head.

So, congratulations to the new Chiefs! In donning your new khaki uniforms, you take



on a role that may be new for you but one that is not at all new for the Navy. Chiefs have been officially recognized for 119 years (and likely before that, though not as clearly in regulations).

The deckplate leadership exercised by Chief Petty Officers has played and will continue to play a pivotal role in the U.S. Navy success. The Chief is the one who turns ideas into actions at the deckplate level. The Chief enforces standards and expectations. The Chief helps to equip his or her Sailors for success professionally and personally.

As MCPON Herdt put it, the Chiefs are the ones who make the Navy run and run right. You were chosen to be a Chief, not as a reward, but you showed the potential to succeed at that level. Bravo Zulu! Now it's time to get to work. Navy Chiefs, Navy Pride!

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## Buzz on the Street



By MCC(SCW/SW/AW/)  
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NCBC Public Affairs

Besides Final Night, what was your most memorable experience during induction?



"Getting a chance to talk to the Chiefs one-on-one."

**Chief Tobbie May**  
NMCB 133

Hometown: Fort. Leonard Wood, Mo.



"Community service at the Armed Forces Retirement Home and Disabled Veteran's facility."

**MAC Lisa Chambers**  
NMCB 7

Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.



"Chief Petty Officer Indoctrination at Stennis Space Center."

**CEC(SCW) Lahue Bishop**  
20th SRG

Hometown: Maywood, Ill.

# Around the



# Center



Navy Lodge Gulfport employees help themselves during "Chip and Dip" day - one of the many mini celebrations marking National Hospitality Week on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Sept. 10 - 15. The annual celebration is in recognition of the outstanding work performed by Navy Lodge housekeeping, front desk and maintenance staff. The week was filled with activities such as "Fun Sock Day," "Manager Makes Breakfast" day and a make your own Christmas ornament contest. Prizes were awarded to employees throughout the week. (Photo courtesy of Navy Lodge/Released)

Paul Vice, a subcontractor for Can't Be Beat Fence and Construction, clears debris from a ditch along Colby Ave., on board NCBC. The area is being filled-in so a 12-foot-wide running path can be constructed to allow runners a safer place to exercise. The project is slated to be completed before the end of the year. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)



Automotive Technicians, Benjamin Turan (left) and Myron Mattox, install a window into a customer's vehicle at the Navy Exchange Autoport on board NCBC, Sept. 17. The Autoport is open Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

# Chiefs' Pinning 2012



Photos by MCC(SW/AW) Scott Boyle and MCC(SCW/SW/AW) Ryan G. Wilber

Thirty-seven Sailors were officially made U.S. Navy chief petty officers during a pinning ceremony held at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Training Hall Sept. 14. Many friends, significant others and family members took part in the ceremony, along with the

sponsors who had been mentors and sounding boards for the CPO selectees throughout the induction. The ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, James L. Herdt, was the guest speaker during the ceremony, which followed six weeks of intense leadership training.



# Seabees of NMCB 133 accept control of Navy engineering missions in Afghanistan

By MC1 Steven Myers  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

The Runnin' Roos of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 accepted control of Seabee engineering operations in the Central Command area of operations from NMCB 11 during a transfer of authority ceremony, Sept. 14, aboard Camp Leatherneck's Seabee installation, Camp Krutke, Afghanistan.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB 11, turned over the responsibility for Seabee construction efforts in the region to Cmdr. Nicolas Yamodis, commanding officer of NMCB 133.

Keynote speaker U.S. Army Brig. Gen. David L. Weeks, commanding general of the 411th Engineer Brigade and Joint Task Force Empire, said the day marked the culmination of many months in combat for NMCB 11, and marked the beginning of the continuation of construction efforts across the battle space for NMCB 133.

"I am honored to serve with you and beside you. Regardless of our branch of service or component, we are all members of the greatest military in the world," Weeks said of both battalions. "I believe Seabees

represent the very best of the United States Navy. They are unique, different from every other formation here in Afghanistan, and they bring much to the fight."

Weeks said that NMCB 11 has added to the pages of history and glory to the Seabee reputation by helping create a strong and self-reliant Afghanistan for future generations and challenged NMCB 133 to do the same.

"As we say goodbye to one great command team and their Seabees, we welcome another great team of seasoned warriors," said Weeks. "The Seabees of NMCB 133 are equally up to the task. You have answered the call and you will carry the mission forward."

"Regardless of what NMCB you come from," Aguayo said, "we all wear the Seabee patch on our pocket and your success is our success. Skipper Yamodis, Runnin' Roos, on behalf of all Seabees of NMCB 11, we wish you a very safe and productive deployment."

During their time in Afghanistan, NMCB 133 will provide engineering support to Joint Task Force Empire and assist coalition and Afghan forces in making a difference throughout the region.



Cmdr. Nicolas Yamodis, Commanding Officer Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, right, assumes authority and responsibility for Seabee construction efforts in the Central Command area of responsibility from Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, Commanding Officer Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, as Brig. Gen. David L. Weeks, Commanding General 411th Engineer Brigade and Joint Task Force Empire, observes. During their deployment, NMCB 133 will provide engineering support to Joint Task Force Empire and assist coalition and Afghan forces. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released)

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construction including translucent roof panels which bring much needed light to the classrooms with no additional operation or maintenance costs to the school. A new electrical system with fans and lights was installed in the primary school building and will keep the classrooms cool during the day and lit for evening classes. The exposed block walls of the buildings were patched with plaster and then

given a skim coat before painting which sealed the school and brightened the compound.

In addition to the work done as part of the mission for the school, the Seabees and their partners had a little extra time and materials to make other improvements as well. The blackboards in the classrooms were all repainted, the classrooms of the main school building were plastered and a shade structure where lunch is served to students was created to enhance the usability of the

facility and education of the students attending there.

"This type of mission is why I joined the Seabees, the humanitarian projects have a direct impact on those that need them," said Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Joshua Stephens.

With the mission in Lome complete, the Seabees of NMCB 1's Detail Togo are moving onto a school renovation in the neighboring country of Benin on an even tighter schedule and in a more challenging environment.

Personal firearms are **PROHIBITED** on the installation

# NMCB 74 CPO Pinning Ceremony



**CAMP FOSTER, Japan - Chief Builder Wayne Sperko, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, is piped ashore as one of the Navy's newest chief petty officers. Sperko and 35 other Sailors from the Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa Region were pinned as chief petty officers in a ceremony held at the base theater Sept. 14.** (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Douglas G. Wojciechowski/Released)

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## Columbus Day Holiday closure

The Gulfport Commissary will be closed Oct. 8 - 9 for the Federal Holiday.

## Gulf Coast Heart Walk

The 2012 Gulf Coast Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Jones Park in Gulfport and is the primary fundraising event for the American Heart Association. This non-competitive 5k walk/run begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes family friendly activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a whole lot of fun. Money raised at the Heart Walk is used to fund critical research, education, and interventions used to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. NCBC has a long history of supporting this walk through participation and volunteers. Volunteers can help by forming a walk/run team by registering at [www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org](http://www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org) or consider volunteering for set up (Sept. 28) and tear down (Sept. 29) of the Heart Walk event. Fund raising is the ultimate goal of the event, but is not required to participate in the walk/run. You can also register your team at the NCBC's group page <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org/ncbc>. Click "create new team" under the "Action" column at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Westbrook, 228-871-2906 or [kevin.westbrook@navy.mil](mailto:kevin.westbrook@navy.mil).



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# Are We There Yet? Middle Age is Debatable *The Meat & Potatoes of Life*

A new column by  
**Lisa Smith Molinari,**  
Military Spouse Contributor



I talk too much. Countless thoughts are spawned in the fertile recesses of my mind, and are only given a few moments of incubation time before I give in to the irresistible impulse to birth them into the world in the form of unsolicited speech. The poor people who happen to be within earshot of me tend to get that glazed-over look in their eye, the tell-tale sign that they are bored, praying for the end of the story, trying to find a point, or just simply thinking, "She never shuts up."

Recently, I decided to channel my thoughts into something worthwhile and less annoying, so I took up writing and dove into my new hobby with vim and vigor.

However, my excitement quickly turned to self-doubt when I realized – who wants to read the mundane rants of a middle-aged military spouse? Surprisingly, the clutter of my mind parted like the Red Sea to reveal the answer: My mundane middle-aged military life is exactly what thousands (well

maybe a couple hundred) of readers want to know about. I mean, who doesn't wonder, what specifically is "middle age"? Are we there yet? Is there any way to turn around and go back?

We throw the term "middle age" around like so many other vague phrases common in daily vernacular, without really understanding what the words really mean. The definition of middle age is definitely debatable – some believe that statistical life-expectancy charts dictate that one is middle aged when one is between 40 and 60 years old. But this view is almost universally met with resistance . . . "What? I'm not middle aged!"

Such non-believers opine that they are only as old as they look, act or feel. But if this vague standard was the basis for determining middle age, I would bet my pricey wrinkle cream that the only people who would admit to being middle age would be standing in the early bird line on senior citizens night at the local Country Buffet, likely wearing pants well above their waistlines and orthopedic shoes, and definitely planning on getting seconds of the tapioca.

What are we so afraid of? For many of us, middle age represents the real "meat and potatoes" of life, when selfish interests are put on hold for hard work in the form of home buying, bill paying, child rearing, taxes, the struggle to ward off the physical effects of aging, and the battle to keep

marriages intact through it all. Gone are the days of carefree self-discovery and unbridled fun-seeking – it's time to get serious and figure out what the hell we are doing before we screw things up.

Middle age probably plays the most significant role in determining our long-term happiness. It is during this time that marriages are either cemented or broken, we face the decision to stay in our get out of the military, our children are forming their personalities (or criminal tendencies), and we either become comfortable with ourselves or we experience the proverbial mid-life crisis.

How on earth are we supposed to perform this tight rope act without falling into a deep dark abyss? Truthfully, I have no clue; however, I cannot help but think that if we just sit back and relax, we might just enjoy the ride. Why spend our substantive years pathetically fighting what nature and instinct have dictated for us?

I'm not saying we should stop plucking our chin hairs and burn our extra supportive bras, I just think that the key to surviving middle age must be based at least partially on our willingness to give in and embrace the natural progression of our lives with a fun-loving spirit and the ability to laugh at it all.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog, [www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com](http://www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com).



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### **MWR Administration closed for Summer Bash**

MWR Administration Office Bldg. 352 will be closed Friday, Sept. 21. All the Admin staff will be working at the "End of Summer Bash" located at the MWR Seabee Recreational Park co-located with the MWR Grill at Bldg. 418. We encourage all base personnel come out and enjoy and participate in the events, fun, music and free food. For Emergencies or Immediate Assistance please contact Debbie Brockway, MWR Director at 228-224-2519 or Dewayne Riley, MWR Operations Manager at 228-224-1639.

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# NMCB 11 Seabee reconnects with Air Force Father after a year apart

By Senior Airman Bryan Swink  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

It is a challenge for many service members to travel home to see family due to the sporadic movement and occasional deployments a military life can bring. It is a much larger challenge when two family members in different branches of service try to reconnect.

It's been a year since Air Force Master Sgt. Niihau Ramsey has seen his son, Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Brad Ramsey.

The two reconnected at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing while Brad traveled through Southwest Asia during his redeployment back home to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), after spending eight months at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

During his deployment, Ramsey performed preventative and corrective maintenance on civil

engineer support equipment.

"I found out about a month ago our unit might be coming through here on our way home and really hoped everything would work out so I could spend some time with my dad," said Brad, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11. "There were a few hiccups along the way, but luckily it worked out."

Deployments aren't unusual for either of the Ramseys. They have five deployments between the two of them. Niihau, 609th Air Communications Squadron Detachment 1, Mission Support Flight superintendent, is here for a bit longer than a normal six- or 12-month deployment. He is permanently stationed here for a two-year tour.

"Being here for so long without my family is tough," said Niihau, who's nine months into his tour. "What a great opportunity this has been, because I don't know

when I will see him next."

The two have spent the last week socializing in the evenings and even watched the NFL season-opening game as the two cheered on their favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys, as they beat the defending Super Bowl champions, the N.Y. Giants.

The most memorable moment for the father-son duo was logging onto Skype and reconnecting with Niihau's wife and Brad's mom, Amy, who lives in Cameron, N.C.

"It was great for all three of us to be connected together," said Niihau. "I know it meant a lot to her to be able to communicate to us at the same time."

Deployments can be a challenge for any family, but when an opportunity arises to reconnect and bond, the Ramseys make the best of it. Sometimes the sporadic movement of the military can work out for the best.

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displaying energy awareness materials in their buildings. She added that purchasing Energy Star products and implementing energy reduction measures like installing programmable thermostats and high efficiency HVAC systems have also helped the base meet its energy reduction goals.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus will present the Platinum award to NSA Panama City officials during a ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center Oct. 3. The remainder of Navy Region Southeast installations is working hard to achieve similar results as a "culture of conservation" has taken root and continues to grow.

Doug Mercer, Director of Infrastructure Assessment for CNRSE, said that seeing every installation in the Southeast Region earn a SECNAV award for energy and water conservation shows that meeting energy reduction goals is a team effort.

"We have come a long way in spreading the culture of energy conservation," Mercer said. "More people are realizing they can make an individual contribution to our energy independence, and that the funding we reduce in our utility bills goes directly to the training and equipment needed to maintain the U.S. Navy as the preeminent force in the world."

"Those contributions have added up in the past several years as accolades for CNRSE installations have increased," said Andrew Rubio, an energy projects engineer with the Energy Management Branch of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast.

"In 2007, less than 30 percent of Region Southeast installations received any level of recognition. Since then, concerted efforts across the Region Southeast - at the installation and Region level - emphasized the importance of the program piece, and shored up its key components at each installation," said Rubio. "Fiscal Year 2010 was the first year that all Region Southeast installations were recognized for their efforts with a SECNAV energy award level of blue or higher. This trend has continued and improves today."

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**When: Saturday, Nov. 10**  
**Where: Downtown Gulfport**  
**Time: 11 a.m.**

**What a Parade! Would YOU like to experience the  
patriotic pride? Come and join US!**  
**Antique Military Vehicles, Floats, Military  
Marching Units, Marching Bands, JROTC Units and  
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**Sign up NOW to participate!**  
**This event is FREE TO THE PUBLIC because our  
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**For more information: WWW.MSVETERANSPARADE.COM**  
**FACEBOOK: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VETERANSDAY.PARADE**  
**PHONE: 228-669-4997**

# Focus on Education

## Home School Network Meeting



NCBC Gulfport  
Home-School  
Network Meeting

Sept. 27, 6 p.m., in the MWR conference room (building 352). For more information, please call Kevin Byrd, NCBC School Liaison Officer, 228-871-2117.

## EFMP & Child Find Family Fun Day

will take place Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. This is a free, family fun event for active duty Navy, Air Force, Army, National Guard and Reserve families who have children with special needs. Come play, gather information and connect with other families. Bring your picnic lunch - beverages will be furnished. Preregister by Sept. 20 by calling 228-376-8728.

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

## Day of Service



Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer NCBC, commander 20th Seabee Readiness Group salutes children at Pass Rd. Elementary School in Gulfport after speaking to them during a special assembly at the school Sept. 11. United Way of South Mississippi, USO and Pass Road Elementary School partnered to honor and salute all men and women who have served and who continue to serve and defend freedom; and to inspire youth through the understanding of service, whether in their community or for their nation. The children donated snacks and drinks to the USO as a part of their Day of Service actions. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)

**NCBC MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS**

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

October 11, 11 a.m., Training Hall - Building 446  
POC: BU1(SCW) Cloude 871-2454 or LS1 (SCW) Rogers 871-3341



## At the MOVIES

**Sept. 21:** *Men in Black 3*, PG13, 6 p.m.  
**Sept. 22:** *Battleship*, PG13, Noon; *Madagascar 3*, PG, 2:45 p.m.; *Chernobyl IDaries*, R, 5 p.m.  
**Sept. 23:** *Men in Black 3*, PG13, 2 p.m.; *Battleship*, PG13, 4:45 p.m.  
*All movies are FREE!* Be sure to call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299 to check for movie schedule updates as movies are contingent upon military operations.



**Summer Sizzling Deals with ITT!** Hang out all day by exploring and relaxing with Ship Island Excursions. Tickets are \$24/adults and \$15.25/children ages 3 – 10

years old. The vouchers are good for the entire 2012 Ship Island Season (now through Oct. 28), but will be void after the season is over. No refunds will be given for vouchers not used within this time frame.

**Purchase your tickets to attend the New Orleans Saints 2012 Home Games through ITT!** Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to each game. The first week of sales will be open to Active Duty only. During the second week of sales tickets will be available for purchase to all eligible MWR patrons (Active Duty, Dependents, Retirees, Reservists, and DoD) with proper identification. Limit two per Military ID Card. Please call ITT, 228-871-2231, with any questions. Regular Season Game tickets are only \$52.25 per ticket.

**Base Wide Yard Sale -** The next Base Wide Yard Sale is Sept. 22, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. - \$10 for two tables and two chairs.

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

**Auto Hobby:** During September stop by to change your oil and receive a 10 percent discount off the first 30 minutes of your stall or lift fee. Contact the Auto Skills Center at 228-871-2804 for more info.

**Fitness Center:**  
**Aquatics:** Water Aerobics is a great full body, low impact workout. Customize your workout by visiting [www.swim-plan.com](http://www.swim-plan.com).  
 New Aerobics schedule this month! *Yoga* will be held Mon-

day's and Wednesday's 10 a.m., *Water Aerobics* will be held Monday's and Wednesday's 11 a.m., *Zumba* will be held Monday's and Wednesday's, Noon. *30 Minute Pump* is no longer offered.

**Dodgeball Challenge**, Sept. 28, 7:30 a.m.

**Power Lifting Meet**, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Sign up Oct. 1 - 15.

**Liberty Center:** Put on your Poke face for a *Texas Hold'em Tournament*, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. *D'Iberville Street Fair*, Sept. 22 Features a chicken wing eating contest, Free shuttle departing at 9 a.m.

The Gulfport Dragway, \$5 admission at the gate, Sept. 26, Free shuttle departing at 6 p.m.

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

**September Special:** All grills are 30 percent off regular price and with your rental of a grill you can get a table and six chairs for free. What a bargain!

**Our Driving Range is Free** and open for business! The Driving Range is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Closed Tuesday - Wednesday, and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Right and left handed beginners clubs are available for check out at no charge from ODR during business hours. We take pride in providing you with an environment that al-



lows you to work on your game at your own pace with yardage markers from 100 - 250 yards. Each token provides roughly 25 balls. Tokens do not expire.

The **Batting Cage** is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down offering a slow pitch softball machine. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Closed Tuesday - Wednesday, and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bats and helmets can be checked out at no charge from ODR during business hours. Each token gives 10 balls. Tokens do not expire. MWR has the perfect **picnic area** for you next function located at Seabee Lake with



covered playground, basketball court, paintball course, dog park, ample parking, and more. Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the area for your convenience. Remember all Active Duty personnel and their dependents receive a 20 percent discount on all rental items. All Military, Retirees and their Dependents receive a 10 percent discount on all rental items. A-Liner Campers are available for rent! Daily (Monday - Thursday), Weekend (Friday - Sunday) and Week rates. All deposits require a major credit card. Deposits are refundable upon return with a favorable inspection for damage to the unit. (MWR will not put hitches or trailer balls on any vehicles, but trailer light plug adapters will be available if needed.) Call 228-871-2127 for details.



**Special Event: End of Summer Bash** - Sept. 21, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage on a stick, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, and beverages will be served. Driving Range Contest at 8 a.m., Putting Contest at 8 a.m., Last Man Standing Paintball Challenge at 8 a.m., Chipping Contest at 9:15 a.m., Batting Cage Challenge at 12:30 p.m., and 4 Hole Scramble Scratch Play at 1 p.m. Clubs will be furnished for all contests. All paintball equipment including paintballs will be supplied. Prizes will be given to participants who finish in First, Second, and Third place. Contact ODR at 228-871-2127 for details.

**Youth Activities Center:** The Before and After School Program registration will continue until all remaining spaces are filled. **Girls Night Only! Stump the Staff - Sept. 20,** 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Free; **Movie Night on the Big Screen**, Sept. 21, 6 - 9 p.m., Only \$2, popcorn included, limited to 50. **Lynn Meadows Base and Community Resource Fair**, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Free. **Pick Up-Drop Off Service** - Every Tuesday through Thursday we are providing pick up and drop off service in all base housing areas. Parents, please call 228-871-2251 in advance to provide youth/teen's name/address.

**Resale Lot:** Advertise the car you want to sell for \$5/week or \$15/month. Display the vehicle you want to sell for up to 30 days. Call Auto Hobby for details at 228-871-2804.

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



# Chapel Offerings:

## Veterans Stand down

The Chapel is collecting backpack items such as clothing, toiletries and other essentials for the annual Veterans Stand-down 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.

# 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.**

## See Something Wrong, Do Something Right!

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

### To report information by Cell text:

1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637

(CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone.

2. Receive a response, for example: "Your alias is: S2U5 Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP"
3. Begin dialogue

### To report information Online:

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

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



# 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: Sept. 28, 29 and Oct. 5, 6, 12, and 13. Volunteers must be registered prior to the work day, so please contact Leah as possible at [LLadner@bbc-grp.com](mailto:LLadner@bbc-grp.com) or 228-326-5643.

**PUMPKIN OFFLOAD** - Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian needs volunteers to help unload a truck full of pumpkins Sept. 29 at 8 a.m. The pumpkins are sold at the Pumpkin Patch in front of their church every year. Call 228-452-4563 for details.

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

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

**RENEW OUR RIVERS** - Renew Our Rivers is looking for volunteers to take part in cleanups at the following locations : Oct. 6 - Boley (Hobolochitto) Creek, Picayune, Oct. 10 - 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](mailto: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](mailto:bdyess@gulfportms.gov) if you or your group are interested in volunteering.

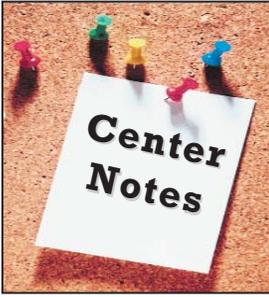
**GULFPORT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE** - The Gulfport Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting with the Youth Aftercare Program. Volunteers would work with youth grade 4 - grade 8 in team-building exercises designed to increase self confidence, self-discipline and self-respect. Program hours are M-F, 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 need for various projects throughout the year. The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Biloxi is always in need of assistance in the Athletic Department, Fitness Center, Arts and Music Department, Aquatic Center and marketing. Many other opportunities are available. Contact Shawna Tatge at [Shawna\\_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org) for information.



Questions on Recycling? Call CBC

Recycling at: (228) 871-4738



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:NMCB133fsg@gmail.com). To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>

### Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

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

### NMCRS

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

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

### Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet 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](mailto: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](mailto:matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil) or President LS2 Earl Simpson at [earl.simpson@navy.mil](mailto:earl.simpson@navy.mil) for information.

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

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

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

### NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion

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

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

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

### 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.seabeesmuseumstore.org/-/shop/index.php](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/-/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available for customers.

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It is much easier to fight an eviction resulting from damage to housing or personal feuds. Leases have numerous terms and conditions, including community policies. Base housing strictly interprets its leases. If a tenant breaks a rule, fails to fulfill a lease term, or engages in behavior that violates neighborhood standards, then the tenant has defaulted. Although leases are contracts, it is not that easy. Leases are more complex because they involve your residential home. American jurisprudence has long recognized that the home is a special place, subject to special rules. If a tenant is being threatened with eviction by base housing under these circumstances, then there is a definite possibility that the eviction will not be enforced or is illegal. If the tenant, however, is engaging in behavior that the installation CO reasonably believes endangers the safety and

well being of others, then he or she has the authority to remove the tenant regardless of the jurisdiction. In cases where the behavior is not abhorrent or there is simply a technical violation, then the installation CO is unlikely to take on the added responsibility of landlord/tenant judge.

Ultimately, if you find yourself facing eviction from base housing, you should explore your options with your local legal assistance provider. In furtherance of the mission, sometimes we are called upon to sacrifice some of our liberties; however, the private nature of modern base housing often provides tenants with more rights than they think.

***This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. For legal assistance, contact the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) legal office by calling 228-871-2620 to make an appointment.***

# 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](mailto:larry.e.mitchell@navy.mil); NCBC Gulfport: Cecil Jordan, 228-871-3643 or [cecil.jordan@navy.mil](mailto:cecil.jordan@navy.mil); Keesler AFB: Christie King, 228-377-0230 or [christie.king@navy.mil](mailto:christie.king@navy.mil).

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