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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead visits Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), to meet with Seabees and Sailors from the Gulf Coast region. CNO fielded questions from the Seabees and Sailors after his remarks. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class (AW/NAC) Aron Taylor/Released)

## CNO visits Seabees

By MC2 Kyle Malley  
CNO Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), visited Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport to meet with Sailors, their families and Navy civilians, March 4.

More than 2,500 service members and civilians attended an all-hands call conducted by Adm. Gary Roughead where he addressed current naval operations and the important role Seabees have played in missions ranging from combat to humanitarian relief.

"The flexibility we have in the Navy is what will be important to the nation in the future," said Roughead.

Roughead addressed the high operational tempo and extensive deployments the Seabees have maintained while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There is no question we've been pushing you hard," he said. "We have not had this many Seabees deployed since Vietnam."

He further expressed how their efforts have gained them widespread respect and how grateful he was for their hard work throughout the world.

"What you have done over the past few years has been extraordinary," said Roughead. "You have a reputation as the best combat engineers."

Finally, CNO recognized that the work of the Navy could not be done without the support of family, friends and loved ones.

"We are busy but our families behind us make it all possible," said Roughead. "They pick up the strain while we are away and I understand that."

## Rain threat no problem as NMCB 11 families reunite



Builder Constructionman Leslie Keen from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 is greeted by her daughter Trinity upon the battalion's return to the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) March 5. The "Lucky Eleven" Seabees returned home from a 10-month deployment to the Pacific. The Seabees continue their return to homeport throughout March. (U.S. Navy photo by Rob Mims/Released)

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**By CAPT Lou Cariello**  
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The CBC Gulfport Multicultural Diversity Committee has been busy in 2011. The month of February marked our celebration of Black History Month, and prior to that we enjoyed a poignant event to recognize the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Through these events we celebrate the achievements of African Americans throughout our history. These achievements are profound and inspiring, and with the important accomplishments of Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and other ethnic groups, they reinforce the brilliant work of our founding fathers whose purpose was to create a country founded on the basic principle that all men are

created equal.

Diversity in our workforce and in our ranks matters! We all come from different backgrounds and experiences. It is these backgrounds and experiences that define the skills and talents that we each individually bring to our organization. A fresh set of eyes looking at a longstanding problem is often the key to finding a solution. Likewise, employing the multitude of perspectives available throughout our organization to identify unique ideas and approaches is critical to maintaining the creativity needed to innovate and improve how we accomplish our missions.

Leadership is all about developing and leveraging the talent of our people. A workforce that

is not diverse is limited in talent. The larger the talent pool we have to draw from, the more opportunity we have to grow as an organization. For that reason it is important that we consider what it takes to inspire the widest possible population from which to draw our talent. Valuing the different perspectives that all of our people have is the key to enabling the best solutions. Valuing our people serves to create opportunities for all of our people to leverage their talent. In turn, this opportunity inspires the action and interest of others.

No organization is perfect. But our organization (the U.S. military) is widely regarded as a shining example for the rest of our society. We are a fully inte-

grated force with representation from all walks of life. We espouse and enforce strict policies of zero tolerance of discrimination and/or unfair treatment of people, and we treat every person with dignity and respect.

Be proud of your service in and/or your support of our military, and value the diversity of our workforce which makes us so capable, so effective and so successful.

As always, Lead The Way!

## African American history



Lanier Phillips, a former crewman of the USS Truxton and now resident of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, in Gulfport, Miss, speaks to Sailors and civilians during the African American Heritage Observation held at the Seabee Memorial Chapel Feb 24. February is African American Heritage Month, an annual observance that celebrates the history and achievements of African Americans. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

**CORRECTION:** The photo on page 6 of the Feb. 24 edition of the Seabee Courier should have read: Seabee bulldozers from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18 standby as Army explosive ordnance technicians detonate mine clearing line charges in order to clear an area of unexploded ordnance and land mines during Operation Outlaw Wrath in Afghanistan. NMCB 18, a reserve component battalion from the Pacific Northwest was responsible for establishing combat outposts and forward operating bases throughout the Regional Command South provinces of Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

## 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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Capt. Lou Cariello, commanding officer Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Joe Bosco, federal account executive with Mississippi Power, David Osbourne, owner of DEBCON Inc., Charles Taylor, NCBC housing director and NCBC Public Works Officer Cmdr. Chris Knudsen are pictured after a Mississippi Power EarthCents Silver award ceremony on board NCBC March 3. Joe Bosco presented two awards to NAVFAC Southeast and NCBC for production of over 200 electric-efficient homes on board the Center. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cassandra Secher/Released)

## Mississippi Power, Seabees work together on housing efficiencies

By Joe Bosco  
Mississippi Power

A development consisting of 213 family housing units recently built at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport has been certified as a Mississippi Power EarthCents Silver development.

The total electric homes include high-efficiency heat pumps with programmable thermostats, superior wall and ceiling insulation, double-pane, Low E exterior windows, insulated doors, and electric ENERGY STAR appliances. A qualified EarthCents dealer must install the HVAC equipment. (On this development, Compton's Heating and Air of Gulfport served as the qualified dealer.)

"Energy efficiency and environmental standards are very important to the Navy," said Federal Account Executive Joe Bosco. "We were happy to work with them on reaching those goals with this development.

"EarthCents houses perform very well in the energy efficiency arena and are environmentally

friendly. At the same time, they don't sacrifice comfort and livability. The families who will live in these homes should be pleased with their accommodations," he added.

Mississippi Power designed and installed the underground electrical distribution system for the houses. The Navy will own and maintain the system. The company was hired on a sub-contract basis by the developer/designer, DEBCON Inc., of Ashland, Kentucky.

"This was a major project for us," said Manager of Customer Distribution Services Paul Harrison, who served as project manager for the underground installation.

"Our team for the installation included the engineering and electric service departments from the Coast Division, Materials and Procurement as well as several contractors. Both DEBCON and the Navy have been very pleased with the partnership, the new technology and the reliability that will be gained from this project."

Construction took place over two years - from 2008 to 2010.



# Around the Center



Tonya Adams, student volunteer for Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), teaches a "Cashing in on Coupons" class at the FFSC on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) March 3. This is the second time the class has been offered on board NCBC and, depending on future requests, will be offered again. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cassandra Secher/Released)

Capt. Lou Cariello, Commanding Officer of Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport and 20th Seabee Readiness Group, administers the oath of enlistment to six Sailors on board Naval Construction Battalion Center Feb 28. Each Sailor was eligible to reenlist after receiving approval through Perform To Serve (PTS). (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Terry Spain/Released)



NMCB Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 prepare to board buses and depart for a scheduled deployment to Pacific Command (PACOM) area of responsibility. ) U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator Constructionman Shakenia Ceazer /Released)

Twenty-seven students from Harper McCaughan Elementary School in Long Beach celebrate their graduation from the STARBASE Atlantis program with a rocket launching on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). The Navy program is in its 16th year of inspiring fifth-graders in science, technology, engineering and math and recently graduated the 100,000th student. There are 15 Navy STARBASE academies in the U.S.S. Navy photo by Builder 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cassandra Secher/Released)



# CNO recognizes Sailor for heroic achievement during Gulfport visit

**By HMCM (FMF) Fred Kasper**  
 Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport  
 The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead visited the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, March 4. He kicked off his all hands call by presenting a Navy Achievement Medal with Valor to Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Nhon Tram, assigned to the Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC), Gulfport.

Petty Officer Tram was recognized for his Heroic achievement while assigned to the Marine Battalion Landing Team, II Marine Expeditionary Force. While engaged in an ambush on enemy forces in Afghanistan, Tram dashed out against sweeping enemy fire to the aid of a Marine who was shot in the side. Still exposed to enemy fire, he quickly assessed the Marine for follow on injuries after he discovered the round shattered his armored plate and pierced the Kevlar lining. His actions inspired the unit to counterattack and kill the Taliban Fighters.

When asked about his actions Petty Officer Tram responded,



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead presents a Navy Achievement Medal with Valor to Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Nhon Tram, at an all hands call at the Naval Construction Battalion Center March 4. Tram, who is currently assigned to Naval Branch Health Clinic, Gulfport, was recognized for his Heroic achievement while assigned to the Marine Battalion Landing Team, II Marine Expeditionary Force. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

"I was just doing what I was trained to do; I saw one of my brothers hurt and did what I could to try and save them," said Tram. "Being recognized by the CNO was one of the last things I would have expected, it was an honor unlike anything

I've ever experienced before." After congratulating Petty Officer Tram for his heroic efforts in the presence of more than 2,000 service members, the CNO spoke about the current status of the Navy, operations, future plans, and expectations.

## Inaugural Poker Run for Relief

A Poker Run for Relief will take place March 19, sponsored by the Armed Forces Motorcycle Club, Mississippi Chapter, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Registration begins at 10 a.m., first out 11 a.m. and last in by 2 p.m. There will be monetary prizes for best hand, first and second place. Live music by Gulf Breeze Band, door prizes and an after party at the AFMC. For more information, call 228-342-0029, 228-342-0205 or visit [www.afmcms.com](http://www.afmcms.com).

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## 7th Annual Run for Relief Challenge 5K

Do you have the fastest runners in your command? Are you ready to run for an individual award? The Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, invites you to the 7th Annual Run for Relief Challenge 5K, March 26 at 8:30 a.m. The Command with the fastest three-person team will take home the Championship Trophy for one year and bragging rights forever. Awards to first overall male and female and solo runners in age groups. T-shirts to registered participants. Proceeds benefit the Annual Active Fund Drive in support of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. For more information, contact NMCRS director Alice Huffman, 228-871-2610 or [alice.huffman@nmcrs.org](mailto:alice.huffman@nmcrs.org).



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## Leading from the Front



### Did You Know?

Tobacco use (including smokeless) is prohibited on all life and fitness properties, including child and youth facilities, medical clinics, Navy Exchange and Commissary properties. This regulation includes walkway and parking lots surrounding the above-named areas on board NCBC Gulfport. Tobacco use is also prohibited within 50 feet of air intakes and all commonly used building entry ways and egresses on board the Center. Designated areas behind the Commissary and east of the new Single Sailor Center are provided for patrons and employees to use tobacco products.

Daylight Saving time begins March 13 at 2 a.m., Turn clocks ahead one hour

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# NMCB 74 completes first Rota project

By MC1(SCW) Ryan G. Wilber  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

The "Fearless" of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 completed an expansion to the dog kennel on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain Feb 16. This marks the first completed project for the Seabees assigned to the Main Body site during the battalion's 2010-2011 deployment.

The expansion was originally intended to enhance the Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) kennel service, but due to financial considerations the MWR service was discontinued before the project was complete. The space will now be used by the NAVSTA Rota security force to board working dogs in transit to and from theater.

"Originally, there was an actual MILCON project to build them [security forces] a dog kennel area. Now that we were able to expand this one we don't have to use it and they will get the facility much quicker than if they had to

wait for that project to be executed. So, they are actually getting their kennel a year or two sooner than they would have," said Lt. Matthew Baird, Seabee project manager for Naval Facilities Public Works Rota.

This deployment is the first "green" deployment for NMCB 74 in three years, and many Seabees view it as a time to learn new skills. For a battalion, a "green" deployment is one in which the focus is not on fast-paced contingency construction, but on nation building and community relations, where the crews can take time for on-the-job training to perfect their skills.

"A green deployment is actually very positive. It gives us a chance to do a lot of things that we don't really get to do when we go over to the CENTCOM (Central Command) area. It rounds out the repertoire as a builder, as a steelworker, or any other rate there is," said Builder 2nd Class Ronald Call, dog kennel project

supervisor.

As is often the case amongst crews working together on a project, hard work brings them together and challenges bring out the well-known "Can-Do" attitude. According to Crew Member Builder Constructionman Payton Hardy, this time it was no different.

"It was tough sometimes, but overall it was a really good learning experience," said Hardy. "We were like a little family and worked really well together."

Baird says he has been happy working with NMCB 74 thus far, and has plans for many more projects for them in the future.

"They've been very responsible and very eager to get some work in the ground, so that's good since we've had a backlog of projects we're trying to feed to the battalion to keep them busy. It's nice to see a lot of work getting done by them. I've had nothing but good experiences working with NMCB 74."



From right, Builder Constructionman Recruit Payton Hardy, Builder Constructionman Collette White and Builder Second Class Ronald Call, all assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Bravo Company, carry fencing for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Dog Kennel Project on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain. NMCB 74 is deployed to Camp Mitchell on NAVSTA Rota, Spain supporting Commander, Task Force (CTF) 68. The work the Seabees are doing directly contributes to the Navy's Forward Presence as described in the Maritime Strategy. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

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## NMCB 74 completes water well in HOA

By HM1 Michael Smaltz  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Seabee's assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Detail Horn of Africa's (Det. HOA) Water Well Team, completed their first well Feb. 11 in the village of Jedane, Ethiopia after 19 days of 24-hour operations.

The well will provide water to more than 3,400 locals and their livestock who until now have been walking more than 2,000 yards to draw their water from a 15-foot hole in the ground.

Det. Water Well arrived in Ethiopia in mid December and spent the first month planning and preparing for the mission ahead. The drilling began Jan. 24, with the crew divided into three five-man tours (pro-

nounced towers). Chief Construction Mechanic Tim Taylor, assistant officer-in-charge, said that in order to strike water they had to drill through dirt, clay and some very tough layers of granite to reach a total depth of 302 feet.

Despite some setbacks during the drilling process, the Seabee's "Can Do" attitude and ingenuity prevailed. Taylor modified two water pumps allowing them to work in unison to generate enough power to keep the mud flowing and the tours drilling.

"The bore hole was drilled once with a 9 7/8 inch bit and was then reamed with a 12 1/4 inch bit to 260 feet. During our second pass with the 12 1/4 inch bit the mud pump gave way at 238 feet," said Taylor.

After tests for potential of hydrogen and chloroform levels revealed that the water was suitable for human consumption, the team placed the well housing unit and concrete pad, which contained a water trough for the animals.

Mr. Qadir, Jedane's Deputy Tribal Chairman, was in attendance for the opening of the well.

"This is a good day for us! It's so wonderful to have clean water, and I am very happy for this well because my people are very thirsty," said Qadir.

Mr. Abdi Malik, the District Water Manager said that he was so impressed with the well he is considering drafting plans to install an electric pump in the near future.



Equipment Operator 2nd Class Kevin Clayton (left) and Equipment Operator 1st Class Dennis Hill, Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Det. Horn of Africa's Water Well Team, test the pump on their recently completed water well in the village of Jedane, Ethiopia. The 302-foot-deep well provides clear water to more than 3,400 locals and their livestock. NMCB 74 Det. HOA is deployed to support Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa in building partner nation capacity and promoting regional stability through construction engineering support in accordance with the U.S. Maritime Strategy. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 1st Class Timothy Finnicum/Released)

# Military, Community join together for 5K fundraiser

By Lisa McCombs  
C/169th EN FRG Leader

Staff and students of C Company, 169th Engineer Battalion (169th EN BN) U.S. Army and the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) participated in Run-N-Tri's Fighting for Freedom 5k and 1Mile Fun Run Feb. 26. Service members from the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) as well as Keesler Air Force Base (KAFB) also participated in the event bringing the community and the military together in support of one organization, the Fisher House of Keesler.

The Fisher House of Keesler is a program that supports America's military in their time of need. Providing a "home away from home" for military families, the Fisher House relies solely on fundraisers and donations to operate. With over 180 participants, the Fighting for Freedom event raised \$1,500 for the Fisher House of Keesler.

Events like the Fighting for Freedom 5k and Run for Relief Challenge are great examples of small businesses and the community giving back to the brave men and women in our Armed Forces. More importantly, these events forge bonds between civilian and military communities by creat-



PVT Joshua Trettin, as student with Charlie Co./169th Engineer Battalion at the Naval Construction Training Center, digs deep for that extra bit of speed and endurance as he participates in the Fighting for Freedom 5K Feb. 26. The event raised money for the Fisher House at Keesler AFB. PVT Trettin was the overall winner of the event with a time of 18:41. (U.S. Army photo/Released)

ing an opportunity to work together, compete together, and play together for a bigger cause. 1st Lt. Winston Caton, company executive officer for C/169th EN and participant, summed up the event by saying "It's not about the results; it's about the cause!" Caton

had a finishing time of 25:45.

Military members enjoyed the time spent with the community at the Fighting for Freedom 5k while members of the community were honored to run alongside the troops. A race to the finish resulted in a little friendly competition between the services. Army Pvt. Joshua Trettin, a student with C/169th EN placed first overall running the 5k in 18:41. He was followed closely by Air Force Maj. Geoffrey Sasaki from KAFB with a total time of 18:53.

Run-N-Tri is a specialty walking, running, and triathlon store located in Gulfport that often hosts race events in support of local charities. Last year Run-N-Tri put on the Fallen Heroes 5k in support of the Wounded Warriors program, which C Company, 169th EN BN also participated in. Run-N-Tri is dedicated to hosting an event in support of our military annually as well as providing support for a variety of other local events. On March 26, Run-N-Tri is supporting the 7th Annual Run for Relief Challenge onboard NCBC in conjunction with Seabee Day 2011. Proceeds from this event will support the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 move furniture into the new multi-tower complex Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Miss. "The First and the Finest" volunteer their time to support the local community through various programs and events. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 3rd Class (SCW) Katie Spencer/Released)

## 'Bees give back to those who served before them

By UT3(SCW) Katie Spencer  
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Seabees from the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, volunteered Feb. 28 at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. The Naval Home was officially opened in 1834, and was known as the Naval Asylum until the name was changed to the Naval Home in 1880. Naval personnel who were "so injured or infirmed as to be unable to contribute materially to their own support" were allowed to live at the home and asked to labor as much as they were able toward the care of it. The facility sits on 47 acres of prime waterfront land near the Mississippi Sound. The new multi-tower complex features full amenities such as dining, recreational and therapeutic activities. The complex also has a wellness center which provides basic

dental and eye care.

Seabees from the different battalions and also from the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (20SRG), all came out to lend a helping hand with assorted tasks, such as, moving furniture and building shelves.

"This is a great opportunity to help people that once served our country," said Builder 3rd Class Samantha Ribas. "It's really cool to hear all their stories from when they were in the service!"

The Seabees are not just moving things around and helping construct furniture, they are improving the community and the quality of life for the residents of the AFRH. As long as there is work to be done, the Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport will be there to volunteer and to lend a helping hand in any way possible.

**Seabee Food Pantry . . .** Is looking for donations of non-perishable food items such as baby food, canned goods, peanut butter, mayonnaise, dried fruit, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, sugar, cereal and the like. Drop off points include Seabee Memorial Chapel, CBC Commissary, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy Gateway Inn and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. For more information, please call the Chapel at 228-871-2454.



## Wanted: Seabee Divers!



**Underwater Construction Team 1 is looking for motivated Seabees and CEC Officers. Join an elite force. Travel as a small professional team. Execute specialized construction, diving and demolitions skills with the latest technology and equipment. Contacts S1/CCC @ 757-462-3986/3988 or go to [www.facebook.com/seabee.diver](http://www.facebook.com/seabee.diver) for more information on this challenging career field.**

### Got Beads?

NCBC PAO is collecting unwanted Mardi Gras Beads for the Navy Appreciation Parade March 25 at 6 p.m. beginning at Gulfport High School on Courthouse Road. If you have good beads with which you would like to part, please bring them to a drop box located on the quarterdeck in building 1, Training Hall, Fitness Center, NEX or Fleet and Family Support Center.

MCDC Fundraiser

## NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee

### Soup for the Soul Fundraiser

On Wednesday March 16, 2011

Location: CBC Chapel Fellowship Hall

Time: 1100 to 1230

Your choice of a variety of Homemade Soup with Cornbread  
or Chili with Cornbread plus a Drink for **\$3.00**

or

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events. So please come out and show your support for the  
committee.

Any questions please call BU1 Loescher (228)871-4676



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**Seabee Ball Gown Fashion Show . . .** You are invited to celebrate the Mardi Gras Season at the 2nd Annual Seabee Ball Gown Fashion Show and Silent Auction March 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., NCBC Training Hall, building 446 Gowns will be modeled and previewed at the event. Gowns will then be for sale beginning March 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the NCBC Thrift Shop, building 29.

Presented by Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Naval Officers' Spouses Club, with support from the 2011 Seabee Ball Committee and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Call 228-871-2610 for more information.

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## Buzz on the Street



By UTCA

Danea Johnson

What are your workout routines to stay in shape?



"I PT daily, do a lot of cardio, TRX and strength conditioning."

UTC (SCW) Duane Jerry  
NMCB 1

Hometown: Orlando, Fla.



"I run 3 to 5 miles daily and work out on the elliptical machine and treadmill."

BU1 (SCW) Melissa Mclaughin

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Hometown: Bonners Ferry, Idaho



"I swim, box, work on strength and conditioning, do cross fit, eat healthy, rest and stretch."

UT1 (SCW) Eric Mendes  
NMCB 133

Hometown: Houston, Texas

## NCBC frames...

Equipment Operator  
2nd Class (SCW)

Casey Rider

By: Builder 3rd Class (SCW)  
Cassandra Secher

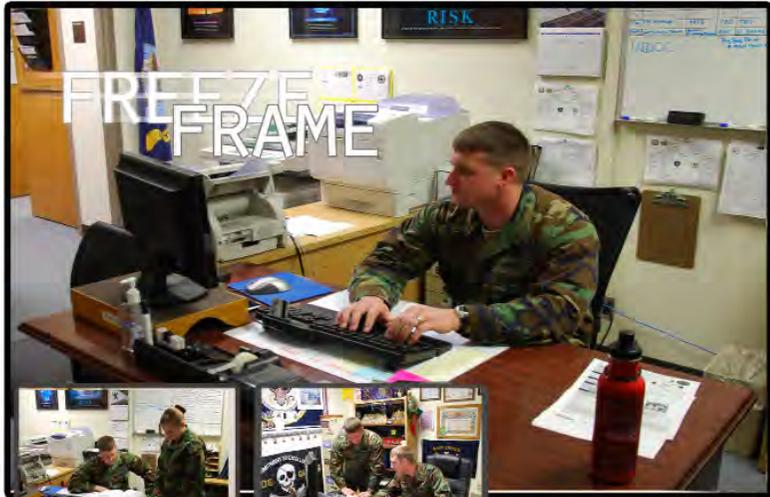
FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most, and why?  
E02: I don't have just one, I have many. Everything that I have experienced throughout my seven years in the Navy has shaped me to who I have become today.

FF: What has been your biggest motivation throughout your career?

E02: To be the best. I have seen those I looked up to succeed which motivates me to be better than they are.

FF: What advice would you give to future Seabees/Sailors?

E02: Don't give up. There are many opportunities that will unveil with hard work and determination.



FF: What is your favorite part about being/working with the Seabees, and why?

E02: We are a small unit in the Navy and have some of the greatest people. Many don't know who or what we

are but when they find out they wish they were a part of something as great as the 'Bees.

FF: Who was your most influential mentor during your career, and why?

E02: I have two that are top mentors. UTCS (SCW) O'Dell and NCCS (SCW/SW) Brady. Both have given me direction, advice, mentorship and guidance. They also motivate me to be the best while helping others succeed as well.



**Seabee Day 2011 . . .** Seabee Day 2011 is a celebration of the U.S. Navy Seabee on board Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Miss. This year's

Seabee Day will take place March 26 on the athletic field adjacent to the fitness center and will feature a festival atmosphere, car, truck and motorcycle show, musical guests, games, fun, food, carnival rides, vendors and much more. Visit back often to view updates as they come available. Go to <http://www.seabee day.org/> to find out more.

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**69th  
annual  
SEABEE BALL**

April 2,  
6 p.m. - midnight  
Mississippi Coast  
Convention Center  
Uniforms:  
E1-E6: Service Dress  
Blue with large  
medals  
E7 - O3:  
Dinner Dress Blue  
O4 and above:  
Dinner Dress  
Blue Jacket  
Civilians:  
Formal  
Ticket prices:  
E1-E7: \$15  
E7 and above: \$40  
See your command  
rep for more info

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**VITA**

**VITA Center now  
open . . .**

The VITA Center is officially up and running to offer free tax return preparation for active duty service members, dependents of active duty personnel, and activated reservists. VITA volunteers are all IRS-certified and they are qualified to prepare most military federal and state tax returns. The CBC VITA Center is located in building 60 (same building as Navy College), in Room 250. One-hour appointments are available Monday through Friday, and can be made by calling 228-822-5072. At this time, the VITA Center is operating at full capacity assisting active duty service members, their dependents, and activated reservists. As such, the Center is unable to see retirees at this time. However, retired service members and their eligible dependents may be able to obtain VITA services by calling the VITA Center at Keesler AFB at 228-376-8141 or by calling 1-800-906-9887 to arrange an appointment at one of the other area VITA sites.

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# NavFac Southeast celebrates Seabees, CEC, NAVFAC anniversaries

By NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast personnel gathered together at their headquarters building on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 3 to celebrate the upcoming birthday of the Seabees and the upcoming anniversaries of NAVFAC and the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC).

"To all Seabees, Civil Engineer Corps officers, and NAVFAC civilians, happy birthday," wrote Rear Adm. Christopher Mossey, commander, NAVFAC and chief of civil engineers in his 2011 anniversary message. "We stand on a strong foundation built by leaders such as William P. S. Sanger and Adm. Ben Moreell, and we are inspired by the example of heroes such as Construction Mechanic Third Class Marvin Shields and Steelworker Second Class Robert Stethem."

The Seabees, founded by Rear Adm. Ben Moreell in 1942, rose to fame during World War Two when the Navy's construction battalions or "CBs" provided combat support for the Allied war effort. They assisted in constructing an artificial harbor at Normandy after D-Day, supported Marines on Iwo Jima, and transformed countless islands and outposts into workable bases for the Allied march to victory.

Led by CEC officers, the Seabees' official motto "Construimus Batuimus" translates to English as "we build we fight." The Seabees celebrate their 69th birthday March 5.

This year, the Seabees of CBMU 202 Det. Jacksonville assessed and repaired the Naval Air Station Jacksonville nature trail. The initial assessment found the nature trail to be

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completely overgrown and had  
downed tree's throughout. The crew  
cleared trail overgrowth and saved  
the Navy \$24,000 by refurbishing  
and repairing a damaged bridge. To  
finish the project, they constructed  
and repaired several storm water  
management systems throughout  
the area. Additionally, the Seabees  
completed various smaller projects  
for NAS Jacksonville improving the  
quality of life for those who live and  
work on the military installation.

Today, Seabees are deployed all  
over the world from Iraq and  
Afghanistan to the Philippines and  
the Horn of Africa and most re-  
cently in Haiti where they are pro-  
viding humanitarian assistance.

Whether at home or abroad, the  
Seabees reach out to the local com-  
munity through humanitarian and  
relief efforts by building schools, de-  
livering supplies, or renovating  
buildings in much need for im-  
provement.

The Civil Engineer Corps, estab-  
lished in 1867, is made up of the  
Navy's engineering and architecture  
officers. They are responsible for ex-  
ecuting and managing the planning,  
design, construction, operation, and  
maintenance of the Navy's shore fa-  
cilities. Ports, piers, warehouses,  
shipyards, airfields, and other facili-  
ties have been provided through  
their leadership and personal ef-  
forts. The CEC celebrates its 144th  
anniversary this year.

August 31, 1842, marks the estab-  
lishment of the Bureau of Navy  
Yards and Docks (BuDocks), which  
became NAVFAC as it became  
known in May 1966. The command  
originally had responsibility only  
for the design, construction, and  
maintenance of Navy yards and a  
few other shore stations.

Now, NAVFAC manages the plan-  
ning, design, construction, contin-  
gency engineering, real estate,  
environmental, and public works  
support for U.S. Navy shore facili-  
ties around the world.

A global organization, NAVFAC  
also provides the Navy's forces with  
the operating, expeditionary, sup-  
port and training bases they need.

This year, the NAVFAC organiza-  
tion celebrates its 169th anniversary.

"Wherever you are stationed  
around the globe, you are building  
on the proud heritage of the "Can  
Do" Seabee, CEC, and NAVFAC  
team," said Mossey.

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## Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport



**Navy Seabee Veterans  
of America Island X-1  
Gulfport are seeking Ac-  
tive Duty, Reserve, Re-  
tired or Seabees who  
left the military after a  
short period of time.**

**Island X-1 Gulfport  
meets the second Thurs-  
day of each month at**

**Anchors & Eagles at 7  
p.m.**

**For more information  
contact Joe Scott (Sec-  
retary) at 228-669-  
8335 or  
elevenoaks58@ca-  
bleone.net or log onto  
WWW.NSVA.ORG for an  
application.**

# Family and Friends reunite with NMCB 11

Photos by Rob Mims, Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Cassandra Secher and Utilitiesman Construction Apprentice Daneia Johnson



*"This deployment was a great opportunity to reach out to foreign communities."*  
**Builder 3rd Class (SCW)  
 Jonathan Johnston**



*"This deployment was quite an experience and I was able to strengthen my knowledge in my rate."*  
**Builder 3rd Class (SCW)  
 Phillip Melendez**



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 are greeted by their loved ones at the Seabee Center Training Hall on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) upon their return home from their 10-month deployment to the Pacific Command area of responsibility. NMCB 11 sent details to complete humanitarian construction on Kiritimati (Christmas) Is-

land and in the Republic of Palau, Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Timor Leste and Malaysia, while providing facility infrastructure improvement on U.S. bases in Guam, Diego Garcia, South Korea, as well as other areas of mainland Japan. Members of "Lucky Eleven" will continue to return to homeport through March.

# Seabees, Marines kick off SPS 2011 Honduras

By MC1 Jeffery Tilghman Williams  
High Speed Vessel Swift  
Public Affairs

Sailors and Marines supporting Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2011 kicked off their partnership and engagement mission with the Honduran military by beginning a construction project at a school in San Lorenzo, Honduras, Mar. 2.

Seabees assigned to detail Bravo of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28 and Marines assigned to 2nd Marine Logistics Group (MLG) partnered with Honduran soldiers at Escuela Eneas Alvarado for a week-long subject matter expert engagement constructing a southeast Asia hut (SEA hut).

"Basically we just wanted to hit the ground running on our first full day in country," said Lt. Rama Mutyala, NMCB 28 detail Bravo officer-in-charge. "These engagements and partnering efforts with

our allies are essential to fostering our relationships, and it also gives us the opportunity to help the children who attend this school."

"It's always fun when we jump right in on an assignment, he continued. "During this construction project, we're looking forward to learning from our joint military partners and sharing some of our knowledge with them," said Marine Sgt. Peter Lawrence, assigned to 2nd MLG.

The SEA hut being built will be a 16-by-32-foot wood-frame structure with a metal roof, extended rafters, and screened-in areas, which can be partitioned and used as two classrooms for students at the school.

This is one of many subject matter expert exchanges SPS 2011 service members will participate in during their mission in Honduras.

"We plan to conduct a variety of engagements with the Honduran government in the areas of construction, plumbing, electrical en-

gineering and welding," said Mutyala. "The time here will be mutually beneficial and a great learning opportunity for everyone involved."

The overall military engagement in Honduras will consist of cross-training ventures related to physical security, medicine, construction and engineering.

The SPS 2011 team conducted a series of similar subject matter expert exchanges and humanitarian relief efforts in Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti and Peru prior to arriving in Honduras.

SPS 11 is an annual deployment of U.S. ships to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility in the Caribbean and Latin America. The mission's primary goal is information-sharing with navies, coast guards and civilian services throughout the region.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO) is the naval component command for U.S. Southern Com-



Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28 and Marines assigned to 2nd Marine Logistics Group build a Southwest Asia hut at Escuela Eneas Alvarado during a week long subject matter expert engagement in support of Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2011. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ricardo J. Reyes/Released)

mand and is responsible for all naval personnel and assets in the area of responsibility.

COMUSNAVSO conducts a variety of missions in support of the U.S. Maritime Strategy, including

Theater Security Cooperation, relationship building, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, community relations, and counter-illicit trafficking operations.

## Overcoming obstacles



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction (NMCB) 74, Alfa Company, challenge the Marine Corps Obstacle Course on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain. NMCB 74 is deployed to Camp Mitchell on NAVSTA Rota supporting Commander, Task Force (CTF) 68. The work the Seabees are doing directly contributes to the Navy's Forward Presence as described in the Maritime Strategy. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)





**Liberty Center**  
228-871-4684

Gear up for an exciting couple of weeks! The Liberty program has set up some thrilling activities and trips to entertain you! So get out of the barracks and have some fun with Liberty!!

Our inaugural Liberty March Madness is beginning on Selection Sunday. Fill out your NCAA Tournament brackets on March 14 and March 15 before the Big Dance tips off at Noon, March 15. This event will be going on for the remainder of March and into April. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place bracket winners.

Liberty is also offering some really great and affordable off-base trips that include the following: Monster Jam is coming to the Coast March 11 and Liberty will be there! We're providing FREE transportation to and from Monster Jam. Tickets are only \$20! Save yourself some cash and take advantage of these FREE shuttles provided by Liberty! Spots are limited for all Liberty events so sign up for one today!

**Anchors and Eagles**

228-424-6892/228-871-4750

(WIFI Hotspot), located in building 303 (by the Pass Road gate), is open Tuesday - Thursday from 2 - 9 p.m. and is a full service bar with a covered patio for your enjoyment. The rental fee is only \$25/hour; so, call and book your special event. You won't find a better place. Where better to watch "March Madness"!

**Beehive Lounge**  
228-871-4009/4750

Located in building 352 and has just renovated their Dart Room! Intervent will be performing LIVE on March 19 at 8 p.m. With the best atmosphere and friendliest bartenders around, and with low prices, the Beehive is the place for you and your friends to come have worry free fun. WIFI HOT SPOT! There's no better place for "March Madness" than the Hive!

**Vehicle Storage**  
228-871-2804

CBC Base Housing Residents - All vehicles and RV's receive 50 percent off the regular storage rate as long you present proof of your residency.

Vehicle Storage Deployment Special: Free storage for first vehicle and 50 percent off each additional vehicle which includes all RV's for all deploying troops. Must present a letter of deployment from your command. For more information please contact your MWR Auto Hobby Shop at 228-871-2804.

**Auto Skills Center**

The Auto Skills Center has an ASE mechanic on duty and now has a new diagnostic machine to help trouble shoot your vehicle so please stop by Tuesday - Saturday between Noon and 4 p.m. and let us check your vehicle before you take it to your mechanic. It maybe something simple you can repair yourself and save money. The last 30 minutes of operation are devoted to clean-up and check out only. No work is

to be performed during this time.  
**Seabee Recreational Park Area**  
228-871-2127

The Seabee Recreational Park Area has many things to offer for your outdoor enjoyment such as pavilions, large covered kid friendly playground area, basketball court, sand volley ball court, four practice golf holes, chipping and putting green, driving range, paintball field, paddle boats, dog park and walk trail.

**MWR Vehicle Resale Lot**  
228-871-2804

Have a Vehicle, Motorcycle, RV, Boat or Utility Trailer you want to sell, put it in the MWR Vehicle Resale Lot located on 5th Street. The cost is \$5 per week or \$15 per month. For more information please contact your MWR Auto Hobby Shop. Stop by the MWR Vehicle Resale Lot located on 5th St. in the parking lot east of the Auto Skills Center if you are looking for a bargain on a Vehicle, Motorcycle, RV, Boat or Utility Trailer.

**Car Wash**  
228-871-2804

Located on the corner of Marvin Shields Blvd and Rodgers Ave. Vacuums have high suction power, stain remover, shampooer and fragrance selections. Each wash bay has the following selections: tire & wheel cleaner, pre soak, high pressure soap, foam brush, high pressure rinse, clear coat protectant and marine flush for outboard and inboard boat motors.

**Shield's RV Park**  
228-871-5435.

The MWR Shield's RV Park is located on 9th Street in the north east corner of the installation just north of building 452 - the NCBC Welcome Center/ Metro Housing facility. The park has 68 full service sites (53 pull through sites and 16 back in sites). All sites have full hook ups. The park also has coin operated laundry facilities and full ADA restroom



and showers. Hours of operation are Monday - Sunday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. year round. For more information on space availability please contact the Shield's RV Park office.

**Outdoor Recreation**  
228-871-2127

Join Outdoor Rec. as we go indoor rock climbing at Slidell Rocks March 13. Transportation is just \$2 and depending on the equipment you choose the price ranges from \$8- \$16. Bring the whole family or a group of friends. March 10 is the last day to sign up.

Have you ever wanted to go deep sea fishing but don't have the boat, license or even know how? Well, here is your chance. For just \$35 you can join Outdoor Rec. and take a three-hour Light Tackle Fishing excursion with everything included. Call 228-871-2127 for more information. Last day to sign up is March 15. Don't wait, sign up NOW!

Paintball course is open and the weather is great. Outdoor Rec is having an open paintball tournament. \$10 gets you all your gear and 500 paintballs. Sign up by March 19 to save your spot. Call 228-871-2127 for more information.

**Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT)** 228-871-2231

New Orleans Day Trip March 12 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. New Orleans has so much to offer, that's why we are letting you put together what activities you do. Stop by ITT today to see all that we have to offer. Only \$5/person for transportation. Last day to sign up for this trip is March 11.

MWR Base Wide Yard Sale March 19 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Yard Sale Season is in full bloom, so come and find a bargain or a lost treasure. The Yard Sale will take place in the Training Hall Parking Lot. If participating in the Yard Sale you may rent 2 tables/2 chairs for \$10, 1 canopy for \$10, or

1 canopy/2 tables/ 2 chairs for \$15. Last day for sign up and pre-pay is March 17. 228-871-2231.

Global Wildlife Center Safari April 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Go on a Safari with ITT and bring the whole family to see animals that you've only imagined. Adults \$20, Children (2- 11 years old) \$15, and kids under 2 years old are FREE. Sign up by March 25.

Graceland May 28 - 30, Discover the ultimate rock 'n' roll experience! Walk in the footsteps of the King of Rock 'N' Roll at Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn. The full Graceland experience will take you from Elvis' humble beginnings through his rise to superstardom. See how a rock 'n' roll legend lived and relaxed with family and friends while enjoying video, photos, Elvis' personal mementos, movie memorabilia, stage costumes and much more. The tour includes an audio-guided tour of Graceland Mansion and grounds, a self-guided tour of Elvis' custom airplanes, automobile museum, his Hollywood exhibit, Elvis Lives: The King and Pop culture exhibit, and many others. Single Occupancy: \$180 per person plus the cost of tickets; Double Occupancy: \$110 per person plus the cost of tickets; Triple Occupancy: \$85 per person plus the cost of tickets, Quad Occupancy: \$70 per person plus the cost of tickets. Ticket prices: Adults - \$27.50, Seniors (62+) - \$24.75, Children 7-12 - \$13, children under 6, Free.

New Orleans Senior Special: Come and experience the Audubon Aquarium, Zoo, or IMAX theatre or all three at discounted rates for seniors 65 and older.

**Fitness Center**  
228-822-5109

Racquet Ball sign-ups begin March 14 - 28 at the CBC Fitness Center with the season beginning in April. Contact Samuel Perkins at 228-822-5109 or samuel.perkins@navy.mil.

**Movie Ticket**

Training Hall Theater, Movie Hotline 228-871-3299

March 10, Love and Other Drugs, R, 6:30 p.m.  
March 11-No Movies due to NMCRS fashion show  
March 12-Tangled, PG, 11:30 a.m.; Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, PG, 1:30 p.m.; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, PG13, 3:45 p.m.; Gulliver's Travels, PG, 7 p.m.  
March 13, Gulliver's Travel, PG, 11:30 a.m.; The Next 3 Days, PG13, 1:45 p.m.; Hereafter, PG13, 4 p.m.; The Tourist, PG13, 6 p.m.  
March 14, Burlesque, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
March 15, The Warrior's Way, R, 6:30 p.m.  
March 16, Hereafter, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
March 17, Skyline, PG13, 6:30 p.m.

March 18, Tangled, PG, 6:30 p.m.  
March 19, Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, PG, 11:30 a.m.; Gulliver's Travels, PG, 1:45 p.m.; Hereafter, PG13, 3:30 p.m.; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, PG13, 5:45 p.m.  
March 20, Tangled, PG, 11:30 a.m.; Skyline, PG13, 1:30 p.m.; The Next 3 Days, PG13, 3:15 p.m.; Due Date, R, 5:30 p.m.; Love and Other Drugs, R, 7:15 p.m.  
March 21, How Do You Know, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
March 22, Morning Glory, PG13, 6:30 p.m.  
March 23, Burlesque, PG13 at 6:30 p.m.  
March 24-The Tourist, PG13 at 6:30 p.m.

\*\*\*Movies contingent upon training requirements\*\*\*

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## Student Scholarship News

**Scholarship for `Alaska science camp . . .** The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium is sponsoring two scholarships to the Ocean Science and Leadership Expedition in Alaska on July 14 -23, for students who will be in grades 10 - 12 in the 2011-2012 school year and reside in Alabama or Mississippi.

The camp, offered by the Prince William Sound Science Center and based in Cordova, Alaska, will include ocean-science learning on subjects, such as oil spills, oceanography and climate change.

The course includes a sea-kayaking expedition, a hike on a glacier, camping on a remote beach and a trip to Valdez on the Alaska Marine Highway. The scholarship will cover the \$1,100 tuition and \$400 toward travel expenses.

Application deadline is April 1. For the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium scholarship application and more details about the program, go to <http://www.pwssc.org/blog/summer-programs/ocean-science-and-leadership-expedition>. Scholarship awards will be based on merit and financial need. American Nuclear Society Scholarship.

**American Nuclear Society Scholarship . . .** In 2011, Mississippi Section of the American Nuclear Society will award up to two Undergraduate Scholarships. This scholarship is being created for graduating Mississippi high-school seniors or undergraduates who have enrolled, full-time, in college courses and are pursuing science, mathematics and/or technical courses with an interest in working in nuclear science and technology. Each award will be \$1,000. It is anticipated this will continue as an annual award. Application deadline for this scholarship is May 1. For more information on the scholarship and a copy of the application, go to <http://local.ans.org/ms/scholarship.html>.

**NOSC Scholarship . . .** The Naval Officers' Spouses Club (NOSC) is awarding two academic scholarships to family members affiliated with Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC.) Information and applications are available at <http://www.noscgulfport.org/NOSC/Gulfport/Scholarships.html>. All applications must be postmarked by March 31.

## Coastline Community College continues Spring "B" registration . . .

Registration for the Spring "B" Terms which runs April 4 - May 20, will continue through March 11. Additional information can be obtained in the Navy College Office, building 60, room 239 or by contacting Dr. David Drye at 228-871-3439 or e-mail [DDRYE@DDRYE@COASTLINE.EDU](mailto:DDRYE@DDRYE@COASTLINE.EDU).

NCBC School Liaison Officer is located at Building 352, and may be contacted at (228) 871-2117 or [kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil](mailto:kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil)

## Following a new path



Builder 1st Class James Shaw, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, renders the first salute to Maple View, N.Y. native, Ensign Christopher Walton, during his commissioning ceremony held at Camp Mitchell on board Naval Station Rota, Spain. Walton will attend Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officer School in Port Hueneme, Calif. before receiving his first orders as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

## New DODEA system supports online pre-registration

**From Kevin Byrd**  
School Liaison Officer

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) has launched a new online student pre-registration system. This system provides parents with the ability to pre-register their dependents for DODEA schools in a secure online environment. Online pre-registration will save parental time at the local registration office and will provide DODEA school registrars with advance awareness of enrollments.

The online student pre-registration system requires parents to create their own account with a self-

chosen password and allows them to fill out and submit the two main registration forms. An online user guide is available and walks parents through the entire process from creating an account to submitting the finalized information to the registrar.

Online pre-registration is available for all Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools overseas and stateside.

The online student pre-registration system is available for use immediately at <https://registration.dodea.edu/>

All parents are encouraged to utilize the on-line pre-registration system.

**VBS . . .** Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School will take place June 13 - 17, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. This year's VBS theme is "Beach Blast." If you are interested in volunteering, call the chapel at 228-871-2454.

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### **Seabee Food Pantry:**

Non perishable items please. Donation drop off points are: Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

### **Marriage Enrichment**

**Retreat:** May 6 - 7, Seabee Memorial Chapel  
**Vacation Bible School:** June 13 - 17, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Looking for volunteers to help with VBS.

### **Catfish Fridays for**

**Lent:** Every Friday, March 11 - April 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. \$7 per plate.  
Delivery - 228-342-1087

### **Easter Revival:**

April 21 - 24.  
**Group 4:12:** A young adult group for any military member, every Thursday at 6 p.m. in

the Fellowship Hall of Seabee Memorial Chapel.

**Seabee Blood Drive:** April 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Seabee Memorial Chapel.

### **Facebook page:**

Visit the Chapel Facebook page by typing Seabee Memorial Chapel in the Facebook search bar.

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# DBIDS registration needed for access to Keesler AFB

## From NCBC Public Affairs

Soon, to gain access to Keesler, you will need more than your ID card. Before June 30, you must also be registered in the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS). Registration for DBIDS has begun at Keesler. DBIDS is a DoD identity authentication and force protection tool and everyone (Active duty, DoD employees, Contractors, Dependents, and Retirees) with a DoD-issued ID card must register.

You will not get a new ID card unless your ID card does not have a barcode on the reverse side. [If it does not, you will need to exchange it at the Keesler Military Personnel Office (MPF) located in the Sablich Center before you register in DBIDS or at the Personnel Support Detachment on board NCBC].

Registration continues at Keesler for DBIDS cards at sites across the base. Active-duty members and Defense Department employees register through March 31. Registration for retirees and dependants is April 1 through June 31, but the pass and ID office won't turn away those wishing to register earlier.

Registration sites on board Keesler AFB are at the pass and registration office in the visitor center across from the White Avenue Gate, the military personnel section in Sablich Center, the exchange pharmacy, the 81st Medical Group Hospital's information desk and A tower lobby, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, Hewes Hall and the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Starting April 1, the Keesler AFB visitor center is the only location for DBIDS registration for any active-duty members and civilians who haven't registered yet, as well as retirees, dependents and contractors. Registration continues at the visitor center at Keesler through June 31.



March 10: Join us at the Community Management Office (CMO) where we will be going grasapilars from 3 - 5 p.m. behind the

back of the office (weather permitting.)

March 16: Will you be relocating in the near future? Take this opportunity to talk to your Resident Specialist about clearing housing. Please bring questions/concerns to the CMO at 4 pm.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Open

House - Residents who currently live with Balfour Beatty can take advantage of our \$200 referral payment. If you know of any Active Duty, Single Sailor, DoD, or Retiree, send them over. Move In special door prizes offered at the open house located in the Pinewood neighborhood at 609

Palm Court.

March 22: As a small token of appreciation to our residents, we will hold a Lunch on the Go for our residents. Stop by the CMO and pick up lunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For details on these activities, contact the CMO at 228-863-0424.

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# Select NEXs to sell NMCRS benefit sale tickets

## From NEX Public Affairs

Beginning in March, 42 NEXs will be selling a Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) benefit sale ticket to customers for \$5. The money collected from the sale of each ticket will be given to NMCRS to help Sailors and their families in need. When purchased, the sale ticket will entitle customers to specific percent-off discounts for a one-time purchase on either April 11 or 12.

The benefit sales ticket entitles customers to 10 percent off merchandise storewide, excluding: tobacco, alcoholic beverages, electronics, cameras, computers, video game systems, uniforms, gas, DVDs, CDs, NEX Gift cards, prepaid cards, e-commerce, Exchange Catalog and concession departments. It does not apply to merchandise previously purchased, existing layaways or special orders. Other percent-off discounts may not be combined with storewide offer. It also gives customers 10 percent off regularly priced furniture, major appliances,

tires and merchandise at NEX Auport locations; 15 percent off entire stock of apparel and shoes, and 20 percent off regularly priced diamonds and fine and consign-

ment jewelry, excluding Rolex and Omega watches as well as Trollbeads and Pandora jewelry; and 30 percent off already reduced furniture ending in .94, .96 and

.97 prices.

Some of the NEXs participating in this event include NEX Mayport, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Orlando, Whiting Field and Key West, Fla.;

NEX Gulfport, Memphis and Meridian, Miss.; NEX Corpus Christi, Texas; NEX Belle Chasse New Orleans, La.; NEX Charleston, S. C.; NEX Kings Bay, Ga.

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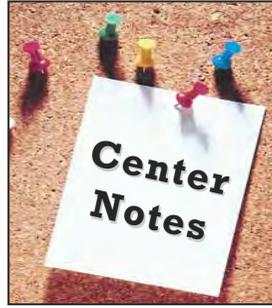
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## **SUPPORT**

### **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 meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, 228-273-4158, e-mail

[nmcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcbonefrg@gmail.com) or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail [nmcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcbonefrg@gmail.com).

**NMCB 7 FRG** welcomes friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the NCBC chapel. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided for children four and under. Please contact FRG President Dawn MacKenzie at 850-748-6242 or Vice President Laura Linder at 402-369-4090 for more information.

**NMCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmc11.webs.com>.

**NMCB 74 FRG** All families and friends of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting held the 3rd Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, Bldg. 335 off Bainbridge Ave. behind the Grinder on CBC base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCB 74 FRG please email [nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com). Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmc74frg.zymichost.com> <<http://nmc74frg.zymichost.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](mailto: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 Gulfport Naval Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, please email [noscgulfport@yahoo.com](mailto:noscgulfport@yahoo.com). We hope to see YOU soon!

### **NMCRS**

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and 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 find out how to become 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 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 to sign up.

### **Naval Sea Cadets**

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets 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](mailto:coachcb_yahoo.com); or AGC En-

rique 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. 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. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 228-832-0017.

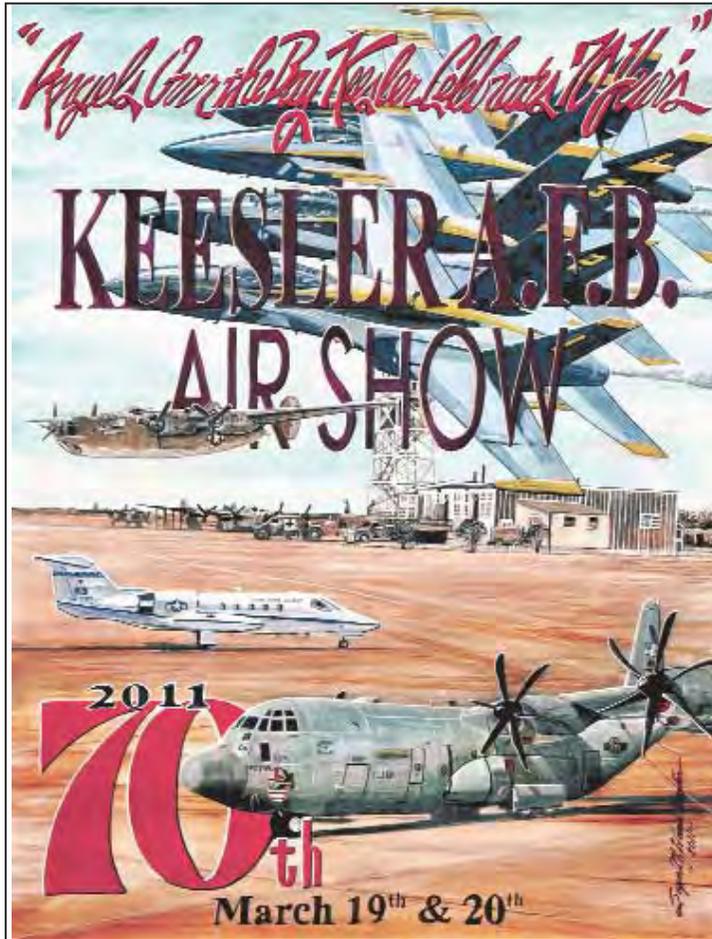
### **NMCB 62 Alumni Group**

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 information or for links to Seabee historical sites.

**Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport** are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the second Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Scott (Secretary) at 228-669-8335 or [elevenoaks58@cableone.net](mailto:elevenoaks58@cableone.net) or log onto [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) for an application.

### **HERITAGE**

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Training Hall, building 446 and is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at [www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/in dex.php](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/in dex.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for more info.



AD SPACE

## Homefront in Focus

### Military Saves

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

Tabitha's hours were cut. Melanie lost her job to workforce reduction. Tiffany PCS'd with her husband and cannot find a job. Her income is sorely missed. Jason and Melanie PCS'd. They owned their home in Norfolk and could not sell it prior to PCS'ing. Now they are paying a mortgage and rent. How are your finances? While our service members may be secure in their job, how secure is yours?

More than ever it is important to "pay yourself" first. Pay myself? Yup, pay ourselves...as in savings. There is a DoD supported initiative you should know about. Dana Ross, FFSC San Diego offers, "When we encounter hard times we can ride them out when we have savings. Military Saves is an effort to change our [military] culture, to change the cycle of debt and start a cycle of wealth through savings. It is about the health of our military families."

Logon to [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) to find out more. You can join Military Saves to receive outstanding resources, information and support. You will find tools to help you establish a spending plan, reduce debt, and build wealth. You are encouraged to join the pledge to make wealth through savings and establish savings goals - and there are opportunities to volunteer to help others.

While Military Saves is supported by the DoD, it is not a DoD driven initiative. It is voluntary and confidential and you will never, ever be asked to purchase anything. But, you WILL get support, reliable information and strategies to build wealth.

For some our budget is so tight there isn't room for savings. USAA's June Walbert, CFP, offers the following tips to begin the process of saving. And, she reminds us that income tax refund is a great place to start but planning to use at least a portion of it to start saving.

- ~ Utilize resources to develop a spending plan. 'Fresh eyes' often find room to adjust your spending plan. FFSC offers confidential financial counseling as does the Army Relief Society and the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society. Military One Source also offers financial planning assistance. They are holding two finance webinars this week ([www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)).

- ~ We will receive approximately \$26 per month in tax cuts - direct it immediately to a new savings account.

- ~ Use coupons and redirect the savings to an account.

- ~ Cut out one Starbucks coffee per week and you will save \$150 per year. One less soda per week will save \$100.

- ~ Check out your base/installation banks (armed forces member banks and credit unions) for special opportunities for high interest bearing savings accounts in partnership with Military Saves.

- ~ Check out USAA ([www.usaa.com](http://www.usaa.com)) for information and their recent webinar, "Tax strategies for now and the future."

Tia from Hawaii tells how saving money changed their marriage. "We were in debt and strapped with no savings. We fought all the time. Darrell said "We are going to get out of debt and start saving. I want to pay cash from now on. I laughed but he was serious."

We started by cutting 'little extras' and putting that money in a jar with change from our pockets and purses. Once a month we put that money in our savings account. We put our credit cards in the freezer. I started using coupons. We started paying cash for everything. Nine months later my car broke down. For the first time in our nine years of marriage we had the money in savings to pay cash for the repairs. WOW!" I hated it at first but now I love having money for necessities and luxuries - in the bank. And our marriage has never been better!

Contact Beth at [beth@homefrontinfocus.com](mailto:beth@homefrontinfocus.com). Check out Beth's internet talk show for military spouses at [www.blogtalkradio.com/nht](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/nht).



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## Seabee Memorial Chapel

**Services:**

**Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.**

**Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 11:15 a.m.**

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

**Protestant Sunday School, 9 a.m.**

**Center Chaplains:**

**Lt. Cmdr. Michael Brown,  
Protestant Chaplain**

**Lt. Yoon Choi  
Protestant Chaplain**

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