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## TOUCHING BASE

### Mark calendars for Navy Ball 2002

The Navy Birthday Ball will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at the River Cove Officer's Club. Tickets are \$15 per person for E1 through E6, \$20 per person for E7 through O3 and \$25 for O4 and above, civilians, retirees and guests. Tickets are now on sale through the Wing CMC, Hospital CMC and Base CMC offices. The attire is dinner dress whites for E7 and above, service dress whites for E6 and below and black tie and coats for civilians. For more information, call 542-2934.

### Medical Town Hall Meeting

Naval Hospital Jacksonville will host a Medical Town Hall Meeting on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at the NAS Jacksonville Commissary. The Town Hall Meeting is intended to be an open forum of exchange between all patients eligible for care and the hospital staff. Command master chiefs, ombudsman, active duty family members and retirees are encouraged to attend. The focus of this meeting will be the Naval Hospital's new "family centered health care" initiatives as well as planned upgrades of the Naval Hospital Pharmacy. For more information, please contact the hospital's Customer Satisfaction Office by calling 542-9175.

### Tri-base military job fair slated

The Fleet and Family Support Centers of NSB Kings Bay, NS Mayport and NAS Jax are sponsoring a Military Job Fair at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium on Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair brings employers together to help service members and their families learn about employment opportunities. Employers offer job information, accept applications and conduct interviews. Employers come from the Jacksonville area business community and selected national firms. The Fall 2002 Job Fair is expected to draw approximately 150 to 200 employers. All military personnel including retiree's and their family members are encouraged to attend. The fair is free to attend. Bring plenty of resumes and dress for success. For more information, contact the Kings Bay Fleet and Family Support Center at (912) 673-4513.

## Family at heart of Hispanic heritage

By Loren Barnes  
Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

In welcoming more than 200 guests to Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Hispanic Heritage Month Observance last Friday, Capt. Ralph Lockhart, Naval Hospital Jacksonville commanding officer, referred to "the tapestry of many strands and many colors that is America." He spoke of the many contributions and sacrifices Hispanics have made in the defense of our nation as well as the vital role Hispanic Americans play in today's Armed Forces and our nation as a whole. Cuban American Ensign Delia Diaz Edson, provided examples of famous Hispanics from American history as well as Hispanic Americans who continue to add to the diversity of American culture in entertainment, sports, acting and athletics. Bringing the diversity of Hispanic culture to life for the guests were Puerto Rican folk dancers Senti-



Photo courtesy of Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

A whirl of color Panamanian dancers bring a touch of Central America to Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

mientos Borincanos, Mexican entertainer Mayelo Romo and Panamanian folk dancers Al Son De Mi Tierra.

Serving as hosts for the event, Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Hispanic Heritage Committee, under the chairmanship of

Maritza Crespo of the International Medicine Department, brought the rich flavors of Latin America to their guests in the

form of foods from many lands. Assisting in this endeavor with donations

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## HS-75 Sailor chosen for annual Clay County award

By Kaylee LaRocque  
Staff Writer

Each year, Clay County designates the month of September as a month to honor the military members and their families who live in this community. During this month, the Clay County Chamber of Commerce solicits nominations for a competition to select three people who have contributed or made an effort to stand out within their community. Last Wednesday, a special luncheon was held to recognize these individuals. As the Clay County Military Person of the Year, NC1(AW/NAC) Glen Stroman of HS-75 was chosen



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

NC1(AW/NAC) Glen Stroman (right) and PN1(SW) Mike Dillon discuss some upcoming re-enlistments at HS-75.

for his long-time support of Orange Park High School and his strong dedication to his local neighborhood. As a mentor and volun-

teer for the Orange Park High School band, Stroman spends numerous hours coordinating all logistics in getting the band from site

to site for their many performances, including a recent international competition at the University of North Florida. "My daughters, Ashley and Lauren, are in the band. I wanted to become involved because I enjoy spending time with them and volunteering for something we can all be a part of," said Stroman. A native of Jacksonville, Stroman attended Robert E. Lee High School and Florida Community College at Jacksonville where he earned an associate's degree. "I was headed to the University of North Florida, when I met my wife, Robin. Things changed. We

were both working in retail and it just wasn't paying the bills. Her dad was in the Navy and kind of steered me in that direction," he said. After completing boot camp in San Diego in 1983, Stroman headed to Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) "A" School at NAS Willow Grove, Penn. His first tour was with the Reserve ASW Training Center as an instructor. After a short tour at NAS New Orleans, Stroman gave up shore duty and was assigned to VP-94, also in New Orleans. Five years later, he converted to Navy Career Counselor and took orders

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Photo by PH2(AW) Toiete Jackson

## Students shadow Navy for a day

Students from Ribault High School attend the Junior Achievement Job Shadow Day aboard NAS Jacksonville. The students are part of the "Steps to Success" career preparation class at Ribault. Sailors from different commands on base escorted the students around their work centers, showing them the different opportunities the Navy has to offer.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY 69/84  
ISOLATED  
SATURDAY 67/84  
ISOLATED SHOWERS  
SUNDAY 66/85  
PARTLY CLOUDY

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

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## PSD PASSDOWN

# PSD I.D. card staff stays busy

From PSD

Certain jobs require personnel to have a special type of personality in order to be successful. Some positions demand strict attention to detail and adherence to regulations, yet at the same time they require flexibility and understanding in order to help people in need. The staff of the ID cards section of Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) displays this type of personality.

By far the busiest section of the many divisions of PSD Jacksonville, this office services more than 4,500 customers per month. Customers run the entire gambit, from the member enrolling a newborn in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) to the spouse of a retired service member enrolling in TRICARE for Life.

One of the highest-volume ID cards facilities in the nation, PSD Jacksonville serves customers from a wide area, routinely seeing active duty personnel, reservists and their dependents from all branches of service in Northeast Florida, as well as retirees from the Daytona, Gainesville and Tallahassee areas.

PSD Jax issues the new Common Access Card (CAC) to active duty and reserve personnel; ID cards for dependents, retirees, and 100 percent disabled veterans; Geneva

Convention cards for the medical and chaplain corps; and ID cards for authorized foreign military personnel.

Issuing a card includes verifying and updating DEERS. The DEERS database, maintained in Monterey, Calif., is used by various agencies to grant access to facilities and services such as base medical, TRICARE, Commissary/Exchange and MWR.

Other services provided include: helping with applications to claim disabled children, parents/parents-in-law and wards; enrolling Medicare Part "B" retirees in TRICARE for Life; issuing letters of assistance for personnel to help partially or totally disabled retirees with shopping; and assisting un-re-married former spouses with applications for benefits.

With the heightened security threat in the world today, an ID card in the wrong hands can cause serious damage beyond the added cost of unauthorized medical treatment and commissary/exchange use. This threat demands personnel have all proper documentation required and that their identities be verified.

Recently a man in an E-8 Marine uniform came in for an ID card claiming to have been robbed of all identity at the bus terminal while transporting his father's ashes home from the funeral.

He gave the name and SSN of a Marine who was a valid service mem-

ber, but further investigation indicated the man requesting a replacement ID was a complete fraud.

This is just one example of the many attempts made to get an ID card and the precious benefits that go with it. With the exploding cost of health care, people will go to great lengths to gain access to the military health care system. So when documentation requirements or regulations seem unnecessary, please remember they are designed to protect all of us.

It is a requirement that dependents be accompanied by their sponsor when obtaining a dependent ID. The only alternative is to have a valid application form signed by the sponsor.

All personnel must have valid picture identification issued by a government agency (military ID, driver's license, passport, etc.) with them when they come in for service.

If any information is erroneously listed in DEERS, the proper documentation will be faxed to Monterey be corrected. The ID Cards Section is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Drill Weekend Saturdays (twice monthly) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..

The phone numbers for PSD are 542-2835/3728/4236. Questions may also be directed by utilizing the "Ask the Det" option on the PSA Jax website at [www.psjax.navy.mil](http://www.psjax.navy.mil).

### Meet A Sailor...

AD2 SUSAN NEEL



**Job title/command:**  
NAS Jax AIMD

**Hometown:** Perry, Fla.

**Family Life:** Mother of three boys.

**Past Duty Stations:** VX-1, Patuxent River, Md., AIMD, NAS Sigonella, Italy.

**Career Plans:** To complete my nursing degree.

**Most Interesting Experience:** My first hunting trip with my my eldest son and father.

**Words of Wisdom:** All things can be accomplished with perseverance and determination.

### Meet A Civilian...

DOUGLAS THOMAS



**Job title/command:**  
Fire Inspector, NAS Jax

**Hometown:** Florence, S.C.

**Family Life:** Widower and father of four children.

**Past Duty Stations:** Retired USAF, 10 years in Charleston, S.C., eight years at NAS Jax.

**Most Interesting Experience:** Working for five years with a rescue helicopter unit in Vietnam.

**Words of Wisdom:** Prepare yourself for the worst, but hope and pray for the best.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

From Commander, Navy Region Southeast

Every year at this time, we focus our attention on the issue of domestic violence awareness. Although October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, every month presents an opportunity to learn more about this problem and ways to help prevent it.

The Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence has completed its second year of work on this important project.

On Nov. 19, 2001, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz issued a strong policy statement on domestic violence in the military.

The two overarching goals of the task force remain strong. They are, victim safety and offender accountability. The Department of the Navy and the Navy Family Advocacy Program goals mirror those of the task force.

In FY 2001, there were 10,967 substantiated reports of spouse abuse across DoD. We are encouraged by the fact that the total number of spouse abuse reports to the Family Advocacy Program has declined six percent from FY 2000.

However, many spouses continue to suffer in silence, fearing the consequences of reporting their

abuser. The task force is searching for ways to improve our system of reporting domestic violence so that the victim will have access to services, as well as, confidentiality.

The task force reaffirmed that victim safety and holding offenders accountable are the responsibilities of commanding officers, sending a clear message that abusive behavior is incompatible with the core values of being in the service of the United States Navy.

Domestic violence costs are enormous for both the civilian and Navy community. Consequences of family violence are medical problems and emotional

and behavioral problems of children who witness violence in the home.

Domestic violence is a readiness issue, especially when service members are arrested and incarcerated for their abusive behavior.

Prevention of domestic violence is a leadership issue that we all need to take ownership of. Everyone has the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our extended Navy family.

Without one collaborative community response, this serious social and community problem will continue to plague our Navy and our society.

Readiness truly does begin at home.

## NJROTC Field Meet needs judges

On Nov. 2, Allen D. Nease High School NJROTC will host the fifth annual Panther Navy Invitational Interservice Field Meet at the Nease Stadium. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy JROTC units from Brunswick, Ga. to Miami will compete in academics, athletics and drill events.

Fifty volunteers are needed to act as judges for this event. Judges are needed for the personnel inspection, color guard, basic armed drill, exhibition armed drill, basic unarmed drill, exhibition armed drill, and athletic events.

The uniform for person-

nel inspection judges will be Service Dress. Khakis are authorized for drill events. Athletic judges may wear Navy athletic gear.

Judges must be at the NJROTC Building no later than 6:15 a.m. for a critical briefing session. The first team will take the field at 7 a.m. sharp. Home cooked food and beverages will be provided to the judges throughout the day, free of charge.

Judges are requested to sign-up by Oct. 15. Please contact Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Peter Garofalo at 824-7275, ext. 6112, 6175, or 6161 for more information.

## Yellow Water Town meeting

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel addresses the concerns of the residents living in the Yellow Water Housing Area. Town meetings are held periodically to gather information from residents in an effort to better their community.



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

## HEY MONEYMAN!

Hey, MoneyMan!

What do you know about credit repair companies? I have bad credit and I need to do something about it now!

**MoneyMan Sez:**

Borrowing money to "fix" your bad credit makes about as much sense as drinking beer to cure your alcohol problem.

Credit bureaus may report negative information for seven years and bankruptcies for ten years. The

only way to erase bad credit is to use good credit practices over time.

You didn't get into trouble over night and you won't get "fixed" overnight either. However, by controlling your spending and not getting behind on your bills, you can establish good credit by being a reliable and dependable bill-payer.

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

## Fastrack Program helps students excel

Are you planning to attend college, retake the ASVAB, or take the SAT, ACT or GED exams? The Navy College Learning Center's Fastrack Program has a proven track record of helping individuals excel at any of these endeavors.

The computer-based program is designed to refresh and teach academic concepts that prepare you for

college and test taking. Two options exist for optimum use of the Fastrack Program - enrollment in a two-week course or self-paced completion of the program.

The two-week course schedule through the end of the year is Oct. 21 through Nov. 5, Nov. 11-23, and Dec. 2-14. Call 542-3676, to find out how to reserve your seat.



## 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. - Protestant

**Communion** 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

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

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# Hopkins to relieve Schonenberg as HS-3 CO

By Lt. Jg. Aaron Anthonson  
HS-3 PAO

Cmdr. James Hopkins II will relieve Cmdr. Lee Schonenberg, as he assumes command of HS-3, during a change of command ceremony tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the NAS Jacksonville Bachelor's Officer's Quarters Pavilion.

Commander, Carrier Air Wing Eight (CAG-8) Capt. David Newland will be the guest speaker.

Hopkins, a veteran naval aviator with 19 years of Naval service and more than 3,000 flight hours, will lead the squadron into an exciting and demanding work-up cycle and deployment.

The "Tridents" of HS-3 will depart next week for Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev. on a three-week training detachment, where they will participate in numerous air wing exercises in areas of Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) and Naval Special Warfare (NSW).

The squadron will embark with the USS

Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) in preparation for cruise soon after returning from Fallon, and under Hopkins' leadership will deploy with the carrier next year.

Hopkins was born and raised in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in political science, graduating in 1983. He entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. and was designated a naval aviator in 1984.

In 1985, Hopkins reported to HS-1, in Jacksonville, flying with the "Seahorses", where he completed fleet replacement training in the SH-3 Sea King and joined HS-11 in July of that same year. During his tenure with the squadron, he embarked on USS America (CV-66) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71).

In December of 1988, he reported to Naval Recruiting District Atlanta where he served as Nuclear Power Officer Candidate recruiter for two years,



Cmdr. James Hopkins II

before accepting orders to the USS Forestall (CV-59).

Upon completion of Catapult and Arresting Gear Training in Lakehurst N.J., Hopkins arrived aboard the Forestall in February of 1991. He was assigned to the Air Department and assumed duties in V-2 Division as a Catapult and Arresting Gear officer.

During his tour onboard USS Forestall, Hopkins served as Bow Cat Branch officer, Arresting Gear



Cmdr. Lee Schonenberg

Branch officer, and V-2 Division officer.

In January 1993, Hopkins returned to HS-1, where he assumed the duties of administrative officer. Upon completion of a brief refresher training and the Instructor Training Unit syllabus, he also served as an instructor in the SH-3.

Hopkins detached from HS-1 in February of 1995 and joined the "Nightdippers" of HS-5. While with HS-5, he com-

pleted transition to the Sikorsky SH-60 Seahawk and deployed with USS George Washington (CVN-73). Hopkins' duties at HS-5 included serving as safety officer, administrative officer and maintenance officer.

Hopkins detached from HS-5 in July, 1997 and reported to the staff of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. While on staff, Hopkins served as Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Training and Readiness officer, COMNAVAIRLANT Air Services coordinator, and COMNAVAIRLANT Exercise coordinator.

Under Schonenberg's leadership, the Tridents deployed aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65), which became the key force behind the highly successful first strikes against the Taliban in response to the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Tridents conducted sustained Combat Search and Rescue, Anti-Submarine Warfare Logistics,

Naval Special Warfare and Search and Rescue (SAR) operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During Operation Enduring Freedom, Schonenberg led the Tridents to fulfill a nightly four-aircraft requirement: one-armed primary SAR, one Alert 15, two GSAR.

Of particular importance was the role that HS-3 played in combat logistics. The Tridents cross-decked an HH-60H to USS Philippine Sea (CG-58) to VERTREP two critical 4,500-pound E-2C engines from Fujairah, Oman to USS Philippine Sea for follow on transport/VERTREP to the USS Enterprise (CV-65).

Schonenberg will receive the Bronze Star at the ceremony tomorrow for his key leadership role during Operation Enduring Freedom.

He departs to head the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

## VP-5 hosts VP-50 'Blue Dragons' reunion

By Lt. Jg. Brett Staples  
VP-5 PAO

Former members of the famed "Blue Dragons" of VP-50 gathered from across the United States for a reunion in Jacksonville during the weekend of Sept. 28-29.

The "Mad Foxes" of VP-5 hosted an unclassified brief on the history and current status of the Maritime Patrol Navy, given by Wing Eleven Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Rich Goodwyn.

Following the brief, the Mad Foxes led their guests on a tour of their squadron facilities and a VP-5 aircraft static display, which the Blue Dragons could board and

examine. VP-5 aircrew were on-hand to answer questions and provide information to the former aviators and maintenance personnel, many of whom spent their days aboard the long retired P-2V and P-5.

The VP-50 squadron members were extremely impressed with the advancements that have been made in their former profession and showed great interest at being able to help, as concerned citizens, with stability and future growth of the VP community.

After several decades, the loyalties of these former Blue Dragons lie with the men and women who have followed in their footsteps.



Photo courtesy of VP-5

VP-5's Maintenance Officer Lt. Cmdr. Pete Garvin, discusses current operational and maintenance requirements with members of VP-50 during their reunion.

## Command volunteer recognition luncheon slated

The annual Command Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the River Cove Conference Center at NAS Jax. This year's theme is "Celebrate the American Spirit - Volunteer."

The guest speaker for the event will be Charles "Skip" Cramer, chief executive officer, Northeast Florida Chapter American Red Cross.

All departments and commands that have active volunteer service programs

will be honored at this activity. All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$8.50. For more information and to obtain tickets, call Dianne Parker at 542-2766, Ext. 130.

## JU accepting fall class applications

Jacksonville University is now accepting applications for the fall semester SCAAT class EDU 510/520 curriculum running Oct. 28 - Dec. 11.

SCAAT is an alternative teacher-education program conducted by the School of Education in collaboration with NAS Jacksonville.

Applicant's must have a bachelor's or higher from an accredited university with a GPA of 2.5. Applicants must have the academic requirements to meet Florida certification.

Classes will be held in the Chapel Annex from 5:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students will complete 16 semester hours of graduate professional education courses and six hours of student teaching.

The tuition for each three-semester hour course for military personnel is \$125 per semester hour (\$375 per course). Most is paid through Navy Tuition Assistance. Students pay for books and materials.

For more information, call Ruby Brobeck at 256-7131.

# HS-11 returns from Savannah

By Lt. j.g. Teresa Ferry  
HS-11 PAO

HS-11 recently returned from a Joint Services training detachment in Savannah, Ga. where they joined forces with three Air National Guard squadrons to complete Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) and Naval Special Warfare (NSW) training.

The 181st Fighter Wing requested that the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" fly as Search and Rescue Units (SRU) to help qualify their F-16 pilots as rescue mission commanders.

The Dragonslayers jump-ed at the opportunity to further their training for CSAR missions and gain invaluable joint experience with the Air National Guard. The F-16 units participating were the 113th Fighter Squadron from Indiana, 175th Fighter Squadron from South Dakota, and the 107th Fighter Squadron from Michigan.

The detachment stretch-ed over a two-week time period and was devoted to both day and night CSAR training scenarios that escalated in difficulty. During the second week, training was further enhanced with the addition of the Air Force's 23rd Special Tactics Squadron (STS) from Hurlbert AFB.

Working with the STS provided HS-11 with the opportunity to conduct alternate insertion/extraction proce-



Photo courtesy of HS-11  
HS-11 "Dragonslayers" perform a fast-roping exercise from the aircraft.

dures such as fast rope, rappelling and hoisting during the simulated rescue scenarios. The 23rd STS team was the same unit HS-11 worked with while forward deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom.

During the detachment, HS-11 crews flew more than 20 sorties, totaling

more than 80 hours. Overall, the detachment was a great success. The Air National Guard pilots were able to complete their qualifications as rescue mission commanders, and the Dragonslayers honed their skills and gained valuable experience in joint operations.

## 'Scouts' present VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award

By Lt. j.g. Chad Lukins  
VS-24 PAO

The VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award is a "Scout" tradition that provides the outgoing commanding officer a means to recognize that junior officer and petty officer whose overall performance exemplifies covenant leadership and superb professionalism during his command tour.

The Leadership Award recipients are selected by their peers and forwarded to the commanding officer for final approval. During Cmdr. Brian Luther's final quarters as commanding officer, he announced Lt. Stephen Allum and AME3 Richard Reid as the VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award recipients for his command tour.

The VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award is a tribute to Cmdr. Phillip Reed, Lt. Douglas Deem, Lt. j.g. Carey Arthur, and AW3 Charles Wade. This crew was lost at sea during carrier operations aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) while deployed to the Mediterranean. During their tour with VS-24, all of these men exhibited those attributes of sincerity, integrity, courage and loyalty, which are highly desirable in a professional naval officer or petty officer. They were dedicated professionals whose inspirational example touched each and every individual of their command. This award serves as continued remembrance of those qualities embodied in



Photo courtesy of VS-24  
Cmdr. Brian Luther presents AME3 Richard Reid and Lt. Stephen Allum the VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award.

our lost shipmates.

AME3 Richard Reid has made quite an impression in his nine months as a "Scout". He has quickly earned the respect of his peers. According to Reid, his parents and Colin Powell have been the most influential in guiding his career. "The wise and witty parents have the solutions to help you through. My parents were my teachers, counselors, and disciplinarians. I've always had full support from them and I know they are always there for me. As for Colin Powell, the man is in a class by himself. He is a great speaker, strategist, and leader," he said.

Reid believes the qualities of leadership and professionalism are "setting the correct example, effective communication, planning, and seeking self improvement." His dependability, decisiveness, and

enthusiasm are just a few attributes his peers use to describe him.

Reid aspires to be an officer in the United States Navy someday. His advice to his peers is to study leadership. "Learning about leadership will allow the development of character traits and principles of leadership," he added.

Allum is the junior officer recipient of the VS-24 Memorial Leadership Award. "I could not have accomplished what I have without the outstanding and unwavering support from my wife Ginger. She never complains and is always there for me," he said.

His advice to junior offi-

cers is to "set an example and be respected as a person." "They should also get involved, go the extra mile for the team, or simply just take the time to listen to a person with a concern," stated Allum.

Allum is extremely honored to be nominated by his peers. "There are such great people around me. I was shocked," he said, enthusiastically. "I would also like to thank the troops working 12-hour shifts. Without them none of this would be possible."

The Scouts also recently recognized several other squadron members: Lt. Cmdr. Courtney Smith and Lt. Anthony Williams - Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Lts. Jacob Abrams, Stephen Allum, Michael Hritz, Dennis Lloyd, Samuel Messer, and James Keen - Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; AE3 Robert Pennell and AO3 Marc Saks - Letter of Commendation from Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight; AT1(AW) David Lemcool - Senior Sailor of the Month for July; AD3 Adan Abassi - Junior Sailor of the Month for July; AO2 Travis Pease - Scout of the Month for August and AD3 James Oxendine - Junior Sailor of the Month for August.



Photo courtesy of HS-11  
The HS-11 "Dragonslayers" and HS-3 "Tridents" provide static displays for the students at Fleming Island Elementary School.

## 'Dragonslayers' land at Fleming Island

From HS-11

Fleming Island Elementary School students and faculty were pleasantly surprised to see two Navy SH-60F helicopters from the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" and the HS-3 "Tridents" from NAS Jax conduct a fly-by and land in the school soccer field on Sept. 26.

Upon landing, the aircrews proudly exhibited the two "Seahawk" helicopters for more than 1,100 children who attend the school. Each student and faculty member had an opportunity to view the helicopters up close and sit in the cabin and cockpit. The aircrews explained the basics of helicopter flight and the

many helicopter missions.

Lynda Braxton, Fleming Island Elementary School principal, along with the teachers and staff, organized a timely schedule that enabled all the children who wanted to tour the helicopter the opportunity to do so. Children of various ages assembled and waited patiently in long lines for their chance to sit in the pilots' seats or cabin.

Cmdr. John Schoeneck, HS-11 commanding officer, who piloted one of the helicopters, was impressed by the enthusiasm of the students. "We were glad to have the opportunity to fly in and the kids were happy to see us. It was a great day for everyone," he noted.

# HS-7's command master chief to retire

By Staff

**A**VCM (AW/SW) Phillip Barone, command master chief of HS-7 will retire Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. at HS-7, Hangar 123 after 31 years active duty service.

The guest speaker will be Cmdr. Kevin Kenney, commanding officer of HS-7.

Barone was born in New Britain, Conn. He moved to Jacksonville in the summer of 1970 and graduated from Technical High School of Jacksonville in June 1971.

He joined the Navy in April 1971 under the delayed entry program and entered Recruit Training Center, Orlando in September 1971. After boot camp, Barone attended Aviation Electronic Technician "A" School and Advanced First Term Avionics School where he made petty officer third class.

Barone's first tour was Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he worked as a supervisor and assault team leader for an anti-tank platoon.

In November 1973, he reported to VA-66 at NAS Cecil Field, as a petty officer second class. For the next two years there, he worked as the night check supervisor. In November 1975, he reported to VA-174, also at NAS Cecil Field as the work center supervisor. While there, Barone was advanced to petty officer first class.

After completing his six-year enlistment in 1977, Barone separated from the active duty service and joined VA-203, a reserve squadron at NAS Cecil Field. During this time, he completed an associate's degree at the Florida Community College at Jacksonville. In February 1980, Barone again enlisted for active duty service and was assigned to Organizational Maintenance Department at NAS Cecil Field for the next two years.

In 1982, he reported to VA-83 at NAS Cecil Field as a chief petty officer. Three years later, Barone transferred to Carrier Light Attack Wing One to develop the Maintenance Training Improvement Program. In 1989, Barone was advanced to senior chief petty officer as he reported to VA-46 at NAS Cecil Field for the next three years. During



AVCM (AW/SW) Phillip Barone

this tour, Barone participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

After Operation Desert Storm, Barone was advanced to master chief petty officer. Following the disestablishment of VA-46, he transferred to AIMD, NAS Key West.

Two years later, Barone was recommended and chosen for the Command Master Chief Program. His first assignment as command master chief was onboard USS Dale (CG 19) at NS Mayport. After the ship was decommissioned a year later, Barone reported to USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), also at NS Mayport.

In 1997, Barone attended the Senior Enlisted Academy, followed by a tour with HSL-48 at NS Mayport as command master chief. In October 2000, he reported to HS-7 for his twilight tour.

Barone holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Workforce Education and Curriculum Development from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

He is married to the former Ann Cooksey of Spartanburg, S.C. and has a son, Steven. Barone plans to relocate to Spartanburg, S.C. to work as a human resource manager.

# HS-5 holds change of command

From HS-5

**T**he "Nightdippers" of HS-5 conducted a change of command ceremony on Aug. 29, aboard NAS Jacksonville when Cmdr. William Gilligan relieved Cmdr. Steven Schreiber as commanding officer.

The guest speaker was Rear Adm. Steven Tomaszewski, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel Commander, Navy Personnel Command and a former HS-5 commanding officer.

Gilligan, is a native of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. He was commissioned an ensign in May 1984 following his graduation from State University of New York, Maritime College.

Gilligan has earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and a U.S. Coast Guard license as third assistant engineer, Steam and Motor Vessels. He was designated a naval aviator in March 1986.

In December 1986, Gilligan reported to HS-17 where he deployed twice to the Mediterranean Sea onboard USS Coral Sea (CV 43).

His next assignment was with HS-1 for instructor duty. In January 1990, he was selected for the Naval Test Pilot School and graduated in June 1991.

He then reported to the Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate as a test pilot and was model manager for the HH-60H/J aircraft.

In October 1993, Gilligan reported to USS Nassau (LHA 4) where he served as Flight Deck officer, handler, and Assistant Air officer.

While assigned, he completed a Haiti and a Mediterranean Sea deployment, qualifying as an Officer of the Deck underway.

In September 1996, he

was assigned to HS-15 where he served as Safety and Operations officer, deploying twice as an element of CVW-17 on board USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

From November 1998 to October 2000, Gilligan was assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Md. where he served as Assistant Program manager for all H-60 helicopters.

In May 2001, he became executive officer of HS-5.

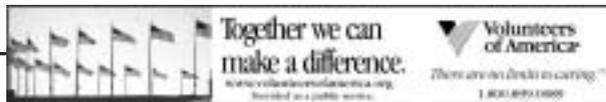
Schreiber assumed command of HS-5 in May 2001. Under his command, the squadron's accomplishments included the Arnold J. Thatch award for tactics and the Adm. Arnold S. Isbel award for Anti-Submarine Excellence.

Most impressive was the squadron's recent return from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on Aug. 17 with the John F. Kennedy (CV-67) Battle Group.

During the deployment, HS-5 flew more than 1,000 sorties and close to 3,000 hours with a 99.8 percent sortie completion rate.

Schreiber is now serving in an interim status as an advisor to COMH-SWINGLANT, with his ultimate duty station being USCINCSOC in Tampa.

The new executive officer is Cmdr. Robert Conway. He joins the Nightdippers after having served as the officer-in-charge of COMH-SWINGPAC Weapons Training Unit.





# POWER PLANTS



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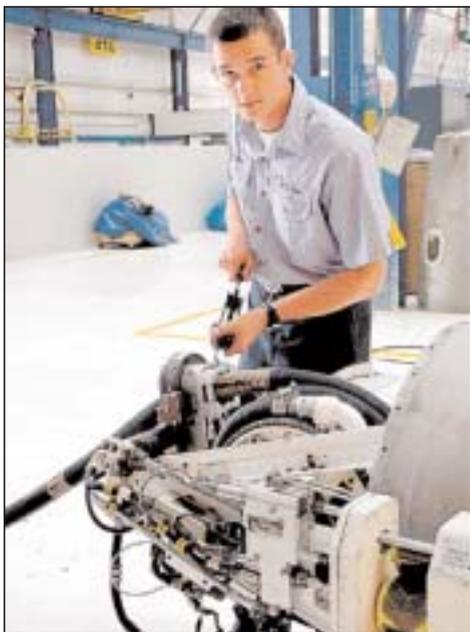


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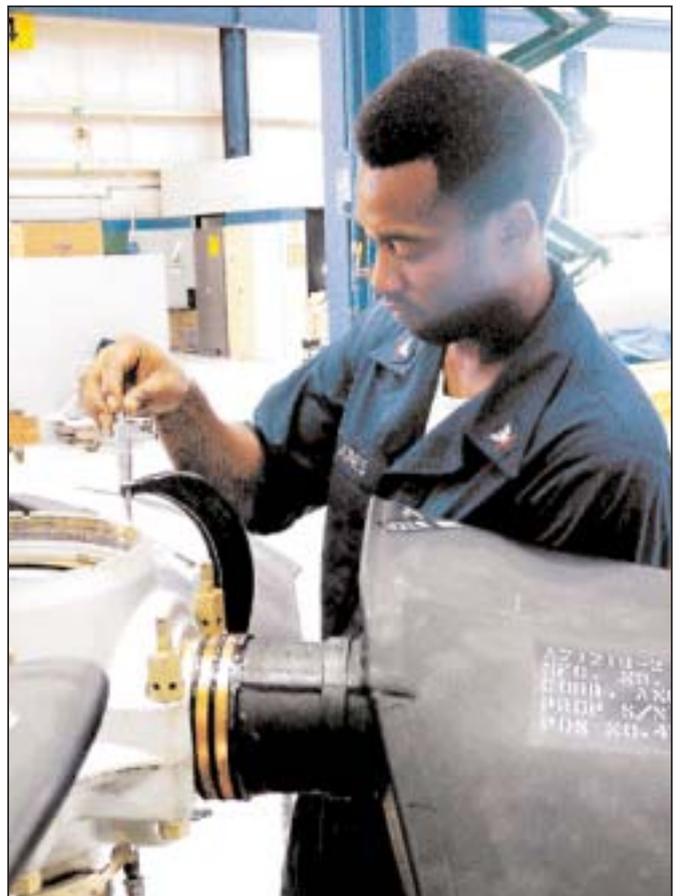


AD3 Josh Porter torques the turbine for a P-3 Orion aircraft.

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AD3 Kendrick Jones tightens stretching bolts for a hub of a P-3 propeller.

## Safe for flight . . . AIMD crews excel

By JO2 Jacky Bratt  
Staff Writer

Sounds of military aircraft and turbo-prop engines over NAS Jacksonville are sweet music to the ears of those who work diligently to ensure that the flying fighters are able to perform their mission.

Aviation Mechanic Mates (ADs) attached to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment (AIMD) Power Plants perform scheduled maintenance inspections and repairs on various aircraft aboard NAS Jacksonville. They are responsible for meeting guidelines and safety standards for aircraft.

Whether working on the massive floor of AIMD's 400 Division bay or in the confinement of an engine test cell, the Navy's finest aviation Power Plant crews work to ensure that the Fleet has the best, most reliable engines for its aircraft. Power Plants retrogrades engines from the Fleet

where foreign object debris (FOD) damage or internal failures has occurred. FOD such as nuts, bolts, pebbles, coins, paper clips, ink pens, or even birds are known to cause extensive damage to the engines.

"Small objects can be set in motion toward an engine intake by an aircraft's nose-tires, the exhaust of a different aircraft, or even the wind," said AD3 Christopher Graham. Graham is temporarily attached to the division, from VP-5.

The Sailors also receive engines for their scheduled periods of maintenance. For example, when the TF-34 engine reaches its maximum flight time, it gets a periodic check-up. During the check-up, the engine is completely disassembled, parts are replaced and reassembled. After re-assembly, the engine is then sent to a test cell to see if it is operational. When the engine is found to be completely operational and has a maximum power percent above 102, it is

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# POWER PLANTS



AD2(AW/SW) Christopher Chatterton puts finishing touches on engine at Power Plants.



AD2(AW) Ricardo Ramirez troubleshoots gear boxes.



AD3 Neion Simoneaux tests an engine component at a prop test bench to ensure it's ready for issue.



AD3 Carlos Marcia prepares a T-56 for a test cell.



ADCS(AW) Ted Vigil discusses readiness reports with AD1(AW) John Blake at AIMD Power Plant Production Control office. The production office monitors all motors that are repaired.

## AIMD: power plants keep engines spinning

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sent back to the Fleet for use.

"There is a continuous inspection from the time an engine comes in the door to the time it gets canned for future shipment, you're checking and re-checking every part," stated AD1 Michael Alford, administration leading petty office/branch chief.

"The engine gets taken apart, much of it goes through non-destructive inspection analysis, some parts get replaced because their life cycle is over, and during the whole time everything is being looked over, borescoped and tested. It's a very quality intense operation because you're dealing with other people's lives," he continued.

Patrol squadron, (VP) commands, as well as Sea Control Squadrons (VS) and Sea Operations, also have billeting at Power Plants. The squadron personnel are temporarily assigned to AIMD for training in order to keep their job skills at a sharpened level.

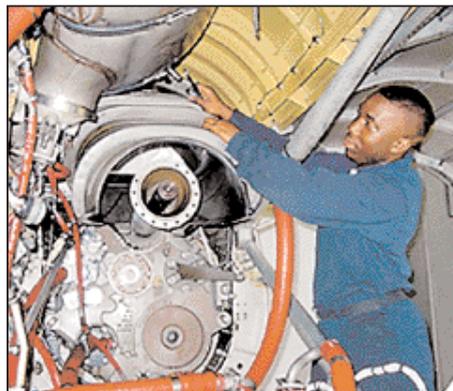
Working alongside Sailors in different rates within the aviation field is vital for these Sailors to be successful due to the vast knowledge needed in repairing certain equipment.

"I work with Aviation Structural Mechanics (AMs) as well as ADs," said AEAA Billy German. German works with the Aerial Refueling Store, also known as the "Buddy

Store." The store is used for aerial refueling of the S-3 aircraft. Aviation Electricians Mates (AEs) play a vital role because of the electronic equipment, AMs are necessary because of the hydraulic aspects, and ADs are vital because of the fuel and internal aspects that go into the functioning of the store.

German talked about the advantages of working with Sailors in different rates. "It's great working as a team. We learn a lot from one another," he said.

"Tearing down an engine and rebuilding it gives me a sense of accomplishment and pride," added AD2 (A/W/SW) Christopher Chatterton.



AD2(AW) Gathus Beauchamp works on a T-56-A-14 engine.

# Veterinary Services keeps your pets purring

By Miriam S. Gallet  
Editor

From dogs and cats, to meat, fish, and tomatoes, the South Atlantic District Veterinary Command NAS Jacksonville Branch located in Building 8, at the corner of Enterprise and Ranger, handles it all.

Army Veterinarian (Maj.) Janet A. Leslie, DVM, MPH, who recently arrived at NAS Jacksonville from private practice in Las Vegas, Nev. heads the branch.

This multi-tasked veterinary branch, which includes NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, Sub Base Kings Bay, Ga., and NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, provides services to the military community in two ways. The animal care division provides medical care to the pets, including the Security Department Military Working Dogs, of all active-duty service members and their dependents and military retirees. The food inspection division evaluates all of the food destined for or arriving at area commissaries.

The veterinary clinic is led by Leslie, with the assistance of one civilian veterinarian, Dr. John Van Olphen, two animal care specialists, Sgt. Erin Reymann and Spc. Caissy Caylor, and two non-appropriated fund employees, a 16-year veteran vet clinic clerk Ginger Cleveland, and Angie



Photos by Miriam S. Gallet  
"Cocoa," an 11-week-old miniature dachshund has his temperature checked during a recent visit to the vet clinic.

Holste, receptionist.

Offering a wide-range of services and appointments for healthy dogs, cats, birds and pocket pets is what the clinic staff enjoys. These services include vaccination appointments, flea and tick control products, lab testing for heartworms, feline leukemia, and intestinal parasites, microchip identification, and base registration for pets. While more advanced veterinary services are not available at the clinic, the staff proactively stresses preventive medicine to help avoid the need for those services. All pets brought to the clinic must be on a leash or in a carrier.



South Atlantic District Veterinary Command Branch NAS Jacksonville Food Inspector Sgt. Reginald Hill conducts a quality samples tasking for specific items, shrimp and fish, at the Sea Food Counter at the commissary.

"What they do is so important," said AT2 Steve Davis of VP-5 who was at the clinic with "Max," a Pomeranian mix dog. "Prices are fair and the staff is very caring and nice. It is way more reasonable here than on the outside."

Leslie, a people-person and animal lover, loves what she does. She cheerfully explained that the Army Veterinary Services contribute and enhance the lives and

well-being of animals, family pets and working dogs, by promoting public health and preventive medicine year-round. "We provide food safety and animal medicine programs in support of force health protection and military readiness. Bio-terrorism has escalated the mission and compliance of veterinary services even more," said Leslie.

"My desire is to practice the highest standard of veterinary medicine and provide the best possible care to our clients. We, at this branch, take a very personal approach to pet care, thereby encouraging responsible pet ownership," said Leslie. "I care about the military personnel tremendously and also their pets. I can't say enough about the animals. Keeping the food supply safe and the pets healthy is the reason for our existence," she added.

One of Leslie's goals was to expand the clinic's hours of operation to make it more convenient for the military service member to bring in their pets. Beginning this month, the vet clinic will hold a once-a-month Saturday clinic on a first come, first serve basis.

While the Army no longer slaughters animals for consumption, veterinary food inspectors play a critical role in veterinary medicine. Their strong background in diseases of food produc-

ing animals, epidemiology and public health in general, assures, on a daily basis, safe, wholesome food is made available to military members and their families.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, the Army Veterinary Corps has played a key role in Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle and supported and cared for the Salt Lake City Olympic Games explosive detection dogs. The Veterinary Corps was also responsible for ensuring food safety for the multi-service personnel providing security at the Olympics.

Recently, the Chief, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Col. John S. Fournier said, "The increased risk of asymmetric threats posed against the U.S. military personnel has triggered actions to heighten security awareness regarding food supplies throughout the continuum from production, through storage and distribution, to consumption," said Fournier.

Sgt. Reginald Hill and Pvt. Adam Gore, veterinary services food inspectors assigned to the NAS Jacksonville commissary conduct commercial audits and evaluate the sanitation practices and effectiveness of vendor quality control measures. They ensure that diseases caused by bacteria and other adulterants do not impact the health of the military

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were Jacksonville businesses Ramirez Café, Tropical Grocery and Puerta de Plata.

The service of Hispanic Americans in business and public service was personally demonstrated by the presence of several Hispanic leaders from across the state of Florida. Guest Speaker at the celebration was the Honorable Waldemar Serrano, Special Assistant to Governor Jeb Bush, responsible for the governor's Central Florida Regional Office.

In his remarks, Serrano, a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, said, "I believe the best heritage that we can have is to have our families to go back to. 'Friends come and go, acquaintances you meet every week, but families will always be there, for you and your grandchildren, and for generations to come.'"

Serrano spoke with pride of his grandfather, a Puerto Rican who served as a corporal in the United States Army during World War I and was awarded the Medal of Valor. Serrano

said his grandfather never spoke of the honor he had received. He said that learning of his grandfather's award after his death completed the sense for him of what America stands for. He explained, "We stand as one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all... but also with inclusiveness for every human being who wants to call this country his own."

Serrano also spoke of the foundation of faith his grandparents gave him, recalling that his grand-

mother, who had little formal education, had learned to read from the Bible. "I learned from my grandma," he said, "that if you keep it simple and you're honest and you do people well, eventually those things that you sew you will reap back."

Serrano said he was twice blessed in his personal heritage, he had a loving mother and was raised by loving grandparents.

Other honored guests at the festivities included: Eddie Martinez, commissioner, Winter Springs Fla.;

Wilfredo Gonzalez, president, U.S. Small Business Administration, Jacksonville; Julio Fuentes, president, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

North Florida; Luis Ramos from Daytona Beach Community College and Victor Cora, president, Hispanic Radio Station 970AM, Jacksonville.

## CLAY AWARD: HS-75 Sailor chosen

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to USS Ainsworth (FFG 1090) in Staten Island, N.Y. When the ship was decommissioned, Stroman headed back to New Orleans to VFA-204.

Two years later he transferred to VP-62 at NAS Jacksonville. In 1998, Stroman reported to HS-75. "My 20 years are up next May so I'll be transferring to the Fleet Reserves then. We plan to stay in the area. I'm currently looking at different job opportunities," he said. "We are really happy here. We live in the same community my wife grew up in. My in-laws still live in the same area."

Helping out his community is another way Stroman likes to spend his time. As president of the Grove Park Civic Association, Stroman is involved in many different issues relating to his neighborhood. "We've been fighting a proposed overpass for many years now

and I think we've finally been successful in the fight. I also organize safety-night out celebrations and the community watch program. I just want to make my community a better place to live," he explained.

In his free time, Stroman enjoys running and reading, and recently completed his bachelor's degree in business from Jacksonville University and.

Being recognized as the Clay County Military Person of the Year, was a huge shock for Stroman. "After listening to them read all the biographies at the luncheon, I asked my wife what we were doing there. Then they announced me as the winner and I was completely shocked. Wow! I just couldn't believe it. I am so honored," he said, happily.

"One of the things they asked during my interview is 'why do I volunteer?' I told them because my family is very important to me.

It really doesn't matter what you do - it's the faith that there are good intentions out there and that we can better our society. It doesn't make a difference what you do, what makes a difference is that you do," he stated.

Two other winners were also recognized at the luncheon. Cmdr. James Fossa, with Naval Reserve Carrier Group 0674 at Naval Station Mayport was selected the Clay County Reservist of the Year for his involvement in the Red Ribbon drug-free campaign, a local Boy Scouts troop, a math team competition coach and football coach. Fossa is a teacher at Green Cove Springs Junior High.

Polly Gossin, was chosen as the Clay County Spouse of the Year for her dedication to her community. Gossin is the regional director of sales for Wright Property Investment Corporation. She is also a

director of the Clay County Tourist Development Council, member of the Chamber of Commerce Tourism committee, chairperson of the Super Bowl committee, member of the film committee, sports committee and military appreciation committee. In her spare time, Gossin also coaches girl's softball.

The Clay County military appreciation awards are presented each year to those who have significantly contributed to their community.

# She's not just a neighbor . . . VETERINARY: looks out for pets, Sailors

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay  
Staff Writer

**O**n Sept 27 at approximately 11 a.m., in Yellow Water Family Housing, 7-month-old Michael Marotta lost his ability to breath. Denise Marotta, the infant's mother, rushed him to their next-door neighbor and friend, Beth Melendez, knowing that Melendez has been a certified childcare provider for the past year and is current in infant CPR.

Marotta has also been taught infant and child CPR, but chose to let Melendez handle the situation. "Even though both of us are certified in CPR and were taught to stay calm, when this happened to my child I knew it would be better to let Beth handle the situation," Marotta said.

The infant, who by now was turning purple and blue due to the lack of air, was immediately handed over to Melendez, who calmly took control of the situation and started infant CPR. She repeated the CPR steps she had learned in a course she had taken.

After a few minutes of receiving CPR, the infant

## She's a hero!



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

Elizabeth Melendez holds her Yellow Water Housing Area neighbor, seven-month-old Michael Marotta. Melendez recently saved the child's life after he choked on a small object.

eventually vomited. In a pool of blood and phlegm, his mother found an object that resembled a clip from a lipstick top. The clip was approximately one-quarter of an inch by three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

While Melendez was administering CPR, Marotta was on the phone with a 911 operator.

Because there was blood, the 911 operator thought Michael had bitten his tongue, but this was not the

case. After vomiting, the infant started to cry and his complexion returned to normal, indicating his airway was open and he could breathe once again.

Marotta said, "Michael has just started crawling, he must have found the clip on the floor and swallowed it."

When the ambulance arrived Michael was recovering from the ordeal and becoming his normal self, a very happy, laughing and

smiling infant. Melendez had saved the precious life of an infant from an emergency that could have proven fatal.

"The training works and I think all parents need it," Melendez commented.

Marotta and Melendez have been best friends for years and Melendez is also the infant's godmother, now if possible, they say they are even closer. "We have always relied on each other. We don't even knock on each others doors any more, because we have grown so close," said Marotta.

Out of appreciation for her heroism, Marotta gave Melendez a beautiful flower arrangement. "There was no need for the flowers. Michael's well-being is enough of a reward for me," said Melendez.

NAS Jacksonville's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Boensel announced Melendez's heroism at the recent Yellow Water Family Housing Town Meeting. He proclaimed her a hero amongst the neighborhood and encouraged the residents to look out for one another.

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member or their families. All food products purchased by the commissary must be from an approved source. Hill explained that inspecting Meals Ready to Eat, Operational Rations, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables are also part of the food inspector daily regimen. "Basically, anything the military as a whole is

going to consume has to be inspected by us," added Leslie. We don't want service members getting sick.

The Veterinary Branch office and clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details on the veterinary services available on base or to make an appointment for your pet call 542-2878/79.

## MWR NOTES

### Air show 5K run

MWR is hosting a 5K fun run Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. at Perimeter Road. The first 100 to register for the run, will receive a T-shirt.

### Bingo happenings

There's money to be won and people to be met at the Bingo Hall. Come check out our hot specials this week:

Mondays pay out \$50 on part A and special games.

Tuesdays offer VIP drawings. You have the chance to win \$69 for a computer plus \$25 each time you yell Bingo.

Wednesdays are double lucky with double lucky ball - payout is \$300.

Thursdays change up Bingo to bogo with buy one get one free and special games.

Fridays are for fun and \$50 payouts part A also featuring the one and only \$1,500 game.

### Is your command up to the challenge?

The Haunted Woods Challenge has been issued for 2002 to all commands on board NAS Jacksonville. Commands that wish to design and staff a scene for the Haunted Woods on Oct. 18 and 19 may win up to \$500 for their recreation funds. Cash prizes (for recreation funds) are given for the top three places and you get to have a lot of fun being scary. Registration forms are located in all MWR facilities or can be obtained at [www.nasjax.navy.mil](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil).

The Haunted Woods will run Oct. 18-19. The cost is only \$1.

### Sea and Sky

#### Spectacular set

The thrills in the skies and the wonders of the sea are coming back to Jacksonville.

The 2002 Jacksonville Sea and Sky Spectacular will take place Oct. 31 - Nov. 3 at NAS Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Landing. For more information check out [www.nasjaxairshow.com](http://www.nasjaxairshow.com).

### Treat yourself through I.T.T.

You deserve a vacation, stop by I.T.T. and sign up for one of the many trips on the calendar.

I.T.T. has Jaguar tickets on sale for every home game, only \$28 a ticket and anyone on base can purchase them with no limitations. I.T.T. also runs a shuttle to the home games and you can sign up for any game when you purchase your tickets. We are looking for a few good volunteer drivers to drive the MWR shuttle to Jaguar games and other sponsored trips. If you currently hold a CDL license and would like to drive, please contact Pam Tierney at 542-8464 or e-mail [dtierney@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:dtierney@nasjax.navy.mil).

For more information stop in our office located adjacent to the Navy Exchange in Bldg. 953-A. Trips are open to all base personnel and their guests. Call 542-3318 for more ticket information.

The following are upcoming events:  
Capitol Fun - Experience Tallahassee with I.T.T. on Oct. 19. See Mission San Luis, the Capitol and the History Museum - all this and more for \$12.25.

Mt. Dora Craft Fair - Shop till you drop on Oct. 26 for antiques collectibles and of course crafts. The cost is \$11.25.

### Liberty Cove happenings

The Liberty Cove Recreation Center has planned some great times for the single sailors. The following are upcoming events:

#### Tournaments

Free food at 6 p.m., play begins at 7 p.m. Tournaments are free to enter and winners receive a \$25 gift certificate to the NEX.

- Oct 18 - Ping Pong
- Oct 25 - 9-ball tournament
- Oct 28 - Free throw contest
- Oct 31 - Pumpkin Carving Contest

#### Special events

Oct. 23 - Oktoberfest Theme Indoc B-B-Q 5:30-8 p.m.

Oct. 29 - Bowling Extravaganza - All bowlers must be at Freedom Lanes by 6:30 p.m. Sign up starting Oct. 21.

Oct. 31 - Free Halloween treats for all Liberty patrons

### Ladies golf clinic

Ladies, come out and socialize Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at the NAS Jax Golf Club for only \$10/week.

### Men's Golf

#### Association event

The NAS Jax Men's Golf Association will conduct its monthly event on Sunday at 8 a.m. If you would like to be a member of the MGA, call 542-3249.

### Bowling at

#### Freedom Lanes

Looking to get out of the heat? NAS Freedom Lanes has something for everyone. Every Tuesday is \$5 "All you can bowl" from 4 - 9 p.m. Check out free bowling for active duty on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, stop by or give us a call at 541-3493.

Xtreme Bowling Saturdays - 4 p.m.

\$5/Person for two games and shoe rental Saturdays - 10p.m.

\$9 person for three games and shoe rental

Super Sundays "All you Can Bowl" 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Specials will not be sold after 2 p.m.

Saturday night fun tournaments:

Oct. 12 - Scotch Doubles 9 pin no tap \$20/team.

Visit MWR online at [www.nasjax.navy.mil](http://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 [mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil).

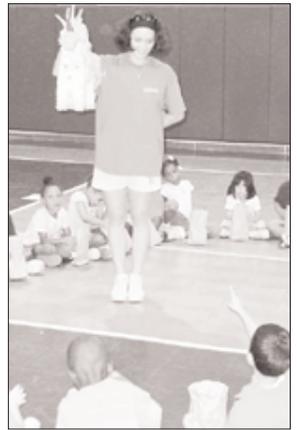
## Youths celebrate Hispanic Heritage



Photos by Miriam S. Gallet

Refried beans, burritos, Spanish rice and a variety of other Spanish food items filled the children's plates (above) at the NAS Jacksonville Youth Center Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta held Oct. 4.

Youth Center students (right) learn about the history of the Hispanic pinata.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA

Jax No. 86, meets the first Wednesday of every 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 President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

**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.

**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](mailto:rjjax@attbi.com) or 241-6222.

**The Marine Corps League, Jacksonville Detachment** holds their monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 7909 on Blanding Blvd. 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.

**The Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society** will hold their next monthly luncheon on Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria near Regency Mall. For more information, call Sharon Leahy at 545-0635.

**The First Coast Navy Mustang Association** are holding a monthly meeting Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. at Mulligans. For more information, call John Nevadomsky at 477-3882 or email [www.firstcoastnavymustangs.org](mailto:www.firstcoastnavymustangs.org).

The Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society is holding a **Marine Corps Birthday Ball** Nov. 8

beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose Country Club. Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Draude will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$45 per person/\$90 per couple. For more information call Sharon Leahy at 545-0635 or log on to [www.jaxsemperfidelis.org](http://www.jaxsemperfidelis.org).

**VS-30/VS-801 will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration** March 12-15 (in conjunction with Viking Week East) in Jacksonville. Contact: Lt. D.B. Waidelich at 542-8546 or email [waidelichdb@vs30.navy.mil](mailto:waidelichdb@vs30.navy.mil). Anyone searching for memorabilia and history should contact Cmdr. Ruth at [ruthda@csowl.navy.mil](mailto:ruthda@csowl.navy.mil).



**Photos by  
Bill Bonser**

Members of VP-30 finished with a perfect 11-0 in the regular season and also won the 2002 Intramural Golf Championship.

**Video offered on long-term care**  
The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 1414 of Orange Park, has recently acquired an education video about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP). A viewing of this video will held be Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room "A" at the Orange Park Library. There will be someone in attendance to answer general questions only. For more information, call 264-3486.

***VP-30 captures first in golf league***

*By Bill Bonser*  
Sports Coordinator

The Intramural Golf League began with 23 teams divided into the Freedom League and the Liberty League.

The format for the league was two players best ball with four players per team. The two twosomes combine their points to get one team score.

After 11 weeks of play, VP-30 won the Liberty League with a perfect 11-0 record and GEMD won the Freedom League with a perfect 9-0 record.

The top four teams in

each league received play-off births to compete for the base championship.

The format for the play-offs was the same as the regular season with all eight teams having a chance to win the base championship.

The first day of the play-offs came to a halt as a storm rolled in and dumped a ton of rain on the course. After the rain stopped, the teams went back out on the course only to be halted again with another storm.

The playoffs were scratched and rescheduled againfor the following

week, which happened to be Sept. 11.

This time the weather was fully cooperative. The format for the playoffs was two players best ball with four players per team. The two twosomes combined their points to get one team score.

When the eight teams returned with their scores, VP-30 came out on top with 81 points to win the 2002 Intramural Golf Championship.

FACSFAC came up one point short scoring 80 points to finish second and VP-5 finished third with 78 points.



A member of the GEMD golf team attempts a birdie putt on the first hole of the 2002 Intramural Golf Playoffs.

# JAX SPORTS NEWS



## Singles fall tennis tourney slated

A Men's and Women's Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to all NAS Jax authorized men and women. Matches will be played at the Birmingham tennis courts. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Oct. 20.

## 2003 Captain's Cup sports meeting planned

The NAS Jax Athletic Department will be holding a meeting to discuss the 2003 Captain's Cup Sports Program on Oct. 23. We are looking for input to increase participation and to add new sports to the program. All commands should send their athletic officer or designated representative. The meeting will be held in the Building 590 conference room at 11:30 a.m.

## All-Navy wrestling tryouts coming up

These tryouts will be conducted by Rob Hermann, All-Navy wrestling coach, at the NAS Jax Gym on Oct. 25 from 5-7 p.m. Weigh-ins will not be conducted and wrestling equipment is not required to tryout. Weight classes are 119; 127; 138; 152; 167; 187; 213; and 286. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up.

## Greybeard basketball meeting scheduled

The Greybeard league is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel ages 32 and above. A meeting will be held Nov. 6 in the MWR Conference Room of Building 590 at 11:30 a.m. The season scheduled to begin Nov. 26 with games played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11

a.m. and noon. Interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join league.

## Navy Southeast Regional Running and Triathlon Team

Are you a runner and would you like to represent the Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons? The Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms are provided along with 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 ten regional qualifying times. If you have run in a sanctioned race and your time meets regional qualifying time, contact your base athletic director.

### Qualifying times:

5K	Men 19:00	Women 24:00
10K	Men 34:00	Women 46:00
Marathon	Men 3H 30M	Women 4H
Triathlon	Men 2H 30M	Women 3H
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](mailto:dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil) or [dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil).*

# SPORTS STANDINGS

Intramural Flag Football Standings as of Oct. 4

Team	Wins	Losses
VR-58	8	0
VP-30	8	1
Security/Weps	7	1
VP-45	7	2
VS-31	5	2
Galley	4	4
NLSO/TSO	4	4
AIMD	3	4
CNRSE/ASTC	3	6
NavHosp	2	6
VS-32	2	6
VP-5	1	3

Intramural Flag Football Standings as of Oct. 4 (contd.)

AIMD 600	1	7
CBU-410	0	5
Intramural Softball Standings as of Oct. 4		
Team	Wins	Losses
VP-5	6	0
VP-45	4	1
NAMTra	3	2
Air Ops	3	3
VP-30	3	4
SERCC	2	3
AIMD	2	4
HS-5	2	4
NavHosp	0	5