

# THE SKYLINE



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## On Base...

✓ **Black Heritage Ball:** Feb. 25 at Rudders. Social hour at 6 p.m., fashion show at 6:45 p.m., program begins at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Philadelphia Mayor James Young. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call (601) 679-3879, (601) 679-2712 or (601) 681-8679.

✓ **Principal Matters Informational Meeting**  
March 2, from 4-5 p.m. at Starbase Atlantis Building 266. Rob Calcote, Northeast High School principal, will meet with parents and others interested in high school matters.

✓ **Postsecondary Informational Meeting**  
March 9 from 3-4 p.m. at Administration Building 255, Room 265. Meridian Community College NAS Meridian Program Director Ardra Govan will meet with high school students and their parents to discuss preparing for college, course requirements, college entrance exams, fees, scholarships, etc. For information on either of these meetings contact, School Liaison Cynthia McDonald at (601) 679-2473.

✓ **March Madness Bowling Tournament:** March 5 from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. at McCain Rec Center.

## A Day in Naval History

**February 17**  
1864: Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sinks USS Housatonic.  
1944: Carrier aircraft strike Japanese fleet at Truk, sinking ships and destroying aircraft.

**February 19**  
1945: Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima; island secured March 16.

**February 20**  
1962: Lt. Col. John Glenn becomes first American to orbit Earth. His flight in Friendship 7 (Mercury 6) consisted of 3 orbits in 88 minutes at a velocity of 17,544 mph with the highest altitude of 162.2 statute miles. Recovery was by USS Noa (DD-841).

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## Decreased funding reduces orders timeline

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Citing the impact of reduced funding, Navy announced Feb. 8 that Sailors should expect to receive orders with shorter lead times and based on operational priority.

NAVADMIN 049/11 informed the fleet of the impact to permanent change of station (PCS) orders while operating under a continuing resolution (CR), which is a congressional budget authorization that allows for continuous normal operations while a final budget is approved.

"Due to the way resources are phased and allocated under a CR, Navy currently does not have sufficient funds in our manpower accounts to allow for normal lead times for Sailors to

receive PCS orders," explained Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "The measures we are taking are absolutely necessary in order to remain within budget. Our goal remains to mitigate the impact to Sailors and their families as funds become available."

Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) ability to release approximately 10,000 orders at the end of fiscal year 2010 minimized the impact of the CR until now. To date, NPC has received 40 percent less funding than planned and is currently releasing priority orders for members with detachment dates between February and May 2011. Sailors detaching in the next few months who have not yet received orders will

likely have less than two months lead time when the orders are released.

Navy has utilized this prioritization strategy in previous PCS funding-constrained periods with the intent to minimize impact to fleet readiness, career timing, and families. Emphasis will remain on global support assignment rotations, career milestone billets, critical readiness fills, minimizing gaps at sea for deployed units and those working up to deploy, and keeping the training pipelines moving.

Anticipating a heavy volume of fleet questions and concerns, Navy leadership reminds the fleet that the Sailor to detailer ratio is 1500:1

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## Marine Brigadier Gen. Brogan visits



Marine Training Command Brigadier Gen. Michael Brogan, left, talks with Lt. Col. Van Davidson, Training Air Wing One Senior Marine, following Brogan's arrival at NAS Meridian on Feb. 14. Brogan met with senior leadership of TW-1, NAS Meridian and Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One. He discussed Marine pilot training, viewed a T-45C Goshawk jet and toured the hangar and Marine Schoolhouse.

Photo by Penny Randall

## Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield '11 set for Feb. 21-25

NORFOLK, Va. -- Navy shore installations and activities in the continental United States, Hawaii and Guam, will participate in Exercise SOLID CURTAIN-CITADEL SHIELD '11 (SC-CS-11), an annual security training exercise coordinated by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Feb. 21-25.

The two exercises, each with a distinct focus, occur simultaneously and will stress different areas of the Navy's anti-terrorism program.

"This exercise will enhance the training and readiness of our security personnel and first responders," said Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

"It will also create a learning environment for installation personnel to exercise functional plans and operational capabilities."

Alexander also stressed the importance of the training. "This is the time to prepare and learn how to adapt to diverse and fast-moving situations. The more opportunities we have to train, the more proficient we'll be in dealing with real-world events."

Local communities may also experience traffic delays on roadways leading to or in proximity to the installations. Area residents may also notice increased military activity associated with the exercise. Elevation of

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## NAS Meridian fire fighter aids in rescue of child

By MC2 (AW/SW) Flordeliz Valerio  
Staff Writer

Feb. 2 is a day that NAS Meridian Fire & Rescue fire fighter Mark Nixon has etched in his memory.

Nixon, also a volunteer fire fighter with Clarkdale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, was part of a four-man search team that included Terry Arnsdorff, chief of the Clarkdale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; Wayne Robinson, chief of the Meehan Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; and Allan Dover, Lauderdale County Fire Service Coordinator; who helped rescue a missing child from a heavily wooded area off Highway 45 in Lauderdale County. They were sweeping through the search grid south of the child's grandparents' home where 4-year-old boy, Ayden Gray, had wandered off.

"We received the call approximately 4:45 p.m.," recalled Nixon. "The child had been lost I guess for about an hour at that point. From then, we got a plan together and began the search."

Unfortunately that day, temperatures were in the low 30's.

"It was cold when we started... we were all thinking that when it got dark it would just get colder," Nixon said.

The team and 200 volunteers helping in the search had already spent hours trudging through the woods.

"We decided we would make one last call to the child before we changed our path of direction," Nixon said. "When we did (call), the child actually responded back to us."

Their hopes were lifted when they heard a faint little voice.

"Terry and I took the initiative and went towards the child immediately," Nixon said. "One of the other guys that was with us notified everyone that we had a potential location of the child while we actually went deeper into the woods. After we got down into the woods a little way, we were calling for the child... and heard the child respond... we were at the edge of a



Photo by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio

NAS Meridian fire fighter Mark Nixon is also a volunteer fire fighter with Clarkdale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

beaver dam near a creek. At that point, we told the child to stay put, not to move... he was responding very vaguely back to us."

Nixon said that Arnsdorff wasted no time and immediately waded the water to get to the child while he took a different path as an alternative option to reach the child. They heard the child scream out like he was hurt.

It wasn't an easy task for Nixon and Arnsdorff. They knew the dangers that surrounded the child. The water was chest deep in places and Ayden was standing on a sliver of ground trying to hold on to a sapling.

"When we got there, Terry said to me 'I'm spent... you're going to have to get him.' We probably waded in waist-deep water for 80 to 100 yards toting the child," Nixon said.

Once Nixon and Arnsdorff got the child to dry land, they wrapped him in blankets to try to prevent hypothermia.

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## Timely Perform to Serve applications critical

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy Personnel Command (NPC) is reminding commands and Sailors that submitting Perform to Serve (PTS) applications is the key to being able to stay Navy.

"If you're in a leadership position, this should be one of your top priorities," said NPC Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon D. Port. "Sailors E6 and below with up to 14 years active service must use PTS/Fleet Rating Identification Engine (RIDE) to remain in the Navy. They must carefully watch those timelines and work with their command retention team to ensure timely application.

"PTS is as much the Sailor's responsibility as it is a command responsibility," Port added. "But Sailors need to be provided the tools and information to do this. That informational role rests with the command retention team."

An approved PTS application is required before negotiating for orders, reenlisting or extending. NAVADMIN 352/10 explains how PTS is used to shape the Navy, and includes all business rules concerning.

Port said all Sailors should set an alarm to go off 15 months before their projected rotation date or reenlistment. Commands must ensure PTS applications are submitted for all designated Sailors in ranks E3-E6 who have up to 14 years of service as early as 15 months, but no later than 12 months prior to their end of active obligated service (EAOS). If a Sailor has extended, then these time frames use the extended or "soft" EAOS (SEAOS).

During this mandatory submission period, applications must be completed even if the Sailor

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## Snow Day!



Campbell Johnson enjoys a taste of a snowball. More snow photos, page 3.

## What to expect on board NAS Meridian

SOLID CURTAIN-CITADEL SHIELD is an annual exercise and is NOT in response to any specific threat.

### What You Can Expect:

- Possible increased traffic or delays in base access
- Increased activity at all gates
- Increased patrols on and around the installation
- Increased security levels

### What You Can Do:

- Carry proper ID at all times
- Arrive early
- Plan accordingly
- Be patient
- Follow all orders

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Know the rules before bringing weapon on board installation



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Air Ops captures End of Season Flag Football Championship



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NMCRS hosts Baby Boot Camp March 5



## Photo of the Week

NAS Pensacola's Command Chaplain Cmdr. David Gibson was the guest speaker at NAS Meridian's annual celebration of the National Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 3 in the Roy M. Wheat Galley. Gibson spoke before a group of military members, base personnel, local government dignitaries, Northeast High School NJROTC cadets and members of the Meridian Navy League. Gibson said the annual breakfast is a way to gather as a nation in prayer and thank God for our blessings as well as ask for encouragement, strength and guidance for our troops. During the celebration, Renecia Willis sang the inspirational song, "Without God We Can't Do Nothing" wherein she put a little revision and dedicated it to the military.



Photo by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio

## CNIC names Sailor of the Year

WASHINGTON -- Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale announced recently the selection of Air Traffic Controlman First Class (AW/SW) Juanita Brown as the 2010 CNIC Sailor of the Year (SOY).

Vitale, before announcing the Sailor of the Year said, "We have the very difficult challenge each year of picking the best of the best. The quality of our young people today is the best that it ever has been. I want to congratulate you all."

Brown, a native of Puerto Rico, is stationed at Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., as a tower supervisor.

Upon being named SOY, Brown a nine-year veteran said, "I am overwhelmed and honored by my selection today. The competition was extremely tough."

Brown, and the other



Submitted photo  
AC1 Juanita Brown was named the 2010 CNIC Sailor of the Year by Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale.

two finalists, Yeoman First Class, (SW) Nashera Brown, representing Navy Region Japan; and Naval Aircrewman First Class (NAC/AW) Eric Deburkarte, representing Navy Region Northwest, enjoyed a tour of many of Washington's famous sites, including the White House and the Library of

Congress.

Brown will now go on to compete for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations Shore Activities Sailor of the Year.

CNIC is responsible for managing all 11 regions and 73 Navy Installations around the world.

--From CNIC

## Area Happenings

### FEBRUARY

**19:** Meridian Museum of Art Black History Month Program co-sponsored by Meridian Museum of Art and Delta Nu Zeta Chapter-Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Program from 5-7 p.m. Meridian Museum of Art, 628 25th Ave., Meridian. For information, call (601) 693-1501 or go to: [www.meridianmuseum.org](http://www.meridianmuseum.org).

**24-March 2:** Meridian Little Theatre presents "Hallelujah Girls" at the Highway 39 North playhouse. Show times are at 8 p.m. each night, except Sunday matinee only at 2 p.m. No performance on Monday. For information, call (601) 483-6371 for ticket prices and availability or go to: [www.meridianlittletheatre.com](http://www.meridianlittletheatre.com).

**25-27:** Historic Clarke County Civil War Reenactment will take place in the Pat Harrison Waterway Archusa Park. Canon fire will come from the Fenner Battery against the 1st Washington Artillery. Soldiers will come from the 46th Mississippi, the 4th Alabama Dismounted and the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys #1625. Admission is \$5 per car and nightly canon battles will take place Friday evening and Saturday evening. Event starts at noon on Friday, 9 a.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, email: [lpfoley@hughes.net](mailto:lpfoley@hughes.net), [aaronavera@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronavera@yahoo.com) or [ddcarlin@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddcarlin@bellsouth.net).

**26:** Meridian Symphony Orchestra 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert featuring famed violinist Itzhak Perlman. The concert is at the MSU Riley Center, 2200 5th St., downtown Meridian. Concert time is 7:30 p.m. Special 50th Anniversary Pre Concert Gala at 5:30 p.m. (Gala tickets sold separate). For information, call (601) 696-2200 or go to: [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com).

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**3:** Sarah Evans will kick off the MSU Riley Center's 2011/2012 series with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Pre-show party at 6 p.m. For tickets call the box office at (601) 696-2200.

**5:** The Meridian Little Theatre Ladies Guild is holding a Book Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Meridian Little Theatre on Hwy 39 North. The Guild is a non-profit organization and we raise money to benefit the Meridian Little Theatre. Donations of unwanted books, magazines, comic books, audio books, movies, cookbooks, school books, etc. are now being accepted. Please bring donations to the theatre Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For information, call (601) 482-6371 or (601) 462-9312.

**7-April 7:** Meridian Community College Miller Gallery hosts Lauderdale County High School Art Competition Exhibit. Opening reception will be March 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 910 Hwy 19 North. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call (601) 484-8647.

**9-April 23:** Meridian Museum of Art Exhibit hosts the 37th Annual Bi-State Competition featuring the 2010 Bi-State Winner Larry Bustin and Tiffany McPeak. The museum is at 628 25th Ave., Meridian. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call (601) 693-1501 or go to: [www.meridianmuseum.org](http://www.meridianmuseum.org).



## In the Spotlight...

### Birth Announcement...

Jillian Rayne Rosamond was born Feb. 13 at 2:35 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. She is the daughter of Michael and Leslie Rosamond, sister of Emory, and granddaughter of Lomax and Ruth Ann Rosamond.



### Happy Birthday...

Naval Technical Training Center Meridian's San Diego City College Instructor **Daniel Kerr** celebrates his birthday on Feb. 24.

Happy Birthday to Navy Gateway Inn & Suites staff members **Keandra Boyd** (Feb. 6), **Dimetrius Jefferies** (Feb. 9), and **Maria Lee** (Feb. 21).

To include an item in this column, e-mail [penny.randall@navy.mil](mailto:penny.randall@navy.mil) or call (601) 679-2318. Photos may be included.

## Off Limits Establishments

The following establishments located in the city of Meridian are off limits to military members stationed at NAS Meridian.

**The Underground**  
(Bonita Lakes Mall)  
**Meridian Underground Music Exchange**

**Club Flame Throwers**  
(advertised as "Club End Zone")  
**Club Fusion** (Formerly Club Swaggards and Club Midnight Sun)

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## Help Troops Quit the Spit.

Promote the Great American Spit Out.

This year, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has created a special campaign to support the Great American Spit Out (GASpO) on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The More Kisses campaign reminds those who dare and spit smokeless tobacco of the social implications of tobacco use as well as its serious health consequences.

DoD is asking installations across the country to stage a GASpO event and use the More Kisses campaign materials to encourage young enlisted men to kiss smokeless tobacco goodbye for a day.

The More Kisses promotional materials can be found at DoD's tobacco cessation website, [www.usanquit2.org](http://www.usanquit2.org). Installations can get ideas for GASpO events, then post their events on the website. The website also is a source for GASpO web banners, vinyl banners, print and radio public service announcements (PSAs), and pledge cards.

Individuals accessing the website can pledge to quit tobacco for GASpO or pledge to help someone quit tobacco. A special feature on the website for GASpO will be an "Ask the Experts" forum. A dentist, Capt. Larry K. Williams, U.S. Navy tobacco clinical cessation champion, will answer service members' questions about smokeless tobacco. There will also be a GASpO event on Facebook and a "Kiss me, I'm tobacco-free" badge application to post on an individual's Facebook profile.

For service members preparing to quit smokeless tobacco, DoD recommends using *Train2Quit*, an online support system found on [www.usanquit2.org](http://www.usanquit2.org) that features interactive components such as quit tools, self-assessment questionnaires, quizzes, and other activities. The support system shows service members how to create a customizable quit plan with a calendar to track progress and learn how to deal with cravings, overcome weight gain, and cope with the effects of nicotine withdrawal. The site also has links to personal quit coaches, available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, to get answers to questions about quitting tobacco and staying tobacco-free.

Other offerings of the site include a savings calculator, fun games like Texas Hold 'Em, and blogs for peer support, as well as social networking links to Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. Users can get quit tips via text messages, personal weight downloads, medication information, news articles, podcasts, RSS feeds, special monthly features, and much more.

DoD will be advertising its GASpO More Kisses campaign on Google and Facebook during February.



GET A 24-HOUR PASS TO KISS CITY.

February 24, 2011  
Join the Great American Spit Out and kiss dip goodbye for a day.  
[www.usanquit2.org](http://www.usanquit2.org)

### KNOW THE FACTS

- Smokeless tobacco is used by 19 percent of 18- to 36-year-old military males, more than twice the national average.
- Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking.
- Because the body absorbs 3-4 times more nicotine with smokeless tobacco, it can be more addictive than cigarettes.
- The use of smokeless tobacco can lead to bad breath, stained teeth, gum disease, tooth loss, and oral cancer.
- Oral cancer can result in the loss of one's cheek, jaw, or tongue. The sad part is that only about 50 percent of those with oral cancer will be alive in 5 years.
- One person dies from oral cancer every hour.

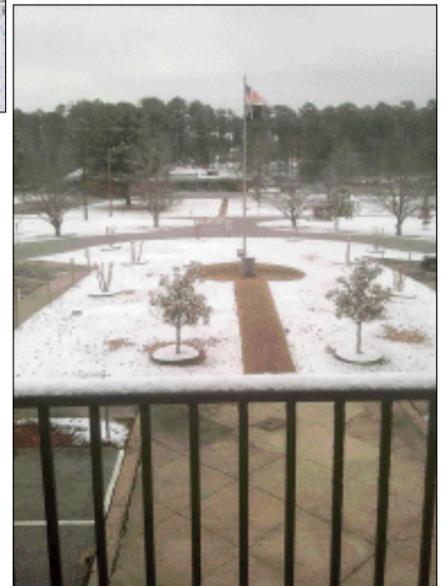
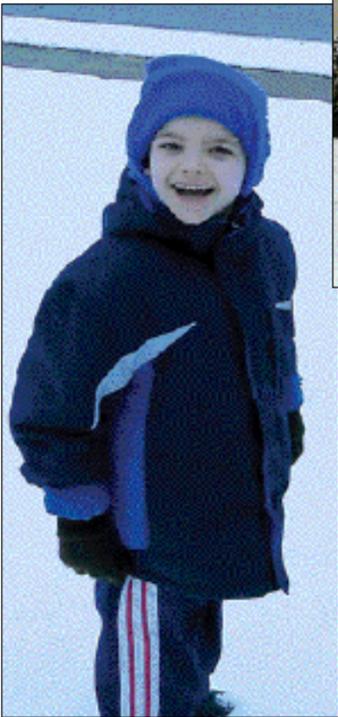
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# NAS Meridian Snow Day

*In pictures...*

Thank you to those who work and live on board Naval Air Station Meridian who submitted these wonderful pictures.



# Navy adjusts Selective Reenlistment Program levels

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- In response to retention requirements for critical skills, the Navy has made adjustments to the fiscal year 2011 Selective Reenlistment Program (SRB) in NAVADMIN 048/11.

SRBs are a dynamic market-based incentive designed to retain Sailors in the Navy's most critical ratings and Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC). Changes to the 135 skill and zone combinations reflected in the FY11 plan include 19 reductions and 12 eliminations; 105 remain unchanged.

"Competition for opportunities to stay in the Navy has increased," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Navy's Personnel, Plans and Policy Division. "We have a portfolio of

force shaping tools, including SRB, to retain the Sailors necessary to execute mission requirements. SRB is a program that is used exclusively to retain Sailors with critical skills. As reenlistment requirements are met, SRB award levels are adjusted to ensure we remain within end strength and fiscal controls."

The message also adds a provision to allow Sailors to submit SRB precertification requests prior to PTS approval; however SRB requests will not be approved until PTS confirmation is received. SRB requests must be submitted no later than 35 days prior to the requested reenlistment date.

"The SRB program has become more tar-

geted, dynamic, and efficient," said Kurta. "Enlisted community managers continuously monitor the health of their communities and make recommendations to adjust the SRB award levels."

Sailors are encouraged to work with their command career counselors, command master chiefs, and chain of command to discuss timing of reenlistment and procedures well in advance of their End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS).

For complete information on the SRB adjustments, see NAVADMIN 048/11 at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

-- From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

## NTTC honors personnel

On Jan. 31, Cmdr. Shane Harris awarded LS1 Jeff Cook, left, and YNCS Tony Shuttlesworth with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for their sustained superior support to the local community. Their dedication toward the betterment of the community, combined with their "can do" spirit was more than evident as the two combined for more than 900 hours of volunteer efforts for numerous programs.



Their sense of community service, civic pride, and compassion for the less fortunate was clearly



demonstrated by their continued involvement with local and civic organizations.

## NTTC hosts Human Performance working group

Naval Technical Training Center Meridian hosted a three-day Human Performance Requirements Review working group Feb. 1-3. Fifty subject matter experts from the fleet gathered at the administrative schools building to review course materials from the Yeoman and Personnel Specialist "A" Schools. For the duration of the working group, new course curriculum was developed based on inputs from fleet operational units and recommendations from the warfighters. The synergy between the fleet subject matter experts and the staff from the Center for Service Support group leaders and instructors on board NTTC Meridian forged the path for the next generation of administrative professionals by developing a curriculum to be taught for years to come.

-- By Tom Childress, NTTC



On Jan. 28, Cmdr. Shane Harris, commanding officer of NTTC Meridian awarded Logistics Specialist Seaman Recruit April Wachendorf with the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal. On Jan. 25, Wachendorf was assigned as a student duty driver returning to NAS Meridian from a routine duty driver run with a van full of students when she observed a motor vehicle accident and acted as the on scene first responder. Displaying exceptional resourcefulness, she ensured emergency services were contacted, accessed the scene, assisted the victims, and supervised the other Sailors in directing traffic around the accident scene until law enforcement and medial personnel arrived. Wachendorf's situational awareness and demonstrated leadership skills in the face of adversity were truly commendable.



On Jan. 31, Cmdr. Shane Harris awarded YN1(AW/SW) Demetira Rumph with the "A" School Military Training Instructor Aiguillette. Recently, Petty Officer Rumph's family, friends and shipmates welcomed her home from a six-month Individual Augmentation assignment at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she served as the Navy's Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

### Orders

which means there may be a delay in response to individual questions.

When seeking more information on this topic, Sailors are asked start with the PCS "Frequently Asked Questions" on the NPC website at <http://www.npc.navy.mil> or to contact the NPC call center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

"We remain committed to providing Sailors with as much information and lead time as possible," said Ferguson. "Thank you for your patience as we work through the continuing resolution funding challenges."

To read NAVADMIN049/11, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/BR<a>>>

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## Pvt. Joshua Contreras

**MATSS-1 Student**  
**Hometown: Jacksonville, N.C.**

Pvt. Joshua Contreras is the son of retired Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Contreras and proud of it. "My dad was my main influence to join the Marine Corps," Contreras said. "It helped our father-son relationship out as well. Not only does he see me as his son but also a brother-in-arms."

Contreras' father works at Marine Corps Air Station New River and currently designs aviation maintenance curriculum for the Osprey.

Contreras is currently a student in the Marine Aviation Supply Specialist course at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.

"I became a Marine to challenge myself," Contreras said. "I also look forward to trying out for the Marine Corps boxing team and hopefully going to the Olympics to represent the Marine Corps and the United States."

Contreras lists his hobbies as boxing, weight lifting, running and writing.

"I've been boxing since I was 15," he said. "I really enjoy it."

# OOORAH!



## Pvt. Luis Obregon

**MATSS-1 Student**  
**Hometown: McAllen, Texas**

Pvt. Luis Obregon has overcome extreme adversity to achieve his dream of joining the Marine Corps.

"I had a brain tumor at age 2 and then I lost 100 pounds to have a chance to enlist in the Marine Corps," said Obregon who is currently a student at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One.

"I became a Marine to serve my country and do my part. I wanted to live a better life with job security -- nothing compares to the Marine Corps."

The person he most admires is someone he considers his "little brother" -- Lance Cpl. Sylvester Martinez.

"I say I recruited him, but he got to go to boot camp before me," Obregon said. "He is now a motor-t operator in Japan. We both lost a great deal of weight to become Marines -- he motivated me every day to do better."

## MATSS-1 students experience first ever practical application



Twenty-four students in the Marine Aviation Supply Specialist Course at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian participate in the first ever practical application evaluation on Feb. 11. The purpose of the drill was to provide students with hands on experience before they went to the fleet to perform their duties in several aviation supply fields. "The CO challenged each course to come up with a culminating event for the students before they graduated to test their knowledge that they had learned over the period they were here," said Staff Sgt. Jorge Cedeno, MASS Instructor. "The students performed well and we were happy with the results of the evaluation." Course instructors created the scenarios to see how students were react to certain situations and then monitored their progress through the evaluation. Students were assigned duties of either ordering supplies, filling orders, packing supplies or delivering supplies. The practical application evaluation will become part of the curriculum and each student will participate before graduation.

Photos by Penny Randall

## Safety is Our Duty

### Safety Integration in Acquisition Award nominations sought

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 SECNAV Safety Integration in Acquisition (SIA) award. Deadline for nominations is March 1.

The award recognizes a Navy and/or Marine Corps team or office, that has demonstrated exceptional success in identifying and mitigating safety hazards during systems acquisition, and has best incorporated safety and operational risk management throughout systems design and implementation.

The award will be presented in June at the annual Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Award ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

The winner receives a commemorative plaque and memo signed by the secretary of the Navy, and also earns the right to fly SECNAV's personal safety excellence flag for one year.

The SIA award is one of twenty presented by the secretary of the Navy to ships, air squadrons, shore activities, operational support units, and other commands for safety excellence. Last year's SIA recipient was the Amphibious Warfare Program/Naval Sea Systems Command Ship to Shore Connector Design and Acquisition team.

For information on how to submit a nomination, see SECNAV Instruction 5305.4B, Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Awards, 20 July 2010.

From The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Safety

### Check your stoves, space heaters and fireplaces

Each year fire claims the lives of 3,500 Americans, injures 18,300, and causes billions of dollars worth of damage. The misuse of wood stoves, portable space heaters and kerosene heaters are especially common risks in rural areas.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) believes rural fire problems can be reduced by teaching people to recognize the hazards. By following some of the outlined precautionary steps, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a fire casualty.

#### Wood Stoves

Wood stoves cause more than 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Look for solid construction, such as plate steel or cast iron metal. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

#### Electric Space Heaters

Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

#### Kerosene Heaters

Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), and check with your local fire department on the legality of kerosene heater use in your community. Never fill your heater with gasoline or camp stove fuel; both flare-up easily. Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene. Never overfill any portable heater. Use the kerosene heater in a well ventilated room.



#### Fireplaces

Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace.

These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

Source: National Fire Academy, Fire Prevention  
If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3867.

*To protect and serve...*

## Know the rules before bringing weapon on board installation

Most of us remember the movie scene where Dirty Harry looks at the bad guy and offers a choice, "Go ahead... punk, make my day."

Now imagine a traffic stop with you as the driver and Dirty Harry as the patrolman. Oh my, this is one traffic stop guaranteed not to end with the words -- "have a nice day."

All of us would like to think we live in a great town, or in our case a great base, in the terms of actual crime, and our fear of crime, in a sense insulated from the bad things and secure in our environment and homes.

Unfortunately for us we live in the age of terrorism, and mass shootings such as Fort Hood and most recently the Arizona shootings which left a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl among others

tragically dead. This same incident produced several wounded, most notably a United States congresswoman.

In this age of mentally disturbed or irrationally motivated threats we must consider a few things. Our base is no different from any other base in the United States; in fact it is somewhat insulated from the community around it in traditional terms. We are a federal property (jurisdiction) which is separated by a physical boundary (gates and fences) which also represent a legal boundary. In essence we are a fort, which is to say a fortified position, an enclave, a protected environment with trusted personnel and a vital mission.

The Security Department, consisting of security personnel and Department of Defense police,

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has the specific mission of protecting this base and the people on board.

Recently during a traffic stop where a prohibited weapon was visible, the person stated the reason he carried the weapon was for self protection and that he had been a crime victim before. These are reasonable reasons for carrying weapons as long as the possession itself is legal.

While Mississippi state law recognizes the automobile as an



David Green  
NAS Meridian  
DoD Patrolman

extension of the home and certain weapons are allowed in the car, on board NAS Meridian it is quite a different story. While on federal property it is illegal to introduce certain weapons without prior approval and under specific authorized circumstances.

Which weapons and what circumstances? How do I keep out of trouble? Well, to ask this question is to ask only part of the equation, the other part is to place yourself in another man's boots for a mile or so.

Before I start every shift, I put on a bullet proof vest, kiss my wife and kids and make a silent promise to myself that "I am coming home to my family tonight." Then I walk out the door of my home. As I arrive to work, I attend guardmount with my supervisor and my fellow offi-

cers and I make another promise, "These people are going home to their families tonight." Then I start my shift and I once again make yet another promise, "These people on base are going to be safe today." It may sound corny or contrived, but I literally and consciously do this each and every day. And then I go about my business in an honest effort to protect and serve. The reason why this is important to consider is what if you are "officer friendly" and conduct a routine traffic stop and discover a prohibited weapon? How do you know that guy is not a bad guy intent on doing harm? Can you afford to risk your life in order to find out why? The answer of course is obvious, as a cop you risk your life daily. By following your

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# Legendary comic visits deployed Carl Vinson

By MC2 Byron C. Linder  
USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)  
Public Affairs

USS CARL VINSON, At Sea (NNS) -- Sailors on board Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) welcomed a comedian and prop comic aboard Feb. 10 during the ship's deployment to the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Leo Gallagher, noted for his signature "Sledge-O-Matic" sketch involving smashing objects with a large mallet, made a long journey during the course of a week for his first visit to a U.S. Navy ship.

"I went to Okinawa, then to Tokyo, then I flew 11 hours to Istanbul, five hours to Bahrain and two and a half hours here. I don't know if I've been up all night or if I've had a long day," said Gallagher. "I like being on the ship. This is a floating city."

Gallagher began his first day aboard Carl Vinson meeting with Sailors in their work spaces. Gallagher finished his first day with a visit to the ship's Medical Department to observe a simulated casualty response.

Gallagher met the Sailors of Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) in the hangar bays and jet shop and then took the opportunity to meet Carl Vinson Sailors on the aft mess decks for two autograph and photo

"For anyone, this is a morale booster."

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Brandon Trusty

sessions Feb. 11. At 8:00 p.m., he took the stage in Hangar Bay 2 to perform his signature show with hundreds of Sailors in attendance. The hour-long routine involved jokes and Gallagher's prop comedy, with several Sailors invited on stage to participate in the sketches.

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class (AW) Jamie Faulkner, a Joliet, Ill., native assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125, expressed his appreciation for being able to meet the comic.

"You gotta love it. It's a big morale booster to make that extra effort to make us happy," said Faulkner. "Things change with the younger generation, and to have someone who's been around as long as Gallagher was a different flavor but there's still good humor. Our day check and night check were both able to show up."

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Brandon Trusty, a Nashville, Tenn., native assigned to Weapons

Department, was excited to meet a comedic influence.

"I do some stand-up comedy myself, and Gallagher was the first comedian I watched. I was nervous standing next to him and taking a picture," said Trusty. "When I was little, I just saw a guy smashing watermelons and stuff on stage, and that was cool to see. Then I got older and started listening to the jokes, and I realized what he was all about. He carries an old-school comedy style, and it's surprising how funny that can still be."

With Sailors like Trusty working to directly support Carl Vinson's air operations in Afghanistan, the opportunity to take a break and have some fun was welcome.

"For anyone, this is a morale booster. I work on the flight deck, and it's a stressful place. This is a complete break from that," said Trusty of his appreciation for the opportunity to perform for Sailors.

"I wanted to visit some Americans who were not in America, and entertain them where they were. They're appreciative, polite, and deserve to have entertainers come out and brighten their day, so I'm out here doing my part," said Gallagher.

For Gallagher, one highlight was listening to the stories of Sailors growing up and experiencing his work.

"I like hearing they



Photo by MCSA Nicolas C. Lopez  
Stand-up comedian Leo Gallagher smashes a cake for Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) hangar bay during a show hosted by Navy Entertainment.

appreciate me coming out. I appreciate when they tell me they saw me when they were kids. They heard their first dirty jokes from me, or their dad used to sit with them and watch my shows. I have some new material, and I figure why make a video when I can tell it to them live," said Gallagher.

Gallagher's trip to the carrier was coordinated by Navy Entertainment. Carl Vinson and embarked Carrier Air Wing 17 are deployed to the 5th Fleet AOR to support theater and maritime security operations.

## MLT stages 'Hallelujah Girls' Feb. 24-March 2

Curtain goes up at the Meridian Little Theatre Feb. 24 for "The Hallelujah Girls." The new Southern comedy hit by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, authors of "The Dixie Swim Club" will be performed at the Highway 39 playhouse through March 2.

The action in this rollicking Southern comedy takes place in SPA-DEE-DAH, the abandoned church-turned-day-spa where a group of five friends gather every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend the women realize time is precious and if they are going to change their lives and achieve their dream, they have to get on it now!

But Sugar Lee, their high spirited, determined leader has her hands full

keeping the women motivated. Carlene has given up on romance, having buried three husbands. Nita is nervous from running interference between her problematic son and his probation officer. Mavis' marriage is so stagnant she is wondering how she can fake her own death to get out of it. Sweet, simple Crystal entertains them all singing Christmas carols with her

own hilarious lyrics.

The comic tension mounts when a sexy boyfriend shows up unexpectedly, a marriage proposal comes from an unlikely suitor and Sugar Lee's archrival Bunny vows she will stop at nothing to steal the spa away from her.

Parker Padgeth, a good hearted blowhard who doesn't know when to shut up, helps the women

to overcome these obstacles and launch their new, improved lives creating many side splitting adventures along the way.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$16 for senior citizens, military and youth. For more information, call the box office at (601) 482-6371 weekdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or go online to purchase tickets at [www.meridianlittletheatre.com](http://www.meridianlittletheatre.com)

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## Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders,  
Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

### Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

### Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

### Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

### What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.3 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by April 20, 2011.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4577.

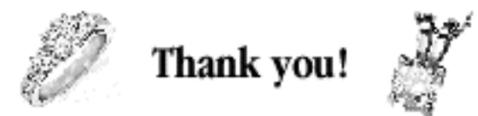
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## Did You Know?

NAS Meridian NEX offers Western Union money transfer. Located in Building 214 at the Personalized Services counter at the front of the store.

## Reenlistment



Photo by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio

**Air Traffic Controlman 2nd Class (AW/SW) Jason Miller signs his reenlistment contract with Navy Counselor 1st Class Timothy Bridges after the reenlistment ceremony on Feb. 4. Miller reenlisted for four years.**

Navy Medicine Manpower, Personnel, Education & Training Command (NAVMED MPT&E) has free Hospital Corpsman advancement study material available in hard copy or online as a download. Hospital Corpsman Manual Flashcards (NMHCMF10V1), a flashcard "quizzier," are available via Navy eLearning and accessed via NKO. NAVEDTRA 14295A, the Hospital Corpsman Rate Training Manual, is available at <https://www.sas.cnet.navy.mil/Login/SASLogin.aspx?redirecturl=https://www.courses.netc.navy.mil/>. For more information, contact Chris Hawkins at [RTM\\_feedback@med.navy.mil](mailto:RTM_feedback@med.navy.mil).

## Housekeeper Certification



Submitted photo

**Navy Gateway Inns & Suites and Commander, Navy Installations Command have established a housekeeper certification program and NAS Meridian has just certified their last housekeeper. The program consists of nine modules which cover 32 topics and includes everything from professional appearance, making a bed with a duvet, to developing a cleaning strategy. The purpose of the program is to train all NGIS housekeepers in the same manner whether they work here in Meridian, Key West or Japan so that NGIS guests will all receive the same high quality service they have come to expect. Pictured left to right are: Jinnie Crump, Brendella Wallace, Teresita Summera, Tammy Mosley, Sharon Clayton, Jacqueline Allen (executive housekeeper), Patricia Kennedy, Doris Hudson, LaSandra Harris, Essie Cole, Sarah Harris and Maria Lee. Not pictured are Geraldine McDonald and Lorie Mitchell.**

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For reservations, call 1-877-NAVY-BED (1-877-628-9233) or on line at [www.dodlodging.net](http://www.dodlodging.net).

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training and maintaining professionalism and courtesy, you can in fact determine that intent. This is why I am writing this particular article so you as citizens are better informed and will do the right thing.

The reasons for weapons being prohibited should be obvious. The legality is defined by the UCMJ, Title 18 U.S. Code, and further defined by NASMER Instruction 3593.1B which states one very important step which will keep everyone out of trouble. Under Policy Section (4) subsection c.: when entering the base and in the event of a traffic stop the driver is responsible to immediately inform the gate sentry or patrolman of any weapons in the vehicle. So, regardless of being asked, it is your responsibility to declare any weapons present in the vehicle or on your person.

Without doing this, intent is established. In other words, you just became a bad guy, not one of the protected, but a perceived threat. Enter Dirty Harry, officer friendly just became a lot less friendly as he

has made promises and intends to keep them.

OK, now you ask just what a prohibited weapon is. I left the Uzi at home, what about those other little "equalizers." According to instruction 3593.1B, we are talking about anything which could actually be used as a weapon or in the commission of a crime -- this could be a rock or hammer or any destructive device, firearm or weapon, without required license, permit, registration, and/or notice.

The actual list of weapons includes, knives, switchblades, stiletos, billie clubs, collapsible batons, brass knuckles, leather saps, black-jacks, slingshots, tasers, stun guns, BB guns, and even imitation guns. Of interest is that automatic weapons, sawed off shotguns and silencers are also listed but constitute federal crimes simply by possessing them. Dum-dum or body armor penetrating ammo is also prohibited, as well as handcuffs (unless authorized in the performance of duties). Without discussing constructive possession, you

simply cannot have these items on your person, in your car or in your room at the Navy Gateway Inn & Suites as a matter of routine. The exceptions to this are also in the instruction and provide for hunters and for transporting authorized weapons to and from housing.

In considering the opposite of Dirty Harry would probably be Andy Griffith, bless his heart, everybody loves Andy. The reality is that Andy would not fare very well in today's policing environment dealing with possible asymmetrical threats and active shooter scenarios. But in the spirit of Andy, we hope to provide you the customer the very best in community policing and courteous service. I consider it a privilege to keep my promise by protecting and serving you.

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**Two nice, light brown couches,** less than 2 years old, no stains, no sagging and from a smoke free home. Asking \$150 each OBO. Call (904) 803-8776.

**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.

**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.

**20in Chrome rims and tires** (Toyo Proxy-295/45R/20). 6 lug. Only 10k miles. Asking \$750. Call (757) 814-9739 / (601) 479-3446.

**1998 GMC Sonoma SLS 3rd door** 4.3L Vortec V6, 5 speed, PW, PDL, PM, tilt, cruise, CD, new AC as of last year, has 205,000 miles, legal tinted windows, vent visors, new spray in bed liner, custom grill, integrated fog lamps, K&N air filter. Asking \$4500. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

**Mercedes C230 Coupe,** 2004, loaded -- mint condition, silver, leather, Bose, 6 CD changer, A/C, 65K miles. Asking \$14,200. Call (361) 442-4489.

**2005 Ford Freestar Limited van,** 57k tan leather seating, 2 power sliding doors, power rear door. Two tone maroon and gold. Great shape. Asking \$11,500. Call (601) 604-9180.

**1 Goodyear Wrangler Tire P235 75 R16.** Never touched the road! Asking \$50. Call JJ at (601) 553-8298.

**2005 Pontiac Montana SV6, 3.5L, Minivan,** 65k. Excellent interior and exterior condition. Dark grey, new tires, new front brakes, CD, DVD Video, power sliding door, power driver seat. Asking \$8,700. Call (210) 250-0187 or email: [acrcalais@gmail.com](mailto:acrcalais@gmail.com).

**Tonneau cover, black snap down roll up type -- brand new in**

**box.** Fits Ford F-250 1980-98 long bed. Made by Sure Fit. Bought at 4 wheel online. Asking \$100. Call John

### MOTORCYCLES/GEAR

at (601) 484-7244.

**2004 Honda VTX1300C,** burnt orange, very clean, runs great, many accessories. Can email pics and more details. Call Frank at (601) 513-1738.

**2007 Suzuki Burgman Motorscooter,** automatic transmission, 50 MPG, easily carries 2 people at interstate speeds. Asking \$4,600. Call (601) 486-3482.

**2004 Artic Cat 90 ATV,** 2-stroke automatic, runs great, just serviced. Asking \$500 OBO. Call (601) 513-0071.

**2006 Yamaha Raptor 80cc.** Asking \$650 and **2007 Eton Viper 70cc.** Asking \$650. Call (601) 938-1683.

**1999 Suzuki GS 500,** black and yellow, 4,500 miles Like new. Asking \$2250. Call John at (601) 484-7244.

**2005 Yamaha Scooter.** In storage for 2 1/2 years, 3500 miles, like new, 75 MPG, perfect for commuting around the base. Asking \$1,650. Call Murvis at (601) 632-1167 or (601) 679-2361.

**2008 Kawasaki Ninja 250R,** blue with jacket and helmet included, 3800 miles, Asking \$2500. Call (601) 562-6508.

**2006 Honda VLX,** 3,500 miles with new windshield. Great bike in very good condition. Asking \$3,200. Call (601) 632-1167.

**Honda CRF 100.** Great dirt bike for a youngster to start on. Garage kept. Includes boots, pants, chest protector and gloves. Asking \$1000. Call Jerry at (601) 513-2624.

**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.

**2006 Triumph Speed Triple 1050,** white, 3K miles. Asking

**HOMES/APARTMENTS**

\$6,500. Call (210) 313-5874.

**Update - For Sale:** Doublewide, 3 BR, 2 full BA. Master has shower and garden tub with 2 vanities. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Central air & heat. Gas fire place. Large kitchen with all undated appliances with dishwasher. 10x20 covered front deck with 10x20 side deck. 12x15 Storage building includ-

ed. Large yard with circle drive on 2 acres. Located Collinsville/Martin area on Mayatt Road. West Lauderdale school level 5A. 18 miles from NAS. Asking \$80,000 call (601) 479-9229

**For Rent:** 2708 Russell Camp Road, Meridian, 1131 square foot, 2 BR, 1 BA house with a two car garage & washer and dryer. Available after March 16. \$565 per month and deposit \$565. Proof of military service get half off first months rent. Can be seen on [www.ahrn.com/](http://www.ahrn.com/) or call G. Barrett at (850) 855-8304. To be seen by appointment only. Currently the house is occupied.

**For Sale:** Home located in The Meadows, 3 BR/2 BA home with a 2 car garage. Open floor plan. Huge back yard with a deck and small sun room. 10 minutes to NAS Meridian and 10 minutes to town in the opposite direction. Asking \$161,500. Call (601) 701-3332.

**For Rent:** 1 bedroom cottage, private setting at 11117 Hill Thompson Rd, 2 years old, appliances, just off hwy. 19 north between Meridian & Collinsville. West Lauderdale just 10 minutes from Meridian and Reservoir. Asking \$400 month, \$200 deposit, 1 year lease. Call Jack at (601) 917-7752.

**For Rent:** Large modern, 3 BR/2.5 BA with den, dining, kitchen combination. The den has a wood burning heater. Laundry room with a washer/dryer already installed. Kitchen has refrigerator and gas stove. Huge yard with space for a garden if desired. House located 20 minutes north of NAS Meridian off Hwy 45. A must see if you desire country living. Asking \$600/month plus deposit. Can see full details at [www.ahrn.com/](http://www.ahrn.com/) or call (504)244-0975 or (601) 469-1307. Direct deposit is required for monthly rental.

**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 \$80,000. Call (601) 604-3870.

**For Rent:** 3 BD/2 BA mobile home in Hill Country Park on Briarwood Road. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

**For Rent:** Very quite home in North Meridian neighborhood. Very close to shopping and all fast food restaurants, supermarket, video

store, and bowling alley. Call (601) 485-5546 for details and to view.

**For Rent:** Large 4 BR, 2 BA house in Poplar Springs School Dist., new central air and heat unit, new roof, new water heater, 2 living rooms, new window blinds, double garage, large deck. Asking \$1200 per month, plus deposit, minimum one year lease. Call (601) 917-9876.

**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](http://Militarybyowner.com), or call (601) 701-3332.

**WANTED TO BUY**

693-8386.

**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 anytime.

**A inexpensive, reliable car** for college student. Call (601) 701-

**MISCELLANEOUS**

3332.

**NEW! Craftsman 10" compound miter saw.** Works great. \$40. Call (757) 412-9411. Leave message.

**Fussball table,** Asking \$100 OBO. Call Edward at (601) 604-7653.

**ESPN 7.5 ft Pool Table.** Asking \$150. Call (601) 938-1683.

**Mississippi State University home basketball tickets** for sale (Various Dates). Two reserved seats (3 and 4) section 235 row 7. Call (601) 479-4162.

**ATV Push Blade** with tapered design. Has manual lift and is easy to hook up. Great for driveway and field use. Stored in warehouse out of the weather. Call Tamra at (601) 479-7902 or email [proud-mom2@live.com](mailto:proud-mom2@live.com) for pictures. Asking \$250, paid over \$500.

**10hp generator** for sale used very little. Asking \$450. Call (601) 323-1003.

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

# Mission First... Sailors Always



## February Specials

**Tuesdays: MATSS-1/NTTC Student Special**, 5-9 p.m.  
\$2.50 a game including shoes

**Wednesdays: NAS Meridian Staff Special**, 4:30 p.m.-close,  
Bowl 2 games with shoes for \$5

**Thursdays: RCTA Special**,  
4-9 p.m., \$2 a game,  
\$1 for shoes

**Fridays: Family Cosmic Bowling**, 6-10 p.m., Bowl for \$20 a lane for up to 5 people.  
Shoes not included.  
Time limit of 2 hours per lane

## March Madness Bowling Tournament

March 5 ~ \$15 per person. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
(Must register by 11 a.m. March 5)  
Bowlers will face different challenges across six lanes.  
Call (601) 679-2651

## Football Camps

Air Ops Flag Football team took home first in the End of the Season Tournament and third place in the regular season standings. Team members include standing: AC1 Ronell Lewis, AC2 Michael Bryan, AC2 Wesley Moore, ACAN Caleb Campbell, AC2 Kody Dannelley. Kneeling: ACAN Nicholas Degennaro, Bottom: AC2 Kevin Lewis, ACAN Jamor Pearson and ABH2 Jody Reed.

Photo by Matt Davis  
MWR Marketing Manager



Submitted photo  
Air Traffic Controller Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Lewis with his wife, Ebony.

## MWR says goodbye to special Sailor

By **Angelia Gaines**  
Sports Coordinator

Air Traffic Controller Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Lewis checked on board NAS Meridian Feb. 7, 2006, and has been an active participant in numerous intramural team sports.

During his tour here, he has assisted NAS/Air Ops in claiming regular season and end of season trophies in the major sports of softball, basketball and football.

On his five-year anniversary at NAS Meridian, he assisted Air Ops in claiming the 2010 EOS Intramural Flag Football Championship.

Petty Officer Lewis traveled

with the NAS Meridian Base Flag Football Team to Hattiesburg, and participated in University of Southern Mississippi's Annual NCCS Regional Flag Football Tournament in 2006 where he added to his fan club, Ebony Carpenter whom he later married.

After five years as an Air Traffic Controller on board NAS Meridian, Petty Officer Lewis will transfer and take with him is loving wife, Ebony, and beautiful kids: Akevia, Shamarrion, Ny'Asia, Kayla, and Kayden.

AC2 Lewis, MWR wishes you and your family the utmost future as you travel with the Navy. You will be well missed and remembered.

## 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!

- Feb. 19: "Scott Pilgram vs the World" (PG-13)
- Feb. 22: "Piranha 3" (R)
- Feb. 23: "The Last Exorcism" (PG-13)
- Feb. 24: "The Switch" (PG-13)
- Feb. 26: "City of Angels" (PG-13)
- March 1: "Going the Distance" (R)
- March 2: "Conviction" (R)
- March 3: "The Social Network" (PG-13)
- March 5: "Megamind" (PG)
- March 8: "My Soul to Take" (R)
- March 9: "Tomorrow Never Dies" (PG-13)



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.

## February

- 17th:** Double Elimination Pool Tournament begins at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center. No entry fee - prize awarded to winner. Register day of event at Liberty Center.
- 19th:** World of Coca Cola & Georgia Aquarium Trip ~ Bus leaves Liberty parking lot at 5 a.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Pay and register at Liberty Center by Feb. 16. Minimum of 20 people needed for the event to run - NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).
- 20th:** Dog Day Sunday FREE hot dog's, chips & soda served to Liberty participants beginning at 2 p.m. in Liberty Center.
- 21st:** Video Game Tournament at 7 p.m. Prize awarded to winner. Register day of the event at Liberty Center.
- 23rd:** Ping-Pong Tournament begins at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center. No entry fee - prize awarded to winner. Register day of event at Liberty Center.
- 28th:** Birthday Bash A celebration of February birthdays! FREE cookies and soda at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Center.

## Upcoming...

**March 10: 5K run at 3:30 p.m.**



**April 2: Mountain Bike Duathlon at 9 a.m. ~ Stables**

Sign up for these events at the fitness center or call Beth at 679-2379 for more information.

## Springtime is outdoor rental time at The Outpost!!

Come check out the new rental equipment... padaloats, jon boats & mountain bikes.

And all new camping equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, coolers, etc... Call 679-2609 for more information & reservation policies.



## Child and Youth Programs...

The Child Development Center has two full time slots available in pre-toddlers and four full time slots available for toddlers. For more information, call Deridre Odom or Linda Griffin at (601) 679-2652.

The School Age Center has open slots available for before and after care. SAC also offers First Tee, Boys and Girls Club and 4-H. For more information, call Sheila McCoy at (601) 679-5252 or (601) 679-2652.



## ~~ MWR News ~~

**ITT** is now located next to Navy Federal Credit Union in Administration Building 255. Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by the **ITT Office** to take advantage of the Walt Disney Military Salute today! For more information call (601) 679-3773.

**Ponta Creek Golf Course** hosts One Person Scramble on Feb. 26. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 per person and includes green fee, cart and lunch. For more information, call (601) 679-2526.

**The Library** has a new phone number -- (601) 679-2326.

**CDC/SAC** has spaces available for drop-in care. For more information, call (601) 679-2652.

**Child and Youth Programs** are looking for individuals interested in providing evening care in their homes. For more information, call (601) 679-2652.

Do-It-Yourself at the **Outpost** The Outpost has auto lifts that rent for \$4 an hour and stall rentals that

start at \$3 per hour. Call (601) 679-2609.

**MWR POV Lot** now has two covered parking slots available. Sizes are approximately 15'x30'. POV and Personal Storage units for rent. Starting at \$20 month for military & \$25 month for DoD. Call (601) 679-2609 or come by for more details!

**Rudders** hosts Hip Hop Night is every Tuesday and Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday is Ladies Night!



## NEW ... Group Exercise Schedule:

- Mondays ~ 11:30 a.m.:** Belly Dancing with Stacey
  - 6 p.m.:** Self Defense with Dawg Kerwood
  - Tuesdays ~ 11:15 a.m.:** Cardio Mix with Shannon
  - Wednesdays ~ 11:30 a.m.:** Belly Dancing with Stacey
  - 6 p.m.:** Self Defense with Dawg Kerwood
  - Thursdays ~ 11:15 a.m.:** Cardio Mix with Shannon
  - Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m.:** Belly Dancing with Stacey
  - \*\*P90X and Insanity available any time!\*\***
- 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.

## Meridian/NAS Bus Schedule

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

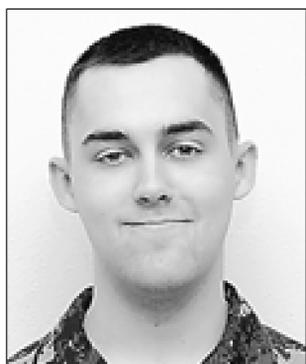
Union Station	MATSS-1	NTTC	McCain Lanes	Bonita Lakes Mall	Wal-Mart
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
4:35 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
	6 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
7 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	9 p.m.	
	10 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	Drop off if any.....	
<b>SATURDAY</b>					
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.
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	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
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	8:10 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	9 p.m.	
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<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)

# It's Your Turn...

In celebration of Valentine's Day we asked these people: "What is your favorite romantic movie and why?"

Photos by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio



**Becky Jordan**  
MWR Business Manager  
"The Notebook.' I like it because it is a story of lost love found again."

**LSSA Heath Jones**  
Logistics Specialist  
"Romeo & Juliet.' Nothing could keep them apart."

**LSSR April Wachendorf**  
Logistics Specialist  
"Love & Basketball.' I love basketball and I love being in love -- easy as that."

**Monique Boose**  
Navy Federal Credit Union  
"City of Angels.' It's my favorite because he gave up being an angel to be on earth with his true love."

**Toni Jenkins**  
MWR Accounting Expeditor  
"Pretty Woman.' The perfect example of a fairy tale. A beautiful woman who settles for less and a handsome man who rescues her from a dangerous and potential self-destruction."

## Fleet & Family Support Center

### Military Saves Week

### Good time to start an emergency fund

2011 Military Saves Week is Feb. 20-27.

The purpose of this social marketing campaign is to persuade, motivate, and encourage military families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings.

The campaign is a growing network of organizations and individuals committed to helping and supporting military members and their loved ones build personal savings arsenals to provide for their immediate and long term financial needs.

Military Saves was developed and tested by its non-profit sponsor, Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and the military services from 2003 to 2006 and launched throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) on Feb. 25, 2007.

It is part of two larger campaigns -- the DoD Financial Readiness Campaign, and the national America Saves campaign. The 2011 Military Saves Campaign includes the concurrent "Military Youth Saves Week" at installations across the nation in an effort to educate the younger members of the military family about the value of financial responsibility and the importance of saving money.

Building an emergency savings fund is the top wealth-building goal of people registered as American Savers. If you don't have an emergency fund already, Military Saves Week is a great time to start one!

#### Why build an emergency fund?

This is a sound choice. Having an emergency savings fund may be the most important difference between those who manage to stay afloat and those who are sinking financially. That's because maintaining emergency savings of \$500 to \$1,000 allows you to easily meet unexpected financial challenges such as:

- ✓ Repairing the brakes on your car
- ✓ Buying your child a new pair of needed shoes
- ✓ Replacing a broken window in your house
- ✓ Paying for a visit to the doctor when your child has the flu
- ✓ Covering the dental expense of filling a painful cavity
- ✓ Paying for a parking ticket
- ✓ Flying to visit a sick parent

#### NAS Meridian Military Saves Week Events

**Feb. 18, 12:30 p.m.:** NTTC Student Fireside Chat (Military Saves Week kickoff)

**Feb. 22, 11 a.m.-noon:** Library Parking Lot: 2nd Annual Command Financial Specialist Chili Cookoff

**Feb. 23, 9-10 a.m.:** FFSC: Saving & Investing Workshop from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Balfour Beatty Community Center in Housing. Military Youth Saves (in partnership with Navy Federal Credit Union)

**Feb. 24, 6-7 a.m.:** Command Financial Specialists discuss Military/America Saves on NAS Meridian section of local radio show

**Feb. 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Rudder's:** Military Saves informational booth at Staff Night

**Feb. 24, 5:30-7 p.m. at Liberty Center:** Save That Dough event

**Feb. 24-25 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.:** FFSC hosts Million Dollar Sailor Workshop

**Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-noon at the Galley:** Information booth promoting Military Saves Week

**Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-noon at the NEX Country Store:** Information booth promoting Military Saves Week

The emergency fund not only allows you to cover these expenses, it also gives you the "peace of mind" that you can afford these types of financial emergencies. Not having an emergency savings fund is an important reason that many individuals borrow too much money at high interest rates. For example, with emergency savings, Americans probably would not have to take out \$2 billion a year in payday loans at

interest rates that average 300 to 500 percent.

#### Where to keep emergency savings

It's usually best to keep emergency savings in a bank or credit union savings account. These types of accounts offer easier access to your money than certificates of deposit, U.S. Savings Bonds, or mutual funds. But not too easy. Keeping your money in a savings account makes it much less likely that you will use these savings to pay for everyday, non-emergency expenses. That's why it is usually a mistake to keep your emergency fund in a checking account.

#### How to find money to save

There are many places to find money to save. Start with the loose change that many people accumulate. Americans typically save more than \$100 in loose change each year. Use this change to open and grow a savings account. If you receive a tax refund or Earned Income Tax Credit, use a portion of this money to begin or increase savings. Since the Tax Credits average nearly \$2,000, you may be able to open a savings account and still have plenty of money to pay off debts or cover other expenses. Try to deposit money saved by cutting back on small, unnecessary expenditures.

Building an emergency fund may be easier if you involve your whole family in meeting this challenge. After you've explained the importance of emergency savings to your spouse or children, they may even help build the account. And, they will be more likely to understand why it's more important for you to increase these savings than to pay for expensive gifts at birthdays or Christmas.

Another way to accumulate the \$500 to \$1,000 of emergency savings is to ask your bank or credit union to automatically transfer funds from checking to savings monthly. Automatic savings is the easiest savings. What you don't ever see, you may never miss.

For more information about the Military Saves campaign or to enroll as a Military Saver, visit [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) - or call the NAS Meridian FFSC at (601) 679-2360 to find out about installation events in support of Military Saves Week.

## 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.

**Military Saves Week: Feb. 20-27** Be on the lookout for lots of Military Saves and Military Youth Saves events! More information TBA.

**Saving & Investing: Feb. 23 from 9-10 a.m.** While money doesn't grow on trees, it does grow when you save and invest wisely. Knowing how to secure your financial well-being is one of the most important things you'll ever need to know in life. You don't have to be a financial genius to do it, you just need to know how to get started. No matter how much or little money you have, the important thing is to start!

**Creative Communication Techniques: Feb. 28 from 10-11 a.m.** Communication is a basic life skill, as important as the skills by which you make your way through school or earn a living. Effective communication makes all kinds of relationships - romantic, business, friendly - work. This workshop will explore constructive and destructive communication patterns, ground rules for effective communication, and danger signs of communication breakdowns. Sign up today to learn the communication techniques that will make your relationships healthier.

### NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY Coming Soon.... **BABY BOOT CAMP**

Nav-Marine Corps Relief Society  
Building 201, Suite 104  
Naval Air Station  
Meridian, MS 38702-3002  
Phone: 601-679-2360  
Fax: 601-679-2360  
E-mail: [nmcrsmeridian@navy.mil](mailto:nmcrsmeridian@navy.mil)

- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- LOCAL LACTATION CONSULTANT SPEAKER
- LOCAL PEDIATRIC NURSE SPEAKER
- BABY GEAR & WEBSITE INFORMATION
- BABY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- ISSUED BABY FIRST SEA BAG (LAVETTE)
- DOOR PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

Baby Boot Camp Workshop Date:  
Saturday, March 5, 2011  
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.  
at your  
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office  
Reserve your spot by calling (601) 679-2360  
or email us at [nmcrsmeridian@navy.mil](mailto:nmcrsmeridian@navy.mil).  
Available to all active duty and retired service members and their spouses.



• **Serve** plans to separate or if the Sailor is ineligible or not recommended for reenlistment at the time of application.

PTS quotas issued prior to Oct. 1, 2009, are valid until March 1, 2011. Career counselors and commands are required to obtain Enlisted Community Manager concurrence prior to using quotas issued before Oct. 1, 2009. PTS quota approvals will be granted after the monthly rack and stack, and final review.

"Getting into PTS on time is not enough," said Joseph Kelly, PTS/Fleet RIDE program manager. "Sailors must also pay attention and start negotiating orders and handling reenlistment prerequisites to ensure the quota doesn't expire."

Once additional obligated service is incurred for an approved PTS application, or a period of 13 months passes since the quota was issued, the PTS quota is considered expired and is no longer valid.

Quotas also expire if a Sailor extends. If a quota expires, the Sailor must reapply.

Kelly said separate formulas remain for in-rate and conversion applications; however, applicants will only be compared against other Sailors within the same year group. He said this is a fairer rule because previously they were compared against Sailors within the same zone, which meant a third class petty officer with little experience could end up competing with a more-seasoned first class petty officer.

Applications for PTS-eligible Sailors will be automatically pre-populated in Fleet RIDE 15 months prior to their SEAOS, but they must manually apply in PTS with their career counselor's help.

For questions, e-mail [PTS\\_Help\\_Desk@navy.mil](mailto:PTS_Help_Desk@navy.mil). For in-depth information concerning PTS, visit [www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/).

--From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

## NEX rewards students with its A-OK Student Reward Program

The Navy Exchange wants to help its customers pay for their children's college education through its A-OK Student Reward Program.

Four times per school year, four students will be the recipients of a \$5,000, \$3,000 \$2,000 or \$1,000 U.S. savings bond, denominations at maturity. The next drawing will be at the end of February 2011.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

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

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



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# 15 aviators earn their 'Wings of Gold' in ceremony

There will be a naval aviator designation ceremony on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at NAS Meridian.

The guest speaker will be Cmdr. John Randolph Fielder Jr., retired USN.

The naval aviator designation ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy regulations, but has emerged as an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It marks the culmination of nearly two years of specialized training, which has prepared these officers for the rigorous demands of aerial combat and carrier operations -- earning each the title of "Naval Aviator" and the right to wear the coveted "Wings of Gold."

Fourteen U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators along with one French Navy aviator will receive "Wings of Gold." They are:

**Lt. j.g. Brandon Cook**, USN, who was selected as VT-9's Student of the Month for May 2010. During Advanced Jet Flight Training, he earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Cook completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**First Lt. Craig Freeman**, USMC, who earned four Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 9. Freeman completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Tyler Grell**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Grell completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Ensign Pascal Intini**, French navy, who carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Dec. 12, 2010. Intini completed Advanced Jet Flight



Cook



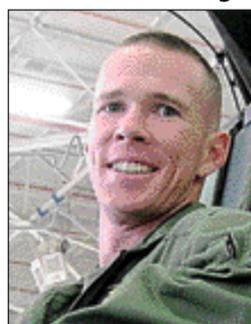
Freeman



Grell



Intini



Lowery



McGough



Mellott



Newman



Norris



Peden



Scheibe



Shullick



Stoner



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Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Michael Lowery**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 10. Lowery completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Jesse McGough**, USMC, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. McGough complete Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Capt. Matthew Mellott**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's

List during Primary Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 10. Mellott completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Andrew Newman**, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List and received the Academic Achievement Award during Primary Flight Training. During Advanced Jet Flight Training, he was named VT-7's Student of the Month for November 2010 and earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Newman completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Timothy**

**Norris**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on Dec. 11, 2010. Norris completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Matthew Peden**, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Peden completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Eric Scheibe**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight

Training and earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Scheibe completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Jared Shullick**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Shullick completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Andrew Stoner**, USN, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb.

9. Stoner completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Jacques Suyderhoud**, USN, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Suyderhoud completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven; and

**Lt. j.g. David Williams**, USN, who earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Williams completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

## Longtime Simulator instructor will speak at winging

There are a few occasions in a person's life that are worth remembering and more importantly... worth celebrating!

From one's graduation from high school or college, a wedding, birth of a child, and retirement from a long and successful career; these are all "significant" events in a person's life.

This week, the instructors at NAS Meridian's simulator building are celebrating someone who seems to have been there "forever."

Simulator instructor and retired Navy Cmdr. John Randolph Fielder Jr. has had a very successful career, both in the military and the civilian world. He is completing another chapter in his life and closing out a combined 45 years of military and civilian service to his country. John's accomplishments span from his commissioning in the U.S. Navy in 1966 to his second retirement as a simulator instructor on Jan. 22. John was winged as a naval aviator in May 1968 and compiled more than 5,000 hours in five different aircraft with multiple commands over 21 years of military serv-

ice. This first very successful career was followed by 24 years of continued service to the aviation community by training future pilots as a simulator instructor with five different companies: Burnside-Ott, Loral Aerospace, Ford Aerospace, Lockheed-Martin, and finally with Fidelity Technology.

One of the final duties John will be performing at NAS Meridian will be as the guest speaker for the winging ceremony on Feb. 18. Fielder said he will be honored and have the privilege of standing with the students he has taught, as they receive their "Wings of Gold." This tradition has been repeated many times, and this year it is even more significant as we are celebrating the Centennial of Naval Aviation and the 50th anniversary of NAS Meridian.

Fielder and his wife, Pat, will be moving back to Virginia to be close to family. We wish them both the very best on their next chapter and may they always have "fair winds and following seas."

-- By Curt Goldacker



Cmdr. (Ret.) John Randolph Fielder

## Navy test pilot completes first F-35C flight

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) -- The carrier variant of the F-35 (CF-1) Joint Strike Fighter flew for the first time with a Navy test pilot at the controls Feb. 11.

Taking off at 2:06 p.m., Lt Cmdr. Eric "Magic" Buus flew the F-35C for approximately two hours. Buus' first flight in the CF-1 checked the function of the flutter excitation system, which will help measure structural loads of the airframe during various flight maneuvers.

"The aircraft flew great for more than two hours with no issues. It's a really smooth, solid flying airplane and a joy to fly," said Buus. "This flight was a great milestone for me, personally, and more importantly, for the services during the 100 year anniversary of naval aviation. This airplane is going to give us a great leap in capability, and I'm looking forward to putting it through the demanding carrier suitability tests required to ensure it's ready for the fleet."

The F-35C is distinct from the F-35A and F-35B vari-

ants with its larger wing surfaces and reinforced landing gear for greater control in the demanding carrier take-off and landing environment.

"Magic's flight today is a tremendous accomplishment for him and the test team, and a historic event for naval aviation," said Capt. Thomas Huff, commodore of Naval Test Wing Atlantic. "The determination and thoroughness of test professionals across all our programs is shaped by the education and training they receive at the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and Test and Evaluation University, ensuring delivery of warfighting capability to Sailors and Marines."

Coincidentally timed with the kickoff of the Centennial of Naval Aviation in San Diego, this milestone represents the Navy's first hands-on experience in its future fighter aircraft with stealth capabilities.

The F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter program is in the system design and development phase, focusing on



Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin

**The U.S. Navy variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35C, conducts a test flight over the Chesapeake Bay, Feb. 11. Lt. Cmdr. Eric "Magic" Buus flew the F-35C for two hours, checking instruments that will measure structural loads on the airframe during flight maneuvers.**

delivering three different, new aircraft variants to the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force. The integrated test force at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., is focused on testing and evaluation of the F-35B and F-35C.

-- From Joint Strike Fighter ITF Public Affairs

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force protection conditions and increased security measures can be anticipated for the duration of the exercise.

"Installations will be engaging and coordinating closely with their local law enforcement as the scenarios play out and increase coordination and cooperation among the necessary players involved," said Navy Capt. Sam McCormick, USFF director for Fleet Anti-Terrorism.

"You must take a realistic look at yourself or you'll never

get better. Our enemy constantly changes, they never stand still. Of the more than 250 events planned in this exercise, we will have up to four independent groups assessing every single event," said McCormick. During the exercise, these assessors will be collecting information, looking for inconsistencies in the reporting processes and tactical procedures, and relaying that data to decision makers in order to improve our future force protection posture.

-- From U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs & Navy Region Southeast

### • Rescue

"All I remember is the four-wheelers coming in to get him and taking him to the ambulance. His body temperature was 82 degrees at that point," said Nixon, the man who toted the boy through freezing water and underbrush, but would not call himself a hero.

"I didn't do anything that anyone else would not have done. And I was only a part of the team. There was a team out there -- we were just at the right place at the right time to hear the child and it was definitely an act of God to find that kid that night. Personally, I don't want any of the credit without Him (God)."

Nixon is a father of two -- a 5-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.

"When I got my hands on that child, I didn't want to let him go because all I could think about was, 'This could be my kid.' That's why when we heard the voice,

our parental instincts took over," Nixon said.

NAS Meridian Fire Department Assistant Chief of Operations William Hagwood said Nixon's action brought great distinction to the department.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that he'll never forget," Hagwood said. "I think it's just great that he was able to use his abilities to help this little boy. It shows the training that we give our guys pays off, not only here but on their off time. It (the training) not only benefits the base, but the local areas and the communities as well."

Hagwood added that Nixon is a great fire fighter and an EMT instructor.

"I can't say enough about him. He just goes above and beyond his everyday duties," Hagwood said. "It's no wonder that when we need something done, he is one of the ones who steps up willing to do whatever."