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## On Base...

✓ **The NAS Chapel will host Vacation Bible School June 25-29** from 6-8 p.m. Children entering the first grade through fourth grade (approximately ages 5-9) are eligible. There are a limited number of seats available. Deadline to register is June 15. For more information on VBS, how to volunteer, and/or to register your child for VBS, please contact the chapel at (601) 679-3635 or e-mail [joseph.stroney@navy.mil](mailto:joseph.stroney@navy.mil)

✓ **All Hands Pool** now open daily for swimming lessons and lap swim.

✓ **Upcoming Safety Classes:**  
 AAA: June 18  
 Basic Rider Course: June 19-20  
 Sportbike Rider Course: June 21  
 Basic Rider Course: Aug. 21-22  
 Experienced Rider: Aug. 23

The NAS Meridian Safety Office registers military and civilians for the Motorcycle Safety Courses. Call Jerry Snow at (601) 679-3756 for more information. The Safety Office is in Administration Building 255, 2nd floor.

✓ **Attention Kids!**  
 1st Tee Golf meets at SAC every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m.

On board  
 NAS  
 Meridian



*A Day in  
 Naval History*

**June 7**  
 1819: Lt. John White on merchant ship Franklin, anchored off Vung Tau is first U.S. naval officer to visit Vietnam.  
 1942: Battle of Midway ends with loss of USS Yorktown.  
 1991: Joint Task Force Sea Angel ends relief operations in Bangladesh after Cyclone Marian.

**June 8**  
 1880: Congress authorizes the Office of Judge Advocate General.  
 1958: Navy and Post Office deliver first official missile mail when USS Barbero (SS-317) fired Regulus II missile with 3000 letters 100 miles east of Jacksonville, Fla., to Mayport, Fla.

**June 12**  
 1990: Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner becomes first Navy woman to command fleet jet aircraft squadron.

**June 14**  
 1985: Steelworker Second Class Robert D. Stethem, USN of Underwater Construction Team ONE was killed by terrorist hijackers of TWA Flight 847. He later received a Bronze Star for his heroism.

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Photos by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Sailors man the USS Mississippi (SSN 782) for the first time during a commissioning ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss., June 2. Below: Sailors rush to the USS Mississippi in a traditional run aboard the submarine. The \$2.6 billion dollar submarine is the 9th Virginia-class submarine commissioned into the U.S. Navy.

## USS Mississippi commissioned

By MC2 Casey Kyhl  
 Staff Writer

The USS Mississippi (SSN 782) was commissioned June 2 during a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss., becoming the 9th Virginia-class attack submarine in the U.S. Navy.

The ceremony was attended by more than 7,500 people, featured speeches by multiple dignitaries and included performances by the Navy Band New Orleans.

"I am so glad to be home to commission the wonderfully named Mississippi", said Secretary of the Navy and former Mississippi governor Ray Mabus. "When you look at Mississippi you know that American exceptionalism and to paraphrase Mississippian William Faulkner, 'will not only survive, it will prevail.'"

"The reason we have the edge that we do and the reason that no navy on earth can touch us, is because of the Sailors that represent the United States Navy," Mabus said. "The Sailors standing before you are the best skilled, the highest trained, and most dedicated that the world has ever known."

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## 70th anniversary of Battle of Midway remembered

By Penny Randall  
 Editor

Naval Air Station Meridian personnel paid tribute to one of the most significant events in naval history – the Battle of Midway during a commemoration ceremony on June 4.

This year marked the 70th anniversary of the historic battle.

NAS Meridian Commanding Officer Capt. Charles C. Moore II welcomed guests and shared his thoughts on the Battle of Midway.

"Today we're here to remember," Moore said. "We're here to pay tribute to the heroes of Midway, a relatively small number of Americans representing the enormous hopes of their nation. The Battle of Midway had many heroes -- the code breakers who gave us the location and the date of the battle; the shipyard workers at Pearl Harbor, the Airman and Marines who fought from Midway Island, the the Sailors who fought at sea. I just hope that in remembering the battle, we don't forget them and their legacy."

The Battle of Midway occurred June 4-7, 1942, just six months after the Japanese



Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

**A Sailor shakes hands with Battle of Midway survivor Demetrios George Gianakos following the ceremony on board NAS Meridian, June 4.**

attacked American forces at Pearl Harbor. Sailors, Marines civilian personnel and nearly 130 NJROTC cadets gathered in front of the installation's administration building for a short ceremony.

Meridian's own retired Lt. Demetrios George Gianakos was the honored guest at the ceremony. Gianakos joined the Navy at the age of 17 after his mother signed the papers allowing him to enlist.

Gianakos, now 89, who has trouble walking and hearing so his son, retired Lt. Col. Kris Gianakos spoke on his behalf.

"Going to Pearl Harbor was significant to him," says Gianakos' son, Kris. "The entire strength of the U.S. Navy was upside down and burning in Pearl Harbor and this Battle of Midway occurred six months after that. So, the world was very unsettled. Significantly speaking, he appreciates the opportunities he had to serve his country and he did it for 30 years and in three wars."

The senior Gianakos' naval career began in the aviation field with Patrol Bombing Squadron VP-71 on board a PBV bombing aircraft that could take off and land on the water completing maritime patrol and reconnaissance missions.

Just a few weeks after completing boot camp, the senior Gianakos found himself

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## Memorial Day 2012



Photos by Susan Junkins

Members of the NAS Meridian Ceremonial Detail team present a 21-gun salute, taps and colors at the City of Meridian's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Lauderdale County Courthouse on May 28. The team also also participated in events at Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian and the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton

## Public Works hard at work



Members of NAS Meridian's Public Works carpenter shop and concrete crew replace a 12'x16' slab on the east taxiway at McCain Field. The crew also replaced a second slab a few days after this one and repaired more than 400 feet of asphalt. The east runway was up and operational within two weeks of public works starting the repairs.

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## Photo of the Week



Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

**Enlisted and commissioned senior leadership serve lunch to MWR employees during a MWR Appreciation Luncheon at Rudders on May 31.**

## Area Happenings

### JUNE

- 8-23:** Children's Summer Workshop -- Camp Kick-Off is June 8 from 1-4 p.m. Workshop runs June 11-21. Performance of "Stone Soup" and "Robin Hood" on June 23. Cost is \$250 for first child, \$200 for second child and \$150 for other family members. Contact Susie Johnson at (601) 604-2129 or e-mail: [susiesmj@comcast.net](mailto:susiesmj@comcast.net).
- 9:** Queen City Gypsies 10 Year Anniversary Show at 7 p.m. in the Temple Theater Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door. Can be purchased at [queencygypsies.com](http://queencygypsies.com).
- 10:** "XANADU" presented by the Jefferson Performing Arts Society at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For more information, call the Box Office at (601) 693-5353.
- 15:** Opening Ceremonies for the State Games of Mississippi in front of Meridian City Hall. Festivities kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. For information, go to [www.stategamesofms.org](http://www.stategamesofms.org).
- 21:** The Riley Center presents "Jars of Clay" in concert at 7:30 p.m., 2200 Fifth Street, Meridian. Ticket prices are \$35 and \$29. For information, call the Box Office at (601) 696-2200 or visit [www.msuriyleycenter.com](http://www.msuriyleycenter.com).
- 22-24:** A Midsummer Night's Dream presented by Stage 2 at the Temple Theater, 2320 8th Street. Advance tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/child or student. Tickets at the door are \$20/adult, \$15/child or student. Time: 7 p.m. on June 22-23 and 2 p.m. on June 24. For information, contact Susie Johnson at (601) 604-2129 or e-mail [susiesmj@comcast.net](mailto:susiesmj@comcast.net)
- 30:** The Secret Garden presented by the Meridian Performing Arts Center at the Temple Theater for the Performing Arts, 2320 8th Street. Advance tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/child or student. Tickets at the door are \$20/adult, \$15/child or student. Show time is 7 p.m. For information, contact Susie Johnson at (601) 604-2129 or e-mail [susiesmj@comcast.net](mailto:susiesmj@comcast.net)

### ONGOING

**NOW:** Kindermusik registration for the Spring 2012 semester is open. Music and movement classes are held at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator for children newborn to 8 years old. Our mission is to help your child learn and grow through music. For more information call (601) 678-7082, e-mail: [jcarolmathews@gmail.com](mailto:jcarolmathews@gmail.com), or visit [www.MusicWithJulie.com](http://www.MusicWithJulie.com).

## In the Spotlight...

### Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday to the following Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society volunteers:

- May 30: **Sgt. Jordan Thomas**
- May 30: **Jasmine Anderson**
- June 6: **LS1 Rose Melgar**



Happy Birthday from Ronnie and Margaret Ann Knight to their first grandchild, **Hannah Naomi Knight**, who will turn 1 on June 16.

Happy Birthday **Sonya Evans** who celebrates on June 17. She works at the Family Housing Office.

Happy Birthday to **Sheryl Hensel** who celebrates on June 18. Sheryl works at Student Control.

### Thank you...

The N6 (IT) Department has been short staffed since Feb. 29. I want to thank **Wendy Tullos** and **Zane Riddle**, because without their hard work and dedication to NAS Meridian I could not have kept up with the demands. They both went above and beyond; they have stepped up to the plate and hit home runs over and over again. Nobody really ever thinks about the IT Department, until something does not work, that is when great teamwork and dedication shines through. The next time you see Wendy and Zane, please thank them and let them know we care about the support they give us.

Darlene Maes  
Information Assurance Manager  
IT Director

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

## Thank you to MWR and its employees

My sincere thank you to all who supported the MWR Recognition Lunch last Thursday.

Everyone enjoyed the chance to serve lunch to our MWR employees as a way of saying thank you for all that they do to support our missions and improve our quality of life throughout the year. The performance of MWR and its employees this year was outstanding and it was great to have an opportunity to serve you when you so often are the ones serving us. From the leadership of NAS Meridian and all the tenant commands – thank you.

The state of Mississippi now has a new namesake in the fast attack submarine, USS MISSISSIPPI (SSN 782). Many of us were fortunate to attend the commissioning ceremony on June 2.

The commissioning proved to be a distinctive event that represented the citizens of Mississippi and the nation with great decorum. The Meridian Area Navy League deserves mention for its considerable effort in orchestrating all the planning and

fundraising that supported the commissioning and pre-commissioning ceremonies.

**M a r k McDonald**, in particular, spearheaded much of the fundraising and activity coordination that made this event such a success. Meridian's Navy League is right to be proud of this event's success and their contribution to it. Well done.

I hope everyone enjoyed Memorial Day weekend with friends and family. I commend all station personnel for having a pleasant and safe holiday and ask you to continue to be diligent in all your summer activities throughout the 101 Critical Days of Summer.



**Moore**

*Capt. Charles C. Moore II is commanding officer of NAS Meridian.*

## NAVY libraries announce 2012 summer reading program

Registration kicks off this month for a shared summer reading program that will reach military families in all branches around the globe.

Navy readers of all ages can dig into a buffet of book choices around the theme "Reading Is So Delicious." Most programs will run eight weeks with open enrollment during the summer. Activities will range by location and include everything from edible art projects to discussions of books like James and the Giant Peach.

"Last year we saw a 400 percent increase in participation across the program, and we plan to continue this trend with creative programs that connect with readers of all ages," said NAS Meridian Librarian Linda Sciple. "This year's theme ties in two great flavors – reading for the fun of it and healthy eating. We want to create and support a bumper crop of voracious readers!"

Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Summer reading programs can help to offset this loss, because studies also indicate students who read recreationally out-performed those who don't. Students read more when they

can choose materials based on their own interests.

This year marks the third in which 250 base and installation libraries will participate in the shared summer reading program. Last year's program logged more than 10 million minutes spent reading by children and families.

"This was such a great motivator!" raved one parent. "I caught (my son) reading all on his own yesterday, and he never does that! Thanks for offering the program and the prizes."

Sponsored by the Department of Defense with program content developed by iREAD, "Reading Is So Delicious" will reach thousands of families. The theme is brought to life by illustrators Barry Gott, Chris Eliopoulos, Lucy Knisley, and Patrick Girouard. Resource guides for the program were developed by librarians for librarians to motivate children to read.

"Summer reading programs are valuable not only in reducing fall-off in educational attainment over the summer, but as a means for families and children to spend time together, an especially important aspect for military families," added Sciple.

For more information on the program, please call the Andrew Triplett Library at 601-679-2326 or email [linda.sciple@navy.mil](mailto:linda.sciple@navy.mil).



## Recently at the courthouse

Courts martial in Navy Region Southeast recently heard the following cases:

- ✓ At a contested general court martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, a seaman apprentice was found guilty of two specifications of wrongful sexual contact. The members of the court-martial sentenced the accused to confinement for one year.

- ✓ At a contested general court martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a seaman was acquitted of two specifications of wrongful sexual contact.

- ✓ At a contested special court martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, a seaman was found guilty of attempting to access with intent to view Internet web

sites containing images of child pornography. The members of the court-martial sentenced the accused to reduction in rate to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

- ✓ At a special court martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a petty officer third class pled guilty to wrongfully selling military property, wrongfully appropriating military property of a value of more than \$500, stealing \$102.90 from a private company, stealing game consoles, shoes, and clothing from the Navy Exchange, and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. The military judge sentenced the Accused to seven months confinement, reduction in

rate to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

- ✓ At a special court martial convened on board NS Mayport, a petty officer second class pled guilty to conspiracy to commit larceny of military property, violation of a lawful general order, and larceny of military property of a value of \$500 or less. The military judge sentenced the accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

*Courts martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola. Therefore, the location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial.*



Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

**Pvt. Casey Santana, left and LSSR Filipe Avilez place the ceremonial wreath at the flag pole as Capt. Charles C. Moore II salutes the flag during the playing of Taps by bagpiper Jean Orcutt.**

- **Midway** arriving in Hawaii on Dec. 25, 1941.

The senior Gianakos' squadron immediately began flying search patterns in the Pacific.

"I've tried to get my dad to talk about his time in service more and more these past couple of years," Kris said. "The one thing he has told me with great certainty is that the Battle of Midway stands out as a more significant event in his life than the terrorism attacks on 9-11 and New York City is his hometown. He said 'to see the strength and power of the U.S.

Fleet in that kind of condition had an impact on him that was beyond anything he ever imagined."

The senior Gianakos' career extended through Korea and Vietnam where he was commissioned an officer. He was stationed in numerous places including Kingsville, Texas, Alaska, San Diego, Maryland and Alaska. Gianakos ended his career in the military at NAS Meridian in May 1971. He continued his service by working as a simulator instructor training student aviators at NAS Meridian for 20 more years.

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# CACI functional analyst recognized for naval aviation support

Naval Aviator Production Process Manager A.J. Gallardo recently presented Functional Analyst Dian Hinton with the Enterprise Technologies and Services (ETS) "SuperStar Award."

Hinton provides naval aviation training analyst support at Training Air Wing One (TW-1) located on board Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss.

The award recognizes an employees' personal and professional pride in

his or her organization while acknowledging that individual's sustained superior performance.

In her SuperStar citation, Hinton was recognized for her unsurpassed expertise and knowledge of a wide array of data management tools used to support the tracking of naval aviator training.

Additionally, she was directly responsible for revamping and collecting data comparing the accuracy of various flight statistics. Her meticulous attention to detail and

troubleshooting of data systems were responsible for 164 error free student completion transactions on newly designated Navy and Marine Corps strike pilots.

Joining Gallardo in the acknowledgment of Hinton's achievements during this presentation were her immediate CACI supervisor, Senior Functional Analyst Bill Hirko; Commander, Training Air Wing One, Capt. David Lobdell; TW-1 NAPP Officer Lt. Cmdr. Marion Spencer; and TW-1 Wing Analyst Jim

Daws. Hirko commended Hinton on her "outstanding support to her command and the NAPP support team."

Capt. Lobdell stated he was pleased – though not at all surprised – to see Hinton receive this recognition.

Hinton's can do spirit and dedication to customer support are in keeping with the CACI credo of "quality service and best value for our clients."

Submitted article



Submitted Photo

Bill Hirko, A.J. Gallardo, and Jim Daws share Dian Hinton's big moment as she is presented the Enterprise Technologies and Services "SuperStar Award."

## Sailors Advance



ACCM Maurice Strickland has his master chief collar devices pinned on by NAS Meridian Command Master Chief Sharon Laguna and Commanding Officer Capt. Charles C. Moore II during a ceremony on June 1.



Photos by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Sailors advancing during the Spring 2012 cycle include from left: YN3 Cody Macomber, ABE2 Brian Mosley, AC1 Zachary Cary, AC1 Rachel Kennedy, RP1 Joseph Stroney and AC3 Brittany Walthall. Not pictured is AC2 Danielle Murphy.

## NAS Employee of Quarter



**Dannie Cole**  
**Security**

## NTTC Happenings



On May 15, the special needs children from Northeast Elementary School entertained NTTC Meridian staff and student Meridian with a patriotic presentation to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday before the school year ended. The children had been practicing songs to perform since January and their efforts were appreciated by the entire command. After their performance, the children were joined by staff members and students for cake and cookies. A special thank you goes out to the staff at Northeast Elementary, YN1 Kat Kurtz, and all the children for their spectacular efforts in making the day a true success story enjoyed by all!



On May 29, Cmdr. Brett St. George, Commanding Officer, Naval Technical Training Center Meridian, reenlisted YNC (SW) Carolyn Sanders for five more years of service. Chief Sanders checked on board NTTC Meridian as YN1 Sanders in June 2008. During her time on board, she earned her Navy Military Training Instructor certification, qualified as a Master Training Specialist, served on Individual Augementee assignment to Iraq, was promoted to the rank of chief petty officer and received numerous awards and accolades for her superior performance. Chief Sanders will detach in June for her next assignment at VAW 117, homeported in Point Mugu, Calif. Best wishes for your continued success!



A warm Meridian welcome goes out to PS1(SW) Cruz Ponce and her husband who are joining the NTTC Meridian family. Petty Officer Ponces last duty station was on board the USS BOXER (LHD 4) homeported out of San Diego, Calif. She will be serving as PS "A" School instructor.

Submitted photos

## Public Works Happenings



Deputy Public Works Officer Danny Cook presents Employee of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter 2012 to Jake Bond.



Deputy Public Works Officer Danny Cook presents Supervisor of the Quarter of 2nd Quarter 2012 to Chris Nutt.



Meridian Public Works team members show their support for the fight against sexual assault. Employees wore white t-shirts and blue ribbons in an effort to display their fight against sexual assault and our support to the many victims.



NAS Meridian Energy Manager Gary Stacey and FMD Director David Stevens display their enthusiasm for "Ride your bike to work day."



Seabees from NMCB 74 erect a shelter at the pistol range on board NAS Meridian. A 12-member team from NMCB 74 based in Gulfport arrived the first week of May and started preparing the site. They completed the excavation and formed up the foundation. Once the concrete was cured, they started vertical construction of the shelter. Completion is expected on June 8.

# Navy Lodge Pensacola receives TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

Navy Lodge Pensacola, Fla., has received TripAdvisor's 2012 Certificate of Excellence Award.

The Certificate of Excellence award is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor. Approximately 10 percent of accommodations listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award. This is the first award received by the Navy Lodge Program for any of its 40 Navy Lodges located around the world.

"Guest service is the key to our suc-

cess," said Louis Verde, General Manager, Navy Lodge Pensacola. "Navy Lodge Pensacola is currently ranked number 1 out of 18 properties on TripAdvisor. The staff takes pleasure in going above and beyond. It is always a great honor to be recognized for being the best, I am very proud to manage such a great staff."

To qualify for the Certificate of Excellence, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers on TripAdvisor. Additional criteria include

the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months. According to TripAdvisor, Navy Lodge Pensacola guests consistently commend the property with the highest praise, giving the Navy Lodge a 4.5 rating. Guests can rate the Navy Lodge on room, service, cleanliness, value and location.

Navy Lodges save guests an average of 45 percent on the room rate compared to civilian hotels. Every Navy Lodge guest room offers cable TV with DVD player, internet access and direct-dial telephone service. Navy Lodges also offer

guests housekeeping service, vending machines, DVD rental service and laundry facilities as well as handicapped accessible rooms. Free local calls, free in-room coffee and newspapers and convenient parking are also available.

To make reservations for your PCS move at any Navy lodging facilities or to receive a Navy Lodge directory, call 1-800-NAVY-INN, 24 hours a day, seven days a week or go online at [www.navy-lodge.com](http://www.navy-lodge.com). Reservations are accepted on an as-received basis without regard to rank.

## eKnowledge donates \$200 SAT, ACT test prep programs to military families worldwide

In alliance with the Department of Defense and supported by patriotic professional athletes from MLB and the NFL, eKnowledge is donating \$200 SAT and ACT PowerPrep™ Programs to military service members and their extended families.

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offers self-paced practice that fits the military student's needs and lifestyle. The PowerPrep Programs contain 11 hours of video instruction and over 3000 animation, graphics, sample questions and practice tests (over 45 hours of study time). Students select the training they need and study at their own pace. Research shows that students who study for their college entrance exams are more comfortable, more confident and better prepared, resulting in higher test scores.

### Who is eligible?

Eligible recipients include service members from all branches of the military who are active duty, retired, veterans, guard, reserve, DoD employees, and civilians performing military support. Also eligible are relatives and dependents of anyone who qualifies from the prior list.

### How to request the FREE programs:

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total retail cost of the \$200 program. There is a small fee of \$13.84 per standard program for the cost of materials (plus \$3.71 for shipping).

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For further information please contact Michael M c C r a c k e n , [Michael@eknowledge.com](mailto:Michael@eknowledge.com) or call (951) 256-4076.

## 2012 Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program set for July

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) is now accepting applications for its 2012 Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program.

CNIC will fund all-expense paid summer camp opportunities for Navy teens worldwide. Funding will support airline/ground transportation, camp registration, meals, and misc camp insurances. Please encourage all eligible teens to apply for these camps.

The 180 participants of the 2011 program were overwhelmed by the places they traveled to, the friends they made, and the camps they attended.

### Camps include:

- WB Surf Camp in Oahu, Hawaii, July 8-20.
- National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Idaho Backpacking Adventure in Driggs, Idaho, July 15-30.
- High Cascades Snowboarding Camp (HCSC) in Mt. Hood, Oregon, July 16-23.
- Columbia Gorge School of Theater (CGST) in Portland, Oregon, July 2-14.
- Woodward Camp - Cheerleading & Gymnastics in Woodward, Pa., July 8-14.
- Woodward Camp - Extreme Sports in Woodward, Pa., July 15-21.
- Woodward Camp - Digital Media in Woodward, Pa., July 22-28.
- Colorado School of Acting in Denver, Colo., July 15-21.

- Space Camp - Pilot Course in Huntsville, Ala., July 15-20.

-Italian Art History Tour based in Naples, Italy, July 7-22.

### How to Apply

It's EASY! To apply for the 2012 Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program, each teen must complete an individual application (attached) by NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 2012. Teens are required to write two short narratives about the adventures they want to experience and rank their selections.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Participant must be a dependent of Navy active-duty or active-duty Reserve personnel.
- Participant must be between 13-17 years old by July 1, 2012.
- Participant must have a minimum 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- International travelers must possess a passport that is valid for six months after the return trip home.
- Applications must be received in full by NO LATER THAN June 15, 2012.
- All youth assigned to joint bases operated by the U.S. Navy are eligible.
- If a family is PCS'ing, sponsors can select a different return airport.

### Selections

Notification of selections will be made NLT June 22, 2012.

Any and all questions

about this program can be directed to [brent.a.edwards@navy.mil](mailto:brent.a.edwards@navy.mil) or 901-874-6897.

If you are on board

NAS Meridian and have questions, please contact Cynthia H. McDonald, School Liaison Officer at (601) 679-2473.

The NAS Meridian Petty Officer's Association meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Air Operations Building at 2 p.m.

## Navy seeks officers for Specialty Career Path program

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy is accepting applications from eligible officers for the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY-13) Specialty Career Path (SCP) Program, according to a Navy message released May 29.

The SCP Program provides officers alternatives to the traditional command-at-sea-career path and supports demand for senior unrestricted line officer expertise in growing mission areas, according to NAVADMIN 167/12.

The program is designed to develop and utilize selected officers in the following distinct specialty career paths:

- Operations Analysis
- Financial Management
- Naval Operational Planner
- Anti-terrorism/Force Protection

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**Pvt. Kristi Roth**

**Aviation Maintenance Student  
Hometown: Grand Rapids, Mich.**

Pvt. Kristi Roth joined the Marine Corps on Jan. 3, 2012, just a few months after her husband, Pfc. Christopher Jewell.

"We meet at the recruiting station. He was actually my running partner and the rest is history," Roth said. "We were married on March 30, 2012."

Roth is now a student at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.

"I became a Marine to better myself and do something good in life," she said. "I also wanted the challenge. I hope to be stationed on the East Coast near my husband after graduation. I'm looking forward to succeeding in my career and working hard to do my job well."

The person she most admires is her mother, Julie West.

"She is a strong person and I want to be just as strong as she is."

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**Pfc. Isaac Burk**

**Aviation Maintenance Student  
Hometown: Guam**

Pfc. Isaac Burk said it was his wife, Faith Brown Burk, that motivated him to join the military.

"My wife is my biggest supporter," Burk said. "I wanted to better myself, and of course the military offers great educational benefits."

Burk is currently a student at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.

"My wife is still in Guam where she is a middle school teacher," Burk said. "We were married in December and it's tough being away from her."

Burk lists his hobbies as playing the drums and basketball.

"I'm very proud of myself because I was meritoriously promoted to private first class in boot camp," Burk said.

The person he most admires is his MCT instructor Sgt. Lehman.

"He is the best Marine I know. He lets his actions speak for himself."

**Marines remember their fallen at Belleau Wood on Memorial Day**

**By Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda**  
Marine Forces Europe

BELLEAU, France — Towered by a Romanesque chapel and flanked by 2,289 epitaphs of the fallen, U.S. Marines and citizens, along with French troops and locals of the town of Belleau, gather to honor the fallen at Aisne-Marne American Memorial Cemetery, May 27. The event was broadcasted live on American Forces Network and had more than 4,000 in attendance.

The ceremony marked the 94th anniversary of the battle and embodied the legacy Belleau Wood has given to the Marine Corps and the brotherhood that unites an American-French friendship that has lasted from before World War I to current-day contingency operations.

"Belleau Wood has also come to symbolize the commitment of the American and French people to the shared ideals of liberty and justice," said Gen. Joseph Dunford, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"This morning, we remember that we were shoulder-to-shoulder defending those high ideals here at Belleau Wood; just as we were at Yorktown and just as we are in Afghanistan today."

Though seldom mentioned in traditional history texts, Belleau Wood holds an endearing place in the hearts of all Marines.

Belleau Wood is a 200-acre forest located by the Marne River, approximately 90 kilometers north of Paris; a morsel of French territory that was contended for by the opposing German forces due to its strategic location. For the Germans, stopping the newly-arrived American troops would have been both a strategic and demoralizing victory over the Allied forces.

The Battle for Belleau Wood was fought on June 1-26 of 1918; it was the first time the Marine Corps was given its trial-by-fire to prove to the world that it was more than just a simple naval infantry. On June 6th, 1918, the Marine Corps saw more losses on a single day than its past 143 years of existence. However, that was not enough for the Marines to retreat.

After weeks of heavy back-and-forth battling between the Allies and Germans, often resulting in the use of bayonets and hand-to-hand combat, on June 26, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines attacked Belleau Wood and cleared the forest of the opposition, ending one of the most ferocious battles the U.S. would fight during the war.

"Today, Belleau Wood is a spiritual touchstone; its name has become synonymous with the intangible traditions of our Corps," added Dunford.

Backing up the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps were Marines and Sailors from commands throughout Europe and the United States, including members of the 5th Marine Regiment from Camp Pendleton, Calif., Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team out of Rota, Spain, and Marine Forces Europe from Stuttgart, Germany.

Performances by local school children and the French Military band were followed by French and



Photo by Cpl. Tatum Vayavananda

**In Memorial Day tradition, distinguished guests, including Gen. Joseph Dunford, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, the mayor of the town of Belleau, Ms. Monique Benier, and former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada, lay wreaths in front of the Aisne-Marne cemetery Memorial Chapel during one of the largest Memorial Day events in Europe. The ceremony marked the 94th anniversary of the battle and embodied the legacy Belleau Wood has given to the Marine Corps and the brotherhood that unites an American-French friendship that has lasted from before the fields of World War I to the current operations in Afghanistan and was attended by Marines from commands all over Europe and the United States, to include: members of the 5th Marine Regiment, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, and Marine Forces Europe.**

American invocations, then speeches by Dunford and Gen. Jean-Jacques Poch, Commandant of the North French Defense Area.

Wreaths were then laid to honor the fallen, followed by taps, and the raising of the national American and French colors from half to full-staff. The finale included performances by the French Army band, the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Silent Drill Platoon of Marine Barracks Washington, D.C.

"It was an amazing experience and it's amazing that we took part in a remembrance ceremony to honor  
● Belleau Wood, page 7

## Advancements



**Maj. A.J. Brooks presents Sgt. Steven Emond with his advancement certificate on June 1. Emond is a staff member of the operations department at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.**



**Cpl. Shauna Charette is presented her advancement certificate by Maj. A.J. Brooks on June 1. She is a staff member of the administration department at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.**



**Lance Cpl. Jesse Holmes was promoted on June 1 to his current rank. He is a staff member of the administration department at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian.**

## Safety Is Our Duty

### Hurricane season is June 1-Nov. 30

Hurricane season is June 1 until Nov. 30, and now is the time to prepare.

NAS Meridian is well inland, but this does not give us immunity to hurricanes and the severe storms spawned by these weather events.

The last hurricane to actually hit this area was Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 which resulted in two deaths and spawned a tornado in Lauderdale County.

NAS Meridian was not only hit by the hurricane, but this area was used as an evacuation area for those on the Gulf Coast, and afterwards, the base was used as a logistics base for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other organizations employed in the recovery efforts post-Katrina.

Now is the time to prepare for a hurricane or other major weather event that may hit this area and disrupt our normal day to day activities. With our proximity to the Gulf Coast, and NAS Meridian being an evacuation site, you may have a false sense of security and wonder why you should be worried about preparation. With the influx of people into our area when they evacuate, or a catastrophic weather event that hits us here, this causes a strain on the retailers we have for many of the day-to-day groceries you

A letter from Admiral Harvey

"Team, yesterday the National Hurricane Center of NOAA's National Weather service predicted that 2012 would be a 'normal' hurricane season with a strong probability of at least three named storms that would impact the East coast.

We've gone through our HURREX planning and exercises as we do each year and have re-verified the fundamentals of our C2, our planning and our overall preparations for the potential of fleet sorties, aircraft fly-offs and personnel evacuations in advance of destructive weather in our fleet concentration areas, homeports and air stations.

Our actual ability to carry out our plans, to secure our ships and aircraft and ensure the safety of our people, though, rests with your routine follow-up within your individual AoRs on our formal preparations for destructive weather. We have had significant turnover in the fleet and ashore over the past year, so the lessons from our sortie in advance of Hurricane Irene may not be as fresh everywhere as they are with us who  
● Hurricane, page 9

will need. Items like water, non-perishable food, flashlights, blankets, baby's diaper, your important paperwork, and many other items that you may not think about. A complete list of items recommended for your readiness kit can be found at FEMA's Web site [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

The time to get ready is not after something has happened, it is now. Hurricane Katrina proved that a hurricane can and will reach as far inland as Meridian, so being prepared for such an event ahead of time should be high on your to-do list. If you should ever have cat-

astrophic damage to your house during a severe storm, or any other emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately and report it. If you are on base, 9-1-1 from your home phone will ring the regional dispatch center. Off base, or on your cell phone will get you the local 9-1-1 center, but if you are connected with Lauderdale County E-911, they will transfer you to the Navy Regional Dispatch Center if you tell them that the event is happening on board at NAS Meridian.

For more information, contact the NAS Meridian Emergency Management Office at (601) 679-3750.

### Wildfire Prevention facts, tips

Wildfires are a major threat to our personal property and even our lives and nearly every summer one state, perhaps more is ravaged by flames ripping through its forests and dry grasses. Given this, it makes sense to educate ourselves on the nature of forest fires.

• Obey local laws regarding open fires (burning restrictions), including campfires

- Keep all flammable objects away from a fire
- Have firefighting tools nearby and handy (rakes, garden hose, shovel)
- Carefully dispose of hot charcoal
- Drown all fires
- Carefully extinguish smoking material
- Make a fire safe zone around your house.

Clean flammable vegetation and debris from at least 30 feet around the house and any outbuildings

- Prune away the lower limbs of evergreens that are within the fire safe zone. Evergreens catch fire easily during dry periods and burn quickly
- Remove any limbs which overhang the roof or chimney
- Regularly remove leaves and needles from gutters
- Don't store firewood in the fire safe zone
- Make sure firefighters can find and access your home. Mark your house and roads clearly, and prune away limbs and trees along your driveway which don't allow fire truck access
- Have an escape plan – and practice it
- Follow state and local open burning laws
- Stay with outside fires until they are completely safe and dead out
- Dispose of wood ashes in a metal bucket, soaking them with water before dumping them

Lastly, if you spot a forest fire, remain calm, go to the nearest telephone and dial 911 to report the fire as quickly as possible to your local fire department. Calmly tell the emergency dispatcher when you saw it and where you saw it. Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

*If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic or need any assistance with your home fire safety, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3867/2589.*



# Navy in Hawaii marks 70th Anniversary of Midway

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) -- The Navy in Hawaii is honoring the memory of those who fought in one of the most storied battles of naval history - the Battle of Midway - with several commemorative events in early June.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, a battle that demonstrated the flexibility and forward presence of naval aviation as a unique strength of the Navy and essential to ensuring the security, prosperity and vital interests of the United States and its allies.

A ceremony held June 1 at U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters featured retired Rear Adm. Mac Showers, 95, the sole surviving member of Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz's Pacific Fleet Intelligence Staff

Midway clearly demonstrated the value of communications intelligence when Nimitz's staff was able to intercept Japanese communications and tell him debarkation points of Japanese forces, their rendezvous points at sea and their intended targets. Nimitz also had a good idea of the composition of the Japanese forces and other details of their plans.

Most importantly, Midway showed the value of employing combat assets to take advantage of possessing such information.

A naval heritage event was also held June 1 at the Kilo 7/8 pier on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This event allowed Showers to share his firsthand recollections of World War II and the critical intelligence support to Nimitz. The event was led by area chief petty officers, who will provide information on the Battle of Midway, the role of Station Hypo, and Showers.

The Pacific Fleet commander, Adm. Cecil Haney, will fly to Midway Atoll June 4 to commemorate the battle there along with veterans of the battle, others who were stationed at Midway throughout the years following the war and members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers what is now Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

Navy Region Hawaii and the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will also hold a wreath-laying ceremony June 4 aboard the USS Arizona Memorial at 8 a.m. World War II vintage aircraft are scheduled to conduct a flyover of the



Photo by MC2 David Kolmel

PEARL HARBOR -- Retired Rear Adm. Donald Showers addresses the audience during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor the success of Navy Operational Intelligence, June 1. Showers was an Ensign assigned to the code breakers unit at Pearl Harbor in 1942 that helped demonstrate the importance of Naval Intelligence and contribute to victory at the Battle of Midway.

memorial. Immediately following the ceremony, invited guests will participate in a boat tour of Pearl Harbor highlighting the efforts of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the 14th Naval District Combat Intelligence Unit during World War II.

And for those with military identification and base access, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host a free outdoor

viewing of the 1976 movie "Midway" with Charlton Heston and Henry Fonda at 7:30 p.m. June 2 at Ward Field.

The movie is free to active duty members, their families and all other authorized patrons and sponsored guests, who are invited to bring beach chairs and blankets.

-- From From Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

# VR-56 dedicates new hangar, new aircraft

By Cathy Heimer  
Naval Air Station Oceana  
Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- The "Globemasters" of Fleet Logistics Squadron (VR) 56 celebrated years of planning and work with the dedication of their new hangar and transition to their new aircraft during a ceremony at the NAS Oceana flightline May 30.

The squadron dedicated the 60,000 square foot hangar, as well as the completion of their transition from the C-9 aircraft to the C-40A Clipper.

The new air-conditioned facility, which includes accommodations for one C-40, all administrative, operations and maintenance areas, and a 4,500 square foot logistics support warehouse, is appropriately named "Hangar 56."

"It isn't every day that you have a brand new airplane and a brand new hangar to put it in," said NAS Oceana Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Geis, who spoke at the beginning of the dedication. "We couldn't be more excited to be a part of this transition and to have the new capability in the new hangar at NAS Oceana. We are very excited to continue the partnership with VR-56. They are great tenants who always step up to help around the base."

Geis told the audience that because of their mission, Globemasters is a fitting name for the squadron.

"The folks who fly the aircraft with the pointy noses around here should always know that without

the supply train that VR-56 helps maintain, we have no ability to sustain combat operations. Just like U.S. Marine Corps Gen. [Robert H.] Barrow said, 'Amateurs talk about tactics, but professionals study logistics.'"

VR-56 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mike Gravitt thanked Geis and Oceana Executive Officer Capt. Kit Chohe, Oceana Public Works Department, Boeing Company and Hourigan Construction representatives for their support throughout the aircraft transition and hangar construction.

"VR-56 knows how fortunate we are...with a brand new aircraft and state of the art facility," said Gravitt as he also thanked his Sailors for their hard work and professionalism during the months of transition and retraining on the new aircraft.

According to Oceana Public Works Officer Cmdr. Holly Johnson, planning began nearly 10 years ago for the new hangar. "We knew there was a new requirement for a new aircraft for VR-56 and when you're going to have a new airplane, you've got to put it somewhere, right?"

The initial plan called for the C-40 to be housed in hangar 200, where the Globemasters were previously located. But due to the size of C-40, the doors and roof would have needed to be modified on hangar 200. "It ended up not being that much more costly to build a new hangar than it would have been to raise the roof and modify those doors," said Johnson.

The funding of nearly \$17.8 million was provided by the Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Program. Costs included the demolition and relocation of Oceana's Ground Support Equipment dispatch facility and parking apron.

"We consider ourselves very fortunate and very lucky to have the state of the art facility in a place where we can operate our plane organically - meaning our parts contractors are located in the hangar and the ability to house the entire command in one central location; basically one-stop shopping for all the servicing that we need," said Gravitt.

Gravitt explained another huge advantage is that being able to work on the C-40 inside the hangar bay. Sailors no longer need to work out in the elements when they are changing the configuration of the inside of the aircraft from all passengers to passengers and cargo or all cargo, depending on the mission.

"Whatever the Navy needs us to do, we can do that," said Gravitt. "With the vertical stabilizer in the ballpark of 42 feet, we had to have a hangar that we could fit it [the C-40] in."

The Globemasters will be the only squadron located in hangar 56, a welcome change from having to share maintenance and office spaces with F/A-18 squadrons in hangar 200. Other new features in hangar 56 are a large training room and an emergency generator.

As he prepared for his retirement.

The FY-13 SCP Selection Board will also screen previously unselected SCP lieutenant commanders and commanders for SCP executive (XO) and commanding officer (CO) billets within their mission areas. SCP XO and CO screened officers will be eligible to fill designated

SCP milestone billets. For more information read NAVADMIN 167/12 and visit the SCP section of the NPC website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/buipers-npc/officer/Detailing/surface/war-rPath.aspx>.

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

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The FY-13 SCP Selection Board will be held July 23 - 27, 2012 at Navy Personnel Command (NPC). Applications must be received at NPC no later than June 25. Eligibility information and application procedures can be found in the NAVADMIN.

Officers who meet eligibility requirements may apply for up to two specialty career paths. The board will select eligible officers best qualified to serve the needs of the Navy in each specialty career path. Selectees will retain their original officer designator and will receive an additional qualification designator that indicates their area of specialization.

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# Service members become citizens aboard USS Midway Museum

By MC3 (AW/SW) Christine Walker-Singh  
Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- More than 50 service members recited the Oath of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego., May 24.

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Vice Adm. Richard Hunt was in attendance where several Sailors, Marines, Airmen and one Soldier officially became U.S. citizens.

The ceremony is a result of the Department of Defense working with members of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to implement opportunities for service members to expedite their process toward becoming citizens.

"One of the great things about the Armed Services' naturalization process is that you can almost get your citizenship immediately," said Army Pvt. Joel Yap, with the 1498th Transportation Company, California Army National Guard.

According to Yap's aunt, Construction Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Ana Yap, with Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303, the benefits of the program do not just apply to individuals seeking citizenship.

"The naturalization process offers the military more diversity, and some individuals that actually



have more of a willingness to serve the country they've pledged their allegiance to," said Yap, who was in attendance to support her nephew, three years after obtaining her own citizenship the same way as a Seabee.

It is a sentiment that other service members also noted during the ceremony.

"Diversity is a key strength of America and our military," said Hunt. "Standing before us are service members from more than 23 different countries and the capabilities they bring to our military are staggering. Becoming U.S. citizens after years of hard work and dedication, far surpasses what most native-born Americans have undertaken."

## Chaplain's Corner...

Choosing to hold a positive perspective in difficult situations can make all the difference in the world! I heard a story a while back that makes a good application of that truth:

Several years ago when Montana had a problem with wolf overpopulation, there was a decent bounty offered for every wolf captured alive. Two hunters, a little down on luck and money, decided to head out for some wolf hunting to see how much of that bounty they could earn. After three hard days of hiking up and down through mountains and forests without any success they were discouraged and decided to get some rest.

During the night, one of the two suddenly awoke to find that they were surrounded by a pack of 20 or 30 wolves, all growling and baring their teeth. Quickly, he shook his buddy and said, "Hey, wake up! We're gonna be rich!"

It really all comes down to your perspective, especially when facing what seems to be in impossible situation. There are times when it might be necessary to see past the danger and focus on the opportunity at

Besides offering the opportunity of more diversity, the program also increases the capabilities of the Department of Defense's workforce by equipping its personnel with the tools they need to perform their jobs in the Armed Forces.

"Citizenship wasn't something I was really considering applying for at first," said Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jialong Wang, with Marine Light Attack Training Squadron 303. "Then I began thinking about joining security forces and realized that naturalization would help if I needed a clearance."

According to Hunt, obtaining citizenship after serving the country is not a novel idea and is in fact an integral part of the nation's history.

"You were patriots long before you became citizens," said Hunt, to the new citizens. "Because of your military service, your story is very much aligned with our founding fathers-another group of Americans who were also patriots long before they were citizens. What matters is your belief in American ideals, laws and the desire to contribute to the common good. You have shown your dedication to this country, in the most honorable way possible."

After the ceremony, the new citizens were given the chance to register to vote and apply for passports. Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 43,000 members of the Armed Forces have obtained citizenship while serving.

hand -- in other words, practice good ORM, but do what is necessary to accomplish the mission.

At other times, in spite of trying to maintain a positive focus, we just simply are overwhelmed by life's pressures and demands, and we face stress levels that really can be dangerous. I talk to people every so often who are dealing with stress on a daily basis for a variety of reasons, and there are plenty of days that I have more to do at the end of the day than I like to think about.

It is at times like this that I am reminded to call out to "The One" who is greater than myself, and learn to lean upon the grace and power of God in my impossible situation.

In Matthew 11:28-29 the scripture says, "Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

By Lt. Cmdr. Chaplain Doran Kelvington  
NAS Meridian Command Chaplain can be reached at (601) 679-3635.

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### ● Belleau Wood

Memorial Day," said Sgt. Joseph W. Wooden, a squad leader with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

The 5th and 6th Marine Regiments are the only Marine units authorized to wear the French fourragère. These units were awarded the right to wear the decoration on their left shoulder as a result of being the only regiments in the American Expeditionary Force to receive the Croix de Guerre, an award for distinction in combat with the enemy, three times during the First World War.

"It's our history and lineage and it's important that we all take time on this day to remember the ones that came before us and shaped the way we are today," said Wooden, a Santa Ana, Calif., native.

Keeping with Memorial Day traditions, miniature American and French flags flew on each of the 2,039 known-buried, and 250 unknown whose remains are buried not identified, graves in the 42.5-acre cemetery. Inscribed in the Romanesque-style memorial chapel is a list of 1,060 names to remember the missing.

"94 years after the terrible fighting which united them in blood, American Marines and French soldiers find themselves once more at Belleau Wood to celebrate, through their unflinching brotherhood of arms, the powerful bonds of friendship which exists between our two countries," said Poch.

"Their sacrifice will always inspire the brotherhood which unites our two nations aiming at the same fate... To promote and to defend the values of liberty which unites us."

The Memorial Day celebration is an annual event that is hosted by the American Battle Monuments Commission at Aisne-Marne American Memorial Cemetery. The ABMC is the guardian of America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials that honor the service, achievements and sacrifices of the U.S. Armed Forces.

"It is not enough to pause and mark the graves here with flags and wreaths," Dunford added.

"If we truly want to honor those who fought and died here, each American and French citizen will leave here with renewed commitment to our nations and the values for which they stand. Each of us will leave here determined to serve our nation and our community in honor of those who have given their all."

**2012 SUMMER HOUSEHOLD GOODS PEAK SEASON PREPARATIONS**

The peak season for household moves is May 15 through Sept. 30. The Personal Property Office advise members that are moving to take the following actions:

1. Visit [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) and review the vast household goods move planning tools.
2. If the member has not done so, establish a [move.mil](http://move.mil) account.
3. If possible try to avoid scheduling your move around Memorial Day and two weeks after the Fourth of July, this seems to be the most difficult times for TSP's (Transportation Service Provider) to accommodate members requesting moving dates.
4. Once you are notified by your TSP, stay in contact with them.
5. If applicable, consider doing a PPM/DITY move.
6. If any damages occur, make sure the claim is filed within 75 days of your delivery date.
7. After your household goods are delivered, please fill out the Customer Service Survey.

Remember, planning, preparation, flexibility and communication are the key to executing a successful household goods move.

## DoD peak moving season is now

The summer months herald the busiest move season of the year as hundreds of thousands of Department of Defense (DoD) and military servicemen and women receive orders to new assignments across the nation and worldwide.

NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (GLS) Household Goods Assistant Program Manager Andrea Gergen advises those transferring to book their moves early. The period of May 15 and Aug. 31 is the annual peak move season, Gergen says.

Gergen advises that movers should give their household goods offices a minimum of three weeks lead time or more to initiate an effective, smoother move experience.

DoD and the military book an estimated 225,000 household goods shipments each summer, Gergen said. In addition to these moves, many federal civilian employees also choose to schedule their moves during the summer, since most schools are out of session and the relocation will be less disruptive for children.

Service members who are faced with trying to move during this bottleneck period might find themselves with fewer options if they wait too long to book a move date. Gergen suggested that families be flexible with their moving dates, plan ahead, and recognize that now is the time to get rid of unwanted items to reduce their shipment's weight.

"No one wants to get a bill for being overweight on their shipment," Gergen said.

Service members have two options for moving their household goods. They can choose a government arranged move, in which a contractor packs and ships their household goods, or they may perform a Personally Procured Move (PPM) formerly known as a "DITY" move, where the customer arranges to rent a truck or trailer, or uses their own vehicle to move their items.

For more information on either option and to start the move process, customers should go to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil).

For questions or concerns about moving customers may e-mail [householdgoods@navy.mil](mailto:householdgoods@navy.mil) for assistance or contact their local personal property shipping office.

-- From NAVSUP GLS Office of Corporate Communication

# Sale ... or

|   |  |   |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| <p><b>ELECTRONICS<br/>MUSICAL/COMPUTERS</b></p> <p><b>Klipsch Proedia 2.1 Speaker System</b> in used, working condition. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.</p> <p><b>EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p><b>AB Lounger Sport exerciser</b>, great condition and assembled. \$40 Call Willie (601) 479-4061.</p> <p><b>Brand New Treadmill</b> fully equipped. Asking \$400 firm. Great savings! Call (601) 681-4280.</p> <p><b>Chuck Norris Total Gym "XLS."</b> Call (601) 513-3495.</p> <p><b>BOATS/CAMPERS/TRAILERS</b></p> <p><b>Camper/F350 Package -- 1999 5th Wheel Imperial by Holiday Rambler 36SKT</b> standard or goose-neck hitch, new refrigerator/freezer, new leather swivel recliner chairs, 80 gallon fresh water tank, flat screen TV, microwave over with bent fan, three burner stove with oven, two air conditioners, owners are non-smokers! Asking \$16,165. <b>2003 F350 Duale Crew Cab</b> with Lariat Package, 135,000 miles complete maintenance record, 6 speed manual transmission, 7.3 liter turbo diesel, trailer pkg., tool box, non smokers. Will sell separately or discount both items as a package. Asking \$19,000 for F350. As a package: \$34,000. Call (601) 917-4545 or (601) 693-9292.</p> <p><b>2012 Cargomate 6x12x6 enclosed cargo trailer.</b> One month old, bought from a dealer, build date 8/18/2011. Rear barn doors, side door, interior light, spare tire, 3 month limited factory warranty. \$3200 OBO. Call (267) 414-4124.</p> <p><b>32-foot Mountaineer Travel Trailer</b>, tag-alone, 2 slides, excellent condition. Asking \$13,300. Call (251) 607-9536.</p> <p><b>1992 Sprint 276 Pro Bass Boat</b></p> | <p><b>Yamaha Pro V 150.</b> Runs great, ready to fish. Asking \$4,500. Call John at (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.</p> <p><b>Concession Trailer</b> (former CAT-FISH PLUS). Great operation for new power plant area. Negotiable terms. Call John at (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.</p> <p><b>2008 SKEETER ZX190, Bass Boat</b> -- Blue/White/Black Galaxy Hull with protective Keel Guard and Light Grey Interior. Powered by Yamaha 175 HPDI motor. Package includes: EZ Loader Trailer, Line Spooler, Hot foot/Pro Trim, tilt Steering, Hummingbird 767 w/GPS, Hummingbird 727 Bow Mount, Auto Bilge Switch, Safety Ladder, Bow Mounted 80 LB. thrust Minn Kota trolling motor and much more. Price \$29,500. Call: day (601) 604-2256, evening: (601) 483-5311.</p> <p><b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>NEW! White Queen Bed and Frame.</b> Asking \$175. Call (601) 513-3495.</p> <p><b>Sofa and love seat.</b> Dark blue microfiber material in great condition, 6 pillows included. Asking \$500 OB. <b>Coffee table and end table.</b> Asking \$120 OBO. Call (619) 512-6630.</p> <p><b>Solid Wood Oak top white high dining room table</b> with hideaway extension, and 4 white high top chairs. Six months old in perfect condition. \$650 call 601-513-3495.</p> <p><b>Wrought Iron Baker's Rake</b> for \$100 or OBO. If you would like to see a picture e-mail <a href="mailto:jason4heater@yahoo.com">jason4heater@yahoo.com</a> or call (601) 679-8372.</p> <p><b>Chocolate love seat with decorative pillows.</b> Asking \$280. In excellent condition with no tears or stains and comes from a smoke free home. Call Helena at (601) 485-1472.</p> <p><b>34" widescreen Trinitron Sony HDTV.</b> Remote &amp; Memory Card slot, works great. Asking \$150. Call (601) 621-4417.</p> | <p><b>Butterfly couch and chair</b> with the pillows. Asking \$500 set. Color is forest green. Call (417) 664-5420.</p> <p><b>Solid Cherry Wood Entertainment Center,</b> 7 1/2 foot tall. Holds up to a 40" TV. Beautiful piece of furniture -- Like New. Asking \$600. Call (601) 679-8052.</p> <p><b>NEW! 4 GOODYEAR WRANGLER TIRES</b> used, 265/70/17 still has lots of tread. Asking \$100. Call (601) 681-4280.</p> <p><b>NEW! '91 CHEVY Z71,</b> Rebuilt 350, transmission and a lot more, needs interior work, great toy or work truck. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Call (601) 679-3258 or (601) 681-4280.</p> <p><b>NEW! Four 37x12.50x16 Super Swamper Irok Radial tires and four-16x10 alum 8x170 rims.</b> Asking \$1000 firm. <b>6" Ford 99-03 Superduty lift springs.</b> Asking \$500. <b>Curt Class III trailer hitch</b> for Ford Super Duty. Asking \$100. Call Mike for details on each (601) 604-2170.</p> <p><b>NEW! 1995 Jeep Cherokee 4.0L</b> auto, 4x4 Blue Custom bumpers, roof rack, off road tires and lights. Asking \$4000. Call Mike at (601) 604-2170.</p> <p><b>NEW! 2005 Ford Ranger,</b> 136,000 miles, 3.0 v6 with 5 speed trans, 15" Dick Cepek rims with 31x12.5 Bridgestone Revo A/T, DUAL 7" touch screen DVD player with 2 Memphis 12's. Asking \$6500 call or text (601) 781-7189.</p> <p><b>NEW! 1984 Full-Size GMC Jimmy,</b> has 350 4-bolt main has less than 9,000 miles after rebuild, skyjacker lift, 35" pro comp M/T tires, electric water pump, cam, chrome, new Auburn locker in rear end, lots of performance parts. Asking \$3,000 call or text (601) 781-7189 MUST SEE! Too many extras to list.</p> <p><b>NEW! 2004 Corvette,</b> 77,000 miles, LS1-5.7 Liter SFI V8-350HP, Black exterior w/torch red interior trim,</p> | <p>transparent removable roof panel, Bose speaker and amplifier system. Asking \$19,000. Call (601) 737-4435 after 6pm.</p> <p><b>2004 Honda Civic EX,</b> 4 door, 36 miles per gallon, gray. Asking \$6,300. Call Groves at (601) 679-2589.</p> <p><b>NEW! 2006 Pontiac G6 GTP Coupe,</b> black, man 6 spd, heated leather, moonroof, SiriusXM radio, HID Xenon's, well maintained. 59k miles. Asking \$10,999 OBO. Call (601) 678-9177.</p> <p><b>2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser,</b> 48,000 miles. New compressor-cold A/C. Asking for Kelly Blue Book value: \$9,000 OBO. Call Rhett at (251) 300-0198 or (251) 422-0983.</p> <p><b>2003 Gold Chrysler,</b> 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) 679-2836 or (662) 803-9007.</p> <p><b>2005 Ford Explorer,</b> sunroof, leather interior, low mileage. Asking \$7,500 OBO. Call (601) 490-3905.</p> <p><b>20in Chrome rims and tires</b> (Toyo Proxy-295/45R/20), 6 lug. Only 10k miles. Asking \$750. Call (757) 814-9739 or (601) 479-3446.</p> <p><b>MOTORCYCLES/GEAR/ATV</b></p> <p><b>NEW ITEM! 2007 Yamaha Vstar 1300</b> Tourer/Silver and Grey two tone paint. 23k miles, new tires, recent service with records and many extras. Averages 49 mpg. Asking \$7000 OBO. Pics available upon request. Call Mike at (601) 604-2170.</p> <p><b>2007 Suzuki Eiger 400 ATV,</b> 4x4, auto trans, wench, garage kept excellent condition, low miles. Also, 6x10 utility trailer with spare tire and mount. Asking \$13,000 for both. Call Jerry at 601-513-2624.</p> <p><b>1981 Kawasaki KZ440LTD motorcycle,</b> 22k miles. Asking \$1500.</p> | <p>Call (601) 457-8915.</p> <p><b>2008 Suzuki Boulevard T-50.</b> 10600 Miles, leather touring bags, floor boards, shield, various helmets, garage kept, synthetic oil since new, new tires with sale. Asking \$4,500. Call John (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.</p> <p><b>4-wheeler</b> for sale. Asking \$800. Call (601) 483-3801.</p> <p><b>HOMES/APARTMENTS</b></p> <p><b>For Sale:</b> 2389 sqft 4 BR/2 BA brick home just off North Hills St on a less traveled path. Kitchen has been nicely updated and is open to the breakfast area and family room. There's a great backyard with plenty of play room. Call Carla at (601) 678-6165.</p> <p><b>For Sale:</b> Home located 20 minutes from NAS Meridian, 3 BR/2 BA home located in the Poplar Springs school district. Home also has a finished basement with full living area, sunroom, and deck, 1 car garage and nice backyard. Must see! Call (601) 490-3905 great deal!</p> <p><b>For Sale</b> in excellent Meridian neighborhood. Call Alita at (602) 513-4787.</p> <p><b>For Sale by Owner:</b> 3 BR/2 full BA, nice kitchen with breakfast nook, formal living room and dining room, 1860 sq. ft., view of main lake at private community of Dalewood Lake in Lauderdale, 2 car garage, situated on 3 beautiful fenced lots, large front porch, deck, double French door lead to back court yard. 12 miles to NAS Meridian. Can provide picture with email request to: <a href="mailto:pardis-ekw@yahoo.com">pardis-ekw@yahoo.com</a>. Call (601) 479-9713 or (601) 679-3517.</p> <p><b>TOOLS</b></p> <p><b>NEW! Craftsman self-propelled lawn mower.</b> Honda engine; bag; used very little. \$400 new, will sell for \$250. Call (601) 616-0947.</p> | <p><b>NEW! Snapper Rear Engine Riding Lawn Mower</b> - Model SR1433 - 33 inch cut, mulching kit, one owner, excellent condition, full serviced Every Year. Call (601) 513-0324.</p> <p><b>Craftsman Contractor Series Radial Arm Saw</b> with stand, asking \$200. Call (601) 679-9972.</p> <p><b>Craftsman 10" compound miter saw.</b> Works great. \$40. Call (757) 412-9411. Leave message.</p> <p><b>10hp generator</b> for sale used very little. Asking \$450. Call (601) 323-1003.</p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>10 month old Maltese Poodle mix puppy,</b> spayed female, med records, 8 pounds. Can email pics. Serious inquiries only. Fenced yard preferred. Asking \$150 Call (601) 880-3819.</p> <p><b>Lab Puppies</b> -- AKC registered have first shots and ready to pick up April 1, mother and father onsite. Asking \$300 each. Call Ann at (601) 480-4134.</p> <p><b>Wedding dress</b> size 8 and veil for sale. If interested please call 601-938-0182.</p> <p><b>Golf Taylormade Driver R9 \$150; Bobby Jones Workshop Edition Driver \$70</b> -- all in like new condition. Call (601) 679-2022.</p> <p><b>5x5x4 fenced kennel.</b> Asking \$150. Call Tamra at (601) 479-7902.</p> <p><b>WANTED TO BUY</b></p> <p><b>Motorcycles</b> any size any condition, will pay above salvage price. Also have a large selection of good used parts for sale. Call (601) 938-4295 anytime.</p> <p><b>If you wish to add or remove an item from "Sale...or" please send your request to <a href="mailto:penny.randall@navy.mil">penny.randall@navy.mil</a> or call (601) 679-2809. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before publication.</b></p> |
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# NAS Meridian, MS • Morale, Welfare and Recreation

On the Web: [www.enl.navy.mil/meridian](http://www.enl.navy.mil/meridian)

## Facility Phone Numbers

|                |          |               |          |                  |          |
|----------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Fitness Center | 678-2379 | The Outpost   | 678-2808 | CCDCDH           | 678-2862 |
| All Hands Pool | 678-2470 | Library       | 678-2826 | SAC              | 678-2872 |
| Liberty Center | 678-2780 | Postmaster    | 678-2838 | SLO              | 678-2473 |
| ITT            | 678-2773 | Smoking Grill | 678-2780 | P.C. Golf Course | 678-2828 |
| McCain Rec Ctr | 678-2581 | Moody's Diner | 678-2851 | MWR Admin.       | 678-2891 |

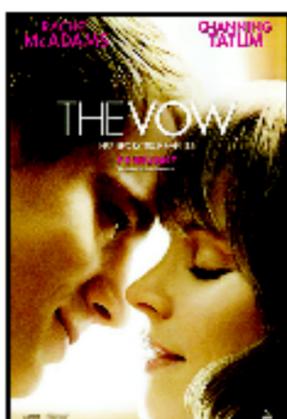


## McCain Rec Center

### Bowling Specials

- June**  
**SUNDAY**  
 FAMILY SPECIAL, All Day  
**MONDAY**  
 NTC/MATS/SG1 STUDENT SPECIAL, 5-9pm  
**THURSDAY**  
 RCTA SPECIAL, 4:30-8pm  
**FRIDAY**  
 Colored Head Pin Night, June 1, 15, 29  
 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament, June 5 & 22, \$10 entry fee, sign up by 8pm.  
**SATURDAY**  
 Black Light Bowling, 7pm-Close.

Scheduled movie premieres at McCain Rec Center. Admission is FREE!



Rated PG13  
06/07/12 • 6pm

A Thousand Words  
Rated PG13  
06/08/12 • 1pm

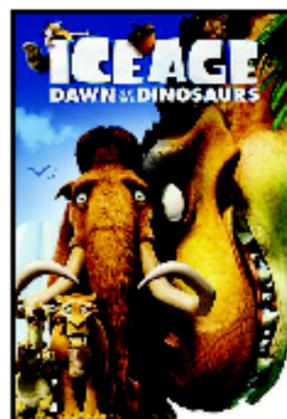
Silent House  
Rated R  
06/12/12 • 6pm

Gone  
Rated PG13  
08/13/12 • 6pm

21 Jump Street  
Rated R  
06/14/12 • 6pm

## Monday Matinees

There are two scheduled movies every Monday for dependent children. The movies will be shown starting at 1pm. The second movie will start after the first has concluded. Popcorn is also available.



Rated PG  
06/11/12 • 1pm

How to Train Your Dragon  
Rated PG  
06/11/12



Rated PG  
06/18/12 • 1pm

Bedtime Stories  
Rated PG  
06/18/12

# Freedom Fest '12

## June 29

### 1700-2100

Across From Admin 255

Enjoy food, beverages, inflatables, extreme rides and more!

Live Performance by Natalie Stovall

Fireworks By Pyro Shows

\*No Federal endorsement is implied.

## Senior Two Person Scramble

June 12, 2012  
 27 Holes • Shotgun start at 9am  
 • \$46 per player • Includes Cart Fee, Lunch & Beverages  
 For more info call (801) 679-2528.



## LIBERTY

MWR NAS Meridian, MS

The following are events scheduled for single and unaccompanied active duty military aboard NAS Meridian. For info call (801) 679-3760.

**Thursday, June 7**  
**Double Elimination Pool Tournament**  
 The tournament begins at 7pm in the Liberty Center. No entry fee - prize awarded to the winner.

**Saturday, June 9**  
**Six Flags Trip**  
 Get on board with the Atlanta, GA Six Flags trip! We leave the Liberty parking lot at 4am. The cost is \$80 per person. You must register & pay for the trip by Wednesday, June 6. A minimum of 20 people is needed for the trip to run - NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).

**Sunday, June 10**  
**Floating Cinema**  
 Join Liberty at the pool for an outdoor movie while you float in the water to stay cool. Free food and beverages are available before the movie while supplies last. Food will be served at 6pm and the movie will begin at 7pm.

**Monday, June 11**  
**Water Slide Day**  
 A water slide will be set up outside of the Liberty Center from 8:30-7:30pm for you to enjoy some refreshing fun.

**Tuesday, June 12**  
**BINGO Night**  
 Games begin at 7pm. Prize awarded to the winners.

**Thursday, June 14**  
**Jello Eating Contest**  
 Jello, whip cream and sprinkles... Oh My! Crazy, silly fun in the Liberty Center at 7pm.

**Saturday, June 16**  
**Geyser Falls Trip**  
 Beat the heat by plunging into cool water and having fun in the sun! We leave the Liberty parking lot at 11am. The cost is \$50 per person. You must register & pay for the trip by Wednesday, June 13. A minimum of 20 people is needed for the trip to run - NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).

**Sunday, June 17**  
**Dog Day Sunday**  
**FREE** hotdogs, chips, beans & cookies served at 1pm in the Liberty Center.

**Monday, June 18**  
**Double Elimination Pool Tournament**  
 The tournament begins at 7pm in the Liberty Center. No entry fee - prize awarded to the winner.

**Tuesday, June 19**  
**Liberty Bowl**  
**FREE** bowling to all Liberty patronage at the McCain Recreation Center from 6 - 8:30pm.

## Captain's Cup Golf Standings

|              | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|
| Public Works | 4 | 0 |
| VT-7         | 3 | 1 |
| Air Ops      | 2 | 2 |
| Fidelity     | 1 | 3 |
| MATSS-1      | 0 | 4 |

\* Standings as of June 4, 2012.

## Captain's Cup Softball Standings

|               | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Public Works  | 7 | 0 |
| Field Support | 5 | 1 |
| Air Ops       | 5 | 2 |
| Sluggers      | 4 | 2 |
| Devil Dawgs   | 2 | 6 |
| Eagles        | 2 | 5 |
| Devil Pups    | 1 | 5 |
| Tigers        | 1 | 7 |

\* Standings as of May 26, 2012.

## MWR Aquatics

### Swim Lessons

All swim lessons will take place Tuesday-Friday. There will be two classes daily from 9-9:45am & 10:10-10:45am.  
 Sess. 2: June 10-29 Sess. 3: July 10-20  
 \*For more information regarding private swim lessons, contact Lea Cook at (801) 679-2378.

### Water Aerobics & Lap Swim

Lunch Lap Swim takes place M-F from 11am-1pm.  
 Water Aerobics take place M,W,F from 12:15-1pm.

All Hands Pool Hours Of Operation Monday-Closed  
 Tue.-Fri.: Noon-6pm  
 Sat., Sun. & Holidays: Noon-6pm  
 For more info call (801) 679-2378.

## Andrew Triplett Library

Some services offered:

- Story Time/Ages 2-6
- NY Times Bestsellers
- Over 20 Magazines
- Daily Newspapers
- Navy Reading List Books
- TV/Lounge Area
- Six Free Computers
- Copy/Fax Service
- Free Wi-Fi
- Conference Room

For more info call (801) 679-2326.

## Now Available!

# ITT

Six Flags Over Georgia & Geyser Falls tickets now available at the ITT Office!



**SUMMER JOB FAIR**  
 Job fair attendees gather information about Summer Employment at the School Age Care Center during the Teen Summer Job Fair held outside of Admin 255 on Thursday, May 24, 2012. Participants in the job fair were Meridian Community College, East MSJ, Community College, Navy Fed. Credit Union, Fleet and Family Service Center and the NAS Meridian School Liaison Officer.  
 Photo by Beth Davis/MWR Marketing Manager



**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
 Above, Joyce R. Gaseo is recognized by Chief Baldwin, MWR Director, for 25 Years of Service to the Government of the United States of America. Below, Dorothy A. Hudnell is also recognized by MWR Director Chad Baldwin for 25 years of service as well. Both Gaseo and Hudnell received their awards on June 1, 2012.  
 Photo by Beth Davis/MWR Marketing Manager

## Events

Monday- Miller Madness Monday  
 Tuesday- Karaoke Night  
 Wednesday- Import Beer Night  
 Thursday- Ladies' Night  
 Saturday- MLB with Beer Special



## Sonny Montgomery Fitness Center Complex

**Personal Trainer**  
 Now available at the Fitness Center. Begins at 5:30am Monday-Saturday. Call (601) 679-2379 for info.

**Massage Therapy**  
 Rates start at only \$35 for a 1/2 hour massage. Call (601) 679-2379 today to schedule your appointment!

## Group Exercise Schedule

**Monday**  
 Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am  
 Self Defense with Dawg @ 6pm

**Tuesday**  
 Spin with Shannon @ 11:30am

**Wednesday**  
 Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am

**Self Defense with Dawg @ 6pm**

**Thursday**  
 Spin with Shannon @ 11:30am

**Friday**  
 Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am

\*All group exercise classes are held in Bldg. 166 and are free.

# It's Your Turn...

This week we asked these Sailors and Marines who put on a new rank in the Spring advancement cycle, "What are your feelings about your new rank?"

By MC2 Casey Kyhl



**Sgt. Steven Emond**  
MATSS-1 Staff

"With advancement in rank comes more responsibility and I look forward to that."



**AC1 Zachary Cary**  
Air Traffic Controller

"I am excited for the challenges and responsibilities that come with being a first class. It feels great to have all of that hard work pay off."



**Cpl. Shauna Charette**  
MATSS-1 Staff

"As always I will strive to be a better leader and Marine, helping others be better leaders and Marines and working towards promotion to the next rank."



**ACCM Maurice Strickland**  
Air Operations

"I am on cloud nine. I want to thank everyone that had a hand in my advancement, especially the Sailors that work for me -- they truly made my job easy."



**ABE2 Brian Mosley**  
Field Support

"I worked hard and finally made it. It feels great!"

## Fleet & Family Support Center

### A Step Ahead: Getting ready to relocate as a military family

When you receive Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, you're bound to have mixed feelings. You're likely to be excited about the upcoming change and the chance to meet new people and see new places.

But you're also likely to feel stressed about the logistics of the move and about helping family members -- especially children and teenagers -- with the transition. Fortunately, there are steps you can take and resources available to help you make plans, stay organized, help your children -- and keep a step ahead while you move.

#### First steps and resources

Gaining a sense of control over your move can help ease the stress. Whether this is your first move or your 15th, it's a good idea to:

- Visit your current installation's relocation office for information to help you with the move. Your relocation office is located in your installation's Family Support Center, which you find by using the Military Installations online tool at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil). Select your installation, go to "Select a program or service" and select "Family Center."

- Tell your family about the move and create a "command center." This is a central location for the details -- including "to-do" lists -- that relate to your move. This is also the place to keep all of your important documents (orders, medical records, Powers of Attorney, wills, birth certificates, passports, statements for financial accounts). A large accordion-pleated binder works well for this. Even if you're keeping lists and other documents on your computer, be sure to make hard copies for your command center.

- Prioritize. Rather than trying to do it all at once, make an "A" list, a "B" list, and a "C" list, depending on what needs to be done first. This can help you focus on the "deal-breakers" -- what's most important to get done.

- Create a budget for your move. You can use the relocation budget planner found on the Military HOMEFRONT Moving Section at [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving).

- Once you have orders in hand, contact your installation's Transportation Management Office (TMO) to learn how to set up your move. You will probably be instructed to create an account online at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) to manage the shipment and storage of your household goods and other personal property. You can find the Transportation Management Office using the Military Installations tool online at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil) and clicking on "Household Goods/Transportation Office."

- Contact the housing office at your destination installation. The housing office can help you explore temporary and permanent housing options. You might also visit the Department of Defense-sponsored Automated Housing Referral Network at [www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com) to help you secure housing off the installation. Find out about the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for off-installation housing at [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html).

- Create an account on Plan My Move. This tool allows you to create a customized plan and calendar to help you make a smooth transition.

- Learn about your new state and installation. The Military Installations online tool at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil) has contact information, listings, photos, and articles about your new location.

- Connect with friends who have lived on your new

installation or are living there now. They'll be able to answer many of your questions from a first-hand perspective. Ask friends at your current installation for names of people they know at your new location.

- Find out about the new community. Check with your current installation's relocation office to find out if your new installation can send you a "welcome aboard" package. If you aren't near an installation now, call your new installation's relocation office. You can also:

- Find out about motor-vehicle related requirements in your new state. Most states have websites that outline licensing rules.

- Access the website for the Chamber of Commerce that serves your new town or area.

- See if your new town has a website by using the town and state as search terms.

- Use the Military OneSource Relocation Tool for statistics about your new community, including school performance, crime reports, salaries, cost of living, and more. You'll find the Relocation Tool in the "Moving and Relocation" category under the "Tools" tab on [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil).

- Go to the Citysearch site at [www.citysearch.com](http://www.citysearch.com) for more information about your new community,

including locations of the nearest ballparks and recreation areas.

- Prepare a list of important phone numbers and addresses to keep with you as you move and when you arrive at your new location. Plan My Move at [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving) will generate a list of important phone number that you'll need for your move. Be sure to include:

- The phone number and address of the nearest hospital (You can find this through [www.citysearch.com](http://www.citysearch.com), your town's website, through your Family Support Center, or under the Fast Facts article for your destination at Military Installations at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil).)

- The phone number of your new Family Support Center can be found at Military Installations at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil).

- The Military OneSource phone number: 1-800-342-9647.

- The phone number of the administrative office of your child's new school. Military Installations at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil) has direct links to DoD Schools worldwide.

#### U.S. Navy Fleet and Family support

Your Fleet and Family Support Center can give you personalized help related to your PCS move. You can also find general information related to Navy relocations at the Fleet and Family Support site, [www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC\\_HQ\\_Site/WhatWeDo/FleetandFamilyReadiness](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/WhatWeDo/FleetandFamilyReadiness). Follow the links under "Fleet and Family Support Program" and "Relocation Assistance."

#### U.S. Marine Corps Community Services

The Relocation Assistance Office at your Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) can help you with many details of your PCS move. You can also access the Marine Corps Community Services site at [www.usmcccs.org/rap/index.cfm](http://www.usmcccs.org/rap/index.cfm) for more relocation information.

● **Hurricane** were in command positions for that event.

As you go about your normal business of seeing to the effective and efficient execution of your assigned missions, I expect part of that normal business to be your routine engagement and down your chains-of-command, and horizontally with your peers in command, to ensure our hurricane preparations indeed had the desired outcomes and that we weren't simply going through the motions to no real effect.

To remind you of your duties and responsibilities, and of the impact to the fleet if we fail to properly carry out those duties. Below is a portion from the letter Admiral Nimitz sent to the Pacific Fleet following the December 1944 typhoon which resulted in the loss of three ships and 146 aircraft,

severe damage to nine more ships and the deaths of almost 800 Sailors.

From Admiral Nimitz' letter, "both seniors and juniors alike must realize that in bad weather, as in most other situations, safety and fatal hazard are not separated by any sharp boundary line, but shade gradually from one into the other. There is no little red light which is going to flash on and inform commanding officers or higher commanders that from then on there is extreme danger from the weather, and that measures for ships' safety must now take precedence over further efforts to keep up with the formation or to execute the assigned task. This time will always be a matter of personal judgment. Naturally no commander is going to cut thin the margin between staying afloat and foundering, but he may neverthe-

less unwittingly pass the danger point even though no ship is yet in extremis. Ships that keep on going as long as the severity of wind and sea has not yet come close to capsizing them or breaking them in two, may nevertheless become helpless to avoid these catastrophes later if things get worse. By then they may be unable to steer any heading but in the trough of the sea, or may have their steering control, lighting, communications, and main propulsion disabled, or may be helpless to secure things on deck or to jettison topside weights. The time for taking all measures for a ship's safety is while still able to do so. Nothing is more dangerous than for a seaman to be grudging in taking precautions lest they turn out to have been unnecessary. Safety at sea for a thousand years has depended on exactly the opposite philosophy."



## 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.

**IA Spouse Discussion Group: June 8 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!

**Communication Skills: June 11 from 9-10 a.m. or June 27 from 3-4 p.m.** Communication is powerful and directly affects our quality of life and relationships. Our ability to express what we think and feel without clouding our ability to listen and respect how others think and feel is the greatest factor of success in our work and home life. Yet, communication is an everyday activity that is easily taken for granted. This workshop helps people use the power of communication to strengthen relationships at work and at home by practicing skills that build effective two-way communication.

**Smooth Move: June 13 from 2-4 p.m.** This training provides valuable information to relocating service members and their families with Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders within the continental United States. Topics covered include an overview of the moving process, tips and techniques for coping, managing the move, moving with children, and resources available throughout the relocation process.

**Command Financial Specialist (CFS) Training: June 18-22 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Each command with at least 25 active duty service members is asked -- in accordance with OPNAVINST 1740.5B and SECNAVINST 1740.4 -- to select individuals to attend CFS Training. Commands are required to maintain a ratio of one CFS to every 75 active duty personnel. Current CFSes must attend CFS Training every three years to remain active. Only E6 and above service members are eligible to attend this training and serve as CFSes.

**Saving & Investing: June 28 from 9-10 a.m.** While money doesn't grow on trees, it does grow when you save and invest wisely. Knowing how to secure your financial well-being is one of the most important things you'll ever need to know in life. You don't have to be a financial genius to do it, you just need to know how to get started. No matter how much or little money you have, the important thing is to start!

## SOAR: Student Online Achievement Resources

The Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) and leaders in education and formative assessment have come together to ease the transition of military families and to provide resources to assist with the unique challenges military children face as we prepare them for a global future.

Military children now have access to SOAR (Student Online Achievement Resources). This online program provides students and parents the standards in all 50 states and DoD schools overseas. SOAR's focus is on math, reading, and language arts for students in grades 3-12. It helps parents manage their children's education with cutting edge technology.

Students can take a test on any of the state learning standards, receive immediate feedback, and be directed to a tutorial that will improve their skills, where needed. Parents can monitor the progress of their child from anywhere in the world. In addition parents are provided with resource materials that will assist their child in areas where they may need help.

SOAR is not a placement program. It is a program designed to help students and parents:

- ✓ Identify strengths and areas where students may need improvement
- ✓ Address the specific needs of a student
- ✓ Gain practice with remediation and enrichment resources
- ✓ Examine curriculum standards in any U.S. school district
- ✓ Utilize free ACT and SAT prep programs

Parents should go to <http://www.soarathome.org> to register their children and explore the parent resources. The tutorials are short, entertaining, and kid-friendly. They can be beneficial for anyone who may need a refresher on basic or advanced skills in math, reading, or language arts.

This article has been revised; the original content can be found on the Military Impacted Schools Association website: <http://militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org>.

For more information on Hurricane preparedness tips go to: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/>  
[www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)

# In pictures: USS Mississippi



Photos by Petty Officer 2nd Class Casey Kyhl



● **USS Mississippi**

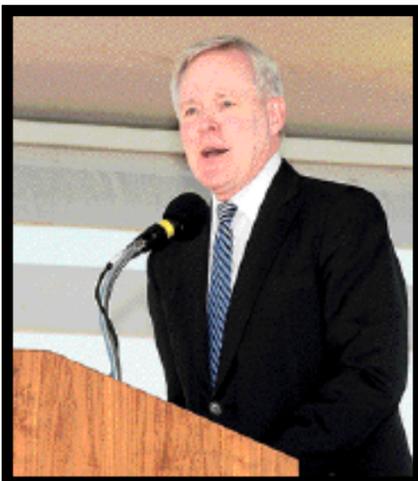
The highlight of the ceremony came when the ship's sponsor, Allison Stiller, spoke the traditional phrase, "Bring the ship to life!" which sent most of the Mississippi's crew running from the rear of the pier and onto the ship.

The submarine is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam, is able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots while submerged.

Capt. John McGrath, Mississippi's first commanding officer, leads a crew of about 140 officers and enlisted personnel.

"The ship is very much alive," McGrath said. "The crew is the reason our ship is here, ready to go, fast than any Virginia-class ship in history. Of course we could not have done this without our Navy wives and families. We are humbled by your love and support."

The submarine was delivered to the Navy more than a year early and under budget. It took only 62 months to build, a record for Virginia-class vessels.



## Plank Owner's Perspective – USS Mississippi (SSN 782)

*"I have always been a patriot. I have a lot of pride in my country, what it stands for, and the people who make it up. For me, service in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service is not just a job that happens to be really cool, but it is a great honor."*

Sonar Technician Submarines 1st Class  
Joshua Bordelon

A plankowner for the future USS Mississippi (SSN 782) and native of the state for which she is named, Sonar Technician 1st Class Joshua Bordelon is a third generation Sailor to serve in the U.S. Navy. His father served in the Submarine force and his grandfather served during the Korean War. A Sailor for more than 13 years, STS1 Bordelon talks about what it means to him to be serving aboard this new submarine. A ship whose pedigree includes a sidewheel frigate that saw action in the Civil War and a World War II battleship that earned eight battle stars.

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"I have often asked myself, 'What have I done to make the world a better place?' The answer has always eluded me. Until now. Sometimes we forget to see the forest through all the trees!"

**USS George C. Marshall**

"I joined the Navy in January 1999, and headed to boot camp in Great Lakes, IL. I had a dream of becoming a Submarine warrior like my father before me. From my earliest memories as a child, I have been around submarines. My dad served aboard the USS George C. Marshall and the USS Lewis and Clark. He also commissioned the USS Ohio, and the USS Tennessee, which is one of the many things we have in common."

"I always found submarines to be fascinating when I was young, and every tour my dad gave me of the boats he served on, may as well have been the Starship Enterprise. I always imagined what it would be like to submerge on one of these great warships. As I grew up, and

I moved into the world to make my own life, I decided that I wanted to continue my father's legacy and sail aboard ships that make way silently, beneath the waves, unseen!"

**USS Oklahoma City**

"I have always been a patriot. I have a lot of pride in my country, what it stands for, and the people who make it up. For me, service in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service is not just a job that happens to be really cool, but it is a great honor! As a third generation sailor, and one of many in a long standing family tradition of military service, I have the utmost respect for all who serve."

**PCU Mississippi**

My shipmates throughout my service on submarines are my brothers. I put my life on the line for them every day, and they do the same for me. It isn't possible to quantify level of professionalism and skill these men show on a daily basis and it has truly been an honor serving with every

one of them.

It is quite by accident that I found myself lucky enough to be a part of the commissioning crew of the future USS Mississippi. I transferred from the USS Oklahoma City, headed for the USS Alexandria. However, I was redirected to the boat named for my home state. This is the first boat I have commissioned, and for that boat to be the Mississippi, being commissioned in my hometown seems like such ridiculous odds, which is sometimes hard to believe.

"I believe everything happens for a reason, though, and I am extremely grateful to participate in this monumental milestone in the ship's life. I have always tried to be a good example and role model for my younger brothers, and my own children. I hope that being part of this special event is no different. Being a good sailor, and a good submariner is not just that. It is about being a great teacher, a great role model, a great father, a patriot, and a great human being. We perform our duty for the benefit of all."