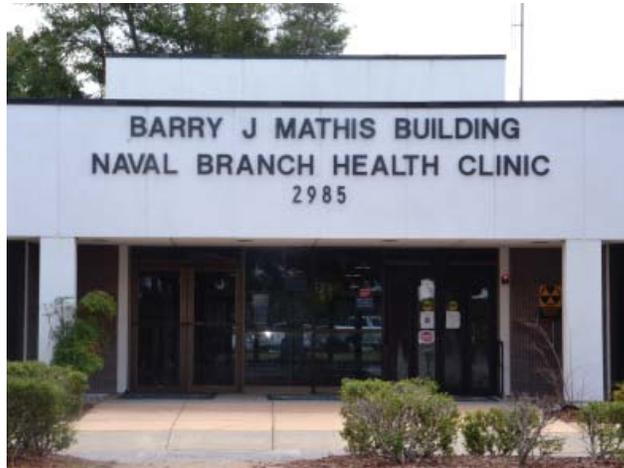


Branch Clinic prepares for homecoming

By Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Naval Branch Health Clinic at Naval Air Station Whiting Field is preparing for a homecoming 14 months in the making.

The clinic, which has operated out of temporary facilities since June of 2011, will return to its permanent facility between Aug. 29 and Sept. 4. Anticipation is running high as Navy Corpsmen, Medical officers, and civilian specialists prepare to occupy the renovated, expanded, and upgraded Barry J. Mathis Building (building



Naval Branch Health Clinic NAS Whiting Field will return to its home at the Barry J. Mathis Building after 14 months of residence in temporary structures. The clinic will relocate to the newly-renovated medical facility beginning Wednesday, Aug. 29. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

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“The clinic staff is excited to move back into the Mathis Building. The upgrades and additional space will result in a more comfortable environment for the delivery of quality medical and dental care to our customers,” Clinic Officer in Charge Capt. Philip Blaine said.

The 36-year-old clinic has been undergoing renovation to its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems since services were relocated in the summer of 2011. Work has been performed to improve the efficiency, cleanliness,

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Candidates and employers energize job fair



A visitor to the NAS Whiting Field Job Fair speaks with representatives of guest firms Thursday, Aug. 16. The fair allowed base personnel and community members to network with prospective employers. Over 1,000 individuals attended the showcase event, which was held in the base's Sikes Hall. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Charles Mann.

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Once the displays were folded, the accumulated resumes sorted and stowed, and the last of the employers out the door, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center staff could breathe a sigh of satisfaction at the close of another successful job fair.

The Aug. 16 event culminated months of planning, and once again paired numerous job seekers with businesses hunting local talent. For the third consecutive year more than 1,000 people walked through NAS Whiting Field's Sikes Hall seeking a match for their respective skills.

More than 100 were successful, and that number is expected to rise as companies complete background checks on individuals they interviewed. More than 600 interviews took place during the event.

“The event was close to the same size as the previous couple of years,” Darryl Johnson, a Fleet and Family Life Specialist and the primary coordinator for the event, stated. “We were pleased with both the quality of the employers and the job seekers we drew to the fair this year.”

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BBB® warns: Don't let election scammers count on you

PENSACOLA, Fla. (Aug. 17, 2012) – Scammers are taking advantage of this year's Presidential election, using everything from robocalls offering a "free cruise" for taking a political survey to promises that President Obama will pay your utility bill as bait. Your Better Business Bureau Serving Northwest Florida warns voters to be on the lookout for scams that are likely to continue as we get closer to the Presidential election.

"Scammers use current events to add some legitimacy to their schemes," said Norman Wright, president and CEO of your BBB|Northwest Florida. "The election and the hot topic issues debated by the campaigns are all perfect bait to lure in victims."

Your BBB provides a list of some of the most common election-related scams making the rounds.

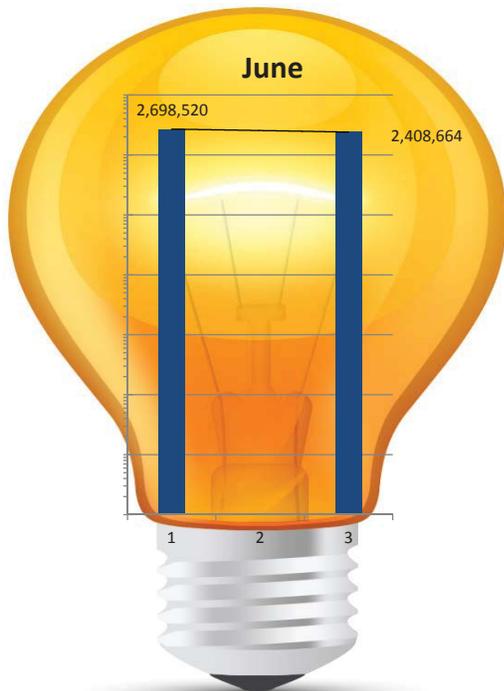
Share your opinion AND get a "free cruise?" It sounds like a great deal: participate in a public opinion poll and get a "free cruise" in exchange for your participation. But at the end of the call, consumers are asked for a debit or credit card number to cover "port fees and taxes." Consumers who hesitate or ask if they can call back in order to verify the caller's identity are subject to high-pressure tactics, such as being told that the offer "is only good right now," and that if they hang up, they will be disqualified.



President Obama will pay your utility bill if you pay an enrollment fee. Potential victims have been contacted through fliers, social media, text messages, phone calls and even door-to-door solicitations with claims that the president is providing credits or payments for utility bills. Scammers claim they need the customers' Social Security and bank routing numbers to arrange the payments. In return for an "application fee," customers are given a phony bank routing number that will supposedly pay their utility bills. In reality, there's no money. Customers believe they paid their bills when in fact they have not. And even worse still, they've given away everything needed for identity fraud.

Scammers call voters claiming they need a credit card or Social Security number to confirm their identity. Your voter registration record is with your state and no one is going to call or email you to verify your eligibility. Never provide your Social Security number, credit card number or banking information to anyone requesting it over the phone or at your home unless you initiated the contact and feel confident with whom you are speaking. Don't give in to high pressure tactics, whether over the phone or in person.

For additional information and advice you can trust, start with bbb.org.



Power Outage

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's prime objectives, so each month we will display the energy usage comparisons for Naval Air Station Whiting Field between 2011 and 2012. As you can see, in June, the base consumed 289,956 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

This Week in Naval History

Aug. 22

1912 - Birthday of Dental Corps.

1945 - First surrender of Japanese garrison at end of World War II; USS Levy receives surrender of Mille Atoll in Marshall Islands.

1980 - USS Passumpsic rescues 28 Vietnamese refugees.

Aug. 23

1864 - Rear Adm. David Farragut's squadron captures Fort Morgan at Mobile Bay winning control of Mobile, Ala.

1958 - In Taiwan Straits Crisis, Units of 7th Fleet move into Taiwan area to support Taiwan against Chinese Communists.

Aug. 24

1942 - U.S. carrier aircraft begin 2-day Battle of Eastern Solomons where Japanese task force defeated and one Japanese carrier sunk. Japanese recall expedition to recapture Guadalcanal.

From - http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

ITT Special - DeLuna Fest 2012 tickets are now available at ITT. The three-day beach concert features Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, and the Zac Brown Band, Sept. 21-23. Tickets are \$177 for a three-day pass. ITT also has discounted hotel stays at the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach for \$121 per night. There are only a limited number of passes and hotel rooms available. Please call 850-623-7032 or 850-665-6250 for additional information. For a complete concert lineup, check www.delunafest.com.

Armed Forces Guides - The Armed Forces Benefits Association 2012 Financial Planning Guides are finally in! These financial planning guides are filled with information but not limited to: Military Pay & Allowances, Tri-care Benefits, Military Retirement, The Survivor Benefit Plan, Veteran's Benefits, Civil Service Pay & Retirements, Principles of Financial Planning, Wills & Trust, Saving & Investing, Social Security & Medicare, and much, much more. Swing by the Fleet & Family Support Center to pick up your free copy and a copy for your staff, co-workers, etc.

New Bridge Construction - Chipley-Scott Bridge Company of Opelika, Ala. has been awarded a \$14.7 million bridge construction contract to replace bridges over the White River and Bass Hole Cove on U.S. 90 between Pace and the Escambia River Bridge in Santa Rosa. In addition, crews will resurface the westbound lanes, make minor drainage improvements, construct guardrail and place new signs and pavement markings. Temporary bridges will be constructed and utilized during the project. There will be no lane restrictions allowed between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Construction should begin August 2012, with completion scheduled for summer 2016. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the construction area and to use caution. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter @myfdot_nwfl <http://www.twitter.com/myfdot_nwfl

Navy vs Troy Football - If there is enough interest locally, Troy University would like to sponsor 2,000 active duty military and their family members for the Troy Trojans vs Navy Football Game on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Troy, Ala. Included: bus transportation to/from the game, ticket(s) to the game, lunch and a free t-shirt. All active duty military are eligible - please contact David Durham at (850) 458-4722 or by email: dbdurham@troy.edu if you are interested.

Special Disney Cruise: Disney Cruise Line is offering a military cruise rate of \$1,423.00 for a family of three for Sept. 23 or Sept. 30, 2012 sailings. Cruise to the Bahamas on a four-day cruise initiating from Port Canaveral on the Disney Dream. Stateroom is an oceanview verandah. Call ITT at 850-623-7032 for this and other bookings.

Chaplain Thought for the Day - Daily Reflection is a brief inspirational thought-for-the-day e-mailed throughout the work week dealing with all kinds of life issues. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@navy.mil.

Leave Donor Request - Tamara N. Thomas, of NCBC Gulfport (Code N8), has been approved as a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, for the care of a family member. Thomas' husband is experiencing a very serious medical emergency that requires Ms. Thomas to be absent from duty for a prolonged period, which will result in a substantial loss of income, due to lack of available paid leave. Anyone eligible and wishing



Still in Control

Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller Trevor Rowe takes the oath of reenlistment as administered by NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin on the occasion of Rowe's reenlistment. Rowe extended his term of Naval service by two years at the base's Ground Electronics Auditorium on Tuesday, Aug. 14. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

to donate annual leave under this program, please contact Diane Stukes, Administrative Support Assistant, Total Force Management Office (Code N1), Navy Region Southeast at (904) 542-2283 or via email at diane.stukes@navy.mil.

BonFest Pensacola - Japanese food and culture will be on display during this weekend's BonFest Pensacola 2012. The event will feature Taiko drummers, unique outfits and dances, vendor booths, Japanese food, games and more. Visit the Bayview Community Center, Saturday, Aug. 25 from noon to 4 p.m.

Official Notices

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer Third Class pled guilty to making a false official statement and was found guilty of engaging in a sexual act with a person substantially incapacitated. The court-martial sentenced the Accused to two years of confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer Second Class was found guilty of improperly accessing medical records. The court-martial imposed no punishment in addition to the conviction itself.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Seaman Apprentice pled guilty to wrongfully using Spice, sending a lewd picture to a minor, and receiving and possessing child pornography. The court-martial adjudged a sentence of eleven months confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, forfeiture of \$994.00 per month for eleven months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 24, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium
Aug. 24, 1400-1600 - Evening at Ace's Event- Ace's Bar
Aug. 31, 1330 - NASWF Safety Standown - Auditorium

Sept. 3 - Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 14, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium
Oct. 2, 1000-1300 - Health and Fitness Expo - Gymnasium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, Aug. 24 & Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(By reservation only. Call 850-623-7177)

Money and the Move - Friday, Aug. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.

A Permanent change of Station (PCS) move can be one of the most exciting adventures of your career as well as one of the best benefits. However, a PCS move can also become a financial disaster that can take months to recover from if not properly prepared for. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday, Aug. 27 & Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Couples Communication - Monday Aug. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you newly married? Are you in a serious relationship? Have you been married a long time? If yes, then this workshop is for you. During this class, we will discuss the "Speaker/Listener Technique," a structured way to communicate effectively. This technique helps couples to talk about tough issues without resorting to fighting. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Surviving the Holidays Financially - Friday, Sept. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m.

It's that time of year when stores display holiday decorations, increase their inventory, and gear up to convince you to spend your money. Attend this class to learn techniques to control your holiday spending. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Navy Personnel Command to hold Pensacola forum



U.S. Navy file photo/released.

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Representatives from Navy Personnel Command's fleet engagement team will be in Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 28-30 to meet with Sailors and discuss the latest personnel policies and initiatives impacting the fleet.

The team will discuss recently announced initiatives like Limited Directed Detailing, Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Early Return to Sea, as well as the Voluntary Sea Duty Program, all designed to ensure high-priority billets at sea are manned.

"The visit is intended to ensure command leadership teams understand current manpower programs as well as promote the professional and personal development of our Sailors," said Capt. Steve Holmes, Bureau of Naval Personnel,

director, community management branch.

"These visits are also an excellent opportunity to get feedback directly from the fleet."

Additional briefs will focus on Navy force management initiatives including Fleet Ride Perform-to-Serve (FR-PTS), enlisted and officer community health and recent changes to Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID), the web-based program enlisted Sailors use to review and apply for permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

The changes to CMS/ID are part of the Navy's coordinated effort to aggressively address gaps at sea and place Sailors with the right experience levels and skill sets into high-priority Fleet billets. Detailers will fill all advertised billets each cycle so it is important that Sailors understand how this may impact them.

The team will conduct briefs at Corry Station, Aug. 28; Naval Air Station Pensacola (NAS), Aug. 29 and 30.

Sailors should contact their command career counselors for times and locations. Spouses also are encouraged to attend. The team will present a Command Ombudsman/Spouse Career Information brief Aug. 29 on board NAS.

"The briefs are designed to provide information needed to make informed career decisions. They target leadership, Sailors and spouses to give each the information needed in the current operating environment," Holmes said.

For more information, contact the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) or via e-mail at CSCMailbox@navy.mil.

Clinic

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and physical integrity of the duct work throughout the structure.

Access to expanded spaces will permit the air station's medical providers to supplement stored equipment with newly-acquired gear.

"For instance, the additional working space allows us to go from three dental chairs in the temporary facility to seven chairs in the permanent building," Blaine noted.

The clinic's stay in the temporary headquarters was a challenge and a lesson in resource-management. Personnel maintained the availability of certain equipment-intensive services such as radiology, albeit at a reduced capacity.

In addition to expanded access to dental and radiological services, the modernization of the Mathis building will grant clinic providers opportunities to introduce new health care options. The clinic will expand Physical Therapy services once the clinic is established in its permanent home. Additional working space and improved equipment will permit better integration of the Medical Home Port patient-provider continuity concept as well.

Blaine expressed a high degree of professional pride in the caliber of healthcare that his staff maintained in the face of challenging circumstances. He cited their success in maximizing work flow in constrained spaces, practicing exemplary teamwork, and assuring a uniformly high quality of patient care as the outstanding achievements of the clinic staff during its stay in the mobile facilities.

The clinic leadership and staff have been planning their relocation so as to impose minimal impact on patient services.

Painstaking efforts will be made to ensure patient access to healthcare during business hours from Thursday, Aug. 30 to Friday, Aug. 31. The process of designing a minimally-disruptive transition back to the Mathis Building commenced almost concurrently with the clinic's arrival in its temporary home.

"We have done a very good job of planning. Our goal was to have a timetable to follow that would allow us to move while maintaining medical and dental services," Blaine assured.

Previous clinic OIC Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Leach helped

to establish the groundwork for the sequence and logistics of the return, and a comprehensive debriefing to successor Blaine ensured a seamless handoff of preparation work.

As the anticipated date of the move approached, planning was accelerated and task-masters were assigned in order to coordinate relocation efforts.

"A clinic tiger team was assembled several months ago with representation of all clinic areas and professional disciplines. The team met weekly to develop efficient plans and timelines to minimize the impact on the delivery of health care," Blaine explained.

Clinic leaders advise that while patient treatment will continue during the move, individual medical files may be inaccessible for a short period of time during the process. All personnel requiring access to their physical medical records during the Aug. 29 – Sept. 4 period are urged to collect their files prior to noon on Aug. 29.

Moreover, individuals who foresee a need to fill a new prescription or refill their prescriptions during the transition window are encouraged to fill new prescriptions and call-in refills for pickup well in advance. Blaine stressed that advance planning by patients is key to avoiding delays while the pharmacy department relocates.

The clinic plans to operate from the temporary facilities on Wednesday, Aug. 29 and Thursday, Aug. 30. The transition plan calls for a shift of operations to the permanent structure on Friday. However, patients are encouraged to call 850-623-7460/7993 in advance of visits to confirm the location of services throughout the move period.

Additionally, online administrators will be posting periodic updates to the detachment's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/whitingfieldclinic>.



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Fair

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The 68 organizations with booths at the job fair averaged nearly 90 informational sessions apiece as the military personnel, family members, and general public reviewed the employment and educational opportunities being advertised on site.

The event highlighted fields as far ranging as shipyard work, clerical employment, engineering opportunities, management, sales and even piloting helicopters.

The event is consistently touted as one of Northwest Florida's largest and most effective job fairs, and it is an annual source of pride for the FFSC staff.

"The employers consistently compliment the event as one of the best organized job fairs in the area, and they continue to come because of the high quality of job seekers they get to meet," Johnson said. "We put a lot of energy and effort into the event each year, and we think it is a terrific community endeavor."

It costs FFSC about \$1,000 to hold the event each year and keep the cost free for both the employers and job seekers. With an estimated financial impact greater than \$2.5 million to the surrounding area, it is money well spent.

The event started in 1989 as a way of trying to help service members transitioning to civilian life or family

members moving into the local area find employment. It quickly grew to encompass a community outreach effort as the event was opened to the public to enable them to take advantage of the assembled employers as well. It was a decision that has paid dividends for all the parties involved as the employers have access to a greater pool of candidates, FFSC can entice more employers, and the public benefits from the larger selection of employment opportunities.

"Whiting Field is one of our favorite job fairs," Greg Young, a recruiter with Gulf Power, said. "It is one we wouldn't want to miss. We have been here ten years running, and hopefully we will be back next year."

Young praised the staff for their organization and friendliness, but also for their drive to connect employers with the right kind of people. Even though Gulf Power didn't have any specific vacancies to advertise during the event, there were several resumes they kept afterwards based on people they met through Johnson and the rest of the FFSC staff.

"Darryl [Johnson] is real good about grabbing people who have the right skills and introducing them to me," Young stressed. "He maintains contact with me all

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REMEMBERING THE PAST

*O sag can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the gleaming
And the rocket's red glare through the fight
Gave proof through the smoke that our flag was still there
I saw that star*

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Chalkboard Minute



Chris Hendrix

With the start of another school year, the following is some information so that you will have it all in one spot.

Santa Rosa County schools began Aug. 20, and will end June 7, 2013. Our school year is broken down into four different nine-week Quarters. The first quarter runs Aug. 20 through Oct. 19. The report card will be sent home Oct. 29. The second quarter will start Oct. 23 and will end Jan. 17. This is also the end of the first semester and the report card will be sent home January 28.

The second semester will begin Jan. 22 and the third quarter will end April 4. The report card for this quarter will be sent home April 12. The final quarter is from April 8 until June 7. Report cards are issued June 17.

The following are days when students will not be in school: September 3 - Labor Day; October 22 - Teacher Planning Day; November 12 - Veterans Day; November 19-23 -Fall Break/Thanksgiving; Dec. 19 – Jan. 2- Christmas Break; January 18 - Teacher Planning Day; January 21 - Martin L. King Birthday; February 18 - Presidents' Day; March 18-22 - Spring Break; March 29 -Good Friday;

April 5 -Teacher Planning Day; May 27- Memorial Day;

The following are days when students will be released early: September 12 - Professional Development; November 7 - Professional Development; December 18 - begin Christmas Vacation; January 15, 16, 17 - High School Only (Exams); January 30 - Professional Development; June 5, 6, 7 - High School Only (Exams); June 7 – begin Summer Vacation.

Just like the start and end times, due to the bus schedules, several schools will have different early release times: Simms Middle will release at 11:10. The following schools will all release at 11:15: Bagdad; Berryhill; East Milton; Pea Ridge; and Rhodes Elementary Schools; Gulf Breeze and Woodlawn Middle Schools Holley Navarre Primary and Intermediate. Chumuckla and the schools in Jay will release at 11:30, while Central will leave at 11:50. The following schools will release at 12:10: The Elementary Schools of Bennett Russell, Gulf Breeze, and Oriole Beach; S.S. Dixon and West Navarre Primary and Intermediates; and Hobbs and King Middle Schools. Avalon and Holley Navarre Middle, as well as the High Schools of Gulf Breeze, Locklin, Milton, Navarre, and Pace will all be released at 1:00.

These are the High School Graduation Dates: May 21 - Locklin Tech. 6 p.m.; May 23 - Santa Rosa High 7 p.m.; June 1 - Navarre High 11 a.m.; June 1 - Gulf Breeze High 2 p.m.; June 1 - Pace High 5 p.m.; June 3 - Jay High 6 p.m.; June 3 - Milton High 8 p.m.; June 4 - Central High 6 p.m.

If you have questions about this article or concerns about an educational issue affecting your child, please contact me via email at Christopher.p.hendri@navy.mil or by phone at (850) 665-6105 [office] or (850) 324-1154 [cell]. My office is in the NAS Whiting Field Child Development Center if you would like to visit with me.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Overseas Travel Reminder

Prior to commencing any overseas travel, personnel should review Department of State travel warnings, travel alerts, and individual country specific information at <http://travel.state.gov>. Travelers

should also review the **Electronic Foreign Clearance Guide** at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm> for credential, clearance and training requirements. OCONUS travel briefs are conducted at Security by appointment only for personnel going on leave. Personnel on Official Travel or Emergency Leave may come in at any time. Contact MA1(EXW) Kenneth Pratt at 850-623-7036/7709 or Kenneth.c.pratt@navy.mil for questions or appointments.

Fair

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year long, knows the skills we look for in various areas and ensures good candidates come talk to us. It makes the process very comfortable.”

Sixty-eight other companies must have felt the same way as all of the participants stated they would want to come back again in the job fair evaluations. That is possibly the most telling statistic as to the effectiveness of the job fair for FFSC Director Bill Lawson.

“Knowing these companies come back year after year, because of how we manage the event, makes me very proud of my team. I truly believe we have the best FFSC team in the Navy,” he said.

“The reason we continue to hold the event is because everybody wins. Job seekers win. The installation wins. It’s a win for the community. The job fair is an event that is good for everyone, and the staff does a tremendous job every year.”