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"Who Has Talent" winner Utilitiesman 2nd Class Ian "Eno Moxy" Perna is pictured with his \$500 gift card and two members of the New Orleans Hornets Honeybees after taking First Place for his original composition "Don't Cry For Me." The talented rap artist is a Seabee who is attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7. Eleven acts made up the field of entertainers. For more Who Has Talent photos and videos, see the NCBC Facebook page. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief (select) Mass Communications Specialist Ryan Wilber/Released)

First 'Who Has Talent' draws appreciative audience

By NCBC Public Affairs

More than 300 people were witness to the inaugural debut of "Who's Got Talent" talent show at the Training Hall on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Aug. 19.

The show, hosted by the NCBC Diversity Committee, brought 11 acts to the stage by artists from within the NCBC and the Keesler Air Force Base military family.

Before the competition began, Captain Rick Burgess, NCBC commanding officer and commander of 20th Seabee Readiness Group welcomed the crowd. He then turned the event over to the master of ceremonies "Downtown Chaplain [Michael] Brown." He, along with the panel of judges who resembled a mix of

"American Idol" and "America's Got Talent" personalities, kept the audience entertained throughout the evening.

The judges, who had their work cut out for them, included Retired Master Chief Peter "Piers Morgan" Grundy, Master Chief Dean "Simon Cowell" Fisher of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11, MWR Fitness Center employee Mercy "Paula Abdul" Telavera and WLOX-TV13 Meteorologist Mike "David Hasselhof" Reader.

While the talent level varied widely, all of the performers had one thing in common - heart! They gave it their all and it made each performance something special to witness. Some performers dedicated songs to loved ones serving overseas; for others it was a way of

unifying people who worked in the same department. For some, it was their first time in front of an audience, others performed like the seasoned veterans that they were.

At the end of the night only three could prevail. First place, along with \$500, went to Utilitiesman 2nd Class Ian "Eno Moxy" Perna from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 who performed a song he wrote about his dad and deployment titled, "Don't Cry for Me," which received a standing ovation.

Second place went to Rebecca Smith who sang a musical theatre piece called "Gimme, Gimme" from the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie." She received a \$150 gift card from Beau Rivage.

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NMCB 1 Seabee awarded Purple Heart for injuries



Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley, Commander, First Naval Construction Division, presents Construction Electrician 3rd Class Aaron Chudley a Purple Heart medal for his injuries sustained Aug.11 while deployed to Afghanistan with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1. Chudley was wounded by small arms fire while barricading a strongpoint construction site. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Riza Brigham/Released)

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Seabee Center closing in on Feds Feed Families goal



Canned and non-perishable food donations continue to be accepted at the Seabee Memorial Chapel as part of the Feds Feed Families Campaign. As of Aug. 19, more than 4, 200 pounds of food has been collected on the Center, and more than 578,544 pounds of food and essential items have been donated Navy-wide, nearly tripling the Navy's goal of 200,000 for the entire three-month campaign. Although the campaign ends at the end of this month, donors are encouraged to continue giving for the final drop off to the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Aug. 31. For more information on the campaign, visit www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov.

Fraud, Waste, Abuse Line

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904-542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE_HOTLINE@navy.mil.

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 I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

Commander's Action Line . . . The Commander's Action Line gives all NCBC personnel a direct link to Capt. Rick Burgess, commanding officer of NCBC/commander 20SRG. Go to <https://www.cnbc.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service-Organizations/PAO/CNICP A132870>

Skipper's Log

Welcome Home

By Capt. Rick Burgess
 CO/CBC/CDMR 20TH SRG

This has been a great couple of weeks for homecomings! We joined with family and friends in welcoming home Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 who returned home from an eight month deployment to the European Command and Africa Command areas of operations. With the Main Body in Rota, Spain, NMCB 74 sent details out to places like Croatia, Romania, Macedonia, Italy, Senegal, Morocco, Djibouti, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Their missions directly supported our national maritime strategy by engaging with partner nations to build capacity, promote stability and prevent conflict. The Seabee "Can Do" spirit did more than build facilities, however. It also built relationships and trust. The Seabees of NMCB 74 put a face and name to America. In many cases, they are the only Americans the people of these nations have ever seen. Our strategic intent is that they remember these Seabees, these Americans, as helping to make their lives better. In Ethiopia, for example, NMCB 74's Seabees were literally life savers, drilling wells to provide the elixir of life ... water. Our Seabees know that every school, bridge, road, clinic and water well that they build helps to better the lives of someone else. That is very much who we are and what we do as Seabees: "With compassion for others, we build ..."

We also welcomed back the 25th Naval Construction Regiment after



Capt. Rick Burgess

their six month deployment to Afghanistan. While deployed, 25 NCR headed "Task Force Overlord", a 5,000-strong joint engineer task force comprising Army engineer battalions and road clearance companies, Air Force Red Horse units and two Naval mobile construction battalion's.

Task Force Overlord successfully conducted road security and repair, built new forward operating bases and security points, trained Afghan military personnel, dug water wells to provide clean water for Afghan villages, and placed and repaired bridges all over South, Southwest and West Afghanistan. They were instrumental in supporting Coalition efforts and illustrated the second half of our motto: "... We fight, for peace with freedom!"

Welcome back, shipmates! As you reunite with friends and family over the next few days and weeks, know that your hard work, sacrifice and dedication are recognized and appreciated. We are glad to have you back home!

Area Off-Limit Locations

Biloxi: Boulevard Night Club, Blue Note Lounge, Henry Beck Park, YaYa's; **Gulfport:** Bunk Small Apartments, Herbal Alternatives; **D'Iberville:** Guitars and Cadillacs; **Moss Point:** Tony's Lounge; **Ocean Springs:** Pugs; **Pascagoula:** Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments, H&H Hideaway
 Current "off-limits" establishments are agreed upon and approved by local Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

Around the Center



Bernie McGrenahan, a stand-up comedian and veteran of many television comedy specials, is touring military bases worldwide with his "Happy Hour" comedy show. He presented the show Aug. 10, on board NCBC. He opens the program with a 30 minute stand-up comedy show then goes into the dangers and risks of Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Sexual Assault and Harassment. The message is given to help military and civilian personnel make smart, safe decisions and better prepare each unit for mission success. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

Motorcycle Rider Coach Rickey Morgan, of Cape Fox Professional Services, gives Air Force family member Michael Kern a few pointers during a motorcycle safety course on board NCBC Aug. 16. The motorcycle safety courses provide service members with safety training in the classroom, as well as practical riding application. More motorcycle class information can be found at [//www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/Service_Organizations/NCBCSafetyOffice/Motorcycle-SafetyTraining/index.htm](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/Service_Organizations/NCBCSafetyOffice/Motorcycle-SafetyTraining/index.htm) (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



Culinary Specialist Seaman Chavarious Murray, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), prepares a steak, cheese and onion dish for lunch at the Colmer Dining Facility on board NCBC, Aug. 17. Breakfast is served Monday – Friday 5:45 – 7:45 a.m., lunch, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and dinner 4:30 – 6 p.m. Weekend hours are 6:30 – 8 a.m. for breakfast; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for lunch and 4 – 5:30 p.m. for dinner. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Individual Development Support Specialist Supervisor Jean Sammons gives new Navy spouses a brief presentation on safety and evacuation during the "Welcome to the Mississippi Gulf Coast/New Navy Spouse Orientation" class on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Aug. 18. Covered topics include information about Seabees, Housing, Military Pay, the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS), Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and much more. (U.S. Navy Photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



Second Class Petty Officers from the newly established Twentieth Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) Second Class Petty Officers Association (SCPOA) hold their first fundraising car wash in Gulfport. The SCPOA is actively seeking new members. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom on board NCBC. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

Motivated petty officers band together to form SCPOA

**By BU3(SCW) Cassie Secher
NCBC Public Affairs**

A new Second Class Petty Officers Association (SCPOA) was established on board the Seabee Center June 28.

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (LS2) Earl Simpson, attached to 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), formed the Association because he thought that the SCPO's should be formally represented on the Center. He took his request to 20th SRG Command Master Chief Sean Libby who asked for proof that the second-class petty officers would support an Association.

Simpson circulated a petition requesting support from fellow second class petty officers. After receiving positive petition response, the first meeting of the SCPO was held June 7. At the meeting, information about the Association was gathered and firm plans were put into place. Simpson then met with First Class Petty Officer Association President Construction Electrician 1st Class Lahue Bishop to finalize the plans and the Association was approved by the command shortly after that.

The SCPOA held their first officer elections June 28. The new officers are President, LS2 Simpson;

Vice President, Steelworker 2nd Class Bryan Long; Secretary, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Jacinta Moore; Treasurer, Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Christina Hicks; Master at Arms, Utilitiesman 2nd Class Jonathan Cox; Events/Volunteer Coordinator, Master at Arms 2nd Class Reginald Cox; and Public Affairs Officer, Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Wasson.

"As the SCPOA, we hope to achieve camaraderie amongst all Second Classes throughout Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) and foster an environment where the junior personnel can perform as leaders," said Simpson. "We have the quantity and youthfulness to assist in a plethora of different volunteer and command related functions. We hope to achieve the progression of 'Seconds' within ratings and individual development which will continue to push the Navy forward into the future."

The SCPOA meets Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. All second class petty officers on board NCBC are welcome. For more information, contact SCPOA Public Affairs Officer at matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil or president Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil.



Special Olympics

Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics

A day of service . . .

Special Olympics will be holding their Regional Games on board NCBC Sept. 3 from 7 to 11 p.m. across from building 361 (old gym).

There will be four events

(horseshoes, softball, soccer and croquette) in which the athletes can participate.

The athletes need more than 200 volunteers to help out with the games, serve refreshments, register athletes, serve as escorts and to act as coaches and cheerleaders.

If you are interested in volunteering, call

Chief (select)

Ryan Wilber at

757-581-7636 or

e-mail

ryan.wilber@navy.mil

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<http://www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org/index.php>

Change of Command Ceremony

*Twenty-Fifth Naval Construction Regiment
Sept. 1, 10 a.m.*

Training Hall

Capt. Allan M. Stratman, CEC, USN

will be relieved by

Capt. Darius Banaji, CEC, USN

MWR announces Shield's RV Park price adjustment

As many of you know, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) recently had an evaluation team from Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) review our park operations as they align with recreational lodging practices and validate the need for future growth of our park. Many realizations and recommendations were shared and briefed to base officials. MWR Gulfport, with support from Command Leadership, will be making a few modifications to current operations. Because we value and appreciate each of our customers, we are using this time to notify you in advance of upcoming operational changes.

Shield's Park price adjustments will take effect Oct. 1, and will then be modified annually to accommodate rate fluctuations in utilities or other amenities provided. Pricing structure will remain competitive but meet the rates of the next lowest park on the coast. Daily (Dry Camping) \$10, Daily \$20, Weekly \$120, and Monthly \$380.

Again, we value and appreciate each of our customers and wanted to share the upcoming changes. If you have any questions, please speak with the RV Office staff, or you may contact the Facilities Manager, Dewayne Riley at 228-224-1639.

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Maj. Gretchen Anderson, incoming commander of 366th Training Squadron, Detachment 6, receives the unit colors from Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. James Beam during a change of command ceremony held on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), as outgoing Detachment 6 commander, Lt. Col. David Hargy looks on. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

NCTC Air Force Detachment holds change of command

By Lt. Rob Guilliams

NCTC Public Affairs
On Aug. 4, Air Force Maj. Gretchen Anderson assumed command of the 366 Training Squadron, Detachment 6, relieving Lt. Col. David Hargy. The Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. James Beam officiated the ceremony and shared his remarks as guest speaker for the day. Det 6 is attached to Naval Construction Training Center Gulfport as a training unit for Airmen going through their Technical School.

Airmen train alongside Navy and Army classmates in the Builder "A" school curriculum.

Hargy served as the Commander of Det 6 since September 2009. He and his family will be moving to Barksdale Air Force Base, La., for his next assignment.

Anderson earned a degree in Civil Engineering and received her commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Oregon State University in 1997. She has served in Aircraft Main-

tenance, Research and Development, and Civil Engineering. Anderson has served in various assignments at Shaw AFB, S.C.; the Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom; Brooks City-Base, Texas; and most recently as the Operations Flight commander, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam. She has deployed to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Navy convenes Phase 1 ERB

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Phase I of the quota-based Enlisted Retention Board convened Aug. 22 at Navy Personnel Command (NPC).

Due to record-high retention and low attrition the board will review the records of enlisted retention board (ERB)-eligible E-4 and E-5 Sailors from 31 overmanned rates to determine who will be recommended for retention.

A second phase of the ERB will convene in September to review the records of eligible Sailors in pay grades E-6 to E-8.

"Each record reviewed by the ERB represents years of service by the individual candidates facing the board," said Quinn. "The board affords each eligible candidate fair and equitable consideration for the opportunity to stay Navy."

The board is composed of a flag officer as president with officers and master chiefs serving as board members and each phase will have separate memberships according to Navy administrative message (NAVADMIN) 129/11. Board membership is comprised of members from different ratings, geographic locations and

warfare specialties.

The number one factor considered by the board is sustained superior performance according to NAVADMIN 129/11. The board will examine the official military personnel file of all candidates for declining performance, such as recent documented misconduct and substandard performance indicators.

In addition to these performance indicators and any correspondence the member submitted, board members will be given retention quotas to apply based on rating, pay grade and years of service and must determine the most fully qualified Sailors. These will be key factors in determining whether retention is in the best interest of the Navy, according to the message.

Each phase is expected to last four weeks.

The ERB was announced earlier this year to help Navy meet its congressionally mandated end-strength and to rebalance the force.

For more information on ERB, including Phase I Precepts, visit the Navy Personnel Command ERB Web page at www.npc.navy.mil/boards/ERB/.

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MCPON sends Labor Day Message to Fleet

By Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Labor Day message to the Fleet Aug. 17:

Shipmates and Navy Families,

The symbolic end to summer is just around the corner. . . Labor Day weekend. Have you started making plans yet?

Do your plans involve drinking and driving or driving long distances while fatigued? Do they involve water sports after a long day of drinking alcohol? How about driving a motorcycle at excessive speeds just to feel a rush?

Of course Sailors don't plan to do these things, but we continue to lose shipmates because of the bad choices they make. So far, we have lost 15 Sailors this summer: six in four-wheel motor vehicle mishaps, six on motorcycles and three during recreation mishaps. Last year we lost a total of 14 Sailors from Memorial Day to Labor Day and we have unfortunately exceeded that total with a few weeks left before Labor Day. The loss of one trained and ready Sailor is unacceptable, and in most cases preventable.

I encourage all of you to practice off-duty risk management while

planning your activities, and avoid cramming too many activities into a short period of time. Use caution when driving and think SAFE: No Speeding; no Alcohol before driving; no Fatigue (get plenty of rest) and no Ejections (wear your seatbelts). Also use caution when participating in water activities, and if drinking, always have a plan to get home.

Stay safe and let's close out summer and Labor Day weekend with zero fatalities or injuries. Enjoy your much-deserved time off with your family and friends, and as always, keep in mind our Sailors who are deployed and can't be with their loved ones.

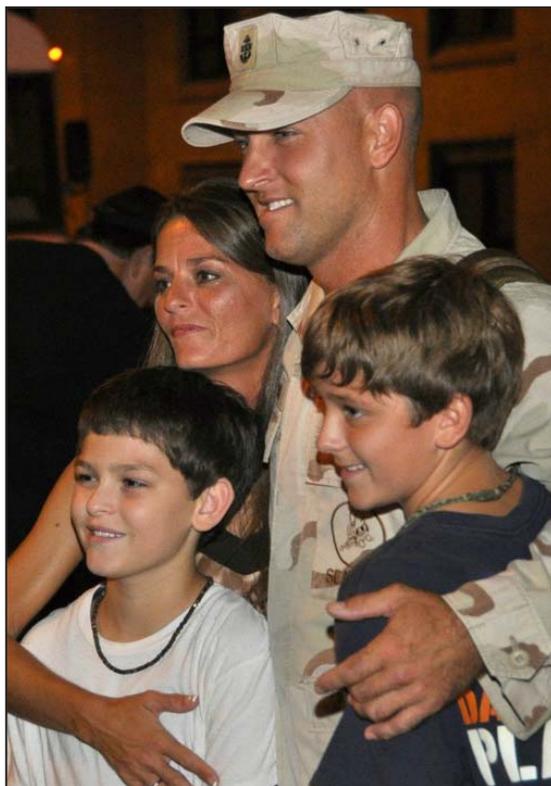
Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and HOOYAH!

**Very Respectfully,
MCPON**

NMCB 74 Delayed, HOA Homecomings: Families, Friends Gather for Returns

Large crowds made up of family members, co-workers and friends gathered to welcome the final two flights of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 who returned to the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport Aug. 16 and 18 from eight-month deployments. The first flight of approximately 140 Seabees returned from deployments in Europe and Africa. Later in the week another group of approximately 151 Seabees returned from the Horn of Africa and as part of a Combined Joint Task Force.

U.S. Navy photos by
Rob Mims/Released



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Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson
Name one thing you miss about being a kid?



"There were no morning musters."
EOCN Alex Brautigam
NMCB 74
Hometown: McMechen, W. Va.



"I miss being able to do whatever I want without worrying about rules and regulations."
CEC Natalie Richards
NMCB 74
Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica



"I miss Saturday morning cartoons."
Lt. j.g. John Lagrew
Professional Development Center
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

NCBC FRAMES

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Delilah Hill
20TH SRG MAA

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher

FF: What single experience during your career stands out the most, and why?

BM2: Sept. 11, 2001 because it was a devastating day that changed the world and directly affected the lives of many Americans who lost their loved ones.

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

BM2: Being able to be a leader and watching junior troops advance.

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



BM2: Study, Study, Study. Take advantage of college opportunities and be informed of the latest policies and instructions.

FF: What is your fa-

vorite thing about working with the Seabees?

BM2: Coming from the Fleet, it has been a nice experience to see a different side of the Navy and see what

Seabees do.

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

BM2: BMC Alkire (Retired), and my parents because

they are always there and will tell me the truth, not just what I want to hear. They led me in the right direction whenever I was unsure of something.

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FOCUS has moved
They are now in
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Pass Rd. gate) at
304 John Paul
Jones Ave, Room
405. For more in-
formation, call Eva
Shinka at 228-
822-5736.

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Hurricane season is here . . .

Do you know what you and your family will do if a hurricane is headed toward the Gulf Coast? Visit Emergency Management at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm to help you answer the question. Do you know how to get info about current tropical cyclone conditions and base actions? There are several avenues to get accurate info quickly including the Base Website at www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport; Facebook (sign up for SMS alerts) at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gulfport-MS/Naval-Construction-Battalion-Center-ulfport/161404016711?ref=mf>; Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SeabeeCenter>; Base Marquees; AtHoc (CAC card holders only); and by calling 228-871-4777.

Child Development Center Summer Blowout Party Aug. 31 . . . Join us for cake, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and lots of fun! There will be three age appropriate bouncers for the children and lots of outdoor play. We hope you will come and join us! We will have a classroom rotation to all of the events and the fun will run from 9 - 9:45 a.m. for 1-year-olds; 9:45 -10:30 a.m. for 2-year-olds and 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. for Preschool.

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**D'Iberville "Insanity"
Girls Select Softball
Team Benefit Golf**

Tournament -Sept. 11 at Gulf Hills Golf Course. Tournament is being held to help raise money for the D'Iberville Insanity Girls Select Softball team. All proceeds go towards southeast softball tournament traveling expenses and team equipment. 3-man Scramble, (handicap), \$75 per person, 8.30 a.m. Shotgun Start. Lunch & refreshments included in entry price. To R.S.V.P., contact Coach David Conway, 228-669-1466 or Bridgett Gehrman, 228-348-8025. Checks should be payable to: D'Iberville Insanity Softball.

Observe posted speed limits on board NCBC. Unless otherwise posted, speed limit is 25 m.p.h.

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e-Knowledge pays it forward, continues donation of \$200

SAT/ACT Powerprep Programs

From Michael McCracken
ESA Liaison

eKnowledge and a group of caring professional athletes from the NFL and MLB are donating \$200 SAT and ACT Prep Programs to area High School students. Now in its 6th year, eKnowledge has donated over 145,000 DVD programs with a value of \$35 Million.

The eKnowledge Donation effort is endorsed and supported by over 50 organizations including Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters, VFW, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Andre Agassi Preparatory Academy, American Red Cross, the Department of Defense and Max-Preps.

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For more information, contact Michael McCracken, ESA Newspaper liaison at Michael@eknowledge.com, or 951-256-4076.

Attention Home School Parents! There will be a Home School Network Meeting Sept. 6 at 6 p.m., in the MWR Admin Office Conference Room, building 352. For details, call call Kevin Byrd, School Liaison Officer at 228-871-2117.

New civilian supervisor training available on TWMS . . . The first course in the new supervisory curriculum, "Critical Transition to Supervision" is now available for training on TWMS. This is the first of many courses that will be released in the near future in order to satisfy upcoming mandatory training for supervisors in reference to the NDAA 2010 and CFR5 412. The one-hour CBT teaches supervisors what they can expect during their transition from an individual contributor to a supervisor and strategies for success. The course also covers the four most critical tasks performed by a supervisor, methods for conducting an assessment of a team, and recommendations for developing and maintaining vital relationships with managers, employees, and key stakeholders. To find the course, go to TWMS by going to <https://twms.nmci.navy.mil/selfservice> or <https://mytwms.nmci.navy.mil> and click on the online training and notices button. Click on the available training tab and find the course listed on the page "Telework Training for Supervisors" and click on it to start. Find the course listed on the page "Critical Transition to Supervision" and click on it to begin the training. Training questions or course feedback should be e-mailed to DonCivDev@navy.mil.

Back to School Safety

From NCBC Safety Office

Walking and Biking to School.

Young pedestrians and bike riders face a wide variety of decision-making situations and dangers while walking/biking from school. Teach kids to follow these basic safety tips:

Observe all traffic signals and/or crossing guards. Never cross the street against a light, even if there is no traffic coming.

Walk your bikes through intersections.

Walk with a buddy and don't talk with or accept rides from strangers. If a stranger approaches you run and report the incident to your teacher.

Wear a reflective material particularly when the mornings stay dark longer.

Avoid loose-fitting clothing that could get caught in spokes or pedals or restrict movements, and wear reflective colors and material to be more visible to street traffic

Riding in a Car

You might have heard that most traffic crashes occur close to home . . . they do. Seat belts are the best form of protection for passengers. They can lower your risk of injury by 45 percent. You are four times more likely to be seriously injured if ejected from the car in a crash. Younger kids should be in booster seats while infants should be riding in child safety seats.

Teach your kids the following safety tips about "stranger danger"

Be aware of putting your child's name on anything that is readily visible. This might allow an



abductor to get on a "first name" basis with your child and develop a sense of trust.

Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out safe places to go if they are being followed or need help.

Talk to your children about strangers approaching them and some of the ploys they might use. Stress to them that adults shouldn't need a child's help to find a puppy or get directions; they should ask another adult for that information.

Teach your children that it is okay to say NO - tell them to trust their instincts.

Remind your children to never give the impression they are home alone if strangers telephone or come to the door. Never open the door for a stranger.

Teach them about dialing 911.

Donate to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association through CFC . . .

The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association's purpose is to provide scholarships for sons, daughters, and grandchildren of Seabees, both past and present, active, reserve, or retired. Since 1972, the Association, through the generosity of its supporters, has provided scholarships to 670 Seabee dependents seeking higher education. The SMSA desires to support as many applicants as possible and continuously explores ways of increasing the scholarship fund. Our goal is to increase the value and number of scholarships awarded to our youth. Your contribution through the CFC will help us to achieve that goal. Please donate to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association - CFC code 11959

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Ready, Set Learn . . .

The NCBC Resiliency Support Team is sponsoring a Ready, Set, Learn Education and Resource Fair Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Training Hall. Parents and students are invited to come and visit with education professionals, school liaison, civic organizations, counselors and other community organizations to learn more about how to help students have a successful school year. Everyone is invited to stick around and enjoy a free movie together with their family. For more information, contact Eva Shinka at 228-822-5738 or Cmdr. Ruth Goldberg at 228-871-3504.

Seabees: A unique force multiplier in a joint environment

By Lt.j.g. Daniel Brown
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines
“We build, we fight!” This motto belongs to the small group of U.S. Sailors known as the Seabees. Arriving on job sites with hammers in one hand and an M-4 rifle strapped to their back, the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133’s Detail Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines (JSOTF-P) have been doing just that.

In support of JSOTF-P, 24 Seabees have been diligently working with the Philippine military and local communities to help battle terrorism by building peace and ensuring economic prosperity.

Engineering Civic Action Program (ENCAP) initiatives like construction projects, general engineering support, and engineering and construction training seminars are part of the overall JSOTF-P mission to support the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and local government officials.

For many years, the Naval Construction Force has actively deployed Seabees throughout the Philippines to conduct military exercises and humanitarian missions like Balikatan and Pacific Partnership. The JSOTF-P Seabees have a slightly different impact that makes them a unique force multiplier; they provide a



Builder Constructionman David Jaillet from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133’s Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines Detail levels footer forms for an Armed Forces of the Philippines Installation located in Cotabato, Philippines. NMCB 133 deployed 24 Seabees from Gulfport March 1 to support the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P). (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

continuous and steady support for these types of initiatives.

“The Seabees bring a variety of skill sets to the Joint Operating Environment, and have proven to be extremely valuable members of the Task Force,” said Master Chief Constructionman Bobby Mabry, the detail’s Assistant Officer-in-Charge.

“From infrastructure upgrades at the ex-

isting outstations, to the planning and execution of Humanitarian Assistance projects, the Runnin’ Roos of NMCB 133 Detail JSOTF-P have definitely set the bar high for follow-on Seabee details. Specifically, our Seabees efforts in planning, coordination, and execution of USAID

See MULTIPLIER page 22

NMCB 133 Detail Cambodia



U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 1st Class Jose Martinez/Released

Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk, Commander U.S. 7th Fleet, visits with Ensign Jeremiah P. Hill, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Detail Cambodia OIC, Chief Equipment Operator Aaron Nagel, NMCB 133 AOIC, U.S. Army Col. Mark Gillette, Defense attaché with the U.S. embassy to Cambodia, right, at the Ream Naval Base medical clinic renovation project site. Seabees from NMCB 133, play a key role in executing the Navy’s Maritime Strategy by developing multi-national interoperability through joint execution of humanitarian and civic action construction projects.



World War II veteran and former Seabee Dermot Gamble speaks with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Seabees at their White Beach Port Facility project site. Gamble served on the island for nearly two years, leaving in 1946. NMCB 133 is currently deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released)

Former Seabee, World War II Veteran visits NMCB 133

By MC1 Steven Myers
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

OKINAWA, Japan – A former U.S. Navy Seabee visiting the island took time to speak with the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 at their headquarters on Camp Shields and the White Beach Port Facility project site Aug. 16.

Dermot Gamble, who served as a Motor Mechanic 2nd Class in the naval construction battalions stationed on Okinawa during World War II, and his son, Gerry, toured the camp and made a brief stop to view the construction equipment as the elder Gamble reminisced about the nearly two years he spent on the Island.

Gamble said that his primary job was driving the fuel trucks that serviced the equipment and as a result spent many hours on the roads of the island. He departed the island in 1946.

“It has definitely changed,” he said of both the island and the Seabees. “When I was last here it was all trees, rice paddies, and a few villages. We didn’t even really have uniforms. It was wear whatever you had. I remember some of the guys would save up their unused malaria pills to dye their shirts yellow.”

Upon arriving at the White Beach project site Gamble thanked the crew for their service and told them he saw that some things haven’t changed.

“If you want it done fast, call the Seabees,” Gamble said.

Builder 3rd Class Britton Crawford, the project’s crew leader, agreed, “I know. You guys set the bar really high.”

Throughout the central Pacific theater of World War II, construction battalions participated in every amphibious assault of the “Island War” including the assault on Okinawa after which they rebuilt the infrastructure and created new ocean ports, roads, bomber and fighter fields, housing, tank farms, storage dumps, hospitals, and ship repair facilities.

To thank Gamble for his service and inspiration, the project crew serenaded him with a rousing rendition of the Seabee song, originally written in 1943. Gamble was also given a NMCB 133 command coin.

From the wartime strategy to today’s Maritime Strategy, construction battalions like NMCB 133 contribute by interacting with the local populations, creating partnerships with their host nations and improving infrastructure throughout their deployment areas. NMCB 133 is currently on a scheduled nine-month deployment to the Pacific Command area of operations.

NMCB 7 completes Field Training Exercise; certified for deployment

MCC (SCW) Yan Kennon

NMCB 7 Public Affairs

The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 completed Operation BEARING DUEL, the battalion's field training exercise and final evaluation period (FTX/FEP) at Joint Training Facility Camp Shelby, Aug. 9.

The FTX/FEP evaluated the battalion's abilities in every NMCB mission area, and certified NMCB 7 as the Atlantic Fleet Seabees' Independent Unit Ready for Tasking.

Not only does the successful FTX/FEP mark the culmination of the battalion's homeport training, it signifies that the Battalion is ready for its scheduled deployment in early 2012 to U.S. Central Command's area of operations (AOR), as well as confirms that the battalion can be deployed anywhere in the world and is capable of executing any assigned construction mission.

"Despite extreme heat, thunderstorms and rain, the battalion did an amazing job to succeed," said NMCB 7 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Gordie Meyer. "The training was hard and physically demanding. It tested the battalion and showed our strength to complete a successful deployment in any environment, at any location. With the completion of FTX, our focus for the remainder of the homeport will continue to be more military training, construction project completion, construction skill attainment and overall deployment preparation."

FTX/FEP is an around the clock exercise which tests a battalion's capability to perform scheduled tasking in the midst of extreme adversity. Construction operations are accomplished under constant hostile activity, as aggressors and role players attempt to penetrate camp defenses and disrupt any momentum the battalion may have built. Seabees, in this environment, see very long days as



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Detachment Sierra secure bolts during the construction of a heavy timber tower structure. The battalion is currently participating in Operation BEARING DUEL, the battalion's Field Training Exercise (FTX). Upon successful completion of Field Training Exercise, NMCB 7 will become the Atlantic Fleet Seabees' Independent Unit Ready for Tasking. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)

watchstanders, construction workers and defensive security elements. For Seabees, the primary mission is contingency construction, but they must also be ready to defend their camp and accompanying assets at all times.

During the FTX, the battalion maintained a mainbody site, while simultaneously deploying and maintaining their Air Detachment, Bridge Detachment and Sierra Detachment.

The battalion's air detachment conducted a successful field 48-hour mount out, redeployment to a predetermined location, conducted and maintained 24 hour defensive security, and performed construction tasking under constant hostile aggressor attacks.

"The men and women of Air Detachment were faced with numerous obstacles and moving parts," said Chief Builder Joe Williams, detachment Leading Chief Petty Officer. "Through perseverance, dedication and teamwork, Air Detachment met all challenges head-on, and succeeded as planned. Despite continued aggressor attacks, The

Air Detachment completed construction of a Crows Nest, hardened sentry post and a heavy timber bunker, ahead of projected schedule.

The battalion's Bridge Detachment, under similar conditions, successfully erected a Mabey Johnson Bridge to perfection.

"Due to the extreme summer temperatures at Camp Shelby, our Seabees performed the bulk of construction during the evening and night hours," said Chief Builder Shawn Cody, Bridge Detachment's Leading Chief Petty Officer. "Having the ability to perform contingency construction tasking while defending our position exemplifies the Seabee motto, 'We Built, We Fight!'"

The battalion's Sierra Detachment was tasked with the construction of a 30 foot timber tower and a heavy timber bunker, accumulating more than 50 man-days of contingency construction. "Both construction crews worked with determination through excessive heat, torrential down pours, and long hours to safely and successfully complete their projects," said Lt.



Construction Mechanic Constructionman Dylan Kilby, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7's Convoy Security Element (CSE), carries a fellow Seabee to the camp Battle Aid Station (BAS) during a mass casualty drill at the battalion's forward operating base (FOB). NMCB 7 is currently participating in Operation BEARING DUEL, the battalion's Field Training Exercise (FTX). (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Yan Kennon/Released)

Sean Hughes, detachment Assistant Officer in Charge (AOIC). The detachment also laid the ground work for the battalion's mainbody move in, from its previous location, performing initial security sweeps, camp layout, and the erection of essential command posts, enabling a seamless transition from Detachment Sierra to mainbody control.

"If the detachment's attitude and skill level is any indication of the battalion's performance to come, on our upcoming deployment, then we're going to be in good shape," said Hughes.

An essential component of the battalion, during a combat deployment, is the Convoy Security Element (CSE). During FTX/FEP, NMCB 7 CSE conducted more than 60 missions,

to include: convoy escort, Traffic Control Points (TCP), Marine Expeditionary Force reconnaissance, simulated humanitarian support and VIP escorts. Two teams, each consisting of seven gun trucks and 32 Seabees worked around the clock, providing numerous measures of battalion security.

"Though each mission had its challenges, battalion convoy security proved to be the most challenging, due to the enormous amounts of Civil Engineering Support Equipment (CESE) to transport from one site to another," said Chief Builder Jesse VanAusdoll, CSE Operations Chief. "Our training, teamwork, and detailed planning ensured that we were prepared to accomplish each mission."

On Going Events

•GROUP FITNESS CLASSES (228-871-2668)

Classes are offered Monday-Saturday. Stop by the Fitness Center to pick up a schedule today.

*Martial Arts will not be offered after Aug. 30.

*Yoga is coming soon!



•MONDAY-FRIDAY SCHOOL AGE CARE PROGRAM

(Youth Activities Center)
6 a.m.-8 a.m. and 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

•TEEN CENTER: Now open every Monday-Friday from 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for free.

•AUTO HOBBY SHOP

-Stop by during Aug. and let us rotate your tires at no charge.

-Stop by during Sept. and let us check all of your vehicle fluids for you at no charge. Please call to make a reservation. 871-2804



Upcoming Events

•RUN/WALK AT WORK DAY (Fitness Center) On Friday Sept. 16 meet at the track from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a 30 minute walk/run with light refreshments.

•SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM (ITT) on Sept. 17-18. LAST day to sign up for this awesome trip is Aug. 27 and prices vary based on age.

•NEW ORLEANS DAY TRIP (ITT) Oct. 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15/person. Sign up by Sept. 23

•COLUMBUS WEEKEND CAMP OUT (Liberty Center) Camp out under the stars for Columbus Day weekend. \$45/person



August 25

•SAINT TICKETS ON SALE for Saints vs. Titans on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.! (871-2231)
-Pre Season tickets are \$45 and Regular Season tickets are \$50. Limit 2 per Military ID.



•IMAGE MAKERS PHOTOGRAPHY AND SCOOTER RELAY RACES (Youth Activities Center) FREE, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

•OFF BASE TRIP TO CINEMARK THEATER (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle at 6 p.m.

August 26

•YOUTH & TEEN MOVIE NIGHT (Youth Activities Center) Snacks and drinks are included. Limited to 50, \$2/person 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

•MOBILE BAYBEARS vs. CHATTANOOGA LOOKOUTS (Liberty Center) Patrons pay at the gate, 5:30 p.m.

•DODGEBALL CHALLENGE (Intramural Sports) 7:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center



August 27

•12 and UP NEW ORLEANS, LA NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM (Youth Activities Center) \$6/person and a sack lunch is needed.

•THE SHED BBQ SHEDHEAD FESTIVAL (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle, 5 p.m.

August 28

•GULF ISLANDS WATERPARK (Liberty Center) \$12/person, 10 a.m.



August 29

•FREE LUNCHTIME MESSAGES (Liberty Center) 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

August 30

•NETSMARTZ TECHNOLOGY TIME AND GAME ROOM ACTIVITIES

(Youth Activities Center) FREE, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

•TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT (Liberty Center) FREE, 7 p.m. Prize for 1st place winner



August 31

•IDDY BIDDY SOCCER (Youth Activities Center) Today is the last day to sign up for Iddy Biddy Soccer League for ages 3-4.

•NATIONAL TRAIL MIX DAY AND TRIP PLAY COOKING CLUB (Youth Activities Center) FREE, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

•OPEN MIC NIGHT (Liberty Center) Share your favorite songs in the Liberty Center 7 p.m.

Sept. 1

•EDGEWATER MALL TRIP (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle, 6 p.m.

•PRIVATE AND SEMI PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS (Aquatics) Stop by the Pool Lobby to pick up a registration form today.

•TRANSITION IS COMPLETE (The Snack Bar) Now serving only popcorn, nachos, hot dogs, candy, and soda.

Sept. 1 (continued)

•NEW HOURS OF OPERATION (Outdoor Recreation) Open Monday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday: CLOSED, and Thursday-Sunday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sept. 2

•IM FOOTBALL (Intramural Sports) Coming this Fall! Today is the last day to register. Contact Sam at 822-5109.

•GULFPORT HOOTERS TRIP (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle, 6 p.m.

Sept. 3

•MOBILE EXPLOREUM (ITT) Prices vary based on age. The last day to sign up is Aug. 26.

•NEW ORLEANS DAY TRIP (Liberty Center) \$5/person, 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 4

•CPR FEST XV (Liberty Center) Tickets are \$55/person, 1 p.m.

Sept. 5

•SO MANY GREAT TRIPS (Outdoor Recreation) Sign up by today to sail away on the Biloxi Sailfish Sunset Cruise, fly through the swamps on the Tiki Zip Line Tour or spend the weekend at Morgan Creek Vineyards participating in their Grape Stomp.

•LABOR DAY BBQ (Liberty Center) FREE hamburgers and hotdogs while supplies last. 3 p.m.



Sept. 6

•SAINT TICKETS ON SALE for Saints vs. Bears on Sept. 18 at 12 p.m.! (871-2231) Regular Season tickets are \$50. Limit 2 per Military ID.

Reunions:

Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc., All Seabee Reunion – Oct. 11 – 14, in Gulfport. Reunite with old friends in fellowship and camaraderie! Events include a tour of the Camp Shelby Military Museum and a tour of the World War II Museum in New Orleans, an All Seabee Reunion Picnic at The Grill on board NCBC, a banquet and much more! For more information contact Danny Duval at 228-324-2794 or Robert Smith at 228-424-1185 or e-mail allseabeereunion@cableone.net or smithrp@cableone.net

NCBC Public Safety Info . . . Did you know that the Department of Public Safety uses the NCBC website to keep you advised of the most current Navy wide and Installation based security concerns? For a better understanding of Warning Indicators involving Violence in the Work Place, go to <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/index.htm> and visit the Department of Public Safety's programs which were developed by the Security Division for your informational needs. Under the link for Crime Prevention you will find Disgruntled Employee and Domestic Terrorist Warning Indicators. Additionally, the Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection link provides detailed information involving Warning Indicators for Insider Domestic Terrorism. The Public Safety page also provides a wide range of emergency telephone numbers, as well as other valuable information posted with your safety in mind.

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Hurricane Season

Do you know what you and your family will do if a hurricane is headed toward the Gulf Coast? — Visit Emergency Management at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm to help you answer the question. Do you know how to get info about current tropical cyclone conditions and base actions? There are several avenues to get accurate info quickly including the Base Website at www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport, Facebook (sign up for SMS alerts) at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gulfport-MS/Naval-Construction-Battalion-Center-Gulfport/161404016711?ref=mf>, Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SeabeeCenter>, Base Marquees, AtHoc (CAC card holders only), and 228-871-4777.

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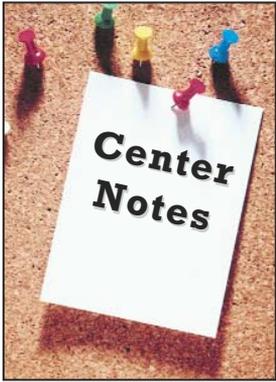
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Family Readiness Groups

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 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 mcbonefrg@gmail.com or Secretary Krystin Canipe, 704-726-5751, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

NMCB 7 FRG welcomes service members, family and friends to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335. Children are welcome. Please contact the FRG at nmcb7frg@gmail.com for more information.

NMCB 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.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. Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74frg.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 han-sonk154@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 nosgulfport@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 1, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or enrique.acosta@navy.mil, or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com.

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.

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil or President LS1 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil.

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. To become a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmcb62alumni.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 first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (secretary) at 228-669-8335 or elevenoaks58@ca-bleone.net or log onto www.nsva.org for an application or information.

HERITAGE

The Seabee Gift Store is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446 and open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at www.seabeemuseumstore.org/shop/index.php or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for information.

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Homefront in Focus: Joining Forces . . . Ways to Connect

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

Over the last few months I had the privilege of speaking at several organizations about military spousedom. I love these opportunities. I am always struck by their genuine interest in 'our world' and desire to support us . . . they often don't know how. So this week's column is less for my fellow military families and spouses but for the civilian community, civic organizations, churches and others looking for ways to connect with and support the military community.

Before I jump in I want to thank you for your support, kindness and generosity toward military families. I want to give you ideas to connect with military, whether one service member, a command or unit or an entire base. Have you ever wanted to know that the needs might be of the military family and service member? Maybe you have an idea of something you want to do for them.

It may help you to know that DoD directives make it very, very difficult for commands to earn funds for morale events such as holiday parties, homecoming, or morale events or to meet needs for service members or their families. They are no longer permitted to solicit funds or materials. HOWEVER, they are absolutely permitted to accept donations of both when offered (although there are some limitations). You can absolutely ask them what they need. Once asked they are free to tell you the needs of the Family Readiness Group and or the command. So suggestion number one - be sure to ask what they need.

Who do you ask? Great question! Listed below are the names of organizations and positions (by branch) that can help you:

Army: *Army Community Services (ACS)* is the department on each base tasked with Soldier and Family Support. In addition, each individual unit has a position called the *Family Readiness Group Leader*, This person coordinates the events to support the morale and education of the individual unit and their families such as holiday parties, spouse night out, children's parties and events as well as homecoming events. Finally *MWR* or Morale, Welfare and Recreation is the department providing recreation and events base wide as well as at the unit level. Searching the base website will quickly give you contact numbers for these contacts.

Navy: *Fleet and Family Support Center* is the ACS Equivalent. In addition the Navy has two positions at the command level that can be a valuable contact for you; the *Ombudsman* and *Family Readiness Group President* (or FRG President). The Ombudsman is appointed by the CO and is the official resource, referral and communication point for the command families. The FRG President provides social events for the morale of the families and Sailors. Finally, like the Army the Navy has *MWR* with the same mission. The base and/or the command website will help you connect with these contacts.

Air Force: *Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC)* is the ACS equivalent. The *Key Volunteer* is a contact person at the local command level, similar to the FRG President of the Army. And like the other branches the Air Force also has *MWR*. Again, the base or command website will have contact numbers for you.

Marines: The Marines are a little different. *Marine Corps Community Services* or *MCCS* is the ACS and *MWR* combined. Each unit or command also has a civilian position, the *Family Readiness Officer* or *FRO*, who is tasked with morale events, support and communication for the Marines and their families at the individual command level.

National Guard/Reserves: Both the state level and local Armory or Reserve Center have positions that vary state to state. To get started connect with the Commanding Officer at the local center or the *Family Programs Office* at the state level.

Again, thank you for all you do to support military and their families. I hope this column will help you connect more easily and launch a new relationship with the military in your midst.

Need ideas or have an idea to support military and their families? Connect with Beth at beth@homefrontinfocus.com.

NMCB 28 'Round-Robin' training event



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28 take part in a two-week "Round Robin" training event at the Readiness Support Site on Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, La. The training consists of weapons qualification, combat lifesaver course, basic combat skills, and 3M qualification. NMCB 28 is known as the "Old Pros" consists of members from seven states including Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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From **MULTIPLIER** page 14 school construction on Basilan and Jolo Islands will continue to develop a strong working relationship and nation partnering efforts between U.S. Forces, Armed Forces of the Philippines Seabees and Army Engineers, and the local communities for many years to come."

Throughout the past five months, the NMCB 133 Seabees have completed 11 construction projects while working side-by-side with their AFP counterparts, community members, and local contractors that include both new construction and renovation of buildings for use as community centers, residential housing, school buildings, public comfort rooms and other critical infrastructure.

To initiate an ENCAP, projects are nominated through a joint process. The Philippine government leaders, the AFP, the JSOTF-P Seabees, and JSOTF-P Civil Affairs Teams collaborate on an idea and map out a desired end-state that supports the goals of the local community and the mission of JSOTF-P. Once approved by all four elements, teams use a site survey to assess logistics issues such as lodging, meals, construction materials and transportation to remote job sites.

One project since their arrival was assisting Gawad Kalinga, a nonprofit organization. The Seabees along with local

community members and AFP provided support for the construction of 30 residential homes that were donated to widows with large families. The Seabees were able to provide sustained support for 6 weeks enabling an early completion and allowing the widowed families to move in to their new homes more than a month early.

"To interact with the families and the community members within the Barangay was a truly remarkable experience. We went to work every day knowing that we were helping these families move towards a better life and that is a great feeling," said Construction Electrician Constructionman Elizabeth Leow.

Another role that the Seabees fill for the JSOTF-P mission is a quickly deployable engineering capability that can react to urgent needs of the community or the warfighter. They filled this role, with the recent completion of a comfort room at Campo Uno Elementary School in Laminan, Basilan. The local AFP representatives reported that an elementary school didn't have an operating comfort room for the children and they were forced to go home if they needed to use the restroom. The small team of Seabees quickly planned, coordinated, and executed the construction of the comfort room in a matter of days.

The school principal, Ben Usman explained, "The Seabees have made an immediate impact on the student's education by allowing them to stay at school all day; this is a huge impact."

Beginning in August, the Seabees will execute a joint mission with the AFP in the construction of five schools with the capability to house 120 students each. The project is part of joint venture between USAID, the Philippine Department of Education, Petron, AFP, and JSOTF-P. The project will allow schools to be built in very remote locations throughout the islands of the southern Philippines. The projects should be complete and ready to house students and faculty by October.

The projects Seabees have completed in the past five months and the projects that are scheduled for the next three months are proof that the military has more than a combative role in a conflict torn area and can be instrumental in the promotion of peace and prosperity. The projects always receive the highest praise from the local community and win key positive relationships with the community leaders. Navy Seabees provide tangible actions that assist the development of communities and their economies; these structures continue to be remembered throughout time.

Watch out for pedestrians . . . Unless otherwise posted, the speed limited on board NCBC is 25 m.p.h.

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Chapel Offerings

Feds Feed Families Food Campaign ends Aug. 30

- Canned and non-perishable food donations for the Feds Feed Families Food Campaign continue to be accepted at the Seabee Memorial Chapel through Aug. 30. A final donation will be taken to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Gulfport at the end of the month. More information about the campaign can be found by visiting www.feds-feedfamilies.gov.

Veteran's Standdown

- Backpack donations are now being accepted for the Annual Veteran's Standdown which will take place Oct. 7. Contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454 for information.

Seabee Food Pantry -

The Chapel is in need of non perishable items please. Donation drop off points are: Navy Exchange, Chapel, Commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center and Armed Forces Retirement Home.

Praise and Worship Team

- Come out Sunday to see the Praise and Worship Team perform contemporary Christian music at the 10:30 a.m. Protestant service.

Group 4:12

- A young adult group for military members, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Seabee Memorial Chapel.

Overseas Coupon Program

- Donate expired coupons to families overseas by dropping them off at the Chapel. They can be used overseas up to six months after their expiration.

Do you want to volunteer for a good cause, see a concert for free and have a good time? If the answer is yes, the Gulf Coast Women's Center For Nonviolence (GCWCFN) is looking for you. The IP Casino has teamed up with the GCWCFN in support of their fundraising efforts and they need your help. Volunteers will be ushers and ticket takers at concert events at the casino. There are a few rules. Go to https://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/documents/image/cnicp_a235058.pdf for a list of rules and upcoming concerts. Then, call Carolyn Riser at 228-493-4126 or email carolynriser@gmail.com.

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Your opinion is important . . . take the survey

What you think matters! Please participate in the "Navy and Marine Corps Sexual Assault Survey 2011" sponsored by DON SAPRO (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Office). The survey is voluntary and confidential. Help us examine current and proposed policies and programs regarding the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program. The survey ends Sept. 30. Your input is vital as we strive to eradicate sexual assault from our ranks! To complete the survey, click on the link: <http://www.donsapro.navy>

Bee in the Know . . . Visit <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/index.htm> to find out what's happening on the Center!

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Construction Mechanic Constructionman Apprentice Zachary "Hard of Hearing" Benson of 25 Naval Construction Regiment pounded out an original drum solo to take an audience selected third place. He received a \$50 gift card.

Prizes were handed out by the New Orleans Hornets cheerleaders who were on hand to sign autographs and visit with fans.

The Diversity Committee has already decided there will be a Second Annual "Who's Got Talent" show. This event raised more than \$700 to help support diversity recognition events on the base.

ODR News . . . Beginning Sept. 1, Outdoor Recreation will have **NEW** hours of operation! ODR will be open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday –Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, no delivery services will be offered. Starting Sept. 1 there will be a 20 percent discount for all Active Duty and Active Duty Eligible Family Members. Retirees and Retiree Eligible Family members will receive a 10 percent discount.

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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**