

THE SKYLINE IS A CHINFO AWARD WINNING NEWSPAPER

Naval Air Station Meridian officials cut the ribbon on a \$6 million joint Fire Station/Operations Center for Joe Williams Field on July 16. Pictured from left are: Station Chief Jimmy Gibson, Mike Stinson, vice president of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction, Fire Chief Andrew Clayton, Fire fighter Keith Fike, Capt. Charles Gibson, NAS Meridian Commanding Officer, and Cmdr. James Hoskins, Air Operations Officer. The field is NAS Meridian's outlying field and is named in honor of the bases' second commanding officer, Capt. Joe Williams.

Photo by Penny Randall



## Joe Williams fire station, operations center features latest in energy efficient systems

By Penny Randall  
Staff Writer

KEMPER COUNTY -- Fire fighter Stan Graham hoped he would see the opening of the new joint fire station/operations center at Joe Williams Field before his retirement from government service.

"I made it by only 15 days," said Graham who retires on July 31 and has served as a fire fighter at the field for five of his 21-year career. "This is a 5-star hotel compared to the

*"This station will improve the quality of life for the fire fighters, military and civilians who work here."*

Fire Chief Andrew Clayton

old station. It will certainly offer the fire fighters who come after me a better quality of life and a great place to work. It's been a reward-

ing job and now it's time for someone else to enjoy this station."

On July 16, dozens of military, civilian and community leaders were on hand to witness the ribbon cutting and open house on the \$6 million joint fire station/operations center, which is at Naval Air Station Meridian's outlying field. Special guests were the children and grandchildren of Capt. Joe Williams, whom the field is named in honor of, and local land owners who showed their support for the field.

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## Navy readies new PFA software

By MC1 LaTunya Howard  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy will release a new version of NAVFIT98A software Aug. 1, changing the way physical fitness assessment (PFA) results are documented in block 20 of a fitness report or evaluation.

"We released a new version of NAVFIT98A to accommodate the recent policy changes and at the same time fix several longstanding problems associated with the application," explained Jim Price, director, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Performance Evaluation Division.

NAVFIT98A Version 28 supports new performance report policy changes and fixes known security and printing problems, as well as other technical issues associated with older versions of the software. Because of these changes, all forms will have new version numbers. Electronic versions can be found at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/careerinfo/performanceevaluation/softwareforms>.

Commands that still have an older version installed but that

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## On Base...

✓ **Outdoor Party!**: The MWR Outpost and Fitness Center are teaming up to throw a party you don't want to miss on July 29 at Lake Martha from 4:30-7 p.m. Activities include horseshoes, badminton, volleyball and the Ninja Games. Call (601) 679-3384 for more information

✓ **Vacation Bible School:** Chapel sponsors Vacation Bible School July 26-30, 9-11 a.m. in base housing. Call (601) 679-3635 to register!

✓ **Sports Officials Needed:** Officials for volleyball and basketball seasons are needed. If interested, call Johnny Davis at (601) 679-2427. Training will be available.

✓ **Safety Classes:** The following will be held on board NAS Meridian:  
Aug. 2: AAA Driver  
Aug. 3-4: Basic Rider Course  
Aug. 5: Experienced Rider Course  
For more information, call Jerry Snow in Safety Department at (601) 679-3756.

✓ **NAS Meridian College Fair:** Set for Aug. 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the NOSC. For information, call Chief Bobby Lee at (601) 679-3879.

# Photo of the Week

Dan Kerr makes the putt which allowed his team to win the 2010 Navy Ball Golf Tournament on July 9. Winning team members are Kerr, Al Jones, John Oxendine and Wayne Boren. The top two teams were tied at 15 under par and participated in a putt off to determine the overall winner. Second place went to James Cress, Kirby Clark, David Rosenbaum and Nick Alsop. Kerr also won closest to the hole award. Longest drive went to Al Jones. Twenty-three teams participated in the tournament which raised \$1,415 for the Navy Ball.

Photo by Susan Junkins



## — Area Happenings —

### JULY

**23-30:** Neshoba County Fair "Mississippi's Giant House Party" at the Neshoba County Fair Grounds in Philadelphia. Featuring: Carnival rides each day from 10 a.m.-1 a.m. except on July 25 when they close at midnight. Agriculture exhibits throughout the fair. Admission: Daily tickets are \$15 each day or \$30 season tickets for all eight days. Children under nine enter free. For information, call (601) 656-8480 or to to: [www.neshobacountyfair.org](http://www.neshobacountyfair.org). Entertainment includes: July 27: Luke Bryan; July 28: Gloriana; July 29: Randy Houser; July 30: Phil Vassar. Meridian Day at The Neshoba County Fair is July 28 with program from 9 a.m.-noon at Founders Square.

**25:** "Sparkle and Twang" Marty Stuart Museum Exhibit "Jimmie Rodgers" Concert featuring Marty Stuart and Merle Haggard at The Riley Center, corner of 5th Street and 22nd Ave. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$63 and \$69.  For information and tickets, call (601) 696-2200 or visit [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com).

### AUGUST

**7:** Queen City Gypsies present "Shimmy for Our Shores" -- a benefit for National Wildlife Federation to help clean up and save wildlife affected by the oil spill. Benefit belly dance hafla at 6 p.m. at Temple Theatre Ballroom. \$10 per person at the door. For information, call (601) 917-4940 or (601) 917-0806. 

**13-14:** Ralph Morgan Rodeo nightly from 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Ralph Morgan Arena in Lauderdale. Rodeo features bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, bull riding and much more. Tickets: \$10 adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under. Take Hwy 45 North to Lauderdale. For more information, call (601) 679-8861.

**15:** Theatre Organ Concert by Organist Larry Davis at 2 p.m. at the Temple Theater, 2320 8th St., Meridian. Concert is free. For information go to: [www.mcatos.org](http://www.mcatos.org).

**21:** Magnolia Cyclist Downtown Bicycle Criterium Race in Downtown Meridian Streets. Time: Noon-8 p.m. For information, call Maurice Malone (601) 527-5552.

**28:** Riley Center presents Brian McKnight in concert at 7:30 p.m. Pre-show party at 6 p.m. With 16 Grammy nominations to his credit, McKnight has a smooth sound that bears a remarkable likeness to the timbre and style of beloved vocalists such as Nat King Cole and Stevie Wonder. Tickets are \$55 and \$49. For more information, call (601) 696-2200.



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**Capt. Michael R. Lupient**

**MATSS-1 Executive Officer**  
**Hometown: Placerville, Calif.**

Capt. Michael R. Lupient assumed the duties as executive officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One about a month ago.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the people in Meridian," Lupient said. "My fiancée, Tracy, and I both love the outdoors and we are looking forward to exploring the area."

Lupient, 33, transfers to MATSS-1 from Quantico, Va., where he was a student at the Expeditionary Warfare School. Before that he was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base as the Aviation Supply Officer, Marine Aviation Group 41, Det. A.

Lupient joined the Marine Corps in 2001. "I was unhappy working in a typical business environment where income was the only measurable aspect of success," Lupient said. "I needed to know that I was making a difference."

Lupient said his most memorable experience in the Marine Corps was his deployment to the Diyala Province in Iraq in 2005.

**OOORAH!**

Gunnery Sgt. Ricky Brooks. "He is my mentor and helped me become who I am today."

**Gunnery Sgt. Philip Calligan**

**MATSS-1 Course Supervisor**  
**Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.**

Gunnery Sgt. Philip Calligan could not wait to get stationed at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One.

Why? It's only two and half hours from his hometown of Birmingham, Ala.

"It's wonderful being so close to home and family," said Calligan who is a Marine Aviation Supply Specialist course supervisor.

"I've been trying to get back to Meridian since I was a student here in 1995," Calligan said. "I became a Marine because I've always loved the values and what the Marine Corps stood for."

Calligan is joined by his wife, Nannet, and children, Phalessia, 17, Phatrece, 15, and Phatoria, 13. He has two older children, Robert, 21, and Ryaan, 19.

Calligan is striving to become a 1st Sergeant or a Sergeant Major.

The person he most admires is Master

## First female chaplain of Marine Corps appointed to share faith, professionalism

By Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris  
 Headquarters Marine Corps

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Marines and Sailors gathered at the Memorial Chapel aboard Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall to witness the first female chaplain of the Marine Corps assume her post July 9.

Rear Adm. Margaret Kibben took the oath of office from Gen. James Amos, the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, and assumed the duties as the senior Navy chaplain serving with Marines.

Amos, who previously served as a naval aviator, told Kibben to enjoy the opportunity to work with Marines.

"You get the best of both worlds," he said. "You get to be a part of each service's proud history, and you have a legion of friends who wear each uniform."

Kibben, who has more than 24 years of service behind her, was also promoted to rear admiral



Photo by Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris

**Rear Adm. Margaret Kibben assumed command as the chaplain of the Marine Corps following a promotion ceremony aboard Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, July 9. Kibben, the first female chaplain of the Marine Corps, was promoted by her father, retired Lt. Cmdr. Bill Grun, and her daughter, Lindsey Kibben, at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel.**

lower half during the ceremony. "Admiral, wow," she said. "I don't think I will ever get used to it, but I hope I can grow into it."

While Kibben struggled to grasp the reality of her accomplishment, some of her colleagues

couldn't think of anyone better to hold the rank and title.

"This shouldn't be about the board picking a woman as chaplain of the Marine Corps," said Cmdr. Michael Gore, the deputy

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## Marine Fun...raiser



Photo by Sgt. Melissa Moreshead

**Sgt. Kevin Tucei gets three pies in the faces from his students during a Marine Corps Ball fundraising event, July 16. Students and staff enjoyed a burger burn, dunk tank and pie in the face contest.**

**Naval Branch Health Clinic Meridian business hours are Monday Thursday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Call (601) 679-2232 for more information.**

## Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial design set to be announced July 28

The Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board will announce/unveil the design for the Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial on July 28.

The ceremony will be held on the second floor rotunda of the New Capitol Building in Jackson.

The Memorial will honor Mississippians who have died as a result of their service in our current war(s).

The Persian Gulf War period is: Aug. 2, 1990 through a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation which includes the first Gulf War, Iraqi

Freedom, Enduring Freedom, related operations in the Middle East Theater of Operations and Global War on Terror.

The Memorial will be built in Newton County, adjacent to the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery currently under construction.

Representative Johnny Stringer, Senator Terry Burton, Adjutant General Bill Freeman and Jo Leslie, Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board Chairwoman, will make brief remarks.

The public is invited to attend.

## Need your car washed?

July 23 and Aug. 13

Bernath Field

9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



All proceeds go to the 2010 Navy Ball! Volunteer's needed and appreciated!

The American Legion Post & Auxiliary 257 meets on the 2nd Thursday at the EMEPA Building on Highway 39 in Meridian. For more information, call Cmdr. James E. Palmer at (601) 485-7566 or President Bobby Jerone at (601) 679-5055.

## VFW announces deadlines for essay contests, 6th-12th grade students eligible

### Patriot's Pen

2010-2011 Theme: "Does Patriotism Still Matter?"  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 1, 2010

Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades sixth through eighth the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the contest.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2009-2010. The Patriot's Pen program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to express their opinions based on an annual theme.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to

Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

### Voice of Democracy

2010-2011 Theme: "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 1, 2010

Created in 1947, the Voice of Democracy (VOD) scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12 that annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships. The first-place winner, who competes with all the first-place VFW Department winners, receives a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

Besides competing for the top scholarship prize, as well as other national scholarships ranging from \$1,000

## MLT holds auditions for 'The Music Man'

The new season begins! The Meridian Little Theatre announces auditions for Meredith Wilson's award-winning musical "The Music Man" -- set to open on the MLT stage Oct. 7-13.

A large cast of 35, ages 8 and up, is needed.

"If you ever thought about being in a show, 'The Music Man' is it," said Play Director Jimmy Pigford. "There is a role for everyone, from age 8 to 80."

Auditions are Aug. 2-3, at 7 p.m., at the MLT Playhouse on Highway 39 North. All will be asked to read a selection from the script and to sing. Music from the show will be provided, along with a piano accompanist.

Based on the Tony Award winning Broadway show, "The Music Man" is an affectionate salute to Smalltown, U.S.A. of a bygone era. The story follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize -- this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Some of the characters include:

• **Harold Hill:** A conniving, effervescent con-man. He should have the energy and reality needed for the part that can razzle-dazzle the townspeople. He has an open face and a great frustration which could only be satisfied by taking the easy way out -- "smooth talking." (Baritone)

• **Marian Paroo:** The pretty and sophisticated female lead. She suspects the brash music man of some foul doings right from the moment she meets him, while at the same time being attracted to him. To this actress will fall some of the musical's most lyric melodies, including the memorable "Goodnight My Someone" and "Till There Was You." (Soprano)

• **Winthrop Paroo:** Marian's lisping brother. He has a set, sullen face and is extremely shy at the beginning of the show, but happily, changes due to Hill's influence. His age is between 8 and 11. Winthrop has two show-stopping numbers to sing -- "Gary, Indiana," and "Wells Fargo Wagon." (Alto)

"The Music Man" Auditions  
Aug. 2-3, 7 p.m.  
Highway 39 North Playhouse

• **Mrs. Paroo:** Marian's red-haired Irish mother has a big role, however this actress will not have a solo. (Mezzo-Soprano)

• **Mayor Shinn and his wife:** The show's comic leads. The mayor, a small-town sputtering politician with a comic sense, is middle-aged and extremely stubborn, but has a likable soft streak. His gushing wife, Eulalie Shinn, pries into everyone's business. She sings with the ladies group. The Shinn's' pretty daughter, Zeneeta (age 14-17), falls in love with Tommy Djilas (age 14-17), thought to be the town hoodlum but who turns out to be the school's band major.

• **Olin, Oliver, Ewart, and Jacey** are a quartet who stroll in and out of the action on stage and provide barber shop harmonies. They are extremely important to the play.

• **Marcellus Washburn:** Hill's comic sidekick while Charlie Cowell, a salesman himself, is the sworn enemy of Hill.

• **Amaryllis:** Marian's piano student, is a young girl age 8-11, who is very smart and a thorn in Winthrop's side. (Alto)

• **Alma Hix, Maud Dunlop, Ethel Toffelmier and Mrs. Squires** are the four comic, gossiping, well-dressed townswomen. They sing together in one of the show's funniest numbers.

Other characters include the conductor, Constable Lock, Gracie Shinn, newspaper readers, River City Kids and Townspeople, and traveling salesmen. Some of these have small speaking parts. Approximately eight to 10 boys will be needed for the small marching band. They will not have to know how to play an instrument.

Music director is David Benson. Choreography will be by Meredith Jones and Heather LaCoste of the Mary Alpha School of Dance. For more information, call (601) 482-6371.

to \$16,000, each department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011, sponsored by Target.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2009-2010. The Voice of Democracy program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme.

How to enter: Students can enter by submitting the required entry form. Mail entry form and audio essay to the local VFW Post 79, Meridian MS, 39301. Further directions are listed on the entry form.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Natalie Copeland by e-mail: nat\_copeland@hotmail.com or by phone at (601) 282-5866.

Safety is our Duty

# Little known energy efficiency facts

The following are energy facts from the Department of the Navy:

- Air conditioning energy use can be reduced 40 percent or more by shading windows and walls. Position trees and shrubs to keep the sunshine off the building and nearby ground.

- A dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day.

- A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.

- If every gas-heated home were properly caulked and weather-stripped, we'd save enough natural gas each year to heat about 4 million homes.

- The human body gives off heat - about 390 Btu's an hour for a man and 330 for a woman. Dressing wisely can help you maintain natural heat in the winter. Wear closely woven fabrics. They add at least a half degree in warmth.

- If every household in the United States raised air conditioning temperatures 6 degrees, we'd save the equivalent of 190,000 barrels of oil

every day.

- Approximately 80 percent of the energy consumed by a dishwasher is used to heat water; a typical dishwasher uses 14 gallons of hot water per load.

- Fluorescent lights convert electricity to visible light up to five times more efficiently than incandescent lights and last up to 20 times longer.

- The incandescent light is the most common lighting source in U.S. homes. It also wastes the most energy. Ninety percent of the energy consumed by an incandescent light is given off as heat rather than visible light.

- Between 1978 and 1991, there was a four to five percent loss of ozone in the stratosphere over the United States, which represents a significant loss of ozone. A thinned-out ozone layer could lead to more skin cancers and cataracts; scientists are also investigating possible harm to agriculture. Destruction of stratospheric ozone is attributed to

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and related chemicals. CFCs are widely used as refrigerants in such appliances as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps.

- One gallon of used motor oil when recycled yields the same amount of refined lubricating oil -- 2.5 quarts -- as 42 gallons of crude oil. Recycle your used motor oil!

- The United States uses 400 billion gallons of water per day.

- If every American home installed low-flow faucet aerators, 250 million gallons of water would be saved every day.

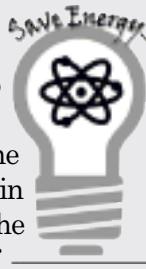
- New energy-efficient motors are about five points higher in efficiency and operate about 10 degrees C (50 degrees F) cooler than repaired standard design motors. In a study of more than 100 motors they also operated just under their full load-rated current, compared to repaired standard motors which exceeded full

load rated amps by about four percent.

- Trains are among the most energy-efficient mode of transport. In the United States, trucks use more than eight times the energy of trains to transport freight between cities.

- Replacing an incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent will save the energy equivalent of 46 gallons of oil, as well as one-half ton of carbon dioxide emissions over the lifetime of the bulb.

- A new model refrigerator uses about a third the energy to operate as a similarly sized refrigerator from the early 1970s. If you replace an 18 cubic foot refrigerator manufactured in 1973 with an energy-efficient model of the same size, each year you would save over 1,000 kWh of electricity and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, by over a ton and emissions of sulfur dioxide, the leading cause of acid rain, by more than 20 pounds.



## Go *Light* on Lights

Do you really need the lights? If there's natural daylight in your workspace, try turning off your overhead lights. If the morning is dark, see if you can leave the lights off after you return from lunch. You can use task lighting to supplement the daylight in specific areas that need more light. It uses a fraction of the energy that lighting a whole room does.



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## Thunderstorms Facts:

- They may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines.

- Some of the most severe occur when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended time.

- Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.

- Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development.

- About 10 percent of thunderstorms are classified as severe -- one that produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado.



# Oral Health Initiative at NBHC Meridian Dental mounts major offensive against tooth decay

"You have cavities."

These are dreaded words heard by some people during their annual dental exam. But, it doesn't have to be that way!

In the past 20 years, much scientific research has been focused on identifying those who are at greatest risk for developing tooth decay, and treatment protocols to reduce that risk.

People with the highest risk of developing tooth decay generally have higher concentrations of specific decay-causing bacteria living in their oral environments (mouths). Those bacteria, in combination with a diet high in carbohydrates (sugars), can cause significant problems for many people.

During a dental examination at a military healthcare facility, a member's risk for developing dental disease is determined. In Navy facilities, the guideline for determining that risk is set forth in instruction, BUMEDINST

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6600.16. At the top of the list for managing that high "caries" risk is training.

At Naval Branch Health Clinic Meridian Dental, we have established a training

program for members at high risk for dental caries (tooth decay). Registered Dental Hygienist Betty Whobrey, with help from other staff members including Debbie Wilson, has developed an educational presentation revolving around proper oral hygiene, diet and other measures that are taken to reduce the recurrence of tooth decay for our patients. At the end of the training, the participant is given a fluoride treatment, and more visits are sched-



**Green**

uled for fluoride treatments if indicated.

With the help of the NAS Meridian Public Affairs Office staff much of the training has been filmed and is in video format.

Knowledge is power. That statement applies to so many things in life. It also applies to dental health. Dental health is important for quality of life, and is an essential part of overall military readiness.

NBHC Meridian dental department recommends:

- ✓ If you smoke or use smokeless tobacco, quit!

- ✓ Brush teeth three times a day with toothpaste containing fluoride. Fluoride is one of the most powerful "weapons" in the war against tooth decay. The good news is that all "name-brand" toothpastes contain fluoride as their active ingredient.

- ✓ If you have had one or more cavities in the last two years, it is a good

idea to use a fluoride rinse (available over the counter) before going to bed at night.

- ✓ Floss teeth once a day. Proper flossing involves a gentle up-and-down scrubbing motion on the side of each tooth, in between teeth.

Reduce the number of times per day that you eat refined carbohydrates (sugars).

- ✓ Chew sugarless gum. Chewing sugarless gum stimulates salivary flow, which helps to neutralize and clear bacterial acids. Some artificial sweeteners (notably xylitol) retard the growth of bacterial plaque, and help to diminish the advance of tooth decay.

*Cmdr. Bruce Green is currently the dental department head at Naval Branch Health Clinic Meridian. He received his D.D.S. from Louisiana State University Dental School, and his M.S. in Health Sciences from the George Washington University. He holds a Certificate in Comprehensive Dentistry from Naval Postgraduate Dental School, and is a diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry*

## 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' surveys hit servicemembers' inboxes

By Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Defense Department officials e-mailed surveys to 400,000 servicemembers at noon July 7 as part of a special review to prepare the military for a potential repeal of the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that bans gays and lesbians from openly serving, Pentagon officials announced.

Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, and Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer, head the review panel that's assessing the current law.

"The voice of the service members is still vitally important," said Ham, noting that although amendments to the current law were approved by legislators in May 2010, lawmakers still require the Pentagon review.

"This is draft regulation, it is not yet enacted into law, and there are several hurdles yet to come," said Ham.

The group has been meeting with troops and family members since February 2010. Surveys also were distributed because time and financial constraints precluded meeting with every single member, Ham explained in a recent Pentagon Channel interview.

The surveys will give the panel a baseline of information that best represents the military's 2.2 million servicemembers and their families, said Ham, stressing the importance of service member feedback.

Engaging the force may be more important now than before the amendments were passed, said Ham.

Half of the surveys went to active-duty servicemembers, and half were sent to the Reserve components. Troops who received the surveys

were selected based on age, rank, service, component, military specialties, education, marital status and other factors to ensure broad and thorough feedback on a potential repeal, Ham said.

The working group also plans to continue meeting with servicemembers and families, said Ham.

Ham and Johnson have met with troops at "a large variety of bases, posts, camps and stations around the country," said Ham, adding that they're planning to meet with troops stationed overseas as well.

Such sessions have proven invaluable to the working group, Ham added.

"What these sessions do afford is an opportunity for Mr. Johnson and myself to speak directly to servicemembers, to hear in their own words what their assessment of the impact of repeal of the current law would be should Congress decide to take that action," said Ham. "Those sessions provide us context. They provide us substance to what we know we will get statistically from the survey and put it in real terms of how real servicemembers feel about this."

An online inbox also is available for military and civilian members of the Defense Department. Troops can log into <http://www.defense.gov/dadt> with their common access card to provide their input. This site is not confidential; however, directions from the site, as well as in the survey, are provided for members who wish to continue a "confidential dialogue" with non-Defense Department members of the working group, said Ham.

Once service members enter the confidential site, they will be given an untraceable PIN number they then can use to log on from any computer.

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## Rules change on escorting families during duty station moves

By Wm. Cullen James  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Service members traveling on indeterminate temporary duty (ITDY) orders are now authorized to escort their family members to and from an alternate location at government expense, according to NAVADMIN 227/10, which was released July 9.

The message announced the change in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) law that went into effect March 15.

The new policy adds an escort entitlement for Sailors to accompany their family during an authorized move. There is no change to family member travel.

ITDY is similar to temporary duty (TDY), which the Navy calls temporary additional duty (TAD), but there is no specified time period and no end-date in the orders. A modification or follow-on orders are required for the member to go to their permanent duty station (PDS).

According to Cmdr. Carl Chaffin, distribution management and procedures branch head, this change in policy is the culmination of more than two years of work that was initiated at the direction of the Task Force Individual Augmentee (IA) Conference held in the fall of 2007.

"To allow service members returning from IA assignments to reunite with their families was a major issue of that conference," said Chaffin. "Reducing the requirement from 365 to 210 days to be eligible for ITDY orders and the escort entitlement were the courses of action taken to meet that issue."

To apply for escort entitlement, the member must be on ITDY orders dated March 15 or later. Orders dated prior to March 15 can be modified, but this modification does not grandfather in prior travel.

"ITDY orders are issued to service members going on temporary duty when the return date is unknown," said Chaffin. "To qualify for ITDY orders, the Navy has reduced the estimated minimum number of days on assignment to 210 days. ITDY orders extend the

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#### ● PFA software

need to submit performance reports with ending dates of Aug. 1 or later can submit performance reports generated by older software versions until Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) updates are complete.

The E7-E9 chief evaluation has been modified to include the new policy guidance. Evaluation form NAVPERS 1616/27 8-10 can be found at the above link beginning Aug. 1. This Web site also

answers frequently asked questions concerning Version 28 deployment and provides a reference guide on using the application.

"I'm really excited because improving the documentation gives PFA the level of attention it deserves. The upgrade will get leadership focused on their Sailors' fitness and the importance of the Physical Readiness Information Management Systems," said Chief Yeoman (AW) Alisha D. Marshall, Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth, Texas, command fitness leader.

For more information on NAVFIT98A Version 28, read NAVADMIN 233/10. For technical assistance with NAVFIT98A software, call NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672). For any NMCI software deployment issues, contact the NMCI Helpdesk at (866) 843-6624.

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## Public Works completes tower glass project

NAS Meridian Public Works representatives Billy Gardner and Freddy Gulley recently spent a weekend supervising the installation of new glass pieces on the towers at McCain Field and Joe Williams Field in Kemper County. Two double-pane glass pieces, 820 pounds each, measuring 117"x94" were replaced at McCain Tower. The installation took 12 hours. Joe Williams Field Tower had a single pane glass, weighing 317 pounds, replaced in six hours. The work was done by a local glass company.

Submitted photos



# Navy seeks applicants for FY11 National Security Management Program

By Ed Barker  
Naval Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- Senior Naval officers interested in understanding the factors and forces shaping national security strategy and policy should consider applying for the National Security Management Program (NSMP) no later than Sept. 24.

The fiscal year 2011 program was announced in naval administrative message (NAVADMIN) 219/10, released July 1.

Designed for senior officials working in national security-related positions, program participants will attend the senior manager course in National Security, a DoD-sponsored, four-week resident course of instruction held at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The course allows O-6 officers and civilians at paygrades of GS/GM-15 or equivalent the opportunity to learn the management techniques and core knowledge necessary to deal with complex issues involving national security.

The Elliott School's program employs training in management and decision making techniques, practical and analytical feedback, simulations, guest lectures and site visits. The course objective is to improve the management and leadership skills necessary to successfully influence the various processes within DoD.

"Our distinctive approach combines study under some of the world's leading experts with a unique, rigorous program of management skills courses," said Michael E. Brown, dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs. "Learning and skills are tested and embedded through simulation exercises. This combination of foundational knowledge, management tools and analytical techniques enables defense professionals to excel in the decision-making environment of the 21st century."

Capt. Richard A. Rogers, currently the commodore of Destroyer Squadron 22, attended the senior manager course in March 2009.

"The course allows the participants to experience the role of our government from not just the military perspective,

but across all organizations that affect our national security policy," said Rogers. "While four weeks away from work can be difficult for a senior leader to accept, this course was the exception. The course challenges you to critically think about different futures and how our policy decisions today will affect those futures."

The program includes numerous site visits and briefings from policy makers. The course systematically examines the forces that influence U.S. defense decision making - the interagency process, the wider policy community, and threats in the international arena. This multifaceted approach gives participants further opportunities to develop the rational and intuitive decision-making skills needed for national security leadership.

The course also includes a field trip to New York City, during which a number of transnational security issues will be analyzed: terrorist threats, disease and international security, the challenge of illegal immigration and threats to the economy. A central case study will be used to improve management skills and prepare participants for the culmination of the course, a two-day simulation exercise, which requires successfully using the substantive expertise and analytical skills developed during the course.

Applications for the FY11 NSMP are due no later than Sept. 24 and participants have historically attended the course in the March/April or May/June time frame. Eligible nominations for the NSMP Navy selection board must be top performing active-duty or full-time support O-6 or O-6 select unrestricted line (URL) officers who hold a master's degree or proven sub-specialty and whose reporting seniors have nominated them to attend the program. Officers selected will incur two years of obligated service upon completion of the course. Selectees will receive full tuition, room and board and travel funding.

Application packages should be submitted by the nominee's reporting senior officer to Center for Personal and Professional Development Voluntary Education Detachment, Attention: Code N2A2NSMP, 6490 Saufley Field Rd., Pensacola, Fla., 32509-5204.

For more information on NSMP, review NAVADMIN 219/10.

## Marine husband, wife reunite in Afghanistan

By Sgt. Heidi Agostini  
I MEF

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan -- She couldn't stop smiling at him, even when he wasn't looking. He was tangled up in her bubbly cheerful personality and smiled at her every time she spoke to him.

Both of them were soaking up the last few moments together before they'd go their separate ways again. They couldn't even kiss or hold each other's hand, much less hug. But when the crowd left, she snuck in a kiss on his cheek, and all he could do was sigh.

Nothing could keep the couple apart. Not even a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan, each at a different camp in Helmand province.

Staff Sgt. Jonadam Costilloe, currently assigned as the I Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD) air liaison at Camp Dwyer, reunited with his wife of five months, Sgt. Jennifer Estrada, for his promotion ceremony held at Camp Leatherneck, July 1.

"We're very fortunate to have commands and leaders who allowed us to be together for his promotion," said Estrada, with the female engagement team, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines Regiment. "We haven't seen each other since we arrived in Afghanistan and it's very hard on the both of us."

Costilloe and Estrada, both 27, met while on active duty, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., working in motor transportation.

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## Is your house wired for fire?

Electricity continues to be a leading cause of home fires, according to a new report from the National Fire Protection Association.

In 2007, an estimated 51,800 home structure fires called in to fire departments involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction.

The fires resulted in 450 deaths, 1,640 injuries, and \$1.2 billion in property damage.

The top causes of home electrical fires reported from 2003 through 2007 were faulty electrical systems followed by lamps, light fixtures, and extension cords. Another 20 percent were caused by ranges, washers or dryers, fans and space heaters.

The NFPA says a few tell-tale warning signs can help homeowners avoid such fires:

- Frequent or re-occurring issues with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers. If a fuse opens or circuit breaker is tripped, be sure to investigate the cause before replacing the fuse or resetting the breaker.

- A tingling sensation when you touch an electrical appliance or other metal objects.

Getting a shock when you touch appliances can indicate a more serious problem. Be sure to unplug the appliance and discontinue use.

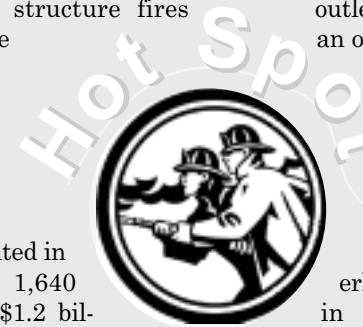
- Discolored or warm wall outlets, or sparks from an outlet. This can indicate arcing, smoldering, burning happening behind your outlets, damaged or improperly installed wiring in the outlet, or a problem with the receptacle itself.

- A persistent burning smell coming from an appliance, room, or area can indicate that the appliance is overheating or malfunctioning. Unplug the appliance or turn off the circuit breaker.

- Flickering or dimming lights can indicate a short in the wiring, dangerous arcing, or an over-extension of your home's electrical systems.

If any of these things happen in your home, contact a qualified electrician to investigate the problem.

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# Vinson celebrates 200,000 traps

By MCSA Zachary Bell  
USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Public Affairs

USS CARL VINSON, At Sea (NNS) - USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) reached a historic milestone with the success of its 200,000th trap on its flight deck July 13.

Vinson celebrated with two ceremonies, where cakes were presented in Wardroom III to the aviators who landed the EA-18G Growler, and in Arresting Gear Room 4, to the Sailors manning the V-2 engine room who manned the arresting gear for the landmark trap.

Lt. Ben Hartman and Lt. Ian Hudson, attached to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129, said they were honored and surprised to learn they got the 200,000th trap.

"It feels good to be part of Carl Vinson's history. It's a new community we're apart of, so everything is new and exciting," said Hudson. "It takes 25 years plus to accumulate 200,000 traps on an aircraft carrier. It's really surprising we got the 200,000th."

The aviators expressed how proud they were to be manning the aircraft, but also recognized the Sailors who made this monumental achievement possible.

"It definitely feels good, but it's more of a testament to the guys working on the flight deck and the arresting gear. They're the ones working hard all day

every day," said Hartman.

The team that was working hard to catch Hudson and Hartman's plane was Air Department's V-2 Division. The aircraft was caught by the arresting gear on the fourth wire, which was being manned by Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Shawn Greer.

"I'm honored to be apart of Carl Vinson's history and V-2's history with arresting gear," said Greer. "Working in the V-2 engine room can be high pressured because it's not just the pilot's lives on our hands, but everyone working on the flight deck as well. That's why me and my boys in the V-2 Division always execute the highest level of safety."

V-2 Division is responsible for the safe recovery of all aircraft on the ship's flight deck. V-2 performs maintenance on industrial cables which catch the planes, as well as the hydraulic machinery that assists in stopping them.

"This is a testament to the kind of Sailors we've had working this flight deck for the past 28 years," said Cmdr. Richard Wiley, Carl Vinson's air department head. "Two-hundred thousand traps means we've done it right, and we've done it safely for a long, long time. Carl Vinson, also known as the 'Gold Eagle,' has built a legacy of excellence, and it's been built by the Sailors we had out there today and the men and women who served before them."



Photo by MC3 Patrick Green

**An EA-18G Growler, assigned to the Vikings of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129, performs the 200,000th trap on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). Carl Vinson is underway conducting fleet replacement squadron carrier qualification operations off the coast of Southern California.**



Photo by MCSN J. Scott St. Clair

**Former President George H.W. Bush autographs Lt. Carl White's flight deck life preserver vest during a visit to the aircraft carrier that bears his name, USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), July 14. Bush and his wife, Barbara, spent their time aboard watching flight operations, touring the ship and visiting with the crew. George H.W. Bush is conducting training in the Atlantic Ocean.**

## USS George H.W. Bush hosts its namesake

By MCSN J. Scott St. Clair  
USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) Public Affairs

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH, At Sea (NNS) -- USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), the Navy's 10th and final Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, received a visit from its namesake, former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush, while underway July 14.

Bush and Barbara were escorted on board by Adm. J.C. Harvey, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

During his two-day visit to the aircraft carrier, Bush toured the ship, observing day-to-day operations and spending time with the crew, as well as taking part in a reenlistment ceremony for nearly 60 Sailors, which he said was an honor.

"I am proud of every man and woman on this ship," said Bush. "I was honored to be able to reenlist those who are ready to serve again. I am very emotional about service to country, particularly the Navy. I am very proud of the Navy and extremely proud of this ship. That this ship is named after me knows no bound in terms of my emotion and my pleasure and the honor that I feel."

Commanding Officer Capt. Chip Miller expressed what a huge privilege and inspiration it was to host two individuals who devoted their lives to selfless service.

"What an honor it is to have our special guests on board to see freedom at work first hand," said Miller. "We are so grateful to have them join us at sea to see what we do and how we do our part to defend freedom."

Barbara pointed out how much the aircraft carrier and its crew meant to her and her husband.

"This ship is probably the greatest honor that George Bush ever had given to him," said Barbara. "He and I pray for this crew every single night of our lives. This crew is the greatest, and we are thankful to you for what you're doing and what your families do for all of us."

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Apprentice Sutton C. Hout, of the ship's Air department, was thankful for the opportunity to interact with the namesake of the aircraft carrier.

"It was really exciting to spend time with a former president," said Hout. "It was an honor to meet him. It was great

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### ● Joe Williams

“This new station is good for Kemper County,” said Mike Luke, Kemper County District 4 Supervisor. “We have a great working relationship with the Navy, and this station just makes Kemper County a safer place.”

The new station replaces one that was constructed in 1961. At the time, the field was known as NAS Meridian Bravo Field, but it was re-named Joe Williams Field in 1987, in honor of Capt. Williams, NAS Meridian’s second commanding officer, who had a major role in getting the airfield built.

The construction phase of the building began in April 2009 under the guidance of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction of Philadelphia. The facility supports seven fire fighters, pilots and air operations personnel. It has three bays for fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment, a fuels lab and gear storage area. There are briefing and debriefing rooms as well as a ready room for pilots. Also included are two kitchens, bunk rooms, day room, dining area, physical fitness room and laundry room.

The station has 9,709 square feet replacing one which had only 5,062 square feet. While the new building is larger, it will use less energy because its design includes energy efficiency systems that comply with the Energy Policy Act



Photo by Penny Randall

**The former fire station at Joe Williams Field was built in 1961 and was outdated. It was demolished once the new energy efficient station was constructed.**

of 2005.

“We are incorporating both teams -- air operations and fire fighters -- into one building,” said Lt. Cmdr. Lance Coe, NAS Meridian Public Works Officer. “This station is much more energy efficient -- all fluorescent lighting was used and high efficiency motors in the equipment. In general it’s insulated much better and designed much better than the old building. We are anticipating a 20 to 30 percent savings each year even through the building is larger.”

One of the major energy savings projects was the ground source heat pumps and geothermal field.

“Twenty-eight wells were drilled in the field surrounding the station which will contribute largely to the heating and cooling process of the new station,” Coe

said. “In addition, the LEED SILVER Certification and energy star appliances will aid in the savings.” There also will be additional savings because indoor storage for fire rescue equipment will result in lower maintenance costs. The obvious difference in the two buildings is the quality of life improvements for fire fighters. Over the last 40 years there have been many advances in design as it relates to fire fighter safety. This fire station/ops center is built to meet all Navy standards for this type of facility and includes hearing protection as well as a start-of-the-art exhaust removal system.

Training Air Wing One uses this field primarily for field carrier landing practice when training and preparing student naval aviators for their first carrier landings. In support of that, air operations personnel and fire fighters at Joe

Williams Field supported almost 29,000 flight operations in 2009.

The airfield was recently upgraded as an IFR rated airfield with an authorized Surveillance Approach. This is an important upgrade, because it will allow increased usage of the field. Now aircrew can request an ASR approach to go down below the clouds to see the airport when a VFR maneuver cannot be done because of low clouds.

“The facility is double the size and uses less energy,” Capt. Charles Gibson said. “It was built for energy efficiency in mind. I would like to thank NAVFAC Southeast, Yates Construction and the whole fire fighting team for their hard work. This is a facility we hope will last us another 40 years. I can’t stress enough the outstanding cooperation we have with the local land owners and

Kemper County officials. Thank you for your support that allows us to train here.”

The proudest person at the ceremony would have to have been Fire Chief Andrew Clayton.

“This station will improve the quality of life for the fire fighters, military and civilians who work here,” Clayton said. “This is a proud day for the fire fighters because it will address safety issues that we had in the old station -- especially the truck bays that were not wide enough for our crash trucks. We have the HVAC system that draws all the exhaust out of the truck bay to protect the fire fighter.”

Clayton added that the new center also enhances the capabilities to respond to airfield emergencies much quicker and more efficient.

“This station was very much needed.”

## Clayton brothers prove fire is in their blood

By Penny Randall  
Staff Writer

The July 16 opening of Joe Williams Field Joint Fire Station/Air Ops Center was a special day for NAS Meridian Fire Chief Andrew Clayton in more ways than one.

Besides the many special guests invited to the event, Clayton wanted to make sure one person was there -- his brother, Anthony Clayton -- who happens to be the city of Meridian’s fire chief.

“It was really a great day for everyone,” Clayton said. “And I wanted to make sure I shared it with my brother. We are very close and I rely on him for a lot of advice from his years of fire fighting.”

Andrew Clayton assumed his responsibilities as NAS Meridian fire chief just two months after his older brother, Anthony Clayton, was named city of Meridian fire chief on Sept. 30, 2009, by Mayor Cheri Barry.

Andrew, who was serving as the training chief for the department for the previous 18 months, wasn’t sure he wanted to pursue the job as fire chief and went to his big brother for advice.

“I actually told him, ‘I will whoop you if you don’t take the job,’” Anthony said laughing. “He didn’t need much convincing -- just some reassuring. He’s paid his dues and put his time in. I’m very proud of him.”

Andrew has served 21 years at NAS Meridian, including a year stationed at Joe Williams Field. Anthony has served 28 years with the City of Meridian in various fire department positions.

Anthony said he would have many questions for his brother about the state-of-the-art components that are featured in the Joe Williams Field station.

“We are definitely going to have to talk about this station and see if we can incorporate some of these features into the new stations that the city of Meridian is planning to build.”

Andrew said he was glad his brother had the chance to see the new station.

“We have a mutual fire agreement with Meridian as well as Kemper County,” Andrew said. “The opening of the new station was a great opportunity to bridge the relationship with both communities. It gave Anthony an opportunity to meet Capt. Gibson and Cmdr. Donohoe.”



Photo by Penny Randall

**Andrew Clayton, left, NAS Meridian fire chief, is joined by his brother, Anthony Clayton, city of Meridian fire chief, at the opening of the joint fire station/air ops center at Joe Williams Field. The two brothers have nearly 50 years in the fire fighting field.**

# Post 9/11 GI Bill transferability requires obligated service

By Wm. Cullen James  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- For those Sailors with children approaching college age, about to start higher learning or with spouses with college aspirations, now is the time to ensure your Post-9/11 GI Bill transferability is properly set up.

Qualified active duty and Reserve Sailors may elect to transfer benefits to a spouse or children, with some or all benefits allocated to those named.

"We still have a lot of Sailors whose transferability requests are being rejected because they don't have the four years of obligated service remaining," said Kathy Wardlaw, the Navy's GI Bill program manager.

The Navy announced the transferability process in NAVADMIN 203/09. Basically, it states that transferability requires two additional years for Sailors eligible for retirement between Aug. 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011, or three additional years for those with 20 years service between Aug. 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012.

Otherwise, Sailors generally must have served at least six years in the Armed Forces and agree to an additional four years. See the NAVADMIN for exceptions.

"Before submitting their transferability requests, their obligation requirement must be reflected in their electronic service record (ESR) or the request will be rejected until corrected," said Wardlaw.

Sailors can review their ESR at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil/>.

In addition to the ESR, the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) is used to validate a family member's eligibility for transfer.

For enlisted personnel that means having sufficient obligated

service prior to their end of active obligated service. For officers, it means they must have an administrative remarks entry (Page 13) in their ESR agreeing to serve four more years from the date their transferability request is submitted.

After obligating service, Sailors must elect the transferability option while still serving.

"Sailors can allocate any percentage of their benefit to their spouse and children and change it any time, but if they don't elect the benefit while serving, they won't be able to go back and do it," said Wardlaw.

*"We still have a lot of Sailors whose transferability requests are being rejected because they don't have the four years of obligated service remaining."*

Kathy Wardlaw  
Navy's GI Bill Program Manager

Family members must be in DEERS and eligible for benefits in DEERS before a Sailor can request transferability. This means those dual-military members whose children are reflecting under only one sponsor's record, must be reflected under both spon-

sors. For example, to establish a child as a family member under both military parents, the child should be enrolled in DEERS under one parent for benefits and under the other parent as a child drawing benefits from another military sponsor.

Navy career counselors are a valuable source of information and an important piece in the service obligation requirement.

For more information, visit the Navy Personnel Command Post-9/11 GI Bill Web site at [www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/Education/Navigation/GIBill/Post\\_9\\_11.html](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/Education/Navigation/GIBill/Post_9_11.html).<BR>

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2 Meridian locations  
Burger King,

2 Meridian locations  
MidSouth Tires, Meridian  
(10 percent on service work and  
5 percent on tire purchase)

Cater's Market, Meridian,  
(601) 482-5515

Plant the Earth, 7802 Poplar  
Springs Drive, (601) 485-7030

Squealer's BBQ, 2442 North Hills  
St., (601) 693-0910; and  
886 Highway 19 S,  
(601) 483-2727

La Familia Mexican Restaurant,  
725 Front Street Extension,  
(601) 482-4232

**5 percent**

Quizno's Classic Subs,  
4811 29th Ave., (601) 485-8111

**Coupon required**

**Bonita Lakes Cinema**

offers a military discount, but  
requires a discount coupon.

Coupons are available at the  
ITT Office at the NAS Meridian

Triplett Library. Coupons  
good after 6 p.m. only

**Sprint** offers a military discount.

**Military Discount**

Town & Country Properties,  
2208-2334 Front St., Meridian.

75 percent off security deposit on  
any downtown apartment rental  
with 12 month lease. Prices from

\$500 to \$850 per month,  
50 percent off pet deposit,

normally a one time fee of \$300.  
(601) 480-8985

# MWR

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### Softball Champs



Photo by Matt Davis/MWR Marketing Manager

Field Support captured first place in the End of Season Captain's Cup Softball Tournament, July 14. Team members are Joseph Gill, Brian Clark, Timothy Montalvo, Jody Reed, Josh D'Andrea, Duncan Morton, Shawn Matney, Bryan Foster, Kendrick Tanner, Ken Johnson, Chris Mills, Tyler Brody, Kendalle Myers, Paula Gray and Wesley Campbell. NTTC's Cross Roads was second, and Air Ops placed third. Placing first in the regular season was the VT-9 Tigers. The Eagles from VT-7 placed second and Field Support placed third.

### Gateway Inn & Suites Retirements



**Betterton**



**Brown**



**Gibbs**

NAS Meridian's Navy Gateway Inns & Suites held a retirement ceremony on July 15 for three of its longtime employees. They included Jerry Betterton who retired after 13 years of service at Navy Gateway Inns & Suites. He also served 22 years in the U.S. Army. Ernest Brown retired after 27 years of service at Navy Gateway Inns & Suites. Brown served as building manager at the time of his retirement. Tommie Gibbs retired after 31 years of service at Navy Gateway Inns & Suites.

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### Bowling News!

#### RANDOM 2 GAME LUNCH LEAGUE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Aug. 16-19 (Monday-Thursday)  
\$5 cash per person.  
Submit team rosters by  
Aug. 13 at 5 p.m.

#### CAPTAIN'S CUP STAFF LEAGUE MEETING AUG. 24 AT 4 P.M.

A representative for each team  
MUST be present to vote on  
officers/rules. Team rosters  
due by Sept. 2 at 4 p.m.

### July Specials

#### MONDAYS

NTTC/MATSS-1 Student  
Special 5 p.m.-close  
\$2 a game including shoes

#### TUESDAYS

RCTA Police Night  
4-9 p.m. \$2.50 a game  
including shoes

#### SATURDAYS

Family Black Out Bowling  
7-10 p.m.  
\$25 a lane up to 5 people.  
Minimum of 3 people per  
lane at \$5 each. DOES NOT  
INCLUDE SHOE RENTAL

#### SATURDAYS IN AUGUST...

BACK TO SCHOOL  
SPECIAL KIDS UNDER 17  
11 A.M.-5 P.M.  
\$2 A GAME  
INCLUDING SHOES



The following are activities scheduled for single and unaccompanied active duty military on board NAS Meridian. For information or if you have an idea for a trip or event, call (601) 679-3760. The Liberty Program is housed on the second floor of NTTC Admin Building 220.  
Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-9 p.m.; Friday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

### July

**22:** FREE bowling to all Liberty patronage at McCain Rec Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**25:** Dog Day Sunday

FREE hot dogs, chips & soda served to Liberty participants beginning at 1 p.m. in the Liberty Center.

**28:** Ping-Pong Tournament at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center. No entry fee. Register day of event at Liberty Center check-in desk. Prize will be awarded to the winner.

**31:** A celebration of July birthdays!  
FREE cookies and soda will be provided at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center.

### August

**4:** Double Elimination Pool Tournament, 7 p.m. at Liberty Center. No entry fee – prize awarded to winner. Register day of event.

**7:** Birmingham Shopping Trip to Riverchase Galleria. Bus leaves Library parking lot at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Must register & pay for the trip by Aug 4. Minimum of 20 people needed for trip to run – NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).

**9:** Liberty Pool Day

Pool is reserved for Liberty patrons from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy light snacks, poolside activities and music.

**12:** Video Game Tournament, 7 p.m. Prize awarded to winner. Register day of the event at Liberty Center.

**14:** National Creamsicle Day  
FREE creamsicle will be served at the Liberty Center at 6 p.m. (While supplies last)

**15:** Get Out and Golf!

For only \$12 Liberty patrons can play 18 holes of golf which includes a set of clubs and golf cart. Sign up at Liberty Center for tee times and space availability.  
Register by Aug. 12.

**16:** Ping-Pong Tournament, 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center. No entry fee – prize awarded to winner. Register day of event at the Liberty Center.

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### AT THE MOVIES

There are three scheduled movies per week at McCain Lanes Theater. The movies are shown at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. On Fridays you can select from the 780 movies on file. Movies on this schedule will not be available for open viewing until after their scheduled showing date. Call (601) 679-2651.

#### Admission: Free!

- July 24: "Clash of the Titans" (PG-13)  
 July 27: "Pearl Harbor" (PG-13)  
 July 28: "The Joneses" (R)  
 July 31: "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG)  
 Aug. 3: "Green Zone" (R)  
 Aug. 4: "Remember Me" (PG-13)  
 Aug. 7: "The Open Road" (PG-13)  
 Aug. 10: "The Bounty Hunter" (PG-13)  
 Aug. 11: "Friday Night Lights" (R)  
 Aug. 14: "Van Helsing" (PG-13)  
 Aug. 17: "Million Dollar Baby" (PG-13)  
 Aug. 18: "Repo Man" (R)  
 Aug. 21: "Fury Vengeance" (PG)  
 Aug. 24: "Field of Dreams" (PG)  
 Aug. 25: "Kick Ass" (R)
- #### FREE Kids Summer Matinee Movies
- (First movie listed begins at 1 p.m. followed immediately by second movie listed)  
 July 26: "Up" (PG) & "The Secret of Moonacre" (G)  
 Aug. 2: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" (PG) & "Princess and the Frog" (PG)  
 Aug. 9: "Fantastic Mr. Fox" (PG)  
 & "Tooth Fairy" (PG)

### Fitness Center

#### Group Exercise Schedule:

- Mondays ~ 6:30 a.m.: Pro Fitness Group**  
**Noon: Water Aerobics at Pool**  
**Tuesdays ~ 11:15 a.m.: Step Aerobics**  
**Wednesdays ~ 6:30 a.m.: Pro Fitness Group**  
**Noon: Water Aerobics at Pool**  
**Thursdays ~ 11:15 a.m.: Step Aerobics**  
**Fridays ~ Noon: Water Aerobics**

Fitness Center Policy: The Sonny Montgomery Fitness Center will conduct a 100 percent ID check of all fitness center patrons.

- 1.) ID check will be administered to ALL unless wearing issued PT gear or are in uniform.
- 2.) If NO issued PT gear is worn, then you must show ID to enter the workout zones.
- 3.) If any civilian is sponsored by authorized personnel, they must pay the daily fee of \$2.
- 4.) All contractors must pay the daily fees or monthly dues and show ID to enter workout zones.

The NAS Meridian Fitness Center is in its temporary location in Building 266 (Behind Starbase Atlantis). Call (601) 679-2367.

#### Become a FAN of the NAS Meridian MWR Fan Page on Facebook.



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Standard text messaging rates apply.

#### FROM THE DESK OF BETH FITNESS COORDINATOR

High outdoor temperatures and humidity coupled with exercise can lead to extreme dehydration. But, it won't if you make a conscious effort to stay hydrated before, during, and after your physical activity. How do you do this?

- ✓ Start hydrating four hours before activity by drinking 16-24 ounces of fluid.
- ✓ If signs of dehydration are present despite this (i.e. not needing to urinate), drink another eight to 16 ounces, two hours before activity.
- ✓ Drink six to 12 ounces every 15-20 minutes of activity.
- ✓ After activity, drink 24 ounces for each pound lost.

Beth Stephens Brown can be reached at the Fitness Center or e-mailed at beth.stephens@navy.mil

### Meridian/NAS Bus Schedule

Have exact cash change ready when boarding the bus. Fare: \$4.

| Union Station   | MATSS-1   | NTTC       | McCain Lanes | Bonita Lakes Mall          | Wal-Mart  |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   |           |            |              |                            |           |
| 4:35 p.m.       | 5 p.m.    | 5:05 p.m.  | 5:10 p.m.    | 5:30 p.m.                  | 6:40 p.m. |
| 7 p.m.          | 6 p.m.    | 6:05 p.m.  | 6:10 p.m.    | 6:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 8:10 p.m. | 8:20 p.m.  | 8:30 p.m.    | 9 p.m.                     |           |
|                 | 10 p.m.   | 10:05 p.m. | 10:10 p.m.   | Drop off if any.....       |           |
| <b>SATURDAY</b> |           |            |              |                            |           |
| 9:30 a.m.       | 10 a.m.   | 10:05 a.m. | 10:10 a.m.   | 10:50 a.m.                 | 11 a.m.   |
| 11:10 a.m.      | 12 p.m.   | 12:05 p.m. | 12:10 p.m.   | 12:50 p.m.                 | 1 p.m.    |
| 1:10 a.m.       | 2 p.m.    | 2:05 p.m.  | 2:10 p.m.    | 2:50 p.m.                  | 3 p.m.    |
| 3:10 p.m.       | 4 p.m.    | 4:05 p.m.  | 4:10 p.m.    | 4:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 5 p.m.    | 5:05 p.m.  | 5:10 p.m.    | 5:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 6 p.m.    | 6:05 p.m.  | 6:10 p.m.    | 6:30 p.m.                  |           |
| 7:40 p.m.       | 7 p.m.    | 7:05 p.m.  | 7:10 p.m.    | 7:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 8:10 p.m. | 8:20 p.m.  | 8:30 p.m.    | 9 p.m.                     |           |
|                 | 10 p.m.   | 10:05 p.m. | 10:10 p.m.   | Pass. Drop off if any..... |           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   |           |            |              |                            |           |
| 12:30 p.m.      | 1 p.m.    | 1:05 p.m.  | 1:10 p.m.    | 1:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 2 p.m.    | 2:05 p.m.  | 2:10 p.m.    | 2:30 p.m.                  |           |
| 3:40 p.m.       | 3 p.m.    | 3:05 p.m.  | 3:10 p.m.    | 3:30 p.m.                  |           |
|                 | 5 p.m.    | 5:05 p.m.  | 5:10 p.m.    | 6 p.m.                     | 6:05 p.m. |
| 6:10 p.m.       | 6:40 p.m. | 6:45 p.m.  | 6:50 p.m.    | Pass. Drop if any          | 7:20 p.m. |

Applebee's Restaurant ..... (upon request only)

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The hunt for the **Golden Ticket** is on! Text MeridianMWR to 30364 to get the clue sent straight to your cell phone.

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**Kickball Games** set for July 31 at 10 a.m. at Bernath Field. Open to all men, women and teenagers of NAS Meridian. Teams will consist of 9 players. Call (601) 679-2367 with team rosters and for more information.

**Fitness Center** to host Wii Boxing on July 28, at 5:30 p.m. 3 rounds of boxing against an opponent selected from a pool of participants. Call (601) 679-2367.

Don't forget that the **CDC/SAC** has spaces available for drop-in care. For more information, call (601) 679-2652.

Let the **Outpost** help plan your next camping trip before school starts back! Camper rentals start at \$40. Boat rentals start at \$20. Reserve yours today! Get the kids out of the house and into a bounce house from the Outpost. Rent one for the weekend for only \$75. Great for birthday parties. Call (601) 679-2609.

**MWR POV Lot** now has two covered parking slots available. Sizes are approximately 15'x30'. Fees for covered slots are \$30 month or \$300 annually. Call (601) 679-2609 for more details & size information.

Stop by the **ITT Office** to take advantage of the Walt Disney Military Salute today! For more information call (601) 679-3773.

**Kids Stuff**

**Baby Einstein Musical Motion Activity Jumper** -- used only three times -- like new \$50. Call (601) 632-1561.

**Little Tikes Mountain Climber** in great shape just some minor wear and tear. The slide and climber are adjustable to grow with the child. Asking \$150. Call (601) 513-3035.

**Electronics/Musical**

**Kenwood eight component stereo system.** Includes 5 CD carousel, dual tape deck, tuner, amplifier, pre-amplifier, graphic equalizer, turn table, surround sound processor with speakers. \$500 OBO. Call Jim at (601) 679-3295 or (601) 681-9728.

**Fender American Standard Stratocaster.** Humbucker pick-ups with S-1 switch, sunburst red, deluxe carrying case, purchased new last year, played very little. Also Peavey Vyper 30 watt modeling amp. Paid \$1,550. New, will sacrifice all for \$995. Call (601) 938-9627.

**Exercise Equipment**

**Bowflex Extreme 2** includes leg attachments. Max weight 310 pounds. Asking \$500. Call (601) 481-4893.

**ProForm XP 160 Elliptical Crosstrainer.** Asking \$399.99. Like new -- was used a handful of times. Call (559) 410-1608.

**Big Stuff**

**NEW! RIGID 10-inch contractor table saw,** heavy duty cast iron table top. Asking \$600. **RIGID 10-inch compound miter saw and RIGID mobile miter saw stand combination.** Asking \$300. **Cub Cadet 54-inch, 26 HP Kohler Hydrostatic Super Lawn tractor,** Asking \$2,000. **Champion 5500 watt mobile generator.** Asking \$375. Call Jerry at (904) 505-3797.

**1998 Yamaha Big Bear 4-wheeler.** 2WD, wench, basket in front, rack on back. Hi-low range transmission with reverse. Approx. 1400 miles, great condition. Asking \$2,200. Call (601) 938-9627.

**Household Items**

**NEW! 36" Sony flat screen TV,** asking \$50, 10 years old, works great, just don't want to move it. Call (601) 626-7703.

**NEW! Twin metal bed frame,** asking \$10, **Simple drafting table,** asking \$8. Call (757) 472-1189 before 8 p.m.

**Twin size Lightning McQueen car bed frame** (red) with mattress and box spring, like new, asking \$150, OBO. **Twin size car bed frame** (blue), like new asking \$50. Call (757) 639-1870, ask for Jeff.

**Two 36-inch TV'S** (not flat screen). Asking \$200 each. **Oak Entertainment Center,** \$250. **Pine Book Shelves,** ready to stain for \$100 each. Call Clinton at (601) 323-1003.

**Twin Basset mattress,** hardly used, \$35; **trampoline,** \$75 OBO. Call Call (904) 315-1556 or (904) 505-3797.

**Refrigerator \$100;** and **Stand up (fiberglass) shower.** Used, but in good condition. Asking \$75. Call (601) 480-2687 or (601) 692-7353.

**Large 2-room capacity air conditioning window unit.** Bought new 2 years ago for \$1,500. Asking \$500. Call (601) 632-4567.

**White Kitchen Micro-Vent Hood/Microwave combination.** Used, but in excellent condition. Changed out to match other appliances. Call (601) 917-6935.

**Automobiles/Accessories**

**NEW! 1999 Nissan Altima,** brown with tan cloth interior, power windows and locks. 135k miles. Asking \$3,700 OBO. Call (904) 803-8776.

**NEW! 1994 Lincoln Town Car,** AM/FM radio with cassette player, 162k miles, white with blue leather interior. Asking \$2,400. Call Betty at (601) 679-7649 or (601) 479-1278.

**NEW! 2000 Mitsubishi Mirage Coupe.** 2-door, PW, DR LOCKS, cold AC, CD player. Asking \$3,000. Call (601) 917-6935 for more info.

**1991 Toyota Celica GT Convertible,** 120K miles, red with black power top, gray cloth interior, 2.2L 4 cyl, Automatic, A/C, CD, fog lights, PW, PL, newer alloy wheels. No rust, interior clean with no cracks or rips. 25-30 mpg, a reliable and fun daily driver but one top latch needs repair. Top is serviceable but worn. Asking \$1850. Call (703) 586-7564

**1996 Isuzu Rodeo,** black (new paint), V6, 4 door, auto, air, AM/FM CD, power windows, locks, brakes and steering. Aluminum wheels, full size spare, 75 percent tires. Cloth interior, 151k miles. Call Tony at (601) 693-4111 or

# Sale ... or

(601) 692-8560.

**2005 F250 Crew Cab Diesel,** only 42k miles, 4x4, extended warranty until Jan 2011, alarm/remote start, bed cover, tint. Asking \$30,100. Call (601) 604-1088.

**32' car hauler,** bumper pull, triple axle, electric brakes on all axles, fresh gloss black paint, on board ramps. Great condition. Asking \$3,800 Call (904) 923-9357.

**1980 Chevrolet El Camino,** 60k miles, beautiful paint job, black w/gold trim, AT, AC, PS, PW, V-8, 305. No rust or dents. New starter, belts and water pump. All receipts. Looks and runs excellent. Asking \$4,500 OBO. Call (601) 692-6947.

**1998 Nissan Pathfinder 4x4,** black with gray leather interior, power windows and locks, sunroof, heated seats. 169k miles. Good condition. New tires. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Call (601) 527-8260.

**1998 GMC Sonoma 4.3 V6,** 5-Spd Power Pkg, Ext Cab, 3rd door. Asking \$4,750. Call (601) 917-6935.

**2004 Honda Civic EX,** excellent condition, new tires lights etc. Asking \$8,000. Call (601) 323-1003.

**2007 Jeep Wrangler 17" alloy wheels/rim**s in brand new condition. All five rims are available and will only be sold together. Asking \$250. Call (601) 479-3308.

**1994 Ford Bronco 5.8L Eddie Bauer 4x4.** Lots of new parts. Truck looks and drives great. 171k miles with no issues at all. Asking \$5,500 OBO. Call (601) 604-4923.

**2004 Chevrolet Venture LT,** 68k miles, silver exterior w/vinyl grey interior, DVD player, dual power heated seats, power right sliding door and other extras. Asking \$9,000. Call (601) 616-5755.

**Motorcycles/Gear**

**2005 Yamaha FJR 1300.** 145 hp., 8020 miles, electric blue, power adjustable windshield, ABS front & rear brakes, front & rear adjustable ride. 2 hardshell (removable) side bags with inserts. 2 helmets & 2 "Joe Rocket" jackets included. Just serviced and is in perfect condition. garaged kept. Call (601) 934-6615.

**2005 Harley Davidson Softail Deluxe.** Two-tone black and pearl paint. Beautiful bike; lots of extras, 12k miles. Asking \$15,500. Call (601) 917-7181.

**2008 KLR 650 Dual Purpose,** red and silver, like new PIAA headlight, rear luggage rack, great gas mileage, 5,300 miles, warranted thru 2013. Asking \$4,800. Call (601) 679-8180.

**2006 Triumph Speed Triple 1050,** white, 3k miles. Asking \$6,500. Call (210) 313-5874.

**Acreage**

**9.6 acres of pasture land with trees,** beautiful homesite that would be very private -- excellent view. Perfect spot for a pond, access to a small creek that runs through the corner of the property. Located in southern Kemper county 2 miles off Hwy 39, approx. 10 miles to NAS, 19 miles to Meridian. Asking \$36,000. Call (601) 938-9627.

**12.5 acres in West Lauderdale School District** with 35x70 metal shop/barn. Cleared, fenced. Ready to have a home built on it with plenty of room for your horses/animals. Asking \$90,000 negotiable. Call Jerry at (601) 513-2624.

**Homes**

**For Sale:** 3BR/2BA home, 5 years old in Plum Point, close to North Hills St. and Poplar Springs Elementary School. Brick home with 1,639 sq. feet, 2 car attached garage, high ceilings, large crown moldings, open floor plan, and privacy fenced back yard with covered patio. Attic has tremendous height could be finished for additional living space. Asking \$168,900. Call (808) 554-0523.

**For Rent:** 532 Old Country Club Road West, 3 BR/3 BA home sitting on

7 acres. 2,889 square feet, all electric, includes stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, tool shed, motor home hookup, fireplace, alarm system. NO pets in home but will allow outside pets. Asking \$1,400 per month. Call (601) 485-8619.

**For Rent:** 7847 Highway 45 North, 3 BR, 2 BA home, tile floors throughout, kitchen and dining room, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator included. Nice fenced in back yard, covered patio. Just 15 minutes to NAS. Call (601) 527-5154.

**For Sale:** 2002 Legacy (16x80), 3 BR/2 BA, master bath has garden tub, brand new carpeting, new paint, all new interior doors, side-by-side ref/freezer, built in stove, dishwasher, microwave. Home sits on 2 lots in Hill Country Community. Take Highway 39 North to Briarwood Road, across from golf course. Asking \$18,000. Call Bob or Deborah at (850) 934-8672.

**For Rent:** Completely remodeled with new kitchen, 2 new BA, split bedroom plan with private bath/bedroom on lower level. New central heat/air, water heater, refinished hardwood & ceramic tile floors. Quiet neighborhood, sorry no pets. Asking \$650/month, \$650 security deposit, minimum 1 year lease. Call Jack at (601) 917-7752.

**For Sale:** 8270 Lizelia Road, 4 BR/2.5 BA, 2200 sq. ft., granite countertops in kitchen, breakfast nook, dining room, laundry room, large family room, two car garage, above ground pool, two acres of land, shop and two storage buildings, fenced yard. Roof is seven years old, single level, home is in Northeast School district. Contact Steve at (601) 917 2282 or (601) 527-5992.

**For Sale:** House on 5+ acres located at 8180 Hwy 493, 4 BR/2 BA, stainless steel appliances, new floors, new roof, new AC unit. Northeast School District. Call for appointment: (601) 917-4056.

**For Sale:** Beautiful home on Confederate Drive, 4BR/3.5 BA, 3 fireplaces, solid oak floors throughout, enclosed pool with shower, half-bath and hot-tub. 2.75 acre lot, new roof, remodeled master bath and updating throughout, two-car carport with large storage room and upstairs storage. Under appraised value at only \$328,500. Can see full details at Militarybyowner.com, or call (601) 693-8386.

**For Rent:** 2 BR/1 BA, full kitchen, great room with fireplace, all newly renovated and fully furnished. Full basement, new pier and seawall. Located on beautiful Dalewood Lake; gated community, 15 minutes to NAS. See by appointment only. Call (601) 482-0522, (601) 880-3309 or (601) 917-2825.

**For Sale:** 4 BR/2.5 BA Historic home in DeKalb, 20 minutes north of NAS Meridian, 2,500 square feet, hard wood floors, 5 fire places, living room, family room, dining room, multi-level deck, playground, workshop, carport, sitting on 0.5 acre lot. Asking \$120,000. Call (601) 604-3869 or (601) 743-4818

**Wanted to Buy**

**Looking for an old lawn mower** with a blown engine only. Preferably a 2 to 3 year old mower. Call Tamra (601) 479-7902

**Motorcycles** any size any condition, will pay above salvage price. Also have a large selection of good used parts for sale. Call (601) 938-4295 any-time.

**Outdoor shed needed.** Call (601) 553-0721.

**Miscellaneous**

**NEW! English Bridles,** asking \$10-30, **English velvet show helmet** size medium, asking \$20. Call (757) 472-1189 before 8 p.m.

**ATV Blade** with tapered design and aggressively curved profile steer dirt or gravel away from the surface you're clearing. Made from heavy-duty 11-gauge steel backed up by extra-heavy ribbing. 54" Blade angles from 20.8" height down to 15" height. It has a manual lift and is very easy to use. Very easy to hook up. Asking \$350, call (601) 479-7902. Can e-mail photos.

**O/U 12 Ga. shotgun** with chocks and cleaning kit, asking \$1,200; **40 round bales of hay,** fescue and clover mix cut this year, \$25 each; **Pure local haley** for sale, quart size bottles, \$10 each (other sizes available). Call Clinton at (601) 323-1003.

**If you wish to add or remove an item from "Sale...or" please send your request to penny.randall@navy.mil or call (601) 679-2809. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before publication.**

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Keep up with the latest news with what is going on with MilitaryRideShare.com, share your feedback and opinions, and also connect with other users who are close to you. These could be great tools for helping you find the ride you're looking for. Remember to check out the Daily Commute page if you're looking for someone to share a ride to and from work each day.

**• Survey**

This tool will allow gay and lesbian service members to remain anonymous and establish confidential communication, said Ham. It's available to all service members because some may not feel comfortable providing candid remarks.

"It is vitally important that service members continue to be open and frank and totally honest with us in their feedback," said Ham. "That certainly has been the case to date, whether it's been a large-group session or a small group or the online inbox. The service members and their families have been invaluable to Mr. Johnson and myself.

"We need that to continue in order to do our jobs and be representative of the force as we address the significant policy matters that would follow repeal of this law, if that is what Congress decides to do," said Ham.

Also, 150,000 surveys will be mailed to military spouses by the end of July 2010, said Ham.

Ham stressed the importance of promptly completing and returning the surveys. The hope is that that all of the surveys will be submitted within 45 days of receipt, said Ham.

The working group's final report is due to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates by Dec. 1.

## Information & Referral: Your information station!

With the complex maze of services offered to Sailors, Marines, and their families, sometimes you need help navigating the system.

The Fleet & Family Support Center Information & Referral (I&R) program helps service and family members find out what is offered and how to access the services they need.

By calling FFSC with your questions, you'll save a lot of time trying to track down information yourself. Ask us. That's why we're here. We've got answers to many of your questions right at our fingertips.

I&R will respond to your question in one of three ways: 1) answer your question, 2) refer you to a resource in the community, or 3) do some research to find out the answer to your question.

Our research shows that for every minute you spend with I&R, it would take you an aver-

age of six minutes to track down the same information. So 10 minutes with I&R could equal an hour of your own time making calls, doing research, and running around from place to place.

FFSC's I&R program provides information in the following areas in both the military and civilian communities for CONUS and OCONUS locations:

- ✓ Schools & educational services
- ✓ Social services
- ✓ Child care
- ✓ Temporary & permanent housing
- ✓ Emergency services
- ✓ Health & medical services

Looking for other resources in the community? Ask us about:

- ✓ United Way
- ✓ Family Center from other military services

- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Chambers of commerce
- ✓ Tourist information
- ✓ Departments of parks and recreation
- ✓ United Service Organization
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- ✓ Realtors/rental agencies
- ✓ Police/fire departments

The NAS Meridian FFSC also has a comprehensive community resource directory, full of information about any local agency you need. If you have a question about anything, start with FFSC's Information & Referral program! Call (601) 679-2360 for assistance.

-- From NAS Meridian FFSC Staff

## Career development boards help leaders, Sailors

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MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Leaders across the Navy are saying that career development boards (CDB), mandated by OPNAVINST 1040.11C, assist both the Navy and Sailors in achieving their goals.

"CDBs are a critical tool for the chain of command to interact directly with every Sailor from the day they check aboard," said Vice Adm. Allen Myers, commander, Naval Air Forces. "They are a positive element of command climate, but only when implemented with the intended end state in mind - due diligence to our Sailors."

The Brilliant-on-the-Basics program was introduced Navywide a few years ago with CDBs as the centerpiece. Brilliant-on-the-Basics includes six key programs: command sponsorship, command indoctrination, CDBs, mentorship, ombudsman programs and recognition programs. According to NAVADMIN 043/08, these six best practices form the enduring foundation upon which every successful career is launched.

Typical topics covered during a CDB are watch-standing qualifications, continued education goals, advancement, short and long-term career objectives, Perform-to-Serve (PTS) and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores. Leadership can use CDBs to take full advantage of learning the priorities of the Sailor.

"It is crucial that we identify Sailors at ini-

tial CDBs who have low Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) scores and get them enrolled into academic skills classes so they can retake the ASVAB test," said Myers. "We are seeing Sailors who want to stay Navy but are not eligible to convert into other rates once in the PTS window. Waiting to correct low AFQT scores once a Sailor is in the PTS window is too late. Losing a great Sailor because he or she could not meet a PTS window due to lack of initiating a PTS request is not something we desire."

CDBs are required for all Sailors upon reporting to a command -- after six months on board, at 12-months on board and at 12-month intervals thereafter. Official guidance is contained in OPNAVINST 1040.11C. When the Sailor's career desires are recorded in the Career Information Management System (CIMS) it becomes part of a permanent record that can follow the Sailor throughout his or her career.

CIMS is available to all shore commands with Internet access and on board 150 ships using CIMS Afloat on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System server. The primary function of CIMS is to assist career counselors with tracking, conducting and documenting CDBs.

The command master chief, chief of the boat, senior enlisted leader and the command career counselor team are the focal points for career development initiatives within the command.

For more information on CDBs, read OPNAVINST 1040.11C.

## FFSC Briefs

To register for any of the following workshops, please call (601) 679-2360. The class will not be presented if no one registers, so please make sure you sign up if you're interested. If you can't attend at the scheduled time, call anyway -- the workshop facilitator may be able to meet with you one-on-one, give you materials, or let you know when the class will be scheduled again. All active duty, reserve, retired military and their families are eligible for programs and services provided by the FFSC. Civil service employees can utilize the services on a space available basis.

**Conflict Management: July 22 from 5-6:30 p.m.** Conflict is normal, even in the most high-functioning families and groups. We all have different styles, points of view, and ways of communicating. If you need to improve your coping-with-conflict skills, come to this workshop to learn the mediation method and other tips to manage the sticky situations in your life.

**Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar: July 26-29 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Military personnel who are voluntarily or involuntarily separating or retiring and are within 180 days of separating should attend this seminar, held at the FFSC. It is highly recommended that spouses attend. You may also attend if you're up to 18 months away from your separation or retirement date. The following topics will be covered: résumés, job search skills, job interviewing, employment (state and federal), veterans' benefits, pay and travel, movement of household goods, PSD/ID cards, TRICARE, emotional transition to separation, financial planning, forms and documents, benefits and services, Naval Reserve programs, military obligations, and more!

**10 Steps to a Federal Job: July 28 from 4-6 p.m.** The government is hiring! But if you want to be successful in landing a federal job, you need to understand the government's unique and complex application process. This workshop, based on the writings and training of federal job search guru, Kathryn Troutman, will walk you through the 10 steps to finding and applying for a federal job. We'll cover: finding and analyzing federal job announcements; crafting a federal-style résumé and an electronic résumé; interpreting the cryptic language of federal hiring process ("core competencies", etc.); the incredible importance of including "keywords" in your application; writing "KSAs"; and much more!

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**Quatermaster 1st Class Andrey Mihaylovski monitors the time during the 1.5-mile run portion of the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) on Berkey Field at Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The PFA is a bi-annual, Navy-wide examination of physical fitness for Sailors that consists of a body composition assessment, curl-ups, push-ups and a 1.5-mile run.**

#### ● PFA software

need to submit performance reports with ending dates of Aug. 1 or later can submit performance reports generated by older software versions until Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) updates are complete.

The E7-E9 chief evaluation has been modified to include the new policy guidance. Evaluation form NAVPERS 1616/27 8-10 can be found at the above link beginning Aug. 1. This Web site also answers frequently asked questions concerning Version 28 deployment and provides a reference guide on using the application.

"I'm really excited because improving the documentation gives PFA the level of attention it deserves. The upgrade will get leadership focused on their Sailors' fitness and the importance of the Physical Readiness Information Management Systems," said Chief Yeoman (AW) Alisha D. Marshall, Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth, Texas, command fitness leader.

For more information on NAVFIT98A Version 28, read NAVADMIN 233/10. For technical assistance with NAVFIT98A software, call NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672). For any NMCI software deployment issues, contact the NMCI Helpdesk at (866) 843-6624.

**Birthday reminder to all active duty members:**  
You are required per OPNAVINST 6120.3, OPNAVINST 6110.1E and BUMED NOTE 6150 to come in annually for PHA-IMR (Preventive Health Assessment-Individual Medical Readiness). This visit is a readiness/preventive health visit. Medical staff will be looking at labs, immunizations, physical exams and health habits. Military members will be required to update any of the above that are not within Navy/Marine Corps standard. If members are in flight status a PHA will automatically be done with flight physical. The PHA-IMR for all members is done during your birthday month by appointment.

#### ● Chaplain

director of Operations, Plans and Policy for the chief of Navy chaplains. "She was chosen because she was the best candidate, and just so happens to be a woman."

While some sailors have to adjust to working with Marines, Navy Capt. Greg Caiazzo, a fellow chaplain serving as the public affairs officer for the chief of Navy chaplains, said he knows Kibben will be able to handle the job.

"She understands the ethos (of the Marine Corps)," he said. "She is going to be out there with the Marines, she wants to be out there with the Marines, and she is concerned (about

#### ● Marine Couple

"I held remediation classes almost every day with him," Estrada said.

"That helped me in the end because I was able to get your attention," said Costilloe, as he smiled at his wife.

This is the couple's third deployment. Their first two deployments placed them on the same camp. When their active duty time in the Marine Corps ended, the couple moved to Estrada's hometown of Grand Junction, Colo., and were married on Feb. 2, 2010. After spending a few months out of the ranks, the couple decided to join the reserves. They deployed to Afghanistan this spring and are scheduled to return home in the fall.

But for now, the newlyweds remain separated by southern Afghanistan desert. Costilloe worries constantly about his wife, who finds herself interacting with local Afghan women as part of her job on the female engagement team.

"There's quite a bit of anxiety," said Costilloe. "The FET program, they're doing something female Marines never had the privilege of doing. I

#### ● Bush

experience interacting with the namesake of this great ship and someone who played such a significant role in U.S. history. It's not every day that you get to meet the 41st president of the United States."

Miller also noted that one of the command's primary goals is to emulate the qualities of its respected namesake.

"We run this ship, and we harp on our guiding principles," said Miller. "President Bush is an example to every single one of us and Barbara is an example that inspires us every day. Our number one guiding principle on board this ship is that, like our namesake, we are professionals who serve our country with integrity. It drives us. It fuels us. George H.W. Bush is a professional who continues to serve his country with integrity."

The former president expressed his confidence and high hopes for the command

Marines."

Gore, who spoke during the ceremony, explained how even at a young age, Kibben knew she was going to serve both God and country, and that she shouldn't forget that part of her life.

"God has provided everything for me," Kibben said. "It is up to me to respond."

Amos also reminded Kibben of the role she would play in the two-front war America's Marines and sailors are currently fighting.

"There are a lot of Marines and sailors who answered their nation's call to fight," he said. "Those young Marines and (Sailors) are the ones you've been chosen to (serve)."

sit on the flight line and my wife is out winning the war."

The couple handles the separation as best as possible, considering the circumstances. Communication via phone or e-mail is minimal with very little privacy. This rare opportunity to see her husband and pin staff sergeant chevrons onto his uniform was a morale boost for the two.

"We'll be going home soon," said Estrada. "Not many couples have that luck, which makes us more thankful. Now we'll think about what's in store for us back home. We're looking forward to starting a family finally."

After the ceremony, Estrada and her groom roamed the camp in search for a place to sit and talk, but the scorching temperatures prevented them from going too far. They settled for the dining hall, but had to leave once the facility was packed with personnel looking for seats during lunch and dinner. Even though they're married, they couldn't rest inside a tent due to camp rules and regulations. So they roamed, and talked and they were content with the few moments they had together.

*"This ship will do a wonderful job supporting freedom around the world."*

Former President  
George H.W. Bush

have people serving, all volunteers, volunteering for this country and to be a part of this magnificent ship."

Bush, a former Navy pilot, was stationed on the USS San Jacinto (CVL 30) during World War II and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his combat service in the Pacific in 1944.

USS George H.W. Bush is the only U.S. Navy aircraft carrier with a living namesake. This visit marked the second time at sea for the former president, but was Barbara's first time underway aboard the ship named after her husband.

The Bush's daughter and ship's sponsor, Doro Bush Koch, went underway aboard the ship for a Friends and Family Day Cruise in May 2010.

The entire Bush family has been actively involved in the command and events involving its crew since the ship's commissioning in January 2009.

concerning the aircraft carrier's upcoming maiden deployment and reinforced his gratitude to the military and its service members.

"This ship will do a wonderful job supporting freedom around the world," said Bush. "When this ship deploys, I know that you will carry the flag with great honor, the flag of the United States, a flag of freedom. We are so blessed that freedom works in this country. What a great country this is and what a wonderful thing it is to be an American. We are so lucky to

# It's Your Turn...

This week we asked the kids at the School Age Care Center: "With summer break coming to an end, what was the best part of your summer and why?"

Photos by MC2 (AW/SW) Flordeliz Valerio



**Taylor Norman**  
Age 8

"We went to New Orleans. We went swimming, walked on the board walk. I had caramel apple!"



**Seth McMurray**  
Age 10

"Going to Birmingham with my dad and brother. We had so much fun."



**Alexandria Warren**  
Age 7

"We went to Orlando, Fla. I get to ride the Nickelodeon and Simpson rides. I went to the pool and got to watch a scary movie."



**Jaden Wright**  
Age 8

"We went to Pensacola. We went to the beach and eat at the circus place."



**Emilie Tiler**  
Age 7

"Going to Missouri. We had a Fourth of July picnic and family reunion with my grandparents."

## ● Moves

same entitlements as TDY orders, plus additional entitlements for moving family members to an alternate place. The escort option only applies to the member when assisting family members such as for the purpose of concurrent travel."

Under the new rules, service members must request approval of their itinerary prior to starting travel. Travel is either from the PDS to the ITDY location or from the ITDY location to the PDS. Service members currently on Global War on Terrorism Support Assignments (GSA) cannot be reimbursed retroactively for previous travel, but may make a request for their return travel.

Some typical scenarios:

- A service member accompanies family members from an alternate location en route to the old PDS upon return from an individual augmentee assignment when the servicemember does not have follow-on permanent change of station orders.

- The member escorts family members to an alternate location and returns to the Sailor's PDS prior to departing for an IA/GSA.

- When the servicemember has follow-on PCS orders, travel from the ITDY location to the old PDS (if family members elected to stay there) and travel to new PDS when returning from a GSA.

The government will not pay for escort travel when:

- The member wants to use it to arrange for household goods or privately owned vehicle shipments, take leave or any other personal convenience.

- The member does not have ITDY orders. Any travel prior to having written orders is not reimbursable.

- The member has already reported to the new PDS.

Specific information on how to apply can be found in the message. Visit the Navy Personnel Command Web site at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) and click on "Messages."

## USS Philadelphia sails for final time into retirement

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Los Angeles class attack submarine USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) left her homeport at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn., for a final time July 9 to complete the process of being retired from the U.S. Navy fleet.

Philadelphia heads to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va., next where she will be dismantled. Once Philadelphia's power plant is emptied of fuel, the submarine is officially decommissioned and remaining crew members are released for other assignments.

A decommissioning ceremony was held aboard the submarine in Groton June 25, the 33rd anniversary of its commissioning.

The sixth ship to bear the name, Philadelphia completed her final deployment Feb. 3, after a mission to the U.S. European and U.S. Central Command Areas of Responsibility.

Philadelphia's final com-



Photo by MC1 Peter D. Blair

**Electronics Technician 1st Class Nicholas Harr lowers the commissioning pennant aboard the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) during the submarine's decommissioning ceremony at Naval Submarine Base New London. Philadelphia served the submarine force for 33 years.**

manding officer is Cmdr. Dave Soldow, who relieved Cmdr. John Spencer in a change of command ceremony April 23.

The contract to build Philadelphia, the third submarine in the Los Angeles class,

was awarded Jan. 8, 1971, and her keel was laid Aug. 12, 1972. She was later commissioned June 25, 1977, with Cmdr. Robert B. Osborne in command.

-- From Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs



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