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Soap suds fly when the 'Bee comes clean for a good cause



Finalists of the 2nd annual Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Bee Wash Challenge reap the "rewards" of garnishing the most votes during the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fundraiser. The Seabee Center raised approximately \$5,000 for the NMCRS by voting for people to be part of the "Bee Wash 2010" team. The NMCRS provides financial assistance and other services to members of the Naval Services of the United States, and their eligible family members and survivors. Since 1904, more than 4 million Sailors, Marines and their families have received \$1.1 billion in interest-free loans and grants from the Society. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Terry Spain/Released)

Seabee named Enlisted Instructor of the Year at NETC IOY Recognition Week

By Steve Vanderwerff
Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The commander of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) hosted the first ever NETC Instructor of the Year Recognition Week in Washington May 3-7.

During the week long celebration, Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny hosted nine NETC Instructors of the Year finalists, along with their families. While in Washington, the finalists met their counterparts from other training commands, engaged one-on-one with NETC's senior leadership and took in the sights of the nation's capital.

On the first day, the finalists and their families visited with members of the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard. Afterward, they stopped by the Defense Media Activity (DMA-A) on Naval Base Anacostia for individual photographs and interviews with Daily News Update.

Of particular interest was when Daily News Update reporter Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Erik Siegel interviewed his former recruiter, finalist Construction Electrician 1st Class Ryan Gerdon. Siegel thanked Gerdon for being his assistance several years back, and noted



CE1 (SCW) Ryan Gerdon

it was good to see him again.

After wrapping things up at DMA-A, the group took a guided tour of Capitol Hill and ended the day visiting Fleet Reserve Association officials at their headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

The following day, the group toured the National Mall and other historic sites in the District of Columbia. The final day, they toured the Pentagon, learned about uniform matters, how Navy policy is made at the Navy Annex, and met one on one with Fleet Master Chief Scott Benning, Navy Total

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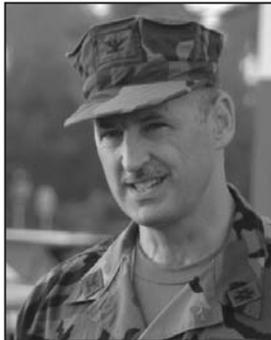
Skipper's Log

Growth . . . How good are we?

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

We have just finished about our fifth test in the past month. Between deployments, exercises, mobilizations, inspections and Seabee Day we have been poked, prodded and held up to the light. You (units, families and support personnel) have been tested through training, exercises, deployments, unexpected extensions and personal challenges. We consistently pass the test. We have been told we were one of the most improved, or one of the best in the Navy. Bottom-line, we were shining brightly when the light hit us. So what does that mean, what do you take away? Do we take a deep breath and say, "whew, I'm glad that's over?"

Not if we are focused on growth. I'm not saying we shouldn't savor our victories and enjoy the welcome home's. If it's your personality, feel free to shout your accomplishment at the top



Capt. Ed Brown

your lungs . . . but don't sit too long admiring your creation. Analyze the planning, the execution, and the reaction of others. What was great and what can be better? Start today to prepare for the future . . .

So with our recent victories still fresh, be assured all of us here in support are asking how we can make great, better. This is how we grow; this is how all of us here in Gulfport reach our true potential.



Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Brittney Garrett and Culinary Specialist 1st Class Anthony Tierno proudly display the plaque and medals they were awarded at the 2010 Commander Navy Region Southeast Culinary Competition held recently at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. The Sailors placed Third in a field of six teams. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

NCBC Sailors awarded high marks at cooking challenge

By MCI (SW) Terry Spain
 NCBC Public Affairs

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Anthony Tierno and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Brittney Garrett assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport (NCBC) Colmer Galley recently placed third in the 2010 Commander Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Culinary Competition held at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

The two were selected by their chain of command to represent the Seabee Center because of their hard work and passion for cooking.

Six regional teams from as far away as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba entered in the competition where they were given lit-

tle information other than the 10 ingredients they would be required to use in the competition that is based on TV's "Iron Chef" program.

They were told three "secret ingredients" would be revealed 30 minutes prior to the start of the three-hour competition. Then, it would be up to them to use their creativity to prepare meals for the four judges.

The contestants were also graded on Safety and Sanitation, Organizational Skill, Utilization of Ingredients, Flavor and Plate Presentation.

"The competition was really tough, it felt good to place third because the two teams that were selected ahead of us both had senior enlisted personnel," said Tierno.

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

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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Chief Warrant Officer 5 Tommy Neely (left) salutes retired Cmdr. Bill Sloan for the final time at his retirement ceremony held May 8 on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport at the Training Hall. CWO5 Neely had the distinction of being the only CWO5 serving on active duty with the Naval Construction Force. His retirement will lead to a future candidate being selected to fill the vacated billet. (U.S. Navy photo By Chief Builder Sean Rigg/Released)

Seabees bid farewell to top chief warrant officer

By MC1 (SW) Terry Spain
CBC Public Affairs

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) served as the site for the retirement ceremony of the Seabees only CWO5 - Chief Warrant Officer Tom Neely.

A native of Batesville, Ark., Neely retired May 7, after 32 years of Naval service. Before Neely, the Seabees had filled the CWO5 slot one other time and they will select another candidate to fill the vacated billet at a later date.

"Time went by really fast for me; all my commands were great, but the ones that stood out the most to me were my battalion tours," said Neely.

As time changes, so does the Navy. Many Sailors are not as fortunate to reach 30 years in the Navy, but hard work and dedicated persistence could prove instrumental in reaching this milestone.

"Setting goals and working diligently to achieve them worked for me, and I always

believe that if you treat people the way you would want them to treat you, everything will work out," Neely stated.

A span of 30 years of consistent service in any career field has the potential to yield both significant highlights and lowlights, but the one memory that stands out the most for Neely was his selection for chief petty officer, he said.

"I thought that I had no chance of making CPO the first time up, but I am glad I did. That was a really great time in my life," said Neely.

The Navy was a stepping stone for Neely before embarking on his new adventure as a military retiree.

"I've done all I can do in the Navy. Now, I am going to go home and spend time with my mother and family in Arkansas," he added.

The rank of CWO5 was established in October 2002 to ensure the Navy attracts and retains the very best technical leadership for a full 30-year career.

ESGR tours Seabee Center



Linda Brady, a member of the Mississippi Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) tries out the welding simulators during a tour of Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) May 6. ESGR is a Department of Defense (DoD) organization made up of a community-based volunteer network of over 4,500 members who are dedicated to gaining and maintaining public and private employer support for Guard and Reserve service members by increasing awareness of the law and by recognizing employers who provide outstanding support. The Mississippi and Tennessee ESGR teamed up for a combined tour of area military employers. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)

Summer safety resources now available online

By April Phillips
Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

In an effort to save lives and reduce the risks associated with common summertime activities, the Naval Safety Center has compiled various resources for service members.

The theme for this year's summer safety campaign is "Live to Play, Play to Live," and it focuses on the many ways Sailors, Marines, and their families can have fun without becoming a victim.

"Nearly everything we do for fun during the summer involves some level of risk," said Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, commander, Naval Safety Center. "The important thing

is to understand the potential dangers; carefully consider them and take the actions necessary to reduce the risk as much as possible. That's how you set yourself up for success all summer long."

Summer safety resources have been designed so commands can personalize them for their own safety stand-downs or training sessions. The campaign includes presentations, videos, articles for base newspapers, and traffic and recreation booklets.

Focus areas for this year's campaign include motor vehicle safety, alcohol awareness, and water safety. The majority of last summer's fatalities fell

into these categories, and Johnson said these deaths affect mission readiness across the fleet.

"The loss of even a single trained and ready Sailor or Marine is unacceptable, especially during a time of war when manning, training and operating resources are tight," he said. "We need each and every one of you engaged and in the fight. We cannot afford the mission impact of any preventable-mishap losses this summer."

To download summer safety resources, visit <http://safety-center.navy.mil>. For local assistance contact CBC Safety at 228-871-3801/3802.

NMCB 7 Air Det returns from mission supporting Operation Unified Response



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 disembark from their C-130 Hercules aircraft after a four month deployment to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response (OUR). NMCB 7 was among the first American ground units to arrive to provide humanitarian relief following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck the island nation Jan. 12. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael B. Lavender/Released)



Lt. Beau Brooks, a Seabee assigned to NMCB 7, disembarks from a C-130 Hercules aircraft. Brooks, who served as the Haiti Detachment's officer in charge, led 85 Seabees during the recovery efforts. The rest of NMCB 7 is currently deployed to Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet to provide general engineering and construction support.

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All Retirees are welcome . . . The Retiree Activities Office, located at the Welcome Center, building 452, is available for retirees of all branches of service, and offers assistance and information about retiree benefits, TRICARE, entitlements and programs, on-base functions and base facilities. The office is open Tuesdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers for the office are encouraged to call Ivan McAllister at 228-822-5163 or 228-376-8114/8111.

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Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Candace Roden, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, uses a Triton Dental System to clean a Seabee's teeth in Kandahar, Afghanistan. NMCB-133 is deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Martin J. Braud/Released)

NMCB 133 sinks its teeth into deployment

By Lt. Martin Braud
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Dental Department found a home in late April among the storage containers, heavy equipment and constant sound of construction on Kandahar Airfield (KAF), Afghanistan.

The Dental Department faced tough challenges upon arriving to Afghanistan. More than \$94,000 of dental equipment needed to be inventoried and organized after it arrived in KAF from Gulfport. There wasn't a dental facility available since NMCB 133 did not turnover with another unit.

The 22nd Naval Construction Regiment provided land and a relocatable building to set up the dental facility and dental equipment.

NMCB 133's Seabees from Echo Company constructed the facility and installed electricity, shelving and desks.

The dental facility consists of three separate areas in one room; administration, sterilization and patient care. Dental capabilities include handling of emergencies, fixing cavities and performing cleanings. NMCB 133 is also one of the first Naval Construction Force battalions to use the new authorized dental allowance list with the Triton, a state of the art piece of equipment that has all the vital dental tools needed to perform most procedures.

One of the main goals of NMCB 133's Dental department is to support the battalion's detachments before they leave KAF to execute construction missions.

"We want to make sure they are ready before they leave," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Candace Roden, the primary dental assistant. "We don't want them to run into any dental issues while they are out there."

"It's nice because it is a comfort thing and we are not in a comfort zone," said Construction Electrician Ciara Bartlett, after a recent dental prophylaxis.

"I always look forward to my six-month teeth cleaning," said Steelworker 3rd Class Robert Nelson after his recent cleaning. "It makes my day and smile brighter."

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NMCB 74 CO receives Bronze Star



VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (April 29, 2010) Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead presents Cmdr. Bruce Nevel, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, with the Bronze Star Medal for his actions while deployed to Afghanistan. Roughead met with Sailors from the expeditionary community to see how they operate and to find ways to improve the community in the future. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Paul D. Williams/Released)

NMCB Eleven rolls out for historic second deployment to PACOM

From NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11's advance party has deployed to Okinawa and Guam over two successive days of traveling. NMCB 11 has two main body sites to juggle during their second deployment since being recommissioned Sept. 14, 2007.

The battalion will have two large components, one in Okinawa, Japan and another in Guam. The battalion will also be spread throughout the Pacific theater including, Vietnam, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Korea, Diego Garcia, Christmas Island and several locations on mainland Japan.

This deployment will provide many challenges for the battalion, this being only their second deployment since their reestablishment and being a non-contingency deployment.

There will be environmental issues since the majority of their last de-



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Eleven stage baggage for their customs inspection on the grinder in Camp Shields, Okinawa. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Nicholas Lingo/Released)

ployment was spent in desert-like locations. There will also be material issues. This is always a hindrance in construction operations; however, the Seabees always find a way to see their projects through to

the end.

Another challenge will be the length of this deployment. The Seabees of NMCB 11 will be abroad

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Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 began returning home from their 10-month deployment to the Pacific Command area of responsibility May 5 and were greeted by their loved ones at the Seabee Center base Training Hall. At any given time, more than 2,500 Seabees are forward deployed to about 20 countries around the world supporting overseas contingency operations and humanitarian missions. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Demetrius Kennon and Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mikayla Mondragon/Released)



NMCB 1 returns home from Pacific deployment

By MC1 (AW/NAC) Aron Taylor
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 received a homecoming and reunion celebration at the Training Hall on board Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, May 5, after returning from a 10-month deployment to the Pacific Command (PACOM) area of responsibility.

Nearly 300 family members, veterans and friends were on hand to honor the Seabees for their accomplishments.

NMCB 1 was responsible for providing PACOM and Commander Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) a rapidly deployable construction and

engineering force.

Lt. Cmdr. Nathanael B. Price, executive officer of NMCB 1, was pleased with his Seabees and the job they performed on deployment.

"This was a long deployment after a 16 month homeport. Our Seabees did what our Seabees were built to do. They were all over the Pacific, building schools and helping the local communities, fostering strategic partnerships with other nations throughout the Pacific," said Price.

During their time in theater, the Seabees worked on several projects, including the planning and execution of construction readiness training, and security engagement opportunities.

"After hearing about the extension of the deployment, the Seabees of NMCB 1 jumped into five exercises and performed superbly, with the professionalism and expertise that comes with being 'The First and the Finest,'" he said.

Those who have returned home are now waiting for the safe return of their fellow Seabees who are still deployed throughout the Pacific but will be returning throughout May.

Once the battalion is back home, the next step for them is to begin training for their next deployment, in which "The First and the Finest" has proven they "Can Do."

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ucation and Vice Adm. Mark E. Ferguson, III, chief of naval personnel and deputy chief of naval operations (Total Force).

The evening of May 6, during an awards ceremony at the Navy Memorial, Kilkenny recognized his Officer, Senior Enlisted and Enlisted Instructors of the Year from among the nine finalists. Vice Adm. Mark E. Ferguson, III served as guest speaker.

"This is the cream of the crop. They were the top nine out of 7,000 instructors," said Kilkenny. "When I asked each of the finalists why they became an instructor, to a 'T' they all answered with, to some degree, 'I remember the really good instructors I had. I wanted to be like them some day and impart my knowledge on the next generation of Sailors or Marines.'"

Marine Corps Capt. Kim "Rooster" Rossiter, from Lake Charles, La., was selected as Officer Instructor of the Year. A 16-year veteran, Rossiter is currently assigned to Marine Corps Detachment, Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center (NMITC), Dam Neck, Va.

Chief Naval Aircrewman Jonathan R. Showerman, from Portland, Mich., was selected as Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year. An 18-year veteran, he is currently assigned to Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, Ill.

Enlisted Instructor of the Year honorees went to Construction Electrician 1st Class Ryan Gerdon, a native of Belford, N.J. He is currently assigned to the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Detachment Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

"I knew he was an instructor and that he taught courses, but I had no idea what an honor it is to be nominated," said Susan Peters, sister of finalist Lt. Cmdr. Russell Rang. "It was very exciting being able to share the experience with my brother. All of the nominees are so gifted and determined. They want to pass on their gift to their students."

NETC Force Master Chief Petty John Snyder said that all of the finalists are top-notch instructors who share common traits and that NETC hosted a recognition week to not only give recognition, but to also showcase the need for quality Sailors and Marines to consider in-

structor duty.

"They all share a commonality. They're very well spoken. They're very comfortable establishing a bond or relationship. They are experts in their field. They know their rating or the subject they teach. They are committed to developing the future of our Navy. They are internally motivated to that job. They're able to stand up in front of a group of people, and somehow transfer the knowledge that they have into the minds of the Sailors that they are instructing," said Snyder. "Beyond recognizing individual performance we also want to showcase that we value training, our instructors, and the need for quality Sailors and Marines to become instructors."

For Enlisted Instructor of the Year Construction Electrician 1st Class Ryan Gerdon the visit to Washington and being recognized for his contribution to the NETC enterprise was quite an honor.

"It has been an amazing week. I look forward to getting back on the podium to teach, but also to encourage my students to consider becoming instructors when their time comes, and to tell them that hard work is recognized and has its rewards."

Each Instructor of the Year winner received a Navy Commendation Medal and a plaque for their hard work and dedication.

"NETC's inaugural Instructor of the Year Recognition Week was a great success," said Kilkenny. "It's really not about recognizing the individual. We held the recognition week because we do a really good job recognizing the individual, but sometimes we don't get to share that moment with our families. So we brought them to our nation's capital to share the moment with their peers and family."

The NETC Military Instructor of the Year program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps instructors and facilitators who exemplify personal excellence and display outstanding instructional and leadership performance. The program highlights the significant contributions of individuals from throughout the Naval Education and Training enterprise who have been nominated by their command based on their sustained superior performance over the course of the past year.

Tornado season is under way in the United States . . .

"Tornado season" in the United States generally is in the spring. Peak months are May and June, but like thunderstorms, tornadoes can form at any time of the year. Tornadoes are most prevalent in "tornado alley," which typically is defined as the region from Texas north to Nebraska. Tornadoes, however, have occurred in every state in the country. Now is a good time to remind Sailors, families and civilians on or near Navy installations about tornado preparedness. Operation Prepare offers a ready-to-use fact sheet on the Operation Prepare Toolkit on the CNIC Gateway at <https://cnicgateway.cnic.navy.mil/HQ/N3/N37/OperationPrepare/default.aspx>





Attention NCBC Fire Wardens . . . In addition to the monthly Fire Warden Training on the last Thursday of the month from 2 - 2:30 p.m. at the Fire Department, Fire Wardens will now be responsible for completing annual on-line refresher training from the Navy Fire Emergency Services prior to attending the monthly training session. The training is available at https://esams.cnic.navy.mil/ESAMS_GEN_2/LoginEsams.aspx. After signing in, select "Web Training" and select "Annual Fire Warden Refresher Training - the first training class listed. The training will take approximately 30 minutes. Upon completion, print out the certificate and bring it to the monthly in-house training at the NCBC Fire Department. If you have questions, contact Inspector Billy Ducote at 228-871-3083.

Sign up deadline for Firefighters Camp is rapidly approaching . . .

Want to be a firefighter when you grow up? NCBC Gulfport Fire and Emergency Services along with MWR will be holding a week-long 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.

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Cool Ways To Lower Energy Bills . . .

(NAPSI) - If energy costs are getting you hot under the collar, consider these hints:

- o Install a programmable thermostat you can turn down when you're not home.
- o Use compact fluorescent light-bulbs.
- o Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- o Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- o Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.
- o Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- o Take short showers instead of baths.
- o Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- o Keep your home cooling costs from going through the roof by installing a cool roof that can help reduce energy use. Steel shingles are not only energy efficient, they can reduce roof heat by 100 degrees.

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Buzz on the Street



By EO3 Mikayla Mondragon

How do you feel about females being allowed on submarines?



"The best person for the job, is the best person for the job, regardless of gender."

CECN Derrick Waite
NMCB 18
Hometown: Great Falls, Mont.



"Change is good; it's been a long time coming."

BU1 (SCW) Melissa McLaughlin
22 NCR; Hometown: Bonners Ferry, Idaho



"Women should have the same rights and opportunities as men. I just hope they're well aware of the risks."

SW1(SCW) Elliot Sermons
NMCB 1
Hometown: Valdosta, Ga.

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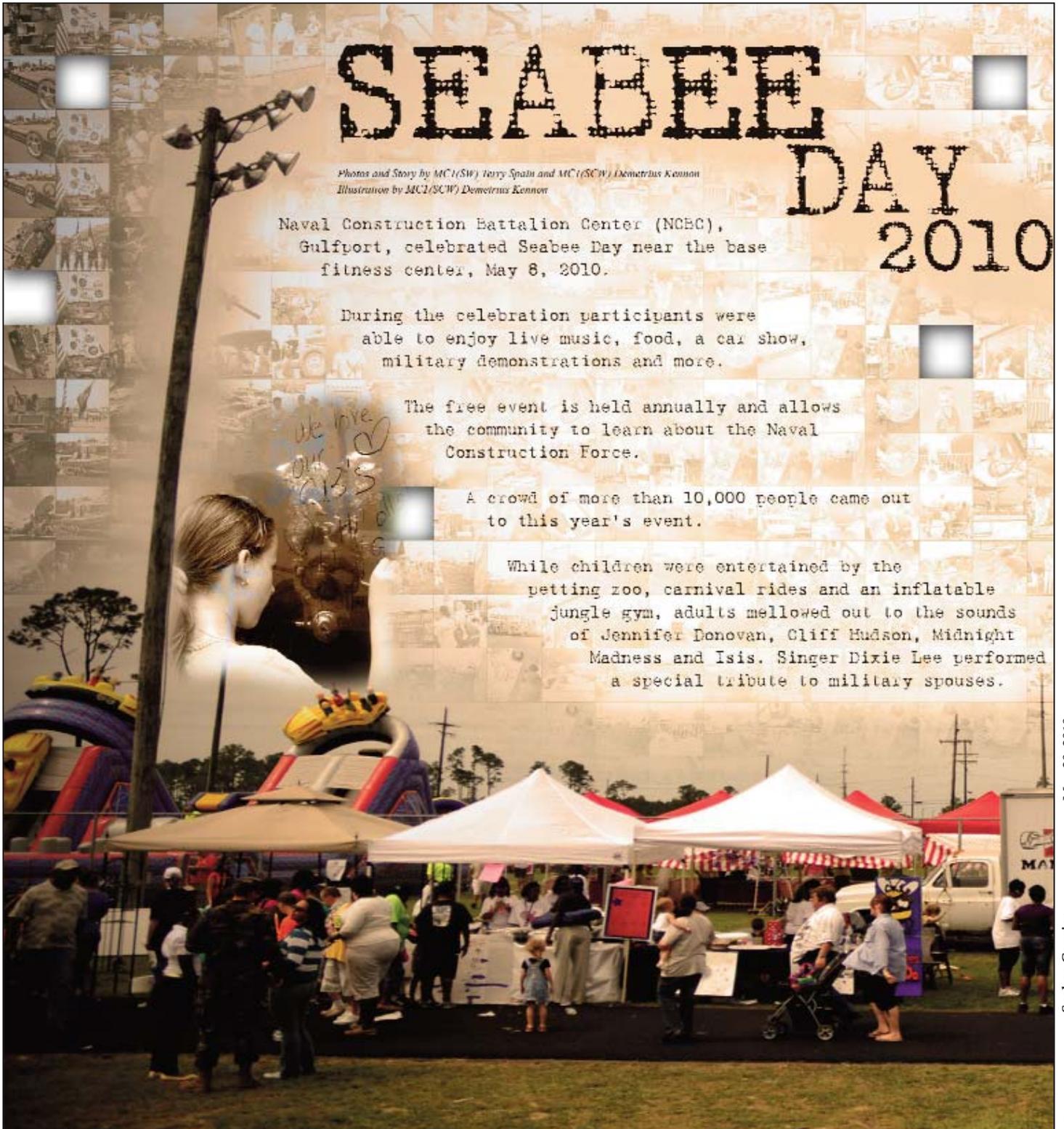
Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport, celebrated Seabee Day near the base fitness center, May 8, 2010.

During the celebration participants were able to enjoy live music, food, a car show, military demonstrations and more.

The free event is held annually and allows the community to learn about the Naval Construction Force.

A crowd of more than 10,000 people came out to this year's event.

While children were entertained by the petting zoo, carnival rides and an inflatable jungle gym, adults mellowed out to the sounds of Jennifer Donovan, Cliff Hudson, Midnight Madness and Isis. Singer Dixie Lee performed a special tribute to military spouses.

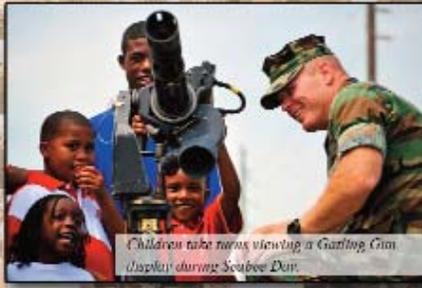




Chief Builder Chris Evansdunk is dunked in a water tank during Seabee Day.



The honor guard parades the colors to start Seabee Day.



Children take turns viewing a Gatling Gun (duplex) during Seabee Day.



Seabees perform a convoy demonstration during Seabee Day.



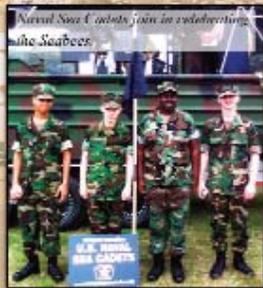
Miss Mississippi Junior Teen, McKenzie Irish, poses for a photo with the Seabee mascot.



Patrons check out vehicles in the car show during Seabee Day.



The Cliff Humber Band performs during Seabee Day.



Naval Sea Cadets join in celebrating the Seabees.



Families enjoy the displays during Seabee Day.



Seabee Day patrons take a relaxing ride as the day of events continues to unfold.



Focus on Education

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Summer Semester Information

Onsite registration will be held May 26, in the
Fleming Education Center, Gulf Park Campus

- o Orientation for new undergraduate students will be at 1 p.m., RSVP: 228-865-4565.
- o Advisement and registration will be held from 2-6 p.m.
- o Night classes begin Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day). Day classes begin Tuesday, June 1.

For additional information, contact Michelle Lane at michelle.lane@usm.edu, or call 228-214-3511.

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eKnowledge & MLB players hit grand slam with SAT & ACT test prep

From Kevin Byrd
NCBC School Liaison Officer

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School Liaison Officer is located in Building 352; 1706 Bainbridge Ave. , NCBC, 228-871-2117 or e-mail: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil.

S.A.M.E. Scholarship Opportunity . . .

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) is awarding two annual scholarships of \$1,000 to students who exemplify the qualities and accomplishments of a promising engineer career. Applications are due by July 1, with presentation tentatively scheduled for Aug. 18. For scholarship requirements and an application go to https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/CNICP_A153702.

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**Contact:
S1/CCC@
(757) 462-
3986/3988**

A special meal in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage will be served in the Colmer Dining Facility May 27, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Diversity Committee will present a program highlighting Asian Pacific heritage at that time and location as well.

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Text CBC Fitness, CBCMWR, or CBCFun to 30364 to receive the latest info on MWR upcoming events. Standard carrier message and data rates apply. Text STOP to opt-out at anytime. Text HELP for help.

"MWR Street Team" Volunteer Program/Incentive Program-If you want to help base programs and be rewarded for your contributions. Visit the Liberty Center Supervisor for details. Volunteer work includes helping out with various MWR events and programs, bringing friends to events, and putting up posters/flyers. For more information please call 871-4684.

The Snack Bar

The Snack Bar, located inside the Training Hall in Bldg. 446, 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. & 5- 9 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday/Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Menu includes: Po-boys, Gyros, Salads, Frito Pies & more. Call 228-871-4775 for carryout or delivery (\$1 surcharge).

Beehive Lounge

Now a WIFI HOTSPOT! Surf the web, play a game or keep in touch with family and friends all while enjoying a cold beverage. We also have flat screen TVs, pool table, darts and the friendliest bartenders you will find anywhere. Open Monday - Saturday, call 228-424-6892 for information.

Anchors and Eagles

Calling all Reserve Chiefs and Officers, let A&E be your home away from home. We have your favorite beverage, flat screen TVs, pool table, and darts. We are also a WIFI

Movies . . .
Get out of the heat and catch a blockbuster! Movies are FREE and shown 7 days a week! Stop by the Training Hall for a schedule or call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299.
Movie schedule subject to change due to military mission requirements

HOTSPOT. Need a place for your event? A&E is available for reservation with a low rental fee. Open Tuesday - Thursday from 2 - 9 p.m.

Liberty Center

Get off base and go on the Liberty bus to Cinemark! The shuttle leaves May 21 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and is FREE. If you'd like to volunteer for our Habitat for Humanity trip, it will be leaving at 7:30 a.m., May 22. This is a great chance for you to help out the community and earn a letter of appreciation! For all of you adrenaline junkies, we will be taking you Skydiving in Lumberton, Miss. May 23 at 9 a.m.; this trip is only \$150! Baseball fans - the Mobile Bay Bears baseball game is May 28; the trip leaves Liberty at 5:30 p.m. This trip is FREE but you must bring your military ID!

We also have some awesome on-base activities to keep you entertained. May 24 is Brain Freeze Bingo at 6 p.m., come into Liberty, get free ice cream and play bingo for

the ride. For details contact Xavier at xavier.thornton@navy.mil or 228-822-5108. Sign ups begin June 7. A limited number of bikes will be available through Outdoor Recreation, so please sign up early if you need to register for a bike. MWR will offer refreshments, drinks, and water.

New Aerobics Class has been added to the schedule! Stroll-N-Stride will be offered every Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.

IM Flag Football sign ups have been extended to May 24. The season will begin the week of June 15. The team roster will consist of 15 players maximum and needs to be turned into Sam Perkins by June 8 along with a hold harmless agreement that must be signed by each player prior to play. For more information contact samuel.perkins2@navy.mil or 228-822-5109. Once the deadline is met the forms will be emailed to personnel that signed up. Games will be

Congratulations to the following Seabee Day ITT drawing winners . . .

Gulf Islands Waterpark Family of 4 package: Jessica Johnson, Rodolfo Galardo, Selina Hobelman,

Albert Anderson, Brian Rolison, Angie Gambrell, Kyle Aislebem, Michael Monreal, Tamy Gustafson, Ira Burns and April Rankins.

Two 2-day Disney Tickets & 1 night hotel stay at Red Roof Inn Kissimmee: Rickesia Bryant

prizes. May 25 is the Ping-Pong Tournament that begins at 6 p.m. and it is FREE to enter. An award will be given to the First Place winner. We will have a Movie on the Lawn May 26 at dusk, B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Blanket). Come have Lunch with Liberty at 11 a.m. May 27; bring your lunch and chill with us! June 1 is National Doughnut Day - come into Liberty and get your free doughnut, starting at 10:30 a.m., while supplies last! Brainstorm Lunch is June 2 beginning at 10:30 a.m. You give us ideas, we give you free pizza! The Pool Tournament is June 3 at 6 p.m., it is free to enter and prizes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place winners.

Fitness

Coming in June . . . "Family Bike Race" scheduled for June 26 at 8:30 a.m. on the Grinder. This 10K/20K Fun Bike Race is open to everyone and families are encouraged to come compete or just come along

on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 5:30 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

Are you trying to plan your child's next birthday party? Look no further because ODR has the perfect package for you. Just bring the cake and drinks and leave the details to us! With over 100 themes to choose from for both boys and girls your child is sure to have the best party ever. For more info contact 228-871-2127.

Information, Tickets, and Tours

The next Base Wide Yard Sale will be held June 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Parking Lot of the Training Hall. Only \$10 for 2 tables and 2 chairs or for \$15 you can rent 2 tables, 2 chairs, and a canopy. Sign up by June 11 by calling 228- 871-2231

Some of the tickets that are available for purchase at ITT include:

Gulf Islands Waterpark - season passes are \$52 or \$18 for a Day Pass; Blue Bayou/Dixie Landing in

Seabee Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney Winners



The "CBC Goon Squad" took home 1st Place honors in the Seabee Day 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney held May 8. Squad members are Yeoman 1st Class Justen Davis, Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Kenneth Gates, Builder Constructionman Cooper Ferretti, Yeoman 3rd Class Phillip Thomas and Dwayne Baly. Second place went to members of the "NMCB 74 Tarheels." The tournament was made up of seven teams from around the Center. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Released)

Baton Rouge - tickets are \$32; Audubon Zoo tickets are \$12/adult and \$7.50/children (2-12 years); Aquarium of the Americas tickets are \$17/adult and \$10.25/children (2-12 years); IMAX tickets are \$7.50/adult and \$4.25/children (2-12 years); The National World War II Museum tickets are \$6.50/adult and \$5.50/children (2-12 years).

New Liberty Center Opens

The new Liberty Center on board NCBC Gulfport opened its doors May 1 after several years of being housed in triple wide trailers. The new facility is more modern and is easily accessible by Sailors living on base. Liberty is a program under Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) for all single sailors and geo bachelors. The Liberty Center located in Building 365, (the old NEX) is 4,000 square feet and will provide entertainment along with a variety

of recreation opportunities: such as skydiving trips and fishing excursions. The new Liberty Center also features a computer room with 45-internet connected computers for Sailors to stay in touch with friends and family, surf the internet, or do work for college classes. For Sailors who play video games, there are 14 high-end game systems (X-Box 360, Wii and Playstation 3) displayed on LCD monitors for multi-person play. There is also a mini movie theater with a 60 inch LCD monitor, home theater surround system and oversized recliners. Liberty is also a Wi-Fi hotspot so bring out your laptop. Equipment available for other activities includes pool, foosball, and ping pong tables along with a reading area that allows Sailors to sit back and relax in a safety and friendly environment.

NCBC Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
USCG	14	4	
20TH (R436)	12	5	1
CBC	12	6	
Supship(Scrappers)	10	8	
CBC (Fleeters)	7	11	
NCTC (Minitar)	4	13	1
MWR (MWR's Finest)	3	15	



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for 10 months this deployment. The homeport/deployment rotation was shifted recently to help deal with the surge in Afghanistan. Due to this shift, many deployment and homeport cycles were shifted to allow all the battalions to fall in line for a proper rotation post-surge.

"It's an incredible thought to think that we're going to be on deployment two months longer than we were in homeport and how much learning can go on being on construction sites for ten months straight. This will have a significant impact on our battalions' ability to perform construction," said Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Harder, NMCB 11's Operations Officer.

This deployment will also provide the Seabees with a chance to interact with new cultures and gain a new understanding of the local nationals throughout the deployment sites, in essence, to be good Seabee ambassadors and to complete our tasking.

Vietnam is one of those very rare sites the Seabees of NMCB 11 will be working in. "The work in Quy Nhon is going to be a unique mission; normally we work along [side] other military organizations, which

across many nationalities there is always the commonality of being in uniform. In Vietnam we're working with civilian volunteers from the local population. Our motivation is to help these people improve their community and also to build cultural bridges," added Harder. "We have the ability here to learn a lot and by the end of this deployment to have Seabees who truly understand project planning and the three phases of quality control. When it comes down to it, Seabees can swing hammers, but to really understand what it takes to put together some of the more complex projects we're involved in and to be able to plan for that and ensure quality throughout the process, these are skills that have not been tested and exercised in some time. It'll be painful, we'll have projects that will struggle and we will have to rework. But we will get where we want to be, with our Seabees at the lowest level able to execute project planning and quality control."

As this deployment begins the "Lucky" Eleven prepare to shine once again and prove why the Seabees are considered by many to be the elite construction force of the U.S. military.



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Community Notes

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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 nmc7frg@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/nmc74-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 nmc11frg@gmail.com. Visit the ombudsman and FRG website at <http://nmc11.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 Kelli 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/nmc133fsg>

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 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.

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://nmc62alumni.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 located in the Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11a.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.seabeeuseumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop locally at 228-871-4779.



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Seabee Memorial Chapel

Services:
Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.
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
office at (228) 871-2454**