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## Eye on the prize



Children search for eggs at Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Gulfport's annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 19. The day's festivities featured four egg hunts, the Easter Bunny, Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Dog, bouncy castles, rock climbing, games, treats and prizes. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

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## MWR CYP exceeds standards during CNIC inspection

By UTCN Alicia Fluty  
NCBC Public Affairs

The Child and Youth Program (CYP) at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport and John C. Stennis Space Center recently exceeded the Navy-wide standard score during their annual Commander Navy Installations Command's (CNIC) inspection, April 11.

The seven-day, unannounced inspection evaluated the Child Development Centers (CDCs), Youth Activity Center (YAC) and Child Development Home (CDH) in several key areas such as general management, facilities, health, safety and programming.

The CDH program, NCBC Gulfport's CDC and Stennis Space Center's CDC all received scores well above the Navy averages, scoring 96, 91 and 98 percent respectively. The YAC, which recently lost their director, still scored a 78 percent, which placed them equal to the Navy's average.

"Even with an 8-month gap in not having a director [at the YAC], we scored at the Navy average," said Deborah Brockway, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)

director and NCBC Gulfport CYP supervisor. "Our two leads deserve tremendous credit for that." "We are very pleased with our score," added Jean Golder, Stennis Space Center CDC director. "Our success is due to everyone's hard work."

According to Brockway, the overall scores are a base-wide effort, including Fire, Safety and Medical for their health and wellness inspections, Security for doing background checks on the CYP staff, Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) for giving CYP staff training on Inclusion Action Team (IAT) and Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Assistance and Families Overcoming Under Stress (FOCUS) offering more staff training and reading programs for children. She also gave credit to the parents for their parent involvement boards, and the Command for its continued support.

"I'm extremely proud of the entire CYP Staff," said Brockway. "It takes a staff of over 120 caregivers, counselors, cooks, clerks, bus drivers, leads and managers to make this program work every day, and every day they give 100 percent."



Alicia Stevens, a caregiver at the Child Development Center (CDC), assists a child after he leaves his painted foot print on an art wall paper during an art project celebrating the Month of the Military Child at the CDC. The children have been participating in special projects and events to celebrate their month. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

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"STEP UP TO STOP SEXUAL ASSAULT!"

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# Legal: Resolving landlord problems

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By LNC Deborah Barnes  
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Disputes between tenants and landlords may take various forms. Sailors should take the corrective course of action when and if a dispute arises. These disputes range from repairs, withholding deposits/rent, timely notices, etc. Different states have statues in place to provide guidance on handling disputes between landlords and tenants. In addition to state statues, the service member Civil Relief Act (SCRA) provides guidance on the rights of service members when dealing with landlord and tenant issues. If you are ever in doubt about issues involving your landlord, please contact your nearest Legal Assistance Office.

**Withholding rent for repairs:** One remedy available in most states is withholding rent for repairs. If the landlord fails to make necessary repairs within a reasonable time after demand by the tenant, the tenant may pay for the repairs and then demand immediate reimbursement of the amount expended for the repair or apply the amount to the payment of rent provided that the repair was necessary and the expended amount was reasonable. This remedy depends on whether the responsibility for the repair falls on the landlord

or the tenant in accordance with the lease. Additionally, state law will dictate what kind of notice you are required to give the landlord before using this remedy. Do not withhold rent before consulting with an attorney.

**Reimbursement for costs incurred:** The tenant may obtain a reduction or abatement of the rent if the length of the repair period causes a loss of use. If the tenant must temporarily vacate the premises for a period of time, usually not exceeding four days (depending on state's statute), the landlord is required to give seven days' written notice, if necessary. The landlord must provide a notice (depends on the state's statute) before entering the unit. This will protect the two of you from any injury or misunderstandings.

**Notify building inspector:** If all else fails and tenants continue to have repair issues, you can also call the building inspector who may order the landlord to make repairs. If the landlord still refuses to make repairs, you may have the option to move out. Consult with an attorney before attempting any of these remedies yourself.

**Correspondence to landlord:** Remember to document and track all correspondence with your landlord: When dealing with your landlord,

keep a chronological record of all phone calls and text messages. Send a certified letter. This is proof that your landlord received the letter.  
 ~ Email serves as correspondence as well. Make sure to save a copy of the email and letter that is mailed to the landlord.

~ If you have an oral agreement from your landlord to make repairs, follow up with an email or certified letter confirming their agreement.  
 ~ Make your requests, document all correspondence and save a copy for your records.

Remember to always read your lease before signing it, because you will be liable for its contents: "I didn't know that was in there" is not a valid defense. You are also encouraged to take a copy of the lease to your local legal assistance attorney so that the attorney can go over it with you to make sure you understand your obligations and responsibilities. Make an appointment with your local legal assistance attorney if you are experiencing any of the issues mentioned here.

*This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney. For local assistance, please contact the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Legal Office by calling 228-871-2620 for an appointment.*

## See Something Wrong, Do Something Right . . .

NCIS has two anonymous ways to report crimes or suspicious behavior with the use of discreet and secure online or texting tip lines. To report information by Cell, text: 1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone. 2. Receive a response. For example, your alias is S2US. Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP." 3. Begin dialogue. To report information ONLINE: 1. Go to [www.NCIS.navy.mil](http://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.

## 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, Email: [CNRSE\\_HOTLINE@navy.mil](mailto:CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil)

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Michael Jordy, sexual assault response coordinator, speaks with two Seabees about the exhibit at the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) information table at the Colmer Dining Facility, April 21. Preparedness, knowledge and commitment are critical to eradicating the crime of sexual assault. Everyone is invited to step up to stop sexual assault by participating or showing support at the SAMM 5k Fun Run April 25, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at Ladd Circle on board NCBC Gulfport. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus/Released)



Children run to gather eggs during the annual Bal-four Beatty Communities Easter Egg Hunt on board NCBC Gulfport, April 18. In addition to three egg hunts, the event featured pony rides, face painting, a bouncy castle, pizza, a DJ and assorted prizes. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, build a 16 feet by 16 feet plywood Southeast Asia (SEA) hut as part of their training at Contingency Construction Crew Training (CCCT) facilities on board NCBC Gulfport, April 15. The SEA Hut was originally developed in Vietnam for use in tropical areas by U.S. troops for berthing; but, it can readily be adapted for any use in any situation. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)



# Buzz on the Street



By CE2(SCW)  
Courtney Demastus  
NCBC Public Affairs

*What kind of topics would you like to see featured more often in the Seabee Courier?*

**Editor's Note:** The sexual assault numbers reported in the April 17 edition of Buzz on the Street were unofficial numbers.



**BUCN Alexa Trafton**  
NCBC Gulfport  
Hometown: Boston, Mass.

*"It would be nice to see a short column featuring quirky stories of Seabees, active duty and veterans. Have something similar to The Meat & Potatoes of Life column, but with a Seabees' lesson learned in life."*



**BUCN Keanu Rojas**  
NMCB 74  
Hometown: Millersville, Md.

*"Comics - provide something humorous. Also, I wouldn't mind seeing more stories or photos about other deployed battalions and not just the ones here in Gulfport."*



**Bet Ramsey**  
FOCUS Resiliency Trainer  
Hometown: South Pines, N.C.

*"Have a cartoon corner, where personnel here on board could submit their drawings to win a chance to be published in the Seabee Courier; maybe even publish old military/Seabee-based cartoons from older papers or use something like Broadside Cartoons."*

## NCBC Frames

CS3(ESWS) George Antoine Buchanan Jr.  
NCBC Gulfport

# FREEZE FRAME

By UTCN Alicia Fluty  
NCBC Public Affairs

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

**GB:** Every day we all hear the national anthem being played. I myself thought it was just tradition and saluted every time I heard it, because you're supposed to. That was until I came back from a dangerous and stressful deployment. When my ship was getting ready to make her transit through the channel, we were manning the rails. That's when I heard it (The national anthem), but this time it wasn't the same. Not hearing it for 9 and one-half months made feel what the Sailors Creed line: "Those who have gone before me" meant. I was so proud and emotional to stand tall in my dress blues while serving my country; knowing that they can sleep

peacefully and celebrate nightly because I'm willing to give my life for their freedom. Freedom is never free.

What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

**GB:** Liberty! More liberty, elevated motivation. Less liberty, seldom motivation.

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

**GB:** My two favorite quotes: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

*Les Brown*

*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."*

*Thomas A. Edison*

Many Sailors or people in general get discouraged after coming up short, with out not

knowing how close they were to the goal. Never stop if your heart is still beating.

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

**GB:** I must say I have not worked with the Seabees. Now, what I can say is, I have made a few Seabee friends in process of being stationed here. We all have sat down and conversed with one another and discussed different fleet rates and Seabee rates. I was surprised of some of the history I learned from YN3 Sosa from Battalion 133. Just as the fleet has its historical times so does the Seabee side.

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

**GB:** Operations Specialist 1st Class (Retired) Rodney Jake Harris will



be my answer to that question. This man was like a Father at sea, which was something I was raised without during life. This man pushed me to make rank and get my ESWS pin. Even after retirement he checks and make sure I'm doing the right thing. Any question that I had that I considered confidential, I could come to him

before a Chaplain. Most importantly, I went through one of the most dramatic times in life and at one point didn't even come to him about it because of the embarrassment. But, knowing that he was the only person I could talk to about situations, he shared the same exact story about how he went through the same problem.

# I should have taken the keys, but I didn't - will you?

By CE2(SCW) Courtney Demastus  
NCBC Gulfport Public Affairs

*Editor's Note:* Throughout the story, the paraphrased words in italicized print are those of an Oklahoma drunk driver who caused the car crash witnessed by the author of the article (referred to as the white escort car). The style of writing in the story has been changed to the first person, to relay how the individual felt before and after the incident.

Alcohol is the leading factor every year when more than 500,000 people are killed or seriously injured in vehicle crashes. That's an alcohol-related accident happening every 32 minutes. The National High Impact Alcohol Awareness Program, also known as Save A Life Tour (SALT) is on a mission to raise awareness and draw attention to these alarming statistics.

NCBC Gulfport invited the SALT crew to the Center April 14, so that everyone could take part in their presentation. The crew is known for presenting a program that features attention-grabbing banners, emotional and graphic videos and realistic driving simulators. Their multi-million dollar simulators can show a sober person the effects of mixing alcohol and driving, as well as driving when distracted by texting.

"Instead of making the driver drunk, we make the car [simulator] drunk, allowing you to see what

drunk driving is from a sober perspective," said Andrew Tipton, a SALT representative.

After participants finished the computer generated course, Tipton notified them of their traffic violations and their near or actual accidents. Many service members said they walked away with a different perspective after viewing the graphic material and seeing their coworkers struggle on the simulators.

Utilitiesman Constructionman Irish Gonzalez, assigned to NCBC Gulfport, said she appreciated the presentation and hopes to see the awareness training continuously brought to all military installations.

"It was overwhelming to watch how an accident can change someone's life," said Gonzalez. "But, it's one of those surreal situations that can be avoided if more awareness training, such as Save A Life, is held."

In today's society, the acronym DD has gained a new meaning.

*Last night, I accepted my duty and piled all my pals into my newly purchased 4x4 with an added suspension kit and all-terrain tires. I had no problem accepting my duty; after all, I only had a couple beers and now I just had to be the designated driver. Besides, I wanted nothing more than to show off my ride. Once my keys entered the ignition, she roared with*

*power and we headed south for a night on the dam.*

Research suggests people who designate themselves as "designated drivers" don't always refrain from drinking alcohol. A 2013, Rutgers University of New Jersey field survey of 1,071 people in a Florida bar district showed that 165 of them considered themselves the designated driver and of those 165 people, 66 of them did not refrain from drinking alcohol. Approximately 17 percent blew 0.02 and 0.04 breath alcohol concentration (BrAC), and 18 percent of them blew a 0.05 or greater BrAC. The survey indicates that instead of abstaining from alcohol, DD's are drinking more, and consider themselves to be less drunk than their friends; therefore, believing they're capable of driving.

*I thought I was good. We only had to travel a couple miles through the corn fields to get to the dam. What are two beers compared to two miles anyway? I surely wasn't getting the chance to show off my new ride because of how slow the white escort car in front of me was going. Boy, was she driving slowly. In order to show my new baby off, a change in pace was in order. So, I took a shortcut and into the corn harvest we went.*

According to the Bureau of Transportation, every



Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) and Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 personnel watch the big screens as participants use the realistic driving simulators during the Save A Life Tour (SALT) Presentation held on board NCBC Gulfport, April 14. SALT is an alcohol awareness program that features charismatic show presenters, tour posters, high intensity videos and driving simulators. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus/Released)

two hours, three people are killed in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash in the United States.

*I couldn't get the ringing to stop. I know I tried to cover my ears, but I just couldn't. My ears felt on fire and there was nothing I could do. I remember yelling from deep within, "Please stop, why won't it stop?" But, it had only came out as a small whimper. I just wanted the ringing to stop, but it wouldn't. It felt as though ear buds were blaring past their volume capability, as if sirens were ringing over and over inside my brain and could just never be stopped. I couldn't move*

*anything, not a joint or muscle fiber would budge. Why wouldn't it stop? Was it real? Were there really sirens ringing over and over?*

Whether it's drinking or texting while driving, the SALT simulated experiences and lecture material will be sure to make personnel consider the consequences behind any irrational choices. For more information about SALT call: 888-655-7263 or visit: <http://www.savealifetour.com/index.htm>.

*Editor's Note:* The driver in this article ended up with his new 4X4 upside down in a culvert. His three passengers suffered various injuries requiring medical attention and hospitalization; luckily no one died.

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In honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, don't wait until you've hit rock bottom to get help! If you think you could benefit from treatment, the Navy offers a non-disciplinary self-referral process that allows you to get treatment and remain an active-duty Sailor.

**Keep What You've Earned**

**To Bee or Not To Bee...  
Bee Wash That Is!  
May 15  
11 a.m. - noon  
Parade Field  
NCBC, Gulfport**

All donations benefit our Seabees, Sailors, and Marines through NMCRS programs.

Contact Alice Huffman,  
228-871-2610 to donate toward someone or make a nomination

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# NMCB 1 - Detail Chinhae, Korea and Camp Shields, Okinawa



Left: CHINHAE, Republic of Korea - Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's Detail Chinhae, Republic of Korea, perform construction operations during their 2014 deployment to the country. NMCB 1 currently has Sailors deployed to 12 detail sites throughout the Pacific and Northern Areas of Responsibility. (U.S. Navy Photo by Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class LeAnna Manke/Released) Right: OKINAWA, Japan - Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, Detail Okinawa hoist an OE-254 antenna and construct a phone loop for fire pit communications during Seabee Combat Warfare training on board Camp Shields.



ing on board Camp Shields. NMCB 1 is currently deployed to several countries in the Pacific area of operations and three sites in the United States. Aligned with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' four priorities of people, platforms, power and partnerships, NMCB 1 will deliver the Navy's forward presence through its work with several host nations at its Construction Civic Action Details in the Pacific and through its participation in regional exercises including Pacific Partnership, Balikatan and Cooperation Readiness Afloat. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Kim Martinez/Released)

## NMCB 28 transfers authority to NMCB 25

By MC1 Patrick Gordon  
NMCB 25 Public Affairs

CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan – Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Eight (NMCB 28) officially welcomed NMCB 25 as the new Seabee battalion during a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan, April 15.

NMCB 25's arrival in country begins what is expected to be the final Seabee mission in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The ceremony marked the official departure of NMCB 28, Task Force Coda, and its nearly eight-month mission in Afghanistan. During the ceremony, U.S. Army Col. Diana Holland, commander of the 130th Engineer Brigade, Task Force Sapper, commented on the wide array of missions and responsibilities NMCB 28 undertook during its deployment.

"It has been such a gratify-

ing experience to watch Task Force Coda excel in this environment," said Holland. "You have done it all; construction, deconstruction, train, advise and assist, well-drilling, personnel protection, convoy movements, and some or all of those tasks across just about every Regional Command. Everything you touched turned into success. Every commander with whom you came into contact wanted you back. I know . . . because I heard from many of them as you departed their respective battle space. They loved 'their' Seabees. Quite a tribute to your professionalism and dedication."

Holland also mentioned the challenges faced by NMCB 28, which it overcame with great success. Challenges such as the retrograde from Camp Leatherneck and Kandahar Airfield, moving to Camp Phoenix mid-deployment, having the battalion split, and be re-missioned

from construction and deconstruction to training and advising the newly fielded Afghan National Engineer Brigade (NEB). Despite these obstacles, Holland said, NMCB 28 excelled in each mission it was presented with.

"No unit has undergone such drastic alterations in their vision of a deployment," said Holland. "Yet, though facing the most challenging experiences of all of our battalions, I would suggest that NMCB 28 leaves the most enduring legacy of them all. You led the brigade's decisive operation. You took something, from almost nothing. You built relationships with Afghan Soldiers that will never be forgotten, by either party. No matter what happens here, after Coalition Forces depart, the NEB will have had a fighting chance because of the Seabees."

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Curtis Smith, commanding officer of NMCB 28, Task Force Coda,

expanded on the spirit of cooperation that surrounded the Seabees' mission in Afghanistan, and its effect on those still working there.

"Early in the deployment I could think of no finer finish than for the men and women of Task Force Coda to successfully accomplish our mission, to celebrate our achievements and to make our families proud of the way we conduct ourselves over the course of our deployment," said Smith. "Little did I know that there would be multiple missions that we could celebrate, not only amongst ourselves, but with our Afghan counterparts as well as our Turkish and Bulgarian partners. A defining moment for me was when I visited Camp Ghazi and saw a Seabee patch on an [Afghan FNational Army] soldier's uniform. He had the grin of a young petty officer who had just earned a warfare device

See NMCB 25 page 7



Command Master Chief Corey A. Cain, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28, left, and Command Master Chief Michael Helgeson, of NMCB 25, transition the Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program (BEEP) plaque from "28" to "25" during a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan, April 15. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Patrick Gordon/Released)

# It's Your Move

## HHG/PPO reminds you that peak season is fast approaching

From NCBC Gulfport Household Goods/Personal Property Office



Planning is the key to a successful move. As peak season for moving approaches, service members are encouraged to book early and be flexible in arranging pack/pick up dates.

It is recommended that as soon as you receive orders you start your move process. You do not need a destination address to set up your move. All moves are initiated by the service member online at: <http://www.move.mil> by using the Defense Personal Property System (DPS).

The Household Goods/Personal Property Office will be glad to assist you with getting your move set up, however you must have orders and you must establish a DPS account and submit your request to our office.

Follow these steps to begin the process:

~ Accessing DPS ~ (Note: currently only Explorer, Firefox and Safari browsers work at this time, and the pop up blocker must be turned off).

1. First time DPS users must obtain an Electronic Transportation Acquisition (ETA) login identification (ID) and password before accessing DPS.

2. To obtain an ETA login ID and password, go to: <http://www.move.mil>.

3. Once you have accessed Move.mil, click on the "DPS Registration tab."

4. Once you have accessed the DPS Registration tab, click on "DOD Service Member" and "Civilian Registration."

5. After the registration, enter customer information, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Submit." Please be sure to submit to your local Personal Property Shipping Office (CBC Gulfport).

6. Print and sign your DD1299 and DD1797 and bring a copy to our office with your orders at: 3502 8th Street, Building 452, Gulfport, MS or email to: [hhg\\_gulfport@navy.mil](mailto:hhg_gulfport@navy.mil).

At this time requested pick up dates must be at least two weeks out; however, this can change during the peak season. Please contact Terry Houmard at: 228-871-4741 or Antilisa Lewis at: 228-871-2588 for additional information.

## USO/Full Circle Special Holiday Offer

Are you a deployed service member, serving away from the special woman in your life? Contact Full Circle to request a free holiday package sent on your behalf. The USO is collaborating with Full Circle Home to pilot a program that will help extend the distribution of gift boxes to military moms and spouses around the country, beginning with Mother's Day (May 11). To take part, simply go to: <http://www.fullcirclehome.org/> and click on "request a gift box."

## Scrubbing for Relief



Members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Det NORTHCOM, volunteer their time to raise money for the annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Active Duty Fund Drive during a Car Wash for Relief held recently in Gulfport. Proceeds from the car wash will help the NMCRS provide financial assistance, interest-free loans, educational scholarships and other support to Sailors, Marines and their families. For more news on NMCB 74, visit the Command Facebook page "Fearless74." (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

From NMCB 25 page 6 or had just been promoted; he was proud – he was proud to have been a part of the Seabees."

After Smith officially transferred authority to U.S. Navy Cmdr. Jennifer Donahue, commanding officer of NMCB 25, Task Force Ultim; Donahue recognized the unique nature of the incoming battalion's mission and the opportunities it presents.

"The challenge that lies in front of us will not be an easy one," said Donahue. "We will not be execut-

ing the traditional Seabee mission like the ones we have deployed before to fulfill. But I truly believe that the mission we have been handed is more profound and far reaching than any we have undertaken before. Today, we undertake a new mission. We are here to advise Afghanistan's National Engineer Brigade to develop their own end state."

Donahue continued, "Each one of you is now an Ambassador. Our jobs are to teach, to advise, to train. We will not be judged on how many miles we convoy or how

many man days of construction we execute. Our mission is to help prepare the NEB and [Afghan National Army] develop and become sustainable so that we can leave Afghanistan a better place than where we started. The U.S. is leaving at the end of the year. Our legacy will not be a 1200-man forward operating base, but rather we will be a part of preparing a fully capable brigade of engineers, able to take on the feats Afghanistan asks of it for many years to come. I'm proud to serve with each and every one of you."

## Walk a Mile in Her Shoes



Military and civilian Gulf Coast Community members participate in the 3rd Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes hosted by the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence at the Biloxi Lighthouse Pier, April 17. The event is an opportunity to bring attention to the campaign against sexual assault and violence against women. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Courtney Demastus/Released)

# Focus on Education

## Earth Day 2014

NCBC Gulfport School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd welcomes 4th - 6th grade elementary school students from West Wortham Elementary and Saucier Elementary at the Earth Day celebration on board NCBC Gulfport, April 22. The celebration included a Watershed Harmony Musical Puppet Play at the base Training Hall presented by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and 11 Education Stations at Ladd Circle presented by community organizations, as well as NCBC Gulfport's Public Works Department (PWD). Throughout the day, students were presented information on recycling, energy conservation, environmental responsibility, water quality and animal rescue. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitesman Constructionman Alicia Fluty/Released)

See more Earth Day in May 1 edition of Seabee Courier and on Facebook



## How do I transfer my post 9/11 GI bill?

By MC1 Elliott Fabrizio  
Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs

Serve 36 months in the Navy, and get 36 months of education benefits: in-state tuition, housing stipend, books—the whole shebang.

Earning the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit is automatic, but giving it away requires planning and action.

There are several critical rules to follow to properly transfer your educational benefits, and I'll explain the exact steps, but first, it's worth noting that transferring the GI Bill can also be understood as "sharing" the benefit and gives the benefit a lot of fluidity.

Here are some hypothetical examples of ways you can share this benefit:

- You can transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill to your child.

- You can have another child and transfer half the benefit to your new child, so they each have 18 months respectively, assuming you don't play favorites.

- You can decide both your children are equally undeserving, and transfer

the benefit back to yourself.

- You can apply for the Career Intermission Pilot Program, use half of your benefit to finish up your bachelor's degree, return to service and give the rest to your spouse.

- Your spouse can use four months of the benefit to get a medical technologist certificate, and you can transfer the last 14 months back to your two children, who both seem a little more focused these days.

These examples may not apply to you and your family, but these hypothetical examples are just to give you an idea of what is possible.

Picture your 36 months of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit as three dozen eggs, and when you transfer your benefit, you're free to divide those "eggs," among your dependent's (or your own) baskets as you see fit, with the option to redistribute as your circumstances change.

None of this flexibility, however, is part of the standard package. Transferring the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a retention tool that requires, at a minimum, a

four-year commitment on top of six years of service.

Here are the basic eligibility rules to transfer your benefits, broken down by enlisted Sailors and officers:

Enlisted:

- Complete at least six years of service.

- Have four or more years of service remaining on your enlistment contract, or reenlist so that your EAOS (end of obligated service) date is at least four years away. You will have 30 days from the date of reenlistment to apply to transfer your benefits.

- Have at least one eligible dependent properly registered in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System). Eligible dependents include a spouse, or a child up to the age of 22. Note that children can't use the benefit beyond age 26.

Officers:

- Complete six years of service.

- Be eligible for partial or full Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

- Use a Page 13 entry to sign an agreement to serve an additional four years.

- Have at least one eligible dependent properly registered in DEERS.

- If you meet the criteria, and want the flexibility to distribute this benefit among your family members, then it's time to submit an application to transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit.

Ensure the requirements above are documented accurately in your Electronic Service Record and DEERS.

1. Sign in to the MilConnect website and complete a transfer of education benefits request.

2. It's strongly recommended to assign at least one month of benefits to each eligible family member to ensure ease of redistribution as your situation dictates.

3. Submit the application and look for the status to read "Submitted."

4. If the application doesn't show as "Submitted," there may be an error in your records. Correct any issues using MilConnect's step-by-step guide and reapply.

5. Check back in five working days. The status

See GI page 11

## Education Notes

### NAVY WIVES CLUB OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Foundation of Navy Wives Club of America (NWCA) gives 30 annual scholarships of \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Applicants must be a dependent son/daughter of an active duty, retired with pay or deceased enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard with a valid Dependent ID card. Download applications from the NWCA website - [www.navywivesclubsofamerica.org](http://www.navywivesclubsofamerica.org), or request an application from Linda Hedden - NWCA Scholarship Director, 1300 Hampton Drive, Summerville, SC 29483. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by May 31.

NCBC School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd is located at MWR, Building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave., Phone: 228-871-2117, Email: [kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil](mailto:kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil)

# 'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari  
Special Contributor

## Reclaiming the fridge

Despite the fact that Old Man Winter has been stalking some areas of our country, freezing the poor pansies and keeping northerners ensconced in wool, spring really has sprung.

In keeping with the season's theme of rebirth, this is the time of year when we are supposed to experience renewal. For 40-somethings like me, this usually does not mean getting a chin lift or booking a trip to visit the Dalai Lama. Generally, the revival that we encounter comes in the form of, yep, you guessed it, Spring Cleaning.

But before I lift the couch cushions to reveal \$3.96 in coins, two ballpoint pens, the DVD clicker we lost two moves ago and a veritable snack mix of old popcorn, fuzzy gummy bears, stale peanuts and pulverized goldfish crackers . . .

Before I pull the bed away from the wall to discover a dust bunny large enough to knit into a size 12 cardigan sweater and a pair of knee socks . . .

Before I rummage through our closets to fill thrift store donation bags with flared jeans, Christmas pajamas, and those silly-looking shape up shoes...

Before all that, I really must tackle the most important job first: The Refrigerator

Despite its perfect chill of 36 degrees Fahrenheit, I know there are food items lurking in the back that are no longer edible. These items were forgotten months ago, remaining hidden behind the OJ and the leftover pot roast.

In order to eliminate



these phantoms of the fridge, it's necessary to empty the whole thing out. I usually begin with the freezer. Hoping to find a forgotten casserole dish of coq au vin to cook for dinner, I usually end up with a dozen or so brownish bricks of unidentifiable meat encased in unlabeled storage bags.

When I threw them in the freezer, I thought the contents would be obvious, but thanks to a thick layer of frost, I can't tell a turkey leg from a hamburger patty. After I reject the idea of licking each brick to determine the contents, I hedge my best guess, running the risk that I might end up inadvertently cooking Ham Hock Sloppy Joes or Rump Roast Noodle Soup.

Next, I clear out the small shelves on the refrigerator door. For some unknown reason, items such as jelly jars, bottles of dressing, containers of mustard and jars of pickles tend breed and multiply here. I usually have to take a deep breath and tell myself that the world will not implode if I throw out the almost empty jar of Apricot spread, or the bottle of Catalina dressing I used a quarter cup of for a recipe last summer.

Moving to the main re-

frigerator shelves, I like to keep an eye out for things that are so old, they could be mistaken for something else. For example, expired feta looks just like bleu cheese. Expired sour cream mimics small curd cottage cheese, but smells like dirty feet. And interestingly, expired apple juice that makes a "pffzzzt" sound when the cap is opened has the same effect as tequila when ingested.

After a quick poke in the lunchmeat drawer to remove any slippery slices of iridescent pastрами, I usually move on to the vegetable crispers. As anyone who has ever grabbed for a cucumber only to find a log of slimy mush knows, this area of the fridge can be a challenge to even the strongest constitution. Rusty lettuce, milky tomatoes, shriveled apples and blackened cauliflower florets are only a few of the delicacies waiting to trigger a gag reflex.

Once all the odiferous offenders have been removed from our refrigerator, I give it a good scrub with some disinfectant, pop open a fresh box of baking soda and head off to the commissary for replacement vittles. Considering that our military family budget does not include funds for cosmetic surgery or spiritual pilgrimages, a refreshed refrigerator is our best rendition of spring renewal.

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

## Health Watch

### Did You Know? Saturday is National Medication Take Back Day

From Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport

National Medication Take Back Day is an initiative deployed by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), in conjunction with the local law enforcement agencies around the nation, in efforts to keep prescription drugs off the streets.

On April 26, police agencies across the Gulf Coast will be participating in the nationwide event from 10 a.m.

until 2 p.m., at the collection sites listed below.

If you have any prescription medications that you no longer use or that has expired, please bring them to the listed locations for drop off – the agencies will handle the rest!

Efforts to promote and/or participate in this event will directly contribute to improved safety throughout communities and is greatly appreciated by local law enforcement agencies.



#### Gulf Coast Collection:

##### Participant's name and collection site

**Pass Christian Police Department**, Pass Christian Public Library, 111 Hiern Avenue, Pass Christian

**81st Security Force Squadron**, Keesler AFB Main Exchange, 506 Larcher Boulevard, Biloxi

**Biloxi Police Department**, Biloxi Police Department 170 Porter Avenue, Biloxi

**Bayou La Batre Police Department**, Bayou La Batre Police Department, 8725 Delcambre Street, Bayou La Batre, Ala.

**Citronelle Police Department**, Citronelle Police Department, 19135 Main Street, Citronelle, Ala.

**Mobile County Sheriff's Department**, Walgreens Pharmacy #1777, 3948 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, Ala.

**Slidell Police Department**, Slidell Police Dept., Central Station, 2112 SGT Alfred Drive, Slidell, La.

# NCBC Helping Hands

## LONG BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD

Request for volunteers to work events at home track & field meets. Long Beach School District is hosting three rounds of the MHSAA State Track & Field Play-offs May 3. All competitions take place at the Long Beach track & field complex located at the L.B.H.S. football stadium. The meet begins at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. Point of contact is Chief Ryan Wilber at 228-871-3663 or ryan.wilber@navy.mil.

## PASS CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pass Christian Middle School needs volunteers to serve as proctors for the MCT2, tests May 13-15. A test administrator (teacher) and a proctor are needed in classrooms and hallways. A mandatory brief training will be held for volunteers May 6, at 3:15 p.m. or May 7, at 8 a.m., where volunteers will be advised on duties and given test security information. Alternate training times are possible. Point of contact is Tisha Posey at Tposey@pc.k12.ms.us or 228-452-5220.

## LYNN MEADOWS DISCOVERY CENTER

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is hosting the Bear Creek Music Festival May 3, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The festival will attract vendors and musicians from all over the Gulf Coast. Volunteers are needed to work morning, afternoon or night shifts

to help with all facets of the event. Point of contact is Chelsea Dillon at ChelSwan09@gmail.com.

## 28th STREET ELEMENTARY

28th Street Elementary needs approximately 25 volunteers to proctor tests the week of April 29 - May 2 and May 13 - 15.

Point of contact is Jill Conwill, jill.adams@gulfportschools.org.

## MAKE-A-WISH MISSISSIPPI

Make-A-Wish Mississippi is having a Hero 5K at 8 a.m. May 3 at Biloxi Town Green. Volunteers are needed to man water stations and help with set up and clean up. Race starts at 9 a.m. Runners, walkers and even people pushing baby carriages can don their favorite super hero costume and come out join the fun on a USTA timed 5k course through downtown Biloxi. Children ages 12 and under can race a 1k fun run course. People can register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-wish-mississippi-be-a-hero-5k-benefiting-south-mississippi-wish-kids-tickets-10979204095>.

Point of contact is Shellie Moses at smoses@ms.wish.org or 228.575.8691.

## WEST HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL PROCTORS

West Harrison High School, 10399 County Farm Road, Gulfport is asking for volunteers to serve as test proctors May 5-9 and May 12 from 7:15 - 3 p.m. Volunteers will need to remain at the school until the day's testing is completed.

Volunteers will serve as test proctors and/or hall monitors for the testing area. Proctors will be expected to assist the test administrator. Point of contact is Julie Cullinan, 228-539-8900 or Jcullinan@harrison.k12.ms.us.

## NORTH BAY ELEMENTARY

Volunteers are needed to act as proctors at North Bay Elementary, 602 Pine Street, Bay St. Louis for the upcoming MCT2 state testing May 13 -15, from approximately 7:50 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. each day. Point of contact is Donna M. Torres, 228-467-4052.

## ANNISTON ELEMENTARY

Anniston Elementary, 2314 Jones Street, Gulfport, is in need of proctors for May 13-15, for the Mississippi State Test - MCT2. A short training regarding test protocol and security is required before these dates that can be scheduled. Volunteers will need to be at the school on testing days at 7:15 a.m., and remain until all students in their assigned room have completed the test. Point of contact is Rebecca Pacher, 228-896-6309 or rebecca.pacher@gulfportschools.org.

## 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.

Point of contact is Samantha Benson, 228-867-2140.

## LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

Long Beach High School is seeking 200 volunteers to serve as mentors at LBHS by May 2015. Mentor training will take place at the end of this school year and each volunteer will receive a Mentor Handbook to assist in preparing students for success. To participate in this project please complete a Long Beach High School Volunteer Application and e-mail the school at vivian.robinson@lbsdk12.com or contact LBHS Principal Peter Dabbs at 228-863-6945 for more information.

## GULFPORT SCHOOLS

### 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. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

### COAST SALVATION ARMY

Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Point of contact is

Shawna\_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org.

## HELP SENIORS AND DISABLED CITIZENS

Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled and unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/women. Point of contact is 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.

## USS ALABAMA ALWAYS LOOKING FOR 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. Point of contact is Owen Miller, 251-433-2703 or cell 251-767-0157.

## 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](http://www.usovolunteer.org). This will allow you to keep track of your hours. Point of contact is Nicole Lewis at nlewis@uso.org for details.

April 24, 2014

## Seabee Memorial Chapel

### Religious Services

Sunday:

Contemporary: 8 a.m.  
Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
Protestant: 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass:  
Tuesday: 11:15 a.m.



### NCBC Center Chaplain:

**Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis, Chaplain**

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

Follow the Chapel on Facebook to keep up with the programs and events. Search "Seabee Memorial Chapel," and click "Like"

## What's happening at the Chapel?

### Sundays

- Contemporary (Gospel) Service: 8 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Protestant Sunday School/Trivium Bowl: 9:15 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m. (childcare available via volunteers)
- Protestant Service: 10:30 a.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Catholic CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine): 10:30 a.m.
- Club Beyond: 2 p.m. (middle to high school students)
- Beyond Club: 4 p.m. (middle to high school students)

### Tuesdays

- Catholic Mass: 11:15 a.m.
- Contemporary (Gospel) Praise and Worship Team Practice: 5 p.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)
- Protestant Bible Study/Bible Bingo: 6 p.m. (childcare/nursery available via volunteers)

- Protestant Praise and Worship Team Practice: 6 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

- Catholic Choir Practice: 7 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

### Wednesdays

- Praise Break: 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes of praise and worship through music)
- Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study: noon to 1 p.m. (childcare available via volunteers)

### Meetings:

#### Chapel Council meetings

The Seabee Memorial Chapel Council meetings will meet the last Sunday of each month following service time. This is a time for council members to meet with Chaplain Davis.

#### Quarterly "State of the Chapel" meetings

The Chapel will hold State of the Chapel meetings with Chaplain Davis and Father Paddy open to all congregation members. The meetings will be at 5 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 4 and Nov. 3.

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### 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 Cen-

ter. 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** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 nationwide 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. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at [Region63@juno.com](mailto:Region63@juno.com) or 850-890-6792.

### 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 class-

room. 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 MCDC President, SW2 Crayton at 228-760-1107 or Vice President, CE2 Tandberg, 850-384-7982 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 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 at-

tend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

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

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

**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, contact Eugene Cowhick at [eugene.cowhick@navy.mil](mailto:eugene.cowhick@navy.mil), 228-871-2488 or Robert Smith at [Robert.p.smith5@navy.mil](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org) or call the gift store for more information at 228-871-4779.



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Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

From **GI** page 8 should read "Request Approved."

6. If your status reads "Request Rejected," consult your career counselor to correct any issues and reapply.

Once you complete the process to transfer the benefit one time, you will not need to reapply or reenlist to redistribute your 36 months between your dependents and yourself, or add additional eligible dependents. However, you can't add additional dependents after separating from service, hence the recommendation to assign one month to each eligible dependent.

You may redistribute or revoke these benefits from your dependents

at any time by accessing the MilConnect website.

These rules also apply to Reserve Component Sailors eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Each Sailor will have a unique situation and set of goals, and there are important considerations when deciding how to best use your transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Here are a few more items to consider:

- If your spouse is using the benefit while you are still on active duty, they will not receive a housing stipend.

- If your child is using the benefit while you are still on active duty, they will receive the housing stipend.

- Spouses have 15 years from the date you separate to use the benefit.

- Children do not have a 15-year time limit, but can't use the benefit beyond age 26.

- Spouses may use the benefit immediately after your transfer request is approved.

- Children can use the benefit only after you have completed at least 10 years of service.

- Divorce will not automatically revoke transferred benefits, but you have the right to revoke transferred benefits at any time.

To get more information, visit the Post-9/11 GI Bill transfer FAQ on MilConnect or contact Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551.

# BARRACKS BASH 2014



**May 8**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**NCTC Barracks (Bldg 460)**

**Music provided by DJ.**



**GAMES!**

**FREE FOOD!**



**PRIZES!**

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 at facebook.com/nbcbliberty

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For more info call ITT at 228-871-2231

**WATER AEROBICS @ THE FITNESS CENTER**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

CALL 228-871-2668 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Anchors and Eagles	871-4607	Hours:	Tu-Th 2-6p
Auto Skills Center	871-2804	Hours:	W-Fr 11a-7p, Sat 9a-5p
Beehive	871-4009	Hours:	M-Th 4:30-10:30p, Fr 4:30-11:30p Sat 5-11:30p
CBC Fitness Center	871-2668	Hours:	M-Th 4:30a-8p, Fr 4:30a-7p, Sat-Sun 9a-4p
Aquatics	822-5103	Hours:	M-Fr 5:30a-5:00p, Sat-Sun 9a-4p, Sun Closed
Child Development Ctr	871-2323	Hours:	M-Fr 6a-5:30p
Free Movie Hotline	871-3299	Hours:	Open 30 min prior to movie showings
ITT	871-2231	Hours:	M-Fr 10a-4:30p, Sat 10a-2p
Liberty Center	871-4684	Hours:	Sun 10a-8:30p, M-Th:10:30a-1:30p & 4-8:30p, Fr 10:30a-1:30p&4-11p, Sat 10a-11p
Outdoor Recreation	871-2127	Hours:	M 8a-1p, Th-Fr 10a-6p, Sat 7a-1p
School Liaison Officer	871-2117	Hours:	M-F 7:30a-3:30p
Shields RV Park	871-5435	Hours:	M-Sat 8a-4p, Sun 8a-2p
The Grill	871-2494	Hours:	M-Fr 7am-1:30pm
Youth Activities Ctr	871-2251	Hours:	6-7:30a & 2:00-5:30p
SAC		Hours:	M-Th 3:30p-8:30p, Fr 3:30p-9p
Teen Center		Hours:	Tu-Th 5:30p-8:30p, Fr 6p-9p
Rec Center		Hours:	

**FITNESS CENTER**  
**EXTENDED POOL HOURS!**  
Call (228) 871-2668 for more information  
Monday - Friday 5:30am - 5:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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**6 NEW OPERATIONAL LIFTS**  
Call (228) 871-2804 for more information

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**CRAWFISH MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**APRIL 17-20 & 24-27, 2014**

**Crawfish Music Festival Trip**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
**FREE shuttle departs at 4 p.m.**  
**Concert featuring Justin Moore and Josh Thompson at 8 p.m.!**

Sign-up deadline is Friday, April 25!

**Smokin' the Sound Powerboat Racing!**  
**Sunday, April 27**  
**FREE shuttle departs at 11 a.m.**

Sign-up deadline is Friday, April 25!

**POOL TOURNAMENT**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Prize awarded to first place!**