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Summer safety training presented on board NCBC



Firefighters assigned to the NCBC Gulfport Fire Department demonstrate a vehicle rescue using the Jaws of Life during a 101 Days of Summer Safety Training, May 2. The purpose of the Stand Down was to educate Department of Defense military and civilians on safety hazards, particularly those related to summer activities. (U.S.Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

HURREX puts storm season in sharp focus



Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport prepares as Hurricane Isaac nears the Gulf Coast. The storm made landfall nearly seven years to the day of one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, Hurricane Katrina. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class R. Jason Brunson/Released)

By Rob Mims
NCBC Public Affairs

Several Naval Construction Battalion Center entities will come together May 13-23 to dust off preparedness plans to be ready for the 2013 Hurricane Season which starts June 1.

"We will bring nearly every department on base to the Emergency Operations Center to ensure they know their part if a hurricane paints a bull's-eye on Gulfport," said Lew Fountain, NCBC Emergency Manager. "We will run through a couple of scenarios from least to worst."

The least could mean a rain

event with flooding and the worst being a category five hurricane. Last year, Hurricane Isaac was a rain event; however, it caused severe flooding around the area, including some areas on base. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the coast with massive winds and an enormous storm surge. The base must be ready to respond to both. As the base begins their preparations to keep residents and infrastructure safe, Fountain said HURREX is a great time for families to get prepared also.

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Career Navigator places Sailors at the helm



SAN DIEGO - Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk, Chief of Naval Personnel, speaks to Sailors during an all-hands call in the San Diego Naval Base theater. Van Buskirk held the all-hands call to inform Sailors about the launch of the Career Navigator program, which will change the way Sailors apply for reenlistment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Shannon Heavin/Released)

(NAVY LIVE BLOG 02 MAY 13) -- Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk recently held All Hands Calls in the San Diego area where he spoke to Sailors about Career Navigator, a program designed to help enlisted Sailors have a more active role in managing their careers. We asked him about the new program; below are his answers to our questions. **What do Sailors need to know about Career Navigator?**

In today's Navy, careers for Sailors are more dynamic than in times past and we need to help our people adapt to these changes. A Sailor's career now may include converting to a different rating as well as transitioning from active duty to the Navy Reserve or Navy Reserve to active duty.

We are building Career Navigator to give Sailors an active role in managing their careers and making informed choices by show-

ing all the options available for them. The plan is to expand Sailor's access so they can monitor their own information, career opportunities and applications. Career Navigator will pull all enlisted career management processes under one overarching program encompassing all career events such as reenlisting, changing ratings, choosing orders and transitioning between Active Component and Reserve Component, or vice versa.

Why are you changing the reenlistment system?

We wanted to provide Sailors a more active role in managing their careers and more tools to make informed choices for themselves and their families' future. Career Navigator will change how we think, discuss and apply enlisted career management processes in the Navy. Career Navigator will make the experience more interactive for Sailors — placing their

career at their fingertips.

In addition, beginning in June, Sailors will have vital information earlier to make their career and life decisions. We will let Sailors know at least 10 months from the end of their contract whether they will be able to reenlist in their current rate, and will have additional time to apply to convert into another rating where opportunity exists.

When will this happen?

Career Navigator will be rolled out in phases beginning this summer. As you know, today, only your career counselor can view your information. By the end of the year, you will have online access to this information and be able to research your career opportunities and view your applications.

On June 1, several enhancements will be made for reenlistment, Professional Apprentice Career Track designation, and to increase opportunities for Reserve Sailors. The reenlistment application process will align with orders negotiation so that Sailors will find out sooner if they've been approved to reenlist and have more time to negotiate orders with their detailer. PACT Sailors will be able to strike to a rating faster because we have reduced the time required before they can strike, and because their career counselors will be asked to submit an application for them as soon as they are eligible. Reserve Sailors will be able to submit online requests to convert between ratings and participate in the Reserve Component to Active

Component augmentation program.

What else is new?

We are updating the existing processes under Fleet RIDE, adding more capability and functionality and transitioning them into Career Waypoints that will incorporate the following processes:

- ~ Changing to a new rating during initial skills training if needed
- ~ PACT Sailors striking to a rating
- ~ Reenlistment
- ~ Converting to a different rating
- ~ Transition between Active and Reserve Components

This change will provide Sailors more visibility and will enable them to make decisions about where to go next in their career. You'll learn more about this in the coming months.

Will Career Navigator take the place of career counselors?

No, nothing can take the place of the one-to-one guidance of career counselors and they remain the source for Sailor development. Career Navigator provides you with information so you can make informed decisions when you are working with your career counselor or detailer.

Bottom line, all Navy leaders must continue to take an active interest and role in helping our Sailors understand the opportunities Navy service provides them and how to reach their personal goals. Career Navigator supplements everything Sailors have now and provides them more access and options at their fingertips.

Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

"What did you learn during the safety stand down?"



"Seatbelt safety, fire safety and boating safety, and what to do in the event of a hurricane."

BU2(SCW) Joshua Whittaker
NCG2
Hometown: Reading, Mich.



"To watch and listen for trains before crossing tracks."

BUCN Whitney Snider
NCG2
Hometown: Davenport, Iowa



"How to perform summer activities safely."

BU2 Brian Baughman
NCG2
Hometown: D'Iberville, Miss.

Around

the

Center



Construction Electrician Constructionman Nathan Bush and Construction Electrician 3rd Class Justin Orner, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, train on the proper way to search personal at an Entry Control Point (ECP) during training on board NCBC Gulfport, April 30. An ECP provides a layered approach to control, monitor and protect access to a Forward Operating Base (FOB) and provides effective capabilities to counter Personnel Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (PBIED) and Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED). (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

BU2 Katherine Rubio-Jackson listens to a question during an interview with Univision's *Aqui y Ahora* reporter, **Tiffani Roberts**, on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center, April 30. Roberts is building a news segment about women in combat which should air in about three weeks on Univision. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)



Builder 3rd Class Lauralie Gutschmidt, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, spins a pin to lower an "A" frame of a Medium Girder Bridge (MGB) at Contingency Construction Crew Training (CCCT) on board NCBC Gulfport, May 1. The MGB is a lightweight, portable bridge that can be assembled without the use of heavy equipment. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

Seabee supports NCBC aquatics program

By CECN Lucinda L. Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, presented Utilitiesman 2nd Class Jon Cox, assigned to Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2, an letter of appreciation for his contributions to the Aquatic program at the Fitness Center on board NCBC, May 6.

Cox has years of swimming experience. He swam competitively in high school and college. For four years Cox coached a private swim club and last year he was assistant coach for the swim club at the Gulfport Fitness Center. Last summer, Cox assisted Alex McCollum, Morale, Welfare

and Recreation (MWR) aquatics coordinator, in coaching a lunchtime swim club for active duty military. He also helped make a record board and posted workouts of the day in the pool lobby to encourage friendly competition. Cox and McCollum thought a record board would be a great way to keep track of the completion scores and motivate more people to come to the pool.

Cox worked on the record board for two and a half weeks. Made of mostly plywood, it features several swimming stroke categories with both a male and female event side, and can be seen on display at the pool lobby. According to McCollum, Cox's contributions have made a

huge difference.

By creating the afternoon swim group we brought people to the pool that were more likely not to join. With our new record board, Mr. Cox has found a way to create a friendly competitiveness that we have not had at our facility," said McCollum. "We have already had numerous patrons striving to get on the record board and this number will only go up as more patrons start using the aquatic facility as summer approaches."

Cox is happy with the direction the aquatics program is headed, and mentioned that everyone is welcome to compete for a place on the record board. He would like



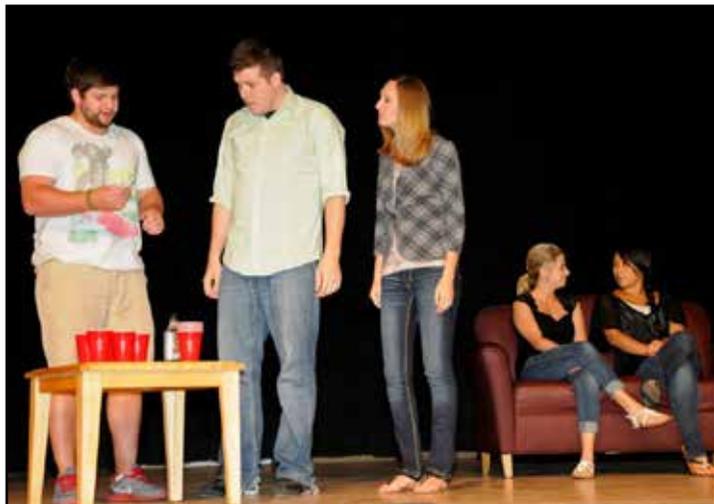
Capt. Rick Burgess presents Utilitiesman 2nd Class Jon Cox a letter of appreciation at the Fitness Center on board NCBC Gulfport, May 6. Cox was recognized for his contributions to the 2012 summer aquatics program. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

for swimming be incorporated into the Navy's physical training (PT).

"I would like for our facility to develop a little more use from our PT groups in the morning. Swimming condi-

tions in ways that running or biking cannot. Especially with the number of patrons having injuries, swimming is one of the best ways to build muscle and endurance, along with relieving stress," said Cox.

No Zebras, No Excuses



Performers and professional sexual assault advocates of No Zebras and More presented No Zebras, No Excuses to military members attached to NCBC Gulfport at the Training Hall, May 3. The theatrical-based Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training uses a series of vignettes to teach that the issue of sexual aggression can no longer be ignored, and people must stand up, quit being bystanders and help keep others around them safe. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

NCBC scheduled to do away with vehicle decals

By CECN Lucinda L. Moise
NCBC Public Affairs

Currently, in order to gain access onto Navy installations via any form of motorized vehicle, the vehicle must be registered at Pass and ID and have a decal. Beginning May 13 that will change at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

For anyone whose decals expire after May 13, or who acquire a new vehicle, temporary paper passes will be issued in place of decals. The paper passes will be good for six months, but a decision to eliminate the requirement for any type of vehicle pass is being considered.

The Air Force and Army

stopped issuing decals after spending hundreds of thousands of dollars per year on decals that were later found to be an ineffective security method, since they can be transferred from vehicle to vehicle.

According to NCBC Security Assistant Sonia McDaniel, the Navy decided to discontinue decals mainly due to a lack of funding and advances in technology. Decals average \$13 per vehicle, and issuing approximately 2,000 decals every month cost \$312,000 annually.

As of now, June 1 is the tentative date in which no vehicle pass, decal or paper pass will be required for drivers to access the base; however, documents such as

car rental agreements, proof of insurance and state registration are still subject to check at the gates, and are required to be presented to law enforcement officials or gate sentries upon request. According to NCBC Security Officer Ron Perry, the termination of decals has been up for decision for years.

"We first learned about the possibility of decals being eliminated in March of 2011. As far as we know this is a CNIC (Commander, Navy Installations Command) initiative and will apply to all Navy installations," said Perry.

For more information on the discontinuation of decals call the NCBC Security Office at: (228) 871-3561.

101 Days of Summer Stand Down

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport and Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 Safety Offices presented military members and civilians a 101-Days of Summer training through 13 interactive stations on board NCBC Gulfport, May 2.

The purpose of the Stand Down was to educate Department of Defense military and civilians on safety hazards, particularly those related to summer activities. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil and Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)



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New law gives parents school district choice

Recently, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant signed into law House Bill 879 giving parents who live on board military bases in Mississippi a choice of which school district to send their children. The law states, "Those children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

are active members of the United States Armed Forces or civilian military personnel and reside on a military base, may, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend the school district of their parent's or guardian's choosing, regard-

less of the residence of the child, provided the school district where the student resides or in an adjacent school district and the parent's or guardian's choice of school district does not violate the provision of subsection (3) of this section prohibiting the transpor-

tation of students in excess of thirty (30) miles." Parents are no longer required to get an out of district transfer release or fill out an in district acceptance form. They can go directly to the school and register. This includes Naval Construction Battalion Center

base housing and North Pointe Preserve on County Farm Road. Parents can choose between Gulfport, Biloxi, Long Beach and Harrison County School Districts. For more information, call Kevin Byrd, NCBC School Liaison Officer at 228-871-2117.

NCBC FRAMES

EO1(SCW) Brett Fletcher

NCG 2, Transportation Supervisor



FREEZE FRAME



By CM3(SCW) Katchen Tofil, NCBC Public Affairs

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

EO1: Fleet Week 2010 in Manhattan, New York. We spent a week on the USS Iwo Jima showcasing the Seabees and some of our equipment to tens of thousands of tourists. The smiles

from the kids as they took pictures with us were worth every minute of it.

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

EO1: Gain as much experience as I could as an EO and pass that knowledge on to others.

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

EO1: I enjoy working with different people and teaching them how to run equipment.

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

EO1: Roxanne Dressel,

she grabbed me up when I arrived at my first battalion and showed me what I needed to do to advance in my job. She never accepted failure and was always there to answer any questions that came up. She was tough but fair and I appreciated that for years.

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

EO1: Learn as much as you can, while you can, and pass that knowledge on to others. At some point you won't be in the Navy anymore so make yourself valuable.

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Reminder from NCBC Security

Secure vehicles,
work spaces and buildings.

Visible valuables invite
thieves.

Don't be a target!



Civilians - EBIS retirement courses available on line . . . EBIS offers CSRS and FERS retirement eSEMINARS on line. Retirement Topics include eligibility, computation of annuity, survivor benefits, creditable service, withholdings, and processing for CSRS and FERS. Each course takes about an hour to complete. To take the course, log in to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> and click on Benefits. Then Click on Benefits, Choose EBIS and log in, then select eSEMINARS.

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, click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline."

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



NMCB 11 executes force march



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 participate in a force march and Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) exercise on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. NMCB 11 is currently on a Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Shelby, Miss. as part of the battalion's homeport training cycle. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

Cell phone use while driving on board NCBC is not authorized

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SAME Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) is holding a scholarship fund raiser golf tournament May 17, at 1 p.m., Bay Breeze Golf Course, Keesler Air Force Base. Lunch will be served at noon and is included in the \$75/player fee or \$260/4 person team fee. The event features a \$40K Shootout from mulligan participants. Mulligans will be available for purchase for \$5 or 3/\$10. To register, go to <http://www.samegulfoasttournament.com>.

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"The time to prepare is not when a hurricane is inbound. People should visit www.ready.navy.mil for all the tools to make a family disaster plan and emergency kits," said Fountain. "They can also sign up for the Wide Area Alert Notification (WAAN) System there. Anyone can sign up for the notifications. It is a great

communication tool."

Communicating with the base populace will also be tested during HURREX. Several messages will be put on the base website, social media platforms, base loudspeakers, all-user emails, marquees and the WAAN. With each message, little bits of information will be sent to help remind people to get themselves ready for a safe hurricane season.

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74 rebuilds scout hut

Seabees attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74's Air Detachment volunteer in a Community Relations project to help rebuild a 1200 square foot Scout Hut for Pass Christian Boy Scout Troop 316 that was destroyed in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina. (U.S. Navy photos by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Laura C. Trommer/Released)



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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse Contributor

Mother's Day -- a real hoot



"Hey Hon, so whaddya want for Mother's Day anyway?" my husband inquired a couple days ago, much too late to actually plan anything decent.

My mind flashed to Mother's Days past. I winced at vivid images of kitchens destroyed by my children's best intentions. My lips puckered at the distant taste of cold burnt breakfasts in bed. Allowing my mind to reminisce a moment longer, I nearly gagged at the thought of pond scum.

Well, not exactly pond scum, but that scummy film that forms in the bottom of a flower vase containing week-old cut flowers. My uvula twitched at the thought of slimy stems breaking the algae-like skin on the surface of old vase water to reveal murky dregs and the pungent odor of rotting vegetation.

I never really liked cut flowers because of the pond

scum, but my husband orders them almost every year. He makes a call to the florist and, voila! his job is done. One year, I delicately suggested he consider potted flowers for Mother's Day. That year, I received a lovely hydrangea that bloomed in my garden for years. I thought my days of dealing with green slime were over.

The next year it seemed like a heck of a lot of work driving over to the garden center for another potted plant when my husband could simply call the florist from the comfort of his Barcalounger. Back to the pond scum.

I shuddered, and tried to focus on an answer to my husband's question. Hmm, I thought, is there something that my family would enjoy that would not require me to clean the kitchen and wash out dirty vases?

I recalled Mother's Day 2007. My Navy husband was in the 5th month of a year-long deployment to Djibouti, Africa. I met some other "geographically single" military moms at an indoor play center to let the kids run off some steam while we chatted. A couple hours later, the kids, sweaty and sufficiently coated in invisible ball-pit bacteria, told us they were starving to death.

The mothers begrudgingly trudged toward the exit. "Ugh," one mom groaned, "I really don't want to cook." "Me neither," another chimed in, her lips stretched downward in an exaggerated frown.

After months of parenting alone, I seriously contemplated eating my daughter's filthy sweat-dampened socks to avoid cooking another meal. "Hey, you guys wanna go out to lunch somewhere?!"

We huddled in the parking lot to plan a lunch outing, but our excitement soon turned to disappointment when we realized that, without a reservation, we'd be lucky to get Slurpies and Slim Jims at 7-11 on Mother's Day.

We said our good-byes again, and slogged to our respective minivans.

Just then, a 150-watt bulb blinked on in my deployment weary brain with possibly the best idea I'd had in my entire life. "I know where we can go!" I blurted. The other moms and their hungry offspring looked to me with hope in their hungry eyes across the quivering asphalt, and I bellowed with outstretched arms like their pseudo savior, "HOOTERS!"

Much as I had predicted,

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USO Gulf Coast receives top airport center honor

From USO Gulf Coast

Nashville, TN. (May 2, 2013) – USO Gulf Coast at Gulfport Biloxi International Airport was awarded the Top Center honor in the Best USO Airport Center category last night at the first ever TellUSO Awards ceremony honoring USO Centers for their commitment and service to America's troops and military families. USO President and CEO, Sloan Gibson alongside General George Casey and Country Music Artist and USO Tour Veteran Kix Brooks, delivered the awards during a reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

"Tonight's awards are a special honor because they come from those we serve," said Alan Reyes, USO Senior Vice President of Operations. "Our troops and military families tell us every year in our TellUSO survey how we are doing and we are so pleased to honor the best of the best of the USO tonight."

The awards program is the first ever in the USO's four year history of conducting the TellUSO survey. Honorees were recognized for their achievements in providing best

in class service in support of troops and military families. Award winners were chosen based on results from the annual TellUSO Survey, conducted among active duty military and their spouses. The TellUSO Sound Off Survey validates, through direct feedback from USO constituents, the USO's theory of change and assesses outcomes with regard to value, satisfaction, awareness and usage across 16 unique programs and services.

Top Center award winners received the highest overall scores in satisfaction, value, staff helpfulness, friendliness, and knowledgeable in their category. In the United States region, awards were handed down to top scorers in three categories based on Center location: Airport Center, Military Installation Center and Metro Center. Within these categories awards were delivered in the small, medium and large center categories determined by total annual visits to the location. In ad-

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Focus on Education

CPPD courses recommended for ACE accreditation



Steelworker 1st Class Jarrod Cagle, an instructor for Naval Construction Training Command (NCTC) Steelworker "A" School, instructs Constructionman Nick Martinez on the proper steps to fabricate sheet metal while building a drip pan at the Applied Instruction building on board NCBC Gulfport, May 9. Along with many phases taught during Steelworker (SW) "A" School SWs learn how to lie out and fabricate structural steel and sheet metal. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Katchen Tofil/Released)

By MCC Jayme Pastoric, Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs
VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) – The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) announced April 30 that the American Council on Education (ACE) now recommends college credits for four CPPD courses.

A team of academic experts evaluated the following CPPD activities and granted ACE recommended credits for: Task-Based Curriculum Development Course; and the Personal Development Instructor Skills Training, which grants Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) 9518. Both Navy Instructor Training Course, which grants

plines. If the content, scope and rigor of the course or examination are equivalent to a college-level course, the teams recommend appropriate college credit."

According to the ACE website, ACE military reviews bridge the gap between professional military education and postsecondary curricula and provide parallels for the transfer of the service member's acquired learning to current college curricula. This facilitates access to academic degrees.

"Students can use these credit recommendations to satisfy general education or degree requirements or to demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in a particular subject," said Brown. "ACE credit recommendations are used as guidelines by colleges and universities, which make their own decisions about awarding credit. The minimum requirement is that the course we want evaluated must be at least 45 hours in length."

The benefits of ACE academic reviews for military training organizations are that they validate the quality of training, create an alignment and consistency in documenting training across the services and reduce Department of Defense tuition assistance funds.

"Having ACE recommend college credits for CPPD courses and curriculum development is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the CPPD active duty and civilian team," said CPPD Command Master

Chief Kenneth Schmidt. "Our team spends long hours refining each module of each course to ensure the information is provided to the fleet is accurate and up to date. Sailors who pass these courses are not only receiving college credits, they take with them solid foundational teaching skills to implement at their command."

To take advantage of ACE recommended credits for a specific rating, Sailors should visit the nearest Navy College Office or Educational Service Officer to review their Joint Services Transcript (JST).

CPPD is responsible for providing a wide range of personal and professional development courses and materials, including General Military Training, Navy instructor training, alcohol and drug awareness program training, suicide and sexual assault prevention, bystander intervention, and personal responsibility classes. CPPD's required leadership training is delivered multiple times throughout a Sailor's career via command-delivered enlisted leadership training material and officer leadership courses in a schoolhouse setting. CPPD also administers the Navy's voluntary education program, which provides Sailors with the opportunity to earn college degrees. CPPD additionally manages the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP), which offers Sailors the opportunity to earn civilian apprenticeship certifications

NEX rewards students

By Kristine M. Sturkie, NEXCOM Public Affairs

The NEX wants to help its customers finance their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program. All qualified students will participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of May 2013.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card and have a NEX associate verify the minimum grade average.

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

Motorcycle Club supports NMCRS Fund Drive



Al Jones, Armed Forces Motorcycle Club president, presents a check to Capt. Rick Burgess, NCBC commanding officer, May 9 on board NCBC, as Alice Huffman, Navy Marine Corp Relief Society director, and several members of the AFMC look on. The funds were then presented to Huffman to contribute to the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive. The AFMC held a Poker Run and silent auction to raise the donated funds. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)

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Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products and services.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. Since the program began, NEXCOM has awarded over \$600,000 in Series EE U.S. savings bonds and monetary awards with the help of its generous vendor partners.

Become a Facebook fan and follow the NEX on Twitter.

Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone

before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.

I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

Gate Hours

Pass Road: 24 hours, 7 days a week
Broad Avenue: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday -Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat/Sun and Holidays
28th Street: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and 5 - 7 p.m., Outbound Only
Commission Road: CLOSED

From HOOT page 9

we had the whole place to ourselves, and lazily munched on wings and fries late into the afternoon. The waitresses seemed more than happy to cater to feminine clientele who don't giggle nervously and ogle at their ill-fitting shirts, so the service was excellent. While I did have to wipe drool from my 11-year-old son's chin a time or two, all in all, it was a perfect Mother's Day.

"Hon, did you hear me?" my husband inquired impatiently. "Oh, yea," I said, snapping

back to reality. For a fleeting moment, I considered suggesting a replay of that wonderful day in 2007, but I thought better of it when I realized that Mother's Day at Hooters only works when fathers aren't around.

The taste of chilled scorched eggs and the smell of slimy vase water suddenly seemed appealing when compared with seeing one's husband stare bug-eyed at a woman half his age while sucking down chicken wings and beer, so I said, "Breakfast in bed and a vase of flowers would be just wonderful."

SAFETY NOTICE

To avoid heat illness: Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, drink plenty of water, take regular breaks and eat small meals.

From USO page 9

dition to awards by region, A Top Center overall award was also handed down to the center that achieved the highest score of all the USO Centers worldwide.

USO Centers deliver programming and services to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families at more than 160 USO locations worldwide, including Afghanistan, Kuwait, UAE, Germany, Italy, Japan, Guam, South Korea and the United States. In 2012, troops and their families visited USO Centers nearly 9 million times and in the 2012 TellUSO survey ranked USO Centers as one of the programs of greatest importance.

In addition to providing troops and families with a touch of home, USO Gulf Coast also strives to keep them connected during deployment with programs like USO Operation Phone Home which allows troops to talk to their loved ones on the phone

for free and United Through Reading's Military Program which gives deployed troops the chance to record a DVD of themselves reading a book to their child. The book and DVD are then mailed home to the troop's family. Center Manager Nicole Lewis was on hand to accept the award on behalf of her Center. She credited the Center's director Felice Gillum and many volunteers for the win.

"Winning this award was a complete shock, but also very humbling and reaffirmed that the USO Gulf Coast is continually doing an awesome job, said Lewis. "Our center is unique because here at the USO Gulf Coast Airport center it is our passion that makes us special. We have found that what makes our center successful is how welcomed our troops and their families feel everyday when they arrive at our center and we have our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our center director to thank for that."

For photos or a full list of winners, please contact me at kfriend-daniel@uso.org.



FREE Movies at the Training Hall are Back!

Take a load off. Sit back and watch the big screen

Friday: *A Good Day to Die Hard*, R, 6 p.m.; Saturday: *Escape from Planet Earth*, PG, 11 a.m.; *Safe Haven*, PG13, 1:15 p.m.; *Parker*, R, 4 p.m.; Sunday: *Escape from Planet Earth*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Mama*, PG13, 4:15 p.m.

all by yourself for some alone time, or make it a family night and bring the whole crew! Stop by the Snack Bar on your way in to get that buttered movie popcorn and those other goodies that help you get lost in the moment. Forget what was playing? No worries

- put the movie hotline in your phone, 228-871-3299 and call anytime!

For MWR program information contact:

Anchors & Eagles	228-871-4607
Auto Hobby	228-871-2804
Beehive	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
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

All eligible patrons welcome To include the Civilian Wellness Program

8 week Walk-Run program

MWR Couch to 5K

Join the MWR "Couch to 5K" fitness challenge
This 8-week program begins 13 May and finishes 12 July with a 5K run. Group workouts are Mon/Wed/Fri @1130 at the track or stop by to get the 8-week workout so you can do it on your own.

LEARN TO SWIM

Enrollment Fee:
\$45 First Child
\$35 Siblings

Private and Semi-Private Lessons
Also available ... call us for details

2013 Summer Swim Lessons

- Sign-up one week prior to each session
- Each session consist of (4) - 45 minute lessons
- Mon-Thur... makeup on Fri if weather permits
- 5:00 p.m. Level 1
- 6:00 p.m. Level 2

May 20 - 24	June 3 - 7	June 17 - 21
July 8 - 12	July 22 - 26	Aug 5 - 9

For more information please contact CBC Aquatics Center at 228-822-5103/5104.

DAPA NOTE: Young men who need to drink more than others to "get a buzz" face a higher risk of alcoholism as they approach their 30s. A study of 450 men also confirmed observations that alcoholism runs in families. Men with alcoholic fathers were nearly three times more likely to become alcohol-dependent than men whose fathers weren't alcoholics. For information on the Navy's drug and alcohol policies and programs, please contact your command DAPA.

Chapel Offerings

Looking for a church?

The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday that might suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Gospel Service at 8 a.m. and Divine Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Catholic Services include Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. There is also Catholic Mass Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Seabee Pantry

The Seabee Pantry needs restocking. During the

holidays, the need for food donations is at its highest level. Please donate as many canned goods and other nonperishables as possible. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home. The Seabee Pantry is for anyone affiliated with NCBC.

Praise and Worship

The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new

members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are invited to come share your gift.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Free child care is available. For more information on all offerings that are available, contact the chapel at 228-871-2454.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain

Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups, call the chapel office at 228-871-2454

Services: Sunday Gospel Service: 8 a.m.

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Protestant Divine Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Catholic Mass: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.

NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



USO GULF COAST - The USO Gulf Coast needs 14 - 16 volunteers to work at the USO information at the Gulfport - Biloxi International Airport. The desk will be staffed seven days a week between 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Volunteer shifts will be five hours long (8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.) Volunteers are responsible for greeting guests, directing them to the USO lounge and answering general questions about local hotels, restaurants, casinos, and events in the area. Register at www.usovolunteer.org.

NORTH GULFPORT 8th GRADE PROCTORS - North Gulfport 8th Grade, 4715 Illinois Avenue, Gulfport is looking for test proctors for May 14, 15 and 16. To volunteer, please contact Sherry Johnson, 228-864-8944 or Shejohnson@harrison.k12.ms.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST - Youth For Christ is having its annual Water Park Lock-In May 17 - 18 and is looking for volunteers to chaperone students in grades 6 through 12 at the Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport. Volunteers will be asked to work one of three shifts: 7 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.; 1 - 7 a.m.; or 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Eva Gonzalez, 904-401-9274 or evagonzalez@gmail.com.

LONG BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT has requested proctors for the May State tests. Contact Christine Spinks at 228-864-1146 if you can volunteer.

PASS CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL - PCMS is asking for volunteers to serve as proctors and hall monitors during testing May 14-16. Mandatory training for volunteers will take place May 9 at 3:15 p.m. and May 10 at 8 a.m. To volunteer or for more information, contact Tisha Posey, 228-452-5220 or Tposey@pc.k12.ms.us.

NORTH BAY ELEMENTARY - North Bay Elementary, 602 Pine Street, Bay St. Louis is looking for 10 volunteers to serve as test proctors May 14-16, 8 a.m. - noon. If you can help out, please call Donna Torres, 228-467-4052 or email dtorres@bwsd.org.

ORANGE GROVE ELEMENTARY - Orange Grove Elementary, 11391 Old Highway 49, Gulfport is in need of 35 volunteers, May 14, 15 and 16 to serve as test proctors. Volunteers are asked to report to the school by 7:30 a.m. Contact

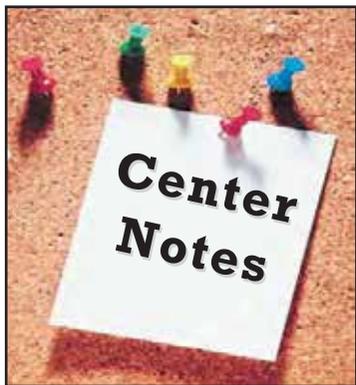
Stephanie Schepens, 228-365-0204 for details.

WEST HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL West Harrison High School, 10399 County Farm Road, Gulfport, is in need of 13 volunteers to assist in proctoring and monitoring the hallways May 6-10 and May 13 from 7:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. (possibly earlier), during the administration of the MS SATP tests. Volunteers should dress comfortably as they will be walking and standing the majority of the time. If interested, please reply to Julie Hadley at jhadley@harrison.k12.ms.us.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Volunteers are needed to serve as proctors at Central Elementary School, 1043 Pass Road, Gulfport, for state testing May 14 - 17. If you are able to help, please contact Jessica Mitchell at jessica.clincy@gulfportschools.org or 228-865-4641.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS - Bel-Aire Elementary School, 10531 Klien Road, Gulfport needs 40 volunteers to help out at their Field Day May 17, 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Volunteers will assist with running the games, helping out at the concession stands and supervising. For details, send an email to ctclemons@bellsouth.net.

2013 SPECIAL OLYMPICS - NCBC Gulfport will host the Area 3 2013 Special Olympics Saturday, June 8. Games will be held outside of the Fitness Center, near the softball fields, and will begin following a 9 a.m. opening ceremony. An awards ceremony will happen immediately after the games conclude. A minimum of 200 volunteers are needed to set up, register and accompany the athletes, cheer them on and tear down the site. Volunteer request forms will be available on each Command Quarterdeck and will be collected May 24. Uniform for military volunteers: Service PT gear; civilians: appropriate athletic attire. Please direct inquiries to MCC Ryan Wilber, 228-871-3663 or ryan.wilber@navy.mil.



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 www.facebook.com/nmcb-11frg or email us at nmcb-11frg@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 & 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@focusproject.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 reestablishing 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.navywives-clubsofamerica.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, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

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

TRAINING

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

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 re-commissioned 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., 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.seabee-museumstore.org or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available.

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.