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NMCB 133 BHS Competition



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 participate in an obstacle course during the 4th annual Black Hell Squad (BHS) Competition at the Fitness Center on board NCBC Gulfport, May 13. The obstacle course consisted of various activities, such as combat carrying techniques, and an ammo can carry. The BHS competition is named in honor of the Seabees of NMCB 133 who participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

Hagel announces fewer furlough days for DOD employees

By Nick Simeone and Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July, but that because of other efforts to deal with the shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary.

During a town hall meeting today at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per week, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14. Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardizing our formations, our readiness and training," he said.

In a memo to senior department leaders, Hagel said he had "very reluctantly" concluded that major budgetary shortfalls triggered by



Charles Timothy "Chuck" Hagel
Secretary of Defense

a \$37 billion cut in defense spending for fiscal year 2013 forced a decision he said he deeply regrets, and one that he acknowledged will disrupt lives and impact DOD operations.

However, he credited congressional passage of a defense appropriation bill in March in part for helping to reduce the number of days civilians would be temporarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to "knock that back" to an even lower number, the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," Hagel said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, [and] we'll continue to do everything we can."

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Legal: Adoption: How to navigate the process of adding to your family

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Adoption is a process that cuts all legal ties between the adopted child and the birth parent and transfers parental authority (e.g., making medical, educational, and welfare decisions for the child) to the adopting parent.

While child adoption is the most common, it is also possible to adopt an adult. Common reasons are for inheritance purposes, to formalize an existing parent/child relationship, or to provide perpetual care for an adult with a disability. Stepparent scenarios are unique. Unless a stepparent officially adopts a stepchild, both biological parents of that stepchild keep their parental authority. However, the stepchild is still eligible for DEERS enrollment if the stepparent is the active duty member. Adoption is different from guardianship or temporary legal custody because those actions are typically only temporary measures concerning a child's welfare, not permanent. Adoption is permanent – when a child is legally adopted, that child is treated like a natural child born to that family who can inherit real and personal property.

Whether adopting domestically or from a foreign country, there are two methods of adoption: Agency adoption or Direct Placement/Independent adoption. An agency adoption involves a prospective parent working with a public agency or licensed private agency who is tasked with ensuring that the prospective parents are well-matched to the child's background, capabilities, and needs. An independent adoption is

when the birth parent places the child into an unrelated home by either identifying an adoptive parent on their own or by using an attorney or adoption facilitator. An independent adoption cannot take place without termination of the birth parent's parental rights, either through the birth parent's voluntary consent or through a court's involuntary termination of the parent's rights. Independent adoptions also require full compliance with the law, meaning that it is crucial to seek legal counsel before trying to adopt a child via non-agency adoption. To illustrate how important it is to be aware of a state's lawful process for adoption, some state laws prohibit a hospital from releasing an infant to someone other than a natural parent; and other states make it a crime for the adopting parent to pay for any expenses associated with the direct placement of the child, including medical expenses and home care arrangements.

Each state has its own adoption laws and eligibility criteria that will dictate your options. Adoption across state lines means that you must comply with the laws in both states, though neighboring states often have compacts with each other regarding adoption. If you choose international adoption, each country has specific guidelines and requirements for prospective parents. That being said, the basic steps for adoption are:

Petition: Adoptive parents sign and file a petition for adoption either in the county where the child lives, where the adoption agency is located, or where the adoptive parents live.

Consent: If the adoption is by con-

sent, the birth parents must acknowledge their consent in writing. Some states require children over 12 years of age to consent to their adoption. Under certain circumstances, consenting parents have the ability to withdraw consent. If the adoption is based on abandonment, then a separate petition for termination of parental rights must be filed with the court.

Order of Reference and Home Study: An order of reference is filed and refers the case to a licensed private adoption agency or public agency to conduct a home study. Home studies typically include the background history of the adoptive parents and home situation, recent medical examinations, and other pertinent information.

Interlocutory Decree: After the home study is filed, the court issues an interlocutory decree temporarily giving the adoptive parents legal custody of the child. Before a final order is issued, there may be a second home study to assess the placement progress.

Final Order: The final order of adoption from the court makes the child legally one of the family. After the final order, the child's birth certificate is amended to list the adoptive parents as the birth parents.

Reimbursement: Active duty members of the Armed Forces who adopt a child under age 18 (including adoption of a stepchild) are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per child for "qualifying expenses." For multiple adoptions, the maximum reimbursable amount is \$5,000 per calendar year. If both adoptive parents are active duty, only one member is eligible for reimbursement.

To qualify, the adoption must be arranged through one of the following: a governmental agency with responsibility under state or local law for child placement; or a private adoption agency authorized by state or local law to place children for adoption.

Qualifying expenses include placement fees, legal fees, and medical expenses of the biological mother and child. To make a claim for reimbursement, the adoptive parent must submit DD Form 2675 to DFAS and also be able to show documentation of agency involvement, substantiation of expenses, and finalization of the adoption.

Claims for reimbursement must be submitted no later than one year following the date the adoption is finalized. See DODINST 1341.9 and OPNAVINST 1754.4 for further details on reimbursements for adoption expenses.

Service members who adopt a child in a qualifying adoption are also eligible to receive up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave of absence to be used in connection with the adoption. The absence must be taken within 12 months following the adoption and is granted under a commanding officer's discretion.

Adoption is a legal process that potentially involves state and international laws. Additionally, an adopting parent's age, marital status and years of being married, ethnicity and religion, and even income are all factors that may impact whether or not they can adopt.

Consult your local legal assistance office for guidance on where to start and what benefits you can take advantage of when planning to add a member to your family.

Volunteers needed at Biloxi National Cemetery

The Biloxi National Cemetery Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to place approximately 18,000 flags on the gravesides at Biloxi National Cemetery, 400 Veterans Ave., May 25 at 8 a.m. for the Memorial Day weekend. Military personnel do not need to be in uniform and family members are encouraged to participate. For more information, please call Liz Burchett at 228-871-2427 or 228-860-8678.





Buzz on the Street

By **CECN(SCW) Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

"What do you think about the Navy no longer requiring vehicle decals?"



"I think it's a good idea financially."

CE2(SCW) Mac Wilbourn
NMCB 21
Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.



"It's good because it saves time for all parties and decreases the chance of a military member being targeted."

Jennifer Schonwitz
Navy Exchange employee
Hometown: Long Beach, Miss.



"I think it's a great way to save money."

BU3(SCW) Brandon Wood
NMCB 1
Hometown: Hodgenville, Ky.

Around the Center



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Logistics Specialist Seamen Michael Torkelson, left, and Heath Jones, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, inventory Special Containers for Military Transportation that store Table of Allowance (TOA) materials and construction equipment at Warehouse 18 on board NCBC Gulfport, May 10. Since its inception during World War II, Naval Construction Force (NCF) personnel have mobilized and shipped organizational construction equipment, materials, and supplies to support active and reserve units. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



Mike Green, operations manager/supervisor for Advanced Disposal, gave a presentation on garbage disposal and recycling, and demonstrated the placement of a garbage bin to four and five-year-olds enrolled at the Child Development Center (CDC) on board NCBC Gulfport, May 14. Green taught the children about the impact garbage has on the Earth, and to remember the "Three Rs" - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty and Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda Moise/Released)

Equipment Operator 2nd Class Nadia Norris-Mitchell, student of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Equipment Operator "C" School, surveys the elevation of a berm being constructed at the NCTC Dozer Field with a transit level, while using a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) dump truck to gain the required height on board NCBC Gulfport, May 9. A transit level is invaluable for excavation and foundation work as means of measuring or surveying a location, and finding the elevation and degree of inclination of objects, such as buildings, trees and fences relative to the placement of the transit. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



NCBC FRAMES

FREEZE FRAME

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NCBC Public Affairs



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

MAS: Receiving a full acquittal at a General Court-Martial for a client facing life in the brig. When I was initially detailed as lead counsel I was concerned about our chances for a positive outcome, however I made every effort to zealously represent my client and ensure he received full due process. After eight long months of traveling to visit my client and the alleged crime scene, interviewing numerous witnesses and experts, filing a record number of motions, countless hours of preparation, and proceeding through a full members trial, there was nothing like hearing the members return a verdict of not guilty to all charges.

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

MAS: I became interested in the JAGC during my third year of law school after I learned of the unique opportunity I had to use my law degree to serve those who serve in our Navy. Not only do I have an exciting and rewarding job, but I am proud of what I do and am honored to have this position.

FF: What advice would you give to future Sailors?

MAS: Stay motivated. You will never regret putting forth your best effort – no matter what the actual outcome is, at the very least you will have the satisfaction of knowing you did not sell yourself

or your team short.

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

MAS: My favorite part about being stationed with the Seabees is getting to support the members of the Navy who put boots on ground to build and fight. The humanitarian projects and assistance offered by the Seabees around the United States and the world are extremely admirable and impressive. I have also found that Seabees are always ready and happy to lend a helping hand to others.

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

MAS: While I was assigned in a defense

billet, Lt. Laura Bateman was my most influential mentor. One of the most locked on trial attorneys I have met, she crossed over to the Navy from being a senior Captain Marine Judge Advocate and collaborated on several cases with me. She emphasized the importance of working as a team, always offering to help a shipmate who needs it, and never giving up the fight until the job is done. Since transferring to RLSO SE, Lt. Cmdr. Bill Lucier has been my mentor especially in regards to JAGC career progression and integrating me into the base. I credit him with providing exceptional guidance for my military and JAGC professional development that will benefit me for the rest of my career.

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Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on NCBC Water Quality . . .

Important information about the quality of your drinking water is available in the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) at:

<http://www.slideshare.net/SeabeeCenterGulfport/ncbc-gulfport-2012-consumer-confidence-report-crcr>

Although a copy of the CCR will not be delivered to you, you may obtain a hard copy from NCBC Gulfport's Environmental Office located in building 322, room 103 or by emailing a request for a copy to kenton.lottinger@navy.mil. PWD Environmental encourages all customers with concerns or questions to contact them directly at 228-871-2373.

YARD SALE

**NCBC Base-wide Housing
Yard Sale**

May 18, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Housing residents can place sale items on their front yard. Please place all signs advertising sale in front yards.

NCIS Gpt signs MOU for first Mississippi Cyber Crime Task Force

By MCC(SCW/SW/AW)
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NCBC Public Affairs

Law enforcement officials from several agencies along the Gulf Coast met at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Gulfport building on board NCBC Gulfport to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, creating a Gulf Coast Cyber Crime Task Force (GCCCTF), May 1.

According to Brian Swords, NCIS Gulfport supervisory special agent, the GCCCTF evolved from the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and has been in the works since 2010.

"This [GCCCTF] task force has taken that [ICAC] up another notch and we're utilizing our resources to do cyber forensics, Internet investigations, not just involving child pornography," said Swords.

That's [ICAC] where the seed was planted, and it says 'why don't we work collectively instead of individually?'" added Donnie Dobson, Biloxi Police Department detective sergeant and task force coordinator.

As the first of its kind in Mississippi, the task force will allow law enforcement personnel to pool resources to more effectively combat cyber crimes using a multi-jurisdictional, three-prong approach of investigations, forensics and training.

Dobson said the officers present were fortunate to be a part of what he sees will be common to future law enforcement agencies in the age of information.

"This is something you guys can be proud of. You are at the very bottom of what you are going to see 20 years from now is going to be common every day, in every department just like you see narcotics task forces and stuff like that," said Dobson.

Pooling resources between the agencies will not only increase the manpower for each agency and allow easier access to officers with specialized training in cyber crimes, it will also save each agency money.

"Due to the expertise required or equipment required is cost prohibitive to a lot of



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agencies. Through the pooling of resources, we've been able to save each affiliate agency thousands of dollars that it would have cost them otherwise."

Swords said that the task force team was fortunate to be able to take advantage of the

NCIS spaces available on the Seabee base.

"We're lucky to have this opportunity, because it really helps all of us out, and this space that we were provided by Capt. Burgess is what really gave us the push to have these agencies come here

today and choose this site to help us build this task force for the first time."

Swords and Dobson advise anyone having information about cyber crimes being committed to contact their local law enforcement to make a report.

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Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions. "We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to protect life and property," he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5.

In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect as many as 22 furlough days dur-

ing the current fiscal year, part of departmentwide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration. In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo today, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early. "That is a decision I will make later in the year," he added.

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Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 participate in a Field Exercise (FEX) in which the battalion is evaluated in various areas of readiness prior to a deployment cycle. NMCB 11 is a Seabee battalion specializing in contingency construction, disaster response, and humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael / Released)

NMCB 11 takes to the field for training at Camp Shelby

By MC1(AW) Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 deployed to Camp Shelby last week to begin its evaluated field exercise (FEX).

FEX consists of scenario based training and assessment to certify the battalion as the "ready battalion." Seabees will demonstrate knowledge and skills by satisfactorily completing pre-defined tasks, and appropriately reacting to drills facilitated by Naval Construction Group

(NCG) 2.

The battalion must build up their self-contained operations at Camp Shelby with everything from command posts and a combat operations center to a galley, and shower facilities. Operations run 24 hours per day including fighting positions and watch-stations.

"We are performing very well, said Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer of NMCB11. Our evaluators are providing a lot of great constructive criticism and input on how we can be

better, and every single day I see us making those improvements. Even with the rain we've had over the last couple of days, our Seabees have maintained high readiness and a high level of motivation. I'm very proud of what they're doing,"

One unique aspect of this FEX is the multi-layered command and control that Aguayo is exercising. This three tiered approach adds an additional layer of complexity to command and control and to communications up and down the chain, and it

better resembles the way battalions operate when deployed to various locations throughout the world, according to Aguayo.

Because battalion personnel are comprised of various levels of experience, newer Seabees will rely on the more experienced for help.

One of a number of Seabees who will be experiencing their first FEX is Builder Constructionman Amira A. Ramelize. "Being at the ECP (Entry Control Point) and making decisions has been the hardest part so far, but it's

fun," said the Brooklyn, N.Y. native.

The length of FEX depends on how well the battalion performs. Any evolutions that produce unsatisfactory results must be repeated. Once NCG-2 is confident that NMCB 11 has demonstrated the required proficiency in all areas of evaluation the exercise will end, and NMCB 11 can return to Gulfport.

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A Smooth Moves class will be held at Fleet and Family



Support Center (FFSC) May 21, 10 a.m. - noon. This class is for anyone undergoing a PCS move in the next few months. Call FFSC at 228-871-3000 to enroll.

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ARMED FORCES DAY

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Health Watch: New plan for scheduling appointments at NBHC Gulfport

By Lt.Cmdr. Stephen Thate
NBHC Gulfport

Naval Health Branch Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport has increased its capabilities and added several easy-to-access options for scheduling appointments

Enrollment in Relayhealth.com via your Primary Care Provider provides direct interactions with your doctor and appointment booking via email. NBHC has also recently changed their appointment line number to 228-871-4033 and is open weekdays from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The After Hour's appointment line is 1-877-879-1621. Active duty and family members can book an appointment

with their Medical Home Port provider 24 hours/7 days a week.

If you are currently active duty assigned to a battalion you will need to contact Fleet Center Medical Home at 228-822-5409.

Active duty service members who wish to schedule a dental appointment should call 228-871-2605.

As always, if you are on base, feel free to stop by and see our friendly front desk staff who will be happy to assist you in scheduling an appointment.

These are just a few ways NBHC Gulfport is working to provide the best patient centered care possible!

NEX expands price match policy to now include major online retailers

By Kristine M. Sturkie
NEXCOM Public Affairs

The NEX is committed to offering its customers low prices every day. As part of that pledge, the NEX has made a big change to its Price Match Policy. The NEX will now match prices to Walmart.com, Target.com, Amazon.com, BestBuy.com, Sears.com, ToysRUs.com and

BabiesRUs.com.

"We expanded our Price Match Policy to be more responsive to our customers," said Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi (Ret), Chief Executive Officer, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "More people are shopping online for their purchases and we want to assure them that they can get the same price at their NEX, so we are now matching major online retailers."

The qualifying competitive online price may be presented on a mobile device such as a tablet computer or smartphone. If the price difference is \$10 or less,

the price will be matched on the spot. No proof is required. If the lower price on one of the online sites listed above is more than \$10, the price may be verified by a NEX associate or supervisor.

As before, the NEX will continue to match the regular, everyday shelf price or advertised price in a local competitor's current advertisement. Customers should present the advertised price in the form of a printed advertisement or displayed on a mobile marketing device such as a tablet computer or smartphone.

The NEX also has a 14 day

price guarantee, so if you find the identical item for less at the NEX within 14 days of the original purchase we will match the lower price. The same 14 day price guarantee applies to a local competitor's advertisement or at a qualifying online retailer; the NEX will match the price.

Items already on layaway also qualify for a price reduction due to a competitor's lower price or the NEX 14-day price guarantee.

"This new and improved price match policy is the best in the retail business," said Tess Paquette, Senior Vice President, Chief Merchandising Officer,

NEXCOM. "The NEX is the only retailer to match everyday shelf prices and major online retailers as well as offer the 14-day price guarantee. We want our customers to know they will find the products they need at the best possible price when they shop our stores. We are excited to offer this new policy which will help ensure that they do."

For details and more information about the price matching policy and all NEX policies, log onto www.mynavyexchange.com/command/customer_service/price_match.html or stop in and speak with a NEX associate.

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Military Spouse Contributor

The dog days . . .



In the fragile darkness of morning, birds chirp outside our bedroom window, heralding the start of another day. I hear my husband snort, scratch, then hit a couple of buttons on his bedside clock to ward off the inevitable alarm bells.

My sports swatch emits a beep, but I slap my wrist to make it stop and curl onto my side, snuggling into my pillow. Just ten more minutes.

From under the foot of our bed, comes an elongated yawn, beginning deep and low, and finishing with a high-pitched squeal and a few jaw-smacking clucks. It's Dinghy, our aging Labradoodle, whose 110-pound body clock is now considerably working in tandem with ours.

A bit of a late bloomer, Dinghy took his sweet time maturing, despite the fact that everyone told us that "dogs take two years to settle down." We picked him out of a litter of fat pups on a farm in rural North Carolina in 2006, and named him Dinghy – an homage to our life as a Navy family. Although a bit naughty – stealing socks, sampling toilet water, and turning the backyard into Swiss cheese – Dinghy became our constant companion, comforting and entertaining us through deployments and PCSes.

Now, in his eighth year, Dinghy is technically as old as my hus-

band and me, and we're all showing our age. Like us, Dinghy no longer faces each day with unbridled enthusiasm and spontaneity, but instead, thrives on routine. As we drag our weary bones out of bed and to the bathroom to wash and brush, Dinghy begins each day with his own morning self-cleaning ritual.

As a male dog, he starts with the unmentionable area that males find most important. After spending what seems to be an inordinate amount of time licking that general location, he comically turns himself into a pretzel



in order to scratch inside his ears with his long awkward hind feet. Inevitably, he misses the first few times, haphazardly wapping his neck and the back of his head, until he finally finds that sweet spot under his floppy ear. Without looking, we know he's found it when we hear him grumble deeply as if to say, "Oh yea, that's the ticket."

Once done scratching, he cleans his paws in preparation for what is arguably one of the cutest things you'll ever see. Alternating each enormous front foot, Dinghy wipes his own face over and over, then with paws daintily crossed, he licks them one last time.

Despite this elaborate cleaning ritual, Dinghy faces each day looking like a dirty bathroom rug, with shaggy legs and a perpetually dripping, foul-smelling beard.

Once downstairs, we pour coffee, as Dinghy slurps water from

his nearby dish, waiting for the subtle signals that we're ready to take him on a walk: putting on our shoes, filling a travel mug with coffee, grabbing his leash from the hook in the garage.

For that moment, he turns into an adolescent again, excited to experience the sights, sounds and flavors outside. Every morning, he marks the same trees, nibbles the same grass patches, and makes his daily deposit conveniently close to the neighborhood pet waste bin.

Once home, Dinghy takes inventory of the family, and then eats his breakfast. Between chomps, he slurps water, then lopes out of the laundry room to make sure we're all still there. By the time he's done, there's a path of slimy drips and kibble shards trailing out of the laundry room.

Belly full, he licks his chops and belches, before finding a suitable spot to sleep the remainder of the day. Usually, he prefers to climb slowly onto the couch in the den and circle around for what seems like forever before lowering his body in one slow, groaning plop.

Other than a brief frisky period when the kids get home from school, Dinghy's middle aged eat-walk-sleep routine continues late into the evening, when he follows us back upstairs for the night.

As my husband and I nestle into the well-worn spots in our bed, Dinghy plops down with one final groan as if to say, "Whew, these dogs'r barkin'." As a Navy family still on the move after more than 20 years, we couldn't have said it better ourselves.

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

'The Professionals' of NMCB 5



OKINAWA, Japan - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 Seabees begin placing the expanded polystyrene walls together on an alternative building structure being built on Camp Marvin G. Shields. The structure is made out of expanded polystyrene blocks and a layer of a concrete mix. Expanded polystyrene is a similar material to white foam coolers except it is thicker and fire resistant. After the concrete mix is applied to the interior and exterior of the building, it is rated as being able to withstand hurricane winds and earthquakes. The structure was built in five days, while Seabees train in preparation for NMCB 5 construction projects in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand. NMCB 5 is currently supporting Navy and joint forces throughout the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John P. Curtis/Released)



NCBC Safety Note

Collision avoidance . . . If you get into a collision it could turn into a massive pile-up. Don't stand on the road and try to warn approaching traffic. Some drivers will be going too fast for the conditions (which could lead to a multi-car collision) and you might get hit. Get off the road, and that means WAY OFF!

Focus on Education

Academic achievement



Construction Electrician 3rd Class ShaQween Holman is presented with her Associate of Arts degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College by Alrie' Poillion, MGCCC representative during an impromptu ceremony May 10, at the Navy College Office on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. Holman is assigned to Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Kim Guillemette/Released)

Information-NOW - iNOW

Harrison County School District recently changed to a new student information system called InformationNow (INOW). The district is now accepting applications from parents and guardians for online accounts that will allow them access to their children's attendance, grades, discipline, etc. To access the application, visit the district website at: <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us/> Once the form opens, print the form, fill it out completely according to the directions on the form, sign it and return the form to any school in the district with any one of your children. Once the signed form is approved by the school district, within a few days you will receive a welcome email with your login name, password and directions for accessing the INOW website.

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

Five Love Languages encore . . . Due to an overwhelming demand, the Five Love Languages workshop is being offered June 5, 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the NCBC Chapel Fellowship Hall. Free child care and dinner will be provided. Call Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg at 228-871-4906 to sign up.

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.



Bee Wash

June 5 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nominate your washer:
Call 228-871-2610



Funds go toward the AD Fund Drive



LEARN TO SWIM

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

2013 Summer Swim Lessons

*Sign-up one week prior to each session
*Each session consist of (4) - 45 minute lessons
Mon-Thur... make-up on Fri if weather permits

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| *5:00 p.m. Level 1 | *5:00 p.m. Level 2 | |
| May 20 - 24 | June 3 - 7 | June 17 - 21 |
| July 8 - 12 | July 22 - 26 | Aug 5 - 9 |

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

For more information please contact CDC Aquatics Center at 228-822-5903/5904.

The Grill

Does the warmer weather make you want to get out of the office? Well, call in a "To Go" order from The Grill and swing right around the corner to Seabee Lake. De-stress and enjoy the pleasant scenery while you dine at one of the picnic areas. The Grill is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and offers a lunch delivery option too from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Need an office menu? Let us know. Call 228-871-2494.

FREE Movies at the Training Hall are Back!

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

Friday: *Identity Theft*, R, 6 p.m.; **Saturday:** *Escape From Planet Earth*, PG, 11 a.m., *The Impossible*, PG13, 1:15 p.m.; *Broken City*, R, 4 p.m.; **Sunday:** *Escape From Planet Earth*, PG, 2 p.m., *Side Effects*, R, 4:15 p.m.

LIBERTY'S BARRACKS BASH 2013

FRIDAY, MAY 17 6-8 PM

NCTC Barracks (Bldg. 460)

OVER \$1,000 IN PRIZES!

Enjoy **FREE** food, games and music. Engage fellow Seabees in friendly competition and increase your chances of winning an iPad, Samsung Tablet or Beats headphones!

Sponsored by: **USAA** **Sprint** **NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union**

This is a non-alcoholic event and is only open to single sailors and geo-bachelors. For more info, call the Liberty Center at 228-871-4684 or visit us on Facebook at NCBC Liberty.

For MWR program information contact:

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| 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 |

NCBC Helping Hands volunteer opportunities

Biloxi National Cemetery
The Biloxi National Cemetery Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to place approximately 18,000 flags on the gravesides at Biloxi National Cemetery, 400 Veterans Ave., May 25 at 8 a.m. for the Memorial Day weekend. Military personnel do not need to be in uniform and family members are encouraged to participate. For more information, please call Liz Burchett at 228-871-

2427 or 228-860-8678.
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!

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.
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.

LADD . . . Leaders Against Drunk Driving



LADD is a program sponsored by the NCBC/20th First Class Association. The mission of LADD is to prevent drunk driving on board NCBC Gulfport by providing rides for any service member who needs assistance getting home after an outing that involves alcohol.
~ LADD is strictly confidential. NO REPRISAL!
~ LADD will take individual home only, no stops.

~ Volunteers who stand the watch are on call 24/7.
~ It is always important to have a plan in place when going out in town, but if your plans fall through, please call LADD and we will pick you up!

100 percent confidential, Zero reprisal! Call 228-239-9007

Seabee Memorial Chapel



NCBC 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.

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

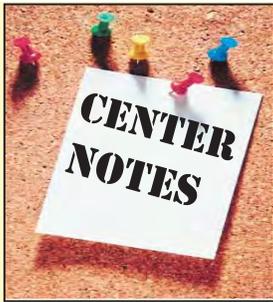
Women's Bible Study is held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Free child care is available. For more information on all offerings that are available, contact the chapel at 228-871-2454.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline:

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

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"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 Sneed 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 recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member, go to <http://nmc62alumni.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.seabeeuseum-store.org or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information on all that is available.

Open to all Eligible patrons

SWIM CLUB 2013

MAY – JULY

Monday – Thursday 11:00-1:00

Workouts of the Day (WOD) for beginners and advanced swimmers will be posted and/or e-mailed to all interested patrons

Please e-mail MWR Aquatics Coordinator Alex McCollum @ richard.mccollum@navy.mil to be enrolled on the e-mail list

NCBC 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.,
Saturday, Sunday and
Holidays

28th Street:
5 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday and
5 - 7 p.m., Outbound Only