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NCBC celebrates 241st Navy birthday



The United States Navy celebrated its 241st birthday by ceremoniously cutting a cake in the Colmer Dining Facility with a saber Oct. 13. During the cake cutting, Capt. Cheryl Hansen, commanding officer of the Naval Construction Battalion Center spoke to the dining facility patrons and gave them her view of the Navy today and why celebrating the Navy birthday is an honored tradition. "Today's Navy Sailors are tough, they're bold, they're ready and they train. Today's challenges are like none other and our Navy Sailors are up to the challenge," said Hansen. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar)

Seabees roll up their sleeves to help Hurricane survivors



Seabees chain a log to be removed with a front loader after the tree demolished a truck inspection station at Naval Station Mayport. Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 Detachment Jacksonville and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 from Gulfport, Mississippi are continuing Hurricane Matthew cleanup efforts in the South East Region area, Oct. 11. (U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Michael Lopez/Released)

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Q&A with base energy manager Lt.j.g.Tullis

Q. Every year, we hear conserve energy. Will turning off the lights in my office when I step out actually save enough energy to make a difference?

A. Turning your lights off when you leave your office can be a simple and effective way to reduce energy consumption; however in order to really see a difference it must be a team effort.

Q. What are some ways people can save electricity other than the obvious ones like turning off lights when not in use?

A. A few great ways to reduce energy consumption include:

- Lowering your hot water heater thermostat to 120°F
- Using LED light bulbs
- Using power-down or sleep mode features for CPU's and turn off monitors
- Plug electronics into power strip and turn off when not in use

Q. Why does the Navy care about energy conservation?

A. The mission of the Navy and Marine Corps is to provide the global presence necessary to ensure stability, to deter potential adversaries, and to present options in times of crisis. Both the cost of energy and the availability of resources are strategic concerns for the Navy as energy is critical to our ability to provide that presence. That is why we are transforming our energy culture – to make us more effective, more agile, and better protected. The diversifying our energy supplies and optimizing our energy use make us better warfighters by ensuring we have the energy we need, when and where we need it.

Q. How is NCBC doing compared to other installations?

A. Compared to other installations, NCBC Gulfport is doing exceptionally well! In fact, NCBC has been the least energy intensive installation in the Navy for the last two out of three years. Additionally, NCBC Gulfport has received several awards for their energy conservation efforts



Naval personnel at the Naval Construction Battalion Center view a energy consumption demonstration during the base energy fair in front of the Naval Exchange. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar)

to include but not limited to the SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award – Platinum Small Shore Installation (2013 and 2015) and most recently the SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award – Platinum (2016). It is important to note that the SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award -Platinum Small Shore Installation only awarded to one installation annually.

Q. What is the goal for NCBCs energy reduction numbers?

A. A common measure for energy consumption is energy intensity. Energy intensity is the measure of energy consumed divided by square footage. In 2003 NCBC started with an energy intensity of 49 which was already considerably low compared to other installations that have an intensity in the triple digits. Today, with an energy intensity of 27, NCBC has the lowest intensity in the Navy! By 2025 NCBC hopes to have an intensity level of 22 which will be achieved by annually reducing energy consumption by 2.5% and water consumption by 2%.

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