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Greatest Generation heads out on final MS Gulf Coast Honor Flight



A World War II veteran is escorted by Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Michael Alvey of Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 during pre-flight preparations for the MS Gulf Coast Honor Flight 7. More than 60 Seabees and Sailors attached to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport assisted 70 World War II veterans as they departed for the 7th and final Honor Flight at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, Nov. 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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Commander, Navy Region Southeast stresses the importance of CFC

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs Specialist

Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Rick Williamson praised the 2013 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) keypersons and stressed the importance of 100 percent contact of all federal employees Nov. 4. The CFC is currently underway through Jan. 15, 2014, for all federal agencies worldwide to donate to qualifying charitable organizations.

"This year has been a little bit of a challenge with furloughs and sequestration. We took a brief pause with the campaign but are now back on track and I have a lot of faith in the generosity of our military and civilian employees," said Williamson.

"Many people say, 'when times are hard, expect to have a bad campaign,' but I've been in the Navy for 28 years and although we've seen some issues arise, we've never had a bad campaign," he added. "My hope is that the trend continues and our military and civilian members are given the opportunity to contribute in this worthwhile campaign."

In order for a command or agency to conduct a successful fund drive, they must have proactive keypersons who volunteer to coordinate the campaign.

"The keypersons have



a big job and I greatly appreciate them stepping up and volunteering. They conduct 100 percent contact of the members of the commands, coordinate fundraising events, collect money or allotment slips and keep track of donations. They do all of it out of the kindness of their hearts and I'm very appreciative of them," said Williamson.

Although there are no specific dollar amount goals set, there is a 100 percent contact goal for all keypersons.

"When you visit the different bases and you see the CFC thermometers up, you see the generosity of the people. The key is communication – getting the word out to ensure people understand what the CFC is all about and how the program works," Williamson stated.

With literally hundreds of organizations available to donate to, federal employees who don't have a specific choice can review descriptions of agencies in the CFC program guide, including the percentage of donated funds that go to

You're invited . . . Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport will hold a Command Picnic Nov. 8, at Seabee Lake, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Families are welcome! Give-a-ways, pie in the face auction, fun and food! Hosted by the First Class Petty Officer Association.



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Hear, See, Speak Out Against Sexual Assault

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By MC2 Dustin W. Sisco
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Little can deter the power of military-grade teamwork. However, a consistent affront arises and inexorably destroys the solidarity and camaraderie so many Sailors work hard to build.

The problem is sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Since July 25, Navy.mil and Marines.mil began publishing the results of Special and General Courts-Martial, including sexual assault cases in an effort to increase the transparency of the department's criminal proceedings.

"Sailors need to be made aware that Sailors take care of Sailors," said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez. "We count on each other to save our ship, our shipmates, and ourselves. Sailors who hurt other Sailors violate our Core Values and there is no room in the U.S. Navy for those Sailors."

A recent technological development that Sailors can take advantage of to mitigate a potentially risky situation is to download and use a free smartphone application called "Circle of 6."

This app, which was initially developed for college students to provide an extra line of defense from violence, sexual assault and otherwise potential unsafe or uncomfortable situations, allows users to quickly send a distress text message to six people assigned to their "circle of six" - a group of six friends who can be trusted during an emergency.

According to Ramirez, it is absolutely not okay to turn a blind eye to the problem of sexual assault. "As I get out to the Fleet and see what is acceptable in our society I see a thin line out there of what acceptable behavior is. The way men treat women is something we need to discuss. There are people out there who look for the drunkest one. This behavior is not consistent with our Core Values and is what gets a lot of Sailors in trouble."

DON Sexual Assault

Survey - The 2013 DON-Wide Sexual Assault Survey is available for all service members survey through Jan. 6, 2014. The survey is short and completely anonymous, and it can be accessed from any web-enabled computer, tablet or Smartphone at www.donsapro.navy.mil/donsas.html. The password for all military participants is 2013Survey.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Anthony Mehning echoed Ramirez' sentiments toward the prevention of sexual assault.

"There are a few things you can do to prevent an incident, which basically comes down to doing what's right when the circumstances arrive," Mehning said. "Using the buddy system and looking out for signs of someone being a predator toward one of your shipmates are effective ways to stop something from happening."

Lt. j.g. Kelly Agha, training of-

icer and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) coordinator onboard the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97), talked about the importance of looking out for shipmates.

"You've got to put others before yourself," said Agha. "If you see something happening - even if you're drinking underage - it is your obligation to stand up for that Sailor."

The Navy takes the consequences of perpetrators quite seriously, stressing how sexual harassment and assault will not be tolerated.

"The bottom line - once a report has been substantiated the offending Sailor is caught and will be prosecuted, disciplined, and separated from the U.S. Navy," Ramirez said. "On the opposite side the victim seeks counseling and may be transferred from their command. This affects Sailors, commands, and families."

The fleet-wide SAPR training teaches Sailors the effective ways they can report sexual assault incidents.

"Once an incident is made known to the command the victim elects the process in which the report is made - restricted or unrestricted," Ramirez said. "The question - 'is this working?' - I would say yes, without a doubt - Sailors trust their leadership to do the right thing and reports of past incidents are being addressed. The fact that leaders make this a readiness issue makes it a priority coupled with the fact that

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

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Buzz on the Street

By CECN(SCW) Lucinda Moise, NCBC Public Affairs

“What are your plans for Veterans Day?”



“Going fishing.”
SW2 Dusten Skabialka
 NCG2
 Hometown: Wiggins, Miss.



“Duty standing.”
EO2 Kareshia Stallworth
 NCG2
 Hometown: Lancaster, S.C.



“Cooking out.”
EO2 Brock Bralich
 NCG2
 Hometown: Greenville, Pa.



Children enrolled at the NCBC Child Development Center (CDC) participated in the CDC’s annual Halloween Character Parade on board NCBC Gulfport, Oct. 31. Parents and personnel attached to the base gave out candy and other treats to the little ones. Some of the children also visited the Navy Exchange (NEX) where employees handed out more treats. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

Steelworker (SW) A School students in class 13140 cut plate steel at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) on board NCBC, Oct. 29. Near the end of training, the students cut down the steel in preparation for the next class to use during their training. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Construction Mechanic Constructionmen Brad Owen and William Freeman, assigned to Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2, perform an oil change on a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle during a Planned Maintenance System (PMS) check in the N436 Maintenance Shop on board NCBC Gulfport, Nov. 1. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



Final Flight for Greatest Generation

By Rob Mims
NCBC Public Affairs Officer

They have been described as the greatest generation. They never asked to be heroes. They never asked for recognition of any kind. They did what was asked of them to protect our country from the tyranny that was sweeping the world. They boarded ships headed for countries they had only seen on maps. Some boarded planes not knowing if they would ever return. Hundreds of thousands never did. But the group I had the privilege of being with Nov. 5 were the lucky ones who did return and they surely were special. The 70 World War II veterans were the last participants of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Honor Flight program. The final Honor Flight for the state.

The day started with excited veterans being greeted by dozens of Navy Seabees, pairing with their guardians, donning a special souvenir shirt, a World War II ball cap and boarding a chartered flight destined for the nation's capital. The two-hour flight allowed the vets to rest a little before a long day of sightseeing.

Upon landing they were greeted with the first of two water cannon salutes they would receive and a crowd of people inside the terminal cheering them on. To say they were taken aback would be an understatement. Many got teary eyed as they made their way to four chartered buses. Many strangers throughout the terminal stopped the veterans just to shake their hands and say "Thank You." The humble vets appreciated everyone; however, they were anxious to see the memorial built in their honor.

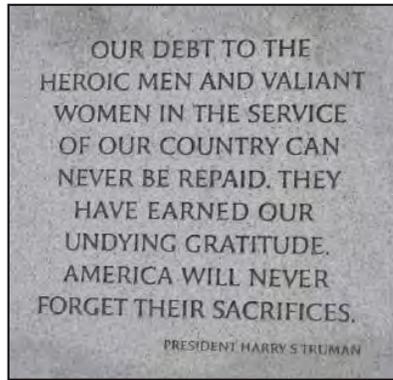
A police escort the entire day made easy work of DC traffic as the busses rolled toward the World War II Memorial. Veterans were greeted by a crowd of well-wishers and Congressional Representatives upon their arrival to the beautiful centerpiece of the Washington Mall. After a brief welcome, a bagpiper led the group to the granite wall designated for veterans from Mississippi where they paused for a moment to lay a wreath in honor of their fallen comrades in arms.

We visited Air Force, Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean memorials wrapping up the day with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After witnessing the Changing of the Guard Ceremony, four Veterans laid a wreath and rendered the proper respects as Taps echoed throughout the hallowed grounds.

Just as the veterans thought the day couldn't get any better, on the flight back to Gulfport, they had "Mail Call" for the first time in decades. Letters from school children, active duty service members and many others brought broad smiles and tears. And finally upon landing, the plane full of hero's was greeted with full honors by service members in full dress uniforms. As the veterans departed the plane and headed through the Gulfport Terminal, hundreds of people gave them all a perfect hero's welcome compete with color guard, bands, flags, signs, shouts of praise and plenty of tears.

Over the course of what proved to be a long, yet extremely fulfilling day, many took time to reflect, take pictures and share stories. The latter may be the whole point; sharing their stories and experiences with other who have been there, done that, worn the same combat boots, flew the same missions, built the same runways, rode the same deadly waves while getting ready to storm the same beach, and lost the same friends. Even those with the onset of mild dementia remembered events long since forgotten.

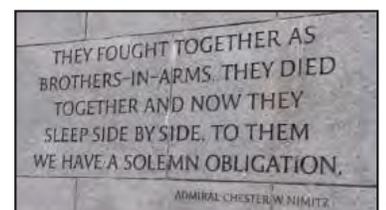
All the veterans here somehow survived. Survived to demonstrate pure selflessness. Survived to speak for the fallen. Survived to take one final flight to personally witness how much their nation appreciates the sacrifices they, and their brothers and sisters in arms, have made for us all.



Top right: Roscoe Malone places a wreath at the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

Middle: Former Seabee, Uriah Payne, who joined the Navy at 15 years old, renders proper respects after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.

Left: Honor Flight Veterans read mail they received during "Mail Call" on the flight back to Gulfport. (U.S. Navy photos by Rob Mims/Released)



Gulfport welcomes home the final MS Gulf Coast Honor Flight

By UTCN Alicia Fluty
NCBC Public Affairs

More than 200 Seabees and Sailors attached to NCBC Gulfport welcomed home 70 World War II Veterans at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport as they returned from the last Miss. Gulf Coast Honor Flight, Nov. 5. During a day trip to Washington, D.C., the veterans visited war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

After Honor Flight's inception in 2005 by Retired Air Force Capt. Earl Morse, Mississippi Gulf Coast Honor Flight had its start in November 2010 by a small group of dedicated volunteers who wanted Mississippi World War II veterans get to see their memorial. Mississippi Gulf Coast Honor Flight is one of more than 100 Honor Flight Network "hubs" across the United States. It is the first, and presently the only, Honor Flight Hub in Mississippi.

One of several guest speakers for the event was NCBC Gulfport Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Odenthal, who spoke about the importance of World War II veterans to him, as well as their outstanding contribution to the American way of life.

"They shaped our history, they secured our freedom and they built the strong example on the traditions that those of us who wear the uniform today strive to be like, and to stand up to the standards and reputation that they have built for this country," said Odenthal. "I would not be here today if it wasn't for the example of the World War II veterans. They are the ones who convinced me this is what I wanted to do with my life."

Military members from every branch of service, along with hundreds of Gulf Coast residents, high school Recruit Officer Training Candidate (ROTC) students, patriotic motorcycle riders clubs, and other clubs and organizations came out to welcome the veterans home. One group in attendance was the WINGS Performing Arts group who has given patriotic performances and sang service songs to the returning veterans during all seven Honor Flights. WINGS Performing Arts Director, Tonya Hays, said she feels it is important that this generation understand the importance of what the "Greatest Generation" has done for the country, and feels that her students get an understanding of that through participation in the Honor Flight.

"I have a huge appreciation for the Greatest Generation, which is the World War II genera-



Military member, community leaders and families welcome home World War II veterans with a handshake, applause and fanfare as they return from the seventh and final Miss. Gulf Coast Honor Flight at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, Nov. 5. Since its inception locally, Gulf Coast Honor Flight has sent 592 veterans to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

tion, and the Honor Flight . . . I really believe what Honor Flight is doing in honoring the Greatest Generation," said Sarah Grammar, a Senior Shooting Star WINGS Performing Arts member and Biloxi High School Student. "It makes me very optimistic to see so many people in the crowd, and so many people responsive to what we're doing, welcoming the veterans home in a proper way."

In honor of the World War II veterans, military members lined the arrival area, proudly displaying the national flag, and gave a proper salute as the veteran's plane arrived. Once inside the airport the veterans were greeted with applause and fanfare by hundreds of military members, community leaders and families, many who said they were more than happy to be out to applaud and escort the heroes upon their arrival.

"It was a very humbling experience to actually have a World War II veteran shake my hand and tell me thank you for your service and the job that you are doing, and I honestly should be the one thanking these guys for doing what they did," said Yeoman 1st Class

Octavia Bridgeforth, assigned to NCBC Gulfport. "They came before me. They paved the way for the future military service member to be able to do what we are doing today."

"Their facial expressions told me that they were happy, some with tears in their eyes, others with their hands raised like a successful boxer who just won a round," said Yeoman 2nd Class Cody Macomber, assigned to NCBC Gulfport. "You can tell that it meant a lot to them seeing the community participation."

According to Gulf Coast Honor Flight Military Liaison, David Comstock, The Mississippi Honor Flight Board decided this will be their last flight for the Gulf Coast. The sixth flight in October was scheduled to be the final flight, but when they filled the plane to capacity 40 applications were left over for Veterans who wanted to go, so Honor Flight VII, the encore flight, was born.

"We want the Veterans to know without a doubt how much they are appreciated for what they have given us," said Comstock. "Our goal was to send 500 veterans to D.C. and we have exceeded that goal by sending 592."

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

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Veterans Day celebrations and special offers on the Gulf Coast

Parades and Celebrations

Long Beach Middle School Veterans Day Program, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. All military and veterans are invited.

2013 Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 9, 11 a.m., Downtown Biloxi. Featuring marching units, bands, the 'Bee float and much more! Details at www.msveteransparade.com

NCBC Commissary Cake Cutting Ceremony, Nov. 9, 8:15 a.m. The Commissary will hold a cake cutting ceremony in honor of all veterans, particularly those who served during the Vietnam War. In addition to Veterans Day commemorative events in commissaries worldwide, customers will also find special discounts on name-brand items.

3rd Annual Long Beach Veterans Day Parade and Celebration, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. Parade forms at War Memorial Park and continues to Long Beach Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue. Parade is followed by music and entertainment at the Town Green.

Pass Christian High School is extending an invitation to veterans, Nov. 11 and 12. On Monday night, from 5 -7 p.m., Pirate Palooza will take place. This event includes a chili-cook off, a silent auction, and a talent show during which a student-created documentary documenting some local Veter-

ans will be presented. On Tuesday night, the school plays host during its 18th Annual Round Robin Basketball Tournament. This tournament will begin at 4 p.m. and continue through the end of the last game which begins at 8:30 p.m. During both of these events, veterans will be honored.

Dedication of 12 Palms, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Biloxi Businessman's Park on Bayview Avenue on Back Bay. A memorial dedicated to honor 12 Biloxian's who died in World War I.

Restaurant and service discounts

Applebee's - All veterans and active-duty military eat free from a limited menu on Veterans Day.

Boomtown Casino Buffet, Biloxi - 20 percent military and EMS personnel discount with identification and players club card.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit, D'Iberville - 15 percent military discount (includes retirees, dependents and DOD civilians).

Golden Corral - Military Appreciation Monday includes a free dinner, Nov. 11, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for military retirees, veterans, and current service members. Frigo Orthodontics, Gulfport, 228-896-6977. \$500 off Invisalign or Braces treatment. (Must schedule appointment by Nov. 30 with offer code:

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FigoMilitaryNov) Gulfport Premium Outlets - Free VIP coupon book with military ID. Select stores have additional discounts

Health Fit M.D. - Offer of 10 percent off all products and services to military, spouses and retirees.

Hooters - Veterans and service members get 10 free wings with the purchase of a drink.

Juan Tequila's Mexican Grill - 25 percent military discount to anyone in uniform or with valid military ID, 7 days a week.

Krispy Kreme -- A free donut is available for all service members, retirees and Veterans.

Little Caesars - Free Crazy Bread for veterans and active military members proof of military

status or proof of service at participating stores nationwide.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants - offering a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space-available basis. Online reservations are highly recommended.

Olive Garden - Free entrée (2013). Offer good for veterans and active duty military, November 11th during regular business hours. Choose from a special menu; all entrées include freshly baked garlic sticks and choice of soup or salad. Offer good in U.S. and Canada, proof of service required.

Outback Steakhouse - Outback will offer veterans and military a free Bloomin' Onion and

beverage the week leading up to Veterans Day. **Sizzler Restaurant** - Nov. 11 - Buy one get one free, 6 oz. Steak Entree with the purchase of a second one.

Subway Restaurants - Free six-inch sub or flatbread available to military vets on Veterans Day.

Texas Roadhouse - Free meals available to veterans from opening until 4 p.m. on Veterans Day.

T.G.I. Friday's - Veterans and service members can buy one meal and get another free.

~ Be sure and check on line and in area newspapers for special events/discounts for Veterans.

Shell introduces Craft Scholarship Program

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

Representatives from Shell and partner companies visited Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport's Transition Goals, Plans, Success (GPS) class to introduce the Shell Craft Scholarship Program (CSP), Sept. 10.

The Shell CSP is a limited scholarship program focusing on the four crafts of welder, electrician, pipefitter and crane operator, in which an applicant if selected can receive a condensed format of two years of technical training in three to four months, and if successful receive a job with a partner company for at least one year.

Because the training is completely free, Veteran's Assistance will not pay a stipend for Sailors as they complete the training, so the program may not be for everyone. But, if a person can find a way to support him or herself for the three or four month duration of the training, possibly working a part-time night job to

make ends meet, a promising career in a booming industry could be attained.

During his presentation to the Transition GPS class, Tom Broom, Regional Manager, Workforce Development and Construction Risk Mitigation for Shell, spoke on the shortage of and need for craft workers in the oil and gas industry along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

In a Sept. 24 announcement, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and Shell took another step toward building a natural gas-to-liquids (GTL) facility by selecting Ascension Parish, La., as the facility's potential location. According to the announcement, Shell estimates that the project will cost in excess of \$12.5 billion and create more than 10,000 jobs during peak construction. Some of the workers needed for the project will be trained and employed through the Shell CSP program.

"We happen to be in a very dynamic period in Shell's history in this country right now," said Broom. "We need all types of craft workers from a variety of



Tom Broom, Regional Manager, Workforce Development and Construction Risk Mitigation for Shell, presents information on the Shell Craft Scholarship Program (CSP) to attendees of a Transition Goals, Plans, Success (GPS) class at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), Sept. 10. The Shell CSP is a limited scholarship program focusing on the four crafts of welder, electrician, pipefitter and crane operator, in which an applicant if selected can receive a condensed format of two years of technical training in three to four months, and if successful receive a job with a Shell partner company for at least one year. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

backgrounds to work in our existing and potential future facilities. Even if the GTL project doesn't progress ... we are going to need many good craft workers to help us run and maintain our present onshore and offshore facilities. If Shell

does decide to build this Gulf Coast GTL project, it will be a game changer. We are doing some things that have been never been done before in our industry."

Although Broom cited a study by the Louisiana Workforce Investment

Council projecting a 86,000 craft worker deficit in Louisiana alone, Jeffery Isabell, a Work and Family Life Specialist for NCBC Gulfport's Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) reminded the class that the opportunity is

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NCBC Frames

CE1 (SCW) Aaron Hanlon

Future Operations Leading Petty Officer
Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2

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

AH: My overseas tour on board Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. To have the opportunity to be stationed and live in Europe for three years was awesome. The culture, food, people, and traveling were all amazing and will forever stand out as one of the top experiences during my career.

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

AH: The atmosphere, the camaraderie, the traveling and the challenges of the military have been my motivation. There is not another job out there that offers the life experiences that you will gain while

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By **UTCN Alicia Fluty**
NCBC Public Affairs



serving in the military.

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

AH: Always carry a positive attitude, make

the best of every situation, learn and grow from your mistakes and try your best to make it better for your relief!

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

AH: My favorite part of the Seabees is our small community and strong camaraderie. Also the opportunity to gain experiences working in all of our construction trades.

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

AH: I must say that through my career I have had many great mentors who have all been very influential for me both in and out of the Navy. It would be impossible for me to select just one.

Seabee Courier

Commissaries world-wide to start ID scans; Gulfport begins Nov. 14

From DeCA Public Affairs

Commissaries will soon begin scanning customers' Department of Defense ID cards at checkouts as the Defense Commissary Agency continues its efforts to deliver a 21st century benefit.

The commissary at Fort Lee, Va., became the first store to scan ID cards on Oct. 22 as the first part of an agency-wide rollout to all stores that begins Nov. 10 and will be completed by mid-January.

Commissary shoppers are used to showing their ID cards to establish their eligibility to use the commissary. By scanning the ID at checkout, DeCA will no longer need to maintain any personal information on customers in its computer systems, such as the system used for customers who write checks.

Scanning will also help improve the commissary benefit for all patrons, according to Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO.

"In addition to verifying customers as authorized commissary patrons, we'll gain information that will give us a better understanding of our patrons, allowing the agency to provide the commissary benefit more effectively and efficiently," Jeu said.

Cross-referenced with other DOD data, the scan data will give DeCA useful information about patron usage by military service, along with customer demographics that do not identify specific personal data of an individual.

This will eventually help the agency identify shopping needs and preferences



Notice to Our Commissary Customers

ID card scanning will begin at this commissary November 14, 2013, to help us:

- Verify eligibility
- Determine usage by service
- Better understand our customers to improve the benefit

For more information about ID Card Scanning, access our FAQs under the Customer Service tab at www.commissaries.com.

- information that is essential in today's retail business environment. It will also allow more accurate reporting to the military services on commissary usage.

The demographic information DeCA will use is strictly limited to card ID number, rank, military status, branch of service, age, household size, and ZIP codes of residence and duty station. DeCA will not be using any personal information such as names, addresses or phone numbers.

"The methods, processes and information we'll use will not compromise our customers' privacy - they can be sure of that," Jeu said. "We're putting technology to work to better understand our customers and ensure the commissary benefit continues to remain relevant to them now and in the future."

For more information on ID card scanning, go to: http://www.commissaries.com/documents/contact_deca/faqs/id_card_scanning.cfm

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Families are welcome!
Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Bouncehouses!

Pie in the Face Auction!
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November 7, 2013

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Brunch
7 - 10 a.m.

Cost is \$5.25
(\$4.55 for dependents of E4 and below)

- Crispy Bacon Sausage
- Egg to Order
- Assorted Omelets
- Hash Browns
- Pancakes
- Biscuits
- Fruits
- Chicken Vegetable Soup
- Sloppy Joes
- Tater Tots
- Baked Beans
- Salad Bar
- Dessert Bar

Dinner

1 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7.60
(\$6.45 for dependents of E4 and below)

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| Chicken Veg. Soup | Giblet Gravy | Buttered Corn |
| Roast Turkey | Mashed Potatoes | Peas & Carrots |
| Rib-eye Roll | Mac & Cheese | House Rolls |
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Seabee Courier

Seabees construct storage facility

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 are making steady progress with construction of a storage facility on Camp Lemonnier.

The facility will be used to store perishable construction materials, such as concrete, that require protection from the elements.

When complete, the 4,000 square foot pre-engineered building will be accessible by equipment, such as a forklift, at both ends via concrete ramps and rollup doors in addition to standard doors for personnel.

Construction of the building will involve assembling and connecting steel beams and aluminum siding that have been fabricated by the manufacturer

and engineered to meet specific requirements.

The Seabees have been anticipating the project since deploying to Djibouti in August.

There was, however, some uncertainty with the project's funding, but the crew has since been given the green light to proceed.

"Everyone was ready to work, and now we're happy to be getting it done," said Steelworker 2nd Class Eldon N. Fleming, the project crew leader.

Fleming, a Sidney, Ohio native, is on his sixth deployment in 11 years of active duty Navy service. He said that staying busy is important for any deployment because it helps the time pass quicker. He and his seven-person crew are now working six days a week and eight to 12 hours per day.

Completion of the project is scheduled for late December 2013.



Steelworker Constructionman Joseph W. Griffith, assigned to Naval Equipment Operator Constructionman Nicholas Pfaff, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, operates a bulldozer to deliver gravel on a project site. NMCB 11 is a Seabee battalion currently deployed to multiple locations in support of U.S. Africa Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Pacific Command areas of responsibility. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

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struction diving and demolition skills with the latest and greatest technology and equipment. Contact Dive Motivators at 757-462-4313/3982 or email SWC Bryans at sean.bryans@navy.mil and SW1 Hefner at christopher.hefner@navy.mil.

NMCB 11 Seabee takes lead in haunted house

MC1 Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Ronald J. Casasanta Jr., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, led 24 enlisted U.S. service members in staging and executing a Halloween haunted house on the mezzanine level of Club 11 Degrees North on Camp Lemonnier, Oct. 31.

Casasanta, who is president of Joint Forces Five (JFF), an association of E-1 through E-5 service members on Camp Lemonnier, said that the pros-

pect of getting the JFF involved in the haunted house was brought to his attention by the association's vice president, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jamie A. Bratton, assigned to Camp Lemonnier's N6 department.

According to Casasanta, Bratton was approached by Camp Lemonnier's Friends of Africa Volunteers group to assist with a Halloween event.

"They came to us first because JFF has a reputation of being able to come through when something is asked of them; and doing it pretty big," Casasanta said.

Casasanta's crew of JFF members, Friends of Africa Volunteers, and a few additional Navy Seabees assigned to Camp Lemonnier constructed a path of connected hallways with various props to scare visitors as they walked from entry to exit.

Several participants wore masks, face paint, fake blood, and costumes and staged themselves along the darkened hallways to enhance the visitors' experiences. Screams could be heard coming from the haunted house for the two hours it was open.

"We only got positive feedback," said Casasanta, who thanked every visitor as they exited the haunted house. He estimates that about 200 people attended including American, Japanese, and Italian military personnel, civilians and locals.



Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Joshua Adams, right, applies Halloween makeup to Equipment Operator 2nd Class Carmen P. Rivera in preparation to frighten unsuspecting visitors at a haunted house hosted by Camp Lemonnier's Joint Forces Five and Friends of Africa Volunteers at Club 11 Degrees North. Both are assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

The JTF seeks to improve morale and promote the general welfare of all junior enlisted service members.

Each member is encouraged to actively participate and to set the example in all leadership roles.

NMCB 133 assists battalions with deployment training

From NMCB 133
Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Bravo Company participated in training and support for two battalion field training exercises (FTX) Sept. 19 – Oct. 3.

More than 50 percent of the company played a key role as aggressors, providing realistic combat and cultural awareness situations to test NMCB 1 and 74 mission capabilities.

The overall mission for the aggressors was enjoyable, said Utilitiesman 3rd Class John Grow. "It wasn't just about causing mayhem and disorder, but training from the other side of the FTX experience."

The aggressors were divided into small teams, or details, at various locations. Each detail carried out scenario driven missions ranging across the spectrum of operations including civilians looking for food and water; complex attacks on patrols; chemical, biological and radiological attacks; sniper scenarios; and indirect fire.

Construction Electrician Richard Raftery, a detail team leader, said their mission was to attack NMCB 74's Air Detachment as they constructed a 512 square foot South West Asia (SWA) Hut while maintaining security.

"It was a valuable training experience for NMCB 74 to see how they reacted to different scenarios,



maintaining vigilance, and providing a protective posture to thwart our attacks," said Raftery. "I'm glad we could provide this training experience."

The training each battalion received not only provided valuable skills to NMCB 1 and 74, but also added to the NMCB 133 toolbox as aggressors gained ample experience in leadership, team building, and decision making skills.

"I felt like I learned a lot on this FTX Aggressor training," said Utilitiesman 3rd Class Stephen Pineiro. "I learned to work better as a team and overall improved my unit camaraderie with my fellow 133 members."

Pineiro said that shooting and learning about the AK-47 was a blast.

"It's not every day that you get to shoot one", he added. "It was definitely enjoyable learning about it and an even better experience getting to shoot it."

Construction Electrician 3rd Class Brooke Miller said she had fun and it was something she would recommend everyone try at least once in their career.



Engineering Aides and Utilitiesmen attending advanced training classes at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport tour the construction site of the new Branch Health Clinic on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. The tour was an opportunity for the Seabees to examine real-world construction practices. The new clinic is expected to open in 2014. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport/Released)

NCTC students tour Branch Health Clinic site, gain real-world view

By Chief Engineering Aide Peter Sydow
Naval Construction Training Center

Students at the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Learning Site Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Gulfport, were invited to tour the construction site for the New Branch Health Clinic, a \$19 million project contracted out by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast in support of Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC).

Engineering Aides and Utilitiesmen attending advanced classes at NCTC had the unique opportunity to take time out of the classroom and tour the new CBC Branch Health Clinic. NCTC Utilitiesman Instructor, Darcy Mogler, who coordinated the visit, said, "Tours like these show the students the direct relevance between the course curriculum and construction going on in the private sector."

The tour started with a five minute safety lecture, just like a tour of a Seabee jobsite would. Students from the two classes then walked the site for an hour talking with NAVFAC personnel and contractors from Satterfield & Pontikes Construction about everything from structural steel to storm water drainage.

Students appreciated the opportunity to take the tour for a number of reasons.

"This tour gave me a real-world view of large construction practices and exposed me to some new materials and tools that are used," said Utilitiesman 3rd Class Daniel Martin with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133.

This BUMED and NAVFAC project supports Navy Vision 2035 and is scheduled to open in 2014.

For more information on the Naval Construction Training Center, visit their website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/csfe/g>

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Focus on Education

Education Notes

Gulfport School District Town Hall Meetings

The Gulfport School District will have Town Hall meetings to discuss the district curriculum on the following dates:

Nov. 7, Gulfport Central Middle School, 6 p.m.; Nov. 9, Gulfport High School, Parent Expo, 9:30 a.m.; Nov. 13, Gulfport High School, 6 p.m.

Contact the School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd, at 228-871-2117 or email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil if you have questions.

FFSC Computer Classes

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is offering Microsoft Office Suite classes Nov. 8, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pre-register by calling 228-871-3000

Midshipman graduates first in class at Naval Academy

By Lt. Teng K. Ooi, PhD, U.S. Naval Academy and Capt. Linda J. Beltra, MD, Naval Hospital Jacksonville

The U.S. Naval Academy's Mechanical Engineering Department has honored Midshipman First Class Christopher Galvin, who received the 2013 Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, Class of 1956 Award for standing first in the Order of Merit at graduation.

This award recognizes and honors Galvin's superior scholastic academic achievements, his demonstrated accomplishments in athletics and extracurricular activities, and his commitment to serve in the military.

As a Trident Scholar at the Naval Academy, Galvin completed a project titled, "The Effect of Unsteady Wakes on Turbine Tip Gap Leakage" with advisors Dr. Ralph Volino and Dr. Cody Brownell, Naval Academy Mechanical Engineering Department. "Chris has an incredible work ethic," noted Dr. Brownell. "He spent many long nights working in the lab and continually surprised me with how much he accomplished."

"Chris Galvin was a great student. He did well in all his courses and worked

very hard on his research project all year. He obtained results that should be of great interest to NASA (the sponsor of the research) and to others in the gas turbine field. We expect to publish them in the coming year," said Dr. Volino.

Galvin graduated 1st in his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and will attend the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) as part of the Navy's Immediate Scholarships for Graduate Education Program. He will pursue a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Galvin received a Cockrell Engineering Fellowship, which will cover the full cost of his tuition. His research at UT Austin will be related to fluid dynamics and energy technology. After completing his degree he will enter the Navy's nuclear submarine community.

"I am honored and humbled to be the recipient of this prestigious award," said Galvin. "As a plebe, I never thought that I would be able to graduate first in my class, especially considering the caliber of the students in the brigade. I look forward to joining the submarine force and serving my country."

Galvin received the Admiral Frank B.



From left, Midshipman First Class Christopher Galvin discusses problems encountered with particle image velocimetry due to complex geometries inside the wind tunnel with Dr. Cody Brownell and Dr. Ralph Volino. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Gin Kai/Released)

Kelso II Award during the 2013 USNA Presentation of Prizes and Awards Ceremony May 23, at Alumni Hall.

Additionally, Galvin received the Gardner L. Casket Memorial Prize, Veterans of Foreign Wars Prize, Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Patrick K. Inglis, USN, Memorial Award, Peruvian Naval Medal of Honor to Merit, Captain Frederick A. Edwards Sr., Class of 1923 Prize, Willie McCool "Willie's Mission" Cross Country MVP Award, and the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association Award.

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Sailors trust their leadership to report these cases points in the right direction. Bottom line: In order to kill this beast we need to attack prevention."

In addition to giving victims an avenue to report cases, the SAPR program also provides services that help survivors deal with the occurrences.

"The SAPR program is important because it gives hope to the survivors," said Agha. "It provides for the victims a way to cope with it, a way to get justice and get medical attention and counseling - it gives them what they need to help them through a sexual assault."

Although the SAPR training and program seem to be effective, it is not the only avenue that must be traveled in order to reduce the incidents of sexual assault.

"Our business is to run the Navy,

so we need to fix this problem," stated Ramirez. "Confidence and trust equals change - cultural change. Sailors are mission oriented and we need to continue with work center safety as we fight to prevent Sexual Assault. By-stander intervention can work to change the culture if it's used on a continuum basis when we let each other know what is acceptable and what is not. We need to stand up and encourage each other to break through the peer pressures of acceptable culture and make it known that Sailors who abuse women, or abuse young girls, or abuse boys, or abuse other men - that the behavior is not acceptable - we need to speak out. We need more Sailors with the guts and strength to stand up and do the right thing."

According to Ramirez, Sailors must remain vigilant, on and off duty. "Let's take care of each other," Ramirez continued. "Help

change the culture and correct the behavior once you hear it - in the work place - jokes, offensive material that is not professional for the work spaces. Once you identify behavior - correct it. Once Sailors walk by this behavior they condone it. We also need to report the results of intervention to the chain of command so we can spread the word of what worked."

In order to get feedback from the fleet, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced the 2013 Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response survey in ALNAV 070/13. This voluntary, anonymous survey will be conducted from Oct. 15, through Jan. 6, 2014.

The results of this survey will provide insight into the true frequency of sexual assaults involving Sailors, the circumstances surrounding those assaults, and factors affecting their reporting. This information is critical to

inform the Navy's SAPR program progress, future policy, training, messaging and awareness. It can be accessed from any web-enabled computer, tablet or smartphone at www.donsapro.navy.mil/donsas.html. The password for all military participants is 2013Survey.

Ramirez also remarked on the efforts toward preventing sexual crimes being long-lasting, rather than treating the problem with a temporary solution.

"It takes time to change the culture, so we need to stay on it," mention Ramirez. "Identify the behavior in the work centers and correct it then. By doing that we gain our Sailors trust to do the right thing. It's like seeing trash on the ground and you stop to pick it up and throw it away. Do the same thing - identify it and address it so we can earn Sailors trust and confidence - by doing that we can change the culture."

'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

The calm before the holiday storm

As you pop that fun-sized candy bar you just rummaged from your kid's dwindling Halloween booty into your gullet, consider this:

You only have two weeks left.

Two weeks before the commissary starts looking more like a Caligula-era Coliseum, when otherwise mild-mannered citizens try to scratch each other's eyes out and grocery carts become crashing chariots in an epic battle just to get that last can of pumpkin on the shelf.

Two weeks, before your sister-in-law passive-aggressively implies that her stuffing recipe is better than yours. Two weeks, before your father complains about the Thanksgiving sleeping arrangements. Two weeks, before you have to inspect the fire extinguisher in case Uncle Pete starts another grease fire while frying the turkey.

Two weeks, before your wallet begins its annual hemorrhage, as you fall prey to holiday shopping pressures, buying a gift for every Tom, Dick, Harry and school janitor. Two weeks, before you have to feel guilty, because you bought yourself two pairs of shoes and a handbag while out shopping for Aunt Gertrude.

Two weeks, before your neighborhood begins an earlier-than-ever home decorating extravaganza, attempting to turn your street into the Las Vegas Strip. Two weeks, before everyone wraps their houses in more twinkle lights than the Andromeda Galaxy, lines their sidewalks with plastic decor, and fills their front yards with giant blow up snow globes.



Two weeks, before little kids you don't recognize, but who claim to be from your neighborhood, and who won't take "no" for an answer, show up on your doorstep asking you to buy rolls of wrapping paper, tubs of cookie dough, tins of caramel corn, cans of ham, jars of scented candles, kitchen gadgets, poinsettias and wreaths.

Two weeks, before you open the mailbox to find piles of holiday cards containing three-page update letters chronicling every significant and insignificant event in the lives of people – and pets -- you have not seen in years. Two weeks, before you have to juggle multiple invites to family holiday parties, school holiday parties, work holiday parties, neighborhood holiday parties, cookie exchanges, secret Santa gift exchanges, elementary school holiday choral concerts, high school holiday drama productions, and middle school holiday band concerts (ear plugs not included).

Two weeks, before you find yourself stumbling through life in a leftover turkey tryptophan haze. Two weeks, before your body begins its slow transfor-

mation from reasonably unhealthy to alarming levels of egg nog induced cholesterol and Christmas cookie induced diabetes. Two weeks, before your rapidly expanding thighs cause so much friction, you fear you might spontaneously combust if you walk too fast while wearing your favorite corduroys.

Just. Two. Weeks.

With such a short time left before the chaos begins, use this petit repose to preemptively rest, relax, and brace for the inevitable holiday onslaught we all know is just around the corner.

Reduce your home décor to a tranquil minimum - throw your skeletons back in the closet and your gnat-infested jack-o-lanterns in the trash. Let your intestines rest up for the impending month-long holiday smorgasbord by eating light meals that are easily digestible. Avoid holiday newspaper inserts, commercials, emails offering shop-early discounts, and those gaudy in-store displays that went up before Halloween was even over.

As for me, I plan to resist any urge to shop, decorate, celebrate, overindulge, photograph, or wear novelty sweaters. Instead, I'm going to hibernate with my family of five in our little base house, and be thankful for the peace and quiet while it lasts.

I'll take heed. I'll take stock. I'll take two weeks -- and I won't call anyone in the morning.

Get more wit and observations from Lisa at her blog: <http://www.themeatandpotatoes-oflife.com>

Health Watch

Did You Know? Health Net can help you and your family

From HM3 Jessica Bishop

Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport

Health Net Federal Services, LLC (Health Net) offers telephone-based classes as an alternative to traditional in-person classes or online programs.

These classes allow you to receive health information from the comfort of your home!

You may register for a teleclass by visiting the website below:

<https://hnfs.com/content/hnfs/home/tn/bene/wellness/TeleclassInformation.html>

If you choose to register for a teleclass, class materials and a toll-free phone number with instructions will be sent prior to the date of the class.

Please note: If you would like to attend more than one class, you will have to register for each class separately.

Additionally, if you would like Health Net to notify your PCM (primary medical provider) of your participation in any of these teleclasses, there is a "Provider Information" section on the registration form that you can complete and it will notify your medical provider automatically upon completion.

Your Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport staff is always ready and willing to assist in your health care. Please feel free to utilize your relay health account to contact or follow-up with your provider.

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Base Housing Yard

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Blood Drive – A blood drive will take place Nov. 12 at the Seabee Memorial Chapel from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., and at the Liberty Center from 12:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed.



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Dressing up encouraged... get creative!

Friday, November 22, 2013

Starts at 7:00am

NCBC Fitness Center

This event is FREE and open to all eligible patrons
Participation medals will be given out to ALL runners!
FREE snacks and water at end of race.

Signups encouraged but not required



Questions? Call Mike McLaughlin 822-5103 or email michael.e.mclaughlin@navy.mil

Free Movies at the Training Hall

Don't forget about the fresh buttered popcorn and cold drinks at that sweet price that won't break your wallet! If you have a question or comment, please send to Michael.sweetapple@navy.mil

Friday: *Getaway*, PG13, 5 p.m.;
2 Guns, R, 7 p.m.

Saturday: *Percey Jackson: Sea of Monsters*, PG, 1 p.m.;
Despicable Me 2, PG, 3:30 p.m.;
2 Guns, R, 6 p.m.

Sunday: *Percey Jackson: Sea of Monsters*, PG, 3 p.m.;
You're Next, R, 5:30 p.m.

NCBC Helping Hands

VETERAN ESCORTS NEEDED - SHORT FUSE REQUEST - The Biloxi VA Hospital needs 10 - 12 volunteers to escort residents from building 15 to building 17, Nov. 8 at 9:15 a.m., for a celebration and fish fry in honor of Veterans Day. If you are interested, please contact Susan Smith, 228-871-3640 or susan.smith2@navy.mil.

HORTICULTURE FOR HUMANITY - SHORT FUSE REQUESTS - The Mississippi Renaissance Garden Foundation needs help for two events. Help is needed Nov. 9, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., to prepare garden beds at the Hiller Park Renaissance Garden in Biloxi. Directions from Gulfport: Take Pass Road to Biloxi, turn left on Hiller Drive across from Classy Chassis' Car Wash. Continue on Hiller Drive left through housing into Hiller Park gate. Continue past three-way stop sign at Atkinson Road (west VA entrance). Volunteers are also needed to help at the Foundation's booth at Christmas City at the Coast Coliseum Nov. 9, 4 - 7 p.m. and Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers will give out seed packets, garden literature and help with children's activities. Free admission is provided to the event for volunteering. To RSVP, please contact Martha Boyce ASAP, 228-388-2622/228-365-9293 or email: MBoyceH4Hgardens@aol.com.

NORTH GULFPORT 8TH GRADE SCHOOL - SHORT FUSE REQUEST - 4715 Illinois Ave, Gulfport needs volunteers to serve as chaperones for approximately 400 students at the Pathways 2 Possibilities Career Expo Nov. 14 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Volunteers will meet at the school at 7:50 a.m. and drive their own vehicles to the Coliseum. Email Shantai Flowers at sflowers@harrison.k12.ms.us.

LIFE SCOUT - TROOP 316 - SHORT FUSE REQUEST - A Life Scout with Troop 316 of Pass Christian needs help with an Eagle Scout project build Nov. 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Project is at Gulfport High School Soccer Fields, 3225 Hancock Ave, Gulfport. Adults with cordless drills are asked to help put up lateral support beams and set walls to posts which are already in position. Lunch and hydration will be provided. If you can help, please contact kevin.huey17@gmail.com or come to the designated site with your cordless drill this Saturday.

BOOST READING PROGRAM - 28th Street Elementary School is looking for volunteers to listen to students read and help them complete reading comprehension questions. Volunteers time is in 30 minute intervals from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday - Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Samantha Benson, 228-867-2140.

NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS - The Gulfport Battalion of Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is looking for adult volunteers willing to help the area's youth succeed in life. NSCC is a non-profit, nautically oriented, youth training and education organization which is run by the Navy League with support from the United States Navy. Although a great plus, no prior military experience is required; all we need are adults who are passionate about mentoring America's youth. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

USS ALABAMA NEEDS HELP - The Navy is looking for volunteers with construction expertise for a rewarding experience. The battleship USS Alabama anchored in Mobile Bay needs help from individuals that can work with wood, steel, and concrete for work aboard ship and around the grounds. Work includes, but is not limited to: constructing 10 picnic pavilion covers, roofing a 40-by-20 maintenance shed, fabricating display cases. Point of contact is Owen Miller, 251-433-2703 or cell 251-767-0157.

BILOXI VA AMBASSADORS - The Biloxi VA is trying to get volunteers in uniform from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a daily basis to help with a new program. The volunteers will provide assistance to Veterans entering the medical center with directions and general information and whenever possible, escort the Veterans and family members to their destination. Point of contact for more information is Sharon Ladner at 228-523-5786 or Susan Smith 228-871-3640.

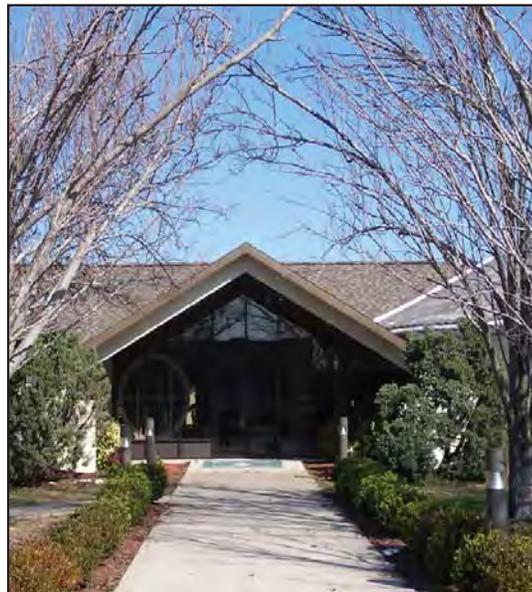
USO GULF COAST - Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers every day to assist at our centers throughout the Military community. To become a USO volunteer, you'll need to create a volunteer profile through www.usovolunteer.org. This website allows you to keep track of your hours. If you have any 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!

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.

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.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. Those who are interested in volunteering at the store are asked to call 228-871-2610.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



NCBC Center Chaplains:
Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis, Chaplain
Lt. Yoon Choi, Chaplain

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

Religious Services
Sunday: Contemporary: 8 a.m.
Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Protestant: 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

November 7, 2013

Chapel Offerings

Looking for a church?

The Seabee Memorial The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday to suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Contemporary 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 (FFSC) and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

Praise and Worship

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

Contact the chapel at 228-871-2454 for more information.

Seabee Courier

Battalion Day Seabee Memorial Chapel, Nov. 10

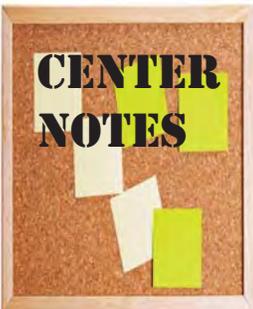
Come and hear your Battalion Chaplain preach

Contemporary Service, 8 a.m., Chaplain Jones, NMCB 1

Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Protestant Service, 10:30 a.m., Chaplain McGraw, NMCB 133

In honor of Veterans Day, the Knights of Columbus will prepare a special breakfast to be served at the completion of the 10:30 service.



SUPPORT Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Jenny Richter, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com. **NMCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit Facebook, nmcb11frg or email us at nmcb11frg@gmail.com.

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

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and babysitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For

more information, contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

FOCUS

Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS), provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228-822-5736 or email Gulfport@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@gmail.com or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gosc.gulfport>. 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.navywivesclubsof-america.org for more information on NWCA.

NMCRS The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are

reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!
Gamblers Anonymous The Fleet and Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for details.

TRAINING

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

PMI Membership Drive The Project Management Institute (www.pmi.org) is recruiting project planning professionals for membership into the PMI Southern Mississippi Chapter. PMI is one of the world's largest not-for-profit membership associations for the project management profession. Their professional resources and research empower more than 700,000 members, credential holders and volunteers in nearly every country in the world to enhance their careers, improve their organizations' success and further mature the profession. Contact

Mike Saunders at saundersmt@earthlink.net or Len Krapcha at lkrapcha@aol.com for more information.

SOCIAL

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

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is seeking members. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact CE1 Clark at 228-871-2608 or call the Seabee Memorial Chapel at 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.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 3937 Long Beach would like to invite you to become a member. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. In order to join, you must be the spouse, mother, daughter, granddaughter or sister of a person who has served in a foreign war. Please Contact Auxiliary 3937 President Carol Fetters at 228-832-4893.

VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and locat-

ed at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

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

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

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

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeesmuseumstore.org or call the gift store for more information at 228-871-4779.



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TOYS FOR TOTS



Applications for Toys for Tots will be accepted for E-6 and below (all others on a case by case basis) Nov. 4 - 22, Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Service members (or spouses) can come to Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), building 30, with military identification and complete a brief application.

For further information, please call 228-871-3000.

cover administrative costs. This enables contributors to discern between charities based on their personal preferences and priorities.

"The ones that particularly resonate with me are educational organizations. My parents instilled in me the value of education at a very young age. From the military standpoint, there are different programs our members can benefit from to get an education. But there are many people who may not get the opportunities that the military offers," said Williamson. "I think the opportunity of education enriches lives and betters communities. For those not in the military, who aren't blessed with a lot of money and need a scholarship opportunity, hopefully donating to these organizations will give them a chance at better education."

Individuals can donate to CFC with a cash contribution or by pledging a specific amount to be withheld from their pay beginning in January 2014. Many commands also hold special fundraising events to benefit the CFC drive. Command involvement and leadership are essential ingredients to making the campaign successful.

Mypay pledge information: *NCBC personnel who are interested in making a Mypay pledge must know two numbers: One is the campaign number, which for our Region is 0500. This number identifies the CFC Campaign Region as the Greater Mississippi Area. The second number is entered after you complete the amount and charity selection process. You will enter in the unit assigned ID. For all NCBC department this number is 1282. For more information on the CFC drive, please contact your command representative.*

MWR is hosting military families with free snacks at the showing of the movie Turbo (PG) Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Training Hall movie theater to celebrate our families.

Thanks for all you do!

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for construction rates only, and Chris Newton, a human resources specialist for ISC Construction and retired Navy chief agreed.

"Don't think if you aren't a builder they don't have anything for you," said Isabell. "If you're a YN (yeoman) and HN (hospitalman) a hull tech., or a PS (personnel specialist) whatever, okay there is something for you to do. If not, they can train you. We're not just talking about jobs in construction, we're talking about working." "Whether you're a construction person or a support person, there is work for you," added Newton.

According to Broom, the nation's abundant, affordable natural gas is bringing manufacturing back to the U.S. enhance energy security, broaden the energy mix, deliver jobs and promote economic growth.

"What we have to do right now is get the talent into the pipeline for the craft

training, and our mission is to make Seabees who are getting ready to leave our country's service aware of this opportunity," said Broom.

Although the Shell CSP program is geared toward Seabees who possess the skills Shell and its partner companies are looking for, no one is excluded from applying to the program or for a supporting job.

Broom and his associates will visit the next three Transition GPS classes to further educate and encourage Seabees and other separating or retiring service members on the potential advantages of their program and future career opportunities for the community.

For more information or an application, contact Jeff Isabell at 228-871-3564. Military veterans can also visit www.shell.us/military. To learn more visit: www.shell.us/GulfCoastGTL, or to apply go to: <http://shellcspapplication.com>.



November is Month of the Military Family! MWR wants to thank the family members of our Seabees for their dedication and support.