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Left: Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Michael Clark, NMCB 22, signals for a dump truck to continue releasing a trail of sand and gravel during a road construction May 2, at Chebelley, Djibouti. The mixture of sand is added to gravel allowing for it to be compressed into a makeshift road. Above: Equipment Operator 3rd Class Collin Scheffer, NMCB 133, operates a grader to evenly spread gravel during the road construction project. Seabees created approximately 800 feet of road, working eight hours a day for two months. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Eric Summers Jr./Released)

NMCB 27 awarded Battle E



Capt. Paul Odenthal, left, commander, Naval Construction Group Two, presents Cmdr. Lester Ortiz, commanding officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 27, with a plaque in recognition of the battalion's Battle "E" Best of Type award on board Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, April 22. The Battle E award recognizes NMCB 27 as the best Reserve battalion in the Atlantic Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jeffrey J. Pierce/Released)

'Bees roll out the gravel carpet in Djibouti

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric Summers Jr.
CJTF-HOA Public Affairs

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) 22 and 133 completed a road construction project at Chebelley, Djibouti, May 2.

The two-month construction project included placing a mile-long road of gravel to provide a safer route for more than 300 military members and Djiboutian civilians who use the road each day.

"Chebelley Road was in pretty bad shape when we got here," said Equipment Operator 1st Class Toledo Emanuel, project supervisor, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22. "We are just making it safe for the people who drive here. It's a lot of movement on this road

so we are fixing the grade of it."

The stretch of road contained numerous potholes, large rocks and other obstacles that drivers had to maneuver around to travel the road.

Each day the battalion placed approximately 32 cubic meters of a gravel and sand mix along an 800-foot stretch, and then compressed it to three-quarters of an inch thick.

"Once we receive the gravel we spread it with the grader," Emanuel said. "Then we use the water truck to water and compact it with a roller. This process usually takes about two hours."

Equipment Operator 1st Class Chris Harris said the process is repeated multiple times down the stretch of road throughout the eight

to ten-hour workday creating a noisy, traffic congested and hot environment for the team.

"I'd say roughly a hundred plus vehicles come through here each day," Harris said. "Also, it's hot, dusty and loud."

Emmanuel said with so many factors, safety is a big concern so they set-up cones and traffic signals, as well as provided plenty of water to combat the Djiboutian heat.

The project ended near the Chebelley gate, concluding the battalion's efforts of improving the road conditions for those who frequently travel.

"This road here should last, with regular maintenance, at least a year," said Harris. "The road is more travelable and is much more comfortable to drive on."



May is National Military Appreciation Month

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Navy celebrates Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy joins the nation in celebrating the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.

The Navy encourages commands to embrace this year's national theme "Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies."

This year's three imperatives serve to promote equal representation and to remove barriers in developing diverse leaders, acknowledging the challenges that still exist today.

"I'm proud to be part of the tremendous history of Asian-Pacific Americans who've served our Navy and our nation -- Navy leaders and heroes like Gordon Chung-Hoon, Robert Kihune, Ming Chang, Raquel 'Rocky' Bono, Bette Bolivar, Pete Gumataotao, Alma Grocki and Brian Losey," said Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander U.S. Pacific Command, and the highest ranking Asian-Pacific American in U.S. Navy history. "Americans of Asian-Pacific descent hold no monopoly on dreams and aspirations. We simply want to be successful on our merits and not held back by our genetics. So as we remember the accomplishments of Asian-Pacific Americans this month, let's celebrate that our Joint Force is a team where men and women of every race, religion, economic background, and sexual



equality, significant contributions to the American experience, and the opportunity to build the foundation for a bright future are made reality by some great leaders who share the same heritage.

Senior leaders serving in the Navy today, who are Asian American and Pacific Islanders, are:

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Command, was previously commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Born in Japan and raised in Tennessee and Florida, he became a P-3 Orion navigator after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978.

Adm. Raquel C. Bono is the director of the Defense Health Agency. She

is a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Of Filipino descent, her brother, Anatolio B. Cruz III, was also an admiral in the Navy until he retired in 2013.

Rear Adm. Peter A. Gumataotao, a native of Guam, is the deputy chief of staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk.

Rear Adm. Jonathan A. Yuen is commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and 47th chief of Supply Corps. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.

Another Sailor of Asian American descent is Capt. Sunita L. Williams, currently serving as an astronaut for NASA. She served as the flight engineer for the Expedition-14 crew and science officer at the International Space Station in 2007. In 2012, she served as a flight engineer on Expedition-32 and then commander of Expedition-33. Her seven space walks set records for women.

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute provides printable posters, presentations, guidance for organizing observance, and educational facts on their website, <http://www.deomi.org/> under the section "Special Observances."

For more information about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and their numerous contributions to the Navy, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/diversity/asians-and-pacific-islanders-in-the-navy.html>

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Children participate in a Kids Mother's Day craft project sponsored hosted by Balfour Beatty Communities on board NCBC Gulfport, May 9. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Balfour Beatty Communities/Released)



Sales Associate Doug Clark scans items at the Navy Exchange Mini Mart on board NCBC Gulfport, May 2. The NEX Mini Mart is open Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Gas pumps are open 7 days a week. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder Constructionman Samantha Opyoke/Released)



Marsha from the American Red Cross completes a blood draw from Denise Galloway, an employee with NCG 2, during the NCBC Chapel Blood Drive May 11. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)

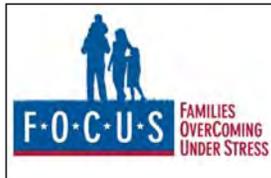
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Seabees assigned to NMCB 1 Charlie Company sharpen their skills at the Tech Trainer on board the Center, May 5. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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Month of the Military Child FOCUS/NEX Coloring Contest Winners



1st Place ages 3-5: Kiyana Carnes
 1st Place ages 6-8: Alexis Dauro
 1st Place ages 9-12: Elle Turner
 1st Place Young at Heart: Teagan Lapping



In honor of the Month of the Military Child, FOCUS (Families Overcoming Under Stress) and the Navy Exchange (NEX) co-sponsored a coloring contest. This was the third year for the contest and the participant's hard work showed. The judges had a tough time picking the top three in each age category due to the quality of the work. A special "Thank You" to the judges: Capt. Hansen, Cmdr. Spears, Senior Chief Stokes, Chaplain Bell and Nicole Mayzner from Embedded Mental Health. The contestants are all pictured with "Elvis" the FOCUS Feeling Fox and NEX General Manager Brandy Asher. (U.S. Navy photos courtesy of FOCUS/NEX/Released)



Navy's Annual Emergency Preparedness Hurricane Exercise is Underway

By Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Navy Installations Command and U.S. Fleet Forces Command are jointly conduct the annual hurricane preparedness exercise, HURREX/Citadel Gale 2016, May 9-20 in preparation for the upcoming Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean area hurricane season.

The purpose of HURREX/Citadel Gale 2016 is to prepare the Navy to respond to weather threats to U.S. coastal regions, and to maintain the ability to deploy forces even under the most adverse weather conditions.

This year's exercise will consist of two simulated tropical cyclones that will develop and intensify to hurricane strength, and

will threaten the East Coast of the U.S., the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean coastal regions.

All Navy commands with personnel in Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Naval District Washington, and Navy Region Southeast -- ashore, afloat, in port and underway -- will participate, to include reviewing and exercising heavy weather instructions and procedures and accounting for Sailors and Navy families in the affected regions through the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS). Forward deployed units will not participate in the exercise tracking and warning phase.

The destruction and devastation caused by storms such as Hurricanes Sandy, Irene, and Katrina reinforce the need for proper training and preparedness prior to the threat of a real world natural disaster. With the onset of the Atlantic hurricane season June 1, the Navy remains committed to the safety, security, and well-being of its Sailors, civilians, and their family members.

USO GULF COAST STARS AND STRIPES GOLF TOURNAMENT



Hickory Hill Country Club (Gautier)
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Buzz on the Street

By BUCN Samantha Opyoke
NCBC Public Affairs

What is your favorite activity to do on a warm summer day?



"I enjoy swimming on a nice day."

BUCN Veronica Marquez
NMCB 1



"I like to enjoy a nice hike and explore new areas."

Ensign Jeremiah Cahill
NMCB 1



"I like to run as much as possible."

BU3(SCW) Tate Schmidt
NMCB 1

Dear Military Child: The World Stage

By Deja Fisher
Special Contributor



My life as a college student was pretty average up until the day I enrolled for a cultural geography course. It was the spring semester of my sophomore year and I did not expect to gain much from the course because the classes I took before then were pretty dull. I sat at the desk that was in the back of the room, right next to the door.

I did this under the assumption that my professor would be another boring lecturer and that, if he were, I would want to leave the class as quickly as possible. To my surprise, my professor not only grabbed my undivided attention, but also gave new meaning to the importance of global citizens.

When my professor walked into the room he asked us to pull out a sheet of paper and write down five of the most important things in our lives. Once we finished writing, he called on us at random and asked us to read our lists aloud. As he went around the room he made note of how many people's lists included: family, money, love, a college degree and marriage. After the last person read their list, our professor asked us if any of these things would leave a lasting impact on the world. An impact that would remain even after our deaths. The room was filled with silence. He proceeded to tell us that there was nothing wrong with our lists, however, he added that if everyone in the world held those things to be important then the world would cease to progress.

Out of curiosity, I asked my professor to go more in depth and he responded to me by bringing up the topic of the university's application

essay.

"When you all did your application essays, you wrote about what it meant to be global citizens," he said. "Just because you were granted admission does not mean your responsibilities as a global citizen have ended."

He explained to us that it is now our generation's turn to be leaders in the world and that the world we

live in is constantly changing due to technological advancements.

Technology has placed the world at our fingertips. Everything there is to know about the world can be accessed so long as an internet connection is present. This breaks down cultural and social barriers because people from different countries are able to meet without having to travel. As these barriers are dissolved, people find themselves abandoning their prejudices because they have acquired a better understanding of other cultures. This presents an opportunity for unity on a more global scale.

With the barriers broken down and technology allowing us to exchange feelings and ideas, we are able to come together and form a worldwide community. We are able to identify problems that occur at a non-local level and are given the power to generate solutions to these problems. We become responsible for reversing the social, political, economic and environmental issues that each of our nations played a part in creating. As globally-minded individuals, we are given the opportunity to change the world as we know it. However, all of this is only possible when we reconsider the things we hold to be important in life.

The Seabee Courier is proud to present "Dear Military Child" - a limited series column by 20-year-old Navy dependent, Deja Fisher. Fisher is a junior at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Fla., where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in Communications. Her blog - www.dejasvu.com - was recently launched and is a site where readers can follow her and also her independent writings. Her column is essentially a letter to military children from a former military child, whose mom is a retired Sailor.

NMCB 11/EODMU 2 train together at Camp Shelby



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 lay fiberglass reinforcement panels during an Airfield Damage and Repair (ADR) exercise, on board Camp Shelby, Miss., May 5. Seabees along with Explosive Ordnance

Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 2 are working to develop new tactics, techniques and procedures to improve the way the Navy conducts ADR. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael C. Barton/Released)

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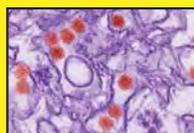
Zika Virus Information Update

The links below will lead you to updated Navy Zika information sheet and trifold for Sailors, Marines and their families.

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Trifold:
<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/>

[Documents/program-and-policy-support/Navy-Zika-Trifold.pdf](#)

Point of contact for Zika Virus information at Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport is HN Brian Masse, who may be contacted via email at: brian.d.masse@mail.mil



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CNATTU Keesler Sailor recognized by Biloxi Mayor for community service

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From Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Keesler Public Affairs

A Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Keesler instructor was recognized by Biloxi, Mayor Andrew Gilich, April 28, at the Biloxi Civic Center as the Distinguished Volunteer of the Year (Military).

CNATTU Keesler Instructor Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Kenton Kershaw received the award during the ceremony, after being nominated for his work with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

Kershaw, an Electronics Calibration and Maintenance Course instructor, also serves as CNATTU Keesler's volunteer coordinator, and said that volunteering in the community in which he has lived is something he feels strongly about.

"Being in the military, we are typically at a location for a short period of time and volunteering gives me an opportunity to meet new people in the community and also help with a worthy cause," said Kershaw. "This

tour gave me an opportunity to help out the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, and knowing that I was able to make a difference to just one person, or even two, gives me hope that others may do the same. Being recognized by the city is an honor and I just hope that others may follow suit and help give back to their community."

Another CNATTU Keesler Distinguished Volunteer of the Year (Military) nominee, Aerographer's Mate 1st Class (AW) Jesus Navarro, a CNATTU Keesler Meteorology and Oceanography instructor, was nominated by Habitat for Humanity, an organization for whom he has coordinated and participated in numerous events, often with CNATTU Keesler students.

"Just as physical training strengthens the body, I believe that giving back to the community strengthens the soul," said Navarro. "By showing students the bigger picture and the difference that they can make in another person's life, volunteering for worthwhile causes can put things into perspective."

Throughout the past year, CNATTU Keesler Sailors dedicated more than 5,000 hours of community service in the Biloxi area. For the second year in a row, the command was the winner of the Navy's Drug Free Flagship Award for medium shore units, one of six flagship programs within the Navy recognizing Sailors and Marines who volunteer and make a difference by strengthening education, promoting health and fitness, providing humanitarian assistance, preserving the environment and promoting anti-drug lifestyles.

CNATTU Keesler trains service members in the electronic calibration of afloat and aviation equipment, meteorological and oceanographic observing and forecasting and the maintenance and repair of meteorological equipment.

CNATTU Keesler is a training unit of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training located at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. CNATT develops, delivers, and supports aviation technical training at 27 sites located throughout the continental United States and Japan.

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Back in Time: Seabee History

May 8

1967: A detachment of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 was assigned the task of building underground bunkers, defensive positions, and galley and storage facilities for a United States Army Special Forces unit at Con Thien, Republic of Vietnam (RVN). Con Thien was located approximately two kilometers south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). At first, the Seabees conducted their construction work on a nearly normal daily routine and were able to complete the initial portion of their projects without harassment. On May 8, however, Con Thien came under attack by an estimated two reinforced North Vietnamese Army battalions. The enemy fired an estimated 600 to 1,000 rounds of mortar at the camp. The assault on the camp was successfully repelled by Seabee, Marine, and Special Forces personnel. After the attack, the Seabees returned to their

construction work, but the camp continued to be harassed by enemy mortar and small artillery fire. From the time of the first attack to the time the entire detachment of 25 Seabees was evacuated on May 13, eleven of the Seabees had been wounded. The construction work for the Special Forces camp was later completed by another detachment of Seabees from the same battalion.

1967: Utilitiesman 1st Class Lloyd O'Banion was awarded a Silver Star for his actions during an attack at Con Thien, RVN.

May 9

1969: Seabees of NMCB 40 came under 122mm rocket attack at Camp Campbell, Phu Bai, RVN. Although this was the battalion's third Vietnam deployment, it was the first time their camp had received fire. As a result of this attack, two Seabees were hospitalized and 13 Seabees were treated and returned to duty.

1969: NMCB 40 Phu Bai asphalt plant and fire truck

personnel assisted in rescuing two pilots from an Air Force O-2 aircraft, which crashed near the plant.

May 10

1965: The 30th NCR was commissioned at Da Nang, RVN, under the commander of Captain Harold Liberty, CEC, as the planning arm of the Pacific Fleet Seabees (COMCBPAC) in Southeast Asia.

1971: Headquarters of CBMU 302 was moved from Cam Ranh Bay to Bien Hoa, RVN.

May 11

1967: The NMCB 7 advance party of five officers and 97 men deployed to Da Nang, RVN aboard two C-130 aircraft provided by the Military Airlift Command.

1969: NMCB 40's Phu Bai asphalt plant crew assisted in re-railing a car of the RVN national railroad after it derailed near the plant.

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1966: NMCB 5's main body departed Camp Hoover, Da Nang, RVN for Construction Battalion Center (CBC), Port



Seabee sign at the Bougainville Navy Yard in the Solomon Islands, Jan. 2, 1944. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Seabee Museum)

Hueneme, Calif.

May 13

1967: One man was killed and seven were wounded following a nighttime mortar and recoilless rifle attack on the NMCB 8 compound located at Chu Lai, Vietnam.

1968: Due to the augmentation of the Naval Construction Force (NCF) required for the war in Vietnam, Reserve NMCBs 12 and 22 were ordered to active duty at Gulfport, Miss., effective this date. This is the first time reserve Seabee units were

called to active duty; the last C-130 flight of NMCB 10 personnel departed Quang Tri for CONUS.

May 14

1965: A detail of one officer and 74 enlisted men from NMCB 9 arrived at Da Nang to assist NMCB 3 advance party [to arrive 18 May] in construction of first Seabee camp at Da Nang main compound (Camp Hoover) near Hill 327. The camp was originally programmed for two battalions, but later reduced to one battalion.

Focus on Education

Education Notes

Military Spouse Career Fair

Bring your resume and come prepared to interview at the Military Spouse Career Fair, May 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). If you don't have a resume - no worries - just call FFSC at 228-871-3000 for assistance with writing one! Everyone with authorized access to NCBC Gulfport is invited.

Career Technical Training Workshop

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will host a Career Technical Training course for military retirees and separating members with an interest in a career, trade or technical field from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., May 18-19 at FFSC. This course will be facilitated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Spouses of eligible transitioning service members

are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call FFSC at 228-871-300 to register.

Refine Your Image Workshop

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is sponsoring this course May 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at FFSC. Professional Image Consultant Brenda Blount will teach students how to refine their personal and professional images. The focus will be on dress, presentation, speech and interaction. Please call FFSC, 228-871-3000, **no later than 3:30 p.m. May 12** to sign up. Ask about FREE child care for the workshop through the Child Development Center's "Give Parents a Break" program. **Contact the CDC by May 12** at 228-871-2323 to register for child care. Everyone with authorized access to NCBC Gulfport is invited.

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If you have questions, please call FOCUS at 228-822-5736.

This event is brought to you by Naval Construction Group (NCG) Two, FOCUS (Families Overcoming Under Stress) and Fleet and Family Support Center.

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NEX gives back to students with its A-OK Program

By NEXCOM Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of May 2016.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military

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- **Your Children's IFSP, IEP, or 504 (Please bring a copy if you would like to learn how they will be best supported)**

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- The steps taken to apply for SSI and Medicaid
- **Wills, Guardianships, and Special Needs Trusts**
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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

Housewife burnout: Why did I stay home?

It took four punches of the snooze button to get me out of bed this morning.

I wasn't tired. Or sick, for that matter.

But I was sick and tired. Sick and tired of the same old routine, minute after minute, day after day, year after year, since 1995, when I made the decision to stay at home to manage our family.

Now don't get me wrong — I truly love my life and wouldn't have it any other way. I am proud that I gave up my own professional ambitions for the humble satisfaction of providing home cooked meals, a warm and loving environment, and a constant and dependable presence to my family.

But frankly, after two decades, I'd rather chew my own arm off than empty the dishwasher again. I'd take a frying pan to the head to put me out of the misery of defrosting another pound of ground beef. If given the choice, I'd rather swallow a fistful of wriggling grubs than dust the

ceiling fan blades one more time.

I often fear that I'm on the brink of some sort of total housewife breakdown. Emptying the lint trap gives me the shakes. Putting the steak knives away makes my left eye twitch. I can't sponge another sticky spot off the counter top without feeling palpitations, and I have completely lost the ability to par-boil anything.

Over the last year, my poor family has been witness to the steady decline of my cooking, cleaning and parenting skills. It has come as somewhat of a shock to them, because for almost two decades, I was Supermom.

A licensed and gainfully employed litigation attorney, I made the decision to put my lucrative career aside two years into marriage, to raise the kids and support my husband Francis' active duty military career no matter where it would take us. I'll admit that my initial high standards and work ethic were based primarily on one thing: guilt.



Since I wasn't bringing in any income, I felt that I had to knock it out of the park as a homemaker.

But as the years passed, I saw the value of my choice. Not just during the obvious times when being at home was crucial, such as deployments, but also during the subtle everyday moments when my family was better off for having a dependable presence in their lives.

My kids knew that, no matter where we were stationed, I would always be there to walk them to school, pack their lunches, keep them home when sick, bring cupcakes to soccer games, and chaperone field trips. The subtle sense of secu-

rity they felt was crucial in turning our typical military kids into the independent, accomplished, confident individuals they are today.

I was fortunate too, because I've had a front-row seat to our children's lives. While Francis worked long hours to support our family, I got to see each kid get Citizen of the Month. I cheered at every raucous flag football game. I secretly cringed at every pitchy middle school band concert. I toasted every waffle, mashed every potato, posted every chore chart, and kissed every boo-boo.

Now, with only two more years left before our youngest goes off to college, I've lost sight of how lucky I've been. After fourth alarm went off this morning, it dawned on me. "Anna's graduating in a month," I scolded myself, "now, get up and fry her a lousy egg!"

"No thanks, Mom, we're leaving early to have breakfast with our friends," Anna told me, her hand held out in

hopes that cash would land in it. With the melody of "Cat's In the Cradle" playing in my head, I gave her my last \$20, and watched out the kitchen window as they drove away.

That was all the motivation I needed.

I may not skip around the house in search of dust bunnies today. I won't do any cartwheels over the latest Crock Pot recipe. I'll probably avoid cleaning the rust stains off toilet bowl. But I won't let myself get so bogged down in the mundane tasks of everyday life, that I forget the subtle yet countless blessings of making a loving home for my family.

*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."*

Energy Savings Tip:

When using air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F with no reduction in comfort.

Be sure to turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room.



Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.

NEX PET EVENT May 14

Best dressed: 11 - noon
Cutest pet: Noon - 1 p.m.
Prizes for Winners!
Come check out the great deals we have for pets and pet parents! You don't want to miss this!



Water Flow Testing/Flushing Fire Hydrants

Public Works Department will be performing routine scheduled water flow testing/flushing of the fire hydrants from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., May 16 – 20 at the following locations: Zone 1, East of Olson Ave, North & South of East Eighth Street.

Affected buildings: 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 450 452, 453, 454 (Shields RV Park) and housing units (Magnolia 1 & 2) East section of base. Note: Flushing of the fire hydrants may make some sediment in the lines to break free and cause water to look discolored. If this occurs, simply run faucets for a few minutes until the water clears.



MAY 13-19



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M-F 5:30a-7p Sat & Sun 9a-4p



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Regular movie showings Friday Sunday of every week!

Showing this weekend: Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13); Criminal (R); The Jungle Book (PG); My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)

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- 5/13 - All Day, Scary Movies- Lakeside Too! Free Popcorn
 - 5/14 -3 p.m., Scarlet Pearl Lava Links Mini Golf, \$11
 - 5/17 - 6 p.m., Tournament Tuesday: UNO, Last one standing prize!
 - 5/18 - 6 p.m., Color Wednesday: Mandala Coloring Books, Free
 - 5/19 - 4:30 p.m., SUP with Sera @ Seabee Lake, Free
- Call 228-871-4684 for more information

BOOTS & UTES 5K
Friday, May 20 6:30 a

5K Route Behind the Fitness Center

FREE for All Hands

Sign up May 1-20

Medals for participants

Questions? Call 228-871-2668



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SUP with Sera!
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING
FREE

Beginner & Advanced Classes

May 19- Seabee Lake
4:30-6:30pm

Register at the Fitness Center

May 21- Poppys Ferry Causeway
8am-12pm

Questions?
Call 228-871-2668

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE



Open to All Hands
18 Years of Age & Older



Must complete Seabee Lake class prior to signing up for open water class

MWR Program Telephone Numbers

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

NCBC Helping Hands

ORANGE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Volunteers are needed to help Orange Grove Elementary School with state testing through May 16, from 7:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and again from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please call Stephanie Schepens at 228-832-2322 or email sschepens@harrison.k12.ms.us for details.

HARRISON CENTRAL ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY - Approximately 10-20 volunteers are needed for a Field Day at Harrison Central Elementary at 15451 Dedeaux Road in Gulfport, May 19 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., to assist students with games, encouragement of sportsmanship and fun. Lunch and drink will be provided. Contact Ms. Hover by cell, 228-224-9994 or at school, 228-832-2701.

VETERAN NEEDS ASSISTANCE - An elderly veteran is in need of a few minor home repairs. To volunteer, please call Carol Keyes at 228-832-5250.

MISSISSIPPI CITY CEMETERY - Volunteers are needed to rake/spruce up the Mississippi City Cemetery located south of Pass Road and Washington Ave in Gulfport. Point of contact is Chuck McKinley, 228-326-4006 or email cmckinley@cablone.net.

HOME REPAIRS - Volunteers are needed to help a disabled widow of a retired Seabee with some home repairs. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Savage at 228-206-3367.

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.

Klumps, NSCC, at Region63@juno.com or 850-890-6792.

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.

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 - The USO Gulf Coast is seeking passionate volunteers to give their service at the USO Gulf Coast located on board NCBC Gulfport. Our lounge volunteers primarily serve as host insuring guests sign in, offer snacks and beverages, sign out computers and gaming equipment. We do require that all volunteers go through mentor shadowing training which usually lasts 2 hours. Please visit: www.USOVolunteer.org and register.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME - Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of activities at AFRH. Please contact volunteer coordinator Jennifer Briley at 228-897-4417 or jennifer.briley@afrr.gov to find out more information.

FEED MY SHEEP - Feed My Sheep, 2615 19th Street in Gulfport is looking for volunteers to help feed the homeless who are in need of a hot meal. To volunteer call Christina Lipke, 228-731-4883.

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.

May 12, 2016

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.



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May 27-28!**

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228-575-5224



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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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FAX, Send and Receive: Computers with web cams,
228-575-5225, Copies, United Internet/email access, X-Box

Seabee Memorial Chapel

What's happening at the chapel?

Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Protestant Service
11 a.m. - Children's Church

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Praise Break (20 minutes of praise and worship through music)
11:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
Noon - 1 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study



Sunday

9 a.m. - Mass
10 a.m. - CCD Class

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

11:15 a.m. - Mass

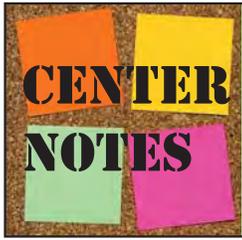
Thursday

5 p.m. - Holy Hour
6 p.m. - Mass
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

Please visit the Seabee Memorial Chapel Facebook page for updates on chapel events at: <https://www.facebook.com/ncbcc chapel>. We may be reached by email at gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil or by phone at 228-871-2454.

NCBC Command Chaplain: Lt. Cmdr. Ammie Davis

Seabee Courier



SUPPORT
NMCB 1 Family Readiness Group (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 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@focus-project.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.navywivesclub-sof-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.

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 noon at the ECS, building 122 in the second floor conference room. Contact MCDC President, PS2 Handley at natashia.handley@navy.mil or Vice President, BUCN Miller at tariqah.miller@navy.mil 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. Contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602 for details.

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach now VFW Auxiliary - Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 Long Beach, Miss., now invites men to join. The Auxiliary is now the **VFW Auxiliary**. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. We help in VA Hospitals, have voices in Legislation, help promote patriotism in our youth, offer scholarships to youth, teachers, and members. Members must be directly related to a veteran who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach, MS Contact Carol Fetters, President at 228-832-4893 or email cfetters@cablone.net 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 second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for information.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned 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 happy to welcome new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5 building, 2600 23rd Ave., Gulfport, for the monthly Island X-1 business meeting and see what we're all about. For more information, 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 them at www.seabeesmuseum-store.org or call the gift store at 228-871-4779. The gift store is closed weekends and federal holidays.

A Safety Note from NCBC Fire and Emergency Services

In accordance with base fire regulations, coffee makers with automatic timers and other automatic timing devices shall not be used on board this installation. Coffee makers are subject to inspection and shall not be placed on top of microwaves, filing cabinets, desks, or other work locations at any time. Coffee makers shall be disconnected from outlets when not in use. Adequate and safe clearances shall be maintained between all such electrical devices and combustible materials.

9-1-1 is the number for on base emergencies

Have an emergency? Please remember to dial 9-1-1 instead of 2333 when reporting an emergency on board NCBC Gulfport. Make sure you identify your location by stating, "My location is NCBC Gulfport!" before proceeding with detailed emergency information.

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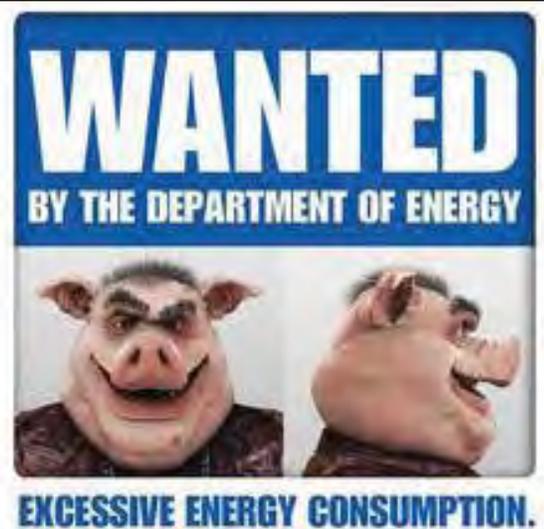


NCBC Security would like to remind you that music cannot be heard more than 25 feet from your vehicle or you will be in violation of base policy.



Attention

Due to traffic configuration changes, delays may be experienced when entering/exiting NCBC Gulfport. Please slow down, pay attention to Security Forces, be courteous and plan accordingly.



REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST



Remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust—as well as the millions of non-Jewish victims—of Nazi persecution.

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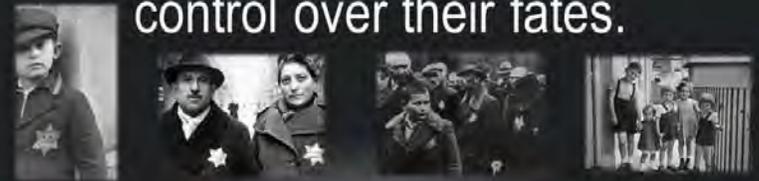
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