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New apprenticeship trade for Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard

By Darryl Orrell
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Public Affairs

The Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) announced Aug. 9 that Criminal Investigator, the latest installment to its growing list of apprenticeship trades, is now open for enrollment by Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel.

The United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) works closely with the Department of Labor (DoL) to provide nationally recognized apprenticeship programs that result in journeyman-level Certificates of Completion for service members.

During their apprenticeship, service members document their military duties while working in their rating or military occupational specialty.

"This new apprenticeship applies to personnel who are performing criminal investigator duties. Duties such as securing crime scenes and conducting crime scene analysis; collecting, analyzing, processing and storing evidence; responding to crimes; conducting interviews and interrogations; managing and utilizing confidential informants; testing suspected narcotics; submitting evidence for forensic tests; conducting surveillance and counter surveillance operations," said Jose Bautista, Master-at-Arms (MA) programs manager at CENSECFOR.

MA personnel must have completed the Police Officer I Apprenticeship Trade and hold Navy Enlisted Classification

Code MA-2002 for Military Investigator. All applicants must provide a command letter stating they are properly assigned and performing investigative work to enroll in the Criminal Investigator apprenticeship.

"Sailors who successfully complete the required 2,000 hours of documented experience will earn the distinction of being a criminal investigator. The level of experience covers eight select skill areas such as administration, safety, communications, legal procedures, investigative procedures, crime scene processing, evidence processing and report writing just to name a few," Bautista said.

Bautista also mentioned the next apprenticeship on the horizon for release is the Military Working Dog (MWD) Apprenticeship Trade. The MWD apprenticeship is currently pending DoL review/approval. The anticipated release date for this new apprenticeship is sometime this fall or next spring.

The forerunners to this new apprenticeship have held a high success rate since their debut. For example, the Armory Technician Apprenticeship has already achieved nearly 600 enrollments in just over six months from its release.

For more information or to enroll now, visit <https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapsp>.

The Center for Security Forces provides specialized training to more than 28,000 students each year and has 14 training locations across the U.S. and around the world.

Coast kids tackle new school year



Children enrolled at the Youth Activity Center (YAC) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport are greeted by a Morale, Welfare and Recreation employee as they return to the Center after completing their first day of the new school year, Aug. 8. As children return to school, motorists are asked to exercise extreme caution, remain aware of NCBC speed limits and watch for children crossing the road as they get on or off school buses. Parents who have questions or concerns about area schools are invited to contact the NCBC School Liaison Officer, Kevin Byrd at 228-871-2117 or email kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil. (U.S. Navy photo by construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

NCBC Active Shooter exercise

From NCBC Public Affairs

The base will conduct an Active Shooter Exercise Aug. 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. near building 361 (old gym) on 5th Street. Part of the exercise will include testing the reverse 911 system in Pinewood Housing. Residents should

not be alarmed. The notification will be precluded with "EXERCISE." Anyone not involved with the exercise should avoid the area around building 361. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Public Affairs at 228-871-2699.

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Navy creates victims' legal counsel

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

The Navy announced the establishment of the Navy's newest Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) initiative, the Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) Program, which will provide legal advice and advocacy for eligible victims of sexual assault.

The Victims' Legal Counsel will help victims understand the investigation and military justice process, advocate their legal rights and interests and, when appropriate, appear in court on their behalf.

"The Navy is committed to protecting the rights and interests of victims of sexual assault and ensuring the administration of a fair, transparent and efficient military justice system that guarantees due process for the accused and promotes good order and discipline," said Vice Adm. Nanette M. DeRenzi, Judge Advocate General of the Navy. "The Navy's Victims' Legal Counsel program complements the Navy's broader efforts to care for victims of sexual assault by providing them with legal advice and assistance throughout the

military justice process."

Initially, the VLC Program will consist of 29 specially-trained, independent judge advocates assigned regionally to maximize availability of counsel across the Fleet. Navy VLCs will serve every geographic region, including the United States, Europe, the Pacific, and the Middle East. The program's attorneys will not be in the victim's or the accused's chain of command and will not be involved in case prosecution or defense.

"Through increased training and bystander intervention we are confronting

sexual assault fleet wide, while ensuring that we provide needed care and support to victims," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, Director, 21st Century Sailor Office (N17). "This program further adds to that support."

For more information and resources to combat sexual assault visit www.sapr.navy.mil. Sexual assault affects Navy readiness, and the Navy is committed to preventing sexual assault. Join the Navy's conversation about sexual assault on social media and help raise awareness by using #NavySAPR.

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Training

Are you the person that wants to help someone in need? Have you every known someone that has been the victim of trauma resulting from sexual assault and did not know how to help? Become a SAPR Victim Advocate and learn to help your fellow Seabee or Sailor who needs support in a time of need. To register for the class, contact Shannon Harden, SAPR Victim Advocacy Support Specialist at Shannon.b.harden@navy.mil. The class will be held Sept. 16 - 20, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in building 433, room 139.



CMEO Corner

The objective of Command Managed Equal Opportunity is to promote positive command morale and quality of life by providing an environment in which all personnel can perform to their maximum ability, unimpeded by institutional or individual biases based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender or religious stereotypes. Command leaders must create, shape and maintain a positive Equal Opportunity (EO) environment through policy, communication, training, education, enforcement and assessment. Command Managed Equal Opportunity is intended to be of many commanders' tools for the prevention of unprofessional behavior and for ensuring EO goals are obtained. Leadership has the authority and responsibility to ensure that Navy Core Values are integrated into our daily business.

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CBC Command Assessment Team

(CAT) seeks members. The CAT is looking for new members - military and civilian, of all ranks. If you are interested, please contact CS1 Luzunaris at Michael. luzunaris@navy.mil or 228-871-2194.



Local 24/7 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Contact #: 228-596-0697; Your installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator's Contact #: 228-323-4717; Alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinator's contact # 504-762-0224; Click: www.SafeHelpline.org; Call: 877-995-5247; Text *55-247 (inside the U.S.); Text *202-470-5546 (outside the U.S.) *Text your location for the nearest support resources.

Sexual Assault Prevention Response - Civilian (SAPR-C) Training . . .

SAPR-C training will take place for all NCBC civilian Appropriated Fund (AF), Non Appropriated Fund (NON-AF) employees and contractor personnel at the Training Hall on the following dates:

- Aug 20, 1:45 - 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26, 8:15 - 9:45 a.m.
- Aug. 28, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10, 8:15 - 10 a.m.

Personnel are required to attend one of the sessions.

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Buzz on the Street

By CECN(SCW)
Lucinda Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

If you could change one thing at your command, what would it be?



"Meal hours at the galley."
CS1(AW/SW) Wali Jefferson
NCBC
Hometown: Newark, N.J.



"The timeliness of getting leave chits approved."
SW3 Elise Tessero
NMCB 1
Hometown: Deland, Fla.



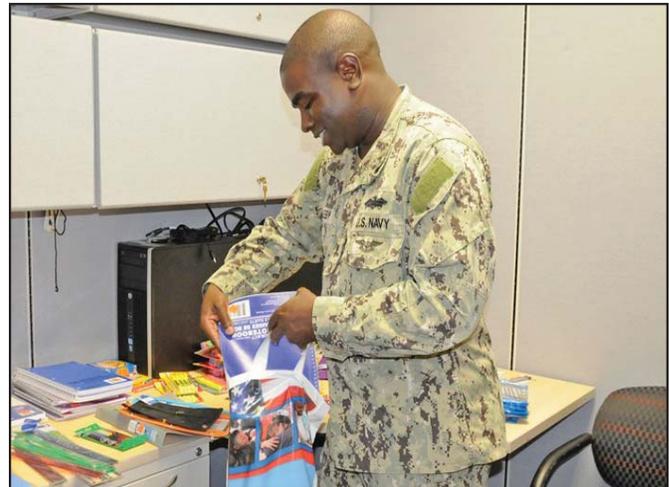
"Getting an efficient-sized building for battalion spaces."
BUCN Alexander Keehey
NMCB 1
Hometown: Warren, Pa.



Chief Selectees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, wash a vehicle during a car wash fundraiser Aug. 10. The chief selectees are currently undergoing Phase Two of CPO 365, a year round, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) driven program designed to training first class petty officers to successfully assume the duties and responsibilities of a CPO. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



Construction Electrician 2nd Class Kevin Appleby, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, collects school supplies for his son at the Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) supply give away on board NCBC Gulfport, Aug. 12. The giveaway was made possible through Operation Homefront and donations collected by Dollar Tree Stores. It is open to service members and their families today until supplies run out. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



James Ellisor, left, and Frank Koger, fire fighters with NCBC Fire and Emergency Services, conduct a radio check in preparation for the assumption of emergency medical transport service responsibility on board NCBC Gulfport, Aug. 11. The ambulance service is staffed with certified emergency medical technicians who will transport Center personnel to Memorial Hospital. Those in need of an ambulance should dial 911 and state they are on the Seabee base.(U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

UCT1 recruiters visit Seabee Center

By UTCN Alicia Fluty
NCBC Public Affairs

Recruiters for Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1 were on board NCBC Gulfport to provide information and answer Seabees' questions about the UCT program at the Fitness Center, Aug. 6 - 9.

UCT is recruiting Seabees who desire to use their surface construction skills underwater to work on construction, inspection, repair and maintenance of ocean facilities in support of naval and Marine Corps operations. There are two UCT commands: Team ONE located in Little Creek, Va. and Team TWO located in Port Hueneme, Calif.

This career opportunity is available to all Seabees, as well as Hospital Corpsmen (HM) who aspire to be Diving Medical Technicians.

To qualify, Seabees and HMs must meet rigorous physical standards beyond that of standard Navy physical fitness standards, including swimming, pull-ups and a pressure test, as well as meet minimum scores for mental ability. Seabees must be E-5 or below, while HMs can join straight out of "A" School.

There have been only five female divers in UCT history, and females are held the same standards as males when it comes to physical training.

"I encourage the females to step up the plate and join UCT," said Steelworker 1st Class Chris Hefner, a UCT 1 dive recruiter.

According to Hefner, it is important to meet the requirements, because it shows the applicant is dedicated, hardworking and is succeeding in the command they are currently in. That's what he said UCT wants; the best and highly motivated, who are ready to be tested both mentally and physically.

"If you are looking for a bigger challenge, join the UCT," said Hefner. It takes the skills you know to a new level. Being under water you get to see a whole new world that not



Steelworker 3rd Class Tyler Ault, left, and Construction Electrician Constructionman Airic Arnsberger, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, receive information from Steelworker 1st Class Chris Hefner, right, a recruiter for Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1, about the UCT program at the Fitness Center on board NCBC Gulfport, Aug. 6. UCT 1 dive recruiters were on board NCBC, Aug. 6-9 searching for highly motivated personnel to join the UCT program. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

many people get to see."

Construction Electrician Constructionman Airic Arnsberger, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, said he was interested in the UCT program because he wants to push his personal limits.

"I want to challenge myself and I think that UCT can be more challenging than everyday battalion life," said Arnsberger.

Seabee divers start their training with UCT Basic School, a physically demanding course

located in Panama City, Fla., where students are taught basic air diving and skills such as underwater cutting and welding; using hand and hydraulic tools; as well as other tasks associated with Seabee underwater construction.

After a few years of solid performance, advanced diver training is available, and a skilled Seabee Chief can apply for the coveted position of Master Diver.

For more information on the UCT program contact Hefner at 757-462-4313.

Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE

UCT 1 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 at 757-462-3988/4313 or email YNC Aberle at christopher.aberle1@navy.mil; SW1 Dohse at ryan.dohse@navy.mil or visit www.facebook.com/seabee.diver for more information.



See Something Wrong, Do Something Right . . .

NCIS has two 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 S2US. Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP." 3. Begin dialogue. To report information ONLINE: 1. Go to www.NCIS.navy.mil, click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline." ***There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



Feeling Good!
A Self-Care Workshop
Aug. 28, Seabee Memorial Chapel

8:30 a.m. - Childcare drop-in
and light breakfast

9 a.m. - Yoga

9:40 a.m. - Relaxation, self care plan

10:30 a.m. - Chair massages

All military and civilians are welcome
RSVP by Aug. 23: 228-822-5736 or
dthomas@focusproject.org

Hosted by FOCUS,
NCBC Chapel and MWR

NCBC Frames

SW3(SCW) Molly Leann Hunt
NMCB 133
Steelworker

By MC1 Steven Meyers
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

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

MH: My first deployment was with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 during the 2013 CENTCOM to Afghanistan, needless to say I was a bit lost with how things really worked. It wasn't until I was put on one of the biggest projects on Camp Leatherneck that made me clearly see, the amount of hard work and determination that the entire crew put into that project. For me, it was an experience that I will always remember.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation

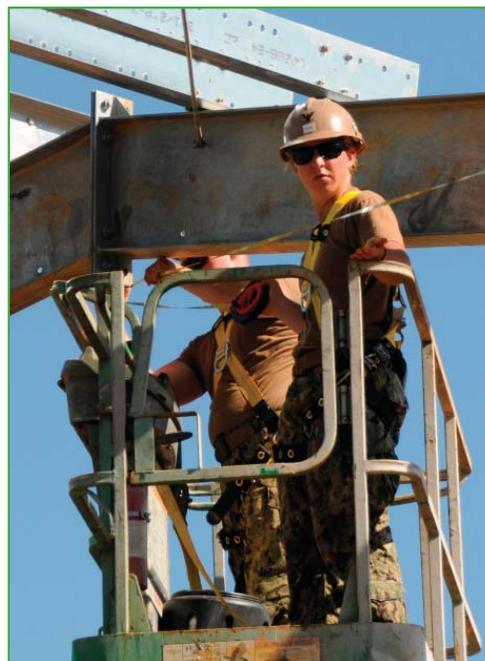
throughout your career?

MH: During NMCB 133's 2013 CENTCOM deployment, the Battalion was named "Battalion of the year" by the USMC. Being a part of something bigger than myself and making differences in more ways than I could ever have hoped for has truly been my biggest motivation.

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

MH: My advice would be that no matter what command you are attached to, it's all about what you make of it. Always have a positive attitude towards everything you do. Whether it's work or play, you pave your

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own path to success.

FF: What is your favorite part about being/working with the Seabees - why?

MH: I have met some of the most amazing people since I joined NMCB 133, people who I will never forget. I have the outmost respect for these people,

not only have I learned so many things about work but I have grown tremendously as a person. I love who I am today and I have my peers, the people who have a daily influence on me to thank for that.

FF: Who was your most

influential mentor during your career, and why?

MH: I can't say I have one particular "mentor" per say, but the people I have met, the stories told, and the life experience has been incredibly influential on not only my career, but how I have grown as an individual.

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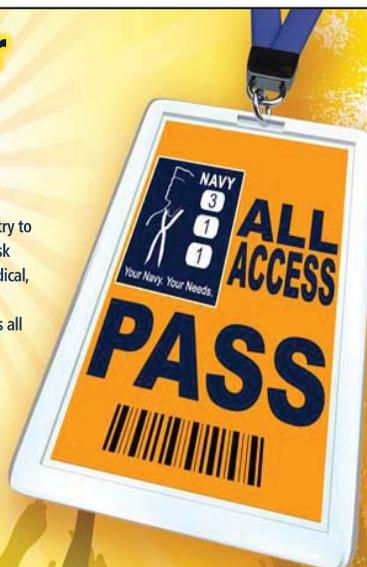
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Security Clearance Finger Prints

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Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline:

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Regional, 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, Email: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil.

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'First and Finest' Khaki FTX



Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 chiefs and officers work together to get fuel barrels across a stream during a team-building Leaders Reaction course. The course was a portion of the training that occurred during the battalion's

Khaki Field Training (FTX) on board Camp Shelby, July 12. Khaki FTX is designed to refresh tactical skills, improve team work and build camaraderie among leaders. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt.j.g. Daniel Nichol/Released)

NMCB 11 assumes Camp Mitchell authority in Rota

By Morgan Over
NAVSTA Rota Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, transferred authority of Camp Mitchell and ongoing Seabee missions throughout Europe and Africa to NMCB 11, during a ceremony held aboard Naval Station Rota, Spain, Aug. 12.

Cmdr. Jeffrey Kilian, commanding officer of NMCB 4, exchanged salutes with Cmdr. Steve Stasick, commander of NMCB 11, in front of Capt. Gregory Sandway, Commander, Naval Expeditionary Task Force Europe and Africa, during the ceremony.

The ceremony marked the end of NMCB 4's deployment to Europe and Africa, which began in February. Sandway congratulated NMCB 4 for a job well done.

"Looking back at your entire tenure of great leadership, you've certainly made a difference and then some," said Sandway, directing comments to Kilian. "The work that your folks did will have impacts on years to come."

Sandway called on NMCB 11 to make a similar impact.

"NMCB 11, you've got your work cut out for you," said Sandway. "I charge you with the same thing because my motto here at my task force

is we want to make a difference, we want to be impactful, and we want to operate at the operational and strategic level and have those impacts."

NMCB 4 accomplished construction projects in countries such as Georgia and Croatia in Europe and Tanzania and Cameroon in Africa. Their work helped build operational capacity with the U.S.'s partners while also building interoperability. In places like Cameroon, Seabees were able to work with their counterparts on a medical health outpost that will enable civilian health professionals to better service the community.

"We've been very pleased with the support of the Naval Station Rota community at large," said Kilian. "It enabled us to operate in 27 countries in three COCOMS [combatant commands]."

NMCB 11 will continue with similar projects as NMCB 4, partnering with civil engineering counterparts in Mozambique and Ghana on clinic renovations to accomplish civil-military capacity building in those areas.

"I want to thank NMCB 4 for a very professional turnover," said Stasick. "You have set us up for success."

NMCB 11 is forward-deployed to build partnerships and capacity in the Europe and Africa theater.



Cmdr. Jeff Kilian, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, exchanges salutes with Cmdr. Steve Stasick, commanding officer of NMCB 11, as Capt. Greg Sandway, commander of Naval Expeditionary Task Force Europe and Africa (CTF) 68, oversees the transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Mitchell on Naval Station Rota, Spain. (U.S. Navy photo by Morgan Over/Released)

Seabees complete historic work in Republic of Georgia

By Lt. Douglas Pan
NMCB 4 Public Affairs

TBILISI, Georgia — The gradually closing ramp of the C-130 seals off the cool dry air of the aircraft cabin from the hot humid air of a Caucasus summer and marks the successful completion of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4's mission in the Republic of Georgia.

The Seabees arrived in April and worked closely with soldiers from the Republic of Georgia's 4th Infantry Brigade to complete construction of a 30-person restroom facility in a training area located in the crumbling debris of an abandoned air base.

This project marks the first time Seabees have set foot in the Republic of Georgia, a former member of the Soviet Union.

Since its independence in 1991, Georgia has been an ally of the United States. It supported the U.S. in Operation Iraqi Freedom and

is currently the largest non-NATO contributor to the Afghanistan mission, with two full battalions serving in the volatile Musa Qala and Now Zad regions.

U.S. Marines and Georgian soldiers frequently train together. The construction of permanent restrooms in their joint training area not only improves hygiene during field exercises but also symbolizes commitment to continued cooperation and partnership.

The Seabees from NMCB 4's Detail Georgia were enthusiastic about the project and eager to work on something they could call their own.

"It's rare to be able to do a project from start to finish like this these days," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class Bradford Mahoney. "Usually, you're going into a building to do maintenance. We've gotten to do a little bit of everything so far. It's going to be



BUCN Vivienne Wilson of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 cuts rough lumber to size with a chop saw in the Seabee warehouse as part of a latrine-building project in the Republic of Georgia. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Laura Smith/Released)

an excellent facility when we're finished with it."

Chief Builder Jonathan Eisfelder called the deployment "an excellent opportunity for junior Sailors to get the chance to see a project from start to finish. They're able to dig the first hole and place the last light bulb."

Builder Constructionman Stormie Schauer said the

group has worked well together.

"Even when we're working, we're communicating and having fun," said Schauer. "It feels good to be out here, putting our skills to use and doing what we've been trained to do."

Despite working from dawn to dusk, bumpy rides over pot-holed cracking roads and gale force winds

strong enough to uproot trees, the Seabees completed the project in high spirits, proud of what they have accomplished.

"The Seabees showed Georgia and the rest of the world some of the many great things we can do at a moment's notice during combat or peace time," said Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Timothy Ryan.

NMCB 5 heads for California homeport



OKINAWA, Japan - Engineering Aide 2nd Class Randy Stump passes a sea bag to Steelworker 3rd Class Brandon Fletcher while Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 prepares to redeploy their advanced party back to Port Hueneme, Calif. While deployed NMCB 5 was headquartered on Camp Shields in Okinawa, Japan and had Seabees deployed to 20 different locations throughout 13 countries in the Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John P. Curtis/Released)

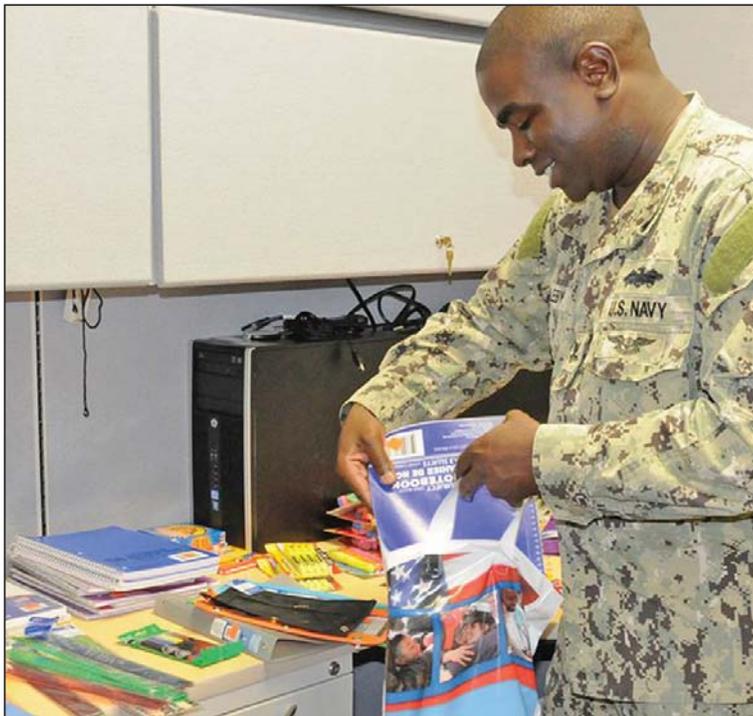
NCBC Fire and Emergency Services

Effective immediately, the NCBC Fire and Emergency Services is offering emergency ambulance transport services. The ambulance is staffed with Emergency Medical Technicians certified at the basic life support level, and who will provide basic life support care to all personnel onboard NCBC Gulfport. Transport is provided to Memorial Hospital. To request service, call 911 and state you are on the Seabee base.



Focus on Education

Time to stock up!



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National Night Out Aug. 6



Balfour Beatty Communities invited community and base organizations to celebrate National Night Out block party with base residents on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at the Community Pool, Aug. 6. Participating organizations included Gulf Islands Waterpark, Surge Hockey Team, Families Overcoming Under Stress (FOCUS), CBC Fire Department and Wild at Heart Rescue. Helpful tips and handouts, fun activities and free refreshments were the order of the evening! (Photos courtesy of Balfour Beatty Communities/Released)

Coastline extends Fall Registration . . .

Coastline Community College has extended the registration period for Fall A Term. The new deadline is Aug. 19. A Term classes begin Aug. 26 and end Oct. 20. For students unable to regis-

ter for Fall A Term, the registration cycle for Fall B Term begins Sept. 3 and ends Oct. 3, with classes running Oct. 21 - Dec. 15. Additional information is available in the Navy College office in building 60, or by contacting Dr. David Drye, 228-871-3439 or ddrye@coastline.edu.

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP . . .

Residents who are having a yard sale can call Balfour Beatty at 228-863-0424 and add their name to a list of yard sales. The list should be available at each address. Shopping is open to anyone with base access.



Base
Housing
Aug. 17
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Residents may put sale items in their yard.
Open to all shoppers with base access.

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on board NCBC is 25 m.p.h. The speed limit in all housing areas is 10 m.p.h. Pay attention at all times and please exercise caution!

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

The Art of Trash Collecting

Every summer, the beaches of this nation are scattered with people who wander slowly, look quite seriously down at their feet and bend over frequently. Despite appearances, they are actually not contemplating the prognoses of their bunions, admiring their arches or watching their toenails grow.

For some reason, these people are compelled to search the beach for trash.

No, they are not environmentalists helping to keep our beaches clean. They are not members of a chain gang from the local jailhouse. They are not clean freaks who incessantly wash their hands and flip light switches. They are not hoarders who store jugs of their own urine. Well, not necessarily, anyway.

These strolling garbage collectors don't poke around in the swale's flotsam and jetsam for any philanthropic, psychiatric or court-ordered purpose. Believe it or not, they are placing trash in their pockets for the sheer pleasure of it.

Wacky, I know, right?

Well then, what in Heaven's name is wrong with these people, one might ask?

Strangely, not a thing. They're just on vacation.

You see, when we humans take a step away from the rat race for a summer vacation, we suddenly become curious about the world. We stop, smell the roses, hear the birds, sift the sands, and notice the beauty all around us.

And interestingly, while on vacation, we find beauty in the remnants of long-abandoned beer bottles, mayonnaise jars, wine jugs, and other broken bits of glass that have been tossed about on the sea floor long enough to become what is known as

Seaglass.

Shades of white, brown, green and blue, it lures us on long, slow strolls along the shoreline, where we forget about the stresses of life and concentrate on seeing a glint of color amongst the infinite grains of sand. We don't like to think about the fact that our prized hunk of seaglass most likely had its start as a fisherman's bottle of Budweiser, probably accompanied by a pack of smokes and a bag of greasy chips.

All we see is the beautiful juxtaposition of the sun-catching brown, green and blue against the neutral hues of nature. When we are lucky enough to spot one of these rough gems of the beach, we squirrel it away so we can take it home and plop it in a jar or trinket box, to be displayed and cherished like some kind of poor man's Hope Diamond.

As a Navy family, we have been stationed all over the world, enabling me to collect my beloved seaglass from a variety of beaches both home and abroad.

I have jars and bottles of seaglass from Spain, Ireland, Italy, England, Florida, Mexico, Virginia, California, New Jersey, North Carolina, and -- since our last PCS move to Newport -- Rhode Island. My husband thinks my extensive seaglass collection is evidence of some kind of clinical compulsive disorder, but I see it as a glimmering memento of our family vacations.

I must admit, however, that sometimes otherwise leisurely seaglass hunting becomes obsessive, like on our annual beach vacations with my extended family. While other families lounge on beach chairs, lollygagging over their latest novel, my

relatives and I are intensely scouring the shoreline in ruthless competition for seaglass.

When we find a piece, we could discretely slip it into our pocket to admire later at home, but what fun would that be?

We prefer to high tail it back to the beach umbrella and flaunt our discovery shamelessly to our rivals, preferably while making obnoxious "Nana-nana-nana!" sounds and performing a pompous victory dance.

This behavior might seem over the top if the seaglass is of the common variety. However, it is an unwritten rule of seaglass hunting that, if one is fortunate enough to find a rare color of seaglass -- such as cobalt blue -- flagrant bragging is mandatory.

And, like my sister-in-law who found a never-before-heard-of shard of red seaglass last summer, one is well within her rights to never shut up about it.

Ethics and tact aside, it is undisputed that seaglass hunting is a most relaxing summer pastime. Perhaps finding the edgeless remains of broken glass signifies that, the jagged, cracked, wrecked things in life can be smoothed, polished and mollified with time.

Regardless of the symbolic qualities of this accidental paragon, seaglass hunting forces vacationers to forget their troubles and open their eyes to beauty -- an elusive glint of color, a reflective sparkle, a luminous, watery glow amongst the sandy swale.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog, <http://www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com>

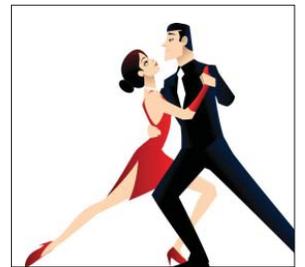
NCBC Commissary returns to normal hours Effective Aug. 18, the commissary will return to normal hours of operation: Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Monday, CLOSED; Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Modern Ballroom Dance Lessons

Get ready for the Seabee Ball! Learn the EC Swing Aug. 12, 19, 26 and Sept 9, 16, 30 from 6 – 7 p.m., and the Rumba, Aug. 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 4, 11, 25 from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. No partner needed, cost is \$5/

per session with a recommendation for six sessions. To sign up, or for additional information, contact Lt. Nathan Chenarak, 228-871-2895, nathan.chenarak@navy.mil or Charlotte Williams, 228-871-4380, charlotte.m.williams@navy.mil.



Musician/Worship Leader Contract FY-14

For those interested in bidding on this part-time Seabee Memorial Chapel contract, please contact Chief Peter Butucel at 228-871-2454.

18TH SEABEE VOLKSLAUF MUD RUN 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 7AM
Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport

To register visit us at:
www.active.com/running/gulfport-ms/seabee-mud-run-2013

Enjoy music and great food and beverage vendors after the run!
Runners under 18 must have a signed parental waiver form to run

Bring a canned good to the race to support families across America!

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Contact ITT at 228-871-2231 for more information
Valid August 1 - September 30, 2013



Regular Season Tickets on SALE

AUGUST 15 (ACTIVE DUTY / RESERVE ONLY)

AUGUST 16 (ALL ELIGIBLE PATRONS)

HOME GAMES

- Sunday, September 8 vs. Atlanta Noon
- Sunday, September 22 vs. Arizona Noon
- Monday, September 30 vs. Miami 7:40 pm
- Sunday, October 27 vs. Buffalo Noon
- Sunday, November 10 vs. Dallas 7:30 pm
- Sunday, November 17 vs. San Francisco 3:25 pm
- Sunday, December 8 vs. Carolina Noon
- Sunday, December 29 vs. Tampa Noon

No refunds or exchanges. All ticket prices are subject to change without warning. ITT is not responsible for lost, stolen or laundered tickets and will not replace them. Due to government agency discounts, resale is prohibited and not authorized. Limit 2 tickets per military ID per game.

For more information call ITT at 228-871-2231.

Free Movies at the Training Hall!



Grab your popcorn at the Snack Bar and head for FREE movies at the Training Hall! Forget what's playing? No worries - put the movie hotline number in your phone: 228-871-3299.

Friday: Star Trek into Darkness, PG13, 6 p.m.

Saturday: The Incredibles, PG13, Noon; Iron Man 3, PG13, 3 p.m.; The Hangover Part 3, R, 6 p.m.

Sunday: Iron Man 3, PG13, 6 p.m.

MWR program contacts

Anchors and Eagles, 228-871-4607
Auto Skills Center, 228-871-2804
Beehive All Hands Club, 228-871-4009
Child Development Center, 228-871-2323
Fitness Center, 228-871-2668
Information, Tickets & Travel, 228-871-2231
Liberty Center, 228-871-4684
Seabee Heritage Center, 228-871-3619
Navy Outdoor Recreation, 228-871-2127
Shields RV Park, 228-871-5435
The Grill, 228-871-2494
Training Hall, 228-871-4750
Youth Activities Center, 228-871-2251
Main Office, 228-871-2538

Intramural Sports Horseshoe Competition

Join us for
**A GAME of
HORSESHOES!**

August 16th at 0700
next to West Field

Participation is for
Captain Cup points



For more information, contact Sam Perkins 228-822-5109 or email samuel.perkins2@navy.mil

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WATER PARK LOCK IN – Volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones for approximately 1,600 middle school and high school youth during the annual Youth for Christ Gulf Island Water Park Lock In, Aug. 23. Two shifts are available – 7:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. or 1 – 7 a.m. Volunteers can work one session and stay and enjoy the park the other, if desired. Volunteers are expected to watch for safety issues such as rough housing, running, as well as bullying, public displays of affection and other behavior not allowed in the park. Call Stephanie at 406-465-0379 or 228-864-0788 for details or to sign up.

DISABILITY CONNECTION COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING/BACK TO SCHOOL BASH - Volunteers are needed Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to assist with special needs children during this event at the Bruce Ladner Memorial park on Highway 53, just west of Highway 49 in Gulfport. Prior soccer or special needs sports experience or coaching is helpful, but not a requirement. To volunteer, or to learn more, please contact the Disability Connection

Office at 228-604-4020 or office@disabilityconnection.org.

CITY OF GULFPORT - Volunteers are needed to assist with Gulfport's annual Family Day in the Park at Jones Park, Sept. 1, from 2 - 6 p.m. Duties include setting up an obstacle course for kids, as well as assisting with other children's activities. Contact Katie King, 228-868-5881.

BILOXI YACHT CLUB - Volunteers are needed to help with set up and take down at the Maritime Museum Drawdown at the Biloxi Yacht Club, Sept. 21, from 5 - 8 p.m. or 10-11:30 p.m. If you can assist, please call Megan Seymour, 228-435-6320 or seacamp@maritimemuseum.org.

USS ALABAMA NEEDS HELP - The Navy is looking for volunteers with construction expertise for a rewarding experience. The battleship USS Alabama, anchored in Mobile Bay needs help from individuals that can work with wood, steel and concrete for work aboard ship and around the grounds. Work includes, but is not limited to: constructing 10 picnic pavilion covers, roofing a 40 by 20 maintenance shed, fabricating display cases. Point of contact is Owen Miller,

251-433-2703 or cell 251-767-0157. **BILOXI VA AMBASSADORS** - The Biloxi VA is trying to get volunteers in uniform from 7 a.m. To 2 p.m. on a daily basis to help with a new program. The volunteers will provide assistance to Veterans entering the medical center by helping with directions and general information and whenever possible, escort the Veterans and family members to their destination. Call Sharon Ladner, 228-523-5786 or Susan Smith, 228-871-3640 to help.

VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD RAMPS - Volunteers are needed to build handicap ramps in Saucier and Biloxi. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susan at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), 228-871-3640 or 228-424-2947.

USO GULF COAST - Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers every day to assist at our centers throughout the military community. Whether you're interested in providing coffee and conversation to our traveling troops or assisting in deployments, the USO Gulf Coast has a special opportunity for you. We are also looking for volunteers to assist

in community outreach events scheduled throughout the year. To become a USO volunteer, you'll need to create a volunteer profile through www.uso-volunteer.org. This website allows you to keep track of your hours and if you move to another location your hours will transfer with you to any USO in the world. For more info, contact USO Gulf Coast's Program Manager, Nicole Lewis at nlewis@uso.org. **NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY** - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers to work at the Thrift Store in August. If you are interested, please call 228-871-2610.

COAST SALVATION ARMY - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Contact Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org if you have a bit of spare time to help out.

HELP SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS - Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skill and unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/women. If you are interested in helping in the community, call Mag Holland, 228-896-0412.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



NCBC Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Chaplain

Lt. Yoon Choi, Chaplain

For more information about Chapel programs, please call the Chapel at 228-871-2454

Religious Services

Sunday: Gospel: 8 a.m., Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m., Protestant: 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Chapel Offerings

Looking for a church?

The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday to suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Gospel Service at 8 a.m. and a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass is at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday and the Chapel also holds a weekly Mass on Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

Seabee Pantry

The Seabee Pantry is a valuable resource for those families needing a little extra assistance during the month. Please donate as many canned goods and other non-perishable items as possible. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

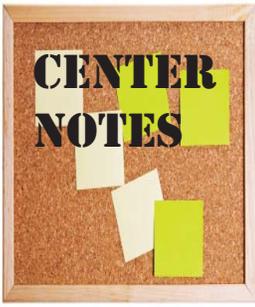
Praise and Worship

The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and the Gospel choir at 8 a.m. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are

invited to share your gift.

Feds Feed Families Food Drive

The annual DoD, Feds Feed Families Food Drive, www.fedsfeed-families.gov, is taking place through September. Food banks across the Nation are facing severe shortages of non-perishable food items, just as summer begins and children are left without school supplied nutrition programs. Federal employees and members of the uniformed services are stepping up to meet this challenge by gathering food for families in need. The CBC Chapel hopes you will donate any non-perishable goods to help us meet this National goal. NCBC food donation drop off locations are NCBC Commissary (special prepackaged bags of food are available for purchase), Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Command Quarterdeck, and Navy Gateway Inn. Please contact the chapel at 228-871-2454 for 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. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Jenny Richter, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com. **NMCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit Facebook, nmcb11frg or email us at nmcb11frg@gmail.com.

NMCB 74 FRG All families of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335, behind the Grinder on NCBC. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m., and meetings begin at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome. Email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG" for details.

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 babysitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

FOCUS

Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS), provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228- 822-5736 or email Gulfport@focus-project.org

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club The Gulfport Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, email goscgulfport@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU soon!

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. The Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. is interested in re-establishing a club in the local area. If you are interested in joining an organization that promotes the health and welfare of any enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, please contact Darlene Carpenter at 228-342-2271 or Tina O'Shields, 228-357-0513. Visit www.navywivesclubsof-america.org for more information on NWCA.

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 and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

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

TRAINING

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

PMI MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Project Management Institute (www.pmi.org) is recruiting project planning professionals for membership into the PMI Southern Mississippi Chapter. PMI is one of the world's largest not-for-profit membership associations for the project management profession. Their professional resourc-

es and research empower more than 700,000 members, credential holders and volunteers in nearly every country in the world to enhance their careers, improve their organizations' success and further mature the profession. Contact Mike Saunders at saundersmt@earthlink.net or Len Krapcha at lkrapcha@aol.com for more information.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., at the Fitness Center classroom. For more information, contact Association president, CE1 Daniel Shaver, 228-871-2145.

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

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

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 of the month at 7

p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

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

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

Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1, Gulfport is always looking to add new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please contact Eugene Cowhick at eugene.cowhick@navy.mil, 228-871-2488 or Robert Smith at Robert.p.smith5@navy.mil, 228-871-2436. If you are already a member, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the A&E Chiefs and Officers Club, NCBC Gulfport, for the Monthly Island X-1 business meeting. For more information on NSVA Island X-1, visit www.nsva.org.

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., The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseum.org or call the gift store for more information at 228-871-4779.

Still time to stock up for Hurricane season at NEX

From NEXCOM PAO

Hurricane season runs June 1 - Nov. 30. Now is the time to check make a preparedness kit that contains extra batteries, water, nonperishable food and first aid kits. For

those customers who are thinking of purchasing a generator, from Aug. 28 - Sept. 2, purchase any generator valued at \$299 or more with a MILITARY STAR® Card and make no down payment, no interest

and no payments for six months.

The MILITARY STAR® Card offers many benefits including 10 percent off the first day's purchases (up to the customer's credit limit), no annual fee, low

interest rate and 24-hour customer service including online access.

MILITARY STAR® Card applications are available at any NEX and offer same day processing at the service desk.

For all of the latest information, follow Seabee Center on Facebook and Twitter; subscribe to Inside the Gate by sending an email to seabecourier@navy.mil and check out the new and improved website at: http://www.cnbc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nbc_gulfport.html



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