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## NMCB 74 conducts 'Yellow Dart'



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John Hulle/Released

Equipment Operator 2nd Class Aaron Ambers, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, drives a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) into a C-130 Hercules at the Trent Lott Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, June 9. The Seabees of NMCB 74 and Airmen from the 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock, Ark., conducted Yellow Dart, a three day joint embarkation exercise to practice the loading and unloading of heavy oversized equipment on a C-130 Hercules.

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## Secretary of Navy committed to Sailors, families

By Darren Harrison  
Naval District Washington  
Public Affairs

The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) said during his assumption ceremony June 18 that his first commitment as secretary will be to service members and families.

"The law requires me to ensure that the Department of the Navy is properly manned, trained and equipped, fully prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century," said SECNAV Raymond Mabus Jr. "I deeply believe that this involves not just what our Sailors and Marines do for us but what we do for them and for their families."

Mabus made the remarks following the administering of the oath of office by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at Admiral Leutze Park on the Washington Navy Yard (WNY). Earlier in the day, Vice President Joe Biden administered the oath at the White House.

Senior government and military leaders and roughly 500 guests attended the ceremony at the WNY. In addition, 27 ambassadors attended the event.

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# Navy Legal

## Minor league litigation; making the most of out of small claims court

By Lt.j.g. Matt Roush, JAGC  
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Sometimes you have no choice. You've tried to be reasonable, you've tried to work the situation out and get what you're owed. But for whatever reason, the other side, be it a mechanic, a neighbor, or some other party that damaged you, just won't cooperate. So you're left with no choice but to take that person to court.

While small claims court may not necessarily be an ideal use of your time, it is often the best way to get what you are owed. Going before a judge and making your case may be the only way to get that opposing party to pay up. When you reach the point that filing suit is your best option, there are some things to keep in mind as you get ready for your case.

The most important aspect of a small claims court case is evidence. So, your biggest task in preparation is compiling everything you have to back up your case—photos, receipts, documents,

anything that spells out what you're owed and who owes it to you. It is also often very helpful to have in-person testimony. If you have access to someone who witnessed the event or can testify expertly as to any damage incurred, it can be very persuasive. In the event those people aren't available for in-person testimony, you can submit letters from them to the court.

When you actually get to court, the key words to remember are speed and clarity. Understand that these judges are very busy. They do not want to hear sob stories about why you need the amount you're asking for. Instead, quickly get to the point. Describe generally the event that led to your claim. Then immediately state the amount you are seeking, and proceed to

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# Skipper's Log

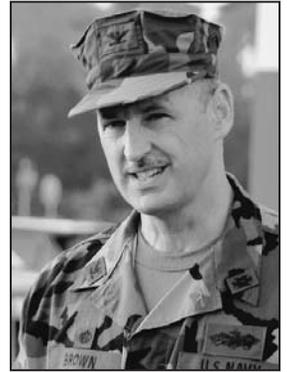
## Stepping Up

By Capt. Ed Brown  
 CO, CBC/CMDR 20TH SRG

Recently we have had the honor of being able to recognize several people for taking action to correct deficiencies.

I'm not talking about giving CPR to an injured person or running into a burning building. We know we need to take action in situations like those. I'm talking about seeing the neighbor reaching unsafely from a ladder, observing the person making that "quick cut" on the 2" x 4" balanced unevenly on the bumper of the truck, coming across the person with the uniform that looks like it was slept in for four days, or meeting up with the buddy that has clearly had enough to drink.

Do you hope they will get home safe and turn away, or do you engage at the proper level? Do you offer prompt and courteous



Capt. Ed Brown

(when appropriate) correction/advice? Do you make the decision to be late getting home for dinner, while you take the hour out of your evening to drive a shipmate home?

As you have read from prior articles I believe strongly that we are defined by our actions. Never turn away, never make it someone else's problem. Every one of you are leaders in some way.

## New Gulfport NEX set to open

The newest edition to NCBC Gulfport is the brand new Navy Exchange located by the Commissary. The NEX is scheduled to open June 29 at 9 a.m.

**Hours of Operation**  
 NEX Monday-Saturday:  
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. ,  
 Sunday: 11 a. m. - 7 p.m.  
**Barber Shop** Monday -

Saturday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.,  
 Sunday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Beauty Shop** Monday -  
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Closed Sunday

## Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor,  
 I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me,  
 I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world,  
 I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage and Commitment,  
 I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

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Left to right: Paul Darden, physical distribution manager of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Jacksonville Det. Gulfport; Capt. Karl Rau, commanding officer FISC Jacksonville; Rod Duggins, site director, FISC Jacksonville Det. Gulfport; Capt. Ed Brown, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport; and Hely Gonzalez, Public Works Department Gulfport construction manager, cut the ribbon signaling the official opening of the new Operational Expeditionary Logistics Facility (OELF) on board NCBC Gulfport June 18. The \$33.4 facility consolidates the operations of three obsolete facilities in order to provide more efficient receipt, storage, preparation and shipping of containerized war-fighting equipment in support of Naval Construction Forces.

## New OELF consolidates logistics, provides better support to war fighter

By Sue Brink  
NAVFAC SE Public Affairs

A ribbon cutting ceremony held June 18 marked the official turn over of the new Operational Expeditionary Logistics Facility (OELF) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

"At last, all physical distribution functions are under one roof. This consolidation will greatly improve our ability to support the war fighter," said Paul Darden, physical distribution manager of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville, Detachment NCBC Gulfport.

The warehouse, or OELF, will support the shipment

ing equipment to support Naval Construction Forces and consolidate the operations of three existing obsolete and damaged facilities.

"The project involved approximately 230,000 square feet of new construction and 20,000 square feet of renovated space along with 370,000 square feet of demolition," said Hely Gonzalez, Public Works Department Gulfport construction manager. "The new facility will provide more efficient receipt, storage, preparation and shipping/receiving operations."

The design successfully incorporates all relevant military and local installation design standards as well as many of the sustainable de-

sign features related to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system that encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices.

The \$33.4 million OELF project is part of a larger \$42.3 million package. In addition to the warehouse construction, future undertakings of the package include a public works facility renovation, construction of a new gate inspection facility, demolition of existing facilities, construction of a rapid runway repair area, and construction of an Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) scraper practice area.

## Center measures emergency response during exercise



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael Wright/Released

Sgt. Milton Houseman Jr., a bomb technician with Patrol Division #211 of the Biloxi Police Department, thoroughly examines his bomb squad robot during an integrated base exercise on board Naval Construction Battalion Center June 17. Bomb squad robots typically cost up to \$100,000 but are a 100 percent safe alternative to risking loss of human life. The purpose of the exercise is to create a simulated emergency situation that requires Center personnel to demonstrate how they would respond to a bomb threat/suspicious package and to evaluate the effectiveness of base, local civilian agencies and Regional Operations Center resources, personnel and equipment.

## LifeWorks

June

## Schedule of Events

**June 26:** National Bomb Pop Day - Stop by the office for a popsicle!

**June 26:** Halloween in June Twilight Soiree - Love the book, the movies, or just Edward Cullen? This event is for you! Join us behind the pool house at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate your love for all things Twilight. Snacks, drinks and fun provided!



**June 30:** Yard of the Month awarded. This could be the month that you win! Don't forget to mow your backyard and keep your patio neat and clean!

# DeCA Scholarship Winner



U.S. Navy photo by Anna Brown/Released

Elizabeth Sigafoose, the 2009 recipient of a \$1,500 Scholarship for Military Children from the Gulfport Defense Commissary Agency, is congratulated by DeCA representative Archie Holland and CBC Executive Officer, Cmdr. Steve Fitzgerald. The DeCA scholarship program is administered by Fisher House foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The annual scholarships are based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities and an essay. Sigafoose recently graduated from Christian Collegiate Academy in Gulfport and plans to attend Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss this fall to study premedical.

Winning DeCA scholarship essay response to:  
*What would you place in a time capsule to help people understand military life in the next century?*

*By Elizabeth Sigafoose*

"Army Strong", "Be All You Can Be", and "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful) are some well-known mottos used by the military. These mottos show the devotion and commitment of our military. I know personally the devotion and commitment it takes to be part of the military because both of my parents served in the United States Navy. As a military brat, I would explain military life to future generations by placing a cruise book, a photo album, and a map in a time capsule.

One aspect of the military life is deployment. For my parents, this meant that they got to spend a great amount of time at sea. While onboard these ships, pictures are taken of operations, award ceremonies, and of everyday life. All these pictures are compiled into a cruise book which is similar to a high school yearbook. I would place a cruise book in a time capsule to show how a military unit relies on each and every member. When working side by side with people everyday, you learn new things and make many lasting friendships.

Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget. In the time capsule, I would put a pic-

ture album with pictures of all the friends that my family and I have made since my parents joined the military. My family has friends across the globe, including Turkey, Hawaii, Tunisia, India, Japan and Guam. Another aspect of the military is meeting and working with new people that come from a variety of backgrounds. I think it is important to show future generations the teamwork and the companionship of the United States Military. Another aspect of the military is living in different countries and moving frequently. By living in different places, I have seen other cultures and other parts of the world. I would place a map marking the places I have visited in the time capsule. This map would remind me of where I come from and where I have been. This would also show future generations how far-reaching the military is and how the military is constantly on the move.

In conclusion, I would place a cruise book, a photo album, and a map in a time capsule to explain military life. I think the official Navy Submarine motto describes the military very well. "Any time, any where, always ready, always there."

## A Reminder from NCBC Public Safety regarding Fireworks

Except for command controlled displays, the possession of explosives and fireworks for sale, storage or use of any description on board NCBC Gulfport property, are strictly prohibited. Fireworks are spectacular to watch, and make great noises, but can be extremely dangerous in the hands of amateurs. Fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory when children and adults are injured while using fireworks.

NCBC Fire Prevention Division recommends attending public fireworks displays because shows are safer and have better visual displays than what might be accomplished at your home. Stay safe this 4th of July!



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**Naval IG SecNav-directed sexual assault study team visit . . .**

A team from the office of the Naval Inspector General, Washington, D.C. will visit NCBC June 29-30 to study incidences of sexual assault within the Department of the Navy, and determine the responsiveness of the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program. As part of their visit, they will facilitate focus group discussions to gain more insight, from a fleet perspective into the occurrences and command support during incidences of sexual assault. Each focus group will be composed of a cross-section of personnel and consist of approximately 20 people. Selection will be made on a random and stratified basis, using the last digits of Social Security numbers. If you are selected to participate, you will be notified by your chain of command. Your views and honest input will be helpful as the Navy attempts to understand the scope and response to incidents of sexual assault. All military personnel are encouraged to participate in the IG's online survey regardless of whether they are selected to participate in a focus group or not. The survey address is <http://www.ig.mil/sastudy.htm>. The survey will be accessible until Sept. 30.



U.S. Navy photo by SWI Matthew Tyson/Released

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion's (NMCB) 133 and NMCB 14 assist the Border Patrol by constructing a 1,500 foot long concrete-lined drainage ditch and 10 foot high wall to increase security along the Mexican and United States border in Douglas, Ariz.

## Seabees join forces on the 'Great Wall of Douglas'

By BU3 Kevin Tessier  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Seabees worked alongside NMCB 14 in Arizona to increase border security. These hard working Seabees built a fifteen hundred linear foot long concrete drainage ditch along with a ten foot high concrete wall over a period of 51 work-days.

Shortly after the Running Roo's returned back from deployment in January, they received a call that the border patrol in Douglas, Ariz. needed help increasing border security. NMCB 133 provided a detachment of 20 personnel consisting of engineering aides, equipment operators, builders and steelworkers who worked alongside Seabees from NMCB 14.

Steelworker 1st Class (SCW) Matthew Tyson was the crew leader and provided valuable in-rate training to the Seabees at the project. Every week 20

new reservist Seabees reported in to offer a helping hand.

"It was a valuable experience to work with our reservist counterparts. I met a lot of cool, interesting people while working in Arizona," said Steelworker 2nd Class Christopher Arant.

The Seabees could see people crossing the border just a few hundred yards from their project each day as they worked on their wall. Witnessing the problem first hand really motivated the Seabees to get their project done.

After countless hours of hard work the Running Roo's returned back safely to Gulfport, feeling very accomplished. The massive concrete obstacle has made it very difficult for illegal immigrants to cross over the border into the United States in Douglas.

"It was a great in-rate training experience for all the junior troops and an awesome opportunity to show them how valuable their skills are to our country," said Tyson.

# NMCB 1 SPORTS DAY



U.S. Navy photos by MCI Chad Runge/Released

Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One's (NMCB 1) Guam and Okinawa companies take to the court for a basketball tournament at the battalion's Sports Day festivities held at Naval Construction Battalion Center.



Postal Clerk Seaman Jason Warren of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One (NMCB 1) competes in the tug-of-war competition at the battalion's Sports Day festivities held on board the Seabee Center June 5.

## Coastline Community College information . . .

**Fall Registration** for the first Fall Term, Aug. 31 - Oct 25, is open through Aug. 2. There will not be an opportunity for late registration, Aug. 2 is the final date.

For more information, contact Dr. David Drye in the Navy College Office, building 60, room 239 or call (228) 871-3439 or (228) 871-2785.

**Coastline 2008 - 2009 Graduates** should stop by the Navy College Office, building 60, room 239 to pick up their graduation gift from Coastline. A complete list of graduates will appear in a future edition of the Seabee Courier.



# Seabees, Air Force partner for 'Yellow Dart'

By MC2 John Hulle  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, made the short trip to Trent Lott Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, to conduct an embarkation exercise with the Air Force June 8-10.

With the help of the 189th Airlift Wing stationed in Little Rock, Ark., the Airmen and Seabees loaded and offloaded heavy and oversized civil engineering support equipment (CESE) onto C-130 Hercules aircraft.

While a medium tactical vehicle replacement and backhoes are familiar gear for the Seabees, they were a departure for the Airmen.

"We are used to carrying cargo, but nothing this big," said Staff Sergeant Alex Darby, a load master assigned to 189th AW.

The North Little Rock, Ark., native who just returned from a deployment to Ali Al Saleem Airbase, Kuwait had not worked with Seabees before. "It's good to get down here and get training that people wouldn't normally get," he said.

Both pieces of CESE presented a challenge: After weighing, measuring, determining the center of balance, a joint inspection and constructing approach shoring, the service members were faced with putting two large vehicles into a small plane.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John Hulle/Released

**Equipment Operator 2nd Class Timothy Palmer, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, ground guides a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) during an embarkation exercise at the Trent Lott Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Miss., June 9.**

"The MTVR is actually two inches above the allowable cargo height, you actually need to get a waiver to fly with it," said Engineering Aide 2nd Class Susan Knox, a Fayetteville, Texas, native assigned to NMCB 74.

With clearance less than one foot on each side of the truck and very little head room, tension was high during loading.

"I was hoping nothing gets caught, but I was more worried about the driver hitting his head," said Knox. "He had to lean forward."

The backhoe wasn't any easier. With its length of 35 feet, the driver had to constantly readjust the separately articulating boom and forklift to fit up the ramp and into the cargo bay.

"The backhoe is a difficult piece to load, that is

why we chose it," said Knox.

After working in embark for two years, including several field exercises and a deployment to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, in support of Combine Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, Knox enjoyed sharing some of her experiences with the junior Seabees.

"It's a lot more fun explaining to them what a C-130 is when you are out in the air field," she said. "You can say it has a cargo bay that can hold 25,000 lbs, but then when you put one truck in there, and it fills the whole plane, it gives them a greater appreciation."

"I really thought they were not going to make it," said Builder Constructionman Stacy Willis, a Merced, Calif., native assigned to NMCB 74.

Thanks to the hands-on training, Willis said she is confident to have a greater impact on any further embarkation evolutions.

As NMCB 74 gears up for a deployment to the United States Central Command area of responsibility that experience could be crucial to the Seabee success.

"It's nice to have a foundation to work off of, the Air Force isn't very familiar with our equipment, and so since we are the ones that want to fly something in their airplanes, it's better for us to have the knowledge."

She added, "Any time you get to play with the airplanes it's a good experience."

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## NCTC volunteers put finishing touches on new Gulfport church

By Staff Sgt. Chris Munn  
NCTC Public Affairs

On June 6, Army Staff Sergeant Chris Gibson and Air Force Staff Sergeant Chris Munn led 40 Army and Air Force volunteers in a landscaping project for Crosspoint Church located on South Swan Road in Gulfport.

The bulk of the volunteer force was made up of Naval Construction Training Center students who put down 9,000 square feet of sod, planted several large trees and completed other landscaping at Crosspoint's new facility. Their efforts, combined with the services of other local volunteers, made

for a smooth opening worship service at church the next day.

Pastor Israel Cox gave the military volunteers a word of thanks, "I was very nervous going into Saturday, considering how much work needed to be done on the outside of the building, he said.

"I didn't see how we were going to get everything done in time for Sunday's worship service.

"When the students got off the bus and began to work, it looked like a family of ants, perfectly coordinated and choreographed. Their diligence and discipline made short work of all that we had to do. By the time the day was over, I was amazed by the

amount of work that had been accomplished, but I was even more impressed by the quality of character that I had observed in a super group of young people. I feel secure about the future, knowing there are great men and women on the way to becoming our leaders.

"Thanks a bunch Staff Sergeant Munn and the volunteers from NCTC! You helped make our first service on the new campus a wonderful day! We will never forget you!"

The project was a fantastic opportunity for new construction students, as well as students close to graduating to connect with the



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Chad Runge/Released  
**Volunteers with Naval Construction Training Center are pictured in front of some their landscaping handiwork at the Crosspoint Church in Gulfport.**

local community, build relationships within the two services, and to also start thinking about how to incorporate volunteer work into their military service.

Army, Air Force and Navy stu-

dents train together at NCTC to develop basic construction skills in the introductory courses. The Crosspoint project allowed students hands-on participation in the final stages of a large facility.

# What are your goals this summer?



By Ann M. Jenkins, LMSW  
FOCUS Gulfport

As a parent, you might think if you had a nickel for every time your child muttered "I'm bored," you would be a millionaire, especially during the summer. Help your child or your family set goals for the summer. Children are used to their routine of school and summer generally has less structure. Therefore the less scheduled they are, the more bored they may become. I recently facilitated a group with 8 and 9-year-olds about summer goals. Many of the children stated their only goal was to do nothing for the summer. Once we broke it down, they realized that they just didn't want to do school work or chores; but that they did want to play, swim, and go places like the water park.

They needed help listing the "baby steps" involved in their goals for the summer. Even those few that insisted they wanted to do nothing all summer came to understand that there is planning involved in doing anything or doing nothing. We also discussed the communication aspects with family and friends when you truly do not want to do anything all day. Of course, school had just gotten out when we

did this group so they may have not wanted to do anything for a few days. Now they are probably sighing loudly and telling their parents, "I'm BORED!"

To ease the boredom, here are some tips for goal setting. State the goal in one sentence or one-line phrase. Make sure you keep it realistic and attainable. We want to make sure it is within our budget or time constraints of the day with work and/or summer camps. We have a specific time period of the summer as school will begin again in August, so there is an end point. As long as it is clear to all involved and not too easy or too hard, we have what we need to set a goal for the summer.

Once your family has come up with a basic goal for this time period, discuss the strategies or "baby steps" to obtaining the goal. Maybe children need to understand that they must do chores to earn money each week so that in x amount of weeks they will have enough money for admission into the water park. Or possibly they will need to go to the library to research how to accomplish a new skill or improve an old one. Maybe it is as simple as learning to communicate one's desire to an

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The FOCUS project presents "Single Parenting" - a Workshop for Military Parents  
July 1, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., Building 295, T-1; 5501 Marvin Shields Boulevard  
This workshop will focus on goal setting as a single parent family in the military.  
For more information, call (228) 224-3457 or visit [www.focusproject.org](http://www.focusproject.org)

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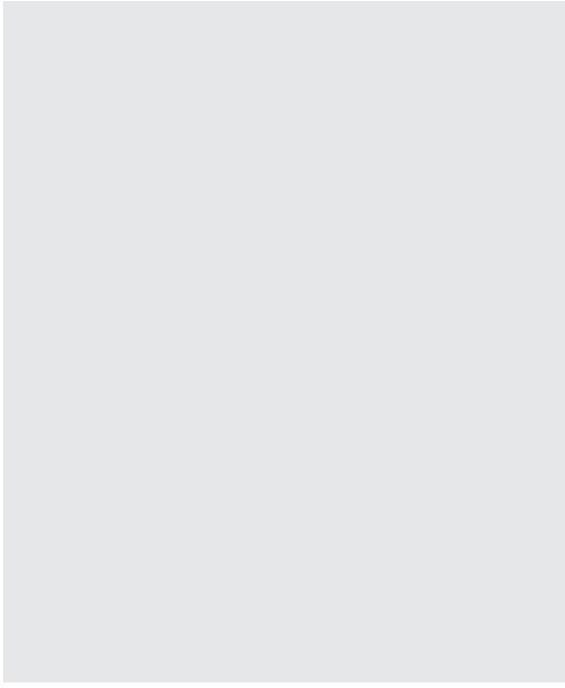
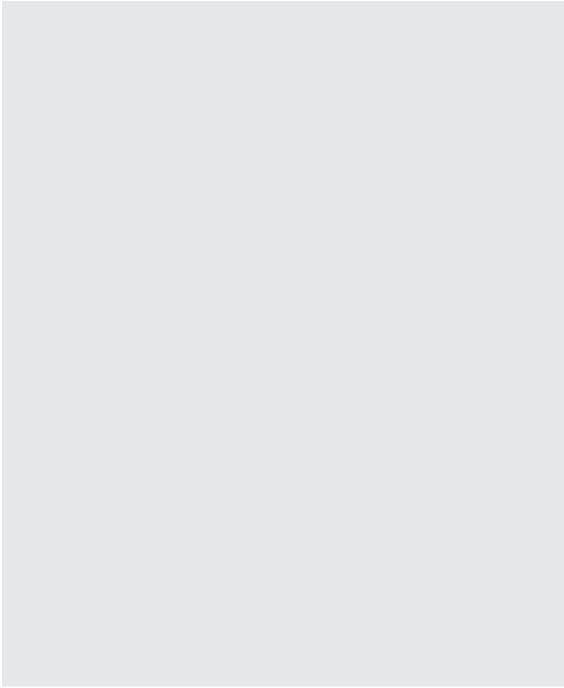
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adult that can help obtain the stated goal. For example, Grandma might be available during the day to take them swimming or to the park. But if the child does not know how to ask, a baby step might be practicing with someone else until they have all their manner words right and can state exactly what they want or need.

Even young children are able to understand with some guidance, so let them help in developing their own goals or adding to family goals. But remember, just because they want to go to Disney World this year, does not mean that it is a realistic goal for your family or your budget . . . even there I have heard children say, "I'm BORED!"

Please feel free to contact us at the FOCUS Project at (228) 224-3625.

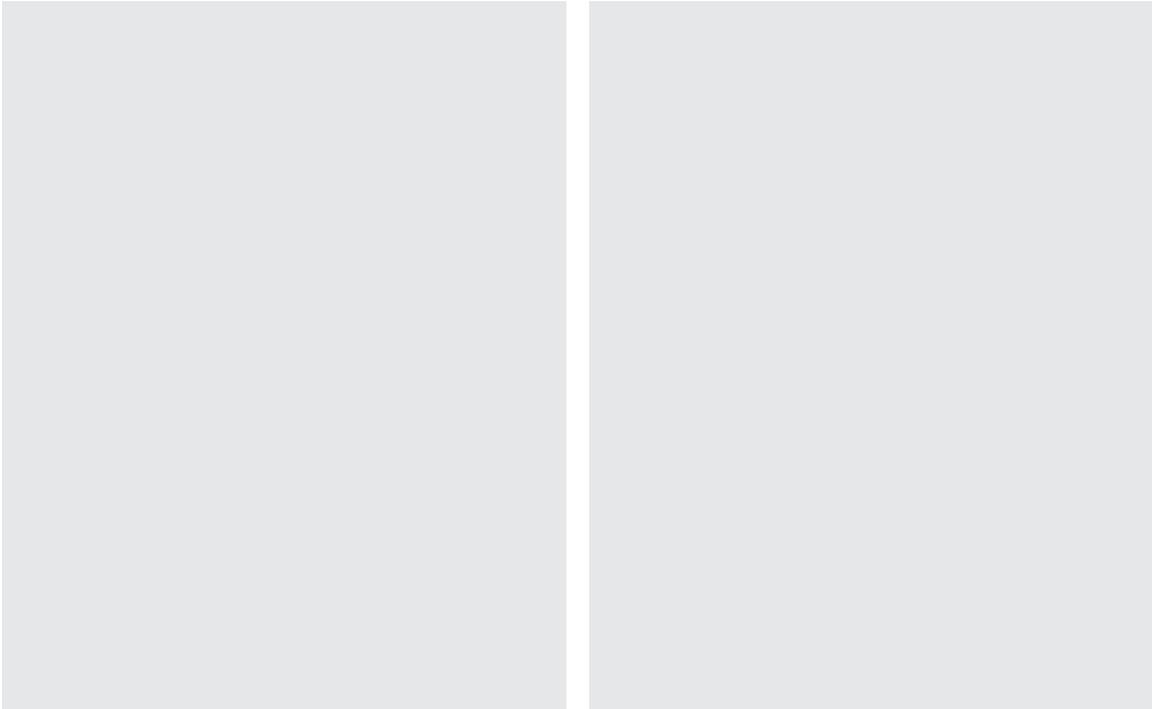
We will continue groups mentioned above at the Youth Activity Center during their summer program and will have workshops for parents in our offices, too.



New Orleans  
Recruit Military  
Career Fair  
July 16  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Fair Grounds  
Race Course,  
New Orleans

**Recycling Reminder**

If there is a wheeled recycling bin in your building please be aware that we all share responsibility for taking the bin to the curb when it has reached its capacity. Please take the time to wheel it to the curb Thursday mornings by 8 a.m. and return it after it has been emptied. You will be doing yourself, your building and your environment a favor.



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walk the judge through the exact details that led to your loss.

The beauty of the small claims court system is its simplicity. You don't need to be represented by an attorney in these cases, provided that you take the time to do the necessary preparation in advance of your case. Collect your evidence, organize your case into a clear series of causes and effects, and be clear and concise with the judge, and you stand a good chance to get back whatever was taken from you.

The Gulfport RLSO SE Branch Office can be reached at (228) 871-2620.

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## 2009 Multi-Cultural and Diversity Challenge

July 24, 9 a.m. - Noon  
Training Hall  
Multi-Cultural and Diversity Fair

"How well does your Command, Department, or Association represent a Country?"

"You've Been Challenged!"  
"The Challenge Starts NOW!!!"  
"Who will come out on Top?"

### Competition/Judging Rules:

1. Represent A Country or Countries
2. Prepare food and drink (Food can be sold for fundraising)
3. Dress in attire from that location(s) (clothing, accessories)
4. Perform a song or dance
5. Display information about the countries history, culture and people

Entry Deadline is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a meeting with Team Captains July 10<sup>th</sup>

POC: RP2 Hawkins-Chavis or BU3 Plazavelez at x2454



# Engineers of 25th NCR apply D-Day-like focus to Afghanistan troop buildup

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

The last time the 25th Naval Construction Regiment had a mission even remotely approaching the scope of its task in Afghanistan, was during its last deployment, preparing for the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France.

So 65 years later, Navy Capt. Jeff Borowy recognizes the symbolism as he borrows words from Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to tell the Seabees he commands, "The eyes of the world are upon you."

The unit, decommissioned after World War II and re-commissioned just last year in Gulfport, Miss., is part of the massive buildup under way in Afghanistan to accommodate incoming U.S. forces. One testament to their efforts is Camp Leatherneck, a facility that is springing up in record time alongside the British Camp Bastion in Helmand province.

Camp Leatherneck - a reference to the high leather neck collars Marines once wore to protect themselves from sword blows -

will serve as the base for about 6,000 Marines, most of whom already have arrived.

Leatherneck is one of nine bases Borowy's team has been working on, alongside their other service counterparts, contract employees and Afghan workers as they expand existing outposts and build new ones in the sand.

"This place was a desert at the end of January. I mean nothing," Borowy told reporters accompanying Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates last month as he visited Camp Leatherneck. "And now you have got a 443-acre secure facility with four miles of berm."

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Mason, a Seabee supporting the construction effort, gave a big thumbs-up to the facilities being assembled: Force Provider tents with latrines and shower facilities.

"I've had worse conditions on field exercises," he said.

For now, Borowy said, the big challenge is "trying to get the job done in time for the war fighters coming in," particularly in light of the logistical challenges associated with getting equipment

and supplies to the desolate plain.

Amid hundreds of tents that dot Camp Leatherneck rises a massive wooden building that will serve as its centerpiece. "Noah's Ark," as the 12,000 square foot headquarters and operations center is affectionately called, consists of 129 trusses, each requiring 1,300 nails.

"We don't all come into theater with a box of nails in our back pocket, and even if we did, it would be gone in a day," Borowy said. "So the logistics chain has been really challenging, but it is working."

Camp Leatherneck also will include a massive airfield able to accommodate up to 55 helicopters and other aircraft. Marine Corps Col. David Jones, who is leading that construction effort, called it the largest project of its scope to be conducted in a combat setting.

Jones' Marines are working from sunup to sundown to level and compact the ground before laying matting for the new runway. The metal alloy pieces lock together like a jigsaw puzzle,



AFPS Photo/Released

Seabees with the 25th Naval Construction Regiment continue construction on "Noah's Ark," a 12,000 square foot headquarters and operations center on board Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

and will serve as a temporary surface until it is replaced with asphalt.

All told, the amount of matting being laid to accommodate the troop buildup boggles the mind. "When you consider all the matting we are putting in, you could go two football fields wide from the steps of the [U.S.] Capitol down to the Lincoln Memorial," Borowy said. "That's how much matting is going into this whole [area of operations]."

Despite the workload and the

searing heat, Borowy said, he has no problem challenging his crews, and said he rarely hears complaining.

"They have to be dragged off the site," he said. "They just keep swinging their hammers when the crew leader says it's time to go."

The engineers and construction crews "know the importance of this," he said.

"They are doing what they signed up to do, ... building things that the Marines and Airmen and Soldiers appreciate."

## Road Kings crowned champs of Ring Road Race

By MC3 (SCW) Jeffrey R. Militzer  
25 NCR Public Affairs

Physical fitness is an important part of being in the military. All service members are required to maintain their physical readiness at all times, even while deployed. So it is no surprise that the Seabees, who are deployed to challenging environments such as Iraq and Afghanistan, must maintain their fitness. What better way to do that than with a little bit of friendly competition.

Chief Hospital Corpsman (SCW) Beverly J. Malm, a Combat Operations Center Watch Officer for the 25th Naval Con-

struction Regiment (25 NCR), came up with an idea for a physical training competition. There are various routes to use to measure how far one can travel that would make for a decent exercise competition, but the question is which route to use. Malm toyed with a few until she decided on a relatively simple one.

The road Malm decided to use for a basis would be Highway 1, which circumnavigates the entire country. Highway 1 is more commonly known as the "Ring Road." "The competition was then decided," said Malm, "it would be The Ring Road Race."

After the competition was announced,

there was an enormous amount of positive feedback, as well as the creation of 10 teams of six members each, to compete in the race. What made the race all the more competitive was the different commands that were competing, and command pride was on the line.

The Ring Road Race took off immediately with all of the teams contributing vast amounts of time at the gym. Teams built-up hundreds of miles, covering distances they would not believe possible in such a short amount of time.

The competition, which was started in early March, was intended to go on throughout the entire deployment, but

when Seabees get motivated, there is nothing that can stop them.

One team, the "Road Kings", already managed to close the distance and completed the 1,920-mile circuit around the Ring Road. With unprecedented motivation to win, the Road Kings strove, week after week, to complete this race quicker than anyone expected was possible.

Now that the Road Kings have claimed victory for the Ring Road race, they are looking for a new and more challenging test of physical fitness, such as a run to Kuwait, or perhaps a run and swim to their homes in the good old U.S.A.

# NMCB 11 offloads new TOA

By MC1 (SCW) Nicholas Lingo  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

The Seabees have long been established as the premier construction force of the United States military. Their long-standing tradition of "We Build, We Fight" is instilled in each Constructionman from the very day they step into the world of the Seabees. Yet no warrior can perform at their peak level without the proper tools.

The Seabees have long awaited an update to their Table of Allowance and that day has arrived for the 'Bees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11. The discussion and planning stages have been in the works for years for the development of the Scalable, Modular, Agile, Responsive TOA, or S.M.A.R.T.

"The actual planning stages began several years ago, but the actual packing of the materials and gear began back in

January for this set-up," said Frisly G. Garcia, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment Non-CESE (civil engineer support equipment) TOA manager. The new S.M.A.R.T. P-25 will provide a reduced footprint and ease transport for equipment to forward deployed Naval Construction Force units.

The current off-load of equipment in Rota, Spain, will provide the re-established forward deployed location of Camp Mitchell, the proper equipment needed to support missions in EUCOM, AFRICOM and anywhere else the Seabees may be called on to support.

The new TOA is expected to make movement for the Naval Construction Force less strenuous for operational planning.

"Instead of planning every operation from ground zero, pulling from an entire TOA, we're now able to pull from one of the construction modules," said Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Harder, NMCB 11 Det. Rota of-

ficer in charge. "From that sub-group of equipment we can decide what to scale down and what to scale up."

The new TOA's improved module format vastly increases the speed and ease with which smaller units can be outfitted and geared-up for deployments.

With the retrograde of the Seabees Main Body site from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and the return of the Seabees to Camp Mitchell, the timing for the off-load of the new TOA came at an opportune time. Approximately 40 Seabees were flown in days before the off-load to ensure there were enough operators and mechanics on location to support the evolution.

During the three-day movement, 324 pieces of CESE and 176 containers were off-loaded from the Mobile Vessel Alliance New York.

"It's really great to see this

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U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SCW) Nicholas Lingo/Released

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 Seabees offload CESE for staging before transporting the equipment to Camp Mitchell, Spain. NMCB 11 is currently off-loading the new Table of Allowance for the Naval Construction Force in Rota, Spain. The new equipment will help re-establish Camp Mitchell as a main body site for forward deployed Seabee units and will better outfit NCF units for deployment to EUCOM and AFRICOM.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SCW) Nicholas Lingo/Released

Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 provide information about the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive "POG's for a Cause" on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

## Seabees of NMCB 11 create "POG's for a Cause"

By MC1 (SCW) Nicholas Lingo  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 have developed a unique way to raise money for the 2009 Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund drive. They created "POG's for a Cause."

POG's are little plastic discs used overseas in AAFES facilities to replace metal currency due to the cost of transporting the heavy change we use back home. It is used in the same normal denominations as back home; five, ten and twenty-five cent pieces.

The fundraiser is credited to Lt. Andrea Decerce, NMCB Eleven's Dental Officer and NMCRS Campaign manager. She noticed that many people throw their POG's in their desk or let them sit at the bottom of their pocketbook. She saw the opportunity to help people rid themselves of their POG's as well as raise a little more money for NMCRS.

"I know we're only talking about a small donation of 50 cents or so, but it's not just about raising money. I want to bring a little more awareness to the troops concerning programs like this. They're very beneficial and can be a great help to our Sailors and Marines

in their times of need."

For two weeks Sailors from NMCB Eleven set up shop outside the Exchange and discussed the benefits and services the NMCRS provides for members of the sea-faring services with shoppers that stopped by. Patrons were given the opportunity to make donations but those Seabees collecting the money were more interested in sharing the message and getting to know some of our brothers-and-sisters-in-arms in Kuwait.

"I met a lot of really nice people who didn't know who we (Seabees) are or what we do. It was nice to share that with them and be able to share what the Relief Society has to offer," said Storekeeper 3rd Class Christopher Stevens.

POG's for a Cause raised over three hundred dollars for the NMCRS during its two-week duration, but the time taken by the Sailors of NMCB 11 to educate service-members on the importance of using the programs the military offers its members was priceless in comparison.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 is currently deployed to Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

**Gym**

Up coming CFL course is July 27-31. For more information go to: [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

Attention CFL/ACFL's – F.E.P. circuit training classes are available by appointment only. Please contact Xavier Thornton for more details at 871-2353.

The next 5K is July 15 at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Gym.

IM Softball sign ups begin July 14 with the season beginning on Aug. 4.

**Liberty Center**

**June 26** - CPR Fest at Mississippi Coast Coliseum Depart Liberty at 5p.m., \$30.

Today is also the last day to sign up for New Orleans Trip.

**June 28** - New Orleans Day Trip Depart Liberty at 10a.m. Cost is minimal ... \$2

**June 29** - FREE Pizza party! Last buck pizza party will be held the Liberty Center at 5 p.m. until supplies last.

**July 1** - FREE Trip to Edgewater Mall Depart from Liberty at 5:30 p.m.

**July 6** - Skeeters Pool Tournament depart Liberty at 6 p.m. with a \$5 buy in when you get there.

**July 9** - Open Microphone Night at Liberty! Starts at 6 p.m.

**July 10-12** - New Orleans overnight trip. Stay at the Ramada Inn on Bourbon Street for only \$80!!! Depart Liberty at 5:30 p.m.

**The U.S. Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation & the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus Present a FREE July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert.**

The U.S. Navy's MWR has partnered with the USM Gulf Park Campus, located in Long Beach, to hold a FREE concert on July 4<sup>th</sup> featuring A1A. This musical act is the original and official Jimmy Buffett tribute band, (they hold the crown as being the ONLY Tribute Show ever

sanctioned by Jimmy Buffett himself). Come out for a great show; gates open at 5 p.m. and the show will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards, be sure to stick around and view the fireworks from the local areas. The July 4<sup>th</sup> concert is a community event, is free, and open to the public. Festival style seating is encouraged with ample parking available throughout the campus. Food and beverages are welcome, but please no glass containers. For more information please call (228) 871-4010.

**Pine Bayou Golf Course**

Seabee Day Scramble had a hole-in-one. (Ret. Master Chief) Paul Taylor grooved a 6 iron on #13 from 161 yards for the ace. This act was witnessed by: Mark Bell, Richard Wells, and Keith Hicser.

**Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT)**

ITT has discounted tickets to the Molly Hatchett and Blackfoot concert at the Harrison County Fairgrounds July 3. Tickets are on sale now for only \$15.50 (\$20 at the door).

Talladega Race – November 1, 2009 - ITT has partnered with Vision Tours on this trip. Cost is \$160/pp and includes transportation from/to Crossroads Mall, Gulfport, your race ticket and post-race BBQ! Call 871-2126/2231 for more info!

Attention EVERYONE . . . ITT is taking another trip to Orlando to give you another chance to use your Military Salute Ticket Program! Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 9-12. Bus will depart CBC at 4 p.m. Oct. 9 and return approximately 8 p.m. Oct. 12. Bring yourself, bring

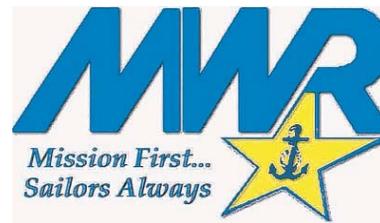
**Free 4th of July Concert**



A1A, the original and official Jimmy Buffett tribute band will perform a free concert July 4th at the USM Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated so please take the time to tell us about your experiences at the Pine Bayou Golf Course by visiting: <http://www.ngfgsp.com/cgi/start.asp?SC=pinebayou>. When you are done, print off the coupon for 50% off your next visit. We value your business!

you family, bring a friend . . . anyone can go! Pricing to follow. Will include round trip transportation by deluxe motorcoach and three nights accommodations. Tickets can be purchased separately. Layaway plan available! NOW IN! ITT has TicketMaster gift cards available for purchase in any denomination.



**At the Movies . . .**

**FREE movies, now playing at the NCB Training Hall**

Friday, June 26  
12 Rounds (PG13), 5 p.m.  
Coraline (PG) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 27,  
Miss March (R) Noon  
Dragonball Evolution (PG), 2:30 p.m.  
Push (PG13), 5 p.m.  
Race to Witch Mountain (PG), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday June 28  
New In Town (PG), 1 p.m.  
Coraline (PG), 4 p.m.  
Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (R), 7 p.m.

Movie hotline: (228) 871-3299

**Captain's Cup Standings**

**Golf**

Team	Won	Loss	Tie	PCT	RF	RA
NMCB 1 (The Finest)	10	1	1	.875	10	1
Fire Dept (Team Fire)	8	5	0	.615	8	5
Security	6	4	1	.591	6	4
METOC	7	6	0	.538	7	6
NCTC	5	5	2	.500	5	5
Training (Slap Shot)	3	9	0	.250	3	9
4th AABN (Tracks)	1	10	0	.091	1	10

**Flag Football as of June 8**

Team	Won	Loss	Pct.
Goon Squad	3	0	1.000
NMCB 133 (Flee-Bees)	2	1	.667
NMCB 1 (The Finest)	2	1	.667
NCTC (Click-Clack)	2	1	.667
NMCB 7 (Team 1)	2	1	.667
NMCB 7 (Team 2)	1	1	.500
NMCB 133 (Team RamRod)	0	2	.000
20TH SRG (R436)	0	2	.000
NMCB 74	0	3	.000



# 2008 NCBC Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality

**Is my water safe?** Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport has water quality sampling and laboratory analysis performed in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH). Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. EPA and state drinking water health standards. Local water vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. Throughout the year continuous sampling is performed on the drinking water system and the analysis is completed by the state water laboratory.

**Do I need to take special precautions?** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800.426.4791).

**Where does my water come from?** NCBC Gulfport receives raw water from the Graham Ferry aquifer. The Graham Ferry aquifer is part of the Miocene aquifer system that consists of multiple layers of sand separated by beds of clay. The thickness of the Miocene aquifer ranges from 1,000 to 4,000 feet. A U.S. Geological Survey study of groundwater in Harrison County

found that aquifers deeper than 500 feet were artesian. The groundwater for the NCBC Gulfport water supply is pumped from three wells. Each well is in excess of 700 feet.

## **Source water assessment and its availability**

Our source water assessment was prepared by the MSDH and is available for review. If you would like to review this report, please call the Environmental Division at 228.871.2485.

## **Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800.426.4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**How can I get involved?** – The best mechanism to get involved consists of participating in Housing Residence meetings. The most current information about the meetings may be obtained by contacting the Housing Office at 228-871-2586. The consumer confidence report

will not be mailed to NCBC customers, but is posted on the NCBC Environmental webpage at [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service\\_Organizations/Environmental/index.htm](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/Environmental/index.htm). The Environmental Division encourages all customers that have concerns or questions to contact us directly.

**Conservation Tips:** – Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 350 gallons of water per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost or no-cost ways to conserve water. Water your lawn at the least sunny times of the day. Fix toilet and faucet leaks. Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and shaving; 3-5 gallons go down the drain per minute. Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely.

**Monitoring and Reporting of Compliance Data Violations** – We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific constituents on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Beginning January 1, 2004, the MSDH required public water systems that use chlorine as a primary disinfectant to monitor/test for chlorine residuals as required by the Stage 1 Disinfection By-Products Rule. Our water system failed to complete these monitoring requirements in April 2004. We did complete the monitoring requirements for bacteriological sampling that showed no coliform present. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

**\*\* A MESSAGE FROM MSDH CONCERNING RADIOLOGI-**

## **CAL SAMPLING \*\***

In accordance with the Radionuclides Rule, all community public water supplies were required to sample quarterly for radionuclide's beginning January 2007-December 2007. Your public water supply completed sampling by the scheduled deadline; however, during an audit of the MSHD Radiological Health Laboratory, the EPA suspended analyses and reporting of radiological compliance samples and results until notice.

Although this was not the result of inaction by the public water supply, MSDH was required to issue a violation. The Bureau of Public Water Supply is taking action to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Parker, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Water Supply, at 601.576.7518.

## **Additional Information for Lead:**

– If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NCBC Gulfport is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The MSDH Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10 per sample. Please contact 601.576.7582.

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## Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

<u>Contaminant:</u>	<u>MCLG or MRDLG:</u>	<u>MCL, TT, or MRDL</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Range</u>		<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
				<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>			
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products:</b>								
<i>(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)</i>								
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm)	4	4	0.61	0.61	0.61	2008	No	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	11.09	NA		2008	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>								
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	0.5	0.5	0.5	2008	No	Discharge from fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; test addition.
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	0.167	0.16	0.201	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits;
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.007699	0.00	0.009	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits
				7699	965			
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	2008	No	Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	2008	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	0.5	0.5	0.5	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide [as Free Cn] (ppb)	200	200	5	5	5	2008	No	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.12	0.10	0.12	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth;
				2				
Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits;
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.08	0.08	0.08	2008	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	0.02	NA		2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	0.5	0.5	0.5	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits;
Thallium (ppb)	0.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2008	No	Discharge from electronics, glass.
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants:</b>								
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	200	200	0.5	NA		2008	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)	3	5	0.5	NA		2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	7	7	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	70	70	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Benzene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon Tetrachloride (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	70	70	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	600	600	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	75	75	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Styrene (ppb)	100	100	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Toluene (ppm)	1	1	0.0005	NA	2008	No	Discharge from petroleum factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	100	100	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	0	2	0.5	NA	2008	No	Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastics factories
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	0.5	NA	2008	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories

<u>Contaminant:</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>AL</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u># Samples Exceeding AL</u>	<u>Exceeds AL</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.5	2008	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	6	2008	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

## Undetected Contaminants

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

<u>Contaminants</u>	<u>MCLG or MRDLG</u>	<u>MCL or MRDL</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>					
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	ND	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

<b>Unit Descriptions</b>	
<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

<b>Important Drinking Water Definitions</b>	
<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

**For more information on the NCBC 2008 Consumer Confidence Report regarding the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, please contact:**

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# Academic Achievement



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SCW) Geoffrey Sims of Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport accepts congratulations from Dr. David Drye of Coastline Community College. Sims earned his Associate of Science degree in Health Sciences from Coastline Community College.

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Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Joseph Lee of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 shakes hands with Dr. David Drye of Coastline Community college after earning his Associate of Arts degree in Electrical Mechanical Technology from Coastline Community College.



# Community Notes

## Navy Seabee Veterans of America

63rd  
National  
Convention and  
All Seabee  
Reunion  
Oct. 12-16  
Gulfport, Miss.

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questions to: [allseabeereunion@cablone.net](mailto:allseabeereunion@cablone.net)

### SUPPORT

#### **Family Readiness Groups**

**NMCB 1 FRG** invites friends and family members of NMCB 1 Seabees to attend NMCB 1 FRG meetings the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), bldg 114 (next to Broad Ave gate), preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. For more information, contact FRG President Angela Sourwine at: (228) 323-0036 or e-mail: [a.sourwine@yahoo.com](mailto:a.sourwine@yahoo.com) or FRG Vice President Rashelle Geddis at: (228) 224-1475 or e-mail: [racechick404@hotmail.com](mailto:racechick404@hotmail.com).

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes friends and family members of NMCB 7 Seabees to attend NMCB 7 FRG meetings. The next meeting will be June 15, at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. For more information contact Shana Pitman at (228) 867-9968 or e-mail: [shana\\_pitman@att.net](mailto:shana_pitman@att.net).

**NMCB 74 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members of NMCB 74 Seabees to join the NMCB 74 FRG. While the battalion is in homeport, the FRG will not be meeting on a regular basis. For more information, contact FRG President Torell Coquet at: (931) 338-8420, or Secretary Amy Tamplin at: (937) 570-0353.

**NMCB 11 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members of NMCB 11 Seabees to attend NMCB 11 FRG meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), building 113. Bring a dish to take part in the potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided.

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members of NMCB 133 Seabees to attend NMCB 133 FRG meeting July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. For more information contact: [NMCB133FSG@gmail.com](mailto:NMCB133FSG@gmail.com).

#### **Naval Officer's Spouse Club**

**The Naval Officer's Spouse Club** holds monthly meetings the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30

p.m. in the Building 1 conference room. For more information contact: [noscgulfport@yahoo.com](mailto:noscgulfport@yahoo.com).

#### **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**

**The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop** is located in Building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. Child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. New volunteers are always welcome. Visit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, Building 30, Suite 103, or call (228) 871-2610 to obtain information about becoming a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

#### **Gamblers Anonymous**

**The Fleet & Family Support Center offers G.A. meetings** every Thursday at 11 a.m. G.A. is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by G.A. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano, (228) 871-3000 for more information.

**Retired Activities Office** is located in the Fleet and Family Support Center and staffed entirely by volunteers for the retired military community. RAO's services are free and are intended to assist customers in obtaining their entitled rights, benefits, and privileges as a retiree, dependent, or survivor of a military service member. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Call for an appointment at (228) 871-3000 ext. 35 or just drop in.

#### **TRAINING**

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The 12 hour, three-day course is offered the last week of the month (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the CBC Chapel Fellowship Hall. The course and child care are FREE! Please R.S.V.P. (228) 871-3000 ext. 7444 Ask for COMPASS!

#### **Naval Sea Cadets - Gulfport**

**branch** 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., Bldg. 60, Room 105. For more information contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at: (228) 313-9035 or [coachcb\\_yahoo.com](mailto:coachcb_yahoo.com); or AGC Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at: (228) 871-3787 or [enrique.acosta@navy.mil](mailto:enrique.acosta@navy.mil).

#### **SOCIAL**

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, Building 352. Call MC1 Terry Spain at: 871-3663 or EO1 Denise Demontagnac at: (228) 871-2970 for more information.

**VFW Post 3937 Long Beach** is open Monday - Thursday from noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of every month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Weekend breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Post Commander Bill North at (228) 863-8602.

**VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove** is open daily from noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. VFW meetings are held the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. Old and new members alike are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Post Commander Bill McNicholas at: (228) 832-0017 or Sr. Vice Commander Ben Barker at: (228) 832-3798 for more information.

#### **HERITAGE**

**The Seabee Gift Store** has relocated to the new Training Hall, building 446 and is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., phone: (228) 871-4779. The shop has several command exhibits, as well as a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, DVD's and books. Gift store proceeds support the construction of the new museum in Port Hueneme, Calif. The Web address is: [www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php)

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"We face great challenges, and we have great friends and allies," Mabus said. "To representatives of the international community here today, welcome. I look forward to the opportunity to strengthen ties that are already strong, and I know our collaboration will advance the interests of peace and a more just and stable world."

Mabus, the former governor of Mississippi, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the civilian leader for the U.S. Navy March 27. Following his confirmation by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mabus was sworn in as secretary of the Navy during a private ceremony May 19 so he "could be piped aboard immediately."

As SECNAV, Mabus oversees a budget of \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people and performs a range of duties, to include recruiting, equipping and mobilizing to overseeing the construction and repair of equipment, facilities and ships. Mabus will also formulate Navy policy and programs.

During his speech to the assembled guests, Sailors and Marines Mabus spoke of the Navy's "noble and storied legacy," relating episodes in the Navy's history from the capture of the HMS Margareta in 1775 to the "bravery and skill of the Navy and Marine Corps in Iraq and Afghanistan today."

"There is a long, unbreakable line of heroism that stretches from there, back to the beginning," Mabus said. "The heroes of our country are the

heroes of our own families. They come from us; they defend us; wearing the uniform from 1775 until today, they are the shining fabric of America."

Mabus identified shipbuilding, aircraft production and meeting the needs of the Navy and Marines in an age of non-expanding budgets as some of the challenges he faces.

Mabus previously served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1972 as a surface warfare officer aboard the cruiser USS Little Rock. Prior to his active-duty service, he had been a member of the Naval ROTC as an undergraduate at the University of Mississippi.

"I am proud of that first tour of duty on a cruiser and proud beyond words to finally come home to the Department of the Navy," Mabus said. "Early on, I saw the sacrifices that our service members make every day to defend and secure our country."

Mabus graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's in English and earned a master's degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. The secretary served as governor of Mississippi from 1988 to 1992 and as ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for two years during former President Bill Clinton's administration.

"Conscious of this service's long and glorious tradition, with confidence in its men, its women and its mission, I am privileged to assume the office of secretary of the Navy," Mabus said.

**A Reminder from NCBC Safety . . .**

Motorcycle Safety Training is mandatory for all Sailors who ride motorcycles. Sign up on line at: <http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com> or call NCBC Safety at (228) 871-4343 or (228) 871-4702 if you have questions.

In order to improve the skills and knowledge of motorcyclists, it's **mandatory for all Sailors** who are motorcycle riders to attend motorcycle safety training courses. Courses are available at no cost. There are three types of courses:

**Basic Rider Course (BRC):** A two day course required for all military who ride motorcycles. Then depending on the type of motorcycle owned the next class is either:

**Experienced Rider Course (ERC):** A one day course for standard cruiser or touring motorcycle greater than 500cc. Must complete no later than three years following BRC.

**Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC):** A one day course required for all sport/touring bike riders. Must complete no later than 60 days following BRC.



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equipment; it's all new and it's all modernized," said Equipment Operator Constructionman (SCW) Christopher Ruel. "We've been doing the best with what we have for years, now we'll be able to make things happen so much more efficiently. I'm really happy to be moving this off the ships and putting it to good use," he added. "Across the board the new TOA is

a lot more modernized," said Harder.

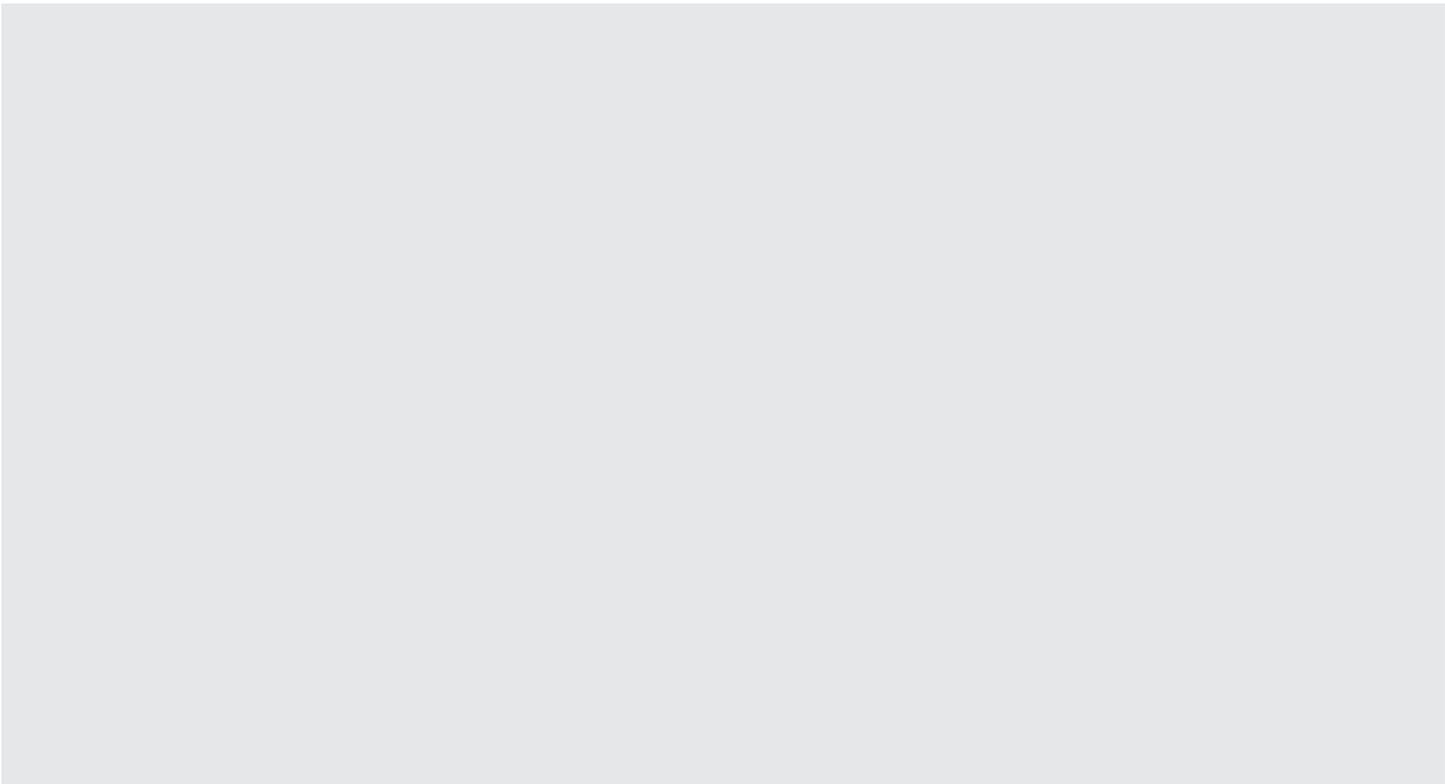
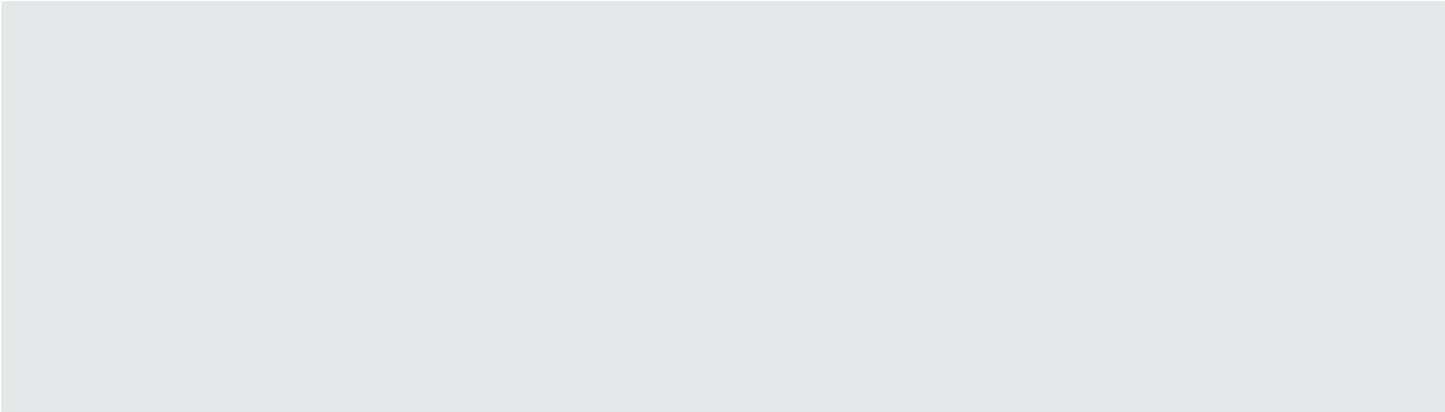
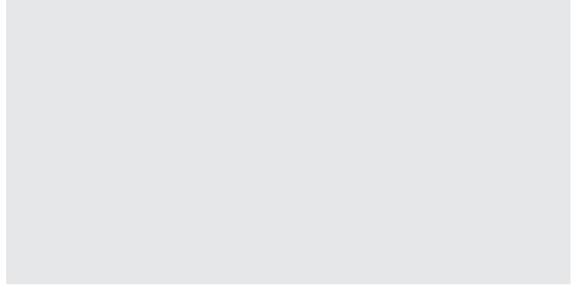
The upgrades to the TOA provide better safety features, improved stability and operational capability as well as some creature comforts that were missing before, such as climate control.

"This is a big step forward for the entire Naval Construction Force that all started with the basic needs for our Seabees," added Harder.

"This is a tremendous financial investment and huge success story for the NCF. It's a big deal to be a part of this process and to be able to see all this planning come to fruition."

The Seabees will have a fresh start in Spain with a brand new set of tools at the ready, to continue to win the hearts and minds and provide the best combat construction support available.

**Seat Belts Save Lives! Buckle Up - Every Time!**





# Seabee Memorial Chapel

## Services:

**Protestant: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. Divine Worship**

**Catholic: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,  
Family Choir Mass  
Sunday, 10:40 a.m., Religion Education**

**Monday- Thursday, 11:30 a.m.,  
Daily Mass**

**Gospel Service: Sunday, 8 a.m.**

## Center Chaplains:

**Cmdr. Macgregor McClellan,  
Protestant Chaplain  
Lt. Leticia P.J. Rouser,  
Protestant Chaplain**

**For more information concerning  
other faith groups, call the chapel  
office at (228) 871-2454**