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## DoD implements new changes to sexual assault response

By Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr  
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has refined new methods to aid sexual assault victims whether reporting a crime or seeking assistance as they transition from service, the director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office said here March 30.

"We have several new options for victims of sexual assault," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog. "First, if you've been a victim of sexual assault in the military you now have the option of requesting an expedited transfer. We signed that into effect in December."

"If you find it untenable or unbearable in the organization that you're at ... you can request to be transferred," she added.

Hertog said a service member's local commander has 72 hours to respond to the request for transfer, and if denied there is an option to take it to the first flag or general offi-

cer in the chain of command who also has 72 hours to respond.

"We also have a new document retention initiative," she said. "We heard loud and clear from our veterans that present themselves at the [Department of Veterans Affairs] years later that there was no documentation that they had ever been sexually assaulted [during] their military service."

The issue arose, Hertog said, because varying standards of retention had existed among all of the services but has since been resolved.

"We now have one standard of retention so those individuals that file unrestricted reports will have their documents retained for 50 years," she said.

"And those that file restricted reports will have their documents retained for five years," Hertog said. "And of course our victims of sexual assault who file restricted reports have that option to convert over to unrestricted reports at any time and

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## Navy chiefs in Afghanistan celebrate heritage, rededicate chiefs' mess

By Chief Petty Officer Leslie Shively

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Navy chiefs and service members from across the spectrum of coalition forces aboard Camp Leatherneck, celebrated the 119th birthday of the Navy chief petty officer, with an April 1 ceremony and rededication of the chiefs' mess.

Special guests at the celebration included Maj. Gen. Charles M. Gurganus commanding general, Regional Command Southwest; U.K. Army Brig. Stuart Skeates deputy commanding general, RC(SW); Maj. Gen. David H. Berger, commanding general, Task Force Leatherneck; Brig. Gen. Gregg A. Sturdevant, commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward); and Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd).

The rank of chief petty officer was created when then U.S. President Benjamin Harrison, signed general order 409 and U.S. Navy regulation 1893 circular. Worthy sailors who served as first class petty officers for more than six years were promoted to chief at that time.

A color guard followed by an acapela version of the "National



**Navy Chief Petty Officer Scott Abbott takes the podium and reads Chief Petty Officer Raymond Border's biography, then shares memories of his service with Border. The chiefs' mess on Camp Krutke, aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, was dedicated to Border who was killed by a roadside bomb, Oct. 19, 2011, as he was inspecting a route for a convoy in Paktika province, Afghanistan. Border was a builder with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 74, working with a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan. Abbott's participation was part of the Navy chiefs' 119th birthday celebration, April 1. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Petty Officer Leslie Shively/Released)**

Anthem" opened the ceremony at Camp Krutke, the Navy Seabee camp, for approximately 150 guests. A message from retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt was read by Chief Petty Officer April Merri-man explaining the purpose be-

hind designating 2012 as the Year of the Chief by the United States Navy Memorial Foundation. The foundation serves to preserve the history of the sea services and educate others about it.

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Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Fire & Emergency Services personnel conduct a demonstration of their Mobile Incident Command Post equipment/capabilities during an Emergency Operations Center Incident Management Team Course held on board NCBC, April 5. The Commander, Navy Installations Command Training and Readiness (N7) delivered EOC IMT course lessons cover EOC team member roles and responsibilities, information/resource management, communications and the use of C4I Suite, the Navy's C2/Common Operating Picture online application. The course also consists of a number of practical application classroom exercises utilizing student working groups to apply the knowledge gained during lectures.

## Recently at the Courthouse

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) recently heard the following cases:

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer 2nd Class pled guilty to conspiracy to commit larceny of military property, two violations of a lawful general order, and larceny of military property of a value of \$500 or less. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a contested Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer 2nd Class was found guilty of assault by threat with an unloaded firearm. The members of the court-martial sentenced the Accused to 30 days hard labor without confinement and reduction in rank to E-4.

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NCBC Gulfport, a Petty Officer 3rd Class was found guilty of violating a lawful general order. The members of the court-martial sentenced the Accused to no additional punishment beyond the conviction itself.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer 3rd Class pled guilty to three specifications of assault. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to confinement for ten months, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman pled guilty to desertion, unauthorized absence, four specifications of failure to obey other lawful written orders, damaging non-military property of \$500 or less, and drunk and disorderly conduct. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1,

and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer 1st Class was acquitted of three specifications of assault.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a previously convicted Sailor currently serving confinement at a Navy brig was found guilty of attempt to communicate indecent language to a child, attempt to mail obscene matters, and two specifications of failing to obey a lawful order. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to an additional seven years confinement, with confinement in excess of two years suspended pursuant to a pre-trial agreement with the convening authority. The confinement to be served is in addition to the sentence previously adjudged at an earlier court-martial.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer 2nd Class was found guilty of damaging personal property and communicating a threat. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 120 days confinement and reduction in rate to E-1.

At a General Court-Martial convened onboard NAS Jacksonville, a Lieutenant Commander pled guilty to five specifications of conduct unbecoming an officer, one specification of adultery, and one specification of attempted conduct unbecoming an officer. The court-martial members sentenced the Accused to be confined for six months and to be reprimanded.

*Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola. Therefore, the location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial.*

# Around the Center



Alice Ponte (left) and Faith Ponte, of Long Beach Daisy Girl Scout Troop #4010, present Girl Scout Cookies to Chief Equipment Operator Brad Carmody, Steelworker Constructionman Amanda Downs, Chief Builder Robert Lauterwasser, all of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 and Senior Chief Steelworker Howard Tomme of NMCB 11. The 17-member troop collected the cookies to give to the Seabees for a gift of caring. The donations will be shipped to the Seabees of NMCB 7 and NMCB 11 who are currently deployed. (Courtesy photo/Released)



Archie Holland, assistant store director, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and his wife, Dawn Holland, are flanked by Capt. Rick Burgess, NCBC commanding officer and Walt Taylor, DeCA Gulfport store director, on the occasion of Holland's retirement. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

## NCBC DeCA assistant director retires with 47 years of service

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

Archie Holland, assistant store director assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), retired after 47 years of combined military and civil service March 29.

Holland began his U.S. Air Force active duty career in the commissary as a young meat cutter, and was still working in the commissary when he retired from active duty 26 years later as a Master Sergeant. After retirement from active duty he continued his commissary career for 21 additional years in civil service. He said he always enjoyed his job.

"I'm a people person. I am customer oriented, love being around people, socializing and working with the customers. I've always enjoyed that," said Holland.

Holland turned 65 the day before his retirement ceremony, and said that for many years his goal was to retire at 65. He said taking care of some needed repairs around the house, traveling with his wife

and playing golf with his son are now on the agenda.

"I planned this for a long time. It was my goal to retire at 65, and I feel it is time," said Holland.

NCBC DeCA Store Director, Walter Taylor, and Holland were coworkers for more than 20 years. Taylor said it is quite likely that few people are as close as he and Holland, and that he would really miss Holland's expertise.

"It has been a real pleasure. I'm losing my right arm here, and I'm really going to miss him," said Taylor.

Before presenting the certificate of service, NCBC Commanding Officer and Commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) Capt. Rick Burgess thanked Holland for his many years of dedicated service.

"Forty-seven years of working for our country, and really whether it was active duty or part of DeCA, serving our service men and women and their families. That is really commendable," said Burgess. "I thank you for your dedication and wish you all the best."



Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) /commander 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), holds an "All Hands" meeting for military and civilian personnel at the Training Hall on board NCBC, March 30. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



Children participating in MWR's Spring Break Camp" enjoy a game of kickball at the Youth Activities Center on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Apr. 2. Spring Break Camp ran April 2 - 6, and included children from five to 12 years old. The Youth Activities Center is located at bldg. 335. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



Commander, First Naval Construction Division Rear Adm. Mark Handley speaks with Jake Grant, Work and Family Life Specialist Supervisor, Fleet and Family Life Support Center (FFSC). Handley met with FFSC personnel to discuss 21st Century Sailor impact during his visit to NCBC, March 26. The admiral also sat down to lunch with the Resiliency Support Team during his visit. (Photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)

# Lodging Appreciation Day results in big wins for Center

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

Lodging team members assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, gathered together to celebrate the inaugural Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) Navy Lodging Program Lodging Appreciation Day March 28.

At an awards presentation during the celebration several team members were recognized for their accomplishments during 2011. Laurie McMurtry won CNIC Housekeeper of the Year, while Simone Tomlin, Fanny Crispell and Twanna Reece were first runners up for Manager of the Year, Supervisor of the Year and Housekeeper of the Year respectively.

Local Lodging Appreciation Day celebrations have replaced Navy-wide lodging training and recognition conferences in accordance with new regulations on conferences as a method of fiscal responsibility. Charles Taylor, NCBC housing installation program director, said he thought the celebration was a great success.

"Due to recent Navy guidance regarding conferences and symposiums, the Navy Lodging Program has established a Navy Lodging Appreciation Day, a special day of recognition established to highlight individual accomplishments at the local level. This day is for all personnel in the entire lodging program and is a great way to share in each other's success, to reflect on our accomplishments and set aside a special time to say 'thank you' to each other," said Taylor.

CNIC Vice Admiral William French was unable to attend the conference, but sent out a special message of gratitude and congratulations through a video presentation. He encouraged lodging professionals to creatively solve problems in the face of growing demands and reduced resources without compromising standards.

"It's my sincere pleasure to speak to you now and recognize

each member of our professional lodging staff for the great job you do for our Sailors every day...

Your efforts, individually and collectively, are critical to the success of the [lodging] program. I challenge you to continue to improve the programs innovatively, solve problems and drive out inefficiencies. I also want to simply say 'thank you' to each and every one of you for the sacrifices you make day-in and day-out to support our Sailors and their families. As you celebrate and share in the Navy Lodging Program's Appreciation Day please know that I and all Navy leadership send our most sincere gratitude and appreciation for your service to the Navy, Sailors and their families," said French.

A large part of the celebration was an awards presentation for outstanding individual achievements during 2011. Taylor said it made him very proud to have so many hard working people from NCBC nominated.

"Out of the whole wide Navy and the scores of potential nominees, for us to have the Housekeeper of the Year, first runner up for Supervisor of the Year, first runner up for Manager of the Year

and first runner up for Housekeeper of the Year it is absolutely phenomenal, especially when we are competing with bases twice as large as we are. I am very proud," said Taylor. "We are very fortunate, very blessed with a number of people that really want to do a great job, and they never lose sight of for whom we do it."

Tomlin, lodging manager for NCBC Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, said hard working, loyal and dedicated to the military are words that describe McMurtry. McMurtry also said she is always thinking of the military when asked how it felt to win.

"I do it for the military, because y'all are special to me. The wives, the kids, the men, the women, they go through so much. We are here so they don't have to worry and have less stress being away from their families," said McMurtry. "I just love them."

NCBC Commanding Officer and Commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group Capt. Rick Burgess read a number of positive lodging comment cards before the awards ceremony. Each comment better than the last, they told their own story of the lodging staff's professionalism. Burgess said he was



**Laurie McMurtry, a housekeeper at Navy Gateway Inns and Suites on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Miss., is presented by NCBC Commanding Officer and Commander, 20th Seabee Readiness Group Capt. Rick Burgess as Navy Lodging Program Housekeeper of the Year for 2011 during a Lodging Appreciation Day ceremony. NCBC lodging team members received one-third of the 2011 nominations and three placed as first runners-up in addition to McMurtry. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)**

proud of the NCBC Gulfport team.

"I think it is really indicative of the caliber of our entire Gulfport team that one-third of those nominees were from right here at NCBC Gulfport. That says to me that we have a great operation

and we have good supervisors and leaders in the chain of command that are willing to recognize their people for their accomplishments. The results speak for themselves. You all have just done absolutely wonderfully," said Burgess.

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3. Begin dialogue

To report information Online: 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.*



## NMCB 7 Family Readiness Group (FRG) Over the Hump Party . . .

NMCB 7 invites service members, family and friends to attend an Over the Hump Party at the Long Beach Activity Senior Center April 28, from noon until 2 p.m. Come celebrate our final mid-deployment point and enjoy food, drinks, a bouncy house, face painting and door prizes. The Long Beach Activity Senior Center is located at 20257 Daugherty Road, Long Beach, Miss. Please contact the FRG at [nmcb7frg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcb7frg@gmail.com) for more information.

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# NMCB 7 Det Moreell prepares Seabee Camp Moreell for final turnover

By MCC (SCW) Yan Kennon  
NMCB 7 Public Affairs

A detachment of Seabees assigned to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 have begun preparing Camp Moreell, a Seabee facility located adjacent to Life Support Area (LSA)-Kuwait, for its transfer to another military organization June 30.

An arduous task that began in early January with the Battalion's contingency deployment to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility, turnover preparations and procedures will encompass the safe and environmentally efficient close-out of each vertical and mobile structure at the camp, in conjunction with the retrograde of multi-million dollar equipment and tools back to stateside facilities.

While the detachment focuses on this tasking, it must simultaneously perform camp maintenance, ensure the proper functions of its facilities, oversee the welfare of the various incoming troops moving to and from Southwest Asia theater of operations and remain self-sufficient for the assigned Seabees of the de-

tachment.

"Closing Camp Moreell for the Seabees is a humbling task", said Lt. Cmdr. Sean Dalton, Detachment Moreell officer in charge. "It has been a huge part of Seabee efforts in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation New Dawn (OND). Nearly every Seabee serving in either theater for the past 10 years has come through Camp Moreell, and it's an honor to be a part of this namesake location."

As a main transit hub for Naval Construction Forces (NCF), Camp Moreell is a fully operational NCF facility that has coordinated and tracked more than 3,000 personnel transients within the last three months, to include Seabees assigned to NMCB 1, NMCB 4, NMCB 7, NMCB 11, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), and 30th NCR.

Keeping the facility self-sufficient is the primary job of the detachment's camp maintenance personnel. Since arriving at Camp Moreell, camp maintenance department has logged and completed more than 600 trouble calls, accumulating more

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**Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) and MRAP-All Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV) are loaded on trailers to be transferred from the custody of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 Detachment Moreell to Maritime Security Forces at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, in preparation of the upcoming closure of Camp Moreell. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently one of two Seabee Battalions conducting contingency construction and deconstruction in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.** (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Amanda Murphy/Released)

## April 12, 2012 Seabee Courier NMCB 133 Pensacola project builds managers

By UT3 Drew Verbis  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Air Det. are replacing a pre-engineered canopy building used to store liquid oxygen at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola.

In addition to providing a new 20 by 60 foot structure, the 10-person crew working on the project is developing important technical construction skills with concrete formwork, concrete finishing, steel fabrication, carpentry and pre-engineered building fabrication.

"The project is going extremely well," said Lt. Cmdr. Allen Dean,

NMCB 133's operations officer.

"There is a good mix of horizontal and vertical skills being exercised out here, and this group has worked together very smoothly under some great project leadership. I think the most important objective of this project has less to do with building a high quality structure, but more to do with growing young Seabee project managers in a challenging training environment."

Along with the training being received on the job, the crew is sharing some training with the base.

"We're popular around here because many of our big Navy family have never seen Seabees," said Steelworker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Karisha Del

Rosario. "We get a lot of stares and questions about our Navy Working Uniform Type III, especially from the A School students."

With the great mix of training conducted in the area, the project is already considered a success by some.

"It's a win-win situation," said Builder 3rd Class David Goebel, the project's supervisor. "We're able to learn important skills and practice small unit leadership; NAS Pensacola builds a good relationship with the local commands, and the community benefits from our mission."

NMCB 133 is currently engaged in a challenging homeport in preparation for their next deployment.



**Builder 3rd Class David Goebel, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Air Det., leads his crew during concrete placement aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola. Seabees from NMCB 133 are working to replace a pre-engineered canopy building used to store liquid oxygen tanks as a tool to practice construction skills during homeport operations, in preparation for an upcoming deployment.** (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)

# From the Ground up: Seabees build advisor compound for Marines

By **MC1 (SCW) Jonathan Carmichael**  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees deployed to Afghanistan are manning defenses and constructing a compound in the Lashkar Gah District to support U.S. Marines who will advise Afghan Uniformed Police and prepare them for a smooth transition upon the eventual draw-down of U.S. and allied forces.

Det. Bost, a detachment of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 departed the battalion's main body earlier this month with equipment, materials, and supplies to set and maintain defensive positions while constructing a sustainable compound for U.S. Marines that will include everything from power and communications capabilities to berthing, dining facilities, office spaces, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation buildings.

"This is a unique mission because Seabees are providing security for the site and making force protection improvements to include placing concertina wire and Hescos," said Lt. Kimberly I. Mazur, Det. officer in charge.

According to Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB 11, the Seabee mission is to support the Marine Air-Ground Task Force by provid-

ing a full spectrum of general engineering and combat engineering support required during security and stability operations.

"That is exactly what our Seabees at Det Bost are doing," said Aguayo.

Typically, Seabee project sites are secured by Marines, thus allowing the Seabees to arrive and begin construction. For this site, however, Seabees arrived with personnel dedicated to security and other crews dedicated to construction. A small element of Marines are on site to facilitate a smooth transition of the compound when the Seabees depart at the end of the project. This type of interaction exemplifies the fluidity of the joint service relationship between the Marine Corps and the Seabees of the Navy.

"Seabees are extremely proud to be able to support the Marines in I MEF (Forward)," said Aguayo. "Missions such as this one will continue to strengthen the strong relationship we have built with the Marine Corps through war and peacetime."

In reference to her conversation with Marine Corps Lt. Col. Brent A. Weathers, operation coordination center Regional Senior Adviser, Aguayo relayed, "He had just finished a tour of the project and said he had been on the site a few weeks prior



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 remove discarded formwork during a construction project in the Lashkar Gah district. NMCB 11 is constructing a compound for Marine advisor teams who will advise Afghan Uniformed Police and prepare them for the eventual draw-down of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

and was extremely impressed on the progress that was made during that short time frame, with seven of the nine buildings erected." Weathers expressed, to Aguayo, his sincere appreciation for all the hard work the Seabees are putting into completing the project.

Builder 1st Class Brandon B. Audie is the Project supervisor for the construction crews. "Some of the challenges our Det. faces are supply runs where adverse weather conditions and current significant events in the surrounding area dictate whether we get resupplied or not."

The local concrete batch plant

broke down which delayed final concrete placements by a week. "Luckily, there has been plenty of work to do, so we switched focus to continue making forward progress. After all - Seabees 'can do,'" said Mazur, referring to the can-do attitude Seabees are renowned for.

"Once we start working on the inside of these buildings we have a lot of intricate cuts to make," said Builder 2nd Class Sean E. Roberts. As project crew leader, Roberts leads four crews in building nine pre-engineered buildings on the compound. "It won't be easy," continued Roberts. "The heat is picking up now too, but the crew continues

to do outstanding work, and I'm glad to be the crew leader of this project."

Morale remains high and two things the Seabees anticipate most, according to Mazur, are mail and energy drinks.

Meals Ready to Eat are served for breakfast and lunch daily, and dinner usually consists of Unitized Group Rations. On rare occasions, the Seabees are treated to well-prepared local cuisine which the majority enjoy.

Roughly, one week ahead of schedule, the Det. Bost Seabees expect to turn over the completed compound to Marine Advisor Teams sometime in May.

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## Single Sailors enjoy Baracks Bash

From **NCBC MWR**

More than 200 patrons attended Liberty's 2012 Barracks Bash held March 29.

The free event included hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Music was provided by DJ Nasty Norm

along with bouncy boxing, sumo suits wrestling, QB Attack Throw, Cornhole and free prize giveaways throughout the night.

All of the Single Sailors were excited to take a night off and relax with the Liberty program!



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# Health Watch

## 'Water' you waiting for? Drink Up!

By **HM1 Clarissa Villa**  
By NBHC Gulfport

Ever heard the slogan hydrate or die? May seem a bit overboard for a slogan but the reality is, it's not that far from the truth. Simply put, water is important to the human body. Your body is composed of approximately 65 percent water. It is the main component of blood and is vital for oxygen transportation to all muscles and organs. It protects your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues. In addition, it helps regulate body temperatures and lubricates joints.

Every day, our bodies lose water naturally through the urine, intestines, skin and lungs. When participating in physical activity or spending time outdoors, perspiration further increases this water loss; therefore, adequate hy-

dration or replacement of water in our bodies is extremely important.

You need to replace what your body loses through normal everyday functions. You also need more water when you are exposed to higher temperatures, such that of the summer heat, and when you are more physically active.

Some people may have fluid restrictions because of a health problem, such as kidney disease. If your healthcare provider has told you to restrict your fluid intake, be sure to follow that advice. If you don't have any fluid restrictions, stay cool and well-hydrated on hot summer days. Heat related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke and in severe cases, death, are all preventable by increasing fluid intake.

So don't wait until you are thirsty to consider fluid replacement. Thirst is a signal that your body is on its way to dehydration. Other signs and symptoms of dehydration are headaches, muscle cramps, fatigue, and a decreased or dark urine output.

When it is hot outside, it's best to drink on a schedule. Avoid drinks that contain caffeine or alcohol while in the sun or heat as they dehydrate your body even more than it already is. The best drink is water. If you're not a fan of water, try an H2O cocktail by adding a slice of lemon or a wedge of lime to your glass of water. Other alternatives include fitness waters such as Propel or sports drinks like Gatorade. Do not limit your fluid intake to these alternatives and pay close attention to

their sugar content.

Another tip is to snack on foods that have high water content. Examples are cucumbers, which are almost completely made up of water, watermelon, citrus fruits, grape tomatoes and colorful bell peppers.

Increase fluids hours before participating in exercise or outdoor activities. Be careful not to chug it all at once. Fre-

quent sipping will prevent an upset stomach and maximize electrolyte absorption.

So, 'water' you waiting for CBC Gulfport? Drink up now!



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# Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson  
NCBC Public Affairs  
How did you spend your  
Easter holiday?



"Since I wasn't able to go home, I spent Easter skyping with my family."

**BUCA**Jennifer Cruz  
NMCB 133  
Hometown: Sterling, Va.



"I spent Easter with my family, while enjoying a lovely picnic."

**Jeff Isabell**  
FFSC Gulfport  
Hometown: Gulfport, Miss.



"My best friend came to visit me and we went sight seeing in New Orleans."

**CMCN(SCW)** Katlyn Storms  
NMCB 1  
Hometown: Pine Bush, N.Y.

## NCBC FRAMES

Equipment Operator 1st  
Class (SCW) Felipe Pardo  
20th SRG

By **BU3 (SCW)** Cassie Locke  
NCBC Public Affairs

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

**EO1:** Making First Class, due to advancement quotas being so low and also proving to myself that all things are not impossible.

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

**EO1:** Being able to mentor junior troops and seeing them advance with the Navy Seabees, and also in their own personal life.

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

**EO1:** Never give up

on your goals and never underestimate yourself. Adapt and overcome!

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

**EO1:** My favorite thing about working with Seabees is being able to see the end of a project or mission and being part of something that has influenced the world.

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

**EO1:** Well, I have two very influential mentors. The first would be BMC Bogan for helping me see

what God's plan was for my life. The second would be NCCS "Jake" Brady for never giving up on me and showing me many ways to be a better leader.



## Military Moving Season Kicks into High Gear

### From Fleet and Family Support Center

Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a "Smooth Move" class April 17, from 10 a.m. until noon. *If you are moving this summer, you need to attend this class!*

Come learn about the Defense Personal Property System (DPS), moving entitlements, and the finan-

cial aspect of your move.

Did you know that almost half of the folks that move with DOD, move in the summertime? Each year, approximately 225,000 DOD and Coast Guard household goods shipments are slated to move during the summer months between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

While this can be a less disruptive time to families due to kids being out of school and having extra days off over holidays, there may be some roadblocks when trying to lock in specific dates during the summer months.

Some tips to take into consideration would be: booking move dates early, being flexible with

dates, or considering a personally procured move (formerly known as a do-it-yourself move) where members move household goods themselves.

If you have questions or concerns about the moving process, please attend this "Smooth Move" class at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Call 228-871-3000 to sign up for this class.

**NFAAS . . .** It is mandatory that everyone updates their information on NFAAS and DEERS. In case of disaster, Military, Civil Service employees and Family Members are accounted for in NFAAS. In order for you to be accounted for, your information must be up-to-date. Log into the following link and update your personal information including your family members: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>. For more information please contact PS1 Handy or YN1 Willis at 228-871-2064. You may also see attachment for directions on how to update NFAAS.

# Celebrating Women's History



**Lt. Cmdr. Cheryll Hawthorn delivers a presentation during a Women's History Month celebration held at Seabee Memorial Chapel, March 27. Women's History Month is an annual worldwide celebration that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)**

**Lynn Meadows to host Navy Night . . .** In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center will be hosting "NAVY NIGHT" April 28, from 5 - 8 p.m. All Navy families across the Coast are invited to visit the Center for this NO COST event with plenty of free food and drinks. "Frog and Toad" from the children's book series will be there to greet your child. Come on out Seabee families and show your support! Contact Fleet and Family Support Center at 228-871-3000 for details.

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Seabee Base Blood Drive, April 12  
Two locations: Seabee Memorial Chapel, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Liberty Center, Noon - 5 p.m.

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Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE is searching for highly motivated Seabees and CEC Officers looking for a career and lifestyle change.



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; EA2 Potamitis at marios.potamitis@navy.mil; or visit [www.facebook.com/seabee.diver](http://www.facebook.com/seabee.diver) for more information

**Installation Antiterrorism.** . . All personnel should be alert and inquisitive about strangers, especially those seen loitering, taking photographs, or notes near the installation's perimeter or gate areas. Be suspicious of items that don't belong in the area and be alert for abandoned parcels. All suspicious activity should be reported immediately to Security at 228-871-2361.

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Observe posted speed limits on board NCBC. Unless otherwise posted, speed limit is 25 m.p.h.

**Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline:** Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904- 542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE\_HOTLINE@navy.mil.

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**Seabee Day 2012**

# Softball Tournament Invitational



Open to All Civilians, Military, Dependents, and DoD Personnel.  
Open Access for all Civilians!



NCBC Gulfport  
Softball Fields  
Located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street aboard NCBC Gulfport

**May 5, 2012**  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
(1<sup>st</sup> Pitch at 8 a.m.)

Please make checks  
payable to:  
NCBC Gulfport MWR  
1706 Bainbridge Ave.  
Code 300 Building 352  
Gulfport, MS 39501

This single elimination tournament will consist of 15 players max per team. An 8 team minimum is needed for tournament and 12 team maximum will be allowed. Deadline to signup is April 20 for signups and payment.

Contact Samuel Perkins at 228-822-5109/228-323-0994 or samuel.perkins2@navy.mil for more info.

# FOCUS on EDUCATION

## Troops to Teachers

- Have you thought about becoming a teacher?
- Do you serve or have you served in the military?  
(Active duty, Guard, Reserves, Retired, Transitioned)
- Are you a spouse of a military member?

Attend a **free** workshop to learn about the Teaching profession and how you can get started!

**April 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sablich Center at Keesler**

To RSVP call 228-376-8728 or  
**Mississippi Troops to Teachers (MSTTT)**  
601-359-6654 or 1-800 MISS TEACH  
ccarey@mde.k12.ms.us

## Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation extends deadline for scholarship applications

By Balfour Beatty Communities

The Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel – active, disabled and fallen – and their families, has extended the application deadline for its academic scholarship program to May 15. High school and undergraduate students residing in Balfour Beatty Communities at NCBC Gulfport are eligible.

One of the Foundation's primary goals is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through academic scholarships for the children of active duty service members that live in Balfour

Beatty Communities family housing. With this extension, the Foundation hopes to ensure widespread awareness and participation in this important program.

The scholarship program is one of many ways the Foundation strives to honor its commitment to active duty service members and their families. By providing financial assistance to those students in need, Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation recognizes not only their academic and leadership achievements, but also the contributions of their parents and the many sacrifices made by their families.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are available online at . Completed applications should be sent via mail to the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073, attention Sharon Marcone.

NCBC School Liaison Officer  
MWR building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave., NCBC  
228-871-2117  
email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month . . .

In our country a child is abused or neglected every 36 seconds. One child being abused is one child too many. The impact of child abuse can be profound and casts a shadow the length of a life time. Our children are our best hope for the future and it is crucial that we keep them safe and protected.

## Top 10 reasons to admire Military Kids

By Elaine Sanchez  
Family Matters, American Forces Press Service

In honor of April's Month of the Military Child, I created a Top 10 list of the qualities I most appreciate about children from military families. Their amazing service and sacrifice deserve a much longer list, but I figured this would at least be a start.

What I most appreciate about children from military families:

**10. Their sense of humor.** Navy wife Vivian Greentree's sons pasted pictures of their deployed dad on a stick, dubbed it a "dad on a stick" and took it everywhere with them. Her son, MJ, even asked if "dad on a stick" could help make macaroni and cheese. He carefully placed the following message to his dad under the picture of this mac and cheese preparation: We'll eat mac and cheese when you get home. You can use my Spiderman bowl."

**9. They selflessly serve their community.** Military children possess a strong sense of service – perhaps modeled after their military dads and moms who serve and sacrifice daily. But whatever its origin, they don't hesitate to step up at school, at home and in their communities. James Nathaniel Richards, the fifth of six children in his military family, took on a host of deployment-related challenges

when his Navy father and three of his brothers deployed at the same time. But rather than focus on the separation, the 9-year-old started a blog to help other military kids deal with deployments and separations. He also heads up the anti-bullying committee at his school, and has clocked more than 200 hours as a USO volunteer.

**8. They stand by their military parent through thick and thin.** I met a high school senior who told me his father would miss his graduation and his departure to college. But this teen wasn't upset in the least. "He loves to be a soldier, and if it makes him happy, it makes me happy," he said. "How can I possibly complain that he's not watching me graduate when he's out there sacrificing for our nation?"

**7. Their sense of patriotism.** Zachary Laychak was 9 years old when his father was killed Sept. 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Laychak struggled over the years with anger and confusion over the incident. But as time passed, his initial anger evolved into a deep sense of patriotism – born of resentment against those who dared to attack his nation and his family. "As terrible as this whole situa-

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# NMCB 133 Embark training targets leaders, crews

By MC1 (SW/AW) Steven Myers  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 participated in a short embark exercise March 29 aboard Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport.

The 24-hour exercise was a practical training scenario targeted toward crew leaders and their crews. While familiarization with the procedures is often covered in both the classroom and in the field, this exercise specifically provided in depth, hands-on practice for those involved.

"It certainly helps to do it a few times," said Builder Constructionman Matt Schagen. "The more you do it the better you get."

This scenario involved preparing 13 pieces of equipment, several pallets of

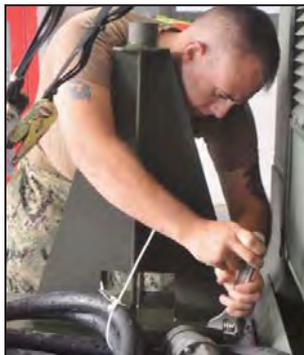
supplies and all the associated paperwork for shipping via air to another location.

Each piece goes through cleaning and maintenance process; is weighed, measured, and marked for transport; and staged for inspection.

This same process is utilized, often with much larger numbers, whenever the battalion deploys and is vital to the mobility of the unit, said Equipment Operator 1st Class Louis Fahnestock, the embark leading petty officer.

"This one is just for practice and to identify weaknesses before our next evolution in a few months," said Fahnestock.

NMCB 133 will complete a full 48-hour exercise while preparing for their upcoming field training exercise and again when ready to depart on their next deployment.



Left: Construction Mechanic Constructionman Samuel Fiippo, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Alfa Company, tightens a bolt on an Environmental Control Unit (ECU) during the maintenance inspection phase of the embark process aboard Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC).

Below: Construction Mechanic Constructionman Jeremy Williams, of NMCB 133's Alfa Company, checks the tire pressure on the spare tire of a light service support vehicle (LSSV) during the maintenance inspection process of the embark process aboard NCBC. U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released



## Carving a pathway to enduring partnership: NMCB 11 Seabees, Afghan soldiers work on joint road project

By UTCN Marlene  
Houngbedji

NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees and Afghan National Army personnel embarked on their sixth consecutive day of work on a joint road improvement project.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (11) launched the next phase of its CENTCOM deployment with a morning brief inside FOB Dwyer. Several daily briefs later, Seabees and Afghan National Army personnel embarked on their sixth consecutive day of work on a joint road improvement project.

Seabees assigned to NMCB 11's DET Dwyer were introduced to their ANA counterparts amid recent reports of tensions between Allied and Afghan troops. Undeterred by what could have become a considerable obstacle to cooperation, the crew welcomed the opportunity to help increase Afghan forces' self-reliance.

Unquestionable professionalism and focus on the tasks at hand prevailed,

as both teams merged into one committed to overcoming logistical, linguistic and cultural barriers. "They seemed confused about how we operate things in the beginning," said Equipment Operator Constructionman Birendra Adhikari, of Manassas, VA. A naturalized US citizen from Nepal, Adhikari can relate to the soldiers' initial difficulties to communicate. "Now they're doing great and after days of working together, we found out that there is a language we both speak, Urdu. It'll make things a lot easier."

Detachment Officer in Charge Lt. Seth D. Cochran not only shares his troops' confidence, but also considers the project a great chance for Seabees to mentor and train with the ANA alongside the Marines whom NMCB-11 continues to support. "It's an opportunity to take part first hand in establishing an Afghan National Army with the engineering capabilities they desperately need," concludes Cochran. The presence of an interpreter al-

lowed for on-the-job training during the first two days. Seasoned Equipment Operators instructed ANA personnel on pre-start procedures, a daily, pre-operational step critical to the proper maintenance of Construction Engineer Support Equipment. Further training and preparatory measures included a test of Afghan soldiers' ability to lay gravel on large stretches of road with sizeable machinery.

"Working with the ANA has been a learning experience for us and them," Equipment Operator 2nd Class Kevin L. Rapiet of Austin, Texas, acknowledges. Rapiet, who has been part of the crew since the early stages of the project, saw his Afghan teammates strive to overcome the language barrier in order to learn how to properly spread gravel.

The ANA-operated dump trucks having nearly twice the loading capacity of the Seabees' MK25A1s, Afghan service members were able to both



Afghan National Army-operated dump trucks (center) ride embedded inside a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 convoy headed to a road improvement project. NMCB 11 is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined/joint operations area. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Marlene Houngbedji/Released)

hone their skills and increase productivity despite minor technical difficulties. "We're good, now and look forward to going out every day," said

Sgt. Hussain Mohammad when asked what he thought of his time on the project thus far, "because this is what we've been trained to do."



Builder 1st Class Reno Perryman of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 is the 2011 Marvin G. Shields Medal Winner. Named in honor of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin G. Shields, this award is presented to recognize the one Seabee, who over the course of the last year, has made extraordinary contributions to the mission of the Naval Construction Force and has upheld the highest traditions and legacy of the U.S. Navy Seabees. U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aid 1st Class Chad Hook/Released)

## NMCB 4 Seabee wins 2011 Marvin G. Shields Medal

By MC1 Russ Stewart  
NMCB 4 Public Affairs

Chief of Civil Engineers, Rear Admiral Christopher Mossey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command NAVFACENCOM announced the 2011 Marvin G. Shields Medal Winner is Builder 1st Class Reno Perryman of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4.

"I don't know how to describe how I felt when I found out, I was speechless!" said Perryman of Tullare, Calif. "I'm honored, completely shocked and ecstatic!"

Perryman distinguished himself through sustained superior performance at NMCB 4's detachment Payne in Afghanistan. His operational expertise proved invaluable in planning and executing over 20 mission critical projects for 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance battalion in Regional Command Southwest, resulting in flawless execution of 2,400 man-days of construction valued at \$5 million.

Hand selected as officer-in-charge for Patrol Base 87 construction, he displayed exceptional confidence and poise as he led a team of 16 Seabees to complete a patrol base that included three bunkers, a 600 meter HESCO perimeter berm, four tent decks, and a hasty Command Operations Center structure to sustain kinetic operations in Helmand province. He was selected to participate in the construction management training team for Regimental Combat Team 5, assessing over 100

Commander's Emergency Response Program projects valued at \$40 million across four Helmand province districts. Dedicated and innovative, Perryman taught basic construction techniques to Civil Affairs Group Marines and Afghan contractors, contributing greatly to contracted construction safety and quality.

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Perryman credits a "back to the basics" philosophy for his successful 10 year career. Now at his third command, he has served with NMCB 133 and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303.

"Do what's right even when no one's looking, and do the job without seeking praise and you'll be recognized for what you do," said Perryman.

The nominees for this year's award represent the strength, determination, and stalwart leadership of our force. Petty Officer Perryman's impressive performance and professional achievements merit the recognition afforded by this prestigious award. He truly exemplifies the Seabee "Can Do" spirit, for which Marvin Shields serves as the ultimate example.

## Month of the Military Child /Easter Celebration



More than 800 military children and their parents attended the 2012 Month of the Military Child/Easter Celebration on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) April 7. Kids participated in many activities, including ball games, laser tag, rocket building and Easter Egg hunts for three different age groups. U.S. Navy photos/Released)



## CDC Easter Party



The Child Development Center on board NCBC held an Easter Party and Egg Hunt April 6 for the children enrolled in the Center and their parents. CDC's own Linda Huk volunteered to be the Easter Bunny. With more than 64 parents in attendance this year's Easter Party and Egg Hunt was a big hit. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)



# At the MOVIES

**Friday, April 13,** The Devil Inside, R, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 14** – We Bought A Zoo, PG, 12 noon, Hugo, PG, 3 p.m., My Week with Marilyn, R, 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 15** – Adventures of TinTin, PG, 2 p.m., Haywire, R, 5 p.m.

**Friday, April 20** – Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, R, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 21** – Adventures of TinTin, PG, 12 noon, Joyful Noise, PG13, 3 p.m., Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows, PG13, 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22** – War Horse, PG13, 2 p.m., We Bought A Zoo, PG, 5 p.m.

## Upcoming

### I.T.T. Events

Call 228-871-2231

**Third Annual Live Oaks Arts Festival** in Pascagoula, May 12, 8 a.m., \$5 shuttle fee. Enjoy fine art, live music, food, children's activities and more with Information, Tickets, and Tours. 228-871-2231 ITT is heading to **Bay Bridgefest**, May 20, \$5 shuttle fee. Children 6 and under must be in a passenger restraint device not provided by MWR. Minimum of six,

maximum of 12. Last day to sign up is May 16.

**Base Wide Yard Sale,** June 9, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Training Hall Parking Lot. Minimum number of six signups needed, Canopies are limited and will only be available on a first

come first serve basis to those who have signed up. Last day to sign up is June 6.

**Pick your own Blueberries** with

ITT July 8, 9 a.m., Vancleave, Miss., \$5 shuttle fee. Call ITT to sign up by July 18.

**Flea Market at Minge Avenue,** July 21, 9 a.m., \$5 shuttle fee. Sign up by July 18.

**April 12**  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE (Liberty Center)  
12 noon - 5 p.m.

**April 13**  
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS VS.  
UTAH JAZZ (Liberty Center)  
5:30 p.m., Tickets, \$22  
BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT  
AND ICE CREAM (YAC) 6 – 9  
p.m., limited to 30, \$2

**April 14**

**Liberty Center - 228-871-4684**

**Youth Activities Center**

**228-871-2251**

**Fitness Center - 228-871-2668**

D'IBERVILLE PROMENADE  
TRIP (Liberty Center) 1 p.m.,  
Free shuttle  
MOBILE BAYBEARS BASEBALL  
GAME (YAC) 5 – 11:30 p.m.,  
limited to 30, \$7

**April 15**

SKYDIVING TRIP (Liberty Center) \$160, 9 a.m.

**April 16**

ZUMBA (Fitness Center)  
Evening Classes will now be held from 5 – 6 p.m.  
APRIL'S GROUP SWIM LESSON  
REGISTRATION STARTS  
TODAY! \$35/child, For more info contact Alex at 228-822-5103/5104.

April 17

CYPRESS LANES BOWLING



TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

GIRLS ONLY NIGHT AND DANCE OFF (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

April 18  
CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE 3 TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) Free, 7 p.m. Prize for First place  
FIT FACTOR CLUB AND FRISBEE GOLF CHALLENGE (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

April 19  
CRAWFISH MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE MS COAST COLISEUM (Liberty Center) Free shuttle 6 p.m., \$12 admission at gate  
MAKE YOUR OWN ROCKET EXPERIMENT (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

April 20

CRAWFISH MUSIC FESTIVAL



AT THE MS COAST COLISEUM (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m., \$12 admission at gate  
BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT AND ICE CREAM (YAC) 6 – 9 p.m., limited to 50, \$2

April 21  
GEORGE OHR MUSEUM OF ART TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 10 a.m.

DESOTO NATIONAL FOREST CLEAN-UP (YAC) 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$3 and lunch is needed  
April 22  
SHIP ISLAND EXCURSION

ter) Free, 7 p.m., Prize for first place winner

April 24  
ANGRY BIRDS NIGHT (Liberty Center) Free, 7 p.m.

TRIPLE PLAY AND CAPTURE THE FLAG (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

April 25  
GULFPORT DRAGWAY TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m., \$7 admission at gate  
BOYS ONLY NIGHT AND FLAG FOOTBALL (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free



TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 11 a.m., \$25 with Military ID

April 23  
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS TOURNAMENT (Liberty Cen-

April 26  
NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY (Liberty Center) Enjoy free pretzels all day while supplies last.  
BONUS BUCKS AUCTION! (YAC) 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Free

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# EARTH DAY 2012:

“Partnering for a Greener Future”

April 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Youth Activities Center

Events include Hover craft demos,  
displays by NOAA Fisheries, Marine  
Mammal Studies, Humane Society,  
Harrison County Beautification  
Committee, PWD Environmental and  
Recycling, Balfour Beatty Communities,  
and much more !



**Come out and join the fun!**

**Ad Space**

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then we will retain their documents for that 50-year period.”

The director also discussed other innovations such as expanding legal assistance to encourage victims to participate in the military justice system “in order to hold that perpetrator accountable.”

And as of January, DoD civilians and contractors deployed abroad, and military dependents over 18 years old are now eligible to access sexual assault response services, Hertog said.

Hertog noted other changes imple-

mented include new training for investigators of sexual assault crimes within the services.

“Some of our new training initiatives concern our investigators such as our [Naval Criminal Investigative Service] agents, Air Force [Office of Special Investigations], and Army [Criminal Investigation Division],” she said. “We think we have found the gold standard course ... to send many of the agents to, to build a sexual assault subject expertise cadre of our agents to get them very familiar with these cases.”

Hertog said training frequency will

increase, more seats will be offered and the training has expanded to include Judge Advocate Generals “because these are some of the toughest cases to investigate as well as prosecute.”

Perhaps the most useful option has been established for about a year, Hertog noted.

You have the option of contacting our DoD Safe helpline,” she said. “We stood up a 24/7 crisis hotline – it’s operated by RAINN, the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network – who have been trained by us so they’re very familiar with military

terminology.”  
“If you don’t want to go through your chain of command you can contact them and they will tell you where your nearest rape crisis center is in your community outside your installation gates,”

Hertog said the hotline has been “extremely successful” with about 30,000 unique visits to the site and about 2,500 referrals for counseling services.

She emphasized the Defense Department’s commitment to “eradicating” sexual assault in the military “from the Secretary [of Defense] on

down.  
“We have to eliminate this problem from our ranks,” Hertog added. “The American public gives us what’s most dear to them and that’s their sons and daughters. And they trust us that we’re going to take care of them [which] is a commander’s job.”

The Naval Construction Battalion Center Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) LaTasha Banks can be reached at 228-871-3000, ext.3736. The CBC Gulfport Sexual Assault 24/7 Crisis Line is 228-596-0697.

# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

**The following events have been scheduled throughout the community to focus on Sexual Assault Awareness**

**April 12:** Nine Hole Glow Golf Tournament, 6 p.m., Keesler AFB Golf Course, \$25/person entry fee (open to DoD affiliated personnel). Call 228-377-3832 to sign up

**April 13:** Keesler SAPRO host: Texas Hold’Em Poker Night, 5 p.m., Keesler AFB Bay Breeze Events Center.

**April 17:** “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” 9 a.m., Biloxi Town Green. Men, women, and children are all invited to participate. Registration is FREE and the first 50 participants to sign up will receive a Walk a Mile T-shirt. Register at [www.gcwcf.org](http://www.gcwcf.org). Hosted by Gulf Coast Women Center for Non-violence and D’Iberville/East Biloxi Weed & Seed

**April 25:** “Sex Signals,” 8:30 - 10 a.m. (NMCB 1/20th SRG/CBC); 10:30 a.m. - Noon (NMCB 133/25 NCR); 1 - 2:30 p.m. (NMCB 74 & tenant commands). Hosted by CBC Gulfport SAPR Program



**April 26:** SAPR Day of Action, Denim Day (civilian employees are asked to wear denim in support of sexual assault awareness and prevention), 2 p.m., Proclamation Signing at FFSC  
**April 27:** “Drunk Sex or Date Rape” by B. Sokolow, Keesler Welch Theater, (9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m.)

CBC Gulfport Sexual Assault 24/7 Crisis Line, 228-596-0697 For information, please contact LaTasha Banks, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) (228) 871-3000, ext. 3736.

**April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.**

**Sexual Assault Hurts One. Affects All. Sexual assault victims are our Shipmates!. Sexual Assault impacts readiness and combat effectiveness!**

**Sexual Assault Prevention is Everyone’s Duty!**

**Sexual Assault will NOT be tolerated!**

# NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities

The Gulfport YouthBuild program is looking for 8 to 10 volunteers this week (starting tomorrow) from 8:30 a.m. to noon to help out with their Mental Toughness program. They are having a camp for current students and for the prospective students for our their Café Climb and would very much like to have our help with things like leading calisthenics in the mornings and then just being a part of the process, mingling with the students and sharing experiences. They will be meeting April 10 - 13 from 8:30 until noon starting off with morning PT. If you would like to help, call Bracky Cooper at 228-867-5600 or 228-861-8559 or email - dcooper@irdgulfcoast.org.

Volunteers are needed to help out at Senior Games 2012 - Four volunteers are requested to help out with Shuffleboard, April 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westside Community Center; eight volunteers are needed April 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Track and Field events at the Gulfport High School Track; and five male volunteers are needed April 14, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. for the Cycling Event at the Woolmarket Senior Center. If you are interested in volunteering for the Senior Games, contact Brittany Dyess at 228-860-4444 or email ballen@gulfport.ms.gov.

9th Annual Smokin' the Sound and Smokin' the Lake - Volunteers are needed April 26 to 29 to assist with Smokin' the Sound at Point Cadet in Biloxi and Smokin' the Lake in Gulfport, May 5 to 6 at the Dock Bar and Grill on Seaway Road. Duties include selling wrist bands and directing spectators to viewing areas. Various shifts are available and lunch and t-shirts will be provided. To sign up or to receive more information on this request, contact Chief Ryan Wilber at 228-871-3663 or email ryan.wilber@navy.mil.

North Gulfport Elementary School needs 25 - 30 volun-

teers per day May 1, 8, 9 and 10 for yearly tests. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the school by 7:10 a.m. and be in place by 7:40 a.m. The daily testing should be completed by noon each day. Training is required and will be given April 24 or April 25 from 8 - 8:30 a.m. Training time is flexible and can be done to accommodate volunteer's schedules. Please contact Emie Bankson at 228-864-8944 or ebankston@harrison.k12.ms.us to volunteer.

Orange Grove Elementary needs 30 volunteers per day May 8, 9 and 10 for the yearly MCTII test. This is the state mandated standardized test. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 7 a.m. daily. Please contact Stephanie Schepens at SSchepens@harrison.k12.ms.us or call 228-365-0204 if you are interested.

Long Beach School District (LBSD) Volunteers - The LBSD needs 30 proctors to assist them with the administration of the MCT2 (Mississippi Curriculum Test) May 8 - 10 from approximately 7:20 am until 1:30 pm. The MCT2 is given to all students at Harper McCaughan Elementary grades 4-6, Long Beach Middle School grades 7 and 8 and all 3rd grade students at both Reeves Elementary and Quarles Elementary. Training will be administered prior to the testing dates. Contact Christi Spinks at 228-861-0588 if you are interested in volunteering.

The coast Salvation Army needs volunteers 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. Contact Shawna Tatge at Shawna\_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org to learn about all of the volunteer opportunities available at the Salvation Army.

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## Retired Seabee Reunion

Navy Seabee Veterans of America is sponsoring a Retired Seabee Reunion May 4 – 6. The Reunion will kick off with a Welcome Back at Anchors and Eagles May 4, a Dinner and Dance at Donal Snyder Community Center May 5 and conclude with a Farewell Picnic at Anchors and Eagles May 6. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 13. Contact Bob Smith, 228-424-1185 or Rich Brown, 601-938-6488 for tickets and more information.



### SUPPORT

#### Family Readiness Groups

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

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes service members, family and friends to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335. Child care is provided during deployment. Please contact the FRG at nmcb7frg@gmail.com for more information.

**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. For more information, please email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG."

**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, please email noscgulfport@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU soon!

#### NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

#### Gamblers Anonymous

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

#### TRAINING

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

#### Naval Sea Cadets

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. Contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or enrique.acosta@navy.mil., or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com for more info.

#### SOCIAL

#### Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association

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

#### CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty

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

#### NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity

**Committee** would like to increase their membership. 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 more information.

**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 each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602.

**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 of the Alumni Group 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.

#### 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](http://www.seabeeuseumstore.org/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for more information.

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tion was, I know he was a very patriotic person," he said of his father, and that he died serving his country. That's a way he would have been proud to go."

**6. They support each other.** Two California teenagers, Moranda Hern and Kaylei Deakin, were inspired to create the Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs after they dealt with their National Guard dads' deployments. They didn't want other military daughters to feel what they did: alone. Their organization is intended to unite, inspire and lead girls with parents in the military.

**5. Their adaptability.** I attended a high school graduation at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., last year. The class included nine students from Defense Department high schools in Japan who had left with their families in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. Although they had entered a new school and a new senior class just a few months shy of graduation, they were all smiles that day as they talked to me in their caps and gowns. A transition that would have thrown the best of us for a loop didn't seem to phase these teens, who had already been through more changes in their 18 years than most people see in a lifetime. The students in that class had moved, on average, more than six times with one student tallying up a total of 18 moves in the same number of years.

**4. Their compassion.** A number of kids have military parents who return home wounded, some with visible wounds and others with less-evident injuries, such as post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. These kids immediately step up to help out at home - taking on additional chores, pitching in to babysit - during their parent's recovery. Taylor Dahl-Sims' Marine Corps stepfather returned home from his fifth deployment with a traumatic brain injury and she stepped in to help during his recovery. She already was helping her mother with her baby brother's medical care. Many wounded warriors have told me their children don't look at them any differently, even if their wounds are severe. They are simply grateful their mom or dad made it back alive.

**3. Their global knowledge.** Many military kids have traveled across the nation and around the world. They have an innate appreciation for cultural diversity and knowledge of world events that most kids who never crossed state lines would be hard-pressed to match. This will serve them well in the future as modern technology and the rise of a global economy increase the likelihood they'll be exposed to a people of different cultures and backgrounds in their careers. "These children come to us with broadened perspectives and a broad range of experiences," said Marilee Fitzgerald, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity. "They're the closest to being a global citizen that this world will have."

**2. Their strength.** They've dealt with a decade of war and multiple deployments, with the associated worry and fear. But these challenges also have equipped them with a resilience that will prepare them for life's setbacks and hardships. The first lady summed it up well at an event in June. "A bad grade on a test, a bad day at work, that's not going to knock you off your game," she said, "because from a very young age, you all have been dealing with the big stuff, and that's given you perspective."

**1. They serve too.** Their military parent signed on the dotted line; their children did not. Yet, they must deal with deployments, frequent moves and school transitions, and they do so with courage and grace. As a nation, we owe them a debt of gratitude. This month, and year round, we should take time to let military children know how grateful we are for their service, said Barbara Thompson, director of military community and family policy, children and youth. "One of the things that's disconcerting is we know that 1 percent of our population is in uniform and is serving, and the other 99 percent of the country takes full benefit of that," she said. "We owe it to our children to honor them and to protect them."

# Chapel Offerings:



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

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

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

**Drummer needed** – The Chapel is in need of a drummer for the Protestant Service Worship Team.

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

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

For more information, call the Chapel at 228-871-2454.

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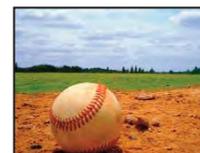
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"For the first time, the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation will shine a nationwide spotlight on the history and contributions of our Navy's chief petty officer mess, highlighting you, the group of leaders with a direct impact on every Navy and Coast Guard community," read Merriman.

The Year of the Chief will be officially launched, April 2, with a kick-off event at the foundation in Washington, D.C.

Regional Command Southwest Command Master Chief Mike Smith read MCPON Rick West's birthday message.

"We're not just celebrating another year of chiefs serving the Navy," read West. "We're celebrating everything it means to be

the chief. Our anchors are a symbol of a culture and a way of life. Since 1893, chiefs have been charged with the responsibility of ensuring our sailors are the best in the world, ready to carry out our Navy's mission when our nation calls."

Chief Petty Officers Frank Small and Troy Brown conducted a heritage presentation. Small shared information on the history and meaning of the charge book, an important part of the induction ceremony Navy chiefs participate in when they are selected for chief.

Originally, the charge book was a repository for technical and professional information and qualifications a petty officer acquired during service. Today it is a record of lessons learned and in-

formation shared during induction process, often including photographs and other memorabilia, Small explained.

Brown described the pre-1893 chief as a veteran salt: a sailor who had been around Cape Horn; could splice a line quicker than spit; repair a sail at 75 feet in the air in a 60-knot gust; or pick up a hammer and forge weld an emergency mend that kept the main boiler online, 2,000 miles from the nearest shipyard.

After the presentations, the chiefs' mess was dedicated to Chief Petty Officer Raymond Border who was killed by a roadside bomb, Oct. 19, 2011, as he was inspecting a route for a convoy in Paktika province, Afghanistan. Border was a builder with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 74,

based in Gulfport, Miss., working with a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan.

Chief Petty Officer Scott Abbott took the podium, read Border's biography and shared memories of his service with Border. Abbott was tasked to lead a crew constructing an observation tower during a field exercise. The crew was having trouble erecting the tower and Border could have sat back and let them fail, Abbot remembered. Instead, Border jumped in and assisted the crew, completing the project successfully.

"No one on my crew, including myself I might add, had gone through his class to learn how to properly build this tower. Ray knew I needed help and that's exactly what he gave me," said

Abbot. "He taught me what I needed to know to get through each day."

Years later, Border and Abbot were selected for chief at the same time and went through induction together.

"I witnessed displays of his unselfishness and passionate leadership on a daily basis," Abbot said. "If it wasn't for him and the guidance he gave me, I might not be here."

"Becoming a chief is one of those career milestones that just can't be repeated in the United States Navy. It's special to anyone who has done it," said Smith. "We are the keepers of technical expertise, of heritage, tradition and the focal point of the embedded knowledge within the Navy."

## Gun Safety Note:

One-third of all the families in America with children also have firearms, and more than 40 percent of them don't keep their firearms locked up. Children younger than eight can't tell the difference between a real gun and a toy, and 3-year-olds are strong enough to pull the trigger on a real gun. Is it any wonder that more than half of all unintentional shootings are committed by a child or a teenager?

1. Teach children that they shouldn't touch guns and that if they see a gun, to leave it alone and notify an adult.
2. If your children play at another home, talk to the parents about their gun safety.
3. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
4. While target shooting, know your target and what is beyond it.
5. Always point a firearm down and in a safe direction, never at people.
6. Always store guns unloaded.
7. Keep ammunition in a separate place and lock it up.
8. Lock firearms in a rack or safe, and hide the keys or combination.
9. If there is mental illness, severe depression or potential for violence in a home, don't just lock up guns-get rid of them.
10. More than 3 million BB guns and pellet guns are sold in the U.S. every year, as well. These safety tips apply to them, too.

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than 500 man-days of labor, to include the upkeep on 12 head/shower facilities and more than 80 air conditioning units, which are vital to quality of life within the region due to horrid weather conditions in the summer months. Trouble call tickets range from minor electrical issues to the recent \$10K sewage discharge system overhaul, which saw the installation of two grinder pumps and associated plumbing, with minimum impact to daily operations during the upgrade.

Detachment Moreell's supply department has tracked, received, and outfitted more than 2,000 Seabees with Enhanced Small Arms Protective Insert Plates as they deploy and redeploy to and from the region,

while maintaining an inventory of more than \$7M. During routine inspection and scanning, Detachment Moreell's supply department identified 30 percent of its ESAPI inventory that failed to meet manufacturer specifications and removed from inventory, possibly saving the lives of fellow Seabees as they venture into imminent danger zones throughout Southwest Asia.

The detachment's supply department has successfully transferred twenty 20-foot conex boxes and more than 4,800 line items, totaling more than \$850K, of equipment and materials to LSA Kuwait's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

The detachment's Alfa Company has the tasking of preparing major construction equipment for retrograde, while maintaining essential

gear and associated support equipment. To date, Alfa has completed more than 150 planned maintenance procedures, while closing out four operational work centers. Alfa has transferred 11 pieces of Civil Engineering Support Equipment (CESE) and 16 tractor trailers of excess and non-operational equipment to DRMO for proper disposal. Alfa Company has also transferred a total of 30, fully operational, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) and MRAP-All Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV) to the MRAP Support Facility (MSF) for upgrades and storage.

The Communications department has turned over more than \$100K in communication equipment and materials to DRMO, and retrograded more than \$120K in calibrated test equipment and communication gear

back to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, NMCB 7's homeport, to be re-issued to other operational Seabee battalions. The detachment communications department continues to monitor and maintain more than \$30K in essential and quality of life communication equipment for local tenant use until camp turnover is complete. "Currently, we are ahead of turnover schedule and have met all deadlines set to date," said Ensign Matthew Catenese, Detachment Moreell operations officer. "Good communication and relationships with 25 NCR (FWD), and the new tenant have been critical to our success. This turnover has given these Seabees hurdles many of them have never seen before and they are attacking each one and finishing ahead of schedule. Not only are they

maintaining this 56 acre camp, they are also looking at the overall turnover of everything within the fenceline and supporting associated exercises, while remaining vigilant on essential training and personal qualifications. No matter what environment you put these troops in; no matter what job you give them and no matter where you put them they always seem to get it done."

Camp Moreell, which has served as the main Seabee ground base and assembly point for all Seabee units deploying across Southwest Asia for the last decade, was originally constructed in November 2002. It was named in honor of Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks and of the Civil Engineer Corps. Adm. Moreell is best known as the "Father of the Seabees."

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## Seabee Memorial Chapel

### Services:

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

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.**  
**Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.**

**Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.**

### Center Chaplains:

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

**For information concerning other faith groups,  
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