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On Base...

✓ **The Outpost** will be open July 9 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call (601) 679-2609.

✓ **The Military Sport Bike Rider Course** will cover two half days instead of one day due to extreme outdoor heat conditions. Classroom portion of the course will be Aug. 11 from 7:30 a.m. to noon; range portion will be Aug. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Completion of both portions is required to receive credit. Completion of the BRC is a prerequisite. This is the only MSRC scheduled for the remainder of 2011. Register in ESAMS or call Jerry Snow in the Safety Office at (601) 679-3756.

✓ **The NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office** holds free fire safety, fire extinguisher and fire warden training classes which can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. New fire wardens assigned to facilities on board NAS Meridian must complete initial training provided by NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office. Facilities with established fire wardens must complete fire warden training through ESAMS.

✓ **Swimming Lessons** will take place Monday-Friday from 8-8:45 a.m. for adults age 16 and older, and from 9-9:45 a.m. and 10-10:45 a.m. for all others.
Session 3: July 11-21
Session 4: July 25-Aug. 4.
 For more information, call (601) 679-2379.

A Day in Naval History

July 7
 1916: Thomas A. Edison becomes head of Naval Consulting Board which screens inventions for use by the Navy
 1948: First six enlisted women sworn into Regular Navy. The Navy WAVES in Naval Reserve, who were the first to transfer to the Regular Navy. Their rates included Aviation Storekeeper, Yeoman, Telemat and Hospital Corpsman.

July 9
 1944: Organized Japanese resistance ceases on Saipan, Marianas.

July 10
 1934: USS Houston takes Franklin Delano Roosevelt on first visit of U.S. President to South America.
 1945: 14 carriers from Third Fleet carriers begin air strikes on Japanese Home Islands which end 15 August.

July 11
 1798: Reestablishment of Marine Corps under the Constitution.
 1919: Pay Corps renamed Supply Corps.

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Panetta pledges 'no hollow force' on his watch

By Jim Garamone
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – New Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta pledged there will be no hollow force on his watch.

The secretary made the commitment in a message to the Defense Department released after he took the oath of office on July 1. DOD General Counsel Jeh Johnson administered the oath in the secretary's office. Taking the oath transferred responsibility for the department from Robert M. Gates.

Panetta also pledged to be a tireless advocate for service members and their families.

"You and your families will always be foremost on my mind and at the top of my agenda," he said.

The secretary will not hesitate to do what needs to be done to defend America. He also will fight for the needs "of the men and women who serve in harm's way, and the families who support them," he said. "Even as the United States addresses fiscal challenges at home, there will be no hollow



Panetta

force on my watch. That will require us all to be disciplined in how we manage taxpayer resources."

Later today, Panetta will meet with Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III, and participate in a "tank" meeting with the members of the Joint Chiefs, said Doug Wilson, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. Panetta and his wife, Sylvia, also will have lunch in his Pentagon office with Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah.

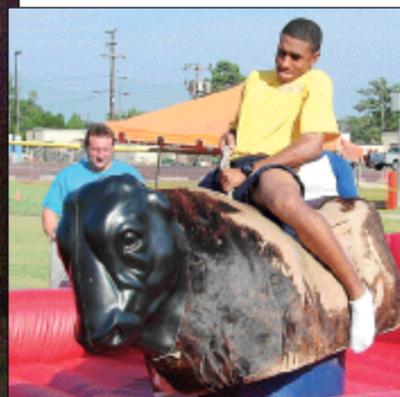
The secretary, who served as the director of the CIA, has been intimately involved with

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Freedom Fest Celebration



An estimated 2,500 people attended Freedom Fest on board NAS Meridian, July 1. MWR hosted a night of family fun featuring a speculator fireworks show at the fitness center's soccer field. Other events included a rock climbing wall, mechanical bull, bounce houses and much more. "Smiley the Clown" was on hand to entertain youngsters while he crafted balloon characters. Live entertainment was provided by the bands Fatback, Randy & Samm, and the Pete O Show.



Photos by Matt Davis and MC2 Flordeliz Valerio



Adcock

NOSC welcomes new CO

By QM1 Alfred Smith
 Navy Operational Support Center Meridian

A new commanding officer has taken the lead at Navy Operational Support Center Meridian.

The command bid farewell to Cmdr. John T. Boman, who served as the commanding officer since 2007, following June drill weekend and welcomed Lt. Cmdr. John Adcock to the position.

Adcock comes from New Orleans where he served as N-6 Department Head at Naval Air Logistics Office.

During Boman's tour, the NOSC deployed 35 personnel to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other military installations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Boman's next stop will be Pensacola, Fla., where he plans to retire in September.

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E-Leave eases leave routing

By MC3 Andrea Smithluedke

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy officials reminded Sailors June 28 about the ease of using the electronic leave (E-Leave) system.

"The best thing about E-leave is that you can track it easily," said Personnel Specialist 1st Class Lacey Burns, career progression department, Navy Personnel Command (NPC). "I've had a lot of paper leave chits lost at previous commands, or had trouble finding out where they were in the approval process, and then had to route a new one. With E-leave, you don't have to worry about any of that."

E-Leave allows Sailors to electronically submit leave requests

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Marine Obstacle Course opens

By QM1 Alfred Smith
 Navy Operational Support Center Meridian

When retired Marine Maj. Gerald F. Boos Jr. took command of Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One (MATSS-1) in the summer of 2004, he immediately recognized there was something missing from the daily lifestyle of the students.

Boos said the command seemed like "an intermediate stop" where Marines were held on their way to the Fleet Marine Forces (FMF).

"I had a different perspective," Boos said. "I wanted it to be something more than that."

Seven years later, Boos' vision to improve the morale and impact on Marines during their time

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Photo by Penny Randall

Staff Sgt. Anthony Walker, an instructor at Marine Aviation training Support Squadron One, is the first to cross the finish line at the grand opening of the Marine Obstacle Course on board NAS Meridian on June 30. The \$100,000 MATSS-1 Obstacle Course was planned and developed by NAS Meridian Public Works and funded through Training and Education Command in Quantico, Va.

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 Navy brings Intermediate Maintenance Activity back to Mayport



Photo of the Week



Photo by MCSN Shannon Heavin

BOSTON -- USS Constitution fires a 21-gun salute toward Fort Independence on Castle Island during the ship's July 4th underway as part of Boston Harborfest. The six-day Fourth of July festival showcases Boston's Colonial and maritime heritage to honor and remember the past, celebrate the present, and educate the future with reenactments, concerts and historical tours.

Area Happenings

JULY

9: Sunfish Summer Triathlon featuring 1K swim, 34K bike race and 8K run at Bonita Lakes Park in Meridian on Highway 19 South. Sponsored by Meridian Athletic Association. Time: 7 a.m. For information and entry forms, contact Stacy Barr by e-mail: jsbarr57@hotmail.com.

13-16: 62nd Annual Choctaw Indian Fair in Choctaw, Miss., Enjoy fun-filled days of Choctaw culture and spirit including tribal arts, crafts, dances, food and the thrilling action of World Championship Stickball. For more information, call (601) 650-7450 or go to www.choctawindianfair.com.

14: The Meridian Area Navy League presents "Wings & Tails 2011." The public is invited to join the Navy League at the historic Key Brothers Hangar at the Meridian Airport. Enjoy boiled shrimp, corn, potatoes, fried catfish and chicken wings while you browse the flight line display of a number of vintage aircraft. All proceeds benefit Navy League activities. Tickets are \$25 each. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call EMBDC office at (601) 693-1306.

15: Meridian Firefighters IAFF Local 52 2011 Golf Classic. Proceeds will benefit Firefighters Family Fund. 2-person scramble, \$100 per team. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. For information or to register, call Ragan Mabry at (601) 934-6601 or e-mail: Firefighter_Mabry@yahoo.com.

15: Gospel Concert featuring the "Inspirations" at 7 p.m. at The Temple Theatre, 2320 8th Street in downtown Meridian. For information, call Richard Ferguson at (601) 416-1630.

20: The Riley Center presents Victor Wooten in concert at 7:30 p.m. The center is at 2200 5th Street, downtown Meridian. Tickets are \$32 and \$26. For information, call the box office at (601) 696-2200 or go to: www.msुरileycenter.com.

AUGUST

5: The Riley Center presents The Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley in concert at 7:30 p.m. Preshow party at 6 p.m. The center is at 2200 5th Street, downtown Meridian. Tickets are \$46 and \$40. For information, call the box office at (601) 696-2200 or go to: www.msुरileycenter.com.

10-Sept. 24: Meridian Museum of Art presents its 38th Annual Bi-State Art Competition -- the oldest juried art competition in the region. The museum is at 628 25th Ave., Meridian. Hours 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.

12: Moonlight Run sponsored by the City of Meridian Parks and Recreation at Northeast Park on Highway 39 North. Run begins at 10 p.m. For information, call (601) 485-1802 or (601) 485-1895.

Meridian Little Theatre seeks military personnel for season opening play

NAS Meridian is extended a special invitation to auditions for "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," the opening musical production for the Meridian Little Theatre's 79th season.

Auditions will be at the MLT playhouse on Highway 39 North on Aug. 1-2, beginning at 7 p.m. MLT has been extremely fortunate to have many military personnel involved in shows over the past years, both onstage and working in other phases of production.

"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" is the winner of two Tony awards and three Drama Desk awards. Audiences will remember the popular film version starring Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds.

Although "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" is a title to reckon with, the show is surprisingly inoffensive. Full of fun and gusto, it is a thigh-slapping, good natured little musical full of tuneful songs and bright, entertaining dances.

Based on a true story, "TBLWIT" tells of the demise of a brothel, down a little dirt road near Austin that put Texas in the news several years ago when Larry King wrote up the incident in a magazine. The place was called the Chicken Ranch because the good ol' boys who couldn't pay real money settled their accounts with chickens. When a cornball TV personality from Houston started barking at Miss Mona's high heels, he caused such a ruckus that the local politicians, most of whom were regular customers, forced the Sheriff to close the place.

There are three leading roles in the show, four feature roles, and numerous other supporting parts, including singers for two choruses.

Meridian's Mayor Cheri Barry will star as Miss Mona, the leading role of the production. The theatre feels very fortunate to have Mayor Barry take time to participate in the production.

"She is very involved in the city's art projects and a firm believer in the city's cultural growth" said MLT Director Jimmy Pigford.

MLT is especially interested in military personnel and their families auditioning for the following roles: eight members of the Texas Aggie football players -- cowboys and 10 females for Miss Mona's girls. All sing and dance;

some characters have lines. These roles are very important to the production.

Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd should be between the age of 30-60. He is tough and mean, but has a soft spot for Miss Mona. He sings one solo.

The eccentric TV broadcaster, Melvin P. Thorpe, sings two songs in which the Thorpe singers and the Dogettes join in on the chorus. He should be between 35 and 50 years of age.

Feature roles include: Jewel, Doatsy Mae, the Governor of Texas, and Senator Wingwoah. Jewel is Miss Mona's second in command. It is preferred that she be played by a black female between the ages of 35-65. She sings one solo, a wild, lively number.

Doatsy Mae, a waitress who "wasn't born yesterday," works at the Texas Twinkle Café. She should be between the ages of 30 and 50. She sings one song in a low to medium range.

The Governor of Texas is a sneaky politician between 40 and 70 years old. He oozes his way through a press conference with a song and soft-shoe routine aptly called "The Sidestep."

Senator J.T. Wingwoah is the epitome of a small town Texas politician.

There are also parts for Mayor Rufus Poindexter, the Thorpe singers, the Dogettes, the Angelettes (cheerleaders) and their TV announcer, customers, reporters, cameramen, photographers, and townspeople. All of these should be able to sing in a group and perform light dance movements. Actors should be 18 years of age or older.

Jimmy Pigford will direct the show with choreography by Carol Merrill. The orchestra will be under the direction of Carey Smith.

Leads and feature players should bring their own sheet music or come prepared to sing something from the show provided by the theatre. A piano accompanist will be available. Those interested in working backstage or helping with the production should sign up at auditions.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" will be presented at the MLT playhouse Oct. 6-12.

For further information call the Meridian Little Theatre office 601-482-6371 or speak with Capt Charles "K-Fed" Enderlin, VT-9 GSO, who is assisting with the play.

Is TRICARE Prime available in your area?

TRICARE Prime offers the most affordable and comprehensive coverage. TRICARE Prime is available in the United States in prime service areas to all beneficiaries who are not entitled to Medicare due to age (65). Enrollment is required to participate in TRICARE Prime.

When you enroll in TRICARE Prime, you have an assigned primary care manager (PCM), either at a military treatment facility (MTF) or from the TRICARE network, who provides most of your care. Your PCM will refer you to a specialist for care he or she cannot provide and coordinate with your regional contractor for authorization, find a specialist in the network, and file claims on your behalf.

You have certain time and distance standards for care including wait times for urgent, routine and specialty care. Other benefits include enhanced vision

and preventive services and travel reimbursement for some specialty care.

Active duty service members and their families pay no enrollment fees and no out-of-pocket costs for any type of care as long as care is received from the PCM or with a referral. All other beneficiaries pay annual enrollment fees (\$230/year for individuals or \$460/year for families), and the cost for care is based on where the care is received.

The above and more detailed information is available via Tricare.mil. Another resource is your Regional Contractor. Your South Region Contractor is Humana Military which you may access via HumanaMilitary.com, 1-800-444-5445, Humana Military TRICAE Service Center located inside NBHC on board NAS Meridian is open 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed on federal holidays.

NMCRS seeks volunteers

The NAS Meridian branch of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is in need of volunteers who can commit one or two days a week. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and they reimburse volunteers for gas and childcare. This is a great way for people to learn office skills, improve resumes, and make new friends. NMCRS has branches at nearly every Navy and Marine Corps base worldwide, and therefore experience is transferable. NMCRS helps active duty and retired military with budgeting, financial assistance, and getting service members home when they have received a Red Cross emergency message from their families. On board NAS Meridian, contact NMCRS Chair of Volunteers Jenny Enderlin at (601) 679-2504.



Robots build automobiles, perform surgery, explore the surface of Mars and vacuum carpet. Come to Starbase, build your own robot and see technology and innovation at work. Our LEGO robots will perform feats of skill. This workshop will emphasize teamwork and cooperation. Due to the popularity of the first Robotics Workshop, an additional Robotics Workshop will be held July from 8 a.m. to noon. Students should bring a snack. Students must have completed the 5th or 6th grade. Spaces are limited so hurry and reserve your spot. Call (601) 679-2448 or (601) 679-3809.

Orientation sessions at MCC

Summer is a great time to get a head start on fall plans -- including coming (or returning) to college. And Meridian Community College is offering several opportunities in which future students can do just that with upcoming orientation session on July 12. The sessions begin at 8 a.m. "Pre-registration for the summer sessions has already begun and we are expecting a very enthusiastic class of students," said Angela Payne, director of admissions. To register for one of the sessions, call the college at 601-483-8241 or 1-800-MCC-THE-1.

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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CNIC helps national community as 'Feds Feed Families'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNS) – Commander, Navy Installations Command, in partnership with the Department of Defense, has joined the nationwide effort known as “Feds Feed Families.”

“We are moving forward as a team doing what we can to help others,” said Capt. James Fisher, CNIC Chaplain Corps, Director, Strategic Plans and Programming.

The “Feds Feed Families” Food Drive Campaign encourages federal employees to bring nonperishable food items to their offices for distribution to local food banks.

CNIC Force Chaplain, Capt. Jack Lea, serves as the National Chaplain, while the chaplains at the region and installation levels will serve as Champions to coordinate with local organizational representatives and lead the call for donations.

“Members of the U.S. Navy have always responded in a time of need or crisis. Chaplains and religious program specialists, by their very profession and calling, are individuals who have great sensitivity for the needs of other people in times of need or crisis,” said Fisher.

The federal goal is to collect two million pounds of food, with

Department of Defense setting a collection goal of 733,800 pounds of food distributed to local food banks worldwide.

Food banks are most in need of donations during the summer months, when other donations are traditionally lower. Last year, Feds Feed Families raised 1.7 million pounds of food during the summer months, far exceeding its goal of 1.2 million pounds.

In the National Capital Region, food will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank, which serves more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens and other service organizations in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. Chaplains at the region and installation levels will coordinate with food banks in their areas to ensure delivery of all donated nonperishable items.

The campaign will run June 1 to Aug. 30, with boxes being picked up on June 29, July 27 and Aug. 31.

“In this era of fiscal austerity, it is no secret that members of our national community have need of our support regarding basic nutritional requirements. Chaplains and religious program specialists, working in conjunction with their command shipmates, are determined to

make a difference in meeting the needs of others this summer,” said Fisher.

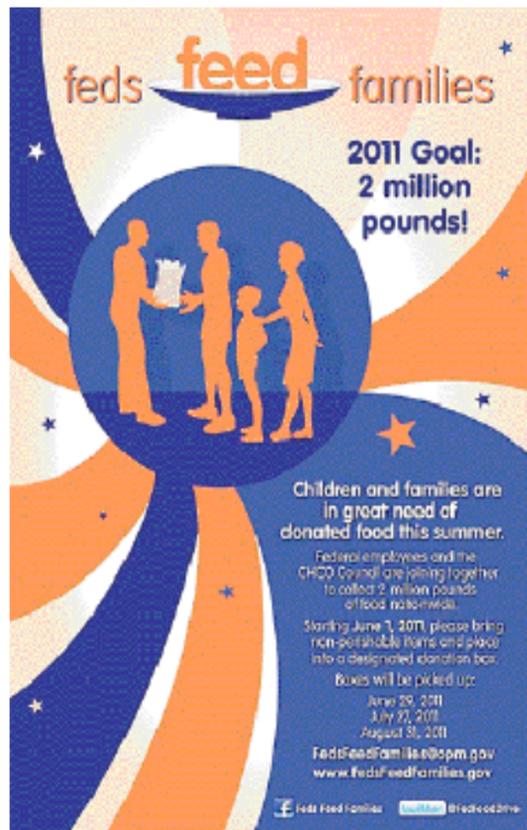
Feds Feed Families is an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) initiative which has requested DoD support during its third annual campaign due to the impact of a series of natural disasters on our nation which have depleted charitable resources in response to significant demand signals. This is the first year DoD is participating in the campaign.

“American families should never have to go hungry,” said OPM Director John Berry. “Federal workers are big-hearted people who are eager to help those in their communities who need it most. Together, we hope to collect two million pounds of food nationwide this summer.”

This year’s theme is “Feeding Families one Fed at a Time.”

This initiative is a response to the “United We Serve Act,” signed by President Barack Obama in April 2009, calling for all Americans to contribute to the nation’s economic recovery by serving their communities.

-- By MC1 (SW/AW) Monique K. Hilley



Civil Service



Submitted photo

NTTC Meridian Commanding Officer Cmdr. Shane Harris recognizes Martie McClendon with a career service award for faithful service to the Navy and to the government of the United States. McClendon has completed five years within the civil service.

Civil Service



Submitted photo

NTTC Meridian Commanding Officer Cmdr. Shane Harris recognizes Gerrie Strickland with a career service award for faithful service to the Navy and to the government of the United States. Strickland has completed 30 years within the civil service.

Civil Service



Photo by Penny Randall

Jean Orcutt is presented an autographed photo by Cmdr. William Doster at her retirement celebration on June 30. Orcutt began her civil service career in May 1984 after serving five years as a Yeoman in the U.S. Navy. She served as Training Squadron Seven's commanding officer's secretary for 26 years.

Master Training Specialists



Deloach



Johnson

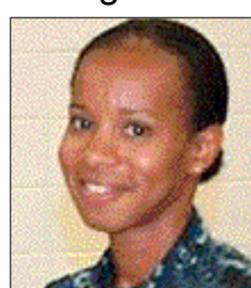


Franks

SH1 Derrick Deloach, PS1 Darien Johnson and SH2 Gagnita Franks were formally awarded their Master Training Specialist designations at NTTC Meridian Command Quarters on June 28. They were recognized for their exceptional dedication to duty and completion of the demanding specialist requirements. These requirements included a demonstrated excellence in leadership, technical competence, application of instructional methodology, and a desire to improve fleet readiness through quality instruction. Congratulations on this milestone achievement!

VITA volunteers recognized

Tax season has come and gone and countless military members volunteer their time each year to assist their fellow Shipmates with the daunting task of preparing to file their annual income tax returns. Recently, LS1 Samantha Woods was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from the Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office Central for her performance in the Navy's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Petty Officer



Woods

Woods personally prepared 179 returns in direct support of her fellow Shipmates.

In addition, LN1 Justin Dickson was also recognized with a Letter



Dickson

of Commendation for assisting 119 fellow military personnel and their families in the quick and efficient filing of their personal income taxes.

-- By Tom Childress

Civil Service



Submitted photo

NAS Meridian Fire Chief Andrew Clayton presents a retirement letter to Station Chief James Gibson on July 1. Gibson served 23 years as a fire fighter.

Deadline nears for Meridian Area Navy League scholarship

What is it?: Each year, the Meridian Area Navy League awards two \$750 scholarships to deserving students to help with costs of higher education.

Who is eligible?: Dependent spouses and children of active duty military members currently serving at NAS Meridian; dependents of retired military members who previously served at NAS Meridian and now live in the local area; and NJROTC cadets from the local area schools are eligible for the scholarships. Applicants must plan to attend either an accredited junior college or an accredited four-year college or university.

Deadline for application: All applications postmarked by July 29, 2011, will be considered.

Where can I get an application: You can pick-up an application at the NAS Meridian Public Affairs Office, Building 255, RM 201. (phone: 601-679-2318) or at the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation office in Union Station on Front Street in Meridian. (phone: 601-693-1306)

Where do I send my application?: Applications should be mailed to the Meridian Area Navy League, P.O. Box 790, Meridian, MS 39302-0790, or you can hand deliver to the EMBDC in Union Station.

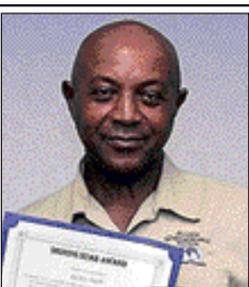
When will the selections be announced?: The scholarship committee, consisting of three members of the Meridian Area Navy League board of directors, will evaluate all applications. The committee will present the selected applicants and alternates to the Navy League executive committee for approval prior to awarding scholarship funds. Recipients will be announced by Aug. 12, 2011. Funds, which are to be used toward the cost of tuition, fees, and books, will be presented in the form of a check payable to the college the applicant will attend.



Crowell



McDonald



Webb



Mitchell

NGIS presents awards to employees

Capt. Charles Gibson recently recognized several employees of the NAS Meridian's Navy Gateway Inn and Suites during an awards ceremony held June 24. Michelle Crowell, a employee in the laundry department, was named Employee of the Month for June 2011. Geraldine McDonald, who works in housekeeping, was presented an “On the Spot” Award for assisting a transient with a handicap child with their special necessities. A “Shining Star” Award was presented to Le Roy Webb, who works as a custodian at NGIS. Lorie Mitchell was also presented a “Shining Star” Award. Mitchell works in housekeeping. Night shift front desk clerk Maria Ard was also presented an “On the Spot” Award for assisting a transient with a handicap child.



Ard

• NOSC

Adcock said he applauds the service and the mark that Boman has left at NOSC Meridian.

“With everything that is in place here, you can tell that the commander did a great job of keeping his staff and (selected reservists) informed of all that is required of them,” said Adcock, who is married to his wife, Daphne, and they have three children, Valentina, Justin and Amber. “I plan to continue that same mission here at the reserve center.”

Adcock said while he is here, he hopes to maintain a positive awareness of the Navy Reserves on and outside the base.

“NAS Meridian is doing a great job of supporting the NOSC and our mission of being ready anytime, anywhere,” Adcock said. “We want

to also make sure the community is aware of our mission readiness and keep them informed that we do exist and are here to serve. However my main focus is becoming familiar with the personnel and making sure they continue to know what is required to operate the NOSC.”

Working alongside Adcock to make sure he quickly becomes acclimated to the NOSC daily operations is NOSC Meridian Command Chief YNCS Joseph King. King said Adcock will be a great asset to the command. “(Adcock) brings a lot of energy and fresh ideas,” King said. “One similarity between him and Cmdr. Boman is that they are both real passionate about the command.”

Adcock hails from Sandersville, Ga. He enlisted in the Navy in the

summer of 1982 under the Delayed Entry Program. Upon graduation from high school, he attended boot camp in San Diego and attended Data Systems Technician “A” and “C” schools in Mare Island, Calif. Advancing to the rank of chief petty officer, he was selected for commission through the Limited Duty Officer program in 2000 and designated as an electronics material officer. During his recruiting tour at NRD San Francisco, he applied for and was accepted for re-designation, as a full-time support human resources officer.

Adcock brings more than 15 years of sea experience including seven deployments of six months or longer. He has numerous awards including being named the National Active Duty Officer Recruiter of the Year for 2008.

The Petty Officers Association meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at Air Operations. All petty officers are invited to attend!

Cpl. Steven Emond

MATSS-1 Staff Member
Hometown: Lewiston, Maine

OOORAH!

Cpl. Steven Emond is the newest member of the staff at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.

Emond, 22, is the aviation logistics tactical information systems non-commissioned officer.

"I maintain our computer programs and oversee student controls on the computer," Emond said.

Emond, who joined the Marine Corps on May 14, 2008, will be stationed in Meridian three years.

"I joined because I wanted to be part of something better," he said.

While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Emond had the chance to achieve something very special.

"I climbed Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima with my fellow Marines -- it was an experience I'll never forget," he said.

The people he most admire are his grandparents.

"No matter what obstacles got in their way, they never gave up. They are very supportive of me," Edmond said.

**Pvt. Daniel Mikesell**

MATSS-1 Student
Hometown: Lebanon, Ind.

Pvt. Daniel Mikesell is a student in the Aviation Supply Specialist Course at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One.

"I wanted to do something important and different than what my friends were doing," said Mikesell who joined the Marine Corps in January 2011.

Mikesell is the youngest of six children of Janie and Lester Mikesell. His hobbies include playing sports and Xbox.

"My parents were nervous for me to join, but supportive," said Mikesell who would like to be stationed in California after he graduates from MATSS-1.

The person he most admires is his Senior Drill Instructor from Boot Camp, Staff Sgt. Sanchez.

"He was dedicated to training his recruits," Mikesell said.

Marine Forces Reserve moves into new New Orleans home

By Cpl. Nana Dannaappiah
 Marine Forces Reserve

NEW ORLEANS -- Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North's new 411,320 square-foot home on the west bank of the Mississippi River was officially dedicated during a ribbon cutting ceremony here June 27.

State and local officials were on hand to commemorate the event.

"This (Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans) now is the anchor...and hub, for the U.S. Marine Reserves in the nation and the area," stated New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

The new compound, dubbed as the Corps' first Marine Corps Support Facility, will house the headquarters of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North.

"This will make 21st century leadership for Marine Forces Reserve a reality," said Maj. Gen. Darrell Moore, commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, and director, Reserve Affairs Quantico. "Our Marines today deserve a world class facility and they have it. I promise we will put this facility to its best use."

Marine Forces Reserve is the largest command in the Marine Corps with some 183 training centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Marine Forces Reserve organizes, mans, equips, trains, and sustains more than 40,000 drilling Reserve Marines and some 60,000 Individual Ready Reserve Marines, who support Theater Security Cooperation Exercises and Overseas Contingency Operation requirements worldwide, as well as provide support to the communities of the United States.

Marine Forces North on the other hand, implements anti-terrorism and force protection measures in order to conduct homeland defense operations and provide defense support to civil authorities.

Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North's new headquarters, MarCorSptFac New Orleans, will also be the work place of approximately 1,000 servicemembers, 300 Department of Defense civilians and 600 drilling reservists

The move of the headquarters from the Bywater neighborhood of New Orleans on the Mississippi River's east bank to Algiers on the west bank resulted from the

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) of 2005. Initially, the BRAC commission recommended the closure of the previous MarForRes headquarters at Naval Support Activity New Orleans on the east bank. Marines had worked out of the aging World War I-era east bank facility since the 1960s.

Realizing the impact and benefits of having the Marine Reserve headquarters here, elected officials proposed the idea of "Federal City" to the BRAC commission. In a letter that then governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco wrote to the BRAC commission chairman, Federal City was to be a "new, state of the art complex" and a campus of government and corporate offices at the site of Naval Support Activity New Orleans on the west bank, with the Marines as the anchor tenants. The city was to fund the

Marine's \$110 million compound at Federal City, a move that was projected to save the DoD more than \$230 million according to Blanco's letter, and keep jobs and the military cash flow circulating in New Orleans.

With the plan to keep the Marines in the city approved, Marines went to work bringing their new home to life. Marine Forces Reserve Facilities section had to determine the building requirements such as room spaces, security and parking accommodations. The Marines and the city agreed on a 29 acre compound at Federal City, the now MarCorSptFac New Orleans.

The deal was for the Marines to control everything inside of their fenced-off and gate-accessed secure compound, but still have rights to utilize the planned establishments of Federal City.

"This was part of the agreement so we could provide the Marines with all the other services we had in our old building," said Ed Maguire, deputy of the MarForRes Facilities section.

The city's plans for Federal City include a host of restaurants, a child development center, a recreational facility, banks and other vendors, all of which the Marines will be able to access.

Eighteen months after construction began, the main building was complete and ready for the Marines to occupy. The Algiers Development District signed over



Photo by Cpl. Jad Sleiman

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, Medal of Honor recipient H.C. Barney Barnum, Jr., and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal cap off the Joseph J. McCarthy Building dedication ceremony by cutting the ribbon June 27 here. The \$110 million facility is one of the Corps' newest and is staffed by 1,300 service members and Department of Defense civilians.

the building the Department of the Navy late last month.

On June 6, the Marines began relocating into their new home across the river, moving anywhere from 40 to sometimes more than 100 personnel a day. The relocation also meant transferring equipment and weapons and moving supplies from their warehouses to the new MarCorSptFac. By June 22, the Marines were on the west bank with a tiny element staying in the Bywater headquarters to clean up.

Their new access-controlled and hurricane-protected building features a mass notification system, consolidated protection of classified materials, centralized building monitoring system and a backup generator among many other advancements.

"It's presidential," remarked Lance Cpl. Rodney Henry, a security clerk at MarForRes and a Richmond, Va., native, about the new building. "It's clean, it smells good and it's really nice. I like it." The four story main building is named after Lt. Col. Joseph J. McCarthy (1911-

1996), a recipient of the nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor, for his actions on the island of Iwo Jima during World War II. The Commandant of the Marine Corps approved naming the Marine Reserve headquarters building at MarCorSptFac New Orleans at Federal City in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. McCarthy as part of the Marine Corps commemorative naming program, which pays tribute to distinguished and heroic deceased Marines.

On August 1, the Marines will turn over their old headquarters facility to the Navy BRAC commission who will in turn transfer it over to the city of New Orleans. In order to transfer an intact building to the city, the Marines will remove all trash and distribute any leftover useful items to units throughout the Corps. There are no finalized plans for the Bywater compound; however, several groups have shown interest in it.

The retention of Marines in the city of New Orleans continues the Corps' presence in the city, which it has had since the first company of Marines arrived here in 1778.

Safety Is Our Duty**Get children involved in disaster planning: It helps calm their fears**

With the tornadoes and flooding of April and May still fresh in peoples' minds, now is a good time for you and your family to prepare for the next disaster, whatever that may be.

If you have children, include them in the planning process. Experience has shown that when children are involved in the planning process, it calms their fears.

"Making these plans ahead of time will ensure that everybody is ready when disaster strikes," said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack. "We know that these are stressful times, but preparedness can ease some of that stress."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Web site, "Ready Kids," is designed for children. It has fun quizzes and games. At the same time, it helps fam-

ilies prepare for a disaster. Go to www.ready.gov/kids.

One of the most important first steps is to have children help stock an Emergency Supply Kit. They can help decide what should go in the kit and why, and help choose how it will be stored and where. The Ready Kids web site explains the kit's contents and provides materials in a format kids will enjoy while they are learning.

Another important step is to make a family emergency plan. A good plan would include a list of possible emergencies, evacuation routes, phone numbers of friends, relatives and local emergency management offices. Such a plan should be designed to help the family be self-sustaining for at least three days.

Finally, families should be informed. Learn

together about the types of emergencies that can happen in your area and how to respond to them can be.

And don't forget your pets! Prepare an animal emergency supply kit, develop a pet care buddy system in case you can't take care of your animals yourself, and if you must evacuate, take your pets with you if at all possible.

"We encourage everyone to ensure that their family is ready in the event of another disaster," said Federal Coordinating Officer Terry L. Quarles. "While creating a family preparedness plan involves a little time, it can be a fun and easy family activity that can actually save lives."

More information on disaster planning can be found at www.msema.org and at www.ready.gov.

Water Efficiency Tips

✓ Repair leaky faucets promptly. One faucet leaking one drop per second can waste 2,400 gallons of water a year. That's 13 years worth of drinking water for one person.

✓ Install low-ow shower heads, toilets and aerators on kitchen and bathroom sink faucets to save water. They will cut water usage by as much as 280 gallons a month for a typical family of four.

✓ Shorten your showers. Each minute less you run the shower you could save from 2.5 to 5 gallons, depending on the type of showerhead you have.

✓ Fill a basin when you wash the dishes by hand instead of letting the water run.

✓ You could save up to 25 gallons of water each time you wash dishes.

✓ Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth. You could

save as much as nine gallons each time you brush.

✓ Fill the basin when you shave instead of keeping the water running. You'll use only 1 gallon of water instead of up to 15 gallons.

✓ Repair "silent leaks" in the toilet. If food coloring put in the tank ends up in the bowl without ushing, it leaks. Repairing the leak will save up to 200 gallons of water a day.

✓ For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. Save hundreds of gallons over the course of a year by not letting water run down the drain.

✓ When landscaping use drought-resistant plants. Check the drought tolerance of plants by reducing the amount of watering a few minutes a day (or cut one day a week) to see how well they do.

-- From www.cnic.navy.mil

Avoiding heat stroke, heat exhaustion

During heat illness, the body's cooling system shuts down. Body temperature goes up, which inhibits the ability to sweat. Mild symptoms of heat exhaustion include thirst, fatigue, and cramps in the legs or abdomen. Left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke. Serious heat-related symptoms include dizziness, headaches, nausea, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, decreased alertness, and a temperature as high as 105 F or more. In severe cases, the liver, kidneys, and brain may be damaged. About 400 people die each year from heat exposure, according to the CDC.

The risk of heat illness goes up during exertion and sports and with certain health conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. Alcohol use also increases the risk. So do medications that slow sweat production such as anti-histamines, tri-cyclic antidepressants, and diuretics used to treat water retention, high blood pressure, and some liver

and kidney conditions.

What You Can Do

Air conditioning is the No. 1 protective factor against heat illness. If you don't have air conditioning, spend time in public facilities, such as libraries and malls that have air conditioning. Reduce strenuous activities or do them during early mornings and evenings when it's cooler. If you're outside for long stretches of time, carry a water bottle, drink fluids regularly, and don't push your limits. People who play sports should wear light, loose-fitting clothes and drink water or sports drinks before, during, and after activity. If you see someone experiencing heat illness, have the person lie down in a cool place and elevate the legs. Use water, wet towels, and fanning to help cool the person down until emergency help comes.



If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3875/2589.

DID YOU KNOW

- In the Summer of 2010, 14 Sailors were killed in off-duty motor vehicle and recreation mishaps. While tragic, it was the safest summer on record for the Navy.
- To date during the Summer of 2011, the U.S. Navy has already lost six Sailors -- four to motorcycle crashes and two to drowning accidents.

SECNAV, OpSail announce partnership honoring War of 1812, 'Star Spangled Banner'

By MC2 Gina K. Morrissette

Naval History and Heritage Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Secretary of the Navy and the chairman of Operation Sail (OpSail), Inc. announced a partnership June 22 that will work to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The announcement was made during a ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, home of the actual flag that was the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's writing of our national anthem during the Battle of Baltimore in 1814.

"Beginning next year and continuing through 2015, the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps and United States Coast Guard along with Operation Sail and a host of partners will commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812" Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said.

Mabus and OpSail Chairman Jose Fuentes also announced that major events will take place in New Orleans, New York City, Baltimore, Boston,

Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Norfolk, New London, Conn., Toledo, Ohio, and Buffalo, N.Y., spanning 2012 through 2015. Navy ships will also visit the Great Lakes area for a series of port visits in cities along the Canadian and U.S. shorelines.

Other events will include Blue Angels air shows, international athletic competitions, conferences, seminars, teaching events, and observances in many of the venues that were crucial to the outcome of the conflict.

The War of 1812 marked a critical period in U.S. history when our country was forced to fight for its independence for a second time. The events will commemorate a milestone in U.S. history, and will serve to provide the American public a greater understanding of the pivotal role the sea services played in securing a final victory.

Just as they are today, the ships of America's Navy in 1812 were a "Global Force for Good" combating piracy, protecting national commerce and supporting freedom of the seas.

"As we commemorate Old Glory and the War of 1812," said Mabus. "We ought to remember the deli-

cate weaving of history that has brought America to this place of great influence and greater responsibility."

OpSail, the Congressionally-chartered non-profit producer of tall ship events, has partnered with the Navy for previous American milestones such as the 1976 bicentennial of American independence, the 1986 State of Liberty centennial, and Millennium in 2000.

Fuentes stated that this event will give millions of people the opportunity to see sailing and naval ships from across the globe sailing together, celebrating a brotherhood of the sea and of our freedoms.

"Bringing the tall ships of the world back to U.S. waters for the commemoration of this glorious American milestone excites the imagination," Fuentes said. "These events thrill all who watch the ships from afar or venture onboard, but the best part is the incomparable education it provides."

For more information about the War of 1812, go to www.history.navy.mil/commemorations/1812/1812-index.htm.

PACFLT commander signs statement of support for National Guard, Reservists

By Landess Kearns

Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) -- Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, signed a Statement of Support, proclaiming the Fleet's commitment to its civilian employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, June 20.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization believes that if volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. This is a key objective of the Statement of Support Program.

The signing of this document

allowed Pacific Fleet to publicly announce its continued support for these employees and their families. It will affect civilian employees of all commands within the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"I see this as an opportunity to advocate for the contributions reservists and National Guard members make," said Walsh. "It also serves to raise the level of awareness within the community as to just how many people are involved and how fortunate we are to have them."

There are currently 411 National Guard and Reserve members employed as civilians throughout all commands in the Pacific Fleet.

Also attending the signing ceremony were Army Reserve Ambassador P. Pasha Baker, ESGR Hawaii State Chairman Robert W. Borek, Jr., and

ESGR Military Outreach Coordinator and retired Navy Capt. Gayle J. Lau.

"If you look at the total armed forces structure, about half of our force is made up of guardsmen and reservists," said Borek. "So, for the Active Duty and the guardsmen and reservists to all know that they can count on each other and work together is very, very important."

In signing a Statement of Support, employers pledge to recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, which protects service members' reemployment rights when returning from a period of service in the uniformed services and prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation.

Employers also commit to provide

their leadership with the resources necessary to effectively manage Guard and Reserve employees and to recognize and support service members and their families in peace, crisis and war.

One of the major concerns of the ESGR is to resolve conflicts between employer and employee that may arise as a result of service to the Guard or Reserves. By signing a statement of support, an employer makes a commitment to protect the rights of these employees.

"It's very important that we put into perspective the sacrifices they have to make in order to offer up their contribution," said Walsh. "Any time that we can take to pause and recognize the work that they do and the contributions they make is very important."

Record number of recruits naturalized at Recruit Training Command

By Lt. Christopher Bennett

Recruit Training Command Public Affairs

NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) -- Nearly 50 Navy recruits at the Navy's only boot camp, Recruit Training Command (RTC), became United States citizens here June 30, the eve of the 100th anniversary of Naval Station Great Lakes.

The 46 recruits from 17 countries is a record number for naturalization ceremonies held at RTC, which began in February and is a joint effort between RTC and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"I'm very happy," said Seaman Recruit Joshua Bongar, 19, of Grand Junction, Colo., who came to the United States from the Philippines in 2006. "It's not something everyone has (being a U.S. citizen). It's an opportunity and a privilege."

Bongar said his father served in the Philippine Air Force, and he joined the Navy for the experience and more opportunities, such as the chance to become a U.S. citizen.

Seaman Recruit Minyu Yang, 27, of Pasadena, Calif., immigrated to the United States from China by herself in 2009 and quickly seized the opportunity to become a U.S. citizen when it arose.

"I already joined the Navy to serve the country," said Yang. "I wanted to become a U.S. citizen."

The celebration and fanfare surrounding the Naval Station's 100th anniversary afforded recruits the opportunity to be congratulated by Rear Adm. David F. Steindl,

commander, Naval Service Training Command, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West.

In his remarks, Steindl pointed out the similarities between the Oath of Allegiance, recited by all who wish to become U.S. citizens, the Sailor's Creed and Oath of Enlistment. Each contains a pledge to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

"It's an important concept for us all to take in," said Steindl. "We are all fighting to support the Constitution."

Steindl also told recruits about his parents, who emigrated from Germany, and mentioned his father graduated from boot camp at RTC.

Lt. Vince Dasta, Atlantic Fleet commander, RTC, who oversees RTC's naturalization program, said the program is an operational asset to the Navy.

"Our naturalization program frees time for the new Sailors when they report to their first command because they are no longer concerned with trying to become a citizen," said Dasta. "It also assists the command because no special issues arise as a result of the Sailor not being a U.S. citizen. I think it's a great program for the recruits and the Navy as a whole."

Dasta said at RTC, with direct assistance from USCIS, they are able to shorten the naturalization process from six to eight months, to eight weeks.

The 46 new citizens are scheduled to graduate from RTC July 1 on historic Ross Field here in a ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of Naval Station Great Lakes.

● Obstacle

at MATSS-1 became a reality as the command christened its new obstacle course June 30 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event was held at the existing site of the course located next to the NAS Meridian Administration building.

The ceremony began with MATSS-1 Commanding Officer Maj. A.J. Brooks giving a brief overview of the obstacle course and how it was created and funded. Instead of a traditional cutting of the ribbon to signify the opening of the course, MATSS-1 instructors and students conducted the first run through of the course with Staff Sgt. Anthony Walker being the first to complete the course and break through the red ribbon.

Brooks said the course, which takes an average of a minute and a half to run, is a blessing for the command.

"This course is built to Marine Corps standards and serves as a great opportunity for our students to use their whole body for physical fitness and not just running," Brooks said.

The \$100,000 MATSS-1 Obstacle Course was planned and developed by NAS Meridian Public Works and funded through Training and Education Command in Quantico, Va.

Features for the 100-yard long course include an up-and-over bar, eight low rollover/jump over obstacles, a balance log, a set of hand-over-hand pipes, log walks, high roll over log, a log wall, a set of four log vaults, double pull over bar, and ends with a 20-foot rope climb.

Pfc. Carlita Hyche was part of the first group to complete the initial run. She said the course is a major addition to the command's fitness program.

"When you're running all the time, it takes a toll on your legs," Hyche said. "This is a fun alternative to running and it's also tough, builds a lot of confidence, and gives you a competitive feeling as you run through the course."

Boos came up with the idea for the course after he attended a Marine Corps Training and Education Command (TECOM) Commander's Conference in 2007 and later when he had a conversation with then-NAS Meridian Commanding Officer Capt. Russell Knight.

"I was just trying to do the best thing for the Marines," said Boos, who now works as a training officer for Naval Training Technical Center on board NAS Meridian.

● E-Leave

through their chain-of-command for approval, replacing the traditional paper leave form, and has significantly reduced the timeframe for routing a leave request.

"It's a much faster process," said Personnel Specialist 2nd Class LeAnne Millious, full-time support and Selected Reserves conversion desk case worker at NPC. "I had to take emergency leave when a family member passed away and I was able to get the request routed in less than an hour through E-leave."

As directed by NAVAMIN 252/10, shore commands and submarine forces began using E-Leave to process leave requests by Aug. 1 and Oct. 1, 2010, respectively.

"E-Leave ensures pay and entitlements are properly accounted for with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)," said John Courtney, Navy electronic leave program manager. "Commands have full visibility in the system to identify the status of any Sailor's request and can easily track and account for all Sailors on leave."

Sailors, reviewers, and approvers have access to E-Leave through common access card (CAC) log-in on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) Web site at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil>.

For more information on E-Leave or using any of the NSIPS-related tools, read NAVADMIN 252/10, call the NSIPS help desk toll-free at (877) 589-5991, or e-mail nsiphelppdesk@navy.mil. Sailors can also call NPC's Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC.

● Panetta

operations around the world since the beginning of the Obama administration. The nation is at war, he said, and must prevail against its enemies.

"We will persist in our efforts to disrupt, dismantle and ultimately defeat al-Qaida," he said. "The successful operation that killed Osama Bin Laden -- a mission that showcased American military strength and precision -- is a major step toward that goal."

In Afghanistan, the secretary said service members must continue to work with Afghan security forces and coalition partners to transition security responsibility to the Afghans by 2014. The goal must be an Afghanistan that never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists, he said.

The transition of American troops in Iraq is well under way with more than 100,000 U.S. service members out of the nation, and 48,000 due to leave by the end of the year.

"As we continue our transition out of Iraq, we must cement a strategic relationship with the Iraqi government, one based not solely on our military footprint there but on a real

"We will persist in our efforts to disrupt, dismantle and ultimately defeat al-Qaida"

-- Leon Panetta

and lasting partnership," Panetta said. "It is in America's interests to help Iraq realize its potential to become a stable democracy in a vitally important region in the world and to reinforce that responsibility, for the future security of Iraq must belong to the Iraqis themselves."

The secretary has a long public service career that began as an Army intelligence officer in 1964. He also served in the House of Representatives from California, director of the Office of Management and Budget and White House chief of staff in President Clinton's administration. Throughout his career, he said, he has focused on being disciplined with the taxpayers' money, but not short-changing security.

"We must preserve the excel-

Marines, Air Force train together to refuel aircrafts in air

By Lance Cpl. Charles T. Clark

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 pilots and weapon systems operators conducted aerial refueling training with Air Force KC-135 Stratotankers here June 13.

Aerial refueling extends the range of fighter aircraft on transits across great distances, increasing the operability of pilots and weapon systems operators to complete missions and training operations.

"Aerial refueling is the only reason we can go from operation to operation in the western Pacific," said Maj. Douglas Glover, a VMFA(AW)-533 F/A-18 weapon systems operator. The F/A-18 has enough fuel for approximately an hour and a half of flight time.

Without the aerial refueling, the aircraft would not be able to fly from the continental U.S. to the Western Pacific. Aerial refueling has become a standardized operation throughout the military to ensure there are no

conflicts with the various aircraft attempting to refuel from the same tanker.

The pilots communicate with each other to know who is refueling and how much fuel the jets can receive. The aircraft take turns approaching the tanker, refueling, detaching and re-forming to continue operations.

The most commonly used aircraft for aerial refueling is the Air Force's KC-135s, but the Marine Corps is capable of aerial refueling with its KC-130s. The KC-130s are often busy due to operational commitments.

"The Air Force really does a lot of the leg work to help us out here," said Capt. Phillippe C. Brule, a VMFA(AW)-533 pilot. "We say they need to be at this place at this time, and they usually get there early to do their pre-fueling checks. By the time we get there, they are ready to go."

The Air Force and Marine Corps plan months prior to operations to ensure the Air Force KC-135s will be

lence and superiority of our military while looking for ways to identify savings," he said. "While tough budget choices will need to be made, I do not believe in the false choice between fiscal discipline and a strong national defense. We will all work together to achieve both."

The secretary noted he is taking office just before Independence Day. He said his parents -- who immigrated to California from Italy -- believed it was important to give something back to their adopted country. "I will never forget my father's words: 'to be free, we must also be secure,'" Panetta said. "As Americans come together to commemorate what we and those before us have accomplished, and as I take on my new role, my thoughts are with you and your families."

"You are making personal sacrifices to preserve our liberty, serving on front lines around the world," he continued. "You are fighting to keep America safe. Rest assured that I will fight with you and for you."

Panetta said that in the days and weeks ahead he will meet with all levels of military personnel and DOD civilians.

at the right place at the right time.

The pilots who operate the aircraft and the refueling probe go through simulated training and a real world qualification for aerial refueling while the weapon systems operators attend to the logistics of the refueling process, said Brule.

Re-qualifying for both day and night aerial refueling prior to long term operations in combat zones and training operations is another reason this training is essential for pilots.

"We requalify on the KC-135 because it is the hardest aircraft to link up with to refuel in the air," said Capt. Matthew D. Humphries, a VMFA(AW)-533 weapon systems operator.

One of the most common challenges pilots face during aerial refueling is steady the aircraft during refueling.

Aerial refueling preparation and training continues to provide interoperability between the Marine Corps and the Air Force to ensure the mission gets done.

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Navy medicine seeks SARP counselor candidates

By Paul R. Dillard
Navy Medicine Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Navy Medicine announced June 21 it is looking for E-5 through E-9 Sailors and Marines to become drug and alcohol counselors for the Navy and Marine Corps Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Program (SARP). SARP is a subordinate activity of the Navy Medicine Support Command.

Approved applicants attend an 11-week Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor School (NDACS) at the Surface Warfare Medical Institute in San Diego, and enter into a training pipeline that offers the potential for both Navy and international civilian certifications.

"We are looking for individuals who can really relate to other people," said Ted Judson, assistant department head for certification and contracts, NDACS. "We need candi-

dates who have good active listening skills, can empathize well with others, who can be non-judgmental, and show warmth and positive regard for others."

NDACS Students learn counseling skills and techniques, the integration of 12-step programs with bio-cycle, social and spiritual aspects of substance abuse and dependence.

Sailor and Marine applicants can be from any rating or MOS, but must meet certain criteria, including having no record of non-judicial punishment for at least two years and must have stable personal affairs.

"Many students arrive with little or no exposure to work in mental health or substance abuse settings but have amazing treasures of life experiences, and end up leaving with profoundly altered views of the world around them — and of themselves," said Jerry Adams, a psychologist and clinical preceptor at NDACS. "They leave with skills that ready them for lifelong learning, which is so essential to success in this field."

NDACS is designed to provide training to military personnel who will eventually provide outreach, screening, assess-

ment, and treatment of alcohol and other drug addictions for fellow Sailors and Marines. The school convenes a new class five times a year and is now accepting applications for its session that begins Oct. 4, 2011.

Students participate in a variety of classroom activities including didactic lectures and experiential activities. They go through a three-week practicum experience where they actually go into the field and work with drug and alcohol abusers in a treatment setting, before wrapping up their final week with information and readiness surrounding their internship.

Practice council sessions are recorded so that students can actually see themselves and evolve as counselors.

"There is no other Navy school like this, no other experience like this," said Judson. "If you want a challenge to reach out beyond what you are doing now, then try this on."

Once a candidate graduates NDACS, they enter a minimum one year internship as a SARP counselor. After the first year, applicants take a certification exam, and if they pass, they are certified as a Navy Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC D).

After working in the profession for three years, they can apply and take an international certification exam that is recognized in 40 states, 14 countries and a number of federal-level certification boards. If they pass the exam, they receive an ADC II certification.

"Navy-trained counselors certified at the reciprocal level as ADC II's are highly sought after in the civilian treatment community," said Judson.

"Whoever the person is before they come into NDACS, they are better when they come out — better Sailors, better Marines, better spouses, better partners, better communicators. As drug and alcohol counselors, we do far more than just treat substance use disorders. The impact of what we do ripples out and affects work centers, squads, commands, as well as families and loved ones."

NDACS is staffed for class sizes of up to 40 students, but in recent years typical classes have had an average enrollment of 10-15 students, according to Judson.

"We would absolutely welcome another full class of 40 students, or even better - five classes of 40 students," said Judson.

CREDO celebrates 40th anniversary

By Lt. Leemon G. Brown

Chaplains Corps Naval Air Station Jacksonville

2011 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO). From humble beginnings in San Diego, CREDO now spans the globe in eleven CREDO centers ministering to Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and their families. Tens of thousands of brothers and sisters in arms have been impacted by this phenomenal program that the Navy offers, yet it still remains one of the Navy's best kept secrets.

Started as the Chaplain's Response to the Emerging Drug Order, it was the answer in ministering to struggling Vietnam veterans returning from war with substance abuse issues. Chaplain Don Harris was the pioneer who assumed responsibility for the program and met the need. He developed a 72-hour retreat model to help the returning veterans address the real needs in their lives and to focus on their priorities and goals. He taught them coping skills. The results were incredible. As the program blossomed, other Chaplains joined the effort and it was noticed that more than substance abuse issues were being addressed. Great life changes were being affected.

Today, CREDO offers four core programs: Personal Growth Retreats (the original model), Marriage Enrichment Retreats, Family Enrichment Retreats, and Returning Warrior Workshops. Most CREDO Centers offer each of these programs, and they are free of charge to service members and their families. The basic method is still much the same as its inception in 1971. While there have been advances in training methods, the most important piece — the individual Sailor, Marine or Coast Guardsman — remains the same. Whether addressing the needs of an individual at a Personal Growth Retreat, or a couple at a Marriage Enrichment Retreat, the goals continue to be: gain self-esteem and self-understanding, learn to respect yourself and others, accept responsibility for your life, and develop a healthy spirituality. CREDO doesn't and won't try to fix you, however, you will be challenged to consider the important things in life in a safe environment where you are cared for and accepted.

If you have not been on a CREDO event, why not come and join us this year in our 40th Anniversary serving the Navy. Please contact your command chaplain for more information. Do so and you will understand why CREDO is the Navy's best kept secret.

NAS Meridian Chapel

211 Fuller Road

Protestant Sunday Services 9 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Lunch 11:15 a.m.

Those wishing to attend Catholic service in Meridian should meet in Chapel parking lot no later than 10 a.m. for a ride to and from St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Come Worship With Us! Call (601) 679-3635

Sale ... or

KIDS STUFF

Children's play kitchen set with plastic plates & food. Asking \$50; **3 different girl's electric jeeps.** All in pretty good condition, but need batteries. Asking \$40 each. Call (904) 923-9356/9357.

Graco color blocked play yard in good condition \$25. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Rainforest Jump-a-roo in excellent condition. Asking \$50. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

ELECTRONICS MUSICAL/COMPUTERS

Two 12" powerbass subwoofers. Asking \$100. Call (601) 678-9177.

Klipsch Proedia 2.1 Speaker System in used, working condition. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.

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

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

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

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

BIG STUFF

1998 Stingray 190RX Ski Boat and Trailer. 19' w/Mercruiser 3.0L alpha drive. Walk thru windshield, stereo, and sunbathing deck. 8 person capacity. \$7,000 OBO. Call (601) 513-0183.

25 Foot Prowler 5th Wheel camper. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

16 Foot aluminum fishing boat with 75 hp Mercury. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

2007 Fleetwood Revolution LE 40ft. Very low miles and very low hours. 400 Cat engine w/ Allison push button transmission w/ fuel economy mode. One piece fiberglass roof, 95 gal. Fresh water system, 40 gal. waste tank, 60 gal. grey water tank, Spartan chassis, automatic leveling, trailer hitch. Plenty of space for storage under coach, storage slide outs. There are 3 wall slide

outs, 2 in the living room and one in the bedroom. Has 1 and 1/2 baths and a shower, washer dryer combo, bedroom includes a sleep numbers bed and wall mount 23" TV. With 26" LCD TV Digital Satellite System Home Theater System in the main coach, round table w/4 cushioned chairs (opens to seat 6 w/2 folding chairs to match). Galley has 4-door refrigerator/freezer w/ ice maker and water on the door. GE microwave/convection oven over regular 3 burner gas range w/oven. Cori an counter tops in kitchen and baths. Beige colored carpet throughout, with ceramic tile in kitchen and baths. NON SMOKER RV is in really good condition. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$149,000. Call Gail Brennhofner at 601-679-2408 or 601-678-9504.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

8-inch deep Stainless Steel kitchen sink, 33" x 22". New, still in box. Asking \$95. Call (601) 693-5578.

MAYTAG Neptune front load washer, \$250. **GE dryer** \$175. Will sell as set for \$400. Call (601) 626-7703.

Butterfly couch and chair with the pillows. Asking \$500 set. Color is forest green. Call (417) 664-5420.

GE Chill Water Dispenser, great condition, includes 2 (5 gallon) jugs. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.

Brand new in box, International Silver 70 Piece Service for 12 (San Marcos pattern) 24K Goldplated Flatware Set with Bonus Flatware Chest. \$25. Call between 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. only please, (601) 917-6935.

Solid Cherry Wood Entertainment Center, 7 1/2 foot tall, Holds up to a 40" TV. Beautiful piece of furniture -- Like New. Asking \$600. Call (601) 679-8052.

Queen Size Airbed with electric air-pump built inside, used one time excellent condition. Asking \$60. Call Lisa at (601) 679-8052.

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.

AUTOMOBILES, ETC.

NEW! 1999 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab - V10 Triton, looks good, drives good. Automatic, short

bed, towing package, bed liner, metal tool box, running boards. Bought locally 5 years ago. This is a great truck if you need to pull a heavy load. 199,000 miles - mechanically sound. Only selling because I have no need for a big truck. Asking \$3,600. If interested call (601) 679-7671. Pictures available on request

Four 31" by 15 All Terrain Tires and Custom Rims off a Dodge 4x4, 90 percent tread life left. Asking \$400 for set. Call Adam at (601) 678-8614.

2003 Gold Chrysler, 300M loaded, heated leather, CD, XM satellite, sun roof, nice interior. High mileage but well maintained. One owner, new transmission and battery, fairly new tires, needs motor work. Asking \$1350 OBO. Call (601) 679-2636 or (662) 803-9007.

2008 Honda CR-V EXL Fully Loaded 43k miles. Asking \$19,999. Call (559) 410-1608.

2005 Ford Explorer, sunroof, leather interior, low mileage. Asking \$75,000 OBO. Call (601) 490-3905.

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 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: acr-calais@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 at (601) 484-7244.

MOTORCYCLES/GEAR/ATV

2004 Honda Foreman ES 4 Wheeler, 450CC Motor, 4 wheel drive, red in color, 2300 LB winch on the front. Asking \$2,000. Call Adam at (601) 678-8614.

4-wheeler for sale. Asking \$800.

Call (601) 483-3801 for details.

2005 350 Rancher 2 wheel drive 4 wheeler. Call Darin at (601) 480-4132 or Ann at (601) 480-4134.

2008 Kawasaki Ninja 250R, blue with jacket and helmet included, 3800 miles, Asking \$2000. Call (601) 562-6508.

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

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.

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

HOMES/APARTMENTS

NEW! FOR SALE: 2007 Deer Valley single wide home 16 X 80 feet. Three BR/2 full BA, walk-in closet in master bedroom with walk-in shower & garden tub. Call (601) 986-8841 for more information.

For Rent: 4000 38th St., 2 BR/2 BA (duplex), covered parking, \$650 per month with 1 year lease, \$650 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

For Rent: 1414 24th Ave., 3 BR/2 BA (triplex), hardwood floors, covered parking, \$1100 per month with 1 year lease, \$1100 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

For Rent: 414 24th Ave., 1 BR/1 BA (triplex), hardwood floors, covered parking, \$400 per month with 1 year lease, \$400 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

For Rent: 5903 19th Ave., (house) 3/2, carport, fenced yard, granite, stainless appliances, new carpet in bedrooms and study, new interior

& exterior paint, \$1450 per month with 1 year lease, \$1450 deposit. Call (601) 616-8767. Pets allowed, \$400 deposit.

For Sale: Home in Meridian city limits at 4408 King Road, red brick home, 3 BR/1-1/2 BA and oak floors. Asking \$110,000. Call (601) 604-6838 or (601) 679-3775 before 8 p.m.

For Sale: 4 BD/2.5 BA in West Lauderdale School District. Indian Springs Subdivision. Original Owner. Pergo Hardwood flooring, tiled kitchen and entrance way. Over-sized 2 car garage. Open floor plan w/9 foot ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace and coffered bedroom ceiling. Plantation blinds and more. Master bath w/separate whirlpool tub and shower. His/Hers sinks and closets. Two walk-in closets in bedrooms. Huge privacy fenced yard with extra lot and well on the property. Offered at \$219,500. Call (601) 447-8953

For Rent: Home at Dalewood, 2BD/1BA, screen porch overlooks main lake, covered patio, storage building, recent complete remodel, stainless appliances and fully furnished. Asking \$1200 per month. One year lease with military clause. No pets/non smoker. Contact Ross at (601) 513-5505.

For Rent: 2,400 sq. ft. 4 BR/2 BA home with bonus room upstairs, Southeast School District (level 5 school). Quiet country location 15 miles from Meridian and Naval Air Station. Asking \$1,800 a month with deposit of \$1,800. Lawn care is included. Call (601) 604-4000.

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 updated appliances with dishwasher. 10x20 covered front deck with 10x20 side deck. 12x15 Storage building included. 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 \$75,000. Call (601) 938-1903.

For Rent: Country living in the city. 4 BR/2 1/2 BA, central heat and air, fireplace, formal dining room, living room an den, large hobby shop, green house and a garden spot. Call (601) 527-1426 or (601) 644-3003.

For Sale: Home in Poplar Springs School Dist. 3 BR/2 BA with split floor plan; upgraded kitchen with granite counter tops,

stainless steel appliances, new flooring and breakfast nook, formal dining room; master bath has jetted tub with separate shower. Indoor laundry; large garage with storage room. Nice yard with privacy fence and covered patio. Outside trim painted with new gutter in 2010. Asking \$185,000. Call (601) 604-2015.

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

WANTED TO BUY

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Chickens and pigs for sale. Call (601) 483-3801.

Golf Taylormade Driver R9 \$200; Bobby Jones Workshop Edition Driver \$100 -- all in like new condition. Call or text George at (361) 442-4489.

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

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 1proud-mom2@live.com for pictures. Asking \$250, paid over \$500.

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

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

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MWR Mission First... Sailors Always



July Specials

Mondays:
NTTC/MATSS-1
Student Bowling Special,
5-9 p.m. Bowl for \$1.50
a game and
\$1 for shoes.

Wednesday
Low Ball Bowling
Tournament
July 13, 20 and 27 ~
Where a gutter ball gets
you a strike or spare.
Lowest score wins. Each
bowler bowls 3 games.
\$10 entry fee, must be
signed up by 6:30 p.m.
on each date.

Friday
Family Night,
6 p.m.-close, \$2 a game,
\$1 for rental shoes.
Cosmic Bowling if
requested.

AT THE MOVIES

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

Admission: Free!

- July...
9: "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" (PG)
12: "Take Me Home Tonight" (R)
13: "Unknown" (PG13)
14: "Beastly" (PG13)
16: "Pirates: Dead Man's Chest" (PG13)
19: "Hall Pass" (R)



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

JULY

9: Pensacola Trip Travel for a day of relaxation on the beach, shopping and dinner. Bus leaves library parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Minimum 20 people needed for trip to run – NO REFUNDS (unless trip is cancelled).

11: Video Game Tournament at 7 p.m. Prize awarded to winner. Register day of event at Liberty Center.

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

17: "National Ice Cream" Day in honor of everyone's favorite summertime dessert, stop by the Liberty Center about 2 p.m. and make a FREE ice cream sundae! Enjoy vanilla ice cream, a variety of toppings and whip cream while supplies last.

21: 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.

23: Pensacola Trip Travel for a day of relaxation on the beach, shopping and dinner. Bus leaves Library parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Must register & pay for the trip by July 20. Minimum of 20 people needed for trip to run – NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).

24: Dog Day Sunday
FREE hot dogs, chips & soda served to Liberty participants beginning at 2 p.m. in Liberty Center.
25: Ping-Pong Tournament begins at 7 p.m. in Liberty Center. No entry fee – prize awarded to winner. Register day of even.

"It's Hot Baby"

Bowling Tournament
July 16, at 10 a.m. at
McCain



Rec Center
Bowl 7 games, \$20
entry fee. Sign up by 9:45 a.m.
on July 16. Bowlers will rotate different
formats for each game. Call (601) 679-2651 for info.



Outdoor Movie

July 28,
Free showing of
"Gnomeo and Juliet"
Event starts at
7 p.m., movie starts
at dark.

At the pool...

Water Aerobics: M,W,F from 12:15-1 pm.
Lap Swimming: Monday-Friday from
10:45 a.m.-Noon

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday-Friday: noon-8
p.m. Weekends/Holidays:
noon-6 p.m.
Pool Fees: Active
Duty/Retirees swim fee
Active Duty/Retirees
family members:
\$2 per person
DoD/Guest: \$3 per person



Summer Kid Matinees

Summer matinee movies for military dependent children are scheduled at 1 p.m. every Monday. The second movie will start after the first with some re-wind time involved. These have been randomly selected, please do not request a change in the viewing. Popcorn may be available if in stock by request. Movies are FREE!

- July 11: "SHREK" (PG) & "SHREK 2" (PG)
July 18: "PRINCESS AND THE FROG" (G)
& "TANGLED" (PG)
July 25: "YOGI BEAR" (PG) &
"KUNG FU PANDA" (PG)
Aug. 1 "ALPHA & OMEGA" (PG)
& "HORTON HEARS A WHO" (G)
July 8: "SPACE CHIMPS" (G) & "ASTRO BOY" (PG)

Ponta Creek Golf Course

Weekday Special Monday-Thursday
18 Hole Green & Cart: \$20
9 Hole Green & Cart: \$12

Carts Rates for Friday, Saturday, Sunday
and Holidays:

18 holes: \$14 ~ 9 holes: \$7

	18 holes	9 holes
E-1-E-5	\$9	\$5
E-6 and up	\$12	\$7
DOD/NL	\$14	\$8
Others	\$16	\$9

Pro Shop Hours: Monday-Sunday: 8-5 p.m.
For more information, call the Pro Shop
at (601) 679-2526.

Play Ping Pong at Rudders

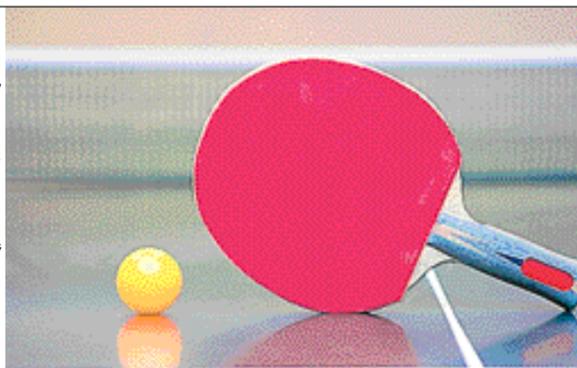
Games are Free!

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 5 p.m.-Midnight

For more information, call (601) 679-2636.



Open Enrollment for Headstart at the CDC on board NAS Meridian for the 2011/2012 school year has started.

For more information contact
Geneva Burton in the Region Office
at (601) 483-2225.



Fitness Center

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
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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.

Belly Dancing Group Class

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Gym. Not just for ladies either, men welcome ...that means come join us~! (harder exercise than most may think). Stacey Jemison is the instructor. For information, call (601) 679-2379.



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
FRIDAY					
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.....	
SATURDAY					
9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	11 a.m.
11:10 a.m.	12 p.m.	12:05 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1 p.m.
1:10 a.m.	2 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	3 p.m.
3:10 p.m.	4 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
	5 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
	6 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	
7:40 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	
	8:10 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	9 p.m.	
	10 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	Pass. Drop off if any.....	
SUNDAY					
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 off any	7:20 p.m.

Applebee's Restaurant (upon request only)

It's Your Turn...

In celebration of the Fourth of July holiday, we asked: "What is the first thing that comes to mind when you say or hear Independence Day? Why?"

Photos by MC2 Flordeliz Valerio



Molly Bridges
Military Dependand
"Off time with my family."



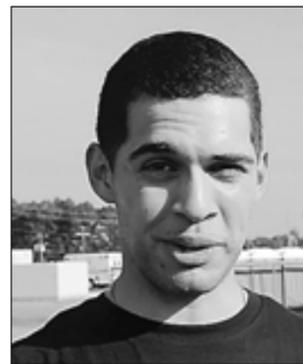
Mary Ann Lique
Spouse
"It happens to be our wedding anniversary, so it's a double celebration."



LSSA Christopher Allen
NTTC Student
"Fireworks. It's fun to watch the awesome colors."



Lormar Wallace
Military Spouse
"Time shared with fellow Americans who love this country and rejoice in honoring of this cherished day in our history."



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Navy transitions to USA JOBS and USA Staffing for civilian hiring

The Department of the Navy continues to move forward in its efforts to improve the hiring process and reduce the time to fill vacancies. Part of the improvement includes the transition from CHART to USAJOBS for job announcements. USAJOBS provides current employees and job seekers with better tools to apply for federal positions.

USAJOBS Applicant FAQs

Question: What is the USAJOBS and USA Staffing initiative

Answer: DON is replacing its current resume builder and application systems (CHART for applicants & Resumix for HR professionals) with USAJOBS and USA Staffing. This transition is taking place over the next year.

Question: How does the transition to USAJOBS affect me?

Answer: Not all jobs will be posted on CHART. As activities transition to USA Staffing, their vacancies will only be posted on USAJOBS and any activity specific website/publication. It is recommended that applicants begin to search USAJOBS (and their local activity website) for job openings. When applicants select Apply Now on the USAJOBS vacancy announcement, they will be directed to the appropriate site (USAJOBS or CHART) to apply.

Question: When will the transition start?

Answer: The DON transition began in February 2011 and will continue throughout the year.

Question: Where can I get more information about USAJOBS?

Answer: Applicants can access information on searching and applying for federal jobs using USAJOBS, including tutorials and FAQs at www.usajobs.gov/infocenter/. Additional information is posted on the Department of the Navy (DON) Civilian Human Resources Web site: www.public.navy.mil/donhr/employment/hiringreform/.

Question: Where will I find DON jobs to apply to?

Answer: During this transition time, to make sure you don't miss any opportunities, we encourage you to search USAJOBS as well as CHART. If the activity has transitioned to USAJOBS/USA Staffing, the jobs will typically be posted at jobsearch.usajobs.gov/a9DON.aspx. If the activity has NOT transitioned yet the vacancies will be posted on CHART at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil/>. It is also recommended that you continue to utilizing any activity Web sites or publication where local vacancies may be listed.

Question: Three different systems: USAJOBS, Application Manager and USA Staffing are involved in the application process. What is the difference between these systems?

Answer: USAJOBS is the federal applicant site where all federal

announcements are located. Applicants build and store their resumes and start the application process using this tool. Application Manager is the tool that allows applicants to answer the assessment questions for each job. USA Staffing is the system human resources uses to receive resumes and assessment answers from USAJOBS and Application Manager. It helps identify those highly qualified candidates who are referred to selecting officials as potential people to fill their jobs.

Question: What are the benefits of USAJOBS over CHART?

Answer: With USAJOBS applicants can create and store up to five resumes, upload attachments and resumes, set up 10 saved job announcement searches, and submit application packages via fax, hard-copy or online. Additionally, USAJOBS sends email notifications of job postings and can store up to 25 jobs of interest.

Question: Under CHART, applicants could only have one resume on file at a time -- will that change under USAJOBS?

Answer: Yes. USAJOBS allows applicants to create and store up to five different resumes. Applicants can submit a unique resume with each application.

Question: Under CHART, there was a limit on the number of pages when submitting a resume - will that change under USAJOBS?

Answer: Each work experience section of USAJOBS has a 3000 character maximum for each response. However, applicants can also choose to attach a separate resume document. While there is no character limitation for those attached resumes, files must be no larger than 3MB.

Question: Can I use my resume from CHART to apply to an announcement in USAJOBS?

Answer: CHART resumes do not automatically transfer to USAJOBS. Applicants can copy and paste information into the USAJOBS account or upload a saved copy of their CHART resume into USAJOBS.

Question: Will I be able to update my resume after submission?

Answer: As long as the job announcement is still open, applicants can update their resume submission. Simply log into USAJOBS, go to Application Status and follow the instructions.

Question: When filling out the assessment questionnaire, I get an error message when trying to save and go to the next page. How do I resolve this?

Answer: Please review carefully that you are answering each question. If there is a narrative question and it does not apply to you, just type in "N/A" in the text box.

Question: Can supporting documents be faxed into USAJOBS rather than uploaded?

Answer: Yes. Supporting docu-

ments may be faxed or uploaded into USAJOBS. Faxing instructions are noted in each Job Opportunity Announcement (JOA) in the "How to Apply" section. However, uploading documents into USAJOBS is strongly encouraged. Applicants will be able to submit these documents again with future application submissions rather than faxing them with every application. It also allows for all of the applicant information to be immediately available and attached to the application package. Unless the faxing instructions are followed correctly, there is no guarantee that the documents will be attached to the applicant's record in a timely manner.

Question: How do I upload my SF-50, transcript or other required documents?

Answer: Log into USAJOBS and click on the "Saved Documents" button. Select the document type, from the pull down menu of attachments and then select the browse button. Navigate to the folder on the computer where the document is saved, select the document and click "Upload".

Question: I don't have a copy of my SF-50; where can I get one?

Answer: DoD employees can obtain a copy of their SF-50s from My Biz at <https://compodcpds.cpms.osd.mil/>. For employees outside of DoD, SF-50s can be obtained from whatever automated system the particular Agencies uses. If unable to access My Biz or other Agencies system, employees can contact their HRO or their administrative office for assistance.

Question: How do I know if my uploaded documents have been attached and received for the vacancy announcement?

Answer: You can check the status of your documents from your USAJOBS Account. Log in and select Application Status. Locate the vacancy announcement you wish to view and click on "more information" under the status column. This will bring you into your "Application Manager" account. Select the details button and view the documents section to view the status of your documents. You have until the announcement closes to attach your documents.

Question: Do I have to submit all the documents the vacancy announcement references, even if they don't apply to me?

Answer: No. Some documents might be listed for the vacancy announcement and not apply to you, for example, Veterans Documents. If you are not a military veteran then you won't have Veterans Documents to attach. However, these will still be listed under the details page for the vacancy under Application Manager and it will indicate that you have not submitted them. That's OK. You won't be marked ineligible for lack of submission, unless the vacancy requires it to support your eligibility.

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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.

Car Buying Strategies: July 12 fro 9-10 a.m. or July 21 from 3-4 p.m. Are you in the market for a new or used car this summer? Attend this workshop for useful strategies to help you avoid getting swindled or stuck with a "lemon". We'll cover topics such as: the car purchase, financing, trade-ins, fair price and negotiations, "tricks of the trade", your legal rights, and insurance.

Time Management: July 14 from 4-5 p.m. or July 20 from 10-11 a.m. Do you often think that there just aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done? Do you frequently feel harried and stressed as you run from place to place and task to task? If so, you might need to learn some new ways to manage that precious resource -- TIME! This workshop will focus on learning to maximize use of your time and how to better schedule all the things going on in your life so you don't feel so crunched. Make sure to schedule time for "Time Management"!

IA Readiness Fair: July 15 from 9-11 a.m. FFSC hosts this deployment readiness event to help Individual Augmentee (IA) deployment candidates and their families prepare. We'll have representatives from various departments and agencies on-hand to answer your questions and provide valuable information.

IA Spouse Discussion Group: July 15 from 9:30-11 a.m. FFSC hosts this IA Spouse Discussion Group over coffee! Join other military spouses to talk about the challenges of IA deployment, share survival tips, discuss the impact of deployment on kids, remind one another about the benefits of deployment, or just kick back and chat!

Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar: July 25-28 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Military personnel who are voluntarily or involuntarily separating or retiring and are within 180 days of separating should attend this seminar, held at the FFSC. It is highly recommended that spouses attend. You may also attend if you're up to 18 months away from your separation or retirement date. The following topics will be covered: resumes, job search skills, job interviewing, employment (state and federal), veterans' benefits, pay and travel, movement of household goods, PSD/ID cards, TRICARE, emotional transition to separation, financial planning, forms and documents, benefits and services, Naval Reserve programs, military obligations, and more!

10 Steps to a Federal Job: July 26 from 4-6 p.m. The government is hiring! But if you want to be successful in landing a federal job, you need to understand the government's unique and complex application process. This workshop, based on the writings and training of federal job search guru, Kathryn Troutman, will walk you through the 10 steps to finding and applying for a federal job. We'll cover: finding and analyzing federal job announcements; crafting a federal-style resume and an electronic resume; interpreting the cryptic language of federal hiring process ("core competencies", etc.); the incredible importance of including "keywords" in your application; writing "KSAs"; and much more!

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New DOD partnership links military spouses with employers

By Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Defense Department has launched a new partnership June 29, that's intended to expand job opportunities for military spouses by connecting them with employers actively seeking to hire them.

Microsoft, Home Depot, Starbucks and the Navy Federal Credit Union are just a few of the nearly 60 corporations and companies that have signed on with the DoD partnership, said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

When the partnership is launched at the Chamber of Commerce here, Gordon expects 14 more companies will be added

to the partnership's roster.

"The design of this program is to bring together those spouses who want to work with a web portal where companies that would like to employ our military spouses can find them," he said.

That web portal is Military OneSource -- located at <http://www.militaryonesource.com> -- which also offers job-seeking resources such as resume building. People can call OneSource consultants at 1-800-342-9647.

The partnership is based on memorandum of agreement to hire military spouses, Gordon explained. Some 100 job fairs are scheduled, starting in Los Angeles on July 10, 2011, with 200 companies ready to offer jobs to spouses.

"Military spouses bring a lot to the

table," Gordon said. "They've volunteered and lead different activities on and off our installations. They are skilled, diverse, and know how to operate in a team environment."

Their sense of team focus and strong work ethic are some of the attributes and characteristics employers are looking for in a 21st century work force, he added.

Military spouses have been hit hard by the job market, Gordon acknowledged, and face an unemployment rate of 28 percent.

Of the military's 1.2 million spouses, he said, 80 percent want to work, but have been held back by multiple moves and deployments. Additionally, a 25-percent wage gap divides military spouses and their civilian counterparts, he added.

Because of those factors, the partnership pinpointed organizations that could offer telework options and portable jobs, he said.

In the course of setting up the program's framework, Gordon has asked spouses what they would like to see in such a partnership.

"One of them said, 'Don't over-engineer things. We want to look for jobs. We want to be empowered,'" he said. "And that's what we've done. We've devised a program that will bring spouses together with employers who are looking for their skills."

The partnership is aligned with the White House's government-wide approach to military family support that involves an inter-agency effort to strengthen families and enhance their

Navy brings Intermediate Maintenance Activity back to Mayport

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- The Navy's Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) formally re-established its Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) at Naval Station Mayport, June 28, providing the fleet with a renewed capability to train Mayport-based surface ship crews to perform shipboard maintenance and repairs.

In the past, IMAs served as a critical component of the training pipeline for fleet Sailors. In recent years, however, funding cuts led to the downsizing of these facilities. Re-establishing the intermediate maintenance activity in Mayport reflects the Navy's commitment to a 'back-to-basics' approach to shipboard material readiness.

"This is not just about a ceremony, but rather we are embarking on an important mission that recognizes the significant revolution that has happened in how the Navy views surface ship maintenance," said Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy. "In a budget-constrained environment, the fleet has sup-

ported adding a total of 50 additional skilled personnel to this activity. By 2012, we will add another 85 military and civilian. We are expanding and bringing back the needed facilities to properly support the needs of the fleet."

While training at an IMA, Sailors will receive on-the-job training within five primary product families, each of which will provide rating-specific training for Sailors. This training will be in such areas as corrosion control, engine maintenance, component machining and combat systems repairs.

In addition to the invaluable hands-on training provided to Sailors, they will also have the opportunity to participate in the Navy Afloat Maintenance Training Strategy program, which provides the means for Sailors in these ratings to achieve journeyman-level certification in these skills during their assignment to IMAs.

"This training will be invaluable to [Sailors] during your career and in your later post-Navy careers," said McCoy while

addressing Sailors assigned to the command.

Over the past decade, substantial fiscal constraints forced a reduction in ship manning and in surface ship support maintenance activities ashore. While the immediate results of restructuring created a cost savings for the Navy that proved favorable, the longer-term, unintended consequence of not training Sailors to maintain and repair shipboard equipment created a significant material readiness void.

Navy leaders recognized the void, and have since undertaken several initiatives designed to rebuild resources, and positively impact quality maintenance and modernization practices across the Navy's RMCs. One of these initiatives is the re-establishment of IMAs.

"Our senior Navy leadership, from the CNO, to the fleet commanders and NAVSEA have made the re-establishment of our IMAs possible, and their investment in the surface ship maintenance initiatives and resources the Navy requires to properly sustain our ships and train our



Photo by MC2 Steven J. Weber

Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Activity personnel pull the engine out of a P-25 Firefighting Truck aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan (LHA 2). Saipan is currently on deployment in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations (MSO) in support of the global war on terrorism.

fleet Sailors has been vital," said Rear Adm. David Gale, commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center.

"With their support, we are now uniquely positioned to

ensure that the material readiness of today's, and tomorrow's, fleet is sustained."

-- From Naval Sea Systems Command Office of Corporate Communications Public Affairs

• USAJOBS

Question: Why does it say "Incomplete Application" under Application Status on USAJOBS?

Answer: This means you have not completed one of the required steps; resume submission or assessment. Click on "more information". This will take you into your "Application Manager" account. Select the details button and view the "Assessments Section". Ensure that it reads complete. Then proceed to view the "Documents Section" - ensure that it reads processed for your resume. If you need to complete or submit anyone of these two documents, select the "Complete Application Package" button at the top of the page.

Question: How will my application be evaluated?

Answer: Evaluation of an application in USAJOBS is based on information contained in the applicant resume, supporting documents, as well as the applicant's answers to assessment questions (if applicable). This process allows applicants to identify their specific experience that is directly related to the vacancy requirements.

Question: Will I receive any notification regarding the status of my application (e.g., qualified or not qualified) or will I have to check the system?

Answer: USAJOBS allows applicants to set their notification preferences. There are two ways to obtain a status. First, applicants can opt to receive emails for status notifications and/or they can log into their USAJOBS for confirmation and status.

Question: What information is stored in the USAJOBS application status and how long is the application status history visible?

Answer: The Application Status section will store information about the Job Opportunity Announcement (JOA), the date applied and the application status. The "More Information" link provides details of the application status. This displays the Details tab of Application Manager where applicants can view, print and update their information. This information remains available for 18 months.

Question: Where do I go if I need assistance while on USAJOBS or Application Manager?

Answer: For assistance using USAJOBS go to the USAJOBS Web site: www.usajobs.opm.gov. Click on the "Info Center" link at the top of the page 3. Select the topic you wish to review. The site includes tutorials and FAQs on all aspects of using USAJOBS and tips for applying for jobs. For Application Manager go to the Application Manager Web site: <https://applicationmanager.gov/>. Click on the "Help" link at the top of the page 3. You can take a "Guided Tour" or select a topic from the menu to review.

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