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## NMCB 7 drills for water



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Water Well Detachment trip out (remove) drill steel from the borehole during a fresh water drill at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mescall, located in the Shah Joy District of Zabul Province. NMCB 7 and its detachments are one of two Seabee Battalions conducting contingency construction and deconstruction in support of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) as part of Task Force Stethem (TFS), operating in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of operation. (U.S. Navy photo by NMCB 7/Released) See story page 7

**Women's History Celebration**  
**Seabee Memorial Chapel, March 28, 10 a.m.**  
**All are welcome**

## Sailors react to SECNAV announcement of 21st Century Sailor and Marine Initiative

By MC2 William Jamieson  
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The secretary of the Navy held an All Hands call on board USS Bataan (LHD 5) which was televised and streamed live on the web to the fleet March 5, announcing the establishment of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative.

Secretary Ray Mabus explained that the initiative consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness. The programs are divided into five categories or areas; readiness, safety, physical fitness, inclusion, and continuum of service.

"The new defense strategy will put increased responsibilities on the Navy and Marine Corps in the years to come," the secretary said. "You are the department's

most essential asset, and it is the duty of the department's leadership to do all we can to provide each individual Sailor and Marine with the resources to maintain that resiliency."

For Sailors in attendance, the message was clear. Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Vestal from Bataan said she left the All Hands call feeling excited for the future of the Navy.

"I thought the new initiatives really show how far the Navy has come," said Vestal. "We, as Sailors, need all the support we can get, and I feel like I heard a lot today that will have a real deckplate impact."

Various programs fall under the readiness area, all of which help ensure we have the most mentally prepared service members and family in department history. Continued emphasis on the re-

sponsible use of alcohol, zero tolerance for drug use, suicide reduction, family and personal preparedness, and financial and family stability all work together to prepare Sailors, Marines and their families for the challenges that they may face and reinforce healthy alternatives on liberty or off-duty. A new initiative will include breathalyzer tests when Sailors stationed onboard ships, submarines and at squadrons report for duty and randomly elsewhere to reduce the occurrence of alcohol related incidents that can end careers and sometimes end lives.

Gas Turbine Systems Technician 2nd Class Eric Smith from Assault Craft Unit 4 said the new initiatives were a welcome continuation of policies already in place.

"We have been moving to-

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

Over the last couple of weeks, the base has been busy, which shouldn't surprise anyone who has been here any length of time. We were honored to host Rear Adm. Kurt Tidd, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet, as our guest speaker for the 2012 Seabee Ball. The day before the Ball, we gave him a tour of CBC Gulfport so that he would have a better sense of our home base. The Admiral started with breakfast with some of our remarkable Unit and Area Sailors of the Year and Quarter, followed by a demonstration of the Combat Convoy Simulator and other Seabee training activities here on the installation. At the Ball, Admiral Tidd spoke eloquently of the 70 years of Seabee Heritage, recognizing each unit for its accomplishments. There were strong contingents representing NMCB's 1, 74 and 133, as well as 25 NCR, NCTC, 20 SRG and CBC. While we missed the Seabees from 7, 11 and 22 NCR, they were certainly with us in spirit and well represented by loved ones still here in Gulfport. Bravo Zulu to Lt. Cheron Thornton and the entire Seabee Ball Committee for putting on an outstanding event to help celebrate our history. Your hard work and dedication really paid off!

Capt. Kevin Head, Commanding Officer of the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) in Jacksonville, Fla., also paid us a visit

last week. He came to meet with the staff of NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Gulfport Site for an All Hands call and awards ceremony. Though they come under FLC Jacksonville for administrative purposes, FLC Gulfport Site personnel are fully dedicated to providing logistical support to CBC, including the containerization of our non-CESE table of allowance supplies and equipment. Without their excellent support, Seabees would lack the gear we need to deploy. Several of their employees were recognized for their outstanding service: Teresa Gatpatan from Containerization received her 30 year pin; Jeff Wolfe from Containerization Division was named GS Civilian of the Year for all of FLC; James Walker of the military fuel station took honors as FLC WG Civilian of the Year; and Katie Green from the Control Division was recognized as GS Civilian of the Quarter for the 4th Qtr FY11. Well done to all!

Finally, Rear Adm. John Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, stopped by for his first visit since taking the command of the Region late last summer. As Regional Commander, Rear Adm. Scorby is responsible for providing support to Fleet, Fighter and Family at all Navy installations in the Southeast Region. So the focus of our visit was to show him just how the NCBC Gulfport team accomplishes that mission. During our tour, he got a good look at our supply and logistics capabilities, training support facilities at NCTC and 20 SRG, the base Fitness Center and the Fleet and Family Support Center. We included a quick trip to Stennis, where he got an overview of CNMOC and SBT 22 capabilities. The Admiral expressed to me how much he enjoyed the visit and appreciated everyone's hospitality.

My thanks to all who supported these visits. In each case, we got to provide a visitor with a brief glimpse of something I get to see every day: the outstanding professionalism of the Gulfport team. Well done to all!

## From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

To align with new DoD policy announced in February, Navy will begin testing for more commonly abused prescription drugs during random urinalysis starting May 1. This follows a record low in Sailors testing positive for illicit drug use.

Since 2001, the rate of urinalysis testing in the Navy has increased and remained at a steady rate for the past 10 years. As the testing has increased, the amount of members testing positive has decreased each year. Testing has been done for marijuana (THC), cocaine, and heroin among other drugs.

For fiscal year 2011, there were a record low number of members who tested positive for illicit drug use with a total of 1,515 samples out of the 1,184,160 samples tested.

"We are really pleased with these results but while the drugs we've been testing have been on a decline, prescription drugs are on the rise. In the past three years amphetamine positives have increased 34 percent and oxycodone positives by 23 percent," said Dorice Favorite, director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office (NADAP).

The DoD announced Feb. 1 that more commonly abused prescription drugs will be added to the standard testing panel for all urinalysis samples submitted for testing. These prescription drug families include benzodiazepines, hydrocodones and hydromorphones (i.e. Xanax, Vicodin and Dilaudid).

"In addition to oxycodone and amphetamine, the Navy already tests for codeine and morphine," said Favorite.

Testing at the service-level will begin in May. The 90-day warning order from announcement to implementation is to allow ample time to ensure military members have their prescriptions properly documented in their health records. Additionally, the warning order provides members who are using prescription drugs that have not been prescribed or given by their health care provider to self-refer for treatment.

"We are concerned about service members who are using prescription drugs without proper authority and potentially addicted," said Favorite. "If you have a problem, this is the time to ask for help."

According to Favorite, Navy's policy on substance abuse is zero tolerance.

"Substance abuse puts lives and missions at risk, undercuts unit readiness and morale, and is inconsistent with our Navy ethos and core values of honor, courage, and commitment," said Favorite.

If a member is using, possessing, promoting, manufacturing, or distributing drugs they face disciplinary action that could result in unfavorable separation from the Navy. "We recommend members seeking substance use counseling talk with their doctor, chain-of-command or self-refer to a substance abuse rehabilitation program," said Favorite.

This program is part of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative that consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.

## 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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# Around the Center



**Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Opalenik (right), 25th Naval Construction Regiment training officer, administers the commissioning oath to Senior Chief Utilitiesman Richard Anglin, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, during his commissioning ceremony held at the Seabee Memorial Chapel March 2. Congratulations Chief Warrant Officer Anglin!** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

**Rear Adm. Kurt Tidd, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, Commander U.S. 4th Fleet addresses Unit and Area Sailors of the Year and Quarter at a breakfast at the Colmer Dining Facility on board the Center March 2. After the breakfast, the Admiral toured facilities on board NCBC before departing for Stennis Space Center. Tidd was on the Gulf Coast to serve as the guest speaker at the 70th Anniversary Seabee Ball.** (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Locke/Released)



**Naval Supply (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Head addresses the attendees of an all hands call and awards ceremony at the NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Gulfport Site, on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, March 6. The Gulfport Site provides logistical support to the base and table of allowances containerization support to the Naval Construction Force and expeditionary commands.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

**Capt. Rick Burgess III, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center/commander Twentieth Seabee Readiness Group presents Cmdr. Richard Hayes III, commanding officer NMCB 74, the 8th Annual Run for Relief 5K Challenge first place trophy on behalf of Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Feb. 28. The presentation was made during the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive kick-off breakfast held at the Comer Dining facility on board NCBC.** (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Locke/Released)



# Gulfport Site Sweeps Civilian of the Year Competition

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

Jeff Wolfe, Naval Supply (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville, Gulfport Site, containerization division officer and James Walker, NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Gulfport Site, fuel distribution systems operator, were announced the General Schedule (GS) and Wage Grade (WG) 2011 Civilians of the Year (COY) for NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville during a ceremony held at the Operational Expeditionary Logistics Facility on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Miss., March 6.

According to Rodney Duggins, site director, between 16 and 18 sites and more than double that number of packages went before the board. The Gulfport Site swept the competition. NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville Commanding Officer Kevin Head presented Wolfe and Walker plaques during the ceremony.

"This is an indication of the

great job you are doing, both civilian and GS of the year have come from this command, so it's an indication of the great workforce that you are, how you provide support to the customer and we are able to recognize your accomplishments," said Head.

Wolfe, 2011 GS COY and a former Builder in the U.S. Navy Seabees, worked his way up the supply ladder over 29 years working on board NCBC. He now manages more than 4,000 containers for the Naval Construction Force and 18 employees. Wolfe said he was honored to be selected, but a little embarrassed at the same time.

"I appreciate the fact that Mr. Duggins saw fit to put me in for it, and I know my division's done an unprecedented amount of work in the past year, especially during calendar year 11, but I don't look upon my self as being the source of that work. I enable

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**James Walker, a fuel distribution systems operator is the 2011 Naval Supply (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville, Gulfport Wage Grade Civilian of the Year.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

# Environmental News: CED Adopts a Highway

## By CED 2 Gulfport

Construction Equipment Division (CED) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), recently adopted a two-mile stretch of Highway 49 in Gulfport, between the intersections of Highway 53, south to O'Neal Road. The highway adoption was organized by Chief Construction Mechanic Larrie Ausman who stated that he was looking for ways that CED could have community involvement. "It helps the community, boosts morale among employees, and shows pride in the area where we live," said Ausman. "This is a good volunteer opportunity because it is very visible and doesn't require much of an investment in time to organize. It only requires time spend on the activity itself." CED will conduct a clean up along this stretch of highway four times a year, as an agreement with Mississippi Department of Transportation states. MDOT provides, caution signs, safety vests and trash bags.

The first clean up was held Feb. 25, with ten employees of CED, their families and their friends pitching in.

Among those participating were Ausman, Cecil Clayton, Bill Johnson, M.C. Bell, Construction Electrician 3rd Class James Jackson, Sue Lee, Annette Cardenas, Angela Hebden, Lt. Cmdr. Neil West, Karen West and Emily West. During a three and a half hour period, the volunteers picked up 25 bags of trash, several semi-truck tires, one garage door, couch cushions, vinyl siding, and various other items.

While this is the first CED-sponsored community volunteer activity, the employees of CED are no strangers to community volunteer work. Individual CED employees volunteer in a wide range of community activities ranging from coaching little league, fundraising for area schools and churches, organizing sporting events, supporting local boys and girls clubs, Special Olympics and more.

## Construction Equipment Division Gulfport ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



*Pictured left to right: Cecil Clayton, Emily West, LCDR Neil West, Chief Ausman, Annette Cardenas, Angela Hebden, Sue Lee (lower picture) CE3 James Jackson NMICB 74 and Bill Johnson (other volunteers not pictured: Karen West, and M.C. Bell)*



## Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center

Diversity Committee Pancake Sale, March 15, 8 - 9:30 a.m., Seabee Memorial Chapel, \$4 donation

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# Buzz on the Street



By **UTCN Daneia Johnson**  
NCBC Public Affairs

**How will you prepare for  
the April PRT?**



"I participate in command  
PT three times a week and  
when I'm home I partake  
in 'Insanity'."

**YN3 (SCW) William Stokes**  
NMCB 133  
Hometown: Moundville, Ala.



"To prepare for the PRT  
I'm lowering my to-  
bacco intake."

**EOCN Laura Trommer**  
NMCB 74  
Hometown: Toms River, N.J.



"I work out at the gym  
just about every day. I  
run, do basic workouts  
and eat healthy meals."

**UTCN Bontrion Toliver**  
NMCB 1  
Hometown: Dallas, Texas

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# NMCB 23 Seabees, Marines and Indonesian Engineers refurbish schools, clinic in Haiti

By Lt. Matthew Comer  
Southern Partnership Station  
Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 23 Seabees and five U.S. Marines from High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift partnered with an Indonesian army, navy, and air force construction company to complete improvements on a school and dispensary in Caracol, Haiti, Feb. 29.

The Seabees and Marines are working with 24 U.N. Indonesian engineers, who are part of the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to complete work on the Caracol dispensary and the National School in Caracol, which began Feb. 16, as part of HSV Southern Partnership Station 2012.

"We are working with the Indonesians to make the school and dispensary better places for the community to learn and receive medical care," said Staff Sgt. Garival Perez, Caracol dispensary project lead.

"The work we are doing will really have an impact on the community here."

The projects were budgeted for \$43,000 and all supplies for the sites were purchased in Haiti, impacting a community of 14,000 people. The three-week construction is scheduled to end March 5 with a closing ceremony attended by the U.S. and Indonesian engineers and Haitian community members.

"The entire mission of HSV-SPS 12 is to build partnership," said Lt.j.g. J.P. Henry, Seabee officer-in-charge. "With every stop, I am amazed at the impact Seabees, Marines, Sailors and partner engineers, like the Indonesians, can have on the community."

The work of at the National School of Caracol includes a roof replacement, structural repair to the support beams, the pouring of a new concrete sidewalk, and cosmetic improvements students. The work is in conjunction with several UNICEF projects, increasing the school's capacity for future use and will improve learning conditions of the 7th-9th grade students who attend.

At Caracol dispensary, the work consists of an addition of a new secured storage shed, the demolition and replacement of cabinets and shelving, the installation of an incendiary pit, the installation of security wire, and painting the building. The improvements will increase the dispensaries ability to store and maintain supplies and provide sanitary medical care to the community.

"Our work in Haiti demonstrates the need for strong seamless partnerships," said Cmdr. Garry Wright, HVS-SPS 12 mission commander. "This is the first visit by a U.S. ship to the northern side of Haiti, and the relationships we build will shape the way we work together in the future."

The construction projects are one part of the three-week HSV-SPS 12 partnership with Haiti. Service members from each of the armed services are working with the host-nation partners, exchanging information regarding medical and veterinary practices, small unit leadership, and port security.

Haiti is the last stop of the HSV-SPS 12 four-month mission, which included port visits in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama and Peru.



Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Command Master Chief (CMDM) Christopher Sparks presents his son, Nathan, with his retirement flag during his ceremony at the Seabee Memorial Chapel on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Feb. 24. Sparks retired after 25 years of naval service. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released)

## NMCB 133 Command Master Chief Retires

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

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 held a retirement ceremony for its Command Master Chief at the Seabee Memorial Chapel aboard the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Feb. 24.

Command Master Chief Christopher Sparks retired after 25 years of naval service.

Sparks served with 13 commands across the United States including two tours with NMCB's 4 and 5 in Port Hueneme, Calif.; a tour with the 30th Naval Construction Regiment in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and a tour as the head Seabee detailer with Naval Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.

Guest speaker Capt. Christopher Kurgan, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Guam Program officer and former commanding

officer of NMCB 133, served with Sparks during his assignments to NMCB 4 and 133.

Kurgan said one of the things of note in Sparks' biography was the fact during his service he never had back-to-back tours in the same geographic region.

"Whenever the Navy called he answered," said Kurgan. "It has never been about him; it's been about his troops and his Chiefs Mess."

Sparks thanked many for their support, including his family, friends and the Sailors of NMCB 133.

"I've always seen it as my duty to be the best leader I can be," said Sparks told the battalion. "My thoughts and prayers go out to you as you prepare for your upcoming deployment."

With Sparks' departure, NMCB 133 welcomes aboard Command Master Chief David Garcia as the battalion continues homeport training in preparation for its next deployment.

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 at 228-424-1185 or Rich Brown 601-938-6488 for tickets and more information.



**ZABUL PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Water Well Detachment guide a cement mixer as it is lowered from a well-tender vehicle at the detachment's drill site at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mescall. NMCB 7 and its detachments are one of two Seabee Battalions conducting contingency construction and deconstruction in support of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) as part of Task Force Stethem (TFS), operating in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of operation.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)

## NMCB 7 Water Well Det completes Mescall well

By MCC (SCW) Yan Kennon  
NMCB 7 Public Affairs

After five weeks of around-the-clock operations, Seabees assigned to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 Water Well Detachment successfully completed the drilling of their first fresh water well at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mescall.

The detachment of Seabees departed the Battalion's mainbody site at Kandahar Airfield on Feb. 7 and began base camp setup the next day at FOB Mescall, located 4,595 feet above sea level in the Shah Joy District of Zabul Province.

Detachment personnel were divided into three separate crews (Towers), led by Equipment Operator 1st Class Michal Shafer, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Mark Palmer and Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Scott Klausner. Each crew worked equal eight hour shifts, through snow, high winds and single digit temperatures to keep the drilling operations going 24 hours

a day.

The crew was prepared to drill in excess of 1,200 feet for its projected water table, but hit its mark after drilling through 903 feet of sand, stone, and clay.

The Seabees' success did not come without minor setbacks. Delays in getting needed fuel and water, due to a two-day snow storm, were a couple of obstacles the Seabees had to overcome.

"Fuel and water shortages really compressed our drilling timelines," said Equipment Operator 1st Class Michal Shafer, a native of Sioux Falls, S.D. and assistant officer in charge "But I had very high confidence in our crew that we would finish this mission on schedule. That's what Seabees do, complete their mission and prepare for the next."

The Seabees began the exploratory drilling using a 6 inch pilot hole, sampling the earth at predetermined depths. The Seabees hit their first water formation at 500 feet. After test-

ing water samples, they decided to continue drilling where they hit another water table and their ultimate stopping point at 903 feet. At that point, the crew widened the borehole and installed casings, screens and gravel pack to allow water to flow into the well and keep unwanted materials, such as sand and dirt out.

Next the crew mixed and pumped cement between the casing and borehole wall, a method often referred to as "grouting the well", to make a sanitary seal to prevent any downward leakage of contaminants from the surface, which also prevents intermixing of ground water between water-bearing zones encountered while drilling.

The Seabees then developed the well, the final step before declaring the well operational. Development is a procedure used to maximize the well yield. The main reasons for well development are to clean the filter cake from

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# Navy Seabees pave way for U.S., Allied Forces

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael

NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees deployed to Afghanistan are undertaking projects to repair and improve large stretches of roads in Helmand Province which will greatly increase the maneuverability of U.S. and allied forces in the region.

Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11's Detachment Dwyer have widened, leveled, and laid gravel to existing roads to facilitate the movement of supplies and personnel in southern Helmand Province.

Two miles of road have been cleared and graveled since the project was turned over from NMCB-4 earlier this month according to crew leader Equipment Operator 2nd Class Mardi Ros of Tomball, Texas.

Crews have been forced to deal with torrential rain causing them to spend days clearing sections of road they had already flattened.

"We are working on keeping lines of communications open for displaced personnel," said Detachment officer in charge, Lt. Seth D. Cochran of La Plata, Md. "Our goal is to improve freedom of movement for our supported command, so that movement of supplies takes place without any damage to equipment, as was the case previously."

This project is one of many NMCB-11 is involved in throughout the country.



**Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 operate heavy equipment, improving roads to increase the maneuverability of U.S. and Allied forces in southern Helmand Province. NMCB-11 is deployed to Afghanistan to conduct general, mobility, survivability engineering operations, defensive operations, Afghan National Army partnering and detachment of units in combined/joint operations area - Afghanistan in order to enable the neutralization of the insurgency and support improved governance and stability operations.** (U.S. Navy photo by Marlene M. Hounbedji/Released)

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# NCBC GULFPORT'S FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR



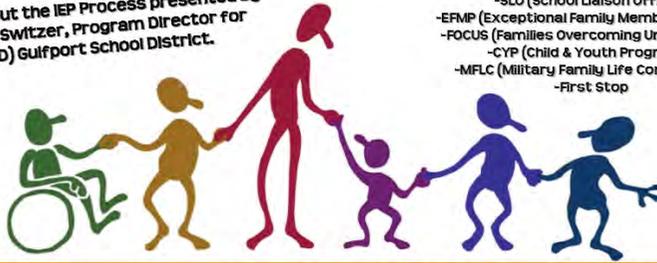
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Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. in FFSC's Training Room

Learn about the IEP Process presented by  
Cimmie Switzer, Program Director for  
(GSD) Gulfport School District.



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  - FOCUS (Families Overcoming Under stress)
  - CYP (Child & Youth Programs)
  - MFLC (Military Family Life Consultants)
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For more information contact Kevin Byrd at 871-2117 or Mary Ann Robinson at 871-3000.

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NCBC Gospel  
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The NCBC/20TH SRG  
Multi Cultural  
Diversity Committee  
invites all members  
of the Seabee  
community to its  
upcoming Gospel  
Sound Choir  
Extravaganza 2012.  
This FREE event will  
be held Saturday,  
March 31, from  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.,  
at the Training Hall.  
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tion, please contact  
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## NCBC FRAMES

**Builder 1st Class (SCW)  
Stuart A. Helvie  
20th SRG (R73)**

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Locke  
NCBC Public Affairs

FF: What single experi-  
ence during your career  
stands out the most and  
why?

**BU1: When deployed to Africa in 2007 we built schools and other humanitarian projects in a local community and it was so good to be able to say I was a part of something like that.**

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

**BU1: Taking care of troops is the biggest motivation so far through my career.**

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

**BU1: Just do every-  
thing you can to the  
best of your ability**



**and help each other along the way. Some of the best relationships you will develop in your life will be with your fellow Seabees.**

FF: What is your fa-  
vorite thing about work-

ing with the Seabees?

**BU1: The motivation and dedication that the Seabees put into everything as a whole is one of the main reasons I like working with the Seabees. To be able to overcome the most**

**demanding tasks as part of a team is very satisfying to me.**

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

**BU1: My brother is my most influential mentor; he always**

**offers advice and direction because he has more than likely experienced some of the same situations in the Navy that I have. It is just really nice to have someone close to go to with anything.**

### Recycling Reminder

If there is a wheeled recycling bin in your building please be aware that we all share responsibility for taking the bin to the curb when it has reached its capacity.

Please take the time to wheel it to the curb Thursdays by 8 a.m. and return it after it has been emptied. You will be doing yourself, your building and your environment a favor.

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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](mailto:christopher.aberle1@navy.mil); EA2 Potamitis at [marios.potamitis@navy.mil](mailto:marios.potamitis@navy.mil); or visit [www.facebook.com/seabee.diver](http://www.facebook.com/seabee.diver) for more information

Safety is like a lock, but you are the key . . . Before you do it, take time to think through it!

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## Chapel Offerings:

**NCBC Gospel Sound Choir Extravaganza 2012** - The Naval Construction Battalion Center/20th Seabee Readiness Group Multi Cultural Diversity Committee invites all members of the Seabee community to its upcoming Gospel Sound Choir Extravaganza 2012. This FREE event will be held Saturday, March 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Training Hall. Proceeds from the event will be donated toward the establishment of an installation memorial for the fallen. For more information, please contact RP2 De'Angelo Wynn at 228-871-2454 or Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg at 228- 871-3504.

**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.

**Friday Fish Fry** - Chapel Fellowship Hall, March 16

and March 30 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 3 - 6 p.m. Menu features Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread, Iced Tea and Coffee for \$7 per plate, including drink.

**Blood Drive** - April 12, two locations: Chapel Fellowship Hall 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Liberty Center, Noon - 5 p.m.

**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 and visit the Chapel Facebook page at "Seabee Memorial Chapel."

## Seabee Day 2012

# Softball Tournament Invitational



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



\$100  
Entry Fee

NCBC Gulfport  
Softball Fields  
Located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street above MWR 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.

### Payment Options:

- Check or money order enclosed. Payable in U.S. dollars to MWR.
- Charge to:  Visa  Mastercard  AmEX  Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

For more information, please contact Samuel Perkins at 228-822-5015/228-328-0944 or by email at samuel.perkins@navy.mil

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# NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities

West Harrison High School needs volunteers March 26, 27 and 29 from 7:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to serve as proctors and hall monitors as State Tests are administered to 12th Grade students at WHHS. WHHS Volunteer Opportunity Mar. 26, 27 & 29. Volunteers are asked to dress for comfort as they will be standing for 6 hours. Interested parties are asked to contact Julie Hadley at [jhenderson@harrison.k12.ms.us](mailto:jhenderson@harrison.k12.ms.us).

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](mailto:ballen@gulfport.ms.gov).

9th Annual Smokin' the Sound and Smokin' the Lake needs volunteers 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 Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Cassie Locke at 228-871-3664 or email [cassandra.secher@navy.mil](mailto:cassandra.secher@navy.mil).

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 SS-

[chepens@harrison.k12.ms.us](mailto:chepens@harrison.k12.ms.us) or call 228-365-0204 if you are interested.

Long Beach School District (LBSD) needs 30 proctors to assist them with the administration of the MCT2 (Missis-

sippi Curriculum Test) May 8 – 10 from approximately 7:20 am until 1:30 pm. The MCT2 is given to all students at Harper Mc Caughan 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.

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# Health Watch

## Civilian medical care versus military care

By Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport

Active duty beneficiaries enrolled in Tricare Prime are assigned a Primary Care Manager at a military treatment facility (hospital/clinic). An exception to this is if the beneficiary resides outside the catchment area of the military treatment facility (40 miles from a military treatment facility or 20 miles from a military clinic.)

Beneficiaries within the catchment area who wish to use civilian providers may do so by disenrolling from Tricare Prime and utilizing the Tricare Standard benefit. If beneficiaries do chose to use Tricare Standard, they will have deductibles and co-pays with the Standard option. When using Tricare Standard, beneficiaries are no longer eligible to make appointments with a military provider. All care is received in the civilian community. They may also be subject to a one year lock-out from Tricare Prime which could mean a one



year wait before being able to re-enroll in Tricare Prime.

For after hour emergencies Tricare Prime beneficiaries may use the nearest emergency room, but must remember that emergencies are defined as a threat to life or limb by Tricare policy. Using the emergency room for something other than a true emergency may result in a claim being denied payment.

As always, when utilizing a civilian emergency room, beneficiaries must contact their PCM within 24 hours and inform them that they were seen outside of the Military Treatment Facility/Clinic.

For additional information beneficiaries may contact Debbie Sekul, Health Benefits Advisor, at 228-822-5725 or Humana at 1-800-444-5445.

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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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# FOCUS on EDUCATION

**Coastline Late Registration . . .** Coastline Community College's Registration period for the Spring "B" Term will end March 23. Spring "B" term begins April 2 and ends May 27. For additional information, stop by the Navy College Office, Building 60, Room 239 or call 228-871-2785.

## Reading Partners



Students listen to Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Chief Mechanic (SCW) Holly Tretheway during a Campfire Reading Night sponsored by Quarles Elementary School and the Long Beach School District, March 1. NCTC is in partnership with the school as part of an Adopt-A-School Partnership in Education charter. Other activities that make up the charter include mentorship, guest speaking, field day support and minor construction projects. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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## Parents of Children with Special Needs to Meet

NCBC Gulfport's first informational meeting for parents of children with special needs will take place March 20 at 6 p.m., in the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) training room. Learn about the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process during a presentation by Cimmie Switzer, Program Director for the Gulfport School District. Information will be also given on the Exceptional Family Member Program, with briefs by the School Liaison Officer (SLO), representatives from Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS), the Child and Youth Programs (CYP), and the Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC).

**NCBC School Liaison Officer, MWR, Building 352**

**1706 Bainbridge Ave., NCBC, 228-871-2117**

**email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil**

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## Gulfport Sea Cadets visit USS San Diego (LPD-22)



The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets were the first official visitors to the USS San Diego (LPD-22) at Northrop Grumman's Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. Feb 25. The Gulfport Cadets currently have 21 recruits, ages 11 to 17. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). Anyone who is interested in joining the Gulfport Sea Cadets should contact Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or email coachcb@yahoo.com. (U.S. Navy photos/Released)



U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released

# Navy Seabees build on 70-year legacy

## By First Naval Construction Division Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy Seabees, the Navy's deployable Engineer Force, will celebrate its 70th anniversary March 5.

With the motto, "We Build, We Fight," Seabees provide a wide range of responsive military construction in support of operating forces, including roads, bridges, bunkers, airfields and logistics bases.

"As we enter our 70th Year, the Seabees' vital work continues around the world in support of the Global Maritime Strategy. Today we have nearly 2,400 Seabees deployed to more than 30 major detail sites in support of five combatant commanders. Seabees remain in high demand as we continue to write new chapters in our 'Can Do' legacy," said Rear Adm. Mark Handley, commander 1st Naval Construction Division.

Today, the Navy Seabees play a critical role in the world in both humanitarian and military missions. Whether building facilities for our troops in Afghanistan, helping residents recover from natural disasters, or build-

ing clinics and schools or drilling water wells in underdeveloped areas, Seabees are key players in the Navy's global force for good.

Currently, a Naval Construction Regiment and two Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) are deployed to Afghanistan to build and expand camps and outposts for troops. Other recent projects there have included water wells, helicopter landing zones, roads, and a low-water crossing to help local Afghans.

In addition to the two battalions in Afghanistan, two more battalions are providing engineering and construction support while promoting regional stability through humanitarian projects in Africa, Europe, South America and the Pacific.

"This anniversary is one of change and getting back to what made Seabees great from the beginning, our ability to construct high quality products in an extremely dynamic environment," said Builder 2nd Class (BU2) Grabiell J. Marrero, currently deployed to Africa with NMCB 3.

While their organization and mission

has changed over the years, today's Seabees embody the same "can-do" spirit as their World War II predecessors.

It is a story that began 70 years ago after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. There was a need for massive military construction, and Rear Adm. Ben Moreell, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks, established the first construction battalions. Seabees got their name from the abbreviation "CB" for construction battalion.

These early Seabees were recruited from the civilian construction trades and were placed under the leadership of Civil Engineer Corps officers. Because experience and skill was more important than physical standards, the average age of Seabees at that time was 37. More than 325,000 men served with the Seabees in World War II, fighting and building on six continents and more than 300 islands. During the war, the Seabees built 111 major airstrips, 700 square blocks of warehouses, hospitals for 70,000 patients, storage tanks for 100 million

gallons of gasoline and housing for 1.5 million men. In nearly every major invasion in the Pacific, including Normandy and Iwo Jima, Marines were followed by Seabees to support the invasion and provide long-term facilities for the troops.

Due to their effectiveness in World War II, the Seabees became a permanent part of the Navy. They continued to serve in Korea, where they participated in both the Inchon and Wonsan landings and built advance bases in the Pacific.

In 1965, the Seabees made their first deployment to Vietnam and built an expeditionary airfield at Chu Lai. As the demand for Seabees grew, they constructed roads, bridges, airfields and hospitals, and helped in many civic action projects.

In the 1970s, they resumed peacetime deployments including construction at the strategic Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean.

More than 5,000 active duty and Reserve Seabees served in the Middle East during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. They built 10

camps for more than 42,000 personnel, three galleys, 10 aircraft parking aprons, three ammunition supply points, a 500-bed hospital, two runways, two hangars, a prisoner of war camp to hold 40,000, and a 200-mile, four-lane road.

Twenty-six Seabee units deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of the first phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Seabees constructed aircraft parking areas, roads, munitions storage areas, a 1,200-person camp, and erected bridges over the Diyala River and Saddam Canal. Seabees returned to Iraq in March 2004 to provide force protection, troop housing, border outposts, expeditionary camps, community outreach centers, medical clinics, community cleanup and camp improvements.

Beginning with their deployment to Camp Rhino, Afghanistan to repair the runway at Kandahar shortly after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Seabees have had a presence in Afghanistan for 10 years. When President Barack

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# 22 NCR visits NMCB 11 on Camp Krutke

By MC1 (AW) Jonathan Carmichael  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Captain Kathryn A. Donovan, Commodore, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), and Command Master Chief Mark E. Kraninger, 22 NCR, visited Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11's Mainbody on Camp Krutke, Camp Leatherneck in Helmand Province, Afghanistan Feb. 24.

The Commodore and Command Master Chief were given a tour of the camp by Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB 11, and Command Master Chief Christopher Levesque.

Seabees on camp were engaged in conversation by both Donovan and Kraninger about their specific roles within the battalion and any challenges or obstacles they may have experienced working and living on Camp Leatherneck.

Donovan awarded 22 NCR

coins to a few Seabees who were recognized as having made a significant positive impact on the success of the battalion.

Donovan did not pass up the opportunity to encourage Seabees to earn the Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist (SCWS) qualification and briefly quizzed many of those who did not yet have the qualification by asking SCWS related questions. She even took some time to pose with Seabees who wanted a photo to post on Facebook.

Kraninger, whose son Erik is a Builder in NMCB 11, shook hands, asked and answered questions, and shared wisdom with the Seabees.

Both Kraninger and Donovan had positive things to say about the condition of the camp and the preparedness and attitudes of the Seabees.

This was the first such visit since NMCB 11 officially took authority of Camp Krutke earlier this month.



Capt. Kathryn A. Donovan (left), Commodore, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), addresses the Chief Petty Officers' Mess of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 along side Command Master Chief Mark E. Kraninger, 22 NCR during a 22 NCR visit to NMCB 11 on Camp Krutke, Camp Leatherneck. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

## Seabee Birthday Celebrations



The oldest, Cmdr. Gary Phillips, and the youngest, Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jeremy Gifford, Sailors with the 22 Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) cut a cake together in observation of the 70th Birthday of the U.S. Navy Seabees at a celebration in Kandahar, Afghanistan. 22 NCR and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 celebrated the anniversary together with a short ceremony featuring awards, a reenlistment, and the cake cutting. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communications Specialist Jason Carter/Released)



Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Shinka, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 operations officer, and Builder Constructionman Alex Behrends, assigned to NMCB 7's Delta Company, cut the Battalion's commemorative cake during a Seabee Birthday celebration at Kandahar Airfield. Shinka and Behrends are the oldest and youngest Seabees assigned to NMCB 7, and as a long-standing tradition, were selected to make the first slice to the ceremonial cake. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)



**Michael Collins, a material handler, and Delores Teddleton, a containerization warehouse supervisor, move recovered material and equipment from containers at a supply warehouse on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC).** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

## "A question of ethics"

**By Morgan Over**  
Contributing Writer

Recently, more than \$20,000 worth of stolen equipment was returned to the Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

The material was seized in 2008 by the FBI and Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) when an investigation of several people who worked on board the installation revealed the stolen goods.

"It's not worth your career to illegally take things," said Rod Dugins, Site Director, Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville Detachment Gulfport.

Since the material was seized, all individuals involved have been re-

leased from their jobs and prosecuted by the U.S. District Court. Punishments for the individuals ranged from fines of \$5,000 and up, and three to five years of probation.

"It's a question of ethics," said Kim Reinike, Deputy Director, Construction Equipment Division (CED) on board NCBC. "Why would you lose a career over this?" he asked.

Reinike and Lt. Cmdr. Neil West, Director CED explained that this event caused them to look at their procedures a little differently but the end result is the same - you steal and you will be punished.

"Since [this incident] we have new staff, new supervisors ... this will not happen again on our watch," Reinike said.

This matter should be a reminder of the consequences of "it's just a wrench, who's going to notice?"

Until items are properly disposed of through the Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO), they belong to the U.S. government.

Even unwanted things in recycling bins and trash dumpsters on base are government owned until they exit the base via proper disposal companies. Stealing will not be tolerated in any form.

Stop and think twice, because theft, the FBI and criminal court may sound like the makings of a Hollywood movie, but it is real life and it has serious consequences.

### 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.*

# Seabee Magazine launches interactive, online version

**From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Public Affairs**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command has launched an online version of its award-winning print magazine, Seabee, Feb. 9 to provide the latest news and information through the use of interactive multimedia.

"Seabee magazine has been an iconic communication tool for our Seabees," said Chief Mass Communication Specialist James Pinsky, editor, Seabee magazine. "We want to use the very best and latest technology to make sure we reach as many Seabees, veterans and friends of Seabees as possible."

Taking Seabee magazine online gives the Seabee editorial team the access, flexibility and multimedia tools to tell the Seabee story better, faster and more richly than ever before.

The online version is available to anyone with access to the Internet. Visitors can also view Seabees in action in embedded video and still imagery. In addition, site visitors can interact with Seabees directly through social media portals like Facebook, Twitter, and blogging.

"As an editor I am always looking for better ways to reach our audiences," said Pinsky. "Going online gives my team so many more tools to be able to communicate the Seabee story. Video, sound, and social media interactivity are all key elements of conveying the dynamic nature of the Seabee story, and now with Seabee magazine online, we're able to provide all of these tools for our audiences."

Seabee magazine began as Beeline in 1993 and evolved into Seabee after a redesign in 2002 and has earned top honors in the annual Chief of Navy Information (CHINFO) Awards three times since 2000.

The move of Seabee magazine to an interactive online format is one more step in that evolution to keep the Seabee public well-informed of Seabee news and information.

To view the new online version of the magazine, visit <https://seabeesmagazine.navylive.dodlive.mil>.

The new online magazine also includes a survey for readers to provide feedback regarding the new web-based format. Print versions of Seabee magazine will continue through the summer of 2012. Current and past issues of the print magazine can be found online at [www.navfac.navy.mil](http://www.navfac.navy.mil) on the publications page. To view the new online version of the magazine, visit <https://seabeesmagazine.navylive.dodlive.mil>. For more information, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), [www.facebook.com/usnavy](http://www.facebook.com/usnavy), or [www.twitter.com/usnavy](http://www.twitter.com/usnavy).

For more news from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/navfachq/](http://www.navy.mil/local/navfachq/).

**YAC now hiring Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT's) . . .** The Navy Seabee Base Youth Activity Center (YAC) is currently accepting counselor in training applications for the summer of 2012. Applicants must be at least 14 - 17 years of age. We are looking for individuals who want to spend their summer working with children in structured indoor and outdoor settings. Applications are due by April 27. For more info please call the YAC at 228-871-2251.

the borehole wall and to remove unwanted sediments and particles from the pipe so that water will flow more freely into the well.

The well completion at FOB Mescall, named after U.S. Army Maj. Brian Mescall who was killed January 2009 when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated near his vehicle in Jaldak while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom allows the Romanian Army controlled FOB to be completely self-sufficient without concern for cost consuming water contracts.

"This is our team's first official drill down range," said Chief Equipment Operator Jerry Greer, a native of Helena, Ark., and the detachment's officer in charge. "Drilling this well provided a lot of good training for our crew, which will make the next drill easier for us. We're very happy with the results and are looking forward to our next assignment."

The Seabees will return back to the Battalion's mainbody site to make minor equipment repairs and perform scheduled maintenance before redeploying to their next drilling site, which has yet to be determined.

**Area Off-Limit Locations**

**Biloxi:** Boulevard Night Club, Blue Note Lounge, Henry Beck Park, YaYa's; **Gulfport:** Bunk Small Apartments, Herbal

Alternatives; **D'Iberville:** Guitars and Cadillacs; **Moss Point:** Tony's Lounge; **Ocean Springs:** Pugs; **Pascagoula:** Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments,

H&H Hideaway  
Current "off-limits" establishments are agreed upon and approved by local Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

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**March Movie  
Schedule**

Movie Hotline  
228-871-3299

March 16, *Tower Heist* rated PG13, 7 p.m.

March 17, *Happy Feet Two* rated PG 12 noon, *Arthur Christmas* rated PG, 3 p.m., and *Alvin & The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* rated G, 5:30 p.m.

March 18, *The Muppets* rated PG, 2 p.m., and *New Year's Eve* rated PG13, 5 p.m.

March 23, *Due to Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield* no movies will be shown.

March 24, *Due to Exercise Soliday Curtain/Citadel Shield* no movies will be shown.

March 25, *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* rated PG13, 2 p.m. and *The Sitter* rated R, 5 p.m.

March 30, *The Muppets* rated PG, 7 p.m.

March 31, *Due to the Gospel Choir Competition* no movies will be shown

March Specials & Events  
**THE GRILL:** Patty Melt Combo includes fries and a drink, \$5.25

**AUTO HOBBY:** Receive 10 percent off the first 30 minutes of your stall lift fee

**OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Half off any bike rental including monthly rental rates

**LIBERTY CENTER & LEARNING RESOURCE LAB:** Learn a foreign language! Rosetta Stone is available online.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTER:**

-Summer Camp Can Do registrations are in full swing

-Now hiring Summer Camp Counselor's In Training at the YAC.

-Spring Break Camp registration is going on now!

-The last day to sign up for Iddy Biddy Baseball is March 31.



March 15  
•SIGN UP NOW FOR LUNCHTIME VOLLEYBALL (Fitness Center) Call Sam, 228-822-5109

•ST. PATRICK'S DAY ARTS and CRAFTS (YAC) 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

•TNA WRESTLING (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., \$28

March 16  
•MOVIE NIGHT & POPCORN (YAC) 6 - 9 p.m., \$2

•35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COASTCON, MS COAST COLISEUM (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 6 p.m.

March 17  
•ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2-HOUR ZUMBATHON (Fitness Center) 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Wear Green!

•ABITA SPRINGS TOUR (Information, Tickets, and Tours) Depart, 9:30 a.m. and there is a \$7 shuttle fee.

•SURGE VS. HAVOC (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., Tickets are \$6



March 18  
•32<sup>nd</sup> GULF COAST ROD RUN AND TRUCK SHOW (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 9 a.m.

March 19  
•SIGNUPS START TODAY FOR IM SOFTBALL (Fitness Center) Call Sam, 228-822-5109

•GUITAR HERO TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., Free, Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place winner



March 20  
•INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (School Liaison Officer) Join us in the Fleet and Family Support Center's Training Room, 6 p.m.



•SMART MOVES AND MAKE YOUR OWN PET ROCKS (YAC) 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

•BLACK JACK NIGHT (Liberty Center) 7 p.m., Free



March 21  
•NFL PLAY 60 ACTIVITIES (YAC) 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Free

•3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., Free

March 22  
•WEIRD SCIENCE NIGHT AND NEWCOMER ORIENTATION NIGHT (YAC) 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Free

•NCAA SWEET 16 (Liberty Center) Watch your favorite teams and check on your Liberty bracket.

March 23 and 24  
•All recreational activities will be closed due to Security exercises.

March 25  
•CINEMARK MOVIE TRIP (Liberty Center) Free shuttle, 12 noon



March 26  
•POOL TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) 7 p.m., Free, Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place winner

March 27  
•LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR LUNCHTIME VOLLEYBALL (Fitness Center) Call Sam, 228-822-5109

•BOYS ONLY NIGHT AND SUMO SHOWDOWN (YAC) 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Free



March 28  
•TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR "ART IN THE PASS, APRIL 1" (ITT)

March 29  
•BARRACKS BASH (Liberty Center) 5 - 9 p.m., FREE. Join us for free food, games, and prizes.

March 30  
•DODGEBALL CHALLENGE (Fitness Center) 7:30 a.m.

**Naval Hospital Pensacola, all branch clinics' appointment line moves to weekdays . . .**

Effective the week of March 12, Naval Hospital Pensacola and its branch health clinics' Appointment Line Call Center will change its hours of operation to weekdays only. The Appointment Line will change from seven days a week to a Monday-through-Friday service between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. – also shortening of daily hours. The local telephone number for appointments is (850) 505-7171. For branch health clinics outside the Pensacola calling area, there is a toll free num-

ber used for making appointments – (877) 879-1621. On weekends, the call center will roll over to an answer-service system. The changes to the

hours for the Appointment Line allows the command to provide services that better align with its Medical Home Port services and to make

the best use of the central appointment clerks and resources. The hospital and nine of its branch health clinics across Florida, Louisiana, Missis-

sippi and Tennessee will all be affected by the changes. The appointment center is physically located at Naval Hospital Pensacola.

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 and friends of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335 off Bainbridge Ave., behind the Grinder on base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCB 74 FRG please email [nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com). Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74frg.zymichost.com>

**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 Officers' 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](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 & 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. For more information, contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or [enrique.acosta@navy.mil](mailto:enrique.acosta@navy.mil), or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or [coachcb@yahoo.com](mailto:coachcb@yahoo.com).

#### 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).

**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 may go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> for information 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.

# Up-to-Date Emergency Data Vital for Family Readiness

By MC1(AW) LaTunya Howard  
NAVPERSCOM Public Affairs

Off-duty accidents and illnesses were among the leading causes of death for Sailors in calendar year 2011, said a Navy official March 9.

"As service members, we usually remember to update our emergency data prior to a deployment or individual augmentee assignment," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dana Swope, leading petty officer and licensed mortician, Navy and Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs. "Non-combat related incidents such as car accidents, happen daily so we should get in the practice of verifying our records at a minimum of twice a year."

Sailors must keep their Record of Emergency Data (DD form 93) and Dependency Application Record of Emergency Data (NAVPERS 1070/602 also known as your Page 2) updated with their primary and secondary next-of-kin upon marriage, divorce, the birth of a child or any other significant life changing event.

During a Page 2 update, Sailors should identify a person authorized to direct disposition (PADD) of the deceased.

"The PADD is the individual the Sailor appoints to oversee arrangements after their death and whom we will take our direction from in fulfilling the Sailor's final wishes," said Swope.

According to Swope, the Page 2 and Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) forms are among the first documents the Navy will turn to in the event a Sailor is very seriously injured or dies.

"Unfortunately, we sometimes find out when we need to notify family members of injury or the death of a service

member, that the information [in the Page 2 and SGLI] is outdated or incomplete which hampers the notification process," said Swope. "Not maintaining up-to-date Page 2 information could delay notification to next-of-kin and the distribution of death benefits."

Also, during a Page 2 update, Sailors should identify three people that they would desire to be bedside should they be injured and incapacitated. The Navy has a Bedside program that allows up to three family members to be present at an injured service member's bedside should the injury be sufficient enough to warrant it.

While illness and death are not the most popular topics to discuss, Swope suggests Sailors address the subject with their loved ones.

"Sailors can take a great deal of stress off their family by making sure someone knows their final wishes," said Swope. "When a Sailor or Marine dies, a uniformed casualty assistance calls officer (CACO) is assigned to contact their family. CACO notifies the family of the death of their service member and they assist the family through the entire process."

The CACO is assigned by a regional office under Commander, Naval Installations Command.

A Sailor's designated beneficiary may receive multiple death benefits, i.e. death gratuity, SGLI, unpaid pay and allowances and possible survivor benefit entitlements of the service member.

Death gratuity is a benefit paid to beneficiary/s designated by the Sailor at no cost to the Sailor. The total amount payable is \$100,000, and Sailors may designate up to 10 people to receive it. The

amount paid to a beneficiary is specified on the Sailor's Page 2.

SGLI is a life insurance benefit that Sailors elect to purchase through payroll deduction. The coverage is available in \$50,000 increments up to \$400,000. The designated beneficiary/s are identified on the Sailor's SGLV 8286, SGLI Election and Certificate. Sailors should access their electronic service record in Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System and their Official Military Personnel Files to verify Page 2 data information regularly.

"We have seen firsthand how out dated emergency data can delay notification of next-of-kin and even result in benefits being distributed to former spouses," said Swope. "I encourage Sailors to review their records and keep them up-to-date."

Contact the Personnel Support Detachment or personnel office if changes to beneficiary data are needed.

Maintaining personnel and service records is a key element of readiness, one of the five areas of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.

For more information on death benefits, Sailors should contact the Navy Casualty Assistance office at 1-800-368-3202/901-874-2501/DSN 882-2501 or call the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) customer service center (CSC) at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC, email CSC-Mailbox@navy.mil or visit NPC's website at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

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wards a cleaner, smarter Navy, and I would tell my guys that this is just one more step towards that goal," said Smith. "If you aren't right, now is definitely the time to get right."

In addition to ensuring the readiness of our Sailors and Marines, the initiative will aim to make the Navy and Marine Corps the safest and most secure force in the department's history. All personnel in the fleet should expect to work in a safe environment, free from harassment or hazards, and when confronted with these, have the resources available to immediately correct the problem.

The Department of the Navy (DoN) continues to work aggressively to prevent sexual assaults, to support sexual assault victims, and to hold offenders accountable. Part of this effort is implementing new training at multiple levels in both the Navy and Marine Corps.

"I was very encouraged to see the Navy and Marine Corps taking the lead on sexual assault prevention" said Vestal. "I've long been an advocate for the program and I think it's very encouraging that the Sailors coming in to the navy will find it to be a great working environment."

While each of the five areas provide important support for department personnel, physical fitness can be viewed having some of the farthest reaching beneficial effects. Sailors and Marines must be ready to meet the demands of performing in a tactical environment, and physical readiness is a crucial link to ensuring Sailors and Marines are ready to take on the challenges the Navy and Marine Corps faces today, and will face in the future.

Ensuring all personnel, regard-

less of race or gender, are given every opportunity to excel and succeed is the hallmark of the program's forth area, inclusion. In order to operate globally, the Department of the Navy will need diversity of ideas, experiences, areas of expertise, and backgrounds to fulfill a variety of missions, while remaining relevant to the American people.

A new DoN Diversity Office will be established, with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) serving as the DoN's diversity officer. The Diversity Office will leverage, coordinate and formalize ongoing efforts within the Navy and Marine Corps and will include the heads of the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Marine Corps Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management and the DoN Office of Civilian Diversity as team members.

The final area, continuum of service, aims at ensuring Sailors and Marines are provided the most robust transition support in Department history. Whether re-training wounded warriors, providing voluntary education, or helping achieve civilian credentialing, the department will aim to provide personnel every opportunity for personal and professional growth.

Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Thomas Monfett from Bataan said he hoped to see his junior Sailors take advantage of the new programs.

"I always tell my guys get what they can out of their time in the Navy," said Monfett. "From stopping smoking to getting in shape, these new programs are going to offer ways for Sailors to better themselves and their families. I think it's great."

## Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Department of Defense is making it easy for you to ensure your vote is heard. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is designed to assist all service members, family members and citizens living outside the United States cast a ballot for their candidate of choice. To get started, log on to: <http://www.fvap.gov/> to register to vote or to request an absentee ballot.



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### 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:

**Cmdr. Michael Brown, Protestant Chaplain**  
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Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 more U.S. troops to the region in December 2009, the Seabees were called upon to provide an additional two battalions to the two that were already deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Seabees were sent forward to build combat outposts, forward operating bases, and provide force protection improvements such as guard towers and bunkers in support of the Army and Marine Corps.

In addition to their wartime mission, Seabees are also known for their worldwide humanitarian efforts. Seabees have aided the victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters around the world. In

the 1990s, Seabees deployed to Somalia and Haiti to support humanitarian efforts there and constructed tent camps for more than 40,000 Haitian and Cuban migrants in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Seabees deployed to Indonesia, Thailand and Sri-Lanka to provide humanitarian support in the wake of a massive tsunami in 2004. They deployed to Pakistan to help clear roads and remove debris to help relief workers get to isolated areas following a major earthquake in 2005.

In addition to disasters overseas, the Seabees are also first responders when tragedy strikes in the U.S. Nearly 800 active duty and Reserve Seabees deployed to southern Florida to assist in disaster recovery efforts following

Hurricane Andrew in September 1992. They repaired 46 public schools, removing 12,000 cubic yards of debris.

More than 3,300 Navy Seabees participated in Hurricane Katrina recovery operations on the Gulf Coast in 2005. Seabees cleared 750 miles of roads, removed more than 20,000 tons of debris and supported search and rescue operations. Seabees repaired 85 schools affecting 47,208 students and repaired and constructed more than 30 temporary public buildings.

During times of war, peace, disaster and human suffering, the Navy Seabees have been the construction force of choice whenever the nation has needed them. For 70 years they have answered the call with one simple reply - "Can Do!"

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## TRICARE Service Center is Moving

Effective April 1, the TRICARE Service Center will move from its current location on Pass Road to its

new location at 284 Debuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531. The TRICARE Service

Center hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4: 30 p.m.

For more information call 800-444-5445.

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that work. I don't do that work. This belongs to every one of [my employees], not me," said Wolfe. "It's an honor, no doubt about it, it's just not an honor I'm accustomed to."

Walker, 2011 WG COY and a former U. S. Marine Corp supply technician, also worked his way up the Supply ranks. From beginning in the supply warehouse 15 years ago, he now single-handedly manages the Defense Logistics Agency Energy Military Fuel Station on board NCBC.

Walker said he was proud to be selected, and would do his work the same way, not because of the award, but just because of the pride and belief he has in the people he serves.

"The people I work for, they make great sacrifices for us. They give it their all, they give it their best, sometimes they even give their lives. So, I figure that I can do nothing less

than gave it my all right here to serve this country and serve these people that I'm working for," said Walker. "It's a very exciting, proud thing for me. The people that I work for, it lets me know that they have the confidence in me, and that I am doing a good job. I'm happy to work with the people that I do. I've learned a whole lot over the years."

Duggins said he was very proud to have both COY selections come from his Gulfport Site, and felt that it was Wolfe and Walker's absolutely superb work over the last year that made it happen.

"I was extremely overjoyed due to the tremendous work and the continuous outstanding and dedicated effort that both Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Walker place into their daily jobs. They exemplify the "Can Do" spirit of the Seabees. They are two members of a team of extraordinary personnel we have here at NCBC Gulfport," said Duggins.



**Jeff Wolfe, Naval Supply (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Jacksonville, Gulfport Site, containerization division officer assists a customer in his office on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). Wolfe is the 2011 NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville, Gulfport General Schedule Civilian of the Year.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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