



Jax Air News

TOUCHING BASE



Luncheon planned

A special luncheon in celebration of Asian/Pacific American Month will be held May 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NAS Jax River Cove Officer's Club. The theme is "Salute to Liberty." The event will feature a guest speaker and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Sylvia Kitt at 542-0842.

NLSO to move mid-May

Navy Legal Services Office (NLSO) will move from Building 8 to Building 4 May 19-20. The office will reopen at new location May 21. There will be no walk-in clinic the week of the move. All phone numbers will remain the same. Call 542-2565 for more information.

Domestic Violence conference planned

The Community Support Program of Navy Region Southeast is hosting an executive seminar on domestic violence for all commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs from the Fleet Concentration Area May 20 at the NAS Jax River Cove Officer's Club. The program will feature experts in the field of domestic violence who will address topics such as dynamics of domestic violence, DoD and DoN policies on domestic violence, legal and victim issues and more. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. For reservations, call Yolanda Munoz at 542-5387 or Sandy Jones at 542-1539 before May 9.

USO to sponsor Zoo Night

The USO is hosting the 12th annual Military Zoo Night May 10 from 6-8 p.m. This event is open to all active military members and their families. Tickets are only \$1 per person and include the train ride. Tickets can be purchased at the USO or at the gate the night of the event.

Career Decision Fair comes to NAS Jax

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

How much could I make doing the same job outside the Navy? What are my advancement opportunities within my rate? Should I reenlist?

For NAS Jacksonville Sailors, these and many other questions were answered with the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Career Decision Fair for enlisted Sailors and officers on base last week.

Located mostly within the spaces of VP-30 last week, representatives from

the NPC's Center for Career Development were on hand to answer many questions posed by NAS Jacksonville Sailors in regards to career opportunities offered by the Navy.

"We started planning on coming to NAS Jacksonville 90 days ago. The visit's gone quite well," said Center for Career Development CMC Liaison CMD-CM (AW/SW) Les Andreasen. "I think every Sailor that can obtain the information from this fair will walk away well-informed."

Andreasen explained the purpose of the fair wasn't to necessarily pitch the "Stay

Navy" campaign, but to present all the facts in regards to pay and benefits and other issues with the Navy compared to those in the civilian sector - especially to Sailors considering getting out.

"Unfortunately, a large number of Sailors planning to get out either don't have a plan or they have emotional information and not all the facts," Andreasen said. "That's what we try to do - bring all the facts to the table so these Sailors can make the best informed decision."

Several enlisted detailers were also on hand to meet



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones
Drug Education For Youth Coordinator AWC Robert Leseffka (right), explains the program to Melanie Smith during the CCD Workshop for Navy spouses April 24.

with NAS Jacksonville Sailors during the visit. "It was great getting to meet the detailers face to face. Having that direct communication helped me to get a lot of questions answered," said NAS Air Operations' SK2(SW) John Hobkirk. "I was also able to learn more about advancement opportunities, particularly within

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A burning desire for knowledge

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay
Staff Writer



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay
DCFN Shannon Frohman holds a charged fire hose as her partner applies vapor suppression during the DoD certification.

With the growing need for our Sailors to receive higher training, the NAS Jacksonville Fire Department recently installed a new DoD damage control training certification class.

The class will expand the knowledge of the Damage Controlman (DC) rate and further prepare Sailors with the knowledge and certifications to pursue a career as a Department of Defense firefighter.

"When in the past I have hired former Navy personnel, they didn't have the proper fire fighter certifications and I could only offer them a GS-3 level position. With the new training program, they will have the opportunity to be hired at a GS-5 entry pay rate," said NAS Jacksonville Fire Chief Paul Stewart.

After completing the course, Sailors will have earned the Firefighter One and Two and the Air Force certifications. Army and Air Force DC personnel are taught these certifications as a part of their regular training programs, but the Navy does not teach this course as part of the DC rate.

"Sailors are taught to fight fires aboard ships. These certifications are for base and runway firefighting purposes," explained Stewart.

The newly implemented class at NAS Jax teaches how to handle hazardous

materials in both the classroom and in the field. The courses are college accredited and written exams are administered through the Navy College Office.

"The class is only a week long because the majority of the training responsibility relies on the individual to complete different tasks on computers in their spare time," added Stewart.

The students attending the class were selected based on job performance and military evaluations. A total of 13 Sailors were chosen to participate in the training taught held April 14-18. This class marked the second time active duty Sailors were invited to participate in the class here. Twelve of the students are stationed onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 67). "Competition to receive this training has been overwhelming. We will certify our first student in September and plan to hold many more classes in the future," Stewart said.

The classes increase morale for DC personnel because they give the Sailors the competitive knowledge they will need to pursue a civilian firefighting career. "The top performers and early promotables aboard Kennedy were chosen to participate in this class. Now the Sailors who weren't chosen are performing harder in their daily jobs so maybe they will attend the class in the future. The Sailors really

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Grand opening held to celebrate 'new' barracks



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel and Engineering Field Activity Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. Charlie Khan cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the newly renovated Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Building 846 as members of the NAS Jax Supply Department look on. "This is a great day for NAS Jax and our Sailors here. Quality of Life is very important to our young Sailors and these barracks exceed our expectations that we set forth for them," remarked Boensel at the ceremony.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

	FRIDAY 6/83 MORNING SHOWERS
	SATURDAY 67/84 ISOLATED SHOWERS
	SUNDAY 66/82 PARTLY CLOUDY

Seven-day forecast available at Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility Jacksonville's Web site:
<https://www.nimof.navy.mil>

LEGAL BRIEFS

Shady sales cost Sailors thousands of dollars

By Lt. j.g. B. Vaughn Spencer
NLSO

Automobile sales scams have existed for as long as there have been automobiles. Some are not outright scams, but are still shady business practices designed to exploit unwary consumers. One such practice has been occurring more frequently in recent months – namely the spot delivery.

The classic spot delivery happens like this: a Sailor decides it's time for a new car. The Sailor goes to car dealer, possibly in response to an advertised guaranteed or low-interest financing. The Sailor picks a car. The salesman gives the Sailor the price of the car, the price for the Sailor's trade-in, and the Sailor signs a "contract." The salesman says something like, "financing will be no problem. In fact, go ahead and take the car now, and we'll handle everything else."

A few days later, the salesman calls the Sailor: "I'm sorry, we couldn't get you financing at those terms. Since you already have the car, you must come in immediately and sign a new contract!" The Sailor asks for trade-in back but the salesman claims they

already sold it. The Sailor signs a new contract, and the additional interest charges cost more than \$10,000.

You don't have \$10,000 to burn? Here are ways to protect yourself:

Do your homework. It's an ugly word, but it can save you big money! Web sites such as www.edmunds.com and www.kbb.com can tell you exactly what you should expect to pay for a particular vehicle, and also what you can expect to receive on your trade-in.

If the dealer is giving you a lot more than your trade-in is worth, they are definitely taking it from you in other ways – either on the purchase price of the car, or on dealer financing, etc.

If possible, get pre-approved for financing. Unless your credit is perfect, you will not qualify for an advertised low-interest rate. Your local credit union or bank probably offers a better rate than the car dealer, especially if you have less than perfect credit.

Getting pre-approved for financing saves you time and money. Also, if you know going in just how much you should spend, you'll be less likely to impulsively buy something you really cannot afford.

Be honest. A common defense car dealer's raise in spot delivery cases is that the Sailor inflated his/her income. Take a copy of your Leave & Earnings Statement with you. Lenders don't inflate your income merely because part of it is not taxed, so you shouldn't either. If you lie, it will come back to bite you.

Know your rights. Beware of contract terms like "contingent." If you are unclear as to what any terms of the contract mean, bring the contract to your base Legal Assistance office so an attorney can review it before you sign.

If you feel you are the victim of an attempted spot delivery, do not sign a new contract before seeing an attorney. Even if the dealer claims that they sold your trade-in, see an attorney first. In most cases your trade-in has not been sold, and we can get it back for you.

If your trade-in has been sold, you now have leverage to negotiate a better deal than the one the salesman was trying to force you to sign.

If you have further questions regarding spot deliveries or other consumer issues, contact your base Naval Legal Services Office for assistance.



Meet A Sailor...

MA3(SW) EBONY JACKSON

Job title/command:
NAS Jax Security Department

Hometown: Bornwell, S.C.

Family Life: Single

Past Duty Stations: USS Emory S. Land, NSA Bahrain

Career Plans: To retire from the Navy.

Words of Wisdom: Stay focused and determined.



Meet A Civilian...

KIMBERLY WATFORD

Job title/command:
NEX Sales Representative

Hometown: Chesapeake, Va.

Family Life: Married to ABH3 William Watford, we have a dog and cat.

Past Duty Stations: Norfolk, Va.

Career Plans: To further my education in the physical therapy field and to become a doctor.

Most Interesting Experience: The time I met and hung out with DMX.

Words of Wisdom: Whatever is in your heart should come out of your mouth.

Troop support

Military and family members from the Jacksonville community display signs representing various area commands at the kick-off of Operation Yellow Ribbon at the Lone Sailor statue downtown April 23. United Way of Northeast Florida, in partnership with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce implemented Operation Yellow Ribbon, a formal response by the Jacksonville and North Florida community to support area military families.



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones

HEY, MONEYMAN!

Hey, MoneyMan!

I am going to retire next year and I saw an ad in the Navy Times that said I could cash in my retirement pay for a lump sum. I have a lot of bills and I would like to pay them off. Do you know anything about these pension loans?

MoneyMan Sez:

Paying off your debt is a great idea, but be careful of these "immediate fix for your problems" schemes. Usually there is a price to pay. I looked into some of the pension loan plans and did not find any great deals.

In fact, some of them are clearly bad deals. One place offered \$15,000 in cash but you had to pay \$800 per month for 36 months. That's \$28,800. Some of them require you to buy insurance to cover their risk – that is you pay the premium and they are the beneficiaries of the policy.

I recommend you go to your credit union or bank and look for better ways to get out of debt and even find better ways to "invest" your retirement. You have worked hard for your money you want to make sure you do not accidentally give it away to someone less deserving.

Hey, MoneyMan!

My division chief just asked me if I wanted to give money to Navy Relief. I did make out an allotment, but I was wondering why don't they ask big businesses to give money? They can sure afford to give more money than most of the people I know. Do they ask companies to donate to the fund drive?

MoneyMan Sez:

The Navy and the Marine Corps run the fund drive for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and they do not solicit "outside the gate" because, in general,

civilians are not eligible for assistance from Navy Relief.

The money collected is used to help active duty, retirees and their family members. However, many companies do make unsolicited donations to NMCRS as a way to say "thank you" to those serving in uniform.

For example, just last week the Wal-Mart Foundation made several

large donations to Navy Relief Offices throughout the United States including a \$50,000 donation right here in Jacksonville.

Many other local companies and organizations participate in golf tournaments, sponsor events and find other ways to contribute each year in support of our troops and families.

More questions? Call *Hey, MoneyMan!* at 778-0353.

SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING

May 6, 7-9 p.m.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will be providing "Self-Defense Training" to all military spouses & military dependents.

Sponsored by F2M2 and N2M2 held at The Zone Juice & Smoothies 81 N. 1st Ave.

To register call - 542-2760, Ext. 127

* When you attend, T-shirts & books given for hands-on training.

Naval Hospital Jax offers support group

From Naval Hospital Jax Public Affairs

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Lactation Specialist Rachel Nieves is organizing a Breast Feeding Support Group starting in May.

The group will be open to pregnant ladies, breastfeeding moms, and anyone interested in learning more about breastfeeding. The one-hour group

meetings will be held in the hospital's Internal Medicine Conference Room. Moms are encouraged to bring their babies. Part of the program involves weighing the infants. All meetings will be held from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Meeting dates are as follows:
 May 7, 14 and 21
 June 4, 11 and 18
 July 2, 9, 16 and 30
 For more information, contact Rachel Nieves, 542-9671 or 7708.

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VP-30 to host DEFY Camp

From VP-30

VP-30 is hosting a six-day Residential Summer Camp June 1-6 at the YMCA Camp McConnell as part of the Navy's Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program.

DEFY is a two-phased prevention program and is for children ages 9-12. DEFY deters "at risk" behaviors by giving kids the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol. It focuses on building self-image, interpersonal relations, goal setting, leadership, and team building skills. It is a challenging, fun-filled week in the summer (Phase I) followed by a year of mentoring (Phase II). The camp is for military or DoD children ages 9-12.

Active duty members and/or DoD civilians are also needed as volunteers to be team leaders, camp corpsmen and mentors. Participants must have command approval and TAD orders.

Applications for children and volunteers can be picked up in the VP-30 Personnel Office and must be returned by May 9.

For more information, call Kristi Moon at 542-3144.



Sunday Services

You are invited to the following Base Chapel Worship Services this Saturday and Sunday:

Saturday	5 p.m. - Catholic Mass
Sunday	8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Episcopal
	9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass
	11 a.m. - Protestant Worship
	6:30 p.m. - Contemporary Service
	"The Leading Edge," Hangar 749 at the Base Chapel Center.

Children's Sunday Class - Protestant Sunday School program is at 9:45-10:45 a.m., and Catholic CCD is 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

NMCRS Jacksonville honors volunteers for contributions

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

Forty-two volunteers were honored at the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Jacksonville Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Luncheon April 25 on base for their efforts with the organization.

Also during the event, Wal-Mart Regional Manager David Hananiah presented NMCRS Jacksonville a \$50,000 check, the largest single contribution to NMCRS Jacksonville, towards the organization's financial relief efforts.

"The real work of NMCRS is done by our volunteers here," said NMCRS Jacksonville Director Dave Faraldo. "The efforts and output truly make them the backbone of this organization."

Speaking at the event, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown praised the efforts of all NMCRS volunteers, remarking that their contributions are what make NMCRS one of the Navy's most successful organizations.

"It was wonderful of her to open her home to host this event," Faraldo remarked. "As chairman of our advisory board, her support is strong for this cause. In fact, her own mother is a NMCRS volunteer."

Sabine Landry was honored at the event for contributing 10,000 volunteer hours to NMCRS Jacksonville. Dolores Lokenburg and Margaret Wright each volunteered 6,000 hours, and Elfrieda Heape volunteered 4,000 hours.

Teresa Ponz was recognized for volunteering 2,500 hours, and Jill Mordhorst and Gail Spirakis were honored for volunteering 2,000 hours. Amanda Leech was honored for giving 1,500 hours, and Sandy Annis, Nova Adams, Keri Covey and Shiril Tart each gave 1,000 hours.

Monika Woods was honored for volunteering 600 hours, and Lisa Serow, Brenda Sherrill and Larry Zimmer were each recognized for contributing 500 hours. Marissa Lopez, Carolyn Rowbottom, Bobbie Bruce and Anna Hubel each gave 300 hours.

Genevieve Brynildsen, Rachel Dominic, Gabrielle Gagnon, Mona Gardella, Lynn Keroack, Brandi Louis, Don Masden, Bridget Russell, Kim Stanchurski, Racheal Taylor, Parthenia Williams and Rachel Wolf were each honored for volunteering 100 hours. Heather Maderazo was also recognized for volunteering 50 hours.

New NMCRS volunteers Liza Pacho, Kristen Hagar, Sarah Diaz, Cheryl Meyer, Anna Hubel, Lois Metzler and Valerie Zidun were also honored at the luncheon.



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones

From left, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown, Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Mayport Director Bill Kennedy, Wal-Mart Regional Manager David Hananiah, NMCRS Jacksonville Director Dave Faraldo and NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark S. Boensel pose with a \$50,000 check donated by Wal-Mart to NMCRS April 25.

VS-31 'Topcats' earn Navy Battle "E"

By Lt. J.g. Bradley Beall
VS-31 PAO

Recently, the "Topcats" of VS-31 were awarded the prestigious COMNAVAIRLANT Battle "E" award for calendar year 2002. The Battle "E" represents an all-hands effort in achieving and maintaining outstanding operational and personal readiness.

Historically, the award is given to the unit or squadron that demonstrates excellence in quality and quantity, overcomes production obstacles, and demonstrates effective management and leadership.

The award was instituted in 1906 as the "Fleet award for excellence," when President Theodore Roosevelt ordered an "E" to be painted on the warship gun turrets that performed well in the Spanish-American War. It has been known ever since as the Navy "E."

To earn this honor, VS-31 flew a total of 4,827 hours in 2002, of which, 4,064 hours were flown underway embarked on USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67).

The Topcats completed 1,597 of their 1,611 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and accomplished 1,677 carrier-arrested landings with a 99 percent day boarding rate, while maintaining its exceptional safety record of 32 years of class A mishap free flying.

The Topcats continued to lead the way in tactics during their CVW-7 Fallon, Nev. detachment. The aircrew honed their skills as a viable electronic warfare support asset by correctly

identifying 79 percent of the electronic emitters exploited, well above the fleet average of 40 percent.

The Topcats received the highest score in the last five years for air wings deployed to Fallon. While the ordnance team achieved perfection with an overall grade of outstanding on all weapons load evolutions, the squadron launched two live Maverick missiles, both resulting in target bulls-eyes.

The squadron also expended 60 tons of ordnance with a 100 percent release rate. VS-31's aircrew trained extensively with the Naval Strike Warfare Center, CVW-7, and the Sea Control Weapons School on protecting the carrier battle group from increasing small boat threats. Their work earned the praise of Commander, Carrier Group 4, who called the Topcats "the best we have seen."

The maintenance department led the way, keeping planes flying with exceptional efficiency. Much of the squadron's success can be attributed to the Topcat maintenance team, whose hard work earned them the prestigious Golden Wrench Award.

During the last IDTC, VS-31 worked closely with Destroyer Squadron 24 to improve surface contact reporting procedures and maritime strike (MAS) procedures.

During JTFEX 02-01 in January, VS-31 personnel trained VP-16 crew and several of the battle group surface modules on these procedures. As a direct result of these efforts, JFK Battle Group Sea Combat

Commander (SCC) efficiently defeated all exercise opposing forces.

The squadron executed a highly successful deployment with USS John F. Kennedy during Operation Enduring Freedom. One of the team's many successes was the interdiction of a \$32 million hashish shipment located during routine sea surveillance and control (SSC) operations.

The Topcats also planned and executed the first-ever coordinated air wing war at sea exercise (WASEX) against the French nuclear aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle. Radar images recorded of the Charles de Gaulle will be incorporated into VS weapon system trainers (WST) scenarios, increasing the realism of the S-3B tactics simulators.

Aside from maintaining their exceptional mission readiness, squadron members worked to earn 26 Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist qualifications, 15 Enlisted Surface Warfare qualifications, one Bronze Star, 12 Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps



Photo courtesy of VS-31

Capt. Steven Luce, former commander, Sea Control Wing, Atlantic presents the Battle "E" award to Cmdr. Kevin Ruce, commanding officer of VS-31.

Commendation Medals, 16 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and 23 Flag Letters of Commendation.

During 2002, all 158 eligible Topcat enlisted personnel from E-4 through E-6 took the advancement exam with 52 individuals advancing to the next rank.

The Topcat dedication to duty and excellence paid off in the winning of this year's Battle "E". The squadron's "can-do attitude" and ability

to meet every challenge made it an invaluable asset to CVW-7, and contributed to the JFK Battle Group achieving its goal of defending our nation.

The squadron proved itself to be dependable in the maintenance arena, and proficient in tactically employing the S-3 Viking. This along with the squadron's impeccable safety record, combined to demonstrate its excellence and battle efficiency.

Parks offering free admission

Anheuser-Busch will give free single-day admission to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and up to four of their direct dependents, May 23 through Nov. 11, 2003. The offer also has been extended to all coalition forces serving with United States troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives and being separated from their families during the war," said August Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. "We wanted to express our deep gratitude for their service."

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Photo courtesy of VS-32

S-3 Viking aircraft from VS-32 conduct training during a detachment to NAS Fallon, Nev.

'Maulers' head to Fallon, honor Sailors

By Lt. j.g. Tim Watkins
VS-32 PAO

The "Maulers" of VS-32 continue the charge into the heart of their work-up schedule as they head off for a month in Fallon, Nev.

The trip to Fallon will give the squadron the opportunity to work with the entire air wing, Carrier Air Wing One, for the first time since their Orange Air Detachment last September.

According to Lt. Tom Cronley, a Fallon veteran, "a Fallon det is a great chance for everyone to get used to working with one another again. We've got all the airspace we want out there, not to mention great low-level routes and bombing ranges. And, the location is great too. Hiking, skiing ... it's all close by. It's a great time!"

The squadron's aircrew will have the opportunity to hone their tactical skills and work on mission areas that are hard to do in the local area.

Working with assets from the air wing, the pilots and non flying officers (NFO) will get to practice strike support, low-level navigation, live and inert weapons delivery, as well as other aspects of the S-3 mission.

"The best part about Fallon is it always pulls us out of the post deployment doldrums," said Lt. Natalia Henriquez. "Getting away from Jacksonville and working really hard for a while is great for everyone."

Because the Maulers are a relatively young squadron with several new aircrew members, going to Fallon will give the "new guys" a chance to see how an air wing operates.

For the first time, the new "Maulers" will be exposed to working with other Navy assets in a fast-paced, mission-oriented environment. They will be forced to employ all of their knowledge and

newly acquired aviation skills in a practical, realistic way.

Upon their return, the group will have gained invaluable experience that will enable them to contribute to the overall accomplishment of the air wing's mission.

However, the aircrew was not the only ones who hone their skills in Fallon.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Darryl Walker, VS-32 maintenance officer, "We work so hard and fly so much when we're in Fallon, the Maintenance Department really has to push itself to keep up with the flight schedule. They really have to work together, and they always rise to meet the challenge. They're so great already, it will be good to see them come together as a team."

On March 20, the Maulers honored their best at quarters.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Terry Marshall and AM1 Donald Eversole each received Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, while AE1 Lance Woods and AM2 Brian McKee were both awarded Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Exemplary job performance was recognized by naming AM1 Jamie Fleischmann as VS-32 Sailor of the Quarter, and AM3 Kenneth Boardmann Junior Mauler of the Month. AN Mary Williams was recognized as Plane Captain of the Quarter.

Letters of Commendation were read for AN Christopher Carpenter and SK2 James Daly. Good Conduct Medals were awarded to AN Cieara Noaks, AT3 Jared Minnich, ATAN David Ward, AZ3 Perla Gonzales, AT3 Cynthia Endicott, AD3 Tewolde Woldegerima, AD3 Daniel Dick, AME3 Pauline Baxley, AD2 Ethan Williams, and AT2 Steven Weiland.

AEAN Kenneth Renfroe received his appointment to petty officer third class.



Photo by Lt. j.g. Robert Shuman

Squadron members from VS-24 visited Venice, Italy during a recent port call to Koper, Slovenia after participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The squadron is currently deployed onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

'Scouts' relax in Europe after Iraqi Freedom

By Lt. j.g. Robert Shuman
VS-24 PAO

The "Scouts" of VS-24 recently concluded a five-day port visit to Koper, Slovenia after their recent participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Eight S-3B Vikings led Carrier Air Wing Eight (CVW-8) into battle as the first jets launched from the deck of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in strikes against Iraq.

During OIF, the Scouts flew more than 300 sorties, accumulating more than 750 flight hours while fueling strike aircraft with nearly one million pounds of jet fuel.

After their tireless efforts, the ship dropped its anchor of the coast of Slovenia, and squadron members took advantage of the opportunity for some much needed rest and relaxation. Slovenia is bordered by Italy on the west, Austria to the north, and Croatia to the southeast, providing tremendous travel and touring opportunities deeper into Europe. Many Scouts took advantage of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tours and visited sites throughout Slovenia and various European cities including Venice and Verona, Italy, Vienna, Austria and Munich, Germany. Other members headed for the slopes, and enjoyed skiing in the Austrian Alps during their visit.

On the first night of the port call, the Scouts held a farewell dinner in the town of Porta Rosa, Slovenia to say goodbye to four officers; Lts. Sam Messer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Coker and Lt. Cmdr. Stephan Small of CVW-8. All four officers made important contributions to the squadron and

Decorated Scouts

Before their port-visit, VS-24 held quarters to honor their hard-charging Scouts. The following personnel received awards:

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals

Lt. Sam Messer
Lt. Dennis Lloyd
SK2 Kerrie Hopkins
AM2 Kevin Becca

Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist

AD1(AW) John Steele
AD1(AW) John Lynda
YN2(AW) Sheila Blankenship
AO2(AW) Rocco Frakes
YN2(AW) Sonya Taylor
AM2(AW) Shane Goodman
AM2(AW) Ronald Havens
AM2(AW) Frederick Perry
AE3(AW) Anthony Broyles
AT3(AW) Elliot Fanning
AM3(AW) Dennis Hageman
AO3(AW) Nicole Simones
PR3(AW) Sarah Ursch
ADAN(AW) Tavaris McDuffie
ISSN(AW) Miguel DeJesus.

Letters of Commendation

SK2 Brian Ball
AM3 Brandon Matteson
AD3 Craig Vaculin
AM3(AW) Dennis Hageman
ADAN(AW) Tavaris McDuffie
AEAN Billy German
ADAN Matthew Self
AN Corey Callihan

Good Conduct Medal

AT3AW Elliot Fanning
AD1(AW) Dominic Gromelski
AM2 Lance Bryan
AD3 James Oxendine
AT3 Dennis Wakefield
AN Benny Lazareno-Chavez
AN Sergio Sanchez

Scout Safety

Professional Awards

AT3 Natasha Jackson
AMAN Ryan Smith
AMAN Kenneth Brown
Plane Captain of the Quarter
AEAN Richard Smith

Junior Sailor of the Month

AD3 Kent Mayers (January)
AO3 Odell Smith (February)
AEAN Michael Rodriguez (March)

Junior Sailor of the Quarter

AD3 Kent Mayers

Scout of the Month

AZ2 Kelly Gabel (January)
AME2 Paul Foster (February)
AM2 Kevin Becca (March)

Scout of the Quarter

AME2 Paul Foster

Senior Sailor of the Month

AT1(AW) Bill Rhodes (February)
AD1(AW) Willie Robertson (March)

Senior Sailor of the Quarter

AD1(AW) Willie Robertson

their efforts and camaraderie will be missed.

VS-24 also hosted foreign dignitaries and visitors while in port. The Scouts welcomed Slovenia's Minister of Defense, Dr. Anton Grizold, and

U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Johnny Young, to their ready room for presentations by CVW-8. Just one-week prior, the ready room was also used to host Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, Adm. Gregory Johnson.

'Dragonslayers' return from exercise

By Lt. j.g. Matt Wright
HS-11 PAO

The "Dragonslayers" of HS-11 recently returned from a highly successful, live-fire missile exercise, conducted over four days at the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTC) located on Andros Island in the Bahamas.

During the exercise, the Dragonslayers fired six AGM-114 Hellfire missiles at water-borne targets, simulating small boats, which are a major threat against carrier battle groups.

The Hellfire missile is a laser-guided, air-to-ground missile, which is the weapon of choice against small surface threats. H-60 helicopters are currently the only carrier battle group asset to employ this capability.

The detachment marked the completion of a strenuous seven-week Helicopter



Photo by Lt. j.g. Hampton Parrish

HS-11 aviation ordnance personnel AO2 Katrina Johnson, AOC(AW/SW) John Moore, and AO2(AW) Andrew Smigaj, load an AGM-114 Hellfire missile onto a HH-60H helicopter at AUTC.

Advanced Readiness Program (HARP). HARP is designed to sharpen the warfighting skills of squadron pilots and aircrewmen in all mission areas in preparation for an

upcoming deployment.

During HARP, the squadron's 22 pilots and 25 aircrewmen received training in anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare and naval special warfare and

combat search and rescue.

HS-11's ordnance handling teams received training loading Mk 46 and Mk 50 torpedoes as well as the AGM-114 missiles.

Inspection fund-raiser



Photo courtesy of NCTS

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Jacksonville Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Reece Morgan carefully checks ITCS(SW/AW) Gerald Guidry during the NCTS Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Uniform Inspection fund-raiser recently. For a donation of \$5, NCTS Sailors could purchase their way out of the inspection. One hundred percent participation was achieved, raising \$380 for NMCRS. Guidry, a member of the inspection party, was quickly declared to have the best uniform at the event.

NAVY HOSPITAL JAX NEWS

'Nurses lifting spirits, touching lives'

Nation, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, celebrate nurses

By Lt. J.g. Stephanie Wells, NC
Naval Hospital Jacksonville

All across the United States nurses are being saluted. The Navy Nurse Corps and the American Nurses Association celebrates National Nurses Week, May 5-12.

The purpose of Nurses Week is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and to help educate the public about the role America's 2.7 million nurses play in meeting the healthcare needs of the American people. The Navy Nurse Corps' 95th Birthday is May 13.

During this week, Naval Hospital Jacksonville joins these two fine organizations in honoring our 152 Naval Hospital military and civilian nurses, 40 Branch Medical Clinic military and civilian nurses and 27 activated Reserve nurses. The hospital also salutes the accomplishments of 46 Naval Hospital Jacksonville nurses who are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The hospital is proud to recognize the dedication, commitment, quality work and tireless efforts of nurses to promote and maintain the health of this great nation.

The dedication of the nurses delivering top-notch care at Naval Hospital Jacksonville every day is exemplified by professionals like Ensign David Davis, NC, who works in the hospital's Endoscopy Suite. Davis



Photos by HM2 John Veres
Ensign David Davis, NC, who works in the hospital's Endoscopy Suite, obtains medications and supplies from a dispenser in the hospital's Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

was an enlisted aviation ordnanceman who decided to go into nursing to enhance his career opportunities. "Nursing has proven a great choice. I've thoroughly enjoyed the job and the opportunity to help and interact with patients," said Davis.

A graduate of Jacksonville University's nursing program, Davis said nursing is exciting. "There are many different roads and avenues you can take once you achieve your degree. My experience working in Endoscopy (ENDO) has been fantastic. In ENDO I deliver conscious sedation and I'm working eventually toward a perioperative program to become an operating room nurse."

Lt. Stacy Batt, a nurse in the hospital's Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) has been a nurse for 10 years. She agrees that nursing is a great career.

"I can't picture myself doing



Navy Nurse Ensign Scott MacDonald, of Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Pediatrics Ward, conducts an assessment on 10-year-old Shawn Stevens Jr.



Lt. Stacy Batt, NC, of Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) checks out a crash cart.

anything else," she said. "Every day is different and I really enjoy working with my patients and the staff here." Her many daily responsibilities include working with patient's pain resolution, monitoring their breathing, administering medications and advising patients on discharge procedures and follow-up.

Navy Nurse Ensign Scott MacDonald of Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Pediatrics Ward, explained that delivering Pediatric care is particularly challenging. "You have to get it absolutely right every time. Pediatric patients don't have fully developed immune systems. They're mini-adults and, there-

fore, diseases can impact them more severely. For instance, a kid with pneumonia often will require more care than adults with pneumonia."

MacDonald, who worked in Jacksonville's Baptist Hospital before becoming a Navy nurse nine months ago, said that Navy nursing has both similarities and differences to nursing in the private sector, "Still," he noted, "the basic idea of nursing runs true across every culture and environment. Nursing, whether in Iraq or here at home, is the same. We're going to make people better. That's our thing," he said.

This dedication to "making people better" is reflected in this year's Nurses Week logo - "Nurses Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives." During Nurses Week, banners bearing this message will be displayed at the Hospital Quarterdeck and Main Clinic entrances. Also on display will be books, memorabilia, photos and artwork related to the history of the Nurse Corps.

On May 8 at 6:30 a.m., the Office of the Director of Nursing Services will host a Nurse Corps Breakfast in the Hospital Galley. The cost for this exceptional buffet is \$1.60 per guest.

On May 13 at 10 a.m., the hospital will also host a cake-cutting ceremony for the Nurse Corps on the Hospital Quarterdeck featuring several guest speakers.

On May 17, local nurses and guests will gather for a dinner celebration aboard the Princess Riverboat Cruise Line docked on the east side of the St. Johns River. The price of the buffet dinner, \$40, includes three entrees, vegetables, salad bar, dessert bar, coffee, tea, tax and gratuity.

For information on any of these events, contact Lt. Cmdr. L. Huff at 542-7098 or 720-7667.

Lone HSO Reservist serving with pride

By JOC Bill Austin
HSO PAO

On any given day, Bashan Woodard can be seen working diligently at her desk at the Naval Healthcare Support Office (HSO), neatly dressed in sharp civilian attire.

For the past couple of weeks however, the Many, La., native has sported a new look of crisp military whites bearing a second class petty officer hospital corpsman chevron.

This "Citizen Sailor" is in good company. She joins a force of more than 1,500 Navy Medicine Reservists who have answered the call to duty, in support of current war operations.

She is the only Naval Reservist stationed at HSO. "I couldn't be more proud to wear this uniform," said Woodard with her trademark-winning smile. She went on to say she originally joined the Naval Reserves to get a small taste of military life. "I have continued to drill because the Lord has



HM2 Bashan Woodard

afforded me the opportunity to continue to serve my country, and I truly enjoy working with my shipmates in this capacity," she added with more than a hint of sincerity.

Woodard has been affiliated with the Navy for the past 14 years, and is a member of HSO's Medical Corps Department, tracking the credentials process of mobilized Reserve medical officers.

Having a direct impact on the command's mission isn't a term that Woodard's Leading Chief HMC(FMF)

Dale Murray tosses around willy-nilly. His testimonial on her behalf is both in-depth and straightforward.

"Ms. Woodard has been assigned to the command's Centralized Credentialing Department (CCPD) as a civil service employee for the past year, and served three years here as a government contractor. She is our technical adviser on credentials and privileging matters and program elements of the Naval Reserve credentialing and privileging process," said Murray.

"Additionally, she was assigned to this facility in a reserve capacity assisting with the management of the nurse core credentialing process. She was selected to augment the reserve force integration by mobilization to Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, and due to her vast knowledge of the credentialing process, she was temporarily assigned to CCPD to support the healthcare provider mobi-

lization function for the Naval Reserves.

In a joint effort with the Bureau of Naval Medicine (BUMED), she is assigned to manage the overall processing of the Credentialing Quality Assurance System (CCQAS) provider status allowing BUMED immediate credentialing and privileging data so provider status can be matched with mobilization requirements. She leads a recall team of 8 personnel in order to meet time lines established through both commands. This has proven to streamline the recall process and open the lines of communication validating the centralized process that the Naval Reserve has established," added Murray.

Faith is a strong motivator behind Woodard's success as a person as well as a Sailor and civil service team member. A faith she testifies, has added true meaning and inspiration to her life and those who are fortunate enough to be around her. "I admire so many people," she said thoughtfully. "I admire my husband Jack, my parents Harold and Wonda Branch, and most of all, I admire my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

When asked what advice she would give to those who might be considering answering the call to duty, Woodard didn't hesitate to answer.

"Joining the military isn't something to take lightly. Being part of our nation's Department of Defense is an honor," she said. "It's an opportunity to better oneself, to travel and see God's creation, and it offers stability during times of economic hardship."



Celebrating the military child



A group of children get ready for the Paddle Boat Relay Race during Saturday's pool party to celebrate Month of the Military Child.



A toddler strides across the kiddie pool during the Balloon Pop Race.



Seven-year-old Jose Chavarria does his best to pop a balloon during the Balloon Pop Race.

Local event celebrates military children

By Kaylee LaRocque
Staff Writer

With the cooler months fading away, the base pool came alive Saturday as nearly 300 children of all ages and their families enjoyed a day of fun and excitement in celebration of April's Month of the Military Child. The afternoon event gave families a chance to spend some quality time together as the children enjoyed pool games and carnival rides.

"We hold this carnival and pool party every April to celebrate our military children. The pool is not officially open yet, but MWR opened it just for us to hold this event. We added a small carnival so the kids can swim and ride the rides. We'll hold another carnival in November to celebrate the Month of the Military Family," said Erica Hickey, Youth Activities Center director.

While some participated in such pool games as noodle races, diving for pennies, paddle boat races and balloon pop relays, others played at the carnival.

"I think this is really a great idea. They have all this stuff here for the kids to play with. Usually we just stay home and watch TV. This let's us get out and play," said Erica Lagrue, who spent much of the afternoon going down the carnival water slide and in the pool.

"By having events like this, it really shows that our military families are thought of and cared about. If we don't take care of our dependents, then they don't take care of us," added Master Sgt. Mike Strickland, who is stationed at Moody Air Force Base, but lives with his family in Jacksonville. "I brought my three children out here today to have some fun and so we could spend some time together."

While the younger children enjoyed bouncing in the Balloon Typhoon, the older children had blast going down the rubber water slide and spinning around in the Dixie Cartwheel ride. Another unique game was the Bungee Run, where two people strap themselves into a harness attached to a bungee cord and try to run farther than the other person without getting pulled back. "This was really hard to do. My competitor was bigger than I am so he kept running farther than me," said 10-



Jonathan Steele takes the lead during the Paddle Boat Relay Race.

year-old Ariel Mojocoa.

At the pool, the children lined up every half and hour to participate in one of the many events. Some of the more exciting events were the paddle boat races where participants were required to race on paddleboards and the balloon pop relay. This relay required team members to race across the pool where they had to get out and sit on a balloon until they popped it. Even the smaller children enjoyed this event, although the parents had to help them out a bit to pop the balloons. After every event, the children received prizes such as beach balls, water bottles and other goodies.

Luckily, the weather held out throughout the afternoon. "I was really scared we would have to cancel the event, but it turned out to be such a beautiful day. We really got lucky," concluded Hickey.



And they're off . . . splashing and kicking, a group of children compete in a Paddle Boat Relay Race during the base pool party Saturday.

Celebrating the military child



Round and round they go. A couple of kids and their parents enjoy a ride on the Dixie Cartwheel.

Photos by
Kaylee
LaRocque



Three-year-old Dante Chavarria (left) and his brother, seven-year-old Jose Chavarria bounce with balloons in the Balloon Typhoon at the carnival.



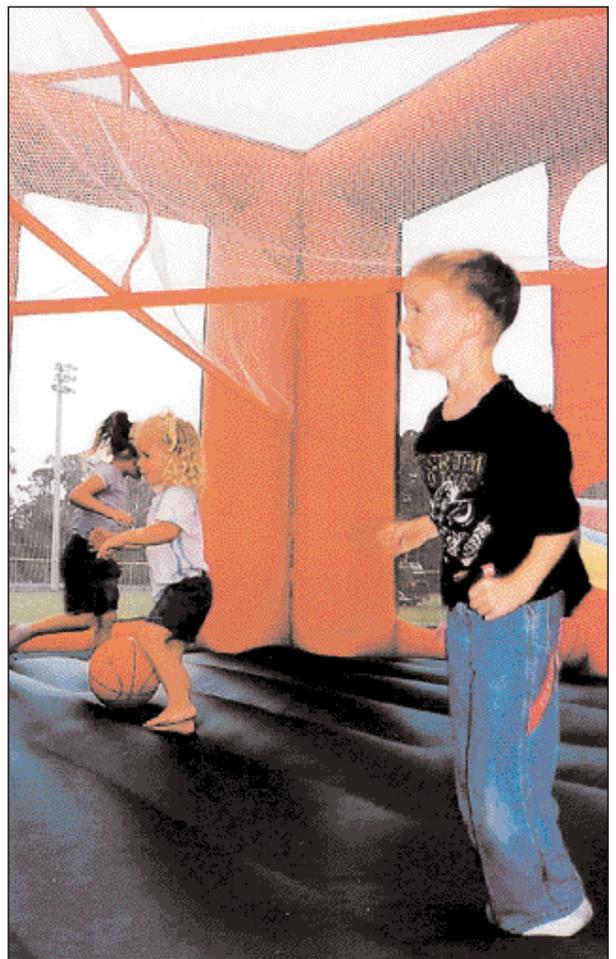
Four-year-old Carlos Lagrule hits the slopes as he tubes down the water slide.



Five-year-old Tyler Spears takes the plunge on the rubber water slide at the carnival to celebrate Month of the Military Child.



Ten-year-old Ariel Mojocoa struggles during a race against an opponent on the Bungee Run.



Several children enjoy bouncing around in the Moonwalk.

CDF: Career fair offers options after service

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my rate."

In addition, NPC representatives also provided informative workshops for enlisted and officer spouses. "An event like this is very helpful for spouses to learn exactly what's available for them on base in terms of support, especially when the military family member is deployed," said Navy spouse Bonnie Antrim. "Plus, it gives us a great chance to come and meet other spouses who may have the same concerns and questions about available resources."

Although planning and delivering such events is no easy task, the Career Decision Fairs prove enormously effective in getting the word out, Andreasen mentioned. "We're going to give the Sailors the tools to succeed, which will then result in mission accomplishment and career development," he said.

Andreasen explained that in many cases, incorrect information makes its way into the fleet through the rumor mill. "It's pretty much like that old slogan, 'Buyer Beware.' If a Sailor makes a decision based on the wrong information, that Sailor will have to live with the consequences. Rumor is rumor and Ref A is Ref A. Go with policy."

For Sailors unable to attend the fair, Andreasen stressed the need to contact command career counselors. "Use the career counselors. They're the ones armed with knowledge to help. It's like a one-stop shop. If they don't already have the information on hand, they know where to get it," he said.

The next Career Decision Fair is expected to take place on base in approximately six months.

For more information, visit the StayNavy website at www.staynavy.navy.mil.



Photos by JO1 Mike Jones

CMDCM(AW/SW) Les Andreasen, Center for Career Development (CCD) CMC liaison, addresses military spouses at a CCD workshop on base April 24.

DOD: New certification opens door to DoD career

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want these qualifications and are showing it by working hard for them," said DCC(SW/AW) Matt Melott from USS John F. Kennedy.

Several of the Sailors were due to be released from active duty, but extended to receive this training. "The Sailors who extended for these classes benefited the Navy because they are in for another six months. They are also now reconsidering their career choices," commented Melott.

One of the Sailors who extended was DC3 David Scharf, was going to end his Navy career at his five-year mark but decided to extend and possibly reenlist after receiving this training. "I really like my job and the Navy has a lot



Photos by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

Students from the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) practice spraying down a container of hazardous material during the DoD certification class held here April 18.

of good programs such as this one. DoD firefighting has a lot of similarities to the Navy's DC rate and I highly recommend this class to all DCs because it has really helped me become more knowledgeable about firefighting," Scharf said.

Another member of the class

was DCFN Shannon Frohman, who is the only active duty female Sailor who has participated in the class. "I definitely think this class is worth taking and feel that as a female, I might have had to work a little harder than the men but it is well worth it," expressed Frohman.

Being the only female in a class something Frohman is used to experiencing. While attending DC "A" School, she was also the only female in her class.

For more information about the firefighting programs available at the NAS Jacksonville Fire Department, call 542-3719.

2002 Water Quality Report - NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE

From NAS Jax
Public Works

TEST RESULTS TABLE – NAS JACKSONVILLE

The Navy Public Works Center Jacksonville (PWC Jax), Water Utilities Division is your water utility service provider.

The following is this year's annual Water Quality Report which keeps you informed about the water and services PWC Jax has delivered to you over the past year.

The center's goal is and always has been, to provide base personnel with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We ensure this high standard, by tapping into a water source of four deep wells which draws from the Floridan aquifer.

PWC JAX routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The above table shows the results of our monitoring for the period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2002.

As you can see by the table above, our system had no violations. The base drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements.

As water travels over the land or underground it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

As authorized and approved by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

** Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants and inorganic contaminants are the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.

Radiological Contaminants	Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha	(pCi/l)	5/02	N	1.7	1.6-1.7	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants	Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	(ppm)	5/02	N	0.031	0.02-0.031	0	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	(ppm)	5/02	N	0.62	0.62	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium	(ppm)	5/02	N	18	8.5 - 18	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Note: The result in the Level Detected column for TTHMs is the highest of the four quarterly running annual averages of results from all sampling sites. The quarterly averaged during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2002.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	(ppb)	8/2002	N	37 avg	18 - 60	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)	Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water)	(ppm)	8/02	N	0.23	0 of 66 sites	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water)	(ppb)	8/02	N	ND	0 of 66 sites	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Therefore some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including syn-

thetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

As water travels over the land or underground it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

In the table above are many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you

better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or

expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Not Applicable (N/A) - No value limit or restriction has been applied to this particular parameter.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year.

"We at Navy Public Works Center Jacksonville work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap," said Fred Burns, Water/Wastewater Utilities director.

"We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future."

For more information or questions concerning this report or PWC Jax Water Utility Division, Navy on-base housing residents should contact the base Housing Office.

Base employees should contact the base safety or environmental offices. All questions will be answered through your activity or directly.

Navy personnel who live in private residences can also contact PWC Jax for general questions on water quality. For more information, call Wally Holdstein at 542-3991, Ext. 4632.

NASA offers unique opportunity

From NASA

NASA Space Camp is a place where kids come together for a journey that they will never forget. Each child learns about astronauts and space travel, and also experiences something even more important: developing bonds of friendship.

This is a microcosm of the life of military children. They travel, they learn, and they quickly bond into friendships that many times last for life.

It is fitting that the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has created a Space Camp scholarship in memory of one of its brightest and finest children, Bernard Curtis Brown II. Bernard, the 11-year old son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bernard Curtis Brown, was killed on Sept. 11, 2001, when the hijacked airliner on which he was a passenger, crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At the time, he was on his way to California to represent his school at a National Geographic event.

U.S. Space Camp is a five-day program that shows youngsters firsthand what it takes to be an astronaut. Activities include simulated space shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, and lectures on the



past, present, and future of space exploration.

Offered in two locations (Huntsville, Ala. and Titusville, Fla.), Space Camp takes a unique, fun and hands-on approach to learning outside the classroom—and students leave with a greater appreciation for school and their studies.

Each student applicant must be a child of an active duty military parent, be enrolled in grades six through nine, write an essay stating why he or she should be selected, submit two letters of recommendation with contact information, and complete and submit application by the deadline. The application deadline is May 15. Other considerations include evidence of patriotism, future goals, community service, and "after-camp" intentions.

The Bernard Curtis Brown, II Space Camp scholarship is funded by the MCEC. The scholarship covers full tuition including meals, lodging, program materials, and transportation (from student's home base to nearest Space Camp).

For more detailed information about Space Camp, visit their Web site at www.spacecamp.com.

Navy College Learning Center offers classes

From NCLC

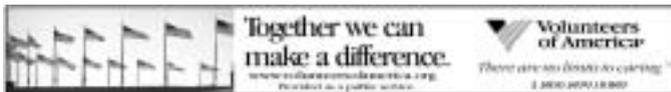
The Navy College Learning Center (NCLC) offers free ASVAB/ACT/SAT prep classes to help increase test scores. The following are the upcoming 2003 spring classes at the NCLC:

- May 12 - 22
 - May 27 - June 5
- Classes run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for two weeks with a half hour lunch.

These classes are offered to help increase scores in math, English and reading.

They also improve career growth through improved test-taking skills. Completion of the course meets the requirements for retaking the ASVAB.

Seating is limited and reserved on a "first-come" basis. To sign up, call 542-3676 or email Aslclta@inetmail.att.net.



Battle of Midway Memorial Dinner set

From CNRSE
Public Affairs

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner, which will be held June 6 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel on Jacksonville's Southbank.

The guest speaker will be James H. Cunningham Jr., a Battle of Midway veteran and retired Navy chief. A recipient of the Purple Heart and five Battle Stars, he was serving aboard USS Hammann when it was sunk at Midway. He was one of only 85 out of a crew of 250 to survive.

Cost of tickets for the dinner are:

E-6 and below, \$20; E-7 - O4, \$30; O5 and above, \$40; civilians and retirees, \$40. Checks should be made payable to Midway Memorial Account.

Tickets may be purchased from the following: NAS Jacksonville - Command Master Chief Office, ITI Guy Stelzenmuller at (904) 542-4545/2934; Naval Station Mayport, AECs(AW) Elizabeth Speer, 270-6101 and ITC(SW/AW) Victor Martin, 270-7354 ext 116; and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, MSC Eric Johnson, at (912) 673-2064.

Uniform: O-4 and above - dinner dress white jack-

et; O-3 and below - dinner dress white/dinner dress white jacket optional. Civilian is black tie or business attire.

Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:30.

The evening promises to be fun and patriotic. Also in attendance will be other survivors of the Battle of Midway. This is an excellent opportunity for young Sailors to connect with a significant part of their naval history. Included will be a superb meal, music by Navy Band Southeast and an historical program highlighting the contributions of all military services in this magnificent victory.

This year's event marks the 61st anniversary of the Battle of Midway as well as the 100th anniversary of flight. All naval personnel: active duty, retired, enlisted, officer and civilians are invited to attend the midway memorial dinner.

All personnel should take time to reflect upon this important event in our naval history and on our proud heritage.

Additional information can be found at the Commander, Navy Region Southeast web site, <http://www.cnrse.navy.mil/>, by clicking on the blue "special events" button at the top of the home page.

MWR NOTES

Aquatics Department taking reservations

The Aquatics Department staff members are now taking reservations for private parties at the outdoor pool.

The Aquatics staff is eager to help you get you fit. Join them for an aqua aerobics class, Monday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, or Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and again from 5:30-6 p.m. There is still time to enroll in May swimming classes. Registration is open for all levels. Please contact the Aquatics Department at 542-2930.

The outdoor pool will open for the summer season weekends only beginning May 3 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be a Memorial Day Season Kickoff Party May 26 at 11 a.m.

The Heritage Cottages

MWR's new Heritage Cot-tages are now open for only \$60 a night. These cottages make for a great vacation home away from home. They are fully-furnished with plenty of space. Make your reservation now by calling 542-3138/3139.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

Due to vendor price increases, the Veterinary Treatment Facility has been forced to increase prices. We still have the lowest prices around.

The NAS Jax Veterinary Treatment Facility is located in Building 8 at the corner of Ranger Street and Enterprise Avenue. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is closed on legal holidays. Pets are seen by appointment only. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 542-3786.

The clinic is limited to services permitted by regulations. These include vaccinations, heartworm testing, fecal testing and minor treatment of the eyes, ears, and skin on an outpatient basis. Heartworm and flea prevention products are available for purchase at the clinic during regular business hours.

Mulberry Cove Marina news

The marina offers free kayak and canoe rentals for active duty Sailors on Thursdays. It's a great way to get acquainted with some of the equipment on hand and have some fun too. For more information on marina events, call 542-3260.

Auto Skills Center

Visit the Auto Skills Center for your professional or hobby car care needs. The center offers an array of services for the novice or professional auto enthusiast.

There is an ASE qualified mechanic on hand to assist with questions and tips on servicing your vehicle. The center is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all holidays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Auto Skills Center offers a shop orientation class on the third Thursday and Friday of each month. Reservations are required for the orientation. Call 542-3227 for information.

NAS Freedom Lanes offers great deals

The NAS Freedom Lanes is a state-of-the-art bowling facility, with 24 lanes, a game room with pool tables and arcade gaming machines.

The Gutterball Grill snack bar provides delicious food and beverage service. The facility has a fully supplied Pro Shop staffed by members of the Professional Bowling Association.

The center is open seven days a week. The center offers Cosmic Xtreme bowling on Saturday afternoon from 4-6 p.m. and again from 8 p.m. - midnights. The NAS Freedom Lane is open to all

active duty, authorized civilians, retirees and their family members.

Active duty free bowling: Wednesdays from open to close.

Rent a lane special Tuesdays starting at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 per lane per hour or \$32 per lane for three-hour rental. Shoe rental is \$1.65 per pair.

Extreme Bowling - Saturday nights. The cost is \$15 per person. Check in begins at 7 p.m. and bowling starts at 8 p.m.

Call the center for event schedules at 542-3493.

Youth classes

Dance classes and Tae Kwon Do classes are available at NAS Jax Youth Gym and Yellow Water Youth Activities. If you are interested in registering your child stop by either center or give us a call at 778-9772 (NAS Jax) or 777-8247 (Yellow Water).

Free movies offered

Enjoy free movies at the base theater each Friday evening starting at 7 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bring your own popcorn, soda and snacks.

Sit back and enjoy some of Hollywood's premier blockbuster hits. There are no alcoholic beverages allowed in the theater and persons under 17 are not permitted without adult supervision.

Tomorrow, 7 p.m. - Tears of the Sun
May 9, 7 p.m. - First Knight
May 10, 5 p.m. - Jurassic Park II

May 10, 7 p.m. - Biker Boyz

Escape the ordinary on an I.T.T. trip

Have some fun with I.T.T. - take a trip or treat yourself to a show! Stop by our office located adjacent to the NEX, and sign up for a great trip. Our trips are open to all

hands, so bring a friend! For more information call the office at 542-3318.

Here are some of the upcoming events I.T.T. has tickets for:

Suns Baseball tickets - general admission is \$4.

Disney Florida resident four-day play pass - \$107.45. Good until Sept. 30.

The following are upcoming trips:

Saturday - Shrimp Festival at Amelia Island. Then we'll head to a candlelight viewing of Fort Clinch. The cost is \$13.75.

May 18 - Kennedy Space Center. Ticket and transportation for adults is \$38.50 and children (3-11) are \$29.50.

May 24 - Florida Folk Festival. Enjoy entertainment on six different stages featuring Florida's finest music, dance and storytelling. Sign up before May 9 and pay \$28.50 for adults and \$16.50 for children under 15.

Liberty happenings

May 7 - Barracks Adventure Bash 2003. Join the Liberty staff as we sponsor this year's Barracks Bash with some wild and zany "Fear Factor" challenges.

This event will be held from 3:30-8 p.m. in the courtyard of the Bachelor Quarters Building 822. For more details call 542-3491.

Visit MWR online at www.nasjax.navy.mil and look for the tab marked MWR this is your tab to unlimited fun. For questions or comments e-mail us at mwrnk@nasjax.navy.mil

Battle of Midway 5K race slated

From Staff

Fresh air, exercise and the opportunity to meet a real-life World War II hero are on tap for participants of the Battle of Midway 5K race to be held at 11:30 a.m. aboard NAS Jacksonville on June 4.

Starting the race and assisting in the presentation of awards will be James H. Cunningham Jr., a Battle of Midway veteran and retired Navy chief. Recipient of the Purple Heart and five Battle Stars, he was serving aboard the USS Hammann when it was sunk at Midway. Cunningham, was one of only 85 out of a crew of 250 to survive. He will be available before and after the race to share his experiences with participants.

The race will begin south of the BOQ on Patrol Road, following a course down that road and back.

Registration forms are available at the Base Gym (Building 614) located on NAS Jacksonville. The first 100 to register will receive a free Battle of Midway 5K Run commemorative T-shirt.

The race is open to all military and civilian personnel; there is no entry fee. Participants from the outside community may compete only if they have a valid ID card and Department of Defense vehicle decal, or are escort-



ed at all times by a sponsor with a valid ID card and Department of Defense vehicle decal.

Late registration will take place up until race time. The race starts at 11:30 a.m. with an awards ceremony following. Awards will be presented to top three male and female finishers. A Battle of Midway race team trophy will be awarded to the winning team. Five-person teams are required for competition; the best four scores count. The winning team will keep the trophy for a year. It will go up for challenge at next year's race.

For additional race information, contact Barbara Millhollan, NAS Fitness Director, at 542-3518 (dmillhol@nasjax.navy.mil), or Lisa Newsome (dnewsome@nasjax.navy.mil) at 542-3518/2930.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Navy Wives Clubs of America, NWCA Jax No. 86 meets the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street at NAS Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 772-0242 or Pearl Aran at 777-8032.

The Navy Wives Club's DID No. 300 meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Oak Crest United Methodist Church Education Building at 5900 Ricker Road. For more information call 387-4332 or 272-9489.

Clay County Chapter 1414, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, (NARFE) invites all retired and currently employed federal employees to their regular monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Orange Park Library. For more information call 276-9415.

MOMS Club of Northeast Florida meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting is free and open to all at-home mothers and children who live in the zip code areas of 32206, 32218 and 32226. MOMS Club is a support group for moms wanting a variety of activities for you and your children. The chapter offers monthly meetings, newsletters, activity calendars, playgroups, field trips and service projects. For meeting location or more information, contact Debbie at 751-0671 (debbiejkg@yahoo.com) or Kathi at 751-3400 (kattj28@aol.com).

Submarine Sailors - If you have qualified on a United States Navy submarine in the past or present you are invited to join "First Coast Sub Vets." If you have qualified on a submarine from a foreign country, you are invited to join as an associate member. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the American Legion Post 316 on Atlantic Blvd. For more information contact the Base Commander at rjjax@attbi.com or 241-6222.

The Marine Corps League, Jacksonville Detachment holds their monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Marine Corps Recruiting Station at 3728 Phillips Highway, Suite 229. For more information call John Leisman at 779-7375.

Girl Scout Troop 333 meets every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at NAS Jacksonville Chapel Annex. All girls grade 4-6 are invited, adults are also needed. If interested contact Lynne Sebring at 317-2363 or come to the meetings.

St. Joseph's New Directions is a year-round support group for the divorced and separated. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The meetings start at 6:45 p.m. and are held in the Convent at St. Joseph's main church on Loretto Road. Call 268-1591.

Christian Fellowship Night will be held behind the Chapel in Bldg. 749 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday night. For more information call 542-3051.

Association of Aviation Ordnance-men's meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Road. For more information, call AOC Chris Johnson at 542-2168 or AOC Erick Parmley at 542-8589.

The National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) holds its monthly meeting on the third Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Urban League, 903 West Union Street. NNOA is a non-secretariat, not-for-profit organization sanctioned by the Secretaries of Defense and Transportation to assist sea services in recruiting and training minority officers, increasing awareness of sea services opportunities in minority communities, and projecting a positive Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard image. Interested personnel are encouraged to attend or contact Lt. Herlena Washington at 696-5005 or email WashingtonHO@matcambic.usmc.mil.

The National Naval Officer's Association is holding their annual Dr. Samuel P. Massie Scholarship luncheon Saturday from

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin. The guest speaker will be Rear. Adm. D. Curtis, commander, Naval Surface Group Two. For tickets, contact Lt. LT Sean Judge at 542-7841.

The Children's Home Society of Florida will host its 14th annual **Run for the Roses** celebration presented by MPS Group Saturday at the Outpost in Ponte Vedra Beach. The event kicks off at 4 p.m. and includes a big-screen broadcast of the Kentucky Derby as well as a traditional "Derby dinner," and a silent auction. Proceeds from the celebration will benefit CHS, which provides adoption, foster care and other social services for local children and families.

The 60th Anniversary Jolly Roger Reunion (1943-2003) will be held May 15-17, 2003 at NAS Oceania, Va. For more information, e-mail reunion@v1103.navy.mil or call (757) 433-5833.

The VFA-131 20th Anniversary Reunion will be held July 11-12 in Virginia Beach, Va. For more information contact Lt. James Yeats, VFA-131, Unit 60145, FPO AE 09504-6229 or email yeatsja@vfa131.navy.mil.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (Flotilla 14-8) is sponsoring three one-day Boating Safely programs July 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mandarin High School. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call Bob Strong at 721-1346.

The VP-4 Association is holding a reunion Oct. 6-9 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information and to register, email VP4assoc@adelphia.net.

USS Iwo Jima (LPH2/LHD 7) will hold their annual reunion Oct. 16-19 in Norfolk, Va. For more information, call Robert McAnnally at (866) 237-3137 or email yujack@megalink.net.

The annual VP-24 Reunion is scheduled for Oct. 24-26 at NAS Jacksonville. For more information, write Don Hall, 2003 Jax Reunion Host, 4421 Commons Dr. East, #413, Destin, Fla. 32541 or email djhdsetin@cox.net.

JAX SPORTS NEWS AND STANDINGS

Sports officials and scorekeepers needed

The North Florida Military Officials Association is looking for individuals to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers are also needed for basketball. Experience is not required. If interested, contact Al Vandercar at 282-0809.

Navy Southeast Regional Running and Triathlon Team

Represent the United States Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons. The Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms are provided as well as transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs. Interested runners must compete in sanctioned (USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon Association, or Roadrunners Clubs of America) races and your time must be one of top 10 regional qualifying times. If you have run in sanctioned race and your time meets regional qualifying time, contact your base athletic director.

Southeast Regional qualifying times

5K	Men 19:00	Women 24:00
10K	Men 34:00	Women 46:00
Marathon	Men 3 Hrs. 30 Min.	Women 4 Hrs.
Triathlon	Men 2 Hrs. 30 Min.	Women 3 Hrs.

Triathlon time based on 1.5K swim, 10K run, 40K bike

For more information about any of the sports articles, call **Bill Bonser**, sports coordinator or **Mike Gorman**, athletic director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil. Visit the MWR website at www.nasjax.navy.mil

Greybeard Softball Standings as of April 25

Team	Wins	Losses
CPRW-11	6	1
AIMD	5	1
NAMTra	4	2
VP-30	1	6
VP-45	0	6

Intramural Soccer Standings as of April 25

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
VP-30	4	0	1	9
VS-31	5	1	0	6
NavHosp	3	1	1	5
VP-45	2	3	0	4
ASTC/CNRSE	1	4	0	2

Open Softball Standings as of April 25

Team	Wins	Losses
CB'S	6	1
Beanie Boys	5	2
VP-16	3	2
NAMTra	2	4
Beef O'Brady's	3	3
Onsite Aviation	0	7

2003 Women's Softball Standings as of April 25

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-16	5	0
VP-45	5	1
Lady Cougars	3	3
NavHosp	1	4
MWR	0	6

Intramural Softball Standings as of April 25

Team	Wins	Losses
AIMD Bombers	5	0
VS-31	5	0
Air Ops	6	1
NAMTra	4	1
VS-30 Red	4	2
VP-30	4	3
VP-45	4	3
VR-58	3	2
HS-75	3	3
VP-16 Red	3	4
AIMD 900	3	4
HS-5	2	3
VS-30 Black	2	4
VP-62	2	4
VP-16 White	2	4
HS-15	1	4
HITRON 10	1	5
SERCC	0	6

HELPING HANDS

Dental assistants, dentists and oral surgeons wanted

With recent deployments NAS Jax and NS Mayport staffing has drastically decreased. However, the service need has not. If you are qualified and want to help contact the American Red Cross 358-8091

Florida's First Coast Nature Festival

May 1st-4th. Help promote interest in birding, wildlife and eco-tourism in St. John's County by assisting with registration, ticket, and providing information for this event today through May 4. The minimum age is 16. There are many shifts to choose from. To sign up, call Mya Carter at 829-1711.

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation

Register youth who will be participating in event tomorrow at the Beaches and June 27 at Eagle Harbor. Count pledges received, distribute prizes based on pledges received, sell raffle tickets and assist with on-court activities. Minimum age is 14. For more information, call Kerry

Soltis at 301-3786.

Senior Walk for Wellness

Join our seniors on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a 2.5-mile walk for wellness at Treaty Oak Park on Prudential Drive. Minimum age required is 16. This is a family friendly project. Volunteers under 16 may volunteer with parental supervision. Call the City of Jacksonville Office of Volunteer Services at 630-1020 to sign up.

Cure for Arthritis Walk

The Arthritis Foundation is looking for volunteers Saturday to assist in the Cure for Arthritis Walk. Help is needed in the following categories: event committee, set-up/clean up committee, medical support, recruit food vendors and sponsors, recruit groups to walk, and walk ambassadors- speak to groups about the walk. Call Janie Ade at 353-5770 for details.

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation Play Day

Assist with Rallyball games (mini tennis matches) with children from third to seventh grade and with full court tennis matches for youths in high school May

10. Activities include: registering participants, encourage team members and assisting with team rotations and help coach with ball feed, scoring, etc. Days and times vary. Minimum age is 14. For more information, call Kerry Soltis at 301-3786.

Eighth Annual Stand for Children Walk

This event is May 10. Come help with set-up, operation, and participate as walkers in this annual event, co-sponsored by the Child Watch Partnership of Jacksonville and Monique Burr Foundation for Children, held to increase awareness for child advocacy. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. at Treaty Oak (Jesse Ball Dupont Park) and end at The Jacksonville Landing. Activities include face painting, train rides, courtyard dancing, health clinics, educational interaction booths, giveaways, finger painting, balloon art, temporary tattoos, food, and more! Minimum age is 13. To sign up, call Barbara Florio at 642-0210.

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation awards ceremony

Help the foundation children

celebrate their successes during this year-end event May 13 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Welcome youth and guests; assist with coordination of youth for photos and serve refreshments. Minimum age is 14. Call Kerry Soltis at 301-3786 for more details.

Annual Catherine H. McNair Law Enforcement and Fire/Rescue Thanksgiving Day

Join Bridge the Gap, Inc., May 16 in honoring the men and women of the Jacksonville Law Enforcement and Fire/Rescue Department for their hard work and dedication to this community. Greet special guests, serve meals and take pictures. Call Yvonne Lane at 630-0725 for information.

AngelAID Bikefest

Event volunteers are needed May 16-18 to assist with concessions, grounds clean up, ID booth, gate operations and blessing of the bikes. All proceeds benefit AngelAID The event will be held at St. Augustine Speedway. Minimum age is 21. Call 398-7777 or visit www.angelaidbikefest.com.

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