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Equipment Operator 1st Class William Travis, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 in Jacksonville, Fla., shovels dirt during construction of a new soccer field at an engineering site established at Cavana Primary School in support of Continuing Promise 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Tomarius Roberts/Released)

Seabees/Colombian engineers partner during Continuing Promise 2015

By MC2 Brittney Cannady
CP-15 Public Affairs

Navy Seabees embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) are partnering with members of the Colombian Navy to complete several engineering projects during the Continuing Promise 2015 (CP-15) mission stop in Colombia, July 8 - 19.

Sailors assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202, from Jacksonville, Fla., and Virginia Beach, Va., worked with Colombian military engineers to renovate and install new equipment at two local

schools and a medical clinic in the cities of Juanchaco and Buenaventura.

The work includes installing a drop ceiling and air conditioning units and making electrical and plumbing repairs. Additionally, the team will assist with plans to construct a new soccer field.

"I'm truly thankful to share the experience and work together with the U.S. Navy. The mayor and citizens all appreciate the efforts made today by the Seabees," said Colombian Navy Master Sgt. Juan Torres, an operations officer.

Utilitiesman 2nd Class Robert Jones, a CBMU-202 crew

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Equipment Operator 2nd Class Kenyon Clark uses a KALMAR rough terrain container handler to unload containers from an Improved Navy Lighterage System (INLS) Causeway Ferry and load them onto tractor trailers during amphibious operations at Anzio Beach aboard Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Va., during Naval Beach Group (NBG) 2 Command Post Exercise (CPX) Blue Heron, June 19. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Taylor Mohr/Released)

Amphibious Seabees beat the heat during Blue Heron

By MC2(SCW) Taylor Mohr
PHIBCB 2 Public Affairs

As the sweltering summer heat beat down on the Seabees and Sailors assigned to various commands within Naval Beach Group (NBG) 2, all hands remained focused on safely executing training in preparation for Maritime Prepositioning Force Exercise 2015. Temperatures peaked at 99 degrees with 60 percent humidity, as Command Post Exercise (CPX)/Blue Heron continued as scheduled aboard Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Va., in mid-June.

"We are in the Navy and we are Seabees and there is no way some heat is going to

keep us from doing our job," said Equipment Operator 2nd Class Kenyon Clark, Amphibious Construction Battalion (PHIBCB) 2. "I've been deployed to Kuwait before, this is nothing."

NBG 2 consists of commands with both Navy surface and construction force skill sets.

Seabees and Sailors assigned to PHIBCB 2 and Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 2 operate displacement landing craft, while Beachmaster Unit (BMU) 2 Sailors maintain beach lanes and control traffic at the beachhead.

PHIBCB 2 builds and maintains beach camp facilities and also operates heavy
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SAPR/SUICIDE WORKSHOP July 21-22, NOSC Drill Hall, Building 114

July 21: 8 - 10 a.m., Front Line Supervisors (E5-E9 and 01-04); 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Front Line Supervisors; 1 - 4:30 p.m., Leadership (CO/XO/OIC/CMC)

July 22: 8 - 11:30 a.m., Program Managers (SAPR Team, FAP, DAPA, Suicide Prevention Coordinators); 12:30 - 2 p.m., Working group with DAPAs and UPCs

Comedy is the Cure

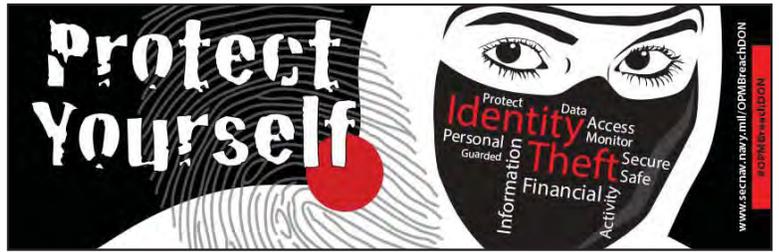
All Hands Bystander Intervention Show
Featuring Comedian Bernie McGrenahan

July 22, 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Training Hall - ALL HANDS!

Who is Trying to be You? *Identity Theft is not going away*

By Terrina Weatherspoon
Defense Media Activity



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We've all heard the warnings about identity theft. We've been briefed on what to look for. Check your credit reports, check your bank account, and then check again. Master Chief Legalman Erin Meadows was all too familiar with the precautions.

Since so many health care and military processes and benefits required her social security number, she assumed that at some point her identity might be comprised, so she's always been pretty diligent with it. She was well aware of information and assistance available to assist ID theft victims and felt she was prepared for anything.

Only it wasn't her identity she had to worry about, it was her husband's. While attempting to file 2013 federal and state taxes, their submission was denied because of duplicative tax refund filing.

"We were receiving an error message which indicated one of our forms was not accurate," said Meadows. "After multiple associates verified the information from the referenced form was reported properly, H&R Block referred me to the IRS to inquire about the error message. Concerned, I immediately contacted the IRS and after multiple steps of verifying my identity and explaining the purpose of my call, the IRS advised me that the reason for the rejection was that someone had filed an individual return using my husband's SSN alone."

The IRS never alerted Meadows or her husband about the breach, said Meadows. They didn't notify anyone even though they were fairly certain his information had been compromised. However, after Meadows contacted them, she said they immediately began telling her what steps to take.

"The IRS provided references to a lot of the necessary precautions," said Meadows. "I was provided a case number and was advised to immediately file a police report with my local authorities."

Meadows took steps on her own as well, immediately contacting her bank and all three credit bureaus to place security freezes. She notified the Social Security Administration and the State's Attorney General's office. She also printed and became familiar with the IRS' Identity Theft Taxpayer Guide.

"The bank assisted us by placing an immediate freeze on any credit increase requests, without additional security checks and verifications, and they also placed additional security on any transactions above a mutually agreed upon amount," said

Meadows. "Now, we receive communications from our bank regarding transactions which are out of the ordinary and especially those which are conducted out of our home state. When we travel, we now contact our bank to advise them of our travels so they can be aware of potential foreign transactions which are appropriate. Our bank and creditors have been very helpful and most accommodating through this entire process."

And as far as taxes, that is going to continue to be a bit of a hassle for the next few years. Meadows was also informed that in addition to her husband being required to submit a complete IRS ID Theft Affidavit with their hard copy tax filings and additional copies of photo identifications, they would also not be allowed to file their taxes electronically for at least three years.

Although Meadows and her husband did receive their federal tax refund, as far as they know, the thief has not been caught. They don't have any details on how they could

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Jocelyn Albrecht, left, a recreation aid at the base Information, Tickets and Travel office, speaks with Rana Atkinson about local attractions available along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, July 8. Anyone with questions about local attractions, trips, vacation destinations and pricing is asked to call 228-871-2231. The office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Samantha Opyoke/Released)

ITT offers summer attractions at discounted prices

By BUCN Samantha Opyoke
NCBC Public Affairs

The Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office located next to the Navy Exchange on board NCBC Gulfport offers tickets to local recreational destinations as well as points of interest across the country for active duty military, Reservists, retirees and their families.

As part of the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, ITT offers: discount tickets to attractions such as Gulf Islands Water Park, the Biloxi Shuckers baseball games, the Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans as well as Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Jocelyn Albrecht, a recreation aid at the base ITT office, suggests visiting the center for the most accu-

rate prices and attractions available.

"The availability changes often and it's best to have customers come in to the facility to see the selection," said Albrecht.

As a travel agency, ITT can assist with discount hotel reservations, rental cars, and airline tickets, as well as cruises, tours and trip planning.

Information on local attractions is also available, including community events, regional brochures, and state maps.

According to Albrecht, by providing discount leisure services, ITT shows their commitment to military quality of life. Getting a good deal on a vacation package or on movie tickets helps families enjoy time together for less money. Plus, ITT is non-revenue generating, which means that profits go back into base recreational services. So

when you use ITT, you not only help yourself, but other military personnel too.

"ITT has many new services they are trying to establish such as the Build-A-Trip program," said Albrecht. This service would entail a pre-planned trip to an event or a small family vacation scheduled by ITT. "We would also like to open communications with the battalions to let the Sailors know what we offer and how our services could help them and find out what events and vacation trips they would be interested in."

If you have any questions about local attractions, trips, vacation destinations and pricing, contact ITT Manager, Josh Watson or Recreation Aid, Jocelyn Albrecht at 228-871-2231. The office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See Something, Say Something Report suspicious activity which is defined as any observed behavior that could indicate terrorism or terrorism-related crime. Public safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement. Call 228-871-2361 or 911.



Buzz on the Street

By BUCN Elizabeth Mills and BUCN Alexandria Marek
NCBC Public Affairs

"What is your favorite outdoor activity?"



BUCN Brent Pohlman

NMCB 133

Hometown: Brandenburg, Ky.



UTCN(SCW) Valerie Trevino

NMCB 11

Hometown: Houston, Texas



SW3(SCW) Caleb Stockwill

NMCB 133

Hometown: Ignacio, Colo.

"Hunting, because I've done it all my life."

"Building furniture, because it's relaxing and fun with an end goal."

"Beach volleyball, because you get to spike it and dig it."



AROUND THE CENTER



Maintenance Mechanic Patrick Sinclair, employed with the Public Works Department, paints newly-built benches in front of building 1 on board NCBC, Gulfport, July 10.

The benches are being restored in an effort to beautify the base and to add more outdoor seating. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Samantha Opyoke/Released)



Brian Weddle, left, instructs a student on proper turning techniques during the Basic Riders Course Level I on board NCBC Gulfport, July 8. For more information on motorcycle safety courses, call the Safety Office at 228-871-3115. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Elizabeth Mills/Released)



Children play on the splash pad at the Child Development Center (CDC) on board NCBC Gulfport, July 9. The CDC offers water play during the summer months to allow chil-

dren to cool off from the heat. For more information about the CDC call 228-871-2323. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Alexandria Marek/Released)

All Key and Sub Key Custodians ... July is inventory submittal month. Contact base Physical Security Officer at sharlene.daniels@navy.mil or dial 228-871-3599, for more information.

GREAT NEWS!

Extended Fitness Center Hours

Effective July 13

Sunday 0700-2000

Monday- Friday 0400-2200

Saturday 0600-2100



Base Housing Yard Sale

Aug. 15
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Balfour Beatty Communities will post advertising info on FaceBook. For more information, call the Housing Office at 228-863-0424 or email lladner@bbcgrp.com

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

Summer Safety: How to stay safe when operating ATVs

By BUCN Elizabeth Mills
NCBC Public Affairs

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are very popular in the United States. However, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were an estimated 99,600 ATV-related emergency department-treated injuries in the United States in 2013. An estimated 25 percent of these involved children younger than 16 years of age.

Many riders don't seem to realize that ATVs have the capability to injure or kill drivers. Despite these numbers, in the correct hands, ATVs can be a fun way to spend time in the great outdoors.

Below are some tips to keep you safe when riding an ATV:

- ~ Be of age. The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends that children under the age of 16 NOT operate an ATV.

- ~ Always wear protective gear. Just like operating a motorcycle or bike, riding an ATV requires you use proper protective gear. ALWAYS wear a helmet. Most serious or fatal accidents occur when the rider is not wearing a helmet and falls on his or her head

- ~ Take a driver's safety course. Safety courses educate riders of the correct way to operate and ride an ATV to ensure he or she



knows how to handle the vehicle.

- ~ Only one rider per vehicle. ATVs are intended for only one rider at a time. Since you have to manipulate your weight in order to control the vehicle, having two riders can be incredibly dangerous.

- ~ Ride ATVs in appropriate settings.

- ~ Do not speed.

- ~ Do not operate an ATV impaired. Many adults find themselves tempted to operate an ATV while under the influence of drugs

or alcohol.

- ~ Carry a communication device with you at all times. ATV operations should be sure to carry a cell phone or any communication device with them at all times so that they can call for help in the event of an emergency.

- ~ Do not attempt tricks or stunts while riding an ATV. The most injuries on ATVs occur when the vehicles are operated improperly.

For more information on ATV safety, visit www.classbrain.com/atv-safety-tips.

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Back in time . . . Seabee history - Vietnam Era



Seabee Construction Electrician 3rd Class Tom Williams works on improvements to the power distribution system at Camp Hoover, Da Nang, Vietnam, Nov. 21, 1968. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Seabee Museum/Released

This week in Seabee History

July 12

1966: NMCB 4 advance party departed Chu Lai for continental U.S.

1968: NMCB 3 relieved NMCB 121 at Camp Faulkner, Da Nang, RVN.

1968: NMCB 3 main body arrived at Camp Faulkner, RVN by government aircraft.

July 13

1968: Seabee Team 5801 deployed from Chau Phu to Camp Haskins North, Da Nang, RVN.

July 14

1968: CDR F.H. Lewis, Jr., CEC, USN, relieved CDR E.H. March, CEC, USN, as Commanding Officer, NMCB 133

July 15

1966: NMCB 40 advance party arrived in Chu Lai to relieve NMCB 4.

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1968: The dedication ceremony for Camp Haines was held with RADM J.V. Bartlett, Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, as guest speaker. The camp was dedicated in honor of EOC John C. Haines who was killed during NMCB 4's 1967 deployment to Da Nang, RVN.

1969: NMCB 1 main body of 635 men arrived in Camp Campbell, Phu Bai, RVN.

July 17

1968: First increment of NMCB 22's Advance Party, consisting of five officers and 75 enlisted men arrived at Camp Haskins North from CBC, Gulfport, MS.

July 18

1970: Seabee Team 0708 arrived at Davisville, RI from Vietnam for reassignment to NMCB 7.

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Twenty-three Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 participated in a volunteer project to at the La Cartuja monastery in Jerez, Spain, June 27. The La Cartuja Monastery has been a regular community relation site for the deployed Seabees in Spain. (U.S. Navy photos/Released)

NMCB 11 continue tradition of volunteering at monastery

By RP3 Jamar Pegues
NMCB 11

JEREZ, Spain - Twenty-three Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 participated in a volunteer project at the La Cartuja monastery in Jerez, Spain, June 27.

The La Cartuja Monastery has been a regular community relation site for the deployed Seabees in Spain. Seabees from

NMCB 8, 1, 74 and now 11 have all been a part of the preservation of this Spanish monument over the years.

Seabees volunteered to reorganize and move heavy objects to clear out a space for a new chapel, along with minor landscaping of the courtyard which included pruning and removing weeds from around trees.

"I'm happy I had the chance to volunteer and experience such a pre-served monument, while I was in Spain," said Information Systems Technician Seaman Jeffery Dumag.

During the event, the Seabees received a history lesson about the monastery which dates back to 1476 and was used exclusively to house monks.

Cmdr. Jorge R. Cuadros,

commanding officer of NMCB 11 showed his support by volunteering and providing translation due to the language barrier between the monastery staff and the Seabees that volunteered.

"I had a great time helping out. It was a beautiful monastery and full of history. It was splendid," said Utilitiesman Constructionman Alicia Gonter.

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equipment such as tractor trailers, dozers and loaders used to move equipment on and off the craft and the beach. Occasionally a dozer is needed for beach salvage to push rolling stock out of the loose sand or to assist landing craft off the beach.

"NBG 2 works together with our subordinate commands to simulate an actual Maritime Pre-positioning Ship offload," said Lt. Amy Kenny, NBG 2 Maritime Pre-positioning Force (MPF) operations officer. "We are able to utilize our organic assets to include a crane and pierside Roll-on-Roll-off Discharge Facility [RRDF] or platform to simulate LO/LO [lift on/lift off] and RO/RO [roll on/roll off] operations using Landing Craft Mechanized [LCM] 8 and Improved Navy Lighterage System [INLS] craft. These craft then offload at the beach to allow all the commands to interact as they would during an actual offload in support of the U.S. Marine Corps."

The exercise enables all commands under NBG2 to work together and practice their own unique skill sets to accomplish a mission as one cohesive unit.

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NMCB 5 Civic Action Detail Philippines



POOG, Philippines - Utilitiesman 3rd Class Mary Molina, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, works alongside engineers from the Philippine Army 53rd Engineering Brigade, July 10. The Seabees assigned to NMCB 5's Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) Cebu, Philippines are constructing school houses at Poog Elementary School and Aloguinsan Elementary School, which will serve more than 2,000 students after the additions are completed. The CCAD's mission is to execute engineering civic assistance projects, conduct skills exchanges with the host nation, and perform community relations events to help enhance shared capabilities and maintain relationships. (U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 3rd Class Veronica Finkbonner/Released)

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Leaders tour Seabee-built mock city for training search dogs

By NCG 1 Public Affairs

SANTA PAULA, Calif. -- Local civic, reserve and active duty military leaders toured the National Disaster Search and Rescue Dog Foundation's (SDF) National Training Center (NTC) to see first-hand the naval construction efforts there, July 9.

SDF was founded in 1996 to help strengthen disaster response capabilities by training rescued dogs and then partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to help find people buried in rubble following a disaster.

The tour highlighted the capabilities of the training facility, the search dogs and their handlers that the foundation serves, as well as the Seabees' ongoing construction projects.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) 4, 18 and 22, along with support from Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1 and 1st Naval Construction Regiment (1 NCR) are working under the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT) and alongside a general contractor to construct various training facilities at the center. The facilities simulate realistic disaster scenarios for search dogs.

Leadership got a chance to look at "Search City," a 1-acre area consisting of homes and businesses that have been designed to reflect the damage that may occur in a disaster.

"All of these buildings that we're building are the only kind in the entire world," said Lt. Justin Perry, project officer-in-charge. Perry added that the buildings will have a unique scent system, built with piping to allow the smell of trainers acting as simulated disaster victims to travel throughout the city.

Additionally, the mock city includes a convenience store, a house with an 11 degree tilt, 11,000 cubic yards of earth work, three facades simulating collapsed houses, as well as observation areas and trails.

"The Seabees are getting advanced builder skills and advanced equipment operator skills," said Perry. "(The reservists) can take these skills that they've learned and not only apply it to their civilian employment, but also apply it to overall attainment in the construction battalions as well. They get a very diverse type of training and it's something they may not see for a long time."

Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command Rear Adm. Eric Young attended the tour and spoke about the importance of the projects.

"One of the reasons that we're ready- you know, anytime, anywhere- is because of projects like this. It's two things: building relationships and being able to train," said Young. "And it allows the Seabees in this case to be ready and train to accomplish any mission they may have."

Serenity Nichols, an executive assistant at the foundation, said her first contact with the Seabees started when they volunteered at the training center, constructing a retaining wall in their off time. And it was through those interactions that she learned of the IRT program.

Nichols echoed the collaborative relationship between her organization and the Seabees.

"They're getting the training that they need to become deployment ready or (to help) a community in need, and we are getting the training props built for our search dogs, so it's a win-win partnership," she said.

Future work at the foundation is expected to



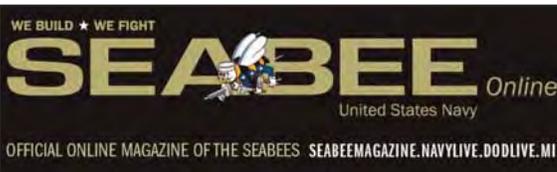
Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18 tie rebar during construction at the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation's National Training Center. The Seabees, along with other active duty and reserve units based out of Port Hueneme, Calif., are constructing various training facilities at the center to simulate realistic disaster scenarios for search dogs under the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Lowell Whitman/Released)

include a climate controlled dome to simulate weather conditions, a collapsed bridge, a rappelling tower, and road work.

"It's been a great project," said Perry, adding that he hopes the success of Search City would be followed in kind by the success of a nearby industrial park under construction.

"In the end it's not going to matter if the reserve or active duty built it," said Perry. "It's going to be the Seabees who built it, and it's going to (leave) a lasting impression for future generations."

Energy Savings Tip: Drive sensibly; aggressive driving such as speeding, and rapid acceleration and braking, wastes fuel.



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From CP-15 page 1 leader, said that Sailors are split between each site and paired with host-nation engineers who are trained with the same level of proficiency.

"The enthusiasm for the improvement projects and for sharing of ideas on how to best complete the job was felt by all those involved," added Jones. "The host nation engineers and our team were all onboard to do what was needed to get

the job done and learn from one another," said Jones. "I was also able to teach a few guys how to make an elbow in a pipe by heating it up and bending it slightly. It's all about the little things that help make the job easier."

The Colombian engineers' construction experience and knowledge contributed greatly to the projects explained Equipment Operator 1st Class William Travis. While both groups of engi-

neers possess a variety of skills, the collaboration and shared experience between both teams is what strengthens the working relationship, Travis explained.

"We've worked with the host nation engineers so closely, learning new techniques and methods. We were able to sharpen our own skills," said Travis.

"The combined goal and mutual dedication to improve the schools and clinic

for Colombian residents is an integral part of a successful partnership with Colombian engineers," said Jones. "At the end of the day we may have different methods but the task is still the same, there is teamwork and goals in place to be able to get the job done, and we are doing that pretty well together," he added.

Continuing Promise is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored and U.S. Naval

Forces Southern Command/ U.S. 4th Fleet-conducted deployment to conduct civil-military operations including humanitarian-civil assistance, subject matter exchanges, medical, dental, veterinary and engineering support and disaster response to partner nations and to show the United States' continued support and commitment to Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Focus on Education

Advancement profile notifications made easy

By Katrina Gergely
NETPDTC Public Affairs

The Navy Advancement Center (NAC) announced a new service July 13, allowing Sailors to request to receive profile sheet updates via email.

The move by the Naval Education Training and Personnel Development Technology Center's (NETPDTC) information technology department, is geared toward reaching out to Sailors.

"This is another example of the Navy Advancement Center's mission to make the advancement system more user-friendly," said NETPDTC's Command Master Chief, Master Chief Electronics Technician James Berhalter Jr.

To access this service, Sailors can log onto the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) home page and select Navy Advancement Center under the Career Management



drop-down tab, then click on My Advancement to access the Advancement Profile Sheet link. At the top of the profile sheet, there is a block to enter an email address. Once entered, push the button Register for Email Notification. Users can also easily opt out of the automatic notifications at any time.

Once registered, candidates will receive an email

every time an updated advancement sheet profile is generated due to a change in advancement status. The email directs the candidate to access their account. The benefit of signing up for notifications is the time and effort that it saves the Sailor.

"Prior to the email notification service being implemented, Sailors who were frocked had to spend valuable time each month checking NKO to see if their pay status had changed," said Navy Enlisted Advancement Execution Division Head Thomas Updike. "Now an email will be generated for anyone who signs up for the service, doing away with the need to check for that profile sheet notification."

For all of the latest updates and information concerning Navy advancement visit NAC's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Navy-Advancement-Center/213190711299>.

Education Notes

Command Financial Specialist Training

A Command Financial Specialist Training and Refresher course, open to E6 and above, will be held at 8 a.m., July 21 - 14 at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC.) E5 personnel may attend with an approved waiver. For more information and to register, call 228-871-3000.

Smooth Moves

Moving in the next few months? Take the Smooth Moves Class at FFSC, Aug. 5, 9 a.m. - Noon. Pre-registration is requested for all classes. Call 228-871-3000 to reserve your space!

CCC Fall "A" Registration

Registration for the Coastline Community College Fall "A" Term which runs from Aug. 24 to Oct. 18, will take place June 22 - Aug. 17. Additional information may be obtained in the Navy College Office, Building 60, room 239 or by contacting Dr. David Drye at 228-871-3439 or email at ddrye@coastline.edu.

Parents/Students

Your copy of the 2015/2016 Mississippi Gulf Coast School Guide is available at: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ncbc_gulfport/ffr/relocation_assistance/schools.html



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

CPR/AED Classes

NCBC Fire and Emergency Services is offering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) classes to organizations on board the Center. For more information, call 228-871-2414.



New to military family housing?

Did you know that OPNAVINST 11320.23G requires housing residents to attend a Fire Safety brief within 30 days of moving into base housing? Briefs, which last no more than an hour, are held at the NCBC Fire Department on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. If you have not attended a brief yet, plan to do so. If you are unable to attend, call the Fire Chief, 228-871-3117 to discuss your situation.

Navy-wide Advancement Exams ... Sept. 3 (E6), Sept. 10 (E5), Sept. 17 (E4) ... Building 433 (Tactical Training Facility), Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Be in the Uniform of the Day and bring valid CAC

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH/WELLNESS FAIR

City of Gulfport
Aug. 1, 9 a.m. - Noon
Barksdale Pavillion - Jones Park

Events:

- ~ Children's Activities
- ~ Tennis Sport Court
- ~ Free Health Screenings
- ~ Bicycle Safety Course
- ~ Free Handouts/ Drawings

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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

Soundoff: *Are military discounts fair?*

"Do you have a military discount?"

If I had a nickel for every time I've heard my husband say this - at the movie theater, pizza place, tire center, hardware store - I guess we wouldn't need to ask for discounts.

Every little bit helps, right? But military folks aren't the only ones having to budget these days - the entire country is feeling the pinch. So why should we get special treatment?

Although the phrase "military-civilian divide" has been around since the Vietnam War, it is seeing a lot more press lately. Journalists, scholars, and commentators are analyzing the widening gap of understanding between the public and our shrinking military population. While the negative effects of such a gap are largely agreed-upon, the causes of this divide are the subject of hot debate.

Who is to blame? What role do military members play in widening the gap? Do we expect benefits such as military discounts? What message does this send to our civilian neighbors? Do they resent us when we claim a discount while they pay full price?

Recently, I launched these questions into the cyberspace via social media, and the viewpoints that came back were mainly in support of offering military discounts. Although, there were hints that the is-

sue is complex:

"As a military family we are very much into making our dollars stretch as far as possible, so it would be silly for us to leave these discounts unused. We have saved hundreds of dollars (if not thousands) over the years." -- Nichole, 33, AF spouse.

"I do not feel any guilt enjoying this small benefit at a very limited number of businesses. I pay for my health insurance, I pay my taxes, I have lived in countries that lack the conveniences Americans enjoy on a daily basis, I have moved 12 times in 18 years and paid thousands of dollars out of pocket over the years to re-stock my pantry without being able to shop 'sales' or use coupons." -- Katie, 46, Marine Spouse.

"But when does the notion change from appreciation to expectation? That is where I have concerns." -- Jackie, 35, civilian.

"I ask. It's a way that business has decided to express it's appreciation, and I appreciate that business right back! I don't feel entitled, I feel appreciated." -- Jill, 48, retired AF spouse.

"I don't ask. To me it feels greedy." -- Marisa, 29, AF spouse.

"I view that discount as an act of patriotism, a quality, I for one, still value. Funny thing is, I have no idea which companies offer these discounts. I guess these

companies have all opted for quiet patriotism. Maybe not so surprising these days." -- Chris, 50, real estate agent.

"While I don't wear the uniform, the same oath of office I take as a government civilian is exactly the same oath every officer takes. So why is it that we are perceived as not always a part of the team? ... A great deal of civilians are deploying to austere places. Why discriminate?" -- Jacqueline, 35, AF government civilian.

"I was shocked to discover some of the civilians in my community where using their similarly looking military ID for store discounts. Such abuse of an unearned discount in that form made me really upset." -- Ann Marie, 35, Army spouse.

"If students, teachers, AAA, AARP... are all encouraged to ask for discounts then there is no difference in a military family asking." -- Amanda, military spouse.

"There is a movie theater chain that gives a military discount for the active duty member and not dependents ... not nice! If you're going to give a discount, give it to the entire family. We serve too!" -- Suzanne, 43, Navy spouse.

"I think we've gotten spoiled by discounts in general. I have noticed that most military discounts are only given to the active duty member now and not the dependents, which makes sense to me." Angie, 47,



retired Army spouse.

"With what our military personnel go through, that discount is well deserved. It is embarrassing what our troops make." -- Danny, 49, civilian.

"As a civilian, I feel the 'pinch' too, but I'm happy to be free thanks to the military. A discount is well worth our freedom." -- Joseph, 44, civilian butcher.

If variety is the spice of life, the topic of military benefits is the five-alarm chill of opinions these days. One way to cool this hot debate is for those of us who benefit from generous discounts to douse any feelings of entitlement with an ample dollop of genuine appreciation.

*A 21-year Navy spouse, Lisa and her family are currently stationed in Newport, RI. Her self-syndicated columns appear on her blog, www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com, and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites."*

NBHC Gulfport Behavioral Health Clinic is here to help

Are you feeling overwhelmed with problems and emotions? Are you feeling sad, anxious or irritable? Don't know where to turn? Look no further than the Branch Medical Clinic, Gulfport Behavioral Health Clinic.

Our staff comprised of two Psychiatrists, two Psychologists and one Licensed Clinical Social Worker is here to assist the active duty service member and dependent family members, to include children, with your mental health needs.

We offer a wide range of mental health services to include individual and group counseling for active duty military and adult family members as well as medication management for the active duty service member.

Why should I come to the Behavioral Health Clinic in Gulfport?

This is an outstanding question with a very simple answer, continuity of care. Whether you are active duty military or a family member there is an eventuality that you will be required to relocate to a new area either via permanent change of station or retirement. The Department of Defense now provides access to all medical records on a global basis.

What does this mean?

It is a fancy way of saying; your medical records electronically follow you wherever you may go within the Department of Defense. This allows for better continuity of care as your new provider would have direct access to all treatment records ensuring that your continuing needs are met even when you leave

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NCBC Helping Hands

ROTTEN BAYOU PARK - Volunteers are needed to plant vegetation to provide a habitat for butterflies and songbirds at Rotten Bayou Park in Diamondhead, July 27 – 31. The project is being done as part of a partnership between the Miss. Coastal Plain and Miss. State University's Gulf Coast Community Design Studio. The park is open to the public. Point of contact for more information is Kelsey Johnson at johnson.kelsey@gmail.com or **228-436-4661**.

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.

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.

DISABILITY CONNECTION - Disability Connection provides support to individuals with disabilities, including military veterans. Volunteers are needed to build ramps and provide home inspections for needed material lists. Point of contact is Ms. O'Keefe, 228-604-4020 or office@disabilityconnection.org.

BUILD HANDICAP RAMPS - Volunteers are needed to build handicap ramps for the disabled. If you would like to help, please

contact Susan Smith at Fleet and Family Support Center, 228-871-3000.

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 handy-men/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. Call 228-871-2610 to volunteer.

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.

NCBC Construction



~ There will be road closures affecting normal traffic patterns until July 24 at the intersection of 9th St. and 11th St., and the intersection of 9th St and McKinney Ave. Please watch for detour signs.

~ Beginning July 28, traffic delays may be experienced at the Broad Av-

enue Gate and 28th Street Gate due to construction activities. No major inbound/outbound lane or gate closures are anticipated. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of November.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

NCBC Security would like to remind you that music cannot be heard more than 25 feet from your vehicle or you will be in violation of base policy.



Seabee Memorial Chapel

What's happening at the chapel?

Protestant

Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School (Ages 5-12 years)

10:30 a.m. - Services

Weekdays

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - Praise Break (20 minutes of praise and worship through music)

Noon - 1 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study

Catholic

Sunday

8:30 - Rosary/Confession

9 a.m. - Mass

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday & Friday – 11:15 a.m. - Mass

Thursday

5 p.m. - Holy Hour

6 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

7 p.m. - Bible Study

Please visit the Seabee Memorial Chapel Facebook page for updates: <https://www.face-book.com/ncbc-chapel>, email us at gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil, or call us at 228-871-2454.

NCBC Center Chaplain: Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis



July
17-23



Movie showings
Thursday- Sunday!
Showing this weekend:
Jurassic World, Inside Out
2D and 3D, Dope, Spy and
San Andreas
(\$1 Sunday show).
For more information, call
the 24-hour Movie Hotline
at 228-871-3299 for
show times.



Classes available this week:
Virtual Fitness, Water Aerobics,
PiYo (Pilates/ Yoga), Yoga,
Core Conditioning and Circuit Training.
7/20 & 7/21 - Captain's Cup Basketball
Leagues (Women's & All Hands) begin.
7/23 - Friendship 5k
Win Water Park Tickets!
Youth Swim Lessons sign-ups
on-going now!

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Tickets Available!
\$10-\$13 for
military fans!
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Recreation

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7/23 - GIVE PARENTS
A BREAK!

Coming
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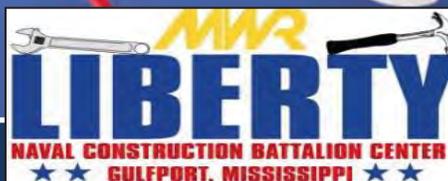
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MWR Program Telephone Numbers

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Anchors and Eagles	871-4607	MWR Admin Ofc	871-2538
Auto Skills Center	871-2804	Outdoor Recreation	871-2127
Beehive	871-4009	School Liaison Officer	871-2117
Fitness Center	871-2668	Shields RV Park	871-5435
Aquatics	822-5103	The Grill	871-2494
Child Development	871-2323	Youth Activities	871-2251
Seabee Cinema	871-3299	Liberty Center	871-4684
ITT	871-2231		



7/18 - New Orleans Voodoo vs Tampa Bay Storm
7/19 - HUMANE SOCIETY Volunteer Trip
7/20 - All Day National Lollipop Day
7/21 - Tournament Tuesday-Pogo Stick Tournament
7/23 - FREE MOVIE THURSDAY AT SEABEE CINEMA-
Pick Up Coupon @ Liberty

CENTER NOTES

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 Activities Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment.

NMCB 11 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the last Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Youth Activities Center on board NCBC Gulfport. Children are always welcomed and child care is provided at no cost. Please join us for fun, food, and to meet and socialize with other NMCB 11 families and friends. For more information, please contact us at nmcb11frg@gmail.com or like us on our Facebook page, NMCB 11 FRG.

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 Activities Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting 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

Gulfport Officer's Spouse 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., 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. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at 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 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 MCDR President, HM3 Aterberry, 228-341-1412 or Vice President, BUCN Miller at 228-343-7545 for info.

VFW Post 3937 Long Beach - Open Monday - Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Steak Night is every Friday, 5 - 8 p.m., and breakfast is available every Saturday,

7 - 10 a.m. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602.

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach

Are you eligible? The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 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 service member who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 3937, 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach. Contact Carol Fetters, president, at 228-832-4893 for more information.

VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove

is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for 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 or for links to historical sites, visit: <http://nmcb62alumni.org>.

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, 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.seabee-museumstore.org or call the gift store at 228-871-4779.

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have prevented this.

"We are more diligent than before, but we still don't feel very secure," said Meadows.

"The most disappointing part of all of this is that the IRS suspected something since the fraudulent return had been flagged and they did not notify us. Subsequent attempts to find out what happened or who filed the fraudulent return have been helpless since the IRS won't tell us anything. We both feel as though the IRS doesn't care and won't help even when they have information suspecting someone of wrong doing. Their process must be changed. They had to have information such as where the fraudulent return was requesting a check be sent to or where they wanted their return sent electronically. We know they are withholding vital information from us which could potentially help us understand how this happened and prevent future incidents."

Meadows now preaches diligence to everyone who will listen.

"Use fraud alerts, watch your credit, monitor your bank accounts - especially if using online banking, build a close relationship with your banking institution and purchase identity theft protection, if possible," said Meadows. "Our society relies upon SSN's far too much! Be aware of your finances and don't trust anyone!"

For more information on how you can protect yourself against identity fraud visit:

Federal Trade Commission's Identify Theft website: <https://www.ftc.gov>.



Feds Feed Families Food Drive July 7 - Oct. 31

Federal employees are working together to collect food nationwide for local food banks. Please bring non-perishable food items to drop off locations on board NCBC Gulfport: NEX, FFSC, Liberty Center, NBHC, Commissary, Chapel, Housing, all quarterdecks.

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the area. No waiting for your records to be sent to your new provider, no release of information required it is all done with one smooth process. Your new provider would be able to see all the care you and/or your family member was receiving at the B.H.C.

I am retiring or separating when I leave Gulfport and will be utilizing the Veterans Administration.

Your military treatment records may also be accessible by the Veterans Administration as well although you will need a copy of your record when you go the Veterans Administration. This can be especially important

when continuing services for depression, anxiety, or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

My family members still want to see a civilian provider out in the community.

That can be an understandable comment especially from family members. However, did you know that you are generally provided time limited services when utilizing a civilian provider outside the military treatment system? Tricare only provides a number of authorized appointments when seeking mental health services and you will require additional authorization for additional appointments. However, utilizing the Behavioral Health Clinic ensures your

family will have access to care until they are feeling better which is accomplished in coordination with your provider and not Tri-care. These are just two major advantages to utilizing the B.H.C for both military and civilians.

If you are considering mental health treatment, consider utilizing the Behavioral Health Clinic at the Branch Medical Clinic, Gulfport. A referral from your primary care provider is not necessary for active duty military. Family members will require a referral from their primary care provider.

To schedule an appointment at the Behavioral Health Clinic, call 228-822-5710.



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240th Anniversary Navy Ball

An area Navy Birthday Ball will be held from 6 – 10 p.m., Oct. 3, at Oak Crest Mansion Inn, 5267 Munge Ave., Pass Christian. Ticket sales (limited to 200), are expected to begin Aug. 15. Prices are pending, but finalization is expected by Aug. 1. Stennis Navy Ball Representative is Ensign Theresa Schultz, 228-688-5583/5479 or Theresa.schultz@navy.mil. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/sscnavyball> or <http://msgulfcoastnavyball.weebly.com/> (doesn't work on NMCI).



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