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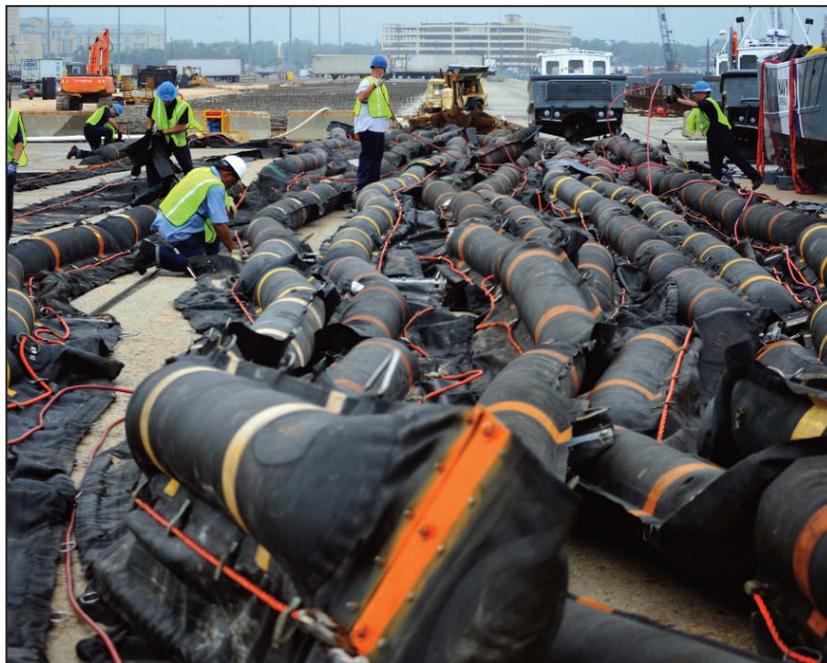


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## Mississippi Gulf Coast prepares for worst, hopes for best



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## Seabee remembered by family, friends during memorial in Jacksonville

By Naval Air Station Jacksonville Public Affairs

A memorial service was held April 21, at the All Saints Chapel at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville for Chief Engineering Aide (SCW/FMF) David Neil Gilbert, 40, operations chief for Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202, who was tragically killed April 16. The NAS Jacksonville Chapel was full as numerous family members, friends and co-workers paid tribute to the slain Sailor.

Gilbert was born Dec. 22, 1969 at NAS Jacksonville. He graduated from Madison County High School, Madison, Fla. in 1987. Enlisting in the Delayed Entry Program in January 1987, he reported for boot camp July 20, 1987 at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Fla. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended Engineering Aid "A" School at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Gulfport, Miss.

Gilbert's first set of orders were to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62, but due to the battalion's pending decommission he became part of the staff at NCTC from December 1987 to July 1988. Following NCTC, he



EAC (SCW/FMF) David N. Gilbert

was TAD to Navy Military Personnel Command Special Programs, Washington DC from July 1988 to December 1988.

Gilbert's other tours of duty include: Naval Support Facility, Thurmont, Md. from December 1988 to December 1991; Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy from December 1991 to January 1993; deployed to Bulgaria and Romania; NMCB 14 from January 1993 to August 1995; NAS Atlanta from August 1995 to October 1998; Amphibious Construction Battalion 2, Little Creek, Va. from October 1998 to July 2002; deployed to Puerto Rico, Egypt, Korea, Spain; Center for Seabees Facilities Engineering Detach-

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# Navy Legal

## Consider this before you purchase your next car

From Naval Legal Service Office  
 Central Detachment Gulfport



Recently, our office has seen a surge in legal assistance clients with problems related to purchase contracts for automobiles (both new and used vehicles). Clients seem to be falling victim to a possible deceptive sales practice (sometimes referred to as a "Yo-Yo Sale") being used at some local car dealerships. The situation arises when the dealership that sells the vehicle also agrees to finance the purchase rather than the buyer obtaining a car loan from a separate bank or credit union. When the dealership finances the purchase, the buyer will sign a vehicle purchase agreement with a dealership that also contains a finance agreement in addition to the underlying sales agreement.

The common fact patterns that we are seeing goes something like this: the buyer signs a contract with the car dealership for the purchase of a vehicle. Because the buyer does not have the cash or a separate car loan to purchase the vehicle outright, the contract contains Federal Truth and Lending Act disclosures whereby the car dealership agrees to finance the purchase of the vehicle pursuant to the terms of the vehicle purchase agreement. The buyer then drives off in the newly purchased vehicle believing that they have entered into a binding agreement for the purchase and financing of the vehicle at the terms stated in the contract, which includes the price, interest rate, payments, etc.

Several weeks pass and then the buyer receives a phone call from the car dealership demanding that the recently purchased vehicle be returned

because the financing "fell through" or worse — demanding that the buyer come back in to sign a new finance agreement on terms that are far less favorable to the buyer.

Although the buyer may be confused, angry or believe they have done something wrong in buying the vehicle, what is actually happening is that the car dealership tried to re-assign or in other words, "sell" the financing contract to a third-party creditor, but couldn't find a creditor willing to take over the financing contract. The dealership then claims that the purchase of the vehicle was contingent on them being able to re-assign the financing, and since they were unsuccessful, the buyer must return the car or agree to the new, less favorable financing terms.

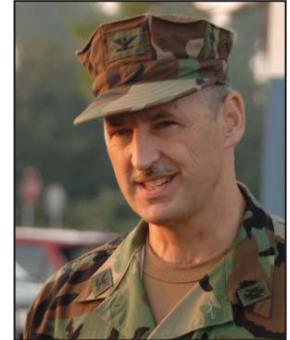
Not only are car dealerships in the business of selling cars, they also make money by selling finance agreements. In many cases, the dealership never intends to service the finance agreement for the life of the loan, but rather intends to "flip" the loan for a profit as a middleman. But in the cases that our clients are facing, for whatever reason, the car dealership is unable to re-sell the finance agreement and therefore wants out of the deal. The car dealership then tries to convince the buyer that he or she has to return the vehicle even though there is most likely al-

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# Skipper's Log

## My second least favorite word

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



Capt. Ed Brown

Most of you know my number one least favorite word is "try or trying." There is only doing and not doing, trying is being half-way committed. It is a built in excuse for not succeeding.

Number two added to the list of least favorite words is "waiting." "I'm waiting to hear from . . ." or "I have asked Capt. Brown to do this and I'm waiting for him to complete his task." Waiting is just another method of not taking action or another opportunity to give someone else control of your life.

Set expectations in yourself and others. Work to get them to commit and hold them to it. "If I send this to you, how long should it take for you to complete the task?" Then end the discussion with "please let me

know if you can't make this time. If you don't mind I'll check back." As you would expect this will make the person that is "trying" uncomfortable. This is really all about taking control and responsibility for what happens to you. Once you stop giving others your decisions, you control your own destiny . . . and you assume responsibility.

## Seabees to be featured on DIY network special Memorial Day. . .

In March 2009, a film crew from Leopard Films came to Gulfport to

produce a show about Seabees. The show "Combat Construction Special" will air on the Do It Yourself Network at 6 a.m. CST May 31.



## Sailor's Creed

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An employee of the Supervisor of Salvage and Diving division of Naval Sea Systems Command works on an oil containment boom. The Supervisor of Salvage and Diving division has sent 66,000 feet of inflatable oil booms, skimming systems, related support equipment and personnel to support clean-up efforts for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Deepwater Horizon was an ultra-deepwater oil rig that exploded April 20 and sank April 22, causing a massive oil spill threatening the U.S. Gulf Coast. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

## NCBC plays role in oil spill response

By MC1 (SCW) Demetrius Kennon  
NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport, began serving as a staging area for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response, April 29.

Deepwater Horizon was an ultra-deepwater oil rig that exploded April 20 and ultimately sank April 22, causing a massive oil spill threatening the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The Navy, Coast Guard and civilian longshoremen employed at the Port of Gulfport have combined their resources in an effort to respond to this threat.

NCBC is one of five staging locations for equipment and material being used to slow the oil's progression toward the coast.

"There is a whole bunch of equipment heading down to the Mississippi and Louisiana coast," said U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Pete Davenport, a member of the Gulf Strike Team in Mobile, Ala. "The federal government is moving all the resources it has available to the area."

Eight trucks loaded with oil skimmers and skimming sys-

tems were staged on board NCBC Thursday, and then later moved to the Port of Gulfport to begin preparing the equipment for use.

"We are glad we could assist in any way" said Capt. Ed Brown, Commanding Officer of NCBC/20th Seabee Readiness Group, "and stand ready to provide support."

Local longshoremen along with personnel assigned to the Supervisor of Salvage and Diving division of Naval Sea Systems Command then began staging inflated oil containment boom and oil skimmers at the port.

The boom and skimmers are being deployed via the supply vessel, M/V John Coghill, to the barrier islands and the Mississippi Sound, said Don Allee, Port of Gulfport director.

"No less than 4,000 feet of boom, over a dozen skimmers, anchors and anchor buoys have been received at the port," he said.

As equipment, supplies and personnel continue to flow in to the Gulf Coast, staging areas, like NCBC, continue to remain supportive in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response, as the oil draws closer to the shoreline.

## CNO makes brief stop to NCBC



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead speaks with personnel onboard Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport May 4 during an All Hands. Roughead was in the area to meet with Seabees and NCBC leadership. He also received a briefing from Supervisor of Salvage and Diving division of Naval Sea Systems Command members who are helping clean up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Starbase Atlantis... blasting off on board the Seabee Center since 2001

By EO3 Mikayla Mondragon  
NCBC Public Affairs

Starbase Atlantis (SBA) is a Department of Defense (DOD) community outreach program that is offered to 10 and 11-year-olds. SBA provides 25 hours of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum to over 800 fifth-graders each year.

Active since August 2001, SBA Gulfport has graduated more than 6,000 students. They are a partnership program between local school districts, teachers who staff the program, and Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) as a host military command.

Originally designed as an aviation and space program, the core curriculum now includes hands-on lessons in physics, chemistry, engineering, technology, math, and elements of Engineering Design Process.

One component that has not changed is the Rocket Science course, where the students build, launch and retrieve their own 24-inch Este's model rockets. The rockets travel up



Austin Clark, a student who recently graduated from the Starbase Atlantis program, prepares to launch a rocket at the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Dozer Field. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

to 150 feet at about 460 mph. "I really liked the program and the teachers were so funny. There were so many different and fun activities. I especially liked building the

rocket and watching it launch," said Austin Clark, a student who recently graduated from SBA.

Students will also be able to ride the Starbase hovercraft, create and print a 3-D land rover or space station, and try their hands at visual and instrument flying on Flight Simulator software.

Starbase Atlantis offers 28 to 32 classes during each school year for fifth-graders from local schools districts, as well as four to six open enrollment summer sessions. These four-day sessions are offered at no cost and contain the standard 25-hour curriculum plus additional activities. Summer sessions are held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and designed for students going into the fifth or sixth grades next fall. Sign-up is on a 'first come, first serve' basis for students who have not had the opportunity to attend while at their own schools. Summer sessions begin June 1.

For more information on Starbase Atlantis, please visit [www.starbasedod.org](http://www.starbasedod.org) or call 228-871-3469.



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May

**Memorial Day Trivia** - Submit your Memorial Day Trivia to the Community Management office or email your answers to abradshaw@bbcgrp.com. The correct answers will enter your name into a drawing for a \$25 gift card!  
**Got Green?** - This is your world too! What does your family do to save the earth? What ideas do you have? Submit a video to the Community Management office of your family's plan or idea to save the earth. The video can be a skit, music video, etc. The family with the best video will receive tickets to "Ship Island."

**May 7: Mother's Day Crafts** - Join us for Mother's Day Crafts at the Community Management Office from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

**May 8: SEABEE DAY 2010** - Fun for the whole family from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m! Open to the public! Look for Balfour Beatty Communities! Event will be held by the gym.

**May 14 - 15: Community Yard Sale** - Spring Cleaning? Don't toss those items; sell them at the Community Yard Sale. Residents should place items on the front lawn, in the garage, or carport. Friday, noon - 5 p.m. and Satur-

day, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Signs and fliers will be distributed for advertisement!

**May 19: Fashion Clothes Swap** - Ready to ad some new fashion to your wardrobe? It's out with the old and in with the new. We will be holding a clothes swap at 610 Palm Court. The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring any of your old clothing, shoes, purses, etc. Please be sure that you wash and press all items. Try to have them in a condition that you would like other people's clothes to be. Refreshments will be available. You can bring your favorite dish as well.

**May 26: Magnolia II Community Huddle** - Residents of Magnolia II can meet at the Community Management Office today at 3:30 p.m. to discuss any concerns, ideas for events or make suggestions on various topics!

**May 28: Yard of the Month** - We will be picking yard of the month today! Keep your yards nice and clean and you could be the next \$25 gift card winner!

**May 31: Memorial Day** - Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day from all the staff at Balfour Beatty Communities! Office closed.

# NCTC takes top spot for Training Excellence

By Naval Construction Training Center Public Affairs

For the second consecutive year Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Gulfport has been awarded the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Education and Training Excellence Award. This award is the result of a competition among 69 NETC Learning Sites throughout the world. Recognizing the command's talent, dedication, professionalism and commitment to mission accomplishment, it declares NCTC Gulfport as the best in the business in Navy training.

Staffed by Navy, Army, Air Force, Civil Service, and contract instructors, NCTC Gulfport once again set the standard for quality in training. The high operational tempo of ongoing Oversea Contingency Operations has made construction skills for all services in high demand. With a "Can Do" attitude, the NCTC Gulfport met the challenges of increased student throughput. Apprenticeship, or "A school," saw an increase of 19 percent and Spe-

cialized Construction Battalion Training schools jumped by 47 percent over the 2008 levels.

With the schoolhouse ready to bust at the seams, NCTC Gulfport never let quality in education suffer. NCTC has been instrumental in updating curriculum to include advanced training aids and simulators. Improvements in 2009 include a compressed air lab, simulators for welders, simulators for Caterpillar M-series graders and excavators, the opening of state-of-the-art welding lab, and an overhaul of the Construction Mechanic C-1 Advance course. Even with this increase in the number of students NCTC maintained an exceptional 99 percent graduation rate for the 13,461 students completing coursework.

Maximizing the effectiveness of instructional resources, NCTC Gulfport expanded their technical training mission by establishing a strategic partnership with the Army's 169th Engineer Battalion. In 2009, NCTC Gulfport's training enhanced the Army's contingency capabilities by providing just-in time car-



**Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport is flying the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Education and Training Excellence award pennant after being selected for top honors from among 69 NETC Learning Sites throughout the world.**

(U.S. Navy photo/Released)

entry, plumbing, and electrical training for more than one hundred soldiers deploying to Afghanistan. As a win-win, the relationship increased the efficient use of resources by filling

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# Quick efforts saved Sailors' data during flood

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Christina Yager  
Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs

While many of the Navy's web-based manpower and career management systems are temporarily offline due to flash flooding at the Navy's personnel headquarters in Millington, Navy officials said May 6 that the personnel records contained on the servers are safe.

"When the flood hit and the water started rising, we shut down key personnel systems to limit long-term damage. Our singular goal was to save personnel data," said Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon D. Port, Navy Personnel Command force master chief. "Contractors and government civilians and even the Coast Guard, based in downtown Memphis on the Mississippi

River, joined the duty crew. Together, they pulled critical disks and drives from personnel systems that track the entire Navy." He said their quick action saved key personnel data that will allow NPC to be operational sooner.

BUPERS online (BOL), Physical Readiness Information Management System (PRIMS), web enabled record review (WERR) for looking at your Official Military Personnel File, and the NPC website are offline as the facilities that housed those systems are being cleaned and sanitized and new equipment is installed.

"We were lucky because no one was hurt and many unsung heroes acted quickly. In the meantime, we appreciate the outpouring of support, patience and understanding we are receiving from the fleet,"

said Port.

Sailors' Electronic Service Records were not affected by the flooding. Perform to Serve (PTS), FLEETRIDE, and Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) are working but the processing of applications and results will be delayed.

Officials estimate it may take several weeks before these systems can be fully restored.

Navy Personnel Command's Customer Service Center has relocated to a temporary facility and is processing emergent calls. The number is 1-866-827-5672.

"Our customer service center is operating but at a limited capacity, and we ask that the fleet call only for more urgent situations until we restore operations," said Port.

"We have significant technical talent at NPC, both with



MILLINGTON, Tenn. (May 2, 2010) An aerial photograph showing flooding at Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tenn. Two days of rain dumped more than 14 inches in the area, causing a levee to fail and flooding the base and surrounding community. The base is closed to all but mission-essential employees until further notice. Naval Support Activity Mid-South hosts several commands, including Navy Personnel Command and Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mark Wilson/Released)

our Sailors and civilians and will keep Sailors informed of our progress," said Port.

Sailors can find the most re-

cent updates through [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil) and the Navy Personnel Command Facebook Page - NPC PAO.

## Mothers Day Meals . . .

The Five Star Colmer Dining Facility will be hosting two special meals in celebration of Mothers Day, May 9. All military, civilians, retirees and their families are invited to attend. The Brunch menu from 7 to 10 a.m. includes Garden Salad, Oven Fried Bacon, Country Sausage Gravy w/Biscuits, Prime Rib, Seasoned Crab Legs, Chicken Tenders, Eggs to Order, Pancakes, Hash browns, Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Vegetable Soup, Dinner Rolls, Cheese Cake, Apple Pie and Chocolate Chip Cookies.



The Dinner meal is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and the menu includes Roast Beef, Herbed Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Carrots, Corn on the Cob, Natural Pan Gravy, Turkey Vegetable Soup, Cherry Pie, Boston Cream Pie.

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# NMCB 1 Seabees awarded Medal of Solidarity

By EA2 Fabian Guzman  
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 have been in Timor-Leste since August of 2009.

During the past nine months, they have completed 14 projects, with no task being too big or small. The positive impact that the Seabees have had on the local Timorese has been the biggest reward. In addition to the thanks and gratitude of the Timorese population, the President of Timor-Leste recognized the Det. with the Timor-Leste Medal of Solidarity at a formal ceremony at the presidential palace April 14.

As the Seabees entered the Presidential Palace located in Dili, Timor-Leste, it was apparent that this was to be a grand event. Cameras filled the room, as did a high level of excitement. The Seabees were not the lone recipients, as members of the United Nations were receiving the medal as well for their hard work.

The Seabees stood proud and tall in formation as President Jose Ramos-Horta entered the room. He started off by saying a few words of thanks for the Seabees dedication. After speaking, President Ramos-Horta was joined by a Ameerah Haq, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the medal presentation and a group picture to commemorate the event.

"I cannot tell you how gracious and appreciative I am of all the things you have done," said President Ramos-Horta, "Very hard working, very professional . . . you are not only in this country to work, but you also represent your countries. You are all ambassadors from where you are from."

With all the smiles they are greeted with each day as they work, the Seabees know that the people of Timor Leste are happy and thankful for all they are doing. To hear it from the President of Timor-Leste and receive one of Timor's highest honors made it even more meaningful.



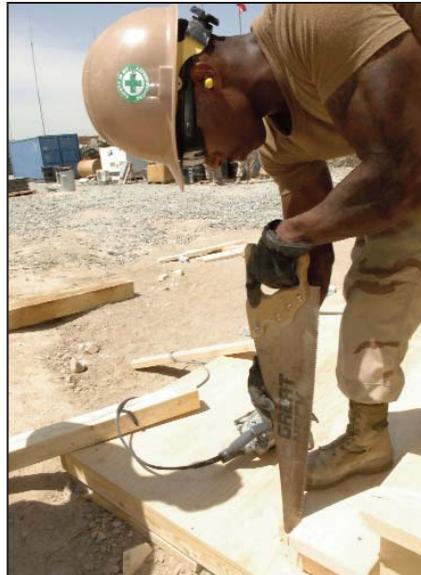
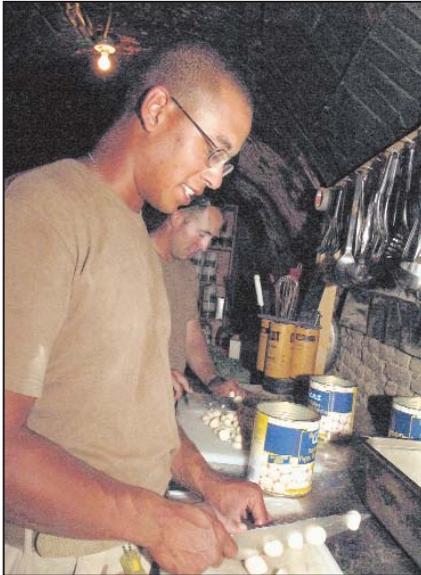
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 Seabees of Det. Timor-Leste are pictured with President Jose Ramos-Horta and Ambassador Hans Klemm after the ceremony in which they were presented with their Medals of Solidarity. The Det. has been working on quality of life projects for the citizens of Timor-Leste since their arrival in August of 2009. The entire battalion is preparing to return to their homeport in Gulfport during the month of May. (U.S. Navy photo by Mike Taylor/Released)

## Fair Winds NMCB 11



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 the "Lucky Eleventh," weigh their bags as part of their bag drag held at the gym on board NCBC, April 30. NMCB 11 is preparing to depart on a regularly scheduled deployment to the Pacific Area of Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

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Left: Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Benjamin Brown (foreground) and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Billy Hoy of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Det. 6 prepare potatoes to be served for dinner at a small combat outpost in Tarnak, Afghanistan. Right: Builder Constructionman Aaron Hollowell from NMCB 133's Det. 6 uses a hand saw to construct stairs leading to a new shower facility built by the detachment for a small combat outpost in Tarnak, Afghanistan. NMCB-133 is currently in the Central Command's Area of Operation while on deployment in Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan C. Delcore/Released)

## NMCB 133 Runnin' 'Roos work hard to give others a 'spring break'

By UT2 Jon Dean  
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Det. 6 recently gave others a break this spring by adding creature comforts in an otherwise harsh environment at a combat outpost in southern Afghanistan.

Det. 6's crew of 28 personnel hit the ground with their tools in hand, excited to improve the living conditions in support of the troop surge.

Dust flew from the ground as a Canadian helicopter carrying the personnel landed at the combat outpost (COP) in Tarnak, Afghanistan. This would be the first of several missions that Det. 6 would be tasked with during NMCB 133's four and a half month deployment to Afghanistan.

Det. 6 was greeted by members of the Canadian Armed Forces as they stepped off the helicopter's back ramp and they were intro-

duced to what they would call home for the next three weeks. "Upon arrival, I thought this is what it looks like in the 'Wild West,'" said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Dominic Christofek.

The mission for Det. 6 was to construct tents with wood frame bases and floors to accommodate 150 plus troops along with the building of several watch towers around the COP's perimeter in order to strengthen security for the troops in southern Afghanistan.

Det. 6 consists of 26 personnel from the Seabee ratings along with a Hospital Corpsman and Det. Officer-In-Charge, Ensign Jennifer Knop. They promptly began work within an hour of hitting the ground using limited materials and supplies.

"This is a surreal feeling... Everything is so peaceful and quiet out here but in reality, we know that the enemy is not far away from our position," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class

Wes Keener. This did not deter Det. 6 personnel in any way as they set forth to complete their mission.

Soon tents were erected and construction began on several watch towers, better known in the Naval Construction Force as "Crow's Nests" that would be placed at vital areas on the perimeter to increase observation and security for force protection.

"This is an amazing experience and I like it... Living conditions are tougher here than what we had back in the rear, but the feeling of accomplishment that you get from being down range and carrying out a mission like this more than makes up for it," said Builder 2nd Class Matt Groening.

After completing their mission, Det. 6 returned to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan to wait for more tasking.

"We're ready to build and fight anywhere at anytime, HOORAH!" said Builder 3rd Class Britton Crawford.

# CBMU 202 concludes Haitian relief efforts

From Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202  
Public Affairs

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 continued to uphold the Navy's new motto "A Force for Global Good" with an 84 Seabee detachment providing support to the nation of Haiti during Operation Unified Response. The detachment composed of Seabees from CBMU detachment sites in Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach, Va., Kings Bay, Ga., and Jacksonville and Key West, Fla., deployed with less than one week's notice with the mission of setting up the first-ever 150-bed Expeditionary Medical Facility.

In the rush to provide as much aid as possible to the Haitian people, the international community actually provided more trauma hospital capacity than was actually needed. By the time the EMF arrived, the decision was made not to employ it. This left the CBMU open to other tasking that they took on with typical Can-Do attitude.

Once ashore in Haiti, the CBMU took on three missions. The first was assistance to Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 2 erecting a camp to house personnel supporting the Joint Logistics Over the Shore [JLOTS] mission. The JLOTS mission not only supported transportation of military cargo, the system was also used to move food, water, emergency housing and med-

ical supplies for the Haitian populace.

The CBMU Det. also worked with NMCB 7's Air Det. to prepare a 40 acre field to become the new headquarters for U.S. Military relief in Haiti. This work included grubbing the area, developing an expeditionary road network and covering the berthing area with clean gravel.

The last mission that CBMU 202 took on was the recovery of human remains and removal of debris at the Hotel Montana. The hotel was the five star crown jewel of Haiti's tourist industry with exclusive shops and restaurants, luxury rooms, multiple pools, and breathtaking views of the mountains. The majority of the hotel's structure crumbled 45 seconds after the earthquake, trapping an estimated 150 people in the rubble. CBMU 202 was a significant factor in recovery of the remains of the trapped people which included 15 Americans, one of whom was a member of the U.S. Military. The Det. completed its mission and returned to homeport March 1.

CBMU 202 also supported Haitian recovery by providing support for Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1's reconstruction of Port au Prince's south pier. Det. Jacksonville packaged tons of special materials and tools for shipment by barge from Mayport, Fla., to Haiti enabling the expedient repair of the pier and restoration of normal cargo delivery to the beleaguered country.



A detachment of 84 Seabees with Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 recently returned from a mission to Port au Prince, Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response. The detachment completed recovery, restoration and construction missions while deployed. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)



# SEABEE DAY 2010



FREE

Naval Construction Battalion Center  
Gulfport, Mississippi

FREE

Food

Exhibits

Games

**Saturday  
May 8, 2010  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Free Community Event  
Open to the Public**

[www.seabee.org](http://www.seabee.org)

**Fun for the whole family!**

Join us for Carnival Rides, Food, Car Show,  
Kids Play Area, Petting Zoo, 3-on-3 Basketball and More!

Music by ISIS, Cliff Hudson,  
Midnight Magic and Jennifer Donovan!

**Free Parking**

Enter the base via the Pass Road Gate and follow the signs  
to free parking.



Cliff Hudson



Jennifer  
Donovan



Car Show starts at 9 a.m.



# SEABEE DAY 2010



## Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
7 a.m.	Gates open for vendors	
7 a.m.	Registration begins for Car, Truck, Motorcycle show	Beside Rec Mall
9 a.m.	Seabee Day 2010 opens - Rob Mims, NCBC PAO	On Stage
9 - 10 a.m.	Jennifer Donovan (Pop/country)	On Stage
10-10:30 a.m.	Welcoming Ceremony/w Gold Coast Skydivers	On Stage
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Super Squad Awards w/McKenzie Irish, Miss Mississippi Jr. Teen	On Stage
10:45 - 11 a.m.	Convoy Security Team Demonstration	5th Street
11 a.m. - noon	Midnight Magic (Classic Rock - Country - R&B)	On Stage
noon - 12:15 p.m.	Sound Associates	On Stage
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Cliff Hudson (Country/Rock)	On Stage
1:45 - 2 p.m.	Convoy Security Team Demonstration	5th Street
2 - 2:15 p.m.	Car, Truck, Motorcycle show Awards Presentation w/McKenzie Irish, Miss Mississippi Jr. Teen	On Stage
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Sound Associates	On Stage
2:30 - 4 p.m.	ISIS (Rock)	On Stage
4 p.m.	Seabee Day 2010 comes to a close - Rob Mims	On Stage
5 p.m.	Vendors Depart	
<b>All Day Events</b>		
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Kids Play Area (Petting Zoo, Marine Mammal Touch Pool, Pony Rides, Moon Bounce, Rock Climbing Wall, Dunk Tank, Carnival Games, etc.)	Ballfield across from Rec Mall
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Carnival Rides	Parking lot beside Rec Mall
Starts at 9 a.m.	3 on 3 basketball tourney	Inside Rec Mall

# Nurses recognized for dedicated service during 'National Nurses Week'

Capt. Deirdre A. Krause, Ph.D., ARNP, BC; NMPS Gulfport

In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the Navy Nurse Corps are proud to recognize registered nurses everywhere on this National Nurse Week for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year. The theme of National Nurses Week 2010, "Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow."

This theme reflects the commitment nurses make every day for our patients, our communities and our country." Since 1954 National Nurses Week has been celebrated annually. Initially observed in October to commemorate the work of Florence Nightingale's mission to the Crimea, since 1974 the International Council of Nurses has proclaimed May 12 to be the International Day of the Nurse. In 1981 the ANA proclaimed May 6 as National Nurse Day. Since 1990 the ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6 - 12, 1991, as National Nurses Week.

"Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthy Tomorrow" exemplifies nurses' caring and professionalism - be it at the bedside or in the halls of Congress. This past year, we saw history made, as health reform was made into law," said ANA president Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. "Nursing is about growing and adapting to meet the public's needs. Now is the time for all nurses to fully embrace and provide a new, even stronger level of leadership, partnering with physicians, pharmacists, and other health care professionals to direct and manage care effectively," she added.

The Navy Nurse Corps has a very rich history with its roots grounded in Navy Medicine back in 1811, when the Secretary of the Navy tasked Dr. William Paul Crillion Barton, a young naval surgeon, to present recommendations for "conducting hospitals and institutions for the sick". His immediate recommendation ... NURSES.

"The Nurses whose number should be proportionate to the extent of the hospital

and the number of patients, should be women of humane disposition and tender manners; active and healthy; and without vices of any description . . . and are to attend with fidelity and care upon all the sick committed to their charge."

However, his recommendation went unheeded - the Navy, he was told, was for men only. So began a long effort to include women in the Armed Forces.

During the Civil War (1861-1865), four Sisters of the Order of the Holy Cross served as volunteer nurses on the first official Navy hospital ship, the Red Rover, a confiscated Confederate steamer outfitted as a floating hospital. Records indicate that their services extended over a three-year period.

In 1898, three Naval Hospitals (Brooklyn, N.Y., Portsmouth, N.H., and Norfolk, Va.) engaged 21 trained nurses, to care for casualties of the Spanish-American War. No formal agreement binding them to the Navy existed, except for a verbal agreement for compensation. After 50 days services, the nurses completed their duty and were paid from a special fund.

The modern Nurses Corps began in May 13, 1908, when Congress approved legislation creating the Corps, to exist of a superintendent and as many chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses as necessary. Although legisla-

tion did not provide for rank. Official rank in the Nurse Corps was not determined until 1942.

The first Navy Nurses, later called the "Sacred Twenty," were a superintendent, a chief nurse, and 18 nurses. They paid their own way to Washington as pioneers and rented a house. They established their own messing facility, and began the duties, which were to be carried on by their successors in years to come.

It was not long before the nurse was accepted, and integrated into the Navy. Challenging assignments followed, including duties at overseas stations, such as Brest, France and Guam, aboard transport and hospital ships. In World War I, more than 1,400 Navy Nurses served throughout the world. Four of these Nurses received the Navy Cross for their services. For one of these, Lenah S. Higbee, a destroyer was named in 1944. Thirty-six Navy nurses lost their lives.

In 1918 there were 1,396 Navy Nurses and they were designed a dress uniform with the Navy Nurse Corps collar insignia. They received a pay increase of \$60 a month.

Following World War I, the strength of the Nurse Corps gradually dropped to a point that did not exceed 500 members until the days following De-

cember 7, 1941. In the early months of World War II, nurses again proved their abilities as they served aboard hospital ships, air transports, and at medical facilities in Africa, Europe, the Solomons, New Hebrides, the Aleutians, and in North and South America. They followed the flag in every direction, and served with valor. Five nurses were captured by the Japanese during the invasion of Guam and 11 on Manila. For her heroism on Corregidor and Bataan, Lt. Ann Agnes Bernatitus was awarded the Legion of Merit - the first person, male or female, to receive this award. Admiral Halsey wrote of the nurses "They magnificently upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

Nurses of World War II earned over 300 military awards for their unparalleled performance.

In 1947, the Army-Navy Nurse Act established the Nurse Corps as a staff corps and authorized permanent commissioned rank and were under the direction of Director, Nurse Corps. Finally, the Navy Nurse was a member of the Navy family!

It was during the Korean War when the Navy Nurse Corps saw its largest gain in history with approximately 3,238 Navy nurses working aboard three hospital ships in Korean waters, 26 naval hospitals, 67 station hospitals

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## The Florence Nightingale Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

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ment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.  
from July 2002 to December 2005;  
NMCB 74 Gulfport, Miss. from  
April 2006 to 2009; deployed to Ar  
Ramadi, Iraq and Arifjan, Kuwait.

Gilbert's personal awards in-  
clude: Navy and Marine Corps  
Commendation Medal (2), Navy  
and Marine Corps Achievement  
Medal (5), Army Achievement  
Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit  
Award, Navy Unit Commenda-  
tion, Navy "E" Ribbon, Good  
Conduct Medal (5), National De-  
fense Service Medal (2), Iraq Cam-  
paign Medal, Global War on  
Terrorism, Korean Defense Ser-  
vice Medal, Sea Service Deploy-  
ment Ribbon (2), Overseas Service  
Ribbon (2), NATO Medal, Navy  
Expert Rifleman Medal, Navy Ex-  
pert Pistol Medal and Presidential  
Service Badge.

His qualifications include:  
Seabee Combat Warfare, Fleet

Marine Force, Master Training  
Specialist, Navy Military Trainer,  
Quality Control (NEC-5501), Dis-  
aster Preparedness Operation Spe-  
cialist (NEC-9598), Navy  
Instructor (NEC-9502), 3MC  
(NEC-9517), EA C-1 Advanced  
(NEC-5503), Marine Corps Ad-  
vanced Mortar Leader, Army  
Master Instructor, Command Fi-  
nancial Specialist, Curriculum De-  
veloper, Air Force Airlift Load  
Planner, and Radiation Safety Of-  
ficer. Gilbert earned an Associates  
of Arts Degree from North Florida  
Community College and a Bache-  
lor of Arts Degree in management  
from Saint Leo's University.

Gilbert is survived by his par-  
ents, Jim and Wilmarie Gilbert of  
Madison, Fla.; three children,  
Tyler, Jared, and Hannah; two  
brothers, Artie Gilbert (Maria)  
and Shane Gilbert (Kristina); sis-  
ter, Diane Smith (Stuart) and sev-  
eral nieces and nephews.

# Joy of Homecoming



A Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 22, a Navy reserve battalion based in Dallas, Texas, is greeted by his son at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss., April 26. NMCB-22 is returning from a seven-month deployment from the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

**Navy Federal Credit Union has new hours . . .**  
NFCU located at the Navy Exchange plaza on board  
NCBC, is now open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.  
- 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



## StarBase Atlantis Summer Program

Dept. of Defense  
sponsored hands-on  
opportunity for stu-  
dents entering 5th  
or 6th grade to  
learn space and avi-  
ation, math, science  
and technology.  
With three FREE  
sessions to choose  
from there's a date  
that fits into every-  
one's summer  
schedule.

Seabee Center SBA  
summer sessions  
begin June 1.  
Space is limited -  
June 1 - 4 session is  
full! Call 228-871-  
3469 for details or  
visit the NCBC web-  
site at  
<http://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/index.htm>  
for information  
and an enrollment  
application.

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# Welcome Home! 'First and Finest' of NMCB 1 return to Gulfport May 5



Steelworker 2nd Class Jean-Luc Pelchat, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, is the first to greet his family at the battalion's homecoming, May 5. NMCB 1 is returning from a 10-month deployment to the Pacific Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)



Builder Constructionman Patricia Slupski, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB 1) hugs her daughter during the battalion's homecoming at the training hall on board NCBC, May 5. NMCB 1 is returning from a ten-month deployment to the Pacific Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

*Editor's Note: Look for more coverage of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's return from their PACOM deployment in the next issue of the Seabee Courier, as well as on the Center's Facebook account at: <http://www.facebook.com/seabee.center.gulfport>*

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more seats in scheduled classes while preparing the soldiers for mission essential tasking.

While technical training is the primary focus of NCTC Gulfport, community service is an important part of the experience for students going through training. In the spirit of encouraging the junior personnel to develop a strong sense of service

and support for their community, the staff and students provided more than 9,200 hours of community service to various projects around the Gulf Coast region.

Rear Adm. J. F. Kilkenny concludes the award message by saying, "My heartiest congratulations and most sincere personal thank you for a job exceptionally well done."

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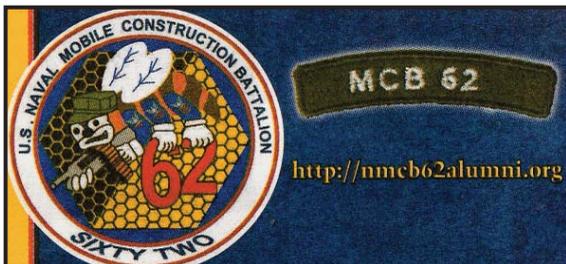
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## New Travel Claim Processes site . . .

Visit [http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC\\_HQ\\_Site/Travel/index.htm](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/Travel/index.htm) which takes customers to forms for Direct Deposit, TLE, DLA, and provides the Travel Claim checklist, DD 1351-2 Travel Voucher form and clear directions for form completion.

**No smoking please . . .** There is no smoking within 50 feet of any building entrance on board NCBC



## Buzz on the Street



By MC1 (SW) Terry Spain

### Who do you think will win the NBA Championship?



*"I think the Cleveland Cavaliers will win it all!"*

CS2 (SW) Steven Ashley  
NCBC Galley  
Hometown: Shreveport, La.



*"I am going with the Atlanta Hawks."*

BU3 Eric Larson  
NCBC/MAA Office  
Hometown: Suwanee, Ga.



*"I believe the Atlanta Hawks will shock the world and win it all!"*

YN1 (SW/AW) Justen Davis  
CBC/20th SRG Admin  
Hometown: Americus, Ga.

# NMCB 25 Seabees work with U.S. Army South on joint exercise in Nicaragua

By Ms. Arwen Consaul  
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

U.S. Army South, along with U.S. Navy engineers, are working together with the Nicaraguan National Assembly to construct three waterwells in Los Sanchez, Samaria and La Noria from March 21 until May 21 as part of Army South's, Beyond the Horizon mission.

Beyond the Horizon is a humanitarian and civic assistance mission in Nicaragua, providing focused medical and engineering support to the people of the region. The mission provides an opportunity to work in partnership with the Nicaraguan military, as well as provide a real-world learning environment for U.S. military service members.

The engineering projects for this Beyond the Horizon mission are being conducted by U.S. Navy engineers, better known as Seabees, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25, out of Ft McCroy, Wis. The engineers arrived in Nicaragua March 11 to begin preparations for the digging and construction of the three wells.

"The digging of these wells are important because they provide the community with much needed potable water in a central location," Ens. Joe Neal, the officer in charge of NMCB 25. "By digging this well we provided the town of Samaria with a fresh water source within the town. Prior to this the locals had to walk to the river for potable water which was some ways out."

Nicaraguan army Lt. Rodolpho Otero, a force protection officer providing security for the Sea Bee's, spoke with many Nicaraguan locals who stopped by to talk with and both the military and the civilians engineers.



Members of the U.S. Navy engineering team, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25, out of Ft McCroy, Wis. work on a water well drilling project in Samaria, Nicaragua for U.S. Army South's Beyond the Horizon 2010. (U.S. Army photo by 2nd Lt. Robert Lee/RELEASED)

"Everyone agrees that this well was very much needed for this village and the people living in the surrounding area," said Otero. "The locals are all very happy to see Americans working with the Nicaraguan military on this project."

Since construction began on March 21, the engineering detachment, along with support from Army South and the Nicaraguan army, has completed the well at Samaria and has already begun construction on the well in Los Sanchez.

Though the timeline is tight for the construction of three water wells, Neal also points out that this is a great opportunity to meet the people of Nicaragua.

"This mission gives us opportunities to

interact with local people and the Nicaraguan Army while at the same time getting real world training for future missions," said Neal. "It also gives us chances to interact with the local populace showing that both countries are working together."

The construction of the final water well in La Noria is scheduled to be complete in May. The three water wells constructed in partnership with Army South, NMCB 25 and the Nicaraguan army will bring lasting benefits to the local community.

"The Nicaraguan army welcomes the help being provided for this community and has a very positive outlook for this project and the future," said Otero.

**Firefighters Camp . . .** Want to be a firefighter when you grow up? NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services along with MWR will be holding a wedeling Firefighters Camp June 21-25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This camp is open to DoD Military and Civilian family members, age 13-17. If you are interested, call the Fire Department at 228-871-2414 or the Youth Center at 228-871-2251. The deadline for applications is May 21.



# Seabees partner for a greener future with students from local schools

By MC1 (SW) Terry Spain  
NCBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport celebrated Earth Day's 40th anniversary April 21 and 22.

The Center kicked off its celebration with a Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) Sponsored 5K run in which more than 400 people participated.

"It's always exciting to see people come out and support earth day, this year we used recycled shirts and the event was a success, I am glad I was able to help out," said Joan Hudson, NCBC fitness director.

The following day, approximately 550 students along with their parents from local elementary schools along the Mississippi Gulf Coast had a chance to see "Watershed Harmony," a musical puppet play designed to inform children on environmental changes and water and energy conservation.

"I love doing the puppet show. Anytime we can go out and inform children on ways to make the world a better place will help everyone out in the long run," said Cherie

Schadler, owner of Bayou Town productions.

"Earth Day is for all generations, especially the youth, because they are the future. They in turn, must pass it on to their children and give them an opportunity to build a healthy, prosperous, clean energy economy now and for the future," said Ted Ingram, NCBC environmental specialist.

After the puppet play, students walked to the Colmer Galley Courtyard and viewed animals and reptiles at display tents set up by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences.

At each exhibit, the students learned ways to keep the earth clean and safe. Once the information session was completed they had an opportunity to shake hands and talk with Smokey Bear, the monumental mascot who educates the public on the dangers of forest fires.

"This was a great opportunity for the students and NCBC as we try to promote energy efficiency throughout the nation. I am glad they learned something and hopefully they will use what they've been taught," Ingram stated.



Students from elementary schools along the Mississippi Gulf Coast greet "Smokey Bear" while visiting the Seabee Center April 22. The students also attended a musical puppet performance, "Watershed Harmony," designed to promote water quality in their communities and visited earth and science displays. The Seabee celebration tied in with the Navy-wide theme of "Partnering for a Greener Future." (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Terry Spain/Released)



Olivia Ortiz, the daughter of a Seabee, paints a trash can at the Earth Day Celebration on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). Balfour Beatty, the contractor for NCBC base housing, will be donating the trash cans to a local school and placing a few at the pool in base housing. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)



Guests were able to explore the many displays offered by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science at the Earth Day celebration. The Humane Society was also on board with information on earth-friendly dog toys and treats and sign up sheets for future volunteers to fill out. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

# In step with the 'Bees of NMCB 7



Logistics Specialist Seaman David Adams, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, draws a camp layout design in preparation for qualifying as a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently deployed to U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of responsibility to provide construction and engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)



A Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 grinds a pipe fitting to be used to fabricate a maintenance catwalk at a water treatment facility at Naval Station Rota, Spain. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently deployed to U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of responsibility to provide construction and engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)



Equipment Operator Constructionman Jared Wygant, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, operates a John Deer skidsteer to mix fill dirt for a pedestrian sidewalk project aboard Naval Station Rota. NMCB 7 and its detachments are currently deployed to U.S. Sixth Fleet's area of responsibility to provide construction and engineering support. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)



### The Snack Bar

The Snack Bar, is located inside of the Training Hall, Building 446, and is the newest place to eat on base. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner: Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 9 p.m., Fridays 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. and 5 - 10 p.m., weekends 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Menu items include: Gyros, Po-Boys, Jalapeno Poppers, Grilled Chicken Salad, and more! Call 228-871-4775 to place your carryout. Stop by on May 6 or 7 for "Buy 1 get 1 order of wings FREE", then May 10 - 14, be sure to get your FREE fountain drink with any food purchase.

### Beehive Lounge

Now a wi-fi hot spot! So come on over to surf the web while you enjoy a nice cold beverage. Open Monday-Saturday. For more info, call 228-424-6892.

### Youth Activities Center

Reminders To All Parents: Fees for all field trips must be paid in advance and spaces are available on first-come first-serve basis. Refunds will only be given if a minimum of 24 hours notice is given to Youth Center Staff.

May 7: Movie Nights with a twist! Come out for a movie, fun & food! Bring a friend or

make some new ones! Spaces are limited to 50 participants each night- only \$2 per person.

May 8: Seabee Family Day on the Ball Fields: Meet us near the new Fitness Center for this family friendly event! Games, a petting zoo, pony rides and many other activities are planned. Call the MWR Office at 228-871-2538 or the Youth Center 228-871-2251 for more details. FREE for all ages and open to the public.

May 14: Schools Out Summer Lock-In! Calling all parents . . . this one is for you! Spend the evening out and don't worry about the kids. Dinner, swimming, activities, late-night snack and breakfast is all included for only \$15 per child. Please bring swim suit, towel and drop your child off at the Fitness Center Pool.

### ITT

The next Base Wide Yard Sale is June 10. Only \$10 per spot which will include two tables/two chairs or one canopy (\$15 for both). Last day to sign up is June 4.

Wizards World of Harry Potter opens June 18 at Universal Studios Orlando. Get your tickets now - prices range from \$80.50-\$126.50. For more information, contact ITT at 228-871-2231.

Gulf Island Water Park Season Passes are \$52 . . . get them while supplies last.

### Fitness Center

IM Flag Football sign ups end May 10, with the season starting May 24. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. The team roster will consist of 15 players max and needs to be turned into the IM Coordinator, Sam Perkins, no later than May 17. A hold harmless agreement must be signed by each player prior to play. Once the deadline is met the forms will be emailed to the team members.

3-on-3 Basketball Tourney for Seabee Day, May 8. The games will be played at the old gym from 10 a.m. until complete. There will be a max of 15 teams with five players on each team. There is no cost involved and trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place

winners.

Biggest Loser third weigh in is the week of May 3 - 7. Make your appointment now with any of our Fitness Trainers to see how you are progressing. Contact Michael McLaughlin at 228-822-5108 if you have questions. Final weigh in will be May 24 - 28. The winners will be announced in June and will receive a massage of their choice.

The May 5K will be the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society 5K. This event will be a fundraiser for NMCR and MWR will be collecting Captain's Cup Points. The point system is as follows: For a roster prior to the event: 100 points, for each participant that signs up and runs: 1 point, For 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 points, for 2<sup>nd</sup> place 75 points and for 3<sup>rd</sup> place 50 points. All information for points may be sent to Sam Perkins, IM Coordinator, at: samuel.perkins2@navy.mil

### Outdoor Recreation

Do you think hypnotism is real? Either way, Anthony Cools will make sure you have a hypnotic time. You must be 21 to attend May 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beau Rivage. Tickets start at \$20. Seabee Day featuring Jennifer Donovan and Cliff Hudson May 8, is the place to be for food, fun and lots of entertainment for the family and it is FREE. Join Outdoor Rec for a Shrimping Trip May 16, David Copperfield May 21 and a Fishing Trip May 23. Be sure to visit our office to get more info about the first-ever Crawfish cook off to happen at the Beehive May 22.

Party Packages are available! Includes Skate Park or Seabee Lake for two hours, bounce house/dunk tank, themed tableware, party favors, guest of honor ribbon, pizza, and staff to assist with party games. Prices vary from \$100-\$205. Bring the cake and drinks and leave the rest to us. Contact 228-871-2127 for more info.

### Liberty Center

May is always an exciting month, Liberty is here to make it a little more eventful for you! So make sure you take advantage of all we have to



"MWR's Finest" step up to bat in a softball game against the CBC "Fleeters" on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. The "Fleeters" slid into an 11-4 victory taking the team's record to 6-6. These two teams, in a league of five others, are participating in the NCBC spring softball league which runs until mid-May. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

### NCBC Softball Standings as of April 30

Team	Won	Lost
20th (R436)	11	3
USCG	10	4
CBC	8	5
Supship(Scrappers)	6	6
CBC (Fleeters)	6	6
NCTC (Minitar)	4	9
MWR (MWR's Finest)	1	13

offer. If you'd like a night on the town, look no further, the Liberty bus will be leaving at 6 p.m. May 7 headed to Hooters. Come on out for a Bowling Night May 12 departing at 6 p.m. It is only \$5 and includes 3 games and your shoes. The last day to sign up for Memorial Day overnight New Orleans Trip is May 13. The trip is from May 29 - May 31 and is only \$130 which includes transportation and 2-nights hotel stay in New Orleans. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity. The International Spring Festival is May 14 and the bus departs at 4 p.m. If you'd like a bit of an adrenaline rush, come with Liberty to Smokin the Lake at "The Dock". Souped up boats of all kinds compete id different races. The Liberty bus will take off at 11 a.m. May 15 for this FREE trip. Take a trip to the Prime Outlets to quench your

shopping thirst May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

### Auto Hobby

There is now an ASE mechanic on duty to help assist you with any automotive questions. Feel free to give us a call at 228-871-2804 Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Resale Lot . . . Have a vehicle, boat, motorcycle, RV, or utility trailer you want to sell? You can put it in the Resale Lot on Fifth Street for only \$5 per week or \$15 per month. For more info or to sign up, call 228-871-2804.

Car Wash . . . Located off of Marvin Shields Blvd. and Rodgers Ave., the car wash has a great shade structure for all vehicle waxing enthusiasts, stain remover, shampooer, high power suction vacuums, and fragrance selections. Wash bays now include marine flush and tire cleaner selection.

### Movies . . .



For the latest movies playing at the Seabee Heritage Theater call the Movie Line at 228-871-3299. Movies now shown 7 days a week!

# Focus on Education

## SOAR available to assist military families

From Kevin Byrd  
NCBC School Liaison Officer

Going to a new school is never easy, but military families do it every day. Whether it is moving next door, across the globe, or adjusting to their current home, the transition can be stressful on military families, but it doesn't have to be. SOAR (Student Online Achievement Resources) is a program for military families and the school districts that serve them, along with the civilian students in the same classroom.

The partnership of educational leaders that comprises the SOAR aims to address the unique challenges facing military children in

our nation's public schools, while benefiting the overall student population. Once registered, students can take a test on state standards and be directed to a tutorial that will improve their skills where needed. SOAR is an internet-based program for students in grades 3-12. The focus is on math, reading, and language arts.

SOAR is not a placement program. It is a program that can help identify a student's strengths and weaknesses and provide remediation and enrichment resources.

For more information go to [www.militarystudent.org](http://www.militarystudent.org) or call the school liaison's office at 228-871-2117.

## Navy College - Knowledge for You



Kim Guillemette, an education technician, provides information on Navy College benefits to a student at the Navy College office on board NCBC, April 29. Navy College's mission is to provide continual academic support to Sailors while they pursue a technical or college degree, regardless of their location or duty station. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

## Earth Day Education



A member of the "Watershed Harmony" cast talks with area elementary school students about the environment during the NCBC Earth Day celebration April 22.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Terry Spain/Released)

## NEX rewards students with A-OK program

By Kristine M. Sturkie  
NEXCOM PAO

The Navy Exchange wants to help its customers pay for their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program. Four times per school year, four students will be the recipients of a \$5,000, \$3,000 \$2,000 or \$1,000 U.S. savings bond, denominations at maturity. The next drawing will be held at the end of May 2010.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual De-

pendent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card and have a NEX associate verify the minimum grade average. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products and services.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to win a savings bond through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. Since the program began, NEXCOM has awarded \$504,000 in savings bonds with the help of its generous vendor partners.

School Liaison Officer  
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228-871-2117

## Coastline Community College set for summer sessions

Coastline Community College's Online Summer Sessions begin June 21 and end Aug. 15.

Students may register for classes from April 19 until May 26. Late registration begins May 27 and concludes June 9. For additional information, contact Dr. David Drye at [ddrye@coastline.edu](mailto:ddrye@coastline.edu), or stop by the registration office in building 60, room 239 or call 228-871-3439.

## Military Family Life Consultants now in South Mississippi schools . . .

We now have four MFLC's working at 19 schools in four school districts throughout South Mississippi. These professional, licensed and credentialed counselors work in the schools all day long to support our military students on issues such as deployments, reunions, parent-child communications, and any other non-medical support. They can also support the faculty, staff, and parents by presenting training sessions on topics like bullying, conflict resolution, stress relief, child development, and many others. This is a DOD funded program that has grown from military bases and DoD schools to the public school systems. Gulfport and Harrison County schools were among the first to pilot the program last year.

# Homefront in Focus: Best PCS Practices

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

This final installment on moving with the military is a compilation of wisdom from seasoned spouses with a 'few' PCS moves under their belt. Together these spouses have 168 moves under their belts. I asked each one question, "What is the best PCS moving advice you would give another spouse?" Here are their answers.

0 Beth B., 16 moves: Self-care! Get your nails done, have lunch with your friends. Make sure you take time to take care of you and your needs so you can be your best for your family.

0 Eva May T., 15 moves: Make a binder, with sheet protectors, and place all your important papers in it then put it in the car...NOW. (insurance policy, orders, move paperwork, bank info, etc.)

0 Cathy R., 16 moves: Take pictures of your belongings with a digital camera. Take photos from several angles. Make sure the date/time function is on. This is a life-saver in case of damage.

0 Cheryl C., 14 moves: Take good care of your movers! Provide beverages and donuts for breakfast, order pizza or sub sandwiches for lunch. They'll take very good care of you.

0 Tasha L., mother of 7, 11 moves: Pack a backpack for each child in the car with games, puzzles, favorite 'comfort item,' a bit of their 'own spending money' and an 'age appropriate' trip planner. Your investment in planning your children's trip will pay off with miles of harmonious travel.

0 Linda M., mother of 8, 12 moves: Turn the road trip between duty stations into an adventure. Get the children excited about the trip by researching route, hotels, tourist attractions, and more. Have one child be the 'mileage tracker,' another be the trip-journalist, the official photographer, and yet another can be the official 'fun boss'.

0 Holly S, 18 moves: Ask movers to load truck from the farthest room in the house. Have your cleaning supplies and equipment ready. Clean 'behind' the movers. By the time the truck is loaded your house can be cleaned and the vacuum cleaner, mop and broom can be the last things loaded on the truck.

0 Roger L. 13 moves: Communicate your route with family and friends so they know your full travel plans. This will insure safety and peace of mind for you and your family on many levels.

0 Donna M., 12 moves: In your move planning and budget be sure to add a

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## FOCUS on FITNESS

By EO3 Mikayla Mondragon  
NCBC Public Affairs

### PT

**Fit Tip:**

Ensure readiness with PT

Physical Training (PT) helps promote a culture of fitness to enhance a member's ability to complete tasks that support the mission. Muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility are all necessary to ensure the readiness of every Seabee and Sailor. If you like to PT on your own and would like help, the Fitness Center offers personal trainers for a fee of \$30 for five sessions for active duty. The trainers will work with your schedule and personal needs. To sign up for a personal trainer or for more information call the Fitness Center at 228-871-2668.



Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center, participate in the 2010 Spring Physical Fitness Assessment at the base gym, April 12. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon/Released)

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## Community Notes

### SUPPORT

#### Family Readiness Groups

**NMCB 1 FRG** invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. meeting. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. For more information, contact FRG President Mary Belanger, 228-273-4158, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the NCBC chapel. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided for children four and under. For e-mail updates, send an e-mail to nmcb7frg@gmail.com or contact FRG President Deanna Salter at 228-206-0377.

**NMCB 74 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members to join the NMCB 74 FRG. Meetings are the third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Bring a covered dish to take part in a potluck dinner. For more information, contact FRG President Torell Coquet at torellcoquet@yahoo.com or Vice President Annie Gundy at aniegundy@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG website at

<http://www.orgsites.com/ms/nmcb-74-fgr/index.html>.

**NMCB 11 FRG** welcomes all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Seabee Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information contact FRG President Sarah Edwards, Vice President Robin Coker, Secretary Krysta Thomas or Treasurer Jennifer Babb via email at nmcb11frg@gmail.com. Visit the ombudsman and FRG website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kellii Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail

hansonkl54@yahoo.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG website at <http://www.orgsites.com/ms/nmcb133fsg>

#### Naval Officer's Spouse Club

The Naval Officer's Spouse Club meets the fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center. Children are welcome and child care is provided. For more info, e-mail noscgulfport@yahoo.com. Visit [NOSCGulfport.org](http://NOSCGulfport.org) for more information.

#### 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. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to obtain information about becoming a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

#### Gamblers Anonymous

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

#### TRAINING

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 or Amanda at 228-328-1352 to sign up.

**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., building 60, room 105. For more information contact Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb\_yahoo.com; or AGC Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 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 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

**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 the month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. 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. All 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.

#### NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> for more information. The website also contains links to hundreds of Seabee military historical sites as well as reunion information.

#### HERITAGE

**The Seabee Gift Store** is now located in the Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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. Contact the museum through the web address at [www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop locally at 228-871-4779.

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DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

**FREE 9-day Summer Camp  
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Sponsored by CBC Gulfport for  
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**DEFY**: A two-Phased prevention program for kids who are 8 1/2-13 years old. Our goal is to produce youth with character, leadership, and confidence so they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens and have the necessary skills to be successful in their lives through coordinated community participation, commitment and leadership. It is a challenging, fun-filled week and a half in the summer camp (Phase I) followed by a year of mentoring (Phase II).

Staff personnel (officer and enlisted), are also needed. Staff must be on no cost TAD orders at least one week during camp time frame and attend a mandatory training session which will be determined at a future date.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Staff, May 7; Youth, May 21

Pick up and return Youth and Staff applications to the base chapel. A **MANDATORY** meeting for **ALL PARENTS** will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 27 at the Base Chapel. Graduation Ceremony will be 10 a.m., June 17 at the Base Chapel.

*Youth must be picked up by 1 p.m.  
June 17, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*

Contact CE1 Erica Tanner, (228) 871-2713 or Erica.S.Tanner@navy.mil for more information.

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ready a legally binding agreement between the car dealership and the buyer, unless the contract is expressly conditioned upon the finance agreement being accepted by a third-party creditor.

Even though buyers who find themselves in situations similar to the one above may have legal remedies, to prevail in this type of legal dispute, often involves engaging the legal system (hiring a lawyer and suing the dealership) which can be time consuming and costly. Therefore, the best way to handle this type of problem is simple: Avoid falling victim to this type of sales tactic to begin with!

By following a few simple steps, buyers can avoid this situation altogether and save money in the process. Below are eight simple steps that every buyer should follow when buying a new or used vehicle.

**1. Buy cars from car dealerships but obtain financing from a bank or credit union. Shop the credit terms if you finance and avoid using the dealer as the lender.** Before you sign any credit contract, ask for a written copy of Truth In Lending Act disclosures and take it home to review. Then go to a second lender (bank, credit union, etc.) and obtain a similar disclosure about the terms for a loan from them to buy the car. Then, compare all the APR and payment numbers to see which is the better deal for you. Although not always followed, federal law requires that you be given a copy of these disclosures before you sign. So always ask for a copy if you aren't provided one. The purpose of that law is for you to be able to take the copy home and compare terms. Never sign any credit contract unless it is a final deal that will not be taken back. If the deal is conditional, then ask them to call you when the condition is lifted.

**2. Leave yourself time for process:** If at all possible, give yourself at least several days for the car buying process, if not a few weeks. You can only do all eight steps if you have sufficient time. Above all, don't be pressured to sign a contract at the end of the day. If it really is a good deal .... It will still feel like a good deal the next morning. Always plan on two trips to the dealership.

**3. Investigate the car's history:** Any seller has to have a title (used car) or Certificate of Origin (new car) to sell a car. For used cars, ask to see the title to see if it identifies previous owners, and how long the current seller has had the car. Because the federal odometer disclosure must be on the

title of a used car being sold, a seller has to eventually show this to you. Use the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

(www.nmvhtis.gov), to check on the history of the car. Also, some states run their own websites with information and that can also be checked.

**4. If buying a used car, investigate the car's current mechanical condition:** Have a mechanic thoroughly check the car over, ask to see repair orders from the seller, ask the seller about the car's history, ask for the title and try to contact prior owners if the dealer does not know its history.

**5. Research the reasonable price for the car:** Ask friends or neighbors what they would pay for the car or something similar; books like Consumer Reports, and NADA book, or other materials are also available. Call some dealers and ask for their lowest price for a similar car. Also, check the classified ads or www.cars.com, or www.autotrader.com, or www.edmunds.com.

**6. Read all the contract documents:** Most important, do not sign anything, and do not give a down payment or give possession of your trade-in until you know and understand all the terms of the deal. Carefully review for anything marked as an option, and only get it if you want it. Remember, buy cars from car dealers; obtain financing from banks or credit unions; purchase insurance from insurance companies.

**7. Check that all numbers and promises are accurate and in writing:** Any promise that is not in writing is extremely difficult to enforce. Also, all terms and numbers must be accurate. Especially if you are financing the transaction, every document must be true with no false numbers. Always leave with the contract unsigned to review it elsewhere prior to signing.

**8. Be sure that the Title or Certificate of Origin is signed over to you by the seller:** The only way to buy the car is to have the Title (used car), or Certificate of Origin (new car) held by the seller signed over to you. The federal Odometer Disclosure must be on the document assigning title. Whether or not you finance the sale, you must still see the actual title held by the seller and the seller must sign it over to you. Never buy a car from someone if they do not have the title or Certificate of Origin to the car they are selling; just come back when they have it.

The Gulfport RLSO SE can be reached at 228-871-2620. This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.

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trip to your mechanic for a safety check on your vehicles. Check all fluids, get an oil change, inspect brakes and replace windshield wipers, make sure tires are up to the trip. You'll be glad you did!

0 Talia H., 9 moves: Take the move classes at your local FFSC! Enroll your children in the classes for them as well. The classes help you organize your move with confidence. I take it every single move.

0 Angela W., 15 moves: Don't let your Service Member's uniforms wind up on the moving truck. Set them aside, put a sheet over them, and guard them with your very life. (painful memory)

0 Debbie Y. 17 moves: Breathe, Relax. You will get it all done. Breathe, relax... We may not chose when we move or where we move to - but we certainly chose to 'suffer through' or to tackle this as another adventure, full of opportunities, experiences and memories. Grab the best, ladies!

How do I top such experienced advice from such seasoned spouses? I hope your PCS move, while quite a job, will be an adventure for you! Our next topic is self-care. Join us as we continue our 'Savvy Spouse' series.

Questions or comments for Beth? Drop her a note to [beth@homefrontinfocus.com](mailto:beth@homefrontinfocus.com).

## For a good cause



Steelworker Construction Apprentice Timothy Houghtlin, a student attending Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Steelworker "A" school has his face painted at the St. John Elementary School's International Fair May 1, in Gulfport. Houghtlin agreed to have his face painted so the picture could be sent to his 3-year-old daughter Alex, who resides in Missouri while her dad attends school. Houghtlin was with about a dozen volunteers from NCTC who helped out at the fair. (Photo courtesy of CE1 Gregory Motyka)

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**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday, 11:35 a.m.**

**Protestant Service: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**

**Gospel Service: Sunday, 11:45 a.m.**

**Center Chaplains:**  
**Lt. Cmdr. Michael Brown,**  
**Protestant Chaplain**  
**Lt. Leticia P.J. Rouser,**  
**Protestant Chaplain**

**For information concerning  
other faith groups, call the chapel  
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and dispensaries, 3 hospital corps schools, and 8 military sea transport ships.

With the war over and peace at hand, came the recognition that the Navy needed to access nurses in-house and from this realization a Nursing Education Program for WAVES was instituted in 1955, followed by the Nurse Corps Candidate Program in 1957 and authorization of Duty Under Instruction in 1959. Other educational programs followed including Officer Indoctrination Courses, Navy Management Course, and anesthesia program, operating room nursing, and nurse practitioner programs.

At the start of the Vietnam Conflict (1965-1975), Navy Nurses were once again called upon to serve the soldiers in the theater of war. Many were called up from the Reserves, and nurses again staffed hospital and transport ships, air transports, ground hospitals and dispensaries in increasing numbers. Four Navy nurses received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in a terrorist attack in Saigon, South Vietnam. Other nurses died in this conflict while serving in Rach Gia and DaNang.

A new dimension was added to the Nurse Corps in November 1964, when men were approved for commission into the Nurse Corps. In 1965 five men reported to OIC and were commissioned into the Nurse Corps.

As Navy nurses became fully integrated as part of the Navy, their unique contributions of the profession of nursing were recognized and rewarded with pay, rank and promotion status as full members of the staff corps. In July 1972, it was a Navy nurse, Captain Alene Bertha Durek who was the first woman promoted to Flag Rank of Rear Admiral!

Navy Nurses currently serve in most of the 50 states, on the European continent, Africa, Asia, Australia and South America, on the islands of the Pacific and Atlantic, on ships, in space and in Washington, D.C. They have a variety of assignments to meet the mission of Navy Medicine. Today, the Navy Nurse Corps, with a proud heritage to its back, stands tall actively supporting the Navy and Marine Corps communities with great pride and success. The Nurse Corps has traveled a long road to achieve its virtuous status of today - Congratulations Navy Nurse Corps on this your 102nd Birthday! Long may you serve!



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