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Historic Transfer of Authority for Seabees in Afghanistan



KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Brig. Gen. David L. Weeks, commander, 411th Engineer Brigade, Task Force Empire, exchanges salutes with Capt. Kathryn A. Donovan, commodore, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), and commander, Task Force Stethem, during a Transfer of Authority Ceremony, July 31. The ceremony marks a significant moment in Seabee history as the 22nd NCR will be the final regiment to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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Congratulations to all Navy Chief Petty Officer Selectees! Well Done!

Use Career Development Boards to improve advancement chances

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

With the release of Active-Duty Chief Petty Officer Selection Board results July 31, approximately 4,400 Sailors have embarked upon a rigorous induction season.

"While it is a high point for those Sailors selected for chief petty officer, the active and Reserve board's typically review records of more than 19,000 first class petty officers, which means a lot of Sailors will not be selected, and that is very disappointing to some Sailors," said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port. "The chain of command must communicate with those Sailors who did not get selected."

According to Port, command leadership should assist Sailors not selected by conducting a career development board (CDB). A CDB provides Sailors the opportunity to discuss their career progression, the health of their rating, and their short and long-term goals for the future.

"CDBs provide all enlisted Sailors the opportunity for optimal development of their professional skills, both military and technical, thereby enhancing unit readiness, job satisfaction and ultimately the retention and advancement of our Sailors," said Port.

Together, Sailors and their chain of command can review the Sailor's record and identify ways to improve competitiveness in the future.

"Leaders should look at what the Sailor can do to gain more authority and responsibility in their current position to become more competitive, discuss the health of their rating and of course make sure the Sailors accomplishments are properly documented in their record," Port said.

According to Port, it is equally important to consider those qualifications or milestones a Sailor should possess but potentially did not attain.

**You're Invited . . . National Night Out Block Party
Aug. 7, 6 - 8 p.m., Magnolia Place Community
Holloway Drive Pool House Lawn**

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"The process of electing our leadership is a fundamental building block upon which our constitution and our democracy are based; it is a right that our Sailors defend every day. As informed citizens and participants in the future of our country, every Sailor must consider it their responsibility to vote." ~ Vice Adm. Bill French, Commander, Navy Installations Command and U.S. Navy Senior Service Voting Representative

As our service members fight for democracy around the world on battlefields in nations where many have never had the right to decide their leaders, Americans across the nation are preparing for the 2012 federal election season.

Since 1986, through the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), military members and their dependents can register and vote in Federal and State elections via absentee ballots in all states and territories where they maintain their legal residence. All military members should make it a priority to take note of that right and ensure their vote is counted by taking the proper steps to register and vote via absentee ballot.

Voting Facts and Figures

~ Voting is a constitutional right that American citizens 18 years and older can freely exercise. The

FVAP and Navy Voting Assistance Program ensure members receive timely and accurate information on state and federal elections and the absentee voting process.

~ The 2012 election cycle will include the office of the President, 33 Senate seats, 435 Representative seats, and many state and local offices.

~ Every absentee ballot is counted, regardless of the election margin. Many elections are decided within the margin of absentee voters.

~ In 2000, Florida's electoral votes for President were decided by 537 votes.

~ UOCAVA covers over 6 million potential voters worldwide. ~ About 70 percent of the 1.4 million active duty military members voted in 2000 compared with about 51 percent of the general public.

How to Register to Vote and Request an Absentee Ballot
 Voters can request an absentee ballot and register to vote by completing a single form—the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA, aka SF-76). The FPCA should be submitted in January of each year and every time a voter changes address or at least 90 days prior to the election.

The easiest way to complete the FPCA is by visiting www.fvap.gov and using the navigation wizard that will automatically incorporate



State-specific requirements. The wizard will create a completed form and postage paid and addressed envelope template that can be printed and mailed. The FPCA may also be completed by hand, using the Voting Assistance Guide. If a service member has not received his/her absentee ballot within 30 days of election, they should use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, as a backup ballot.

The Voting Action Officer is the service member's best and nearest resource within the chain of command to assist in the absentee voting process.

Navy Voting Assistance Program and its Voting Action Officers (VAOs) are critical to a successful Voting As-

sistance Program. Their job is to provide voting expertise within the command and to increase voting awareness. Specific responsibilities are outlined in the Navy Voting Assistance Program Instruction, OPNAVINST 1742.1B. Commands are required to maintain current contact information in the Voting Information Management System, as outlined in NAVADMIN 335/11 (071339Z NOV11). VAOs can find all of the information needed to administer a successful Voting Assistance Program at www.fvap.gov or by contacting the Navy Voting Action Officer (VAO) at vote@navy.mil.

Those who are unsure of the identity of their VAO should contact their command legal representative for assistance.

See Something Wrong, Do Something Right!

NCIS has two new anonymous ways to report crimes or suspicious behavior with the use of discreet and secure online or texting tip lines.

To report information by Cell text:

1. Text "NCIS" to the short code 274637 (CRIMES) from any cell or smart phone.
2. Receive a response, for example: "Your alias is: S2U5 Call 911 if urgent! If replies put you at risk, text "STOP"
3. Begin dialogue

To report information Online:

1. Go to www.NCIS.navy.mil, click on the "Report a Crime" tab and select the icon for "text and Web tip Hotline."

There is a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest or apprehension.



Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline Information

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904- 542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE_HOT-LINE@navy.mil.

Gulf Coast Heart Walk



The 2012 Gulf Coast Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Jones Park in Gulfport and is the primary fundraising event for the American Heart Association. This non-competitive 5k walk/run begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes family friendly activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a whole lot of fun. Money raised at the Heart Walk is used to fund critical research, education, and interventions used to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. NCBC has a long history of supporting this walk through participation and volunteers. Volunteers can help by forming a walk/run team by registering at www.gulfcoastheartwalk.org or consider volunteering for set up (9/28/12) and tear down (9/29/12) of the Heart Walk event. Fund raising is the ultimate goal of the event, but is not required to participate in the walk/run. You can also register your team at the NCBC's group page <http://gulfcoastheartwalk.kintera.org/ncbc>. Click "create new team" under the "Action" column at the bottom of the page. For more information, contact Lt. Kevin Westbrook, 228-871-2906 or kevin.westbrook@navy.mil.

Buzz on the Street



By **CECN Lucinda Moise**
NCBC Public Affairs

What do you enjoy most about your job?



"I like how the children are always so affectionate and when they see you outside of work they get all excited and come running to you."

Tamera Johnson

Child Development Center
Hometown: Bare Grass, N.C.



"I like the fact that no day is the same and we are in a great position to make a difference."

Darrin Hill

NCBC Fire Department
Hometown: Long Beach, Calif.



"What I like most is that I'm doing my part to support the military, and the fact that I truly love what I do."

Susan Steady

CBC Dental Clinic
Hometown: Albertville, Ala.

Around the Center



Eddy Long, a motorcycle instructor for the Military Sport Bike Rider Course, teaches students how to properly maneuver around and through the obstacles set up on the grinder on board NCBC, July 27. The Military Sport Bike Rider Course is given once a month and active duty military, retiree or family members can register. The Beginner Rider Course is a prerequisite for this course. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Sabrina Reynolds and her daughter, **Aya**, shop in the Navy Exchange (NEX) on board NCBC, July 30. Military members, retirees and family members are eligible to shop at the NEX. The NEX is open Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)



Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson (center), commander Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, toured NCBC Gulfport, July 23. While on board NCBC, Tillotson visited Contingency Construction Crew Training (CCCT), R436 Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE) yard and the Tech Trainer project site. Tillotson also met with key leadership who showcased Seabee projects at CCCT, explained the maintenance of CESE at R436 and showed the contingency construction currently on deck to train active duty and reservists units. (U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Lucinda L. Moise/Released)

Health Watch:

Hydrate or Die



By HM3 William Lowery
NBHC Gulfport

Every year in the United States, hundreds of people die and thousands more are hospitalized for heat related injuries. Here at CBC Gulfport we live and work in an area where high temperatures are compounded by high humidity. So far, this year has been the hottest year in U.S. history since temperatures began being recorded in the late 1800s. In the Navy many of us work outdoors and practically all of us exercise outside at some point. While we work or workout, it is increasingly important to remain hydrated and stay alert for signs and symptoms of heat related injuries. Doing so can save a life – maybe even your own!

If you are waiting to drink water until you are thirsty, you've waited too long. The average human body is made up of about 60-70 percent water. Every single system in our body requires water to function properly, yet approximately 75 percent of Americans are "chronically dehydrated." When you consider that this condition is 100 percent preventable, one would wonder why more awareness isn't raised on the issue.

Studies show that most school-aged children do not drink ANY water during a seven hour school day. Often people believe that hydrating would include the drinking of any fluids, regardless of the content of those fluids or their affects on the body. Nothing could be further from the truth. While most people know that alcoholic beverages dehydrate you, many people still don't realize that some of their favorite "morning" drinks such as coffee and tea do the same

thing. Like all caffeinated drinks (yes that includes Mountain Dew and Energy drinks), coffee and tea are diuretics which increase the rate at which urine is produced and excreted. This means that not only do they deplete the body of water but also electrolytes, which can lead to cramping, heat exhaustion, and in more serious cases, death. In effect, you MUST drink water (in increasing quantities as physical output increases), and there is NO water alternative.

Sometimes, despite all the warnings from corpsmen and all the Power Points we've had to sit through, we still fail to hydrate and take other heat safety precautions. When this happens, we find ourselves experiencing those uncomfortable (and often deadly) symptoms the corpsmen warned us about. If you notice yourself or a shipmate cramping, nauseous, dizzy, or exhibiting signs of unusual confusion or anxiety, the individual may be experiencing heat exhaustion. If you suspect heat exhaustion, IMMEDIATELY move the victim to shade and/or an air conditioned area and have them sit down. Remove any clothing you can (while maintaining the victim's modesty), and give the victim cool water to drink. You can also spray them with cool water or place cold compresses on the back of their neck, on their head, in their armpits, or even the groin area to cool them faster.

If heat exhaustion is left untreated it can easily progress to heat stroke, though a victim can suffer heat stroke without first showing signs of heat exhaustion. When a victim experiences heat stroke, their body heats to the

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An artistic rendering of the new medical clinic replacement at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. The \$19 million facility will be constructed by Satterfield and Pontikes Construction, Inc., of Austin, Texas. Work for this project is expected to be completed by August 2014. (Artistic rendering courtesy of NAVFAC)

NAVFAC awards \$19 million contract for Medical/Dental Clinic replacement on NCBC

By Sue Brink
NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$19 million contract July 25 to Satterfield and Pontikes Construction, Inc., of Austin, Texas, for construction of the medical clinic replacement at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

"This new medical clinic will provide much needed space to

right size treatment areas and adjacent clinical functions with 21st century medical standards," said Lt. Cmdr. Phyllis Walls, senior nurse at the Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) in Gulfport.

The work to be performed provides for the construction of a new branch clinic patient care facility, which includes a medical clinic and a dental clinic.

"This provides the last piece

in the Medical Home Port Model for NBHC Gulfport and co-locates all medical disciplines under the same roof, making it easier for our beneficiaries," said Walls.

Buildings 295 and 369, and the existing car wash located on the project site will be demolished as part of this project. A new car wash will be designed at a new location.

The project is expected to be completed by August 2014.

Feds feed families, the annual DoD food drive, is happening through September. Most wanted items include canned fruits, vegetables, multi-grain cereal, canned proteins, soups, grains, condiments, 100 percent juice, baking goods, snacks, hygiene items and paper products. NCBC food donation drop off locations are battalion building spaces, CBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. For more information, contact the Chapel at 228-871-2454.



NCTC Gulfport celebrates 45th Anniversary

By Susan E. Lester

Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Public Affairs Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) in Gulfport celebrated its 45th anniversary July 13 and honored its first-ever commanding officer during a Tri-Service (Navy, Air Force, and Army) ceremony. Retired Capt. Joseph Brian Leap commissioned the command as Naval Construction Training Unit (NCTU) Gulfport in 1967, and was honored by NCTC's current and 24th Commanding Officer, Cmdr. William Whitmire with the presentation of the command pennant. Leap then shared the story of how the schoolhouse came to be in Gulfport.

"It was a privilege for me to visit with today's Seabees as well as their comrades in the Army and Air Force undergoing training at NCTC," said Leap. "To say the schoolhouse has changed would be the understatement of the year. Remember, when NCTU Gulfport was commissioned, all facilities were World War II vintage. I believe the quality of instruction has vastly improved and the facilities are outstanding."

Following the ceremony, Whitmire and staff led Leap on a tour of NCTC's modern training

facilities. Leap engaged students, instructors and staff in discussions on how Seabee training has evolved and told stories about life at NCTU Gulfport during the Vietnam era. When Leap initially took command, there were no "A" or "C" school courses, just Recruit Training and a few Special Construction Battalion Training (SCBT) courses. The current Seabee Technical Training Reset initiative calls for the sun-downing of the majority of those original SCBT courses over the course of the next several years.

What impressed Leap the most was the military bearing and professionalism of the NCTC Gulfport staff. It touched him greatly to see how what began 45 years ago as a quick-response program that recruited construction workers from private industry through the Direct Procurement Petty Officer Program, continued to evolve into a technically competitive training program that is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE).

"Although I was the guest, it was the men and women undergoing the skill training that should be honored," added Leap. "To serve their country in such a meaningful fashion is a

tribute to their commitment. To all, I say: Keep up the great work."

When NCTU Gulfport was commissioned July 13, 1967 the unit's mission was to train direct-procurement petty officers for the Naval Construction Force (NCF) in preparation of the Vietnam War. In early 1968, the activity's mission expanded to include training personnel assigned to battalions homeported in Gulfport as well as the majority of the Reserve Naval Construction Force in the requisite construction skills that battalions need to execute their mission. An array of six formal courses was initiated in late 1968, the first of which was the Construction Mechanic "C" School course, Automatic Transmissions.

Over the years, NCTC Gulfport prospered and went through various name changes. As the command's mission grew, so did its prestige. The first four commanding officers, starting with then Lt. Leap, were commanding officers of NCTU, Gulfport. The name of the school changed to NCTC, and over time the commanding officer billets changed as well. The first was a lieutenant, the second through eighth were lieutenant com-



Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE) Learning Site Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Gulfport's first Commanding Officer, retired Navy Captain Brian Leap, was awarded the NCTC pennant in celebration of the command's 45th anniversary. Since 1967, NCTC Gulfport has provided critical support to the Navy's Construction Force. NCTC Gulfport provides top notch training to more than 7,000 Soldiers Sailors and Airmen annually. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

manders, and the remaining 16 were commanders.

"Even here in Gulfport, where history and tradition are ingrained in our culture, Capt. Leap, 45 years later, managed to reawaken a facet of our own history," said Whitmire as he expressed his appreciation for Leap. "Although we haven't historically celebrated the anniversary of NCTC's commissioning, that changed when Capt. Leap

came to visit. This command has a long and proud history of training Seabees, and we owe it to ourselves and the thousands of men and women who came before us to celebrate that history on our birthday – every year."

For more information on the Naval Construction Training Center, visit the NCTC website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cse/gulfport/>.

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Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Anchors and Eagles Parking Lot

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22NCR transfers authority in Afghanistan

By YN3 Travis J. Pawlikowski
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Seabees assigned to the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), Task Force Stethem, took part in a Transfer of Authority ceremony at Kandahar Air Field with the U.S. Army's 411th Engineer Brigade, Task Force Empire, July 31.

The ceremony signals the end of a six month deployment in Afghanistan for Sailors of the 22nd NCR. More importantly, it marks a historic moment in Seabee history, because the 22nd NCR will be the final regiment to have deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit deployed as Task Force Stethem in honor of Steelworker 2nd Class (Diver) Robert Dean

Stethem. In June 1985, Stethem was aboard TWA Flight 847 when it was hijacked by Hezbollah terrorists. When their demands were not met, Stethem was targeted as a member of the U.S. military, and was tortured, then killed.

Stethem was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, as he exemplified the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment, sacrificing his life to save the lives of the other passengers onboard.

The off-ramping of the unit is part of the surge recovery efforts to reduce U.S. forces in the theater as NATO continues to transition control of the country to the Afghans.

While units will continue the mission of Task Force Stethem, its

presence will certainly be missed in Afghanistan.

"The joint engineer force of Task Force Stethem demonstrated unflinching fortitude and dauntless courage while executing vital freedom of maneuver projects, force protection measures, water wells, bridges, and tactical infrastructure builds to enhance combat power, command and control, and survivability for coalition forces combating insurgents in southern and western Afghanistan," said Capt. Kathryn A. Donovan, commodore of the 22nd NCR and Commander of Task Force Stethem.

"The enduring impact of these operations tangibly enabled three Regional Commands across Afghanistan to execute their counter insurgency missions and

directly contributed to accomplishing strategic objectives."

One of the most notable accomplishments of the Regiment involved a partnership with the U.S. Air Force's 443rd Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron. Together, the Navy and Air Force trained and instructed Afghan engineers assigned Kandahar Airfield and the 205th Corp of the Afghan National Army.

"It was a great mission to be a part of, knowing that you helped not only U.S. troops, but the local citizens as well," said Constructionman Electrician 2nd Class Joshua Murphy, a Seabee with the 22nd NCR. "It's a bittersweet moment though, after ten years of a regiment being deployed, knowing you're the last one and all of the



good you have accomplished here."

The 22nd NCR deployed to the Combined Joint Operations Area - Afghanistan from its homeport in Gulfport, Jan. 29, to provide command and control oversight of engineer construction effects across three regional commands in the country.

NMCB 74 holds change of command in Okinawa

By MC2 (SCW) Michael Lindsey
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

On July 25, the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 completed a change of command ceremony on board Camp Shields, Okinawa. During the ceremony, Cmdr. David McAlister assumed command of the battalion, which is currently deployed to the Pacific, from Cmdr. Richard Hayes, III.

Capt. Rodney M. Moore, Commander of 30th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), was the guest speaker for the event and gave much praise to Hayes for his outstanding leadership.

"For the past two years, Cmdr. Hayes has performed brilliantly," said Moore. "He completes his command tour with sustained superior performance and leaves behind a legacy of new leaders ready for the next challenge."

During Hayes' command, NMCB 74 deployed throughout Europe and Africa from December 2010 to August 2011.

During the deployment the battalion completed 54 projects totaling more than 39,000 man-days in eleven countries



Capt. Rodney M. Moore, commanding officer of 30th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), pins the command ashore pin to Cmdr. David McAlister who has assumed command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 during a change of command ceremony held on Camp Shields, Okinawa. McAlister, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., assumed command of NMCB 74 from Cmdr. Richard Hayes, III during the ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)

which enhanced the operational capabilities of numerous Supported Commanders across Europe and Africa.

In between readiness exercises NMCB 74 Seabees were at work drilling water wells, building medical clinics, renovating piers and working hand-in hand with allied forces and local nationals as well as con-

duct disaster relief operations in response to the 7.6 magnitude Kashmir Earthquake in Pakistan, all the while coping with aftermath of Hurricane Katrina back home in Mississippi.

"It is great to have the Fearless Seabees of NMCB 74 deployed back to the Pacific . . . things have changed over the last seven years and there has been a strategic pivot by our nation's leadership in response to the nations changing environment," said Moore. "Cmdr. McAlister is no stranger to the 30NCR or its area of operations and he brings a wealth of operational experience, talent and passion for the Seabees."

Before turning the battalion over, Hayes addressed his Seabees one last time as their commanding officer and thanked them for their hard work that led to the battalion's success.

"I will forever treasure the time I have had as your commanding officer. I have cherished every single day and without a doubt, this has been by far my most rewarding tour," exclaimed Hayes. "You made it so. Each and everyone

of you holds my great pride, total trust, loyalty, respect and lasting admiration. Thank you so much for what you do every day."

After having received the battalion colors from Hayes, McAlister gave his first address as commanding officer to the Seabees of NMCB 74. He praised them for their previous accomplishments and expressed his desire to lead them into the future.

"I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to command this exceptional unit. This battalion has participated in major combat operations since World War II and has excelled at disaster recovery, humanitarian assistance, theater security cooperation and expeditionary engineering operations around the world . . . as we operate forward in the Pacific, we must succeed in the present and enhance ongoing engagement opportunities and we must always prepare for the future and stand ready to respond wherever and whenever we may be called upon."

Hayes' next assignment is as the Public Works Officer of Naval Station Norfolk, Va.



Doraliz Rodriguez is an employee at a dispatch station in the Navy Region Southeast Regional Dispatch Center. The Region Dispatch Center received a Special Achievement Award at the Economic and Social Research Institute International User Conference in San Diego July 25. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released)

Region Dispatch Center receives special achievement award

By **MC1 (SW) Greg Johnson**
Region Southeast Public Affairs

The Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) Regional Dispatch Center (RDC) received a Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Award at the Economic and Social Research Institute International User Conference in San Diego July 25.

The awards are given annually to organizations that demonstrate vision, leadership, hard work and innovative use of GIS technology, Esri President Jack Dangermond said.

"Each year, the awards highlight extraordinary achievements and efforts to improve our world. At Esri, we are always deeply impressed with the innovation of our users. This recognition is well deserved for how they've applied geospatial technology to address the needs of their industries and communities," he said.

In 2008, the RDC became one of the first dispatch centers in the Navy to use Esri ArcGIS technology to facilitate effective and efficient dispatching of emergency first responders. With ArcGIS, emergency calls are received at the RDC, where a location-based GIS system pinpoints the location of the emergency, integrates it with the locations of first responders

and filters out the closest units to ensure the timeliest response.

During the past six months, the RDC team has collaborated with the Duval County and City of Jacksonville 911 teams to establish valid building addresses for Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville and Naval Station (NS) Mayport. These efforts will facilitate the use of the system at installations throughout the Southeast Region and were a major factor leading to the award, RDC Supervisor Tom Fasanello said.

"The NRSE NERMS (Navy Emergency Response Management System) project exemplifies geospatial collaboration and information sharing," he said. "The award is really a result of the tremendous collaboration that has existed between NRSE, the NAVFAC (Naval Facilities Engineering Command) GeoReadiness Center and the installation Public Works Department and fire and security programs."

According to Jonathan King, a 911 emergency dispatcher at the RDC, GIS technology has become crucial to a timely emergency response.

"With GIS services, the dispatchers are provided a service that can cut down first response times by seconds and possibly minutes," he said. "It is critical for first responders to be provided with an accurate location,

and GIS gives dispatchers and first responders an advantage by giving a visual of 911 callers' locations within seconds of geographical verification.

The NRSE team plans to implement the system on board 13 installations by mid 2013, maximizing dispatch efficiency and minimizing response time throughout the region, Fasanello said.

"The ultimate goal is to exploit technology and procedures for the protection of our installation personnel and their families, facilities and fleet assets," he said. "In the end, it's hoped that the street addressing and GIS work being pioneered in the Southeast Region will become the enterprise standard for installations Navywide."

The RDC currently dispatches for five installations, including Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Naval Station (NS) Mayport, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport and Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian. Residents at these locations will continue to dial 911 for emergency services after the 2013 implementation.

For those installations yet to consolidate, instructions for emergency notification procedures will be distributed prior to any changes.

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point where it stops attempting to cool itself. This elevated body temperature destroys vital organs and brain tissue at a rapid rate. If untreated, a victim WILL die of heat stroke. Even treated, heat stroke can cause permanent brain and organ damage. Because the signs of heat stroke are so similar

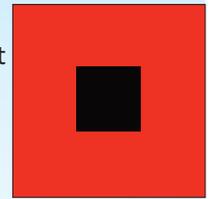
to that of heat exhaustion, it is best to get heat casualty medical assistance as quickly as possible even if they insist they're okay (since heat injuries affect their reasoning abilities).

Remember, heat injuries and dehydration are easily preventable and treatable all it takes is a desire to take care of yourself and those around you.

Hurricane season is here . . . Do you know what

you and your family will do if a hurricane is headed toward the Gulf Coast? Visit Emergency Management at

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/Service_Organizations/EmergencyManagement/index.htm to help you answer the question. Do you know how to get info about current tropical cyclone conditions and base actions? There are several avenues to get accurate info quickly including the Base Website at www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport, Facebook (sign up for SMS alerts) at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gulfport-MS/Naval-Construction-Battalion-Center-Gulfport/161404016711?ref=mf>, Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SeabeeCenter>, Base Marquees, AtHoc (CAC card holders only), and 228-871-4777.



Race Engines, Dirt Bikes, ATV's, Cigarette Boats, Zodiacs

Are you up to the challenge of hard work and repairing unique SOF equipment?

Naval Special Warfare Development Group is seeking active duty Construction Mechanics and all other Seabee rates.

- **Motivated/Volunteer**
- **Pass Navy PFA**
- **E4 - E6**
- **No NJP**
- **No bankruptcy**
- **Obtain Secret/TS clearance**



Email us at IDEVGRURecruiting@vb.socom.mil or contact your detailee to request additional information.

Job application changes focus on sea duty manning

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy announced changes to their enlisted distribution system in Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) in a message released, July 26.

CMS/ID is the interactive system that Sailors use to apply and negotiate for orders.

These changes to CMS/ID are part of the Navy's coordinated effort to aggressively address gaps at sea and place Sailors with the right experience levels and skill sets into high-priority Fleet billets.

According to NAVADMIN 226/12, the way in which billets are advertised in CMS/ID is changing. Beginning with the August 2012 CMS/ID cycle, a single set of sea and shore billets, prioritized by U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Navy Personnel Command (NPC) to reflect the highest-priority Fleet billets, will be advertised. Detailers will fill all advertised billets each cycle.

"Navy is implementing changes to distribution policies, procedures and systems to increase sea duty manning and assignment pre-

dictability to provide the right Sailor, with the right mix of skills and experience, at the right time for operational readiness," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Military Plans and Policy. "Fleet readiness will be the ultimate factor in filling assignments and this change ensures the highest-priority requirements are filled."

Sailors who are in their CMS/ID negotiation window will still be able to apply for five jobs from the advertised list in their rating and paygrade. Since detailers will fill all billets advertised every month, it is important for Sailors to use all five of their application opportunities in CMS/ID.

"History shows that Sailors rarely apply for more than two advertised jobs," Kurta explained. "Those who make all five choices will have a better chance of being detailed to one of their desired assignments."

Sailors entering into their CMS/ID negotiation window should apply early and often to ensure their preferences are relayed to the detailers. Sailors should provide their input each month during the negotiation

process on CMS/ID or via direct contact with their detailer. According to the message, since all billets will be filled, detailers may have to select a Sailor for a job they did not volunteer for. Sailors nearing the end of their negotiation window are more likely to be assigned to jobs for which they have not applied.

Sailors are encouraged to speak with command career counselors to understand changes to CMS/ID, and to consider applying for the Voluntary Sea Duty Program before they enter the normal order negotiation window if they have specific desires for geographic location.

"Leadership involvement and aggressive and thorough Career Development Boards (CDBs) will be key to the success of these changes," Kurta emphasized. "Sailors should be made aware of how these changes and the needs of the Navy will affect them when looking at future assignments."

For more information, contact the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) or via e-mail at CSCMailbox@navy.mil.

New Skipper for NMCB 24

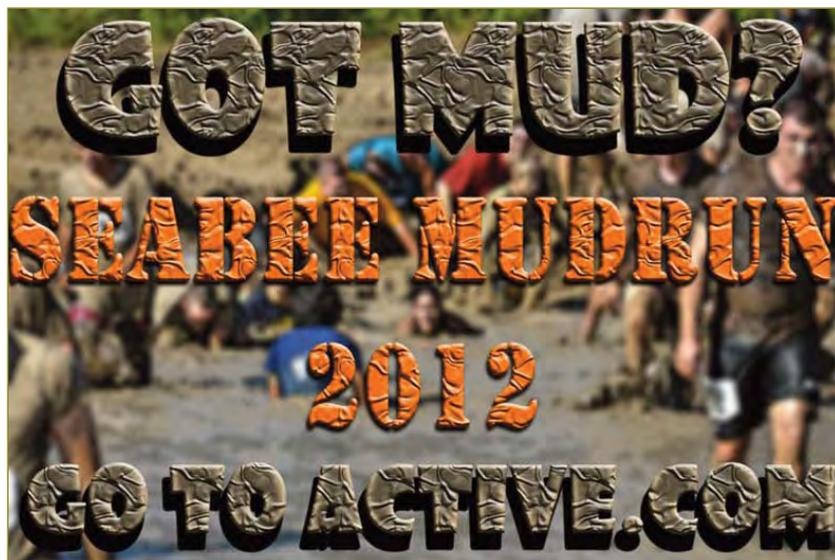


At the change of command for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Four (NMCB 24), Cmdr. Milton W. Washington, right, hands the battalion flag to Cmdr. Franklin D. Fernandez to symbolize the passing of command. After the reading of their prospective orders, Fernandez officially relieved Washington and assumed command of the battalion. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Culinary Specialist Mary Phillips/Released)

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Seabee Courier

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NCBC Gulfport will host SEABEE MUD RUN 2012 Sept. 8. Registration and check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. and the race begins promptly at 8 a.m. The course is just over four miles with mud, water, mud, dry obstacles, mud, water slide, mud, hills and of course, mud!

Educators visit Keesler Air Force Base



On July 26, 50 Gulf Coast science teachers participated in a tour and training of the 335th Training Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base (KAFB), receiving briefs on weather observation, radar, instrumentation, weather fundamentals, and mapping. The teachers were also briefed by the 403rd Wing on their duties and toured a C-130J Hercules aircraft (Hurricane Hunter). During a luncheon, participants were briefed on the School Liaison and Exceptional Family Member programs. Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) School Liaison Officer Kevin Byrd participated in the tour as part of a coordinated effort with KAFB School Liaison Officer Gerry Cross. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

NCBC School Liaison Officer, Kevin Byrd is located at: MWR, Building 352, 1706 Bainbridge Ave. NCBC 228-871-2117, email: kevin.r.byrd@navy.mil

National Night Out Block Party and Back to School Celebration AUG. 7, 6 - 8 P.M. Magnolia Place Community Holloway Drive Pool House Lawn

Seating is limited so remember to bring lawn chairs. Balfour Beatty will be giving away FREE school supplies. Pool hours will be extended!

Vendors will be selling food, drinks and other items. BBC has tons of great things scheduled, so mark your calendar! This is another opportunity to get your CEL Sur-

veys in and a chance to win lots of great prizes!

Let's bring our community together and take a stand that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhoods!

For additional information, please contact Balfour Beatty Community Management Office, 228-863-0424.

SMSA announces scholarship awardees

By Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association

The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) Scholarship Selection Committee met at the headquarters of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 23, Fort Belvoir, Va., in May. The board members consisted of Active, Reserve, Retired, officer and enlisted personnel, the Force Master Chief of the Seabees, a Seabee Veteran's of America representative, and a member of the CEC/Seabee spouses club.

After a review of 166 four-year scholarship applications, 19 recipients were selected by the selection committee. An additional 55 applications were reviewed as alternates for existing scholarships. For the first time, SMSA formally reviewed applications for two year degrees and received 10 such applications. Of the 166 applications, 69 applications were from children and 87 were from grand children of Seabees of Civil Engineer Corps officers.

The SMSA and the Scholarship Selection Committee appreciates the generosity of the individuals and organizations that have funded 116 separate scholarships. Most recipients will receive \$2,300 this year, an

increase of 15 percent from last year.

Capt. Willington Lin, Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson, was asked about the selection process.

"The scholarship selection process starts with the patriotic service of the Seabee sponsor, whether parent or grand-parent and the application has to clearly reflect the Seabee/CEC connection with the applicant. The "career objective" essay is reflective of the applicant, so attention to content and writing skill is highly recommended. Finally, ALL application requirements need to be satisfied, incomplete applications are disqualified.

The qualifying applications are then reviewed, in detail, by the committee members. The selection process is very competitive; only 19 recipients were selected from 166 applicants this year. It's always an honor to serve the children and grand-children of our Seabees through the scholarship association, and I look forward to the future contributions of these young men and women."

For more information on SMSA, go to <http://www.seabee.org/> or <http://www.facebook.com/SeabeeMemorialScholarshipAssociation>.

SMSA awardee/Hometown/College attending

- ~ Jonathan Aldana, Santa Ana, Calif., Santa Ana College, Calif.
- ~ Quincy Banks, La Vergne, Tenn., University of Tennessee, Tenn.
- ~ Nicole Blake, Missoula, Mont., University of Montana, Mont.
- ~ Megan Boyd, Stigler, Okla., Oklahoma State University, Okla.
- ~ Michael Burkeen, Prescott, Ariz., Marion Military Institute, Ala.
- ~ Joshua Henderson, Whiteland, Ind., Asbury University, Ky.
- ~ Kathryn Hilton, Chesapeake, Va., Brigham Young University, Utah
- ~ Jacob Kline, Moscow, Idaho, University of Idaho, Idaho
- ~ Kaitlin Lebon, Monroe, Texas, Oregon State University, Ore.
- ~ Matthew Mansell, Garland, Texas, Texas A&M University, Texas
- ~ Rebecca Michaels, Bryant, Ala., N.E. Alabama Community College, Ala.
- ~ Nathan Morgan, Hoodspott, W.Va., Saint Martin's University, W. Va.
- ~ Veronica Penwell, Forest, Ohio, Xavier University, Ohio
- ~ Ashley Russell, McLean, Texas, West Texas A&M University, Texas
- ~ Antonia Terrell, Chandler, Ariz., Arizona State University, Ariz.
- ~ Hannah Tucker, Helena, Ala., University of Montevallo, Ala.
- ~ Gabriella Trillizio, Oceanside, Calif., Seattle Pacific University, W. Va.
- ~ Joshua Villaro, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, University of Washington, W. Va.



At the MOVIES

Aug. 3: American Reunion, R, 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 4: No movies will be shown due to official activity.

Aug 5: Pirates Band of Misfits, PG, 2 p.m., The Raven, R, 4:30 p.m. All movies are FREE!

Be sure to call the Movie Hotline at 228-871-3299 to check for movie schedule updates.

STEALS & DEALS

SHIP ISLAND EXCURSION

Summer may be coming to a close, but Ship Island Excursions are still going until the end of October. Tickets are \$24/adults and \$15.25/children ages 3 – 10 years old. The vouchers are good for the entire 2012 Ship Island Season (now through Oct. 28), but will be void after the season is over. No refunds will be given for vouchers not used within this time frame.

GULF ISLANDS WATER PARK

Celebrate the last few weeks of summer at Gulf Islands



Water Park! Day passes for only \$18.50 and you may upgrade these day passes to season passes at the water park front gate. Call 871-2231 for more info!

ITT HAS YOUR 2012 – 2013 SAINTS TICKETS!

Prices: \$10 for pre-season, \$52.25 for regular season, and parking passes are \$40. Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to each game with first week of sales open to Active Duty only. During the second week tickets will be available for purchase to all eligible MWR patrons (Active Duty, dependents, Retirees, Reservists, and DoD) with proper identification. Limit two per Military ID Card. Call ITT at 228-871-2231 for more information.

Pre Season game:

Saints vs. Jaguars - on sale Aug. 3, 9 a.m., \$10 per ticket

Pre Season game:

Saints vs. Texans - on sale Aug. 13, 9 a.m., \$10 per ticket

Regular Season game:

Saints vs. Redskins - on sale Aug. 27, 9 a.m., \$52.25 per ticket.

Join ITT as we take a trip to **Gulf Islands Waterpark**, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. \$5/shuttle fee and \$18.50/ticket. Grab

your swimsuit and go wild! Children 6 and under must be in a passenger restraint device not provided by MWR. Minimum of six, maximum of 12. Last day to sign up is Aug 15. This is a joint trip with the Liberty Center Program so space is limited. For more information please contact ITT, 228-871-2231.

Base Wide Yard Sale, Sept. 22, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$10 for two tables and two chairs. We no longer providing canopies. Minimum of six participants, Last day to sign up is Sep. 19.

Outdoor Recreation

ODR has a wide variety of gear ranging from tents to sports equipment. For those summer cookouts or rummage sales, the Rental Center offers tables and chairs, canopies and coolers for rent. The MWR Rental Center is offering new rental items for this season, such as new A-Liner Expedition Campers that include both heat and AC. Also available are kayaks and paddle boats.

ODR August Special- Rent any style Kayak or rent a Stand Up Paddle Board and receive a 30 percent discount. All required safety equipment included.

The Driving Range is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Tuesday - Wednesday. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Right and left handed beginners clubs are available for check out at no charge



from ODR during business hours. We take pride in providing you with an environment that allows you to work on your game at your own pace. We incorporate yardage markers from 100 - 250 yards. Each token provides roughly 25 balls. Tokens do not expire.

The Batting Cage is open seven days a week from sun up to sun down offering a slow pitch softball machine. Tokens are free and can be picked up from Outdoor Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. ODR is located in Building 456 and is open Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. ODR is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The Fitness Center is located in Building 445 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bats and helmets can be checked out at no charge from



ODR during business hours. Each token gives 10 balls. Tokens do not expire. It's fun for the whole family! For more information please contact the ODR Supervisor, Steve Vowell at 228-871-2127/2629.

Seabee Lake Picnic Site

MWR has the perfect picnic spot for your next function. Discover all that Seabee Lake has to offer including covered playground, basketball court, paintball course, dog park, ample parking, barbecue grills, picnic tables and more. All active duty personnel and their dependents receive a 20 percent discount on all rental items. All military, retirees and their dependents receive a 10 percent discount on all rental items.



Liberty Center:

Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe Tournament, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Prize for first place, free!

National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, Aug. 2, Free ice cream sandwiches while supplies last

Hop on the Liberty Center van as we cheer the Saints to victory this season. Pre Season ticket games are \$10/each and Regular Season games are \$45/each. Saints vs. Jaguars, Friday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. (Deadline to sign up is Aug. 3)

*These tickets are nonrefundable and you must sign up two weeks prior to each game. Parasailing, Aug. 4, \$60, Depart 10 a.m.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 Tournament, Aug. 6, 7 p.m., Free. Prize for First Place

RV Park: Trip to Country Bayou Store in Slidell Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open to all Shields RV Park patrons and their guests. \$6. Trip to **World War II Museum in New Orleans** Aug. 30, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open to all patrons of Shields RV Park and their guests - \$8 plus admission at the door.

Child and Youth Programs Summer Bash for Parents and Children of all ages enrolled in the Youth Activities Center and Child Development Center, Aug. 4, 6 – 9 p.m., Enjoy an evening with the family playing carnival games, jumping on moon bounces, and many other free activities.



MWR FACEBOOK is now easier than ever to access on your smart phone!

Naval Construction Battalion Center Helping Hands Volunteer Opportunities



Habitat for Humanity Workday - Volunteers are needed to take part in Habitat for Humanity Workdays throughout the local area as follows: Aug. 24, seven volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Aug. 25, six volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Sept. 21, four volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m.; Sept. 22, seven volunteers, 8 a.m. - noon or 5 p.m. Volunteers must be registered prior to the work day, so please contact Leah as soon

as possible at LLadner@bbcgrp.com or 228-326-5643.

FOSTER CARE PARENTS Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully, is looking for caring adults, single or married, aged 25 years old and up to become foster care parents. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Frazier at 601-572-3717 or jimmy.frazier@youthvillages.org

COAST SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Biloxi is always in need of assistance in the Athletic Department, Fitness Center, Arts and Music Department, Aquatic Center, and marketing. Many other opportunities are available with this organization. Contact Shawna Tatge at

Shawna_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org for information.

HARRISON COUNTY YOUTH COURT - HCYC is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the life of a child. Volunteers who are bilingual in Spanish and Vietnamese are needed. You can help by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) or volunteer to become a mentor for C.H.A.N.G.E. (Cultivating Healthy Achievements in the Next

Generation of Excellence). Contact Beth Casey at 228-865-7000 if you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child.

RED CROSS SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

The Red Cross in Biloxi has an immediate need for volunteers to work in the front office assisting visitors and directing incoming phone calls and generally assisting staff. Call 228-896-4511 for information.

Seabee Memorial Chapel



Center Chaplains:

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Smith, Protestant Chaplain

Lt. Yoon Choi, Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups, call the chapel office at 228-871-2454

Services:

Gospel Service: 8 a.m.

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m.

Divine Worship: Sunday, 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Chapel Offerings:

Women's Bible Study takes place Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

LIGHT is a Young Adult Group for members of the military. Meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

Seabee Pantry - Donations are now being accepted to restock the Seabee Pantry. Everyone affiliated with NCBC is eligible to draw from the Seabee Pantry.

Praise and Worship members needed - The Seabee Memorial Chapel is looking for new members for the Praise and Worship Team for the Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sundays. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are cordially invited to come share your gift.

Looking for a church? The Seabee Memorial Chapel holds services every Sunday that might just suit your needs. Protestant Services include a Gospel Service at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and Divine Worship Service at 11 a.m. Catholic Services include Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. There is also a Catholic Mass Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Feds Feed Families Food Drive - The annual DoD, Feds Feed Families Food Drive, is taking place through September. Seabee Memorial Chapel is leading the base-wide effort to raise over 5,000 pounds of food. To date, almost 1,000 pounds of food has been collected. This year, collected donations will be given to Saint Theresa Hospital. NCBC food donation drop off locations are battalion building spaces, CBC Commissary, Seabee Memorial Chapel, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, Armory and Building 1. For information, call the Chapel at 228-871-2454.



Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Ball

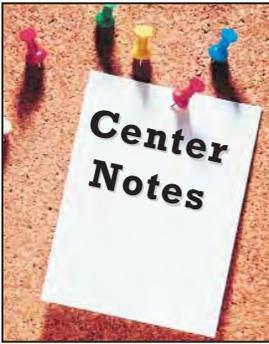
Car Wash/Fundraiser

Aug. 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Anchors & Eagles Parking Lot

Stop by and help wash cars or get your car washed for a wonderful cause. Hot dogs, sodas available for donations. Bring the kids . . . Special visit by

DoD Fire and Emergency Services crew and firetruck. To volunteer or for Navy Ball info, contact Christine Romans on Facebook or csmithexec1@yahoo.com or 614-377-3723



SUPPORT

Family Readiness Groups

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

NMCB 7 FRG remains available to assist NMCB 7 families. Although the NMCB 7 Family Readiness Group is no longer conducting general meetings, the Ombudsmen and FRG officers continue to serve the battalion's family members. For information or assistance contact the FRG at nmcb7frg@gmail.com or visit the NMCB 7 FRG facebook page.

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

NMCB 74 FRG All families of NMCB 74

are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335, behind the Grinder on NCBC. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m., and meetings begin at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner.

Children are welcome. Email nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at "NMCB74 Fearless FRG" for more information.

NMCB 133 FRG invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or send an email to NMCB133fsg@gmail.com. To receive updates, log on to the FRG site at <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club

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

NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always

welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

Gamblers Anonymous

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

TRAINING

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

Naval Sea Cadets

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

SOCIAL

Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577 for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at matthew.t.wasson@navy.mil or President LS2 Earl Simpson at earl.simpson@navy.mil for information.

NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee is seeking members. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m., at the Seabee Memorial Chapel. Contact BU1 Jerma Cloude at 228-871-2454 for details.

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

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

NMCB 62 Alumni Group

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member, go to <http://nmcb62alumni.org> or for links to

Seabee historical sites.

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

D.A.V. - Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5 invites Veterans and future Veterans to monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Service Officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more about our organization and all that is offered to members.

Navy Ball Committee needs help to put on this year's Navy Ball The 2012 Navy Ball Committee is looking for six volunteers to work on the committee for this year's Mississippi Gulf Coast Navy Ball. Committee members will be expected to attend monthly meetings to discuss fundraisers and ideas for the Navy Ball. If interested, contact AG1 Jordan at 228-871-3667.

HERITAGE

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

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"If we are straightforward yet supportive with our Sailors, they stand a much greater chance of following the advice given by their chain of command and ultimately attaining that next pay grade," he said.

"I was extremely disappointed when I didn't get selected last year because I felt like I was doing all I could," said Yeoman 1st Class Shontay Bond, a Full Time Support Reservist assigned to Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

"After, I had a CDB and listened to the advice my chiefs had to give."

Bond, who is waiting for the results of the Reserve Chief Petty Officer Selection Board, has since gone on to finish her college degree. She sought additional ways to demonstrate leadership abilities by organizing community service projects for her command. She rotated her collateral duties and took orders to a joint service command to increase her career versatility.

Bond, who recently volunteered for an individual augmentee assignment, said she took the information from her CDB to heart.

"It gave me the extra pat on the back I needed to move ahead and to not give up," said Bond.

CDB training and individual career development plan worksheets are available from the Navy Personnel Command Web site.

For more information visit http://www.npc.navy.mil/CarrierInfo/CMC_CCC/CDB.htm

MWR Fitness Pool Closure Aug. 5

Due to the excessive heat, Public Works will super-chlorinate the Fitness Center pool, so MWR will close the pool Aug. 5 at noon and reopen it Aug. 6 at 5:30 a.m.



United States Marine Corps 237th Marine Corps Ball

When: Nov. 10, 2012, 6 p.m.

Place: Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Price: \$50 (per ticket)

Uniform: Marines - Blue Dress "B" or Blue Dress "A"
Army - Army Blue (Bow Tie)

Navy - Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue

Air Force - Mess Dress, Civilians - Black Tie

See I&I First Sergeant, 1st Sgt. Coston, building 114 (NOSC) or call 228-871-3104



NCBC Gate Hours

Pass Road: 24 hours, 7 days a week

Broad Avenue: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat/Sun and Holidays

28th Street: 5 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 5 - 7 p.m., Outbound Only

Commission Road: CLOSED