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Odenthal relieves Burgess as Center CO

By Rob Mims

NCBC Public Affairs Officer GULFPORT, Miss. – Capt. Paul Odenthal, Civil Engineer Corps, relieved Capt. Rick Burgess, Civil Engineer Corps, as commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center during a ceremony on board Seabee Center June 27.

Just before Odenthal spoke the words, "I relieve you, sir" and Burgess replied "I stand relieved," the NCBC flag was passed from Command Master Chief Mark Thomas to Burgess. He then passed the flag to Odenthal, who passed it back to Thomas. This act is steeped deep in tradition and is always accomplished in the same manner to symbolize passing the responsibility of command.

As Odenthal uttered those famous words he took command of NCBC and becomes the first to do so since April 1966 without taking command of the former 20th Seabee Readiness Group, which was realigned and renamed in February. Burgess handed over command of 20SRG to Capt. Darius Banaji before the group was renamed Naval Construction Group 2. Although names and faces have changed, the mission of the Seabee base remains the same. It is here "To maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material in support of Naval Construction Force Operations, to include Amphibious units, the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Enhanced), and other fleet and assigned organizational



Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Command Master Chief Mark Thomas passes the command colors to Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer (CO), NCBC Gulfport, as Burgess is about to relinquish command to Capt. Paul Odenthal, prospective CO, NCBC Gulfport during a ceremony held at the base Training Hall, June 27. Odenthal is the 29th officer to command NCBC Gulfport, the home of the Atlantic Fleet Seabees. During his remarks, Rear Adm. John C. "Jack" Scorby, Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) and presiding officer described the responsibilities of a CO. "The responsibility of command is 'absolute,' and delegation of authority shall in no way relieve the commanding officer of continued responsibility for the safety, well-being and efficiency of the entire command," said Scorby. Burgess' follow-on assignment is to the Pentagon. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

units deployed from or home ported at NCBC Gulfport."

Although the new skipper will only wear one hat, there are many upcoming challenges including the looming civilian furlough, budget restraints and

ongoing mission realignment. Add in normally busy day-to-day operations and the skipper's position is a hectic, full time job.

Some of those operations include taking care of thousands

of transients who flow through the base. NCBC provides food, lodging and other amenities to more than 10,000 Army, Navy and Air Force students who train at the Naval Construction Training Center, another 2,400

Navy students who go through the Expeditionary Combat Skills Site, thousands more who train at the NCG2's Contingency Construction Crew Training courses and on average more than 5,500 individual augmentees and Reservist process through the Navy Military Personnel Support and Naval Operations Support Command annually.

Burgess assumed command of NCBC July 11, 2011. He will move to the Pentagon where he will be work for the Chief of Naval Operations.

Rear Adm. John C. "Jack" Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Southeast and guest speaker for the change of command said, "Until you sit in the seat, it's impossible to describe the literally hundreds of completely diverse issues Skipper Burgess has had to deal with over the past two years. But, suffice it to say, he has handled each and every issue brilliantly."

Odenthal, who most recently held the position of Executive Officer at Naval Facilities Engineering Command NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va., will be the 29th officer to assume the duties as commander NCBC.

"If you read Capt. Odenthal's bio," said Scorby, it is clear that he has been given some of the toughest assignments and performed brilliantly in all of them. So I know that he is more than ready to continue NCBC Gulfport's record of excellence.

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Skipper's Log

By Capt. Rick Burgess
CO, NCBC Gulfport

Well, folks, it's just about time to say farewell. As I write this, the packers are boxing up the Burgess household goods for our move to Washington, DC. It's a time of reflection as we look back on the two wonderful years we've spent here in Gulfport and a time of anticipation as we prepare for our next duty station.

The last two years have been busy, exciting ones. Both at the 20th SRG and at NCBC, we have had our plates full with important missions. The pace has been a bit hectic at times, but the Gulfport team has succeeded time after time. As soon as I arrived, I was impressed at the professionalism and dedication of the SRG and

"Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends."

Richard Bach

NCBC team; my appreciation has only grown broader and deeper as my tour progressed. I truly could not have asked for a stronger team to work with.

We continue to live in a world marked by change and challenge. The Naval Construction Force has gotten smaller and reorganized, establishing Naval Construction Group Two in the place of the 20th Seabee Readiness Group. We're facing budget challenges that are impacting our civilian workforce

with potential furloughs and billet reductions. The future doesn't look like it will be any easier than the recent past has been.

Fortunately, the Gulfport team has been tested by adversity before and has proven its mettle. Despite the difficult times on the horizon, I know that you will continue to look out for each other and accomplish the mission with the excellence that is your hallmark.

Thanks for doing such an outstanding job! It has been a



privilege for me to serve with so many fine professionals. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished over the past two years. I look forward to meeting again as I bid you, "Farewell!"

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Buzz on the Street

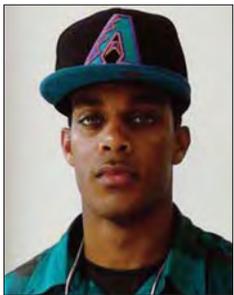
By CECN(SCW) Lucinda Moise
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"What is something/someone that you cannot go a day without?"



"My son."

HM3 Vivina Hyde
OHSU Det. B. Pensacola
Hometown: Gautier, Miss.



"My family."

CECN Dejon Walker
NMCB 11
Hometown: Goldsboro, N.C.



"Water or liquids."

Salina Mooneyham
NEX/Smash Box
Hometown: Pensacola, Fla.



Equipment Operator 2nd Class Brian Williams (top) and Equipment Operator 2nd Class Krystle Harris, students of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport Equipment Operator "C" School, fill a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) field truck with diesel fuel for a soil stabilization project on board NCBC Gulfport, June 18. MTVRs haul fuel, water, food, supplies and troops. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



More than 30 children attended Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Seabee Memorial Chapel, June 20 - 22. The children participated in crafts, games, music and watched skits. VBS ended with a pizza party, children's program, bouncy house and water slide. (Photo courtesy of the Seabee Memorial Chapel/Released)

Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets from five states come together to march and work as one team at the small grinder on board NCBC Gulfport, June 21. NJROTC is not designed to get young adults ready to join the military, but teach them leadership, citizenship and prepare them for life after high school. It is a voluntary program which provides a good avenue to help young adults figure out who they are and to find their identity in high school. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



NMCB 11 welcomes new battalion commander



Cmdr. Steven J. Stasick is piped ashore after assuming command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 from Cmdr. Lore Aguayo during a change of command ceremony, June 21 on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. Stasick's last assignment was as the public works of-

ficer of Commander Fleet Activities in Yokosuka, Japan. Aguayo is transferring to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast in Jacksonville, Fla., to become operations officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released.

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Due to the Government  Furlough the NCBC Commissary will close on Mondays and Tuesdays in July

Mississippi native retires after 30 year career

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

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport bid a 30-year master chief and Mississippi native farewell when Master Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW/SCW) Calvin Dukes retired during a ceremony at the base Training Hall, June 7.

Dukes joined the Navy in 1983, from his hometown of Hernando, Miss., after playing two years of college football for Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia, Miss. He said that he decided to enlist after talking with his brother, who had previously joined the Navy, and seeing him making money and driving a new car.

"When you are 20 years old you want a car, you want some money, so it just looked good, and that's why I decided to join. I never intended on making it a career though," said Dukes.

Although he did not at first plan on making the Navy a career, Dukes said after he made E-5 he changed his mind and has never regretted his decision.

"Joining the Navy was the best decision I made in my life. It wasn't initially intended to be a long career, but once I realized that if you work hard and study that you

could get promoted, and that is what I did," said Dukes. "I spent 20 years of my career in khakis and it's been amazing."

The father of two daughters and a son, met his wife of nearly 27 years during his first tour of duty on board USS San Jose (AFS 7) homeported at Naval Station Guam. Dukes said the opportunity to visit a number of foreign countries is one the most memorable aspects of his naval career.

"I have gotten to travel to and experience stuff that most civilians will never get an opportunity to do," said Dukes.

Traditionally a fleet Sailor, Dukes spent seven years of his career with the Seabees in Gulfport, Miss, with nine months of that time deployed to Iraq during the war in 1993/1994 with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74. He said his time in Iraq with the battalion is something he will never forget.

Many things have changed in the Navy since Dukes joined 30 years ago, even since he was selected for Chief Petty Officer in 1993, but he said the formula for success will never change.

"The Navy may change and evolve, but the principles for success will always stay the same, especially those required to



Master Chief Calvin Dukes began his naval career at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, Calif., in August, 1983. Dukes retired during a ceremony at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Training Hall June 7. (U.S. Navy photos courtesy of Master Chief Culinary Specialist Calvin Dukes/Released)

make chief. Sustained superior performance, particularly at sea is the key," said Dukes.

When asked what advice he had for the Sailors still serving, Dukes encouraged

them to simply do their best.

"The military is not for everybody, which is why a lot of people get out. But, if you work hard and do your job the Navy will take care of you."

NMCB 15 continues training in Afghanistan



CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - Construction Mechanic Jeffrey Dimon, assigned to the Convoy Security Element of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 15 participates in marksmanship training. The battalion is deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and is conducting force readiness, civil engineering, humanitarian assistance and building maintenance. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel Garas/Released)

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July !!

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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.
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3. Begin dialogue

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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.





Left: **Utilitiesman 3rd Class Brandon Huot** from **Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133** pours water into a priming tube of a **Lightweight Water Purification System** pump during the production of a training video. The video will be used in an advanced water treatment course offered to **Navy Seabees** at the **Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC)**. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g Jason Spotts/Released)

Above: **Utilitiesman Constructionman Matthew Kicinski** from **Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133** prepares to insert an intake strainer into the **Gulf of Mexico** during the production of a training video. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g Jason Spotts/Released)

NMCB 133 participates in Water Pump training video

By **Lt.j.g. Jason Spotts**
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133's Air Detachment participated in the production of an instructional training video for the Lightweight Water Purification System (LWPS) June 10.

The film, recorded on a local Gulfport beach featured Utilitiesman 3rd Class Nathan Gaffney, Utilitiesman

3rd Class Brandon Huot and Utilitiesman Constructionman Matthew Kicinski deploying the pump and intake system into the Gulf of Mexico while two cameramen and Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport Utilities Instructor Darcy Mogler directed the evolution.

The training video will be part of the new curriculum for the Utilitiesman (UT) C1 Advanced course, Water Treatment, which was piloted from

January to April. The training video will also be available under the UT Portal on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) for personnel who wish to refresh themselves, or for commands to conduct Unit Driven Training (UDT).

The portion of the video shot June 10, focuses on the deployment of the pump and intake system, which then sends raw water to the filtration and chlorination systems and on to a storage bladder.

While the training video is just a small part of a much larger, ongoing Seabee training reset, the efforts of the three UT's will complement course instruction, providing visual aids to enhance course material and will facilitate more efficient training, permitting personnel to see the process step-by-step.

NMCB 133 is currently in a home-port training cycle in preparation for their next deployment.

CBC Command Assessment Team (CAT) seeks members . . .

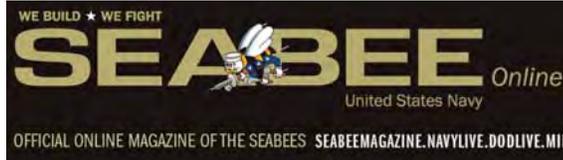
The CAT team is looking for new members. Officer, enlisted, and civilians are all welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Team, please contact Culinary Specialist 1st Class Michael Luzunaris at Michael.luzunaris@navy.mil or 228-871-2194.

For all of the latest information, follow Seabee Center on Facebook and Twitter; subscribe to Inside the Gate by sending an email to seabeeCourier@navy.mil and check out the new and improved website at:

http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ncbc_gulfport.html

Seabee eCourier will not be published week of July 4

Due to the 4th of July holiday the Seabee eCourier will not be published next week. The Seabee eCourier will resume publication July 11.



Fire Department trains with live fire



Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Fire Department conducts Live Fire training at the Helo Pad on board NCBC Gulfport, June 19. NCBC fire fighters train semi-annually on a Mobile Aircraft Fire Trainer (MAFT) during the day and at night. The MAFT is a propane fueled environmentally friendly training craft that offers both internal fire training and external fire training options. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

NMCB 1 heads east for Norfolk paving project



NMCB One DET VA deployed to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk, Va., earlier this month to execute a parking lot paving/rehabilitation project as part of their Homeport Training in preparation for their PACOM deployment. The completion of this project will improve the quality of life for NAVSTA Norfolk Sailors by opening up more parking. This is a Seabee call for work project initiated by the installation which CNIC provides project material and life support, and the NCF provides labor and equipment. The Seabees are expected to return in July. (U.S. Navy photos/Released)

Focus on Education

DeCA Scholarship Winner



Emily Burgess, the 2013 recipient of a \$1,500 award from the Scholarship for Military Children program from Defense Commissary Agency is congratulated by Walt Taylor, right, Gulfport store director, as her parents, Capt. Rick Burgess and Mrs. Trish Burgess stand by during a recognition ceremony, June 17. This year's essay topic was on the applicant's most admired presidential first lady. Burgess wrote about Nancy Reagan. Since its inception in 2001, The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to 7,412 children of Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and Retired service members worldwide. The sponsor of this year's award is Gulfport Officer's Spouse's Club (GOSC). (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

William Carey Rep visiting Seabee Center

From Navy College
Representatives of William Carey University will be in the Navy College Service Office (second floor, Building 60) from July 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to answer questions and provide information on available degree programs that are offered at the University's campus in Biloxi.

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

David Housh named 2013 CSFE Civilian IOY

By Susan Lester
Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Public Affairs

The Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE) selected David Housh, Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport, Miss., as the CSFE Civilian Instructor of the Year.

Housh has worked at NCTC for over four years as a civil servant. Prior to that, he served as a Construction Electrician instructor while on active duty.

CSFE Commanding Officer, Capt. Kevin Brown recognized Housh's contributions and said Housh was "selected from an extremely talented field of candidates who epitomize the dedication and professionalism of instructors throughout the CSFE domain."

NCTC Gulfport Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Scott Anderson, explained what makes Housh an outstanding instructor.

"Mr. Housh is just one example of the many outstanding professionals we have on our instructor

staff here at NCTC Gulfport, said Anderson. "However, he sets himself apart by the tremendous enthusiasm he brings to everything he does and his unbridled commitment to impart the knowledge he has gained on those he instructs and mentors. He is a tremendous asset to our staff and the NCTC team."

During 2012, Housh distinguished himself by providing technical training for 24 advanced construction electrician (CE) students during three convenings of the 12 week-long advanced course and 12 students in one convening of in a nine week-long Cable Splicing Course with outstanding results.

"I feel very honored and privileged that I was selected as CSFE Civilian Instructor of the year for 2013," said Housh. "I know there are a lot of great instructors, civilian and military, at NCTC Gulfport and throughout other CSFE commands. I also know it's not just me. It takes the backing from fellow instructors and others behind



Dave Housh, 2013 CSFE Civilian Instructor of the Year, instructs a student on an Auger truck during the field portion of the Construction Electrician C1 class. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Engineering Aide Peter Sydow/Released)

the scenes to support daily evolutions such as, ordering supplies, setting up labs, pre-starting vehicles. The team always motivates me to keep going," said Housh. "It also takes a great chain of command from the course manager to the CO. Thanks again!" he added.

David Donnelly, CSFE Director of Training, said, "You always go into an evaluation session with very high expectations of military instructors. These same expectations are doubled for a civilian instructor as they must truly establish themselves as subject matter experts and gain the

confidence of the military trainee. Mr. Housh's trainees clearly demonstrated their absolute confidence in him by the quality of their in-depth questions and total interaction. Demonstration a true mentor-apprentice relationship had been established. He is an exceptional role model to follow."

In addition to recognizing the efforts of Housh, Brown expressed appreciation for the entire cadre of Naval instructors,

"As we recognize your outstanding contributions, it is fitting to reflect upon the critical importance of every one of our instructors in the Naval Education and Training Center domain and throughout our Navy, said Brown. Their hard work and professionalism produce the best quality and most effective naval training in the world."

The CSFE manages four Learning Sites in diverse geographic locations: NCTC Gulfport, Miss.; NCTC Port Huene, Calif.; CSFE Detachment Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and CSFE Detachment Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse Contributor

The stuff military families are made of



Sixteen years ago we were about to move from England to Virginia, and were sorting through our stuff in preparation to be packed. My husband was going through all the little drawers in his big roll top desk, and came upon a small white plastic clamp holding a hard brownish object.

"What the heck is this?" he asked, holding the clamp up to the light.

"Oh, that's Hayden's umbilical cord." I said, briefly looking up from a file box of bank statements.

"His umbilical cord?!" he said, astonished, tossing the dehydrated fragment back into the drawer. "That looks like something you'd find in a bowl of Chex Mix...what if I had accidentally eaten it? I'm throwing it away."

"WAIT!" I shouted, lunging for the dried up morsel of sinew. I held the plastic clamp and gazed at the petrified remnants of the bridge of flesh that once connected my son and me. I thought of the life-giving nourishment that flowed through the cord and how it symbolized my undying love for my son.

Just then, my husband interrupted my reverie, "Hon, you're not going to keep that thing are you? It's like a dried up piece of raw chicken!"

As I reluctantly threw the scabby scrap into the trash, I wondered if discarding our original physical bond might adversely affect the emotional tie between my son and me.

Crazy, I know.

That is the insane thought process I go through every time we move.

I could give in to my hoarding tendencies and tell myself that every scrap of paper and old shoe is indispensable, because it is useful or holds some dear memory. But then, the U.S. military would fine us for going over the allowable weight limit for a family of five.

Thanks to Uncle Sam, I am not a hoarder, but I still battle my propensity to packrat every time we move.

This time, I hesitated over a restaurant matchbook from a night when the kids didn't embarrass us. I had a lot of trouble parting with my 1980s Bermuda bag and its buttoned covers, still convinced that wooden handled purses will come back into style. And I couldn't get myself to part with the tin drum that my son used to beat when we went Christmas caroling with the neighbors.

With each move, I have to remind myself that, although our stuff comforts us and makes us feel at home in unfamiliar places, the 15,000 pounds of stuff that follows us around the world does not make us who we are.

It is merely stuff, without which, we still have a hefty family life, weighty with memories, loaded with laughter, and laden with tons of love.

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

I've been told that my family of five weighs more than 15,000 pounds.

No, we are not morbidly obese – that figure is actually the total weight of all of our stuff. Everything from the half-chewed pencil in the desk drawer to the 1978 Baldwin upright piano, and all the socks, cookie sheets, end tables and dog toys in between.

As a military family, we have to move every few years. Each time, a team of movers wraps all our stuff in paper, packs it into boxes, nails it into crates, weighs it, and delivers it to our next temporary home.

Prior to every move, we take a few weeks to sort through our 15,000 pounds of stuff and "purge" unnecessary items like old clothes, outgrown toys, and beat up furniture.

Getting rid of things has always been difficult for me. As a child, I used to squirrel everything away – toys, coins, rocks, shells, candy, notes, photos, etc. – and I am still doing it to this day. I can attach practical or sentimental value to almost anything to

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Open/Concealed carry is only authorized on NCBC Gulfport for law enforcement officers in the performance of official duties. There is a Personal Weapons Registration and Storage Procedure for individuals living on NCBC Gulfport.

Storage space for personal weapons is extremely limited and available only for persons living/transiting the installation. Recommend storage of personal firearms and weapons at off-base locations."

Thrift Store to close in July

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Thrift Store will be open through July 3 and then close the remainder of July and the first week of August. A grand reopening is being planned for Aug. 6. Although the Thrift Store will be closed during July, donations will still be accepted. Donors may call 228-871-2610 to arrange for pick up.



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



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week at the Training Hall. You have no excuses - the movies are FREE! 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!

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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

IM Flag Football League – August 20th
Sign Up July 16 – July 30

7 players Min
12 players Max
Active Duty only

MWR
Mission First... Sailors Always

Coach's Meeting – August 7 at 11:30 a.m. Gym Conference Room
For more information please contact Sam at 228-822-5109 or samuel.perkins2@navy.mil

MWR *Summertime Fun* **MWR**
Mission First... Sailors Always

8 Weeks of Family Fitness Classes
July 13th – August 31th

Fitness Center
Saturday Mornings

All age groups are welcome! Parents must participate with their children.
Join us for one or both!

Call 871-2668 for more information

Aquatic Cardio
1030-1115 In the Pool

Cardio Fun
1130-1215 In the Gymnasium

For more information on NCBC MWR, like us on Facebook!
Or, Text CBCFun, CBCMWR(Liberty) or CBCFitness to 30364 to be the first to know about upcoming events and specials!

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities

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.

BILOXI VA - The Biloxi Veterans Administration needs eight volunteers to escort residents with wheelchairs to an event on the property July 9. Contact Susan Smith, FFSC Gulfport, 228-871-3640 or susan.smith2@navy.mil to volunteer.

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.usovolunteer.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. If you have any questions please feel free to contact USO Gulf Coast's Program Manager, Nicole Lewis at nlewis@uso.org. We look forward to having you on our volunteer team!

NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers to work at the Thrift Store. Due to volunteer

shortages, the store will be closed during July. Those who are interested in volunteering in August are asked to 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.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING DURING A DISASTER? Volunteer Gulf Coast at United Way offers free training on how to assist with set up and operations for a Volunteer Response

Center. The next training will be July 10, 8:30 - 10 a.m. at the knight Nonprofit Center in Gulfport. RSVP to jhosey@unitedwaysm.org or visit unitedwaysm.org for details.

HELP SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS - Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled 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.**



GULF COAST USO

901 CBC 3rd St., Building 114, 228-575-5224

**Office hours:
Monday-Friday,
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

FREE Services: Fax - Send/Receive: 228-575-5225, Copies, Snacks and Drinks, United Through Reading Program, Computers with web cams Internet/Email Access, X-Box

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 nonperishable items as possible. Donation drop-off sites are located at the Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

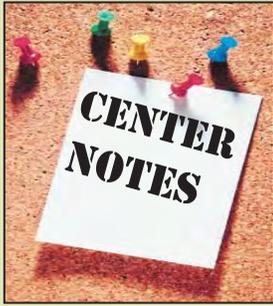
Praise and Worship

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

Spiritual growth



Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets from five states contributed to a jump in attendance at services at the Seabee Memorial Chapel, June 15. The cadets were holding drills on board NCBC to learn teamwork and unity. (Photo courtesy of Seabee Memorial Chapel/Released)



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/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 & 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.navywivesclubsofamerica.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 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 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., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeeemuseum-store.org or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available.

NMCB 133 volunteers strengthen ties at Special Olympics

By Lt.j.g. Jason Spotts

NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 participated in the Region III Special Olympics held on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, June 8.

Seven volunteers from the battalion's Air Detachment signed up to assist with sponsoring athletes; running the events like softball, soccer, and horse shoes; and performing tasks to help ensure the event ran smoothly.

To kick off the event, the athletes and some of the volunteers took part in the opening ceremony, which involved walking a portion of the track. NCBC Gulfport Commanding Officer Capt. Rick Burgess escorted the athletes during their entrance. The sponsors then met their athlete

and started a bond that grew throughout the day.

For Steelworker 1st Class Matthew Whisenhunt and his wife, Deann, this was their introduction to Tim Rafanello. The Whisenhunts spent the day escorting, conversing and cheering for Tim during three soccer events and horseshoes. Tim, who lives in his own apartment, spends his week working at Millcreek and once a week helps clean a local church in Picayune, Miss.

At one point during the day, the Whisenhunts were surprised when a voiced called out to them from beneath the soccer tent. Sara Johnson, another Special Olympics athlete, was sponsored by the Whisenhunts two years ago when NCBC first hosted the event.

Whisenhunt said, "The reunion filled our minds with great memo-

ries of NCBC's first hosted Special Olympic Games and warmed our hearts to know that the bond created had made a lasting effect." While they hadn't seen each other since the first event they have kept in touch through social media.

Other Seabee volunteers, Construction Electrician Constructionman Philip Wall and Utilities Constructionman Matthew Kicinski were instrumental in running the individual events.

Wall worked the softball event, explaining the rules of the event to the athletes. After he finished telling an athlete the rules, he would run to his post to retrieve softballs thrown by the athletes and throw them back so the athletes could show their abilities to field ground balls while providing encouragement and motivation the entire time.

Kicinski volunteered for the horseshoes event and ensured each athlete's score was recorded accurately and submitted for awards. Kicinski said he thoroughly enjoyed himself and was glad he signed up for the event.

Another volunteer, Construction Electrician 3rd Class Zachary Zehner ran water bottles to various event locations and when he heard the generator powering a large cooling fan had, he troubleshot the generator to get it running properly again.

As pizza arrived for lunch and the sun was out in full force, all the volunteers seized the opportunity to mingle with more athletes.

By the end of the event, many said they had been blessed by the experience and look forward to the next time the Games are hosted aboard the Center.



Construction Electrician Constructionman Philip Wall from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 congratulates an athlete after his performance in a softball competition at the Region III Special Olympics June 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt.j.g. Jason Spotts/Released)