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Construction Mechanic Constructionman Rachele Boeddeker assigned to the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG) serves a veteran at the 2011 Veteran Affairs (VA) Homeless Veteran Stand Down Oct. 21. The event is designed to provide services and support to homeless veterans in the given area. (U.S. Navy Photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

Biloxi VA hosts annual Veterans Stand Down

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher
NCBC Public Affairs

More than 150 military and civilian volunteers met at the Biloxi, Mississippi Veteran's Affairs (VA) Center for a homeless "Veterans Stand Down" Oct. 21. Volunteers donated and distributed two semi-truck loads of essential items such as clothes, jackets and blankets to 300 homeless veterans in the Gulf Coast area, and administered vaccinations.

More than 76,000 homeless veterans are on the streets on any given day. The Department of Veterans Affairs hosts this annual event not only to assist the homeless veterans in the area, but also to raise awareness in the community.

"Serving those who have served

our nation is the primary message of the Biloxi VA Stand Down," said Homeless Programs Coordinator Margaret Scurfield. Our veterans are treated with dignity and respect. Their honor, courage and commitment in service of our nation has not been forgotten and is evidence of their ability to succeed. Stand downs help ensure our veterans receive the benefits and are aware of all of the privileges they are entitled to for their service. They also provide an opportunity to join VA, DoD (Department of Defense) and community partners together to acknowledge our veterans and their family members and express

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Seabees mourn loss of Chief Petty Officer Border

By NCBC Public Affairs

A Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Seabee, died Oct. 19 of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device while assessing a route in Paktika province, Afghanistan.

Chief Builder Raymond J. Border, 31, of West Lafayette, Ohio, was assigned to a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Border had been assigned to several commands on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport since 1999. At the time of his death he was not deployed with his home unit - NMCB 74 - but as an individual augmentee on special assignment with the Army.

Border was killed along with Army Staff Sgt. Jorge M. Oliveira, 33, of Newark, N.J., while inspecting a road for a convoy to pass. Border had previously served in Afghanistan and Iraq and volunteered for the IA as-



Chief Builder (SCW) Raymond J. Border

signment. He was four months into a yearlong tour.

Border has been part of the Gulfport community for 12 years. He is survived by his two children Donovan, 13, and Shelva, 8, both of Gulfport; his fiancée Terrence Boyd, who has three children, and; his parents, Craig and Julie Border of West

Lafayette, Ohio.

Border attended Ridgewood High School in West Lafayette. He was a Boy Scout and an athlete who played football, ran track, and was a two-time state qualifier in wrestling.

During his career, Border was the recipient of more than 20 medals and awards including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendations Medal; the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, which he received three times; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the National Defense Service Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal; the Humanitarian Service Medal, medals for expertise with a rifle and pistol; and the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation.

Chief Petty Officer Border's funeral will take place Nov. 3, in Coshocton, Ohio.

A memorial service is planned for Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Training Hall on board NCBC.

Time to Fall Back . . .



Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed as Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m.

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Skipper's Log

Seabee nation suffers loss

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

Shipmates,
 We're saddened by the loss of BUC (SCW) Raymond Border, killed in action in Afghanistan.

We offer his family our deepest sympathies in their time of grief. Please keep all of Chief Border's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fair winds and following seas,
 Chief!



Capt. Rick Burgess

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

Commemorative work of art



Rear Admiral Mark Handley, commander 1st Naval Construction Division (right), accepts a painting Oct. 20 at the Seabee Heritage Center on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) from Major Peter Maccheroni of the Royal Australian Engineers, currently of the Headquarters 7th BED representing the Royal Australian Engineers and the 2nd Combat Engineer Regiment (CERE). Maccheroni personally commissioned the painting "Every-

where" We "Can Do" to Australian Rural & War Artist Amber Martian to mark the linking of the units and the relationship between the Sappers and Seabees he helped establish on operations in Timor-Leste. The painting is a montage of images of Australian Sappers and our U.S. Navy Seabees working together in Timor-Leste. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael Carmichael/Relaxed)



Around the Center



NCBC Executive Officer, Cmdr. Stan Wiles (apple) is shown with CBC/20SRG leadership shortly before conducting his Halloween-inspired weekly staff meeting Oct. 27. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan Wilber/Released)



Spookfest was held on board NCBC, Oct. 28. Service members and families were treated to a variety of food options, costume contests, haunted house and the return of the Sauce Boss. For more Spookfest photos, see the NCBC Gulfport Facebook page.(U.S. Navy photo by Morgan Over/Released)



Caregivers from the Child Development Center (CDC) took the kids out for some Halloween fun on board the Center Oct. 28. Following tradition, many military and civilian personnel attached to the base showed up to pass out candy and assorted treats to the little trick or treaters. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)

Seabee Lake promotes wildlife refuge

By Morgan Over
Contributing Writer

The Environmental Division on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) is paving the way for marine habitat at Seabee Lake by planting more than 400 plants to aid the marine habitat.

Contractors working under a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers excavated land in October to prepare area for the increased habitat.

"The work being done will have lots of benefits," said Kathy Gaynor, Environmental Engineer at Public Works Department (PWD) Gulfport. "The benefits include increased fish habitat for hiding and egg laying. It will also provide contaminant remediation."

Contaminant remediation is the process of removing pollution from storm water that may flow into Seabee Lake.

The new habitat will include various wetlands plants including Blue Flag Irish, Pickering Wood and Arrowhead plants as well as Red Cypress and Pond Cypress trees.

"We hope people will come down here," said Fontella Brown, owner of Tropical World, a Gulfport-based firm. "We will put all the plants down and then lay some sod so people can come down here to sit at the lake."

The Environmental Engineering department hopes to continue this work around major portions of the lake in the coming years.



Jamey Clark, left, and Jesse Briggs of Tropical World prepare to drop a Red maple tree into the ground around Seabee Lake. Red Maple and Cypress Maple trees are a few of the over 400 trees and plants that will line 150 feet surrounding the lake. The new wetland plants will aid in the marine habitat as well as storm water protection. (U.S. Navy photos by Morgan Over/Released)

CNRSE Energy Portal powers energy conservation efforts

By MC2 (SW) Greg Johnson

Navy Region SE Public Affairs
With National Energy Awareness Month wrapping up, Navy installations throughout the Southeast Region are focused on energy conservation efforts during the new fiscal year. As regional energy officials strive to accomplish their conservation goals in 2012, they'll likely rely heavily on the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Energy Portal.

The portal is a part of Commander, Naval Installations Command Gateway (G2) and provides information and resources to aid installations in their conservation efforts. It is one of a kind in the Navy. The portal streamlines efforts by centralizing resources for installation commanders, utility managers, resource efficiency managers, building energy monitors and public works officers throughout the region.

"The Energy Portal was originally designed for members of the CNRSE Energy Council, but since we have established the CNRSE Energy Strategic Plan and created energy focus teams, it is now widely used by many different types of users throughout the Southeast," said Iris Daclan, a CNRSE program analyst who has played a key role in the development of the portal.

"It's a highly effective tool in sharing information on our energy and water reduction efforts across 15 different installations. Without it, it would be difficult to coordinate efforts involving so many personnel and resources."

Portal users have direct access to an extensive list of resources and information, including policy and guidance, region instructions, CNRSE energy goals, the CNRSE energy scorecard, metric primers, energy council agendas and presentations, Automated Meter Infrastructure installation status and the Energy



The Commander Navy Region Southeast Energy Portal provides access to a wide variety of information and resources for energy conservation efforts at installations through the region. (U.S. Navy photo by 2nd Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

Manager Tool Kit 2011, just to name a few.

Packing all of these resources into one user-friendly console is possible thanks to the size and accessibility G2 offers. Built in Share Point, the system provides major advantages over other avenues of communication, Daclan said.

"G2 contains amazing features that are not available in e-mail or on a shared drive," she said. "It's much more efficient than e-mails in terms of size, and it has

an advantage over a shared drive due to the accessibility issues sometimes associated with shared drives. It really enhances the user's experience significantly with easy access and navigation."

According to Daclan, the portal has seen almost 400 different visitors since April 2011 and reviews have been overwhelmingly positive. She thinks one of the biggest reasons for the portal's success is its user-friendliness, which is something she wants to maintain in the future. While technology evolves and becomes increasingly complex, maintaining simplicity will take precedence in the portal's development.

"The goal for the portal is continual improvement," Daclan said. "However, it will be a top priority to ensure it remains user-friendly."

The energy portal can be viewed at <https://g2.cnic.navy.mil/TSC-NRSE/N4/N44/Energy/default.aspx>. If you need access, please contact iris.daclan@navy.mil.

Energy Fairs illuminate NCBC Green Technology

By Morgan Over
Contributing Writer

October was Energy Efficiency Awareness month in the Navy and Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) invited the public to two energy fairs to gain knowledge on electric vehicles, new air conditioning systems and water efficient appliances.

Hosted by the Public Works Department (PWD) both energy fairs Oct. 6 and 21 were held in front of the Navy Exchange. Members of the local United Association (UA) of Pipefitters brought their green trailer to show interested individuals the benefits of updated appliances.

"The trailer is self-sufficient," said D.J. Berger, UA Instructor. "It doesn't have to run on a generator" but uses the photovoltaic panels on the roof to power the truck.

The photovoltaic panels were on display at the energy fair Oct. 6 for visitors to view



Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Public Works Department held their second Energy and Lighting Expo in front of the Navy Exchange, Oct. 22. The fair showcased three generations of electric cars, Mississippi Power energy tips, new air conditioning systems as well as a special appearance by Mr. Brite. (U.S. Navy photos by Morgan Over/Released)

and gain a better understanding of their use. The panel is the same panels being installed on building 442 at the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC).

The trailer also displayed aerators for water faucets, ultra low or waterless urinals as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

"The goal is to increase public awareness and green technologies," said Greg McKendall, a UA HVAC in-

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NMCB 133 try out new concrete forms

By BUC Benjamin J. Corbett

NMCB 133 Public Affairs

CHINHAE, South Korea - The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Seabees of Detail Chinhae are among the first in the Naval Construction Force to use a pre-engineered wall forming system in an innovative new approach to large-scale concrete construction.

Under construction at the detail's project site is a retaining wall, more than 800 feet long and varying in height from 4 to 17 feet tall. Typically, wall placements of this size require a significant amount of external bracing to support the formwork. However, for the majority of this project, the crew is required to work in close proximity to temporary shoring that was previously installed making suffi-

cient space for standard wood framed forms and braces virtually nonexistent.

The pre-engineered wall forming system consists of all steel whalers, stiff backs and light-weight galvanized steel secondaries.

"We have not been able to find another option that meets our needs in that it can be tailored to differing wall heights while maintaining the ability to do large placements with minimal bracing," said Lt. David McLeod, the detail's officer-in-charge.

While waiting for the system to arrive, the detail formed and placed more than 450 cubic meters of concrete for grade beams and footers. Within eight working days of receipt, the new forms were assembled, erected and a 24 feet by 17 feet wall section was

completed.

"The ease of use and high quality of the end product in our first wall placements have made all of the planning and preparation worth it," said Steel Worker 1st Class Joshua Eichelberger. "Now we're finally able to see the fruits of our labor and a lasting structure that will be standing for many years to come."

The benefits of this approach could extend well beyond improved constructability, as well. Initial estimates place cost savings on this project at nearly \$40,000. This is based primarily on the reduced requirement for lumber. The system is also expected to yield additional savings of nearly \$30,000 while enhancing the overall safety, quality and productivity of a follow-on project.

Now that the forms are available



Equipment Operator Constructionman Andrew Hein of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Chinhae attaches plywood sheeting to their new pre-engineered wall forming system. The system utilizes an all steel backbone that reduces the size of the concrete forms. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Builder Benjamin Corbett/Released)

for use by future battalions deploying to Korea, the Seabees are better able to complete projects that augment the surge capabili-

ties of Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae and allow for enhanced response to contingencies and peninsula-wide exercises.

'First and Finest' Seabees partner with ANA mechanics

By NMCB 1 Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Seabees Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 Detail Wolverine, in close cooperation with the Romanian Army Operational Mentor and Liaison Team 4 (OMLT-4), are partnering with mechanics from the Afghan National Army (ANA) 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, and 205th Corps at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Grizzly in Zabul Province, Afghanistan.

The goal of the detail's partnership is to foster a sustainable and independent maintenance program in order to enable the continued growth in ANA operational capability and readiness.

Construction Mechanic 2nd (SCW) Chessie Mati and Construction Mechanic 3rd Class (SCW) Bryan Vega have been working alongside the ANA mechanics for four weeks. Although an interpreter is present, communication within the group are nonverbal gestures intuitively shared between the two groups of professional mechanics. Together, they work to maintain the vehicles that are operational and to fix the ones that are not. In the initial month of partnering, the Seabee mechanics have been impressed with the ANA mechanics' capabilities.

"They are very knowledgeable about



Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Bryan Vega, attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, works along side his Afghan and Romanian counterparts. Vega and the other members of NMCB 1's Detail Wolverine are teaching the service members how maintain their equipment and keep it mission capable. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

the vehicles they have," said Vega.

Looking around the ANA compound, dozens of vehicles sit inactive and are in need of repair. Many

of the difficulties facing the ANA are not with the wrench-turning side of their maintenance program, but with the ability to order and

receive parts. A regimented paperwork system has been put in place, but many hurdles exist in the process.

These challenges, including mechanic literacy, computer access, and slow supply shipments, make it difficult for the Kandak to perform even basic maintenance. The ANA mechanics have been working to maintain vehicles suffering with clogged filters and gritty oil, but it is a losing battle without the proper parts. It is a frustration that Mati shared.

"They know enough to maintain their equipment," Mati said. "They just don't have the materials and parts that they need."

NMCB 1 and the Romanian team are working closely with the Afghan National Army Maintenance and Supply Officers and with the mentoring units at the Brigade level to ensure the critical parts and materials needed by the Kandak to sustain it are ordered correctly and supplied.

In addition to their partnering efforts, Mati and Vega perform maintenance and repair on Detail Wolverine's 13 units of equipment and assist in ongoing projects onboard FOB Wolverine.

NMCB 1 is deployed to CENTCOM in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The battalion is midway through its seven-month deployment.



1NCD on target at Woolmarket Range

Rear Adm. Mark Handley, Commander 1st Naval Construction Division (1NCD) shoots targets during an M16/M4 service rifle qualification course at the Woolmarket Range in Biloxi, Miss., while Equipment Operator 2nd Class Kevin Clayton, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, provides coaching. In addition to visiting the Woolmarket Range, Handley visited several sites on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), and held Admiral's Call for service members and civilians assigned to the 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and the 25th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)

FEX takes center stage for NMCB 11

By MC1 Jonathan Carmichael
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 deployed to Camp Shelby in late October to begin its pre-deployment field exercise (FEX).

FEX consists of scenario based training and assessment to certify the battalion for their next deployment. Seabees will demonstrate knowledge and skills by satisfactorily completing predefined tasks, and appropriately reacting to drills conducted by 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG).

"This will prepare our battalion for tactical operations in command and control and certify us by the regiment (25th Naval Construction Regiment) for the upcoming CENTCOM (United States Central Command) deployment," said Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, commanding officer, NMCB 11. "I am proud of all our Seabees, and I am excited to go out to the field and see the unit cohesion we've built."

The battalion must build up their self-contained operations at Camp Shelby with everything from command posts and a combat operations center to a galley and shower facilities. Operations are 24 hours per day including fighting positions and watch-stations.

"FEX is about safety, accountability and planning. All three of those things must come together for FEX

to be a success," said Chief Builder William C. Maness, command safety officer. Safety is one of the many items that will be assessed for the overall grade and certification.

"FEX will push the battalion to the limit so we will be prepared for any future situations," added Maness.

Because battalion personnel are comprised of various levels of experience, newer Seabees will rely on the more experienced for help. One of a number of Seabees who will be experiencing their first FEX is Intelligence Specialist Seaman Apprentice Layne W. Duras who recently checked into NMCB 11, his first duty station since joining the Navy.

"I've been able to rely on my shipmates to get prepared for FEX. I've asked a lot of questions and they are there to answer them. They've been extremely proactive in preparing me for this," stated Duras. "I'm looking forward to it, and I think that after FEX the battalion will have increased situational awareness and morale."

One theme that seems to permeate the battalion heading into this FEX is a motivated, positive attitude.

"I see FEX as a long tactical camping trip," claimed Yeoman 3rd Class Thomas B. Miller. "I'm going to do my best to keep my morale and the morale of others high."

"I think we're prepared to put into play what we've been practicing,"



Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 begin the process of unpacking gear and establishing camp during its predeployment Field Exercise (FEX) on board Camp Shelby. While at Camp Shelby the battalion will demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to be prepared for their upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael/Released)

said Builder 2nd Class Vasti A. Plaza-Valez who is participating in her second battalion FEX. "This will build trust and confidence in the abilities of you and your shipmates going into another deployment," she added.

This FEX is slated to take roughly

three weeks, but that length of time depends on how well the battalion performs. Any evolutions that produce unsatisfactory results must be repeated.

The battalion has already received positive comments from 20 SRG regarding its preparation, and

Aguayo is confident that her battalion will succeed.

"Based on the last month and a half of the companies' unit level training and the battalion's command level awareness I believe we are fully prepared for a successful FEX," said Aguayo.

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Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson
Why does America need a Navy?



"Our Navy has monitored the seas for years, and I think we have been doing a great job. It is far easier to send a ship to respond to a threat than to set up a new camp."
CS1 (SW) Larry Davis
 NCBC
 Hometown: Tutwiler, Miss.



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 Hometown: Mt. Clemens, Mich.



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 NMCB 7
 Hometown: Harriman, Tenn.

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Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Michael Luzunaris
CBC Colmer Dining Facility

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher

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

CS1: The day I advanced to MS3. My parents and the chain of command were present.

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

CS1: My biggest motivation comes from others saying, "you can't do it." This fuels the fire from inside to make it happen!

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

CS1: Sailors/Seabees today need to step out of the box and not stay stagnant. "Don't be the average Sailor." Take advantage of all the opportunities af-



forded to you by the military such as NKO and off duty education. Volunteer and perform your best at work . . . make it happen.

FF: What is your favorite thing about work-

ing with the Seabees?
CS1: Adaptability comes to mind when working with the Seabees. The Seabees have a different way of doing things which opened my eyes and makes

working with [them] enjoyable.

FF: Who was your influential mentor during your career, and why?
CS1: My first Food Service Officer - Chief Warrant Officer 5 Cole. Mr. Cole is the

"god" of the culinary specialist world. He led from the front and never left anyone behind. Mr. Cole encouraged and enforced the Navy Core Values and took care of his people.

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White House to display Holiday cards from military children

By MC1 Monique K. Hilley
CNIC Public Affairs

The First Lady has requested that military children from around the globe create holiday cards supporting their parent and send them to The White House to be displayed with the holiday decorations no later than Nov. 16.

The White House is honoring American heroes this holiday season and would like to include the personal contributions in their finishing touches on the White House decorations.

"We are asking kids like you, from military installations around the world, to create a holiday card that represents your parent who is serving our nation," said First Lady Michelle Obama in a personal letter to military children. "I encourage you to use your imagination, and include words, pictures, and drawings to create a holiday card that honors your brave mom or dad."

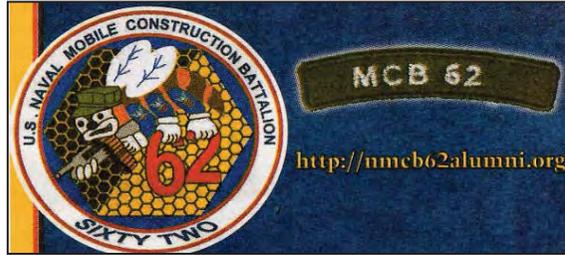
Military children should submit 5 inch by 8 inch handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The child should be sure to include their mother or father's name, branch of service and command in the card.

Participants are asked to send holiday cards to the following address, along with information from where they are sending it: Reservation 1, Attn: Social Office, P.O. Box 8070, Washington, DC, 20032.

"Thank you for helping with this fun project, and most of all for your family's courageous service to our nation," added Obama. "I look forward to seeing the results of your creativity!"

The White House will display as many of the cards as possible.

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Chapel Offerings

LIGHT- A Young Adult Group for members of the military. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall.
Fall Festival -

The annual Fall Festival will take place Nov. 6, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Chapel. Plan to compete in the Chili/Dessert Cook Off!

- Contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454 for information on all of the programs and be sure to visit their Facebook page.

The Five Love Languages Workshop - Come and strengthen your relationship by discovering you and your partner's "love language." Open to individuals and couples (married and non-married). This fun, interactive workshop will be offered at the Base Chapel Nov. 10 at two separate times: 9:30 a.m. to noon (lunch is included) and 6 - 8:30 p.m. (dinner is included). For more information and/or to register for one of the sessions, please contact Cmdr. Goldberg at 228-871-3504 or the Base Chapel at 228-871-2454.

NCBC Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities

NCBC Helping Hands Community Outreach Program - Public Affairs is organizing the NCBC Community Outreach Volunteer Assistance program to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. In order to do this, we ask all organizations/commands on board the Seabee Center who provide volunteer services to send an email to NCBC_GPT_PAO@navy.mil for further information.

Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence is opening a domestic violence shelter in Pascagoula to provide a safe place for women and children from Jackson and George Counties. The following "wish list"

items are needed by the adults and children residing in the shelter: Cleaning supplies, over the counter medications such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, allergy, cold, indigestion for children and adults, Band-Aids, rubbing alcohol, peroxide, ointment, toiletry items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste, brushes, body wash, soap) toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, wipes, Kleenex, bath towels, sheets, blankets and pillows. Phone 228-205-4502 for more information.

Test Proctors Needed - West Harrison High School needs proctors for state testing 8 a.m.

to noon, Nov. 9 (6 people), Dec. 5 (8 people), Dec. 6 (6 people), Dec. 7 (6 people) and Dec. 9 (6 people). The school is located on County Farm Rd, just north of I-10 at 10399 County Farm Rd, Gulfport. If you are interested, please contact Julie Hadley at 228-539-8900 or email JHenderson@harrison.k12.ms.us.

Volunteers needed to park cars - Ten volunteers are needed to park cars Nov. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at a Veterans Day celebration at Centennial Park (the old V.A. Hospital grounds) in Gulfport. Call Veronica at 228-539-9800 or 228-669-1289.

Judges needed - Pass Chris-

tian Elementary School is in need of 20 - 25 judges (but more is always better) for their upcoming Reading Fair which will be held Dec. 8. Request judges arrive by 8:30 a.m. to attend a short presentation on procedures with judging starting at 9 a.m. and lasting two to three hours. The Fair is mandatory for 2nd and 4th grades and encouraged for all other grade levels. We expect to have approximately 150 - 160 projects that will need to be judged. Please contact Lori Fisher at 228-452-5220 or lfisher@pc.k12.ms.us for more information or if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

Long Beach Veteran's Day Parade and Celebration

Nov. 6, 1 p.m., downtown Long Beach, Jeff Davis Avenue. Long Beach's inaugural parade to honor, remember and say "thank you" to all veterans who served, continue to serve, and who died for our county! The parade starts at War Memorial Park on Church Avenue and continues to downtown Long Beach on Jeff Davis Avenue! Live music performed by the Long Beach Middle School in Town Green prior to parade! Join us in honoring these fine men and women! Sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Long Beach!

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**Slow Pitch Softball
Tournament**
Nov. 19, 9 a.m.
Keesler AFB



Tournament is a double elimination event, ASA rules.

Proceeds will benefit the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport

Contact EO1(SW) Baggot, 228-313-6414 for more information.

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structor.

Mr. Brite, the Navy's energy mascot, was on hand for the second energy fair Oct. 21. He waved patrons on board NCBC for two days reminding people to get involved and do their part in saving energy at home and at work. Dan Geiger, Owner, Profes-

sional Mechanical Technologies Incorporated showcased the Daikin Heat Pump, which will replace all current air conditioning systems in the NCTC buildings.

Geiger also explained that an energy study is done to most building prior to change out. The studies also show whether there has been an increase or decrease in

usage due to the change out. "We did a five year study for the Public Works building," Geiger said. "There has been an almost 80 percent air conditioning cost reduction in the past five years."

Representatives from Mississippi Power were also on hand to pass out informational resources on saving power.



**ILS Fall Golf Tournament to benefit one of our own,
Jeff Haskin, (CPO, Ret.)**

**Nov. 5, Gulf Hills Golf Course, Ocean Springs
4 Man Scramble, Registration: 11 a.m.**

**Shotgun Start: Noon, \$60 to enter
(lunch/beverages included)**

**Contact Jeff Vaughn, 228-935-7740, Jeffery.Vaughn@hii-ingalls.com
or Trisha England, 228-935-8522, Trisha.England@hii-ingalls.com**

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NMCB 133 hosts rock hunting students

By UTCN Drew Verbis
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

SANTA RITA, Guam - Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 hosted a field trip for Anderson Middle School students at the Orote Point Quarry aboard Naval Base Guam Oct. 20.

Nearly 50 eighth-grade students accompanied by teachers, parents and chaperones disembarked their school bus to gather around Equipment Operator 1st Class Joseph Latocha who had prepared a display of quarry tools, devices and vehicles. Sounds of excitement could be heard from the crowd of children as Latocha described the various types of explosives used at the quarry, and again when a few of the enormous vehicles arrived.

"The most popular items on display were the ones that go boom," said Latocha. "But of course we take safety very seriously here and we've gone to great lengths to ensure the safety of the students. All the items on display for example, were training props and posed no danger."

"Does anybody know what this flag is for?" Latocha asked

as he stretched out a red flag.

A student in the first row shouted, "It's a danger flag!" "That's right," responded Latocha. "It's a bravo flag which is hoisted to indicate an active danger zone. We are required to display it when we're blasting."

Although the 8th graders were thoroughly entertained by the Seabee demonstrations of quarry vehicles and explosive training props, their ultimate goal was to tour the quarry to study rocks.

"We want to observe the banding layers that are exposed on the benches," said science teacher, Jeanne Dougherty-Ward. "We also want to collect rocks which have been affected by a process of water percolation through time which causes the rocks to appear to be melted."

And the Seabees knew right where to find them. At the bottom of the quarry floor with a view of three monstrous benches overlooking them, students took the opportunity to hunt for a few prize specimens.

"It's been a pleasure to have these students here," said Equipment Operator 1st Class Aaron Paro, the Orote Point



Equipment Operator 1st Class Latocha with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133's Detail Guam shows 8th graders from Anderson Middle School a variety of tools used at the Orote Point Quarry site. Seabees from NMCB 133 hosted the students' field trip while deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations in support of ongoing humanitarian and civic missions. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilities Constructionman Drew Verbis/Released)

Quarry supervisor.

"They asked some great questions and overall, I'm really impressed with the whole group. I hope to have them

back. A few of them climbed into the vehicles like pros so we might be looking at future Seabee equipment operators," said Paro.

NMCB 133 is currently deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations in support of ongoing humanitarian and civic missions.

NMCB 74 homeport activities



Chief Construction Electrician James Blue, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, hands out clothing and other comfort items to homeless veterans during the 2011 annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the Veteran Affairs (VA) Center in Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 21. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Alfa Company run the last stretch of their morning physical training (PT) run on the beach in Long Beach, Miss., Oct. 21. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)



Capt. Richard Weathers, Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa, speaks during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated dining facility aboard Camp Shields Oct. 28. The newly constructed facility will provide meals for Seabees deployed to Okinawa like those assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Myers/Released)

Camp Shields Seabees now dine in new facility

By MC1 Steven Myers
NMCB 133 Public Affairs

OKINAWA, Japan - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 Seabees on board Camp Shields attended the unveiling of a newly renovated dining facility at its ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 28.

Capt. Richard Weathers, Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa and keynote speaker said the facility is an important component in taking care of the Seabees.

"The Seabees are an integral part of Okinawa," he said. "I usually refer to the camp as

'Camp Shields - Home of the Seabees.' The least we can do is give you a place to have a good meal."

The \$2.4 million project, constructed by the Japanese construction firm, Trius Corporation, with assistance from Seabee battalions and U.S. Navy representatives, incorporates a large kitchen, multiple cafeteria-style serving lines, salad bars, and seating in a restaurant style setting.

Teams of Seabees from the battalion's Echo Company camp maintenance shop completed the final construction of

the facility's restrooms and assisted in preparing the facility to serve its first meal.

"The kitchen is phenomenal," said Cmdr. Nicolas Yamodis, NMCB 133 Commanding Officer, who took the opportunity to tour the facility prior to the ceremony. "I'd like to thank the contractors who built this facility, not just for NMCB 133, but for all the battalions that follow."

NMCB 133 is currently deployed to the Pacific Command area of operations providing humanitarian and civic assistance to the region.

Renewing our Rivers



U.S. Navy Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Miss., join forces with community volunteers during the annual "Renew Our Rivers" environmental stewardship cleanup project of the Hancock County, Miss. marshlands. The annual four-day cleanup, Oct. 12-15, featured a combination of military volunteers, Mississippi Power employees and other community partners. Since its inception six years ago, Renew Our Rivers has grown from a single river cleanup event in Gadsden, Ala. to a nationally recognized campaign that includes Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle, encompassing six river systems and bringing together more than 10,000 volunteers. (U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

Southern Miss Military Appreciation Night . . . Southern Miss University in Hattiesburg is hosting a free military appreciation night for the Southern Miss vs. Central Florida football game Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. A tailgate event is also being offered for all invited military. The tailgate will be located on Pride Field on campus of Southern Miss and will offer food, music, military vehicles on site and plenty of room for fun. The tailgate will begin at 2 p.m. on a first come first serve basis. For free tickets contact your command rep or Chief Ryan Wilber at ryan.wilber@navy.mil or 228-871-3663 by noon Nov. 8.

Honor Flight Reunion/Fundraiser . . . An Honor Flight Reunion and Fundraiser will take place Nov. 5, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and support Honor Flight by purchasing a plate (hot dogs, hamburgers, chip, drink, etc) for \$5 a plate. The Joppa Temple is located at 13280 New Highway 67, Biloxi (Woolmarket Exit).

FOCUS on EDUCATION

Living in the New Normal



Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport executive officer, Cmdr. Stanley Wiles, speaks at the Living in the New Normal (LINN) two-day training institute at the Courtyard Marriott in Gulfport, Miss. Oct. 25. LINN's mission is to help children thrive through good and challenging times. LINN is grounded in research and provides parents, communities, and education and military leaders the tools they need to mitigate risks and amplify positive responses to a challenging military family environment. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)

NEX A-OK rewards good students

From NEX Public Affairs

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

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

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as de-

termined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by

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

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

Essay contest open to high school students

The largest contest of its kind in the country, the Being an American Essay Contest explores the founding principles outlined in the Constitution. Competing students will answer, in 1,000 words or less, the essay question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

Judging criteria is based on adherence to essay question, originality, organization, writing style and depth of analysis. Students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents and are either attending public, private, religious, or charter schools,

being home-schooled, or participating in a GED or correspondence school program but are no older than 19 years of age can apply. Military bases and U.S. territories are also invited to participate. The top three student winners from each of five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15, 2011 at 11:59 p.m., PST.

Submit essays to: www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/ Submit. Winners will be announced February 2012. For more information, see www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

November is the Month of the Military Family

FOCUS is hosting a FREE Activity!



Bring your family and make your family collage

Nov. 15, between 3 and 6:30 p.m.

FOCUS is located at
304 John Paul Jones, Room 405
(by Anchors and Eagles, facing the Pass Road gate)

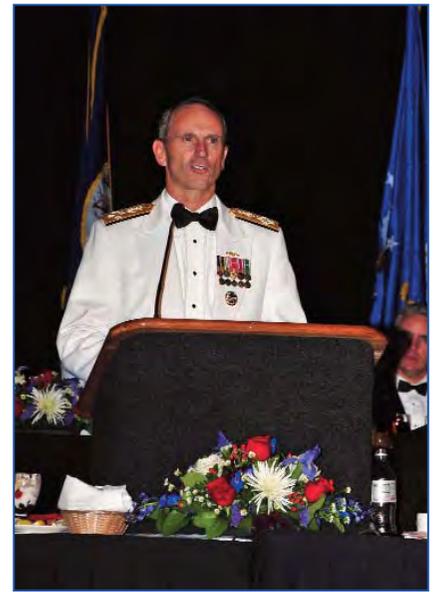
Call 228-822-5736 for details.

NCBC School Liaison Officer
MWR, Building 352
1706 Bainbridge Ave., NCBC, (228)871-2117
kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

Coast toasts Armed Forces at annual Salute

Photos by
Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan Wilber/Released

More than 1,100 military and civilian guests turned out for the 33rd annual Salute to the Military at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Oct. 24. Guest speaker, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert spoke of the support and appreciation South Mississippi residents have given members of the armed forces throughout the years. Six area service members were nominated for the Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award. Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Cynthia Burton of Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Keesler AFB was presented with the award by the CNO and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker. Guests dined and listened to music played by the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Salute to the Military is hosted by the Coast Chamber of Commerce and attended by service members from all branches of service as well as community leaders and military supporters from across the Gulf Coast.



Top: Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert addresses the military and community leaders in attendance. Above: Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Cynthia Burton, of Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Keesler, is presented with the Thomas V. Fredian Community Leadership Award by CNO Adm. Jonathan Greenert and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker. Top left: Members of all branches of the military stand as the appreciative audience acknowledges their service with a round of applause. Left: Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 Commanding Officer Richard Hayes, left, and Mrs. Christie Hayes, Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) 22 Commodore Kathryn Donovan, Mrs. Charlotte Williams, Mrs. Carmen Engram and Mr. Mark Ashley were among the more than 1,100 guests in attendance at the 33rd annual Salute to the Military Oct. 24 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

Veteran's Day free offers, discounts

In honor of Veteran's Day, there are a number of free or discounted offers for veterans. Before taking advantage, call ahead to be sure the offer is being extended at the establishment in your area and be prepared to provide proof of your military status. This is only a partial list, check newspapers and online sources for other great discounts.

Restaurants:

Outback Steakhouse - Free bloomin' onions and Cokes, Nov. 7 - Nov. 11
Applebees - Free meal, Nov. 11
Chili's - Free meal, one of six options, Nov. 11
Hooters - Free meal, Nov. 11
Krispy Kreme - Free donut, Nov. 11
Subway - Free 6 inch sub, Nov. 11
Texas Roadhouse - Free meal, Nov. 11
Uno Chicago Grill - Free entrée or individual pizza with purchase of an entrée or pizza or equal or greater value, Nov. 11
TGI Friday's - Buy one get one free, Nov. 11 - 14
McCormick & Schick's Seafood Restaurant - Free lunch or dinner, Nov. 13
Golden Corral - Free meal, 5 - 9 p.m., Nov. 14

Parks:

National Parks - Free park admission, Nov. 11 - 13

Bed and Breakfasts:

B&Bs for Vets - Free night's stay, Nov. 10.

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2011 Holiday Military Mailing Dates . . .

In order to ensure a timely delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec 25, 2011 to military APO/FPO addresses, mail should be in the possession of USPS no later than Nov. 12 for the slow parcel post route and in some cases Dec. 17



for Express Mail Military Service. Avoid the last-minute rush and mail holiday cards and packages early. Customers have the option of printing postage, labels, and customs forms online 24/7 using click-n-ship service at www.usps.com/clicknship. Please be advised, express mail service is not available to mobile units. If you have any questions on mailing restrictions please contact the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center official mail center at 228-871-2259.

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**Effective
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cation
March 26, 2012
Cost: \$150
Deadline to
register: Submit
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than March 5**

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Unacceptable
Employee
Performance
March 27, 2012
Cost \$150
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than March 5**

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of contact: Lucy
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2641 or commer-
cial 228-871-2641
or e-mail:
lucy.galster@navy
.mil**

Watch out for pedestrians . . . Remember, they have the right of way! Unless otherwise posted, the speed limited on board NCBC is 25 m.p.h.

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our gratitude to them," said Scurfield.

It takes an immense amount of support and coordination to conduct a "stand down" of this magnitude every year. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, USM chapters, Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Camp Shelby/ROTC West Harrison High School, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Keesler Air Force Base, Navy commands at Stennis, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries, VFW Posts, Vietnam Veterans/Legacy Veterans, American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army are some of the unsung heroes who help with this event every year.

When asked what he thought about this stand down, former Army Sgt. Hall Guin said, "Absolutely wonderful, really appreciated."

According to Scurfield, homeless veterans, on average, are younger than the total veteran population with nine percent of the homeless veteran population being between the ages of 18 and 30 and 50 percent between the ages of 18 and 50. In fact, the 2009 survey to Congress identified that approximately 14,000 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans were homeless.

President Barack Obama has spoken about his stance on the

issue of homeless veterans in America.

"We will provide new help for homeless veterans, because those heroes have a home - it's the country they served, the United States of America. And, until we reach a day when not a single veteran sleeps on the street, our business is unfinished," said Obama.

Scurfield offered advice for young veterans getting ready to separate from the military.

"Yes, first and foremost, thank you for your service. Take advantage of the services available to you, such as your chaplains, Fleet and Family Support Centers, counseling services, transition counseling, financial and investment counseling, Navy College, Navy Medical, Navy and the Marine Corps Relief Society," said Scurfield. These and many more services are available to you and your family members. Take advantage of them now. Plan ahead. And, once you leave active duty, remember the VA is established and available to serve you. One homeless veteran is one too many."

The VA Secretary, General Eric K. Shinseki, has mandated an end to veteran homelessness by the year 2015. If you would like to assist with these efforts or for more information, contact anyone associated with the Biloxi VA Homeless Program and ask to speak to the Homeless Program Coordinator or the Voluntary Service Officer.



SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

NMCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, e-mail nmcbonefrg@gmail.com.

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

NMCB 11 FRG For more information regarding the NMCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

NMCB 74 FRG All families and friends of NMCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335 off Bainbridge Ave. behind the Grinder on base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCB 74 FRG please email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com. Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74frg.zymichost.com>

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail han-sonkl54@yahoo.com. To receive receive updates log on to the FRG site

at <http://www.orgsites.com/~ms/nmcb133fsg>

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfport Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, please email noscgulfport@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU soon!

NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet & Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for information.

TRAINING

COMPASS is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

Naval Sea Cadets

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228- 688-5288 or enrique.acosta@navy.mil., or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or coachcb@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1

Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association

is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at matthew.t.was-son@navy.mil or President LS1 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil.

VFW Post 3937 Long Beach is open Monday - Thursday from Noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602.

VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 228-832-0017.

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> for information or for links to Seabee historical sites.

Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time. Island X-1 Gulfport meets the first Thursday of each month at Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m. Contact Joe Scott (secretary) at 228-669-8335 or elevenoaks58@cableone.net or log onto www.nsva.org for more information.

HERITAGE

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

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On Going Events

CBC Fitness Center
Group Fitness Classes
 (228-871-2668)

Monday

Strength/Cardio at 9 a.m., Yoga at 11 a.m., 30 Minute Pump at Noon and Zumba at 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Yoga at 8 a.m., Cycling at 9 a.m., Water Aerobics at 11 a.m., Zumba at Noon

Wednesday

Strength/Cardio at 9 a.m., Yoga at 11 a.m., 30 Minute Pump at Noon and Zumba at 6 p.m.

Thursday

Yoga at 8 a.m., Cycling at 9 a.m., Water Aerobics at 11 a.m., Zumba at Noon and Yoga at 5 p.m.

Friday

Strength/Cardio at 9 a.m., Pilates at Noon

Saturday

Zumba at 10 a.m.



anchors and Eagles:

What are you waiting for? Open Tuesday-Thursday 2-9 p.m., Anchors & Eagles is calling you. Right Hand Man Social first Tuesday of each month & a social every Thursday. Why not use YOUR club for your special event, only \$25 per hour. Call 228-871-4750/228-424-8892 for info.

Beehive Lounge :

Where better to catch a game or play some darts. Close enough to walk to. Multiple TVs

"Be Safe and Stay on Base"

Open Monday - Saturday.

Call 228-871-4009/228-871-4750/228-424-8892 for info.

Training Hall/Movie Theater:

FREE MOVIES!! That is right. All movies are FREE all the time at your base theater. Why pay when you can see it for FREE. By the way, our concessions are cheaper too. Call 228-871-4775 for info (MovieLine: 228-871-3299)



November 3

Pool Tournament

(Liberty Center)
 FREE Prize for 1st place
 7 p.m.

Cartoon Drawing Contest & Outdoor Games

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

November 4

Mississippi Surge vs. Mississippi River Kings
 (Liberty Center) 6 p.m.
 Only \$6

Movies On The Big Screen & Hotdogs

(Youth Activities Center)
 \$2/person, Popcorn & Drinks
 6 - 9 p.m., Limit 50

November 5

16th Annual "Vettes by the Shore" (Liberty Center)
 FREE Shuttle, Noon

Gator Ranch Swamp Tour

(Youth Activities Center)
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Only \$5
 Sack Lunch needed



CRANE FEST

(Outdoor Recreation)
 Depart at 9 a.m., \$3/ person for transportation.
 Minimum of five people.
 Sign up by Oct. 17.

November 7

FFSC Financial Workshop
 (Liberty Center)
FREE Food, 6 p.m. Free



November 8

Flag Football (Liberty Center)
 FREE prizes for the 1st place team, 6 p.m.

Image Makers Club & Mosaic Art Project

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

November 9

Gulfport Drag way
 (Liberty Center)
 6 p.m. \$5 at the gate

Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts & Kickball

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

November 10

Happy Birthday Marine Corps! FREE birthday cake while supplies last
 (Liberty Center)

Girls Night Pajama Party

(Youth Activities Center)
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Many Activities Planned

November 11

Veteran's Day! George Ohr Museum of Art, 11 a.m.
 Only \$8 at the gate
 (Liberty Center)

November 12

New Orleans Aquarium & IMAX Trip (liberty Center)
 8 a.m. Only \$25

12 & Up Paintball Trip!

(Youth Activities Center)
 Fee includes gear rental and paintballs 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Only \$10, Limited to 15

November 13

Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Liberty Center)
 11 a.m., \$10 at the gate

November 14

Monday Night Football & Wings Minnesota Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers (Liberty Center)
 FREE Food 7:30 p.m.

Horseback Riding (2 hr Ride) (Outdoor Recreation)

Long Leaf Trace, Sumrall, Miss.
 Departs ODR @ 10 AM
 \$75/Person (Includes transportation and horse rental) Sign up by Nov. 6, Minimum of four people

November 15

Gulfport Premium Outlets
 (Liberty Center)
 FREE Shuttle, 6 p.m.

Smart Moves & Pool Tournament

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

November 16

Madden '12 Tournament
 (Liberty Center)
 FREE Prize for 1st place winner
 7 p.m.

Turkey Bowling Night! Winner Takes home a FREE Turkey

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

November 17

Edgewater Mall
 (Liberty Center)
 FREE Shuttle, 6 p.m.

Weird Science Night:

(Youth Activities Center)
 Make your own Lava Lamp
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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Seabee Memorial Chapel

Services:
Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.

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

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

Protestant Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Center Chaplains:
Cmdr. Michael Brown,
Protestant Chaplain
Lt. Yoon Choi
Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups,
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