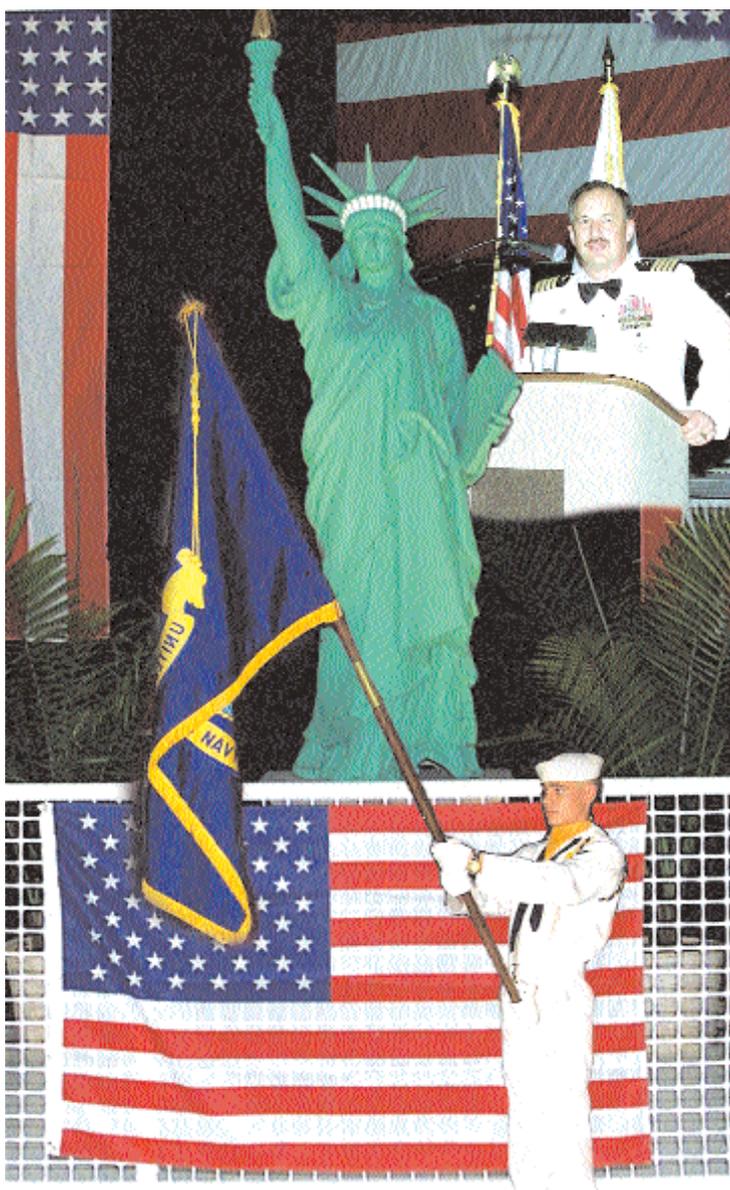


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Photos by PH3 Casey R. Jones

Navy Ball highlights --NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark S. Boensel welcomes guests (upper right) and the Navy Flag is proudly displayed by an NAS Jacksonville Color Guard member (lower left) . For more see page 8.

Thrift Savings Plan available for active duty and reservists

By JO2(SW) Shae Blasko
Staff writer

Open season for The Thrift Savings Plan got underway Oct. 9, and will last through Jan. 31, 2002. The Thrift Savings Plan has been available to DoD civilians for years but now active duty and reservists too can take advantage of this unique investment opportunity.

To invest in the plan, active-duty and reserves must complete the TSP-U-1 election form to start an allotment.

"The TSP is a great thing for Sailors, I highly recommend it to all Sailors," said Linda Chapman, PSD Jacksonville's deputy dispensing officer. "I've been using the TSP since 1988 and it's been a great investment."

For those Sailors who choose to participate in the TSP, they can choose to allocate or diversify where their contribution will be distributed.

If no allocations are specified by the participating service member, then the member's entire contribution will go to the "G" fund.

The investment allocation form, TSP-U-50, is used to specify how the contributions are to be distributed between funds.

This can be accomplished online at the TSP Web site, <http://www.tsp.gov> or www.psajax.navy.mil/admin/tsp.pdf a pin number is required to allocate contributions online, because participants will use the "account access" option. However, form TSP-U-50 will not be available online until January 2002.

TSP participants may view monthly performance data at the TSP Web site using the "rates of return" option. It is posted around the third or fourth day of each month. The account access option is the only area on <http://www.tsp.gov> where a pin number is needed.

If a Sailor doesn't have access to the web, the Sailor can get information and the forms to start TSP from their command Pass Liaison Representatives.

For more information on TSP, go to www.psajax.navy.mil/admin/tsp.pdf or contact your Command Pass Liaison Representative or NAS Jax. PSD at 542-4217.

Hospital Reserve Unit changes command

By JO2 LeaVonda Battle
NavHosp Jax Public Affairs

Capt. Daphne Brown relieved Capt. David Parrish as the Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Jacksonville's reserve unit (NR NH Jax) on Oct. 13 in a ceremony aboard NAS Jacksonville.

Brown was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1975 through the Health Professions Scholarship Program while enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Arizona. After an internship in clinical psychology at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda, M.D., in 1977, she was stationed at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton until leaving active duty



Brown



Parrish

service in 1979.

Brown's first drilling assignment as a reservist was Medical Logistics Supply Company, 4th Medical Battalion, 4th FSSG in

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Editor's note: Current security measures require *Jax Air News* avoid using last names of nearly all Sailors assigned to deployable commands or holding sensitive positions. Until this measure is re-

scinded Sailors and other military personnel will be introduced by rate, rating or rank and first name only in the first reference. For example: Lt. Bill, Chief Beth, Petty Officer Jose...

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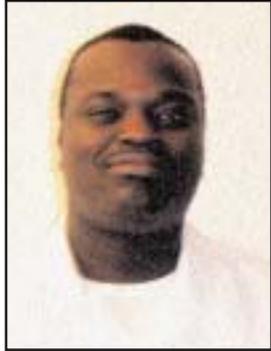


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Seven-day forecast available at Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility Jacksonville's website:

<https://www.nlmof.navy.mil>

Meet a Sailor... MS3 Shawn Ollison



Job title/command: Cashier at HS-7
Hometown: New Bern, N.C.
Past duty stations: Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Family Life: Married, three children.
Career Plans: To reenlist for two years.
Most Interesting Experience: Working with thousands of Marines for two years.
Words of Wisdom: "The early bird gets the worm."

Meet a Civilian... Adrian Hendrick



Job title/command: Food Service Attendant
Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.
Past Duty Stations: Worked in construction.
Family Life: Single
Career Plans: To establish a business.
Most Interesting Experience: Meeting new people.
Words of Wisdom: "Keep the faith."

Record of emergency data updating is now mandatory

By JO2(SW) Shae Blasko
 Staff writer

All Sailors must update and verify their records of emergency data immediately, unless verification has been completed within the last six months and no changes have occurred.

"Our CNO has said we need to focus on the mission, and updating our emergency data is an essential part of that mission," said Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel. "There is not a more critical responsibility for our people than assuring we have the right data to contact family members should we need to reach them."

"This is an essential mission for Navy leadership at all levels of the chain of command," said Ryan. "Part of our responsibility for taking care of Sailors includes ensuring we are ready to support their families and able to contact

them quickly in an emergency."

Sailors should ensure all copies of the record of emergency data contain the additional address and telephone numbers for each designated primary next of kin (PNOK) and secondary next of kin (SNOK) required by NavAdmin 098/01.

Pass Liaison Representatives at each command aboard NAS Jacksonville will have each Sailor at their command update their page 2s and then the Pass Liaison Representatives will turn them into PSD once all personnel at their commands have updated their forms.

Verification of Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) election will also be conducted with record of emergency data updates. Navy family-care plan certificates and arrangements should also be updated.

For more information contact your command Pass Liaison Representative or contact PSD at 542-4217.

NR NH Jax: New Skipper at helm

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San Diego, Calif. She later became Assistant Officer-In-Charge, Naval Air Station Medical 0194, NAS North Island, Calif. She came to the East Coast in 1985.

Brown was then assigned to Naval Hospital Jacksonville 108 medical unit as Administrative Officer and Personnel Officer. In 1987, she took a three-month assignment in Keflavik, Iceland, as the mental health professional at the joint service base. After a period as Administrative Officer in Newport, R.I., she lived in Berlin, Germany until 1991 drilling at the Berlin Army Hospital and completing annual training at Naval Hospitals Rota, Spain and Naples, Italy.

Brown then served as training officer with NNMC Bethesda 306 in Baltimore, Md. In 1995, she became the Executive Officer of NNMC Bethesda P0605 and Commanding Officer/Officer-In-Charge of Naval Hospital Jacksonville P0804 in 1996. In 1998, she joined the Health Services staff of

Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast.

Brown's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and two Navy Commendation Medals.

Brown lives in Augusta, Ga. with her husband, James, a former Marine and Army Reserve Officer. They have one son, James III. She works in the Child, Adolescent, & Family Psychiatry Service at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., and maintains a part-time private practice.

NR NH Jax' 22 units are located in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Puerto Rico. Under Parrish's leadership, the unit provided surgery support to the hospital, saving more than \$1.5 million.

Parrish is the Chief of Staff and teaches in the Family Practice Residency Program at Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, Fla. He and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Matt.

Parrish's next assignment is Commanding Officer, Integrated Medical Support Program (IMSP), NNMC Bethesda, Md.

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NADep streamlines maintenance, cuts costs

By Dave Dollar

Business Processes Division Director

The Naval Air Depot, Jacksonville, Fla. (NADep Jax), has just completed a change to a modern, off-the-shelf maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) software system. This change represents a transition from aging, custom-developed legacy software to modern, off-the-shelf software systems with the goal of improving aviation depot responsiveness while reducing operating costs.

NADep Jax was designated in 1996 as the Initial Operating Site for the Department of Defense (DoD) Manufacturing Resource Planning (MRP 11)

program. MRP 11 implementation is a vital step in helping the government achieve maximum military readiness at an affordable cost. The software used for this implementation was provided by Western Data Systems (WDS) and this is the first time a government Depot has completed implementation of a commercial-off-the-shelf software package throughout a major MRO facility.

This extensive systems implementation project, was coordinated by the DoD MRP II program office located at the Naval Air Systems Command (NavAir), Patuxent River, Md. Capt. Thomas Cahill, Joint Program Manager provided necessary acquisition re-

sources and processes to Capt. Christopher Roum, commanding officer NADep Jax, who lead the on-site implementation.

After a Jan. 4, 1999 project start, MRP II was implemented in stages, with full cut-over to the new software and operating principles completed on Oct. 1, 2001. Now all shops at the Jacksonville Depot are "live" on the WDS CompassCONTRACT(c) MRO system. One hundred percent of all work is now on the system, including all aircraft and engine types supported by NADep Jax, as well as annual production of avionics, and component items. Two hundred and one thousand work orders inducted, under MRP H since

January 2001, have been completed. The NADep Jax Workload Control System legacy application, which has been in use at the Depot for the last 30 years, was officially shutdown as of close of business on Sept. 30.

NADep Jax is already seeing positive results from the new system, including a 16 percent increase in avionics production. Some initial skepticism has been replaced with acknowledgement that the new system is superior to the old way of doing business and is enabling NADep Jax to better serve naval aviation. The same WDS MRO software is also scheduled for implementation in the Naval Air Depots in Cherry Point, N.C. and San Diego, Calif.

Secretary Rumsfeld sends message to DoD personnel

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is the text of an Oct. 7 address from Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to all members of the Department of Defense at the start of U.S. and coalition air attacks on Taliban-held and terrorist targets in Afghanistan:

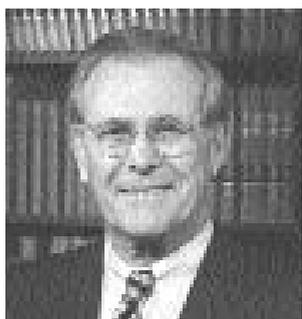
On Sept. 24, the President launched the first strike in the global war against terrorism by attacking the financial foundations of terrorist operations around the globe. Today, the United States launched the second.

As the world knows, U.S. warplanes commenced Operation Enduring Freedom with raids on military targets and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan at approximately 12:30 p.m. Eastern time today (Oct. 11). These raids were not a single event or a solitary campaign, but are the first in a sustained and continuous operation to destroy terrorist networks, disrupt terrorist activities and prevent further terrorist atrocities, such as the ones that occurred in the attack on America on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Our purpose is to shift the balance of power from the forces of oppression to the forces of freedom. Over time, we intend to deny to terrorists the country of Afghanistan as a base of operations, provide aid to the Afghan people who are the victims of Taliban oppression, and put terrorists everywhere, and all of those who foster and facilitate them, on notice that we will root them out wherever they exist.

As the President has said, this is not a

mission we sought. Rather, it was thrust upon us. We take these actions in self-defense. We take them in deliberate response to the acts of war directed against the American people. We take them after



Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld

careful planning, to identify sites where terrorists are trained, supported and harbored. To destroy their infrastructure and suppress their ability to threaten us and others and to send a message that the friends of terrorists everywhere are at risk.

And, we will continue, in conjunction with our friends and allies around the world, to take whatever action is necessary to defend freedom and counter terrorist aggression.

As the men and women of America's armed forces, you are the sharp sword of freedom. You fight without pause and without complaint, on foreign seas and in dangerous skies. You voluntarily sacrifice a life of ease and the comfort of your families, so that others may enjoy blessings and benefits of liberty.

Your task will not be quick. It will not be easy. But your mission is clear, your cause is just, and the hearts and prayers of Americans and people everywhere who long for freedom are with you. To each of you, military and civilian, our gratitude and our prayers.

You have the full confidence and support of President Bush, our commander in chief.

You also have mine.

We know you are ready and we know we will prevail.

Donald H. Rumsfeld,
Secretary of Defense

'We will prevail' SecNav to the Navy/Marine Corps

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Gordon England visited the Naval Media Center here Oct. 5 and told Sailors, Marines and civilian staff members that it's again time for the military to protect the freedoms for the Americans of today's generation, and the ones to come.

"While the events of 9-11 are unique, challenges are not unique in the history of our nation," England said. "For 225

years, generations before us have earned for us, the blessings of liberty and freedom that we enjoy. And now, our generation needs to come forward and protect and defend these

freedoms for the next generation."

England told his audience that in a meeting at the Pentagon on Sept. 12, "The president said 'never forget.' We

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Chapel Service Invitation

Since the terrorist attack, all of us have felt the need for comfort, hope, encouragement, and spiritual direction. For the last month, thousands of people have been attending churches all over the nation. It has been a moving display of our patriotism and our need for God's help in this crisis.

This is a special invitation for you to join in worship this coming Sunday at NAS Jax Chapels. Discover the joy and inspiration you have been looking for! Experience God's peace and blessing while listening to His word, in the worship service of your choice. Following is a brief description of what you will find:

All Saints Chapel (Protestant)

8:30 a.m. - Sermon title: "God's Solution To Our Fears" This is a very special worship service. You will enjoy a blend of traditional, contemporary, with some elements of liturgical worship. Holy Communion Service every week! This is a fast Growing worship community!

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - All ages.

11 a.m. - General Protestant Worship Service. Chaplain Ortiz sermon's title will be: "How To Live Without Fearing The Future."

* Child care is available for children ages 12-40 months, from 8:30 - 12:30 a.m.

St. Edward's Chapel (Catholic)

Msgr. Simon P. Ignacio, CDR. USN, officiating

Saturday - 5 p.m. Catholic Vigil Mass

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass

11-12:30 a.m. Children class - CCD

Join NAS Jax' loving family as we worship, at the Chapel Center. You will receive God's comfort, hope, encouragement, and spiritual direction.

We have the best waiting for you! See you Sunday!

SecNav: Victory is assured

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can never forget 9-11. We must prevail and we will prevail.

The president has made it clear that it is critically important that we be patient. This will be a long effort. We must prevail because we have to do it for our children and grandchildren so they can live in freedom and liberty without the fear of terror. So my message is, we will prevail."

Secretary England then explained how the events of Sept. 11 have influenced the Navy/Marine Corps Team and its relationship with the American people.

"This is a very critical time for America," said England.

"There is a special relationship between the military and the American people — the American people have confidence in our military."

This confidence provides stability to the nation's foundation.

"People today feel more vulnerable than they did three weeks ago, evidenced by all the added security we have at all our government facilities and all our public places," said England.

"At this time, the U.S. military provides a stabilizing foundation for our way of life."

The SecNav said he believes the events of Sept. 11 have drawn the Navy/Marine Corps team closer than ever.

"My sense is that the Navy and Marines are ever closer because together they go into combat," explained England. "It is indeed a naval service, particularly in times of great need as we have today — our naval services come even closer together."

"I am proud of the fact that our naval services are a very cohesive force — very cohesive in jointness with the other services — and well supported by all the civilians, and by our Reserves, since our Reserves have been called up and are now part of our active force. So, this is indeed a family going forward to protect and defend our country."

As he concluded his remarks, Secretary England spoke about the importance of the Navy's internal information program and praised members of the Naval Media Center for their efforts to keep Sailors and families informed about events in the wake of the crisis.



**Secretary of the Navy
Gordon England**

President Bush spotlights 'most wanted' terrorists

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President Bush unveiled the "World's Most Wanted Terrorist" list Oct. 10 during a ceremony at the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover Building.

"Terrorists try to operate in the shadows. They try to hide, but we're going to shine the light of justice on them," Bush said. "We list their names, we publicize their pictures, we rob them of their secrecy. Terrorism has a face, and today we expose it for the world to see."

The list is an outgrowth of the "Ten Most Wanted" list the FBI started in 1950. The idea has been to publish photos of fugitives so people can identify them by their pictures. A total of 432 fugitives have been apprehended directly because of this program, FBI officials said. The new list has 22 names and faces, with Osama bin Laden on top.

"The men on the wall here have put themselves on the list because of great acts of evil," Bush said. "They plan, promote and commit murder. They fill the minds of others with hate and lies. And by their cruelty and violence, they betray whatever faith they espouse."

Some of the 22 have been indicted by courts for acts of terror. FBI officials said they will publish the list worldwide. There is a \$5 million reward for the person or persons who deliver the information that leads to the arrest of any of these individuals. In addition, the Airline Pilots Association and Air Transport Association have offered a \$2 million reward for bin Laden.

"These 22 individuals do not account for all the terrorist activity in the world, but they're among the most

dangerous: the leaders and key supporters, the planners and strategists," Bush said.

Some on the list are known to be in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Tanzania and Lebanon. Most are wanted for the events of Sept. 11, the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia. The list is available at <http://www.fbi.gov>.

"This effort is part of a worldwide assault on terror," Bush said. "All our allies and friends will now be familiar with these evildoers and their associates."

Bush said the list is just one more step in an arsenal of financial, diplomatic, law enforcement and military weapons against the terrorist networks. He also said the 22 on this list are just the first 22.

"Our war is not just against 22 individuals," Bush said.

"Our war is against networks and groups, people who coddle them, people who try to hide them, people who fund them. This is our calling.

"This is the calling of the United States of America, the most free nation in the world — a nation built on fundamental values that rejects hate, rejects violence, rejects murderers, rejects evil.

"We will not tire. We will not relent. It is not only important for the homeland security of America that we succeed, it is equally as important for generations of Americans who have yet to be born," Bush continued. "Now is the time to draw the line in the sand against the evil ones, and this government is committed to doing just that."

"We will not tire.

We will not relent. --

President George W.

Bush

Keep NAS Jax clean

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U.S. crews assault Al Qaeda, Taliban support structures

Lost leave will be restored

WASHINGTON (NNS) — U.S. aircraft and Tomahawk cruise missiles hit 85 percent of their 31 targets during the first two days of strikes against the Al Qaeda terrorist network and Taliban support structure inside Afghanistan, DoD officials said Oct. 9.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon press conference that strikes continue in Afghanistan for a third day. All U.S. aircrews returned safely, they said.

They said the continuing strikes were the military side of the constant pressure the U.S. government and its allies are putting on Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network and its Taliban supporters.

The strikes hit terrorist training camps, airfields, anti-aircraft radars and launchers, communications nodes and some military concentrations. Myers said the initial strikes have given the United States "air supremacy" over Afghanistan, and the secretary said the United States can now conduct operations over the country "around the clock, as we wish."

The strikes set the stage for a sustained campaign against Al Qaeda and its Taliban supporters. Rumsfeld said conditions make it easier to deliver humanitarian rations.

Myers said U.S. forces hit 13 targets with five to eight land-based bombers and 10 to 15 Navy strike aircraft. In addition, two ships and one submarine

launched 15 Tomahawk missiles at targets in Afghanistan.

Two C-17 transports also dropped 37,500 Humanitarian Daily Ration packs to refugees within Afghanistan. DoD will deliver medical supplies to the Afghan refugees in the future. Rumsfeld said medical supplies would not be airdropped.

Rumsfeld and Myers would not give specifics about future campaign plans. Rumsfeld said the air attacks would concentrate on "emerging targets" and hit them as necessary.

He scoffed at reports that aircrews were running out of targets. "We're not running out of targets, Afghanistan is," he said. He said the United States and its partners would continue to exercise the utmost care in selecting targets to minimize civilian casualties.

"If you try to quantify what we're doing today in terms of previous conventional wars, you're making a huge mistake," Myers said. "That is 'old think' and that will not help you to analyze what we're doing."

Rumsfeld agreed, saying the war against terrorism is a "notably different situation" from those in the past. Before, the tonnage of bombs dropped was a measure of success. Other measurements having nothing to do with the Defense Department can be just as important.

"The Department of Justice and associated agencies in other countries have

A recent message from the Chief of Naval Operations addressed the reduced leave opportunities that Sailors have experienced following the Sept. 11 attacks. The CNO authorized changes to the number of days of leave that Sailors can carry over to the next fiscal year.

All active duty members of the Navy, who would otherwise have lost annual leave on Oct. 1, are authorized to carry over as many as 90 days of leave. This leave is considered to be special leave accrual and any amount in excess of 60 days must be used before the end of the third fiscal year after the year in which it is earned.

DFAS will systematically account for all affected personnel and no action is required by individual service members, commands, disbursing offices, or Per-SuppDets.

Service members are advised to disregard the leave balance block in the October Leave and Earnings Statement (LES.) Lost leave will be restored Nov. 1.

The message further stated that when mission allows, the Navy's policy of encouraging members to take leave has not changed. Leave provides respite from the work environment and contributes to improved performance and increased motivation.

Airlines granting refunds

Commercial carriers have agreed to refund or reschedule previously confirmed commercial reservations of military personnel and their family members whose leave arrangements were affected by Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

The airlines that have taken part in this include Delta, Continental, United, Southwest, Midwest, American, Frontier, US Airways, Trans State and American Trans Air.

Contact phone numbers of the specific airlines are listed below:

- * Delta 1-800-221-1212
- * Continental 1-800-932-2732

- * United 1-877-228-1327
- * Southwest 1-800-423-5683
- * Midwest 1-888-601-4296
- * American 1-800-535-5225
- * Frontier 1-800-265-5505
- * U.S. Airways 1-800-245-4882
- * Trans State 314-895-8700
- * American Trans Air 1-877-617-1139

If you have any questions concerning this please contact Lorine Robbins, Gale Bisch, or Scott Amato at DSN 779-4592 OR commercial at (618) 229-4592.

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'Scouts' enabling success in Operation Enduring Freedom

From VS-24 PAO

On the night of Oct. 7, Carrier Air Wing Eight (CVW-8) aircraft began flying strikes from the deck of the USS Enterprise in an offensive against the Al Qu'aida terrorist organization and Taliban government of Afghanistan.

The geographical challenges posed by striking a distant country from the Arabian Sea made aerial refueling of fuel-limited tactical Navy jets a primary concern. Fortunately, the Enterprise has aboard the 'Scouts' of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24.

On the first night of attacks, the "Scouts" launched seven of their eight S-3B Vikings heavily-laden with gas in support of a crucial mission deep into Afghanistan. VS-24 jets pressed ahead of strike aircraft, establishing themselves in Pakistani airspace stacked up in the sky at thousand-foot increments. From this position they refueled the entire air wing strike package, delivering gas until they were at minimal fuel levels themselves. Returning to the Enterprise with just enough gas to land, many "Scout" aircraft were refueled, turned around, and sent back to Pakistan to provide crucial fuel to enable the strike aircraft to return safely. This massive attack was supported entirely by refueling assets organic to the Enterprise battle group.

Initial and subsequent strikes in Afghanistan have been tremendously successful, and VS-24 is flying round-

the-clock operations, providing an average of 3,000 pounds of jet fuel to every CVW-8 jet going into harm's way. This is in addition to the valuable surface search and surveillance duties that they perform, guarding the battle group from attack by surface combatants. In only six days of intense operations, the "Scouts" have flown 99 sorties and more than 232 hours in support of air wing attacks on terror. VS-24 has not missed a scheduled sortie, and "Scout" maintenance personnel have been working grueling hours in order to repair discrepancies and ensure the continued safe operation of squadron aircraft. The Enterprise and her escorts have been on station in the Arabian Sea since the tragedies of September 11th, when they were immediately turned around while heading south and out of the region. Since then, the "Scouts" and CVW-8 have anxiously awaited the opportunity to participate in actions against terrorists and their supporters as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The "Scouts" are now well into their sixth month of a deployment that has covered more than 35,000 miles of travel and a myriad of geographies. VS-24 is looking forward to continued operations against the enemies of its nation and those who choose to attack freedom. The "Scouts" are undoubtedly a key component of Naval success in Operation Enduring Freedom and continue to prove "Scouts" rule.



A "Scout" S-3B Viking recovers aboard USS Enterprise in the Arabian Sea after providing critical airborne fuel to jets striking targets in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Strikes: U.S. bringing justice

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arrested literally hundreds of people and are interrogating them," Myers said. "The Department of Treasury with cooperation from nations from around the globe have frozen a great many bank accounts and frozen millions of dollars of assets that are connected to terrorist organizations."

He said State Department negotiations with friends and allies continue the diplomatic pressure on nations. This has caused some nations to break off relations with the Taliban, while others "are looking to themselves and their cir-

cumstance and the extent to which they might be seen creating an environment hospitable to terrorists and making an adjustment to the way they behave."

He also said intelligence communities worldwide are receiving, processing and sharing information.

"That is not going up on a scoreboard on Wrigley Field showing what's happening," Rumsfeld said. "But it is there, and it is growing, and it is adding pressure every single day. And what has been done ... by the Department of Defense is contributing to that. It's the aggregation of that, sustained over time, that will prove to be successful."



Bombs on the flight deck of USS Enterprise bear the names of places and organizations victimized by the attacks of September 11th.

Navy celebrates 226 years of honor, courage and commitment

By JO2(SCW) Eric T. Clay
Staff Writer

The 2001 Navy Ball was a show of pride for America and the Navy, from the replica of the Statue of Liberty to Jim Flone playing arrangements of patriotic tunes on his bagpipes as people entered the red, white and blue decorated hangar.

The ball was located in Hangar 117 and was decorated with American pride. Lit up at the entrance to the dining area was a replica of the Statue of Liberty. American flags surrounded the replica and a large flag was also set into the background of the stage from which Navy Band Southeast performed.

An empty table was placed to honor our fallen comrades in arms—those who have gone before us in service of our nation and haven't returned. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that many members of our fraternal organization have made the ultimate sacrifice. The occasion provided a special opportunity to remember our nation's former "prisoners of war" and "missing in action." A toast was offered in remembrance of their sacrifice.

As the color guard presented the national ensign during the opening ceremonies of the Navy Ball, pride was apparent on the faces of all-military

members and guests in attendance. The silence was overwhelming as honor for the flag and our country was expressed. This was the 226th annual ball, but it seemed it had more precedence than it had in the past few years. Military members, both officer and enlisted had on their sharpest uniforms to show their military pride, supporting the country that has supported them since the Navy was established in 1775.

Capt. Mark S. Boensel welcomed the military members and guests to the event. Due to congressional obligations, Congressman Ander Crenshaw, who had been publicized as the guest speaker, could not attend.

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark's Navy Birthday Message was read to the audience. The CNO's message read, "Today our Navy remains the most powerful Navy in the world. We provide access for American sovereignty in the four corners of the world. We defend

our nation and protect her interests. We influence events ashore and we ensure open access to the high seas for international trade." The CNO concluded his message by saying, "I salute you for your service, and wish you a happy Navy birthday."

The entire Navy Ball was filled with honor, courage and commitment. Most of all, it was filled with pride and patriotism.

Jim Flone plays patriotic tunes on his bagpipes for an appreciative audience at the Navy Ball.

Photos by PH3 Casey R. Jones



Guests at the Navy Ball salute the national ensign as the NAS Jax Color Guard parade the colors.

Camp Blanding Sergeant Major retires after 29 years

Sgt. Maj. Dennis D. Srader of the Florida National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment retired Oct. 12 in a ceremony at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Srader, a Dumas, Texas native, served his country for 29 years. He entered the Army in 1972 and completed basic training at Fort Polk, La., and advanced individual training at Fort Carson, Colo. His first assignment was in the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson where he progressed from rifleman to an E-5/Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant.

His subsequent assignments included 1st Bn 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Federal Republic of Germany; a tour at Fort Benning, Ga. and with the 4013th U.S. Army Garrison (Reserve) Bossier City, La. He was selected the 5th Army Forces Command NCO of the Year in 1985. He went on to serve with the HHC and A companies 1st Bn 39th Infantry, the 8th Infantry Division (Mech-

anized), Federal Republic of Germany; the United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. His last tour before reporting to Camp Blanding was with the 3rd Regional Training Brigade Fort Knox, Ky.



Sgt. Major Dennis D. Srader

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Srader's military education includes the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Fort Carson, Colo.; Basic and Advanced Infantry Noncommissioned Officer Course, Fort Benning, Ga. and Instructor Training Course, Drill Sergeant School. He is a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation medal, Army Commendation Medal (six awards) and Army Achievement medal (three awards).

Srader and his wife Pamela have five adult children Denise, Marty, Shanna, Syble and Nicholas.



Hey, MoneyMan!

A life insurance salesman stopped by my apartment last night and offered me a great policy. Even though I have SGLI, he pointed out that my wife and children were not covered and that I should take care of them now because my insurance would go up if I waited. He said it was too bad that the Navy didn't offer insurance for family mem-

bers. Why doesn't the Navy offer insurance for spouses and children?

MoneyMan Sez:

That is a great question and I have a great answer. I think the Navy should offer family coverage and it is coming Nov. 1, 2001. Family coverage will be available for spouses and all children of active duty members and members of the Ready Reserves. Moreover, all spouses and children will initially be offered the insurance regardless of their health. The maximum amount for your spouse will be whatever coverage you have up to \$100,000. The premium will vary depending on age, but it is very reasonable. For example, if your spouse is under age 35, it will be \$9 for \$100,000. If she is between 45 and 49 it will be 20 bucks per month. Children are automatically covered for \$10,000 at no additional cost. For more information, contact your PLR (see above) or call Hey, MoneyMan.

More questions? Call Hey Moneyman! at 778-0353.

Lettiere: Navy elite

From Navy College Jacksonville

Florida Community College, President Steven R. Wallace recently presented UT2 Vince Lettiere of Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 410 with an award in recognition of his academic accomplishments and his military service to his country.

Lettiere joined the Navy in October of 1995. He reported to the Seabees Utilities Class "A" School where he studied air conditioning, refrigeration, water treatment, boilers and plumbing. Lettiere was deployed to Puerto Rico in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven.

After three years of seven-month deployments, Lettiere was sent to Honduras in September 1998 to assist in humanitarian relief efforts as a result of Hurricane George. In August of 1999, he reported for underwater demolition

SEAL training in San Diego. Lettiere was then assigned to NAS Jax CBU-410 and worked on projects including the installation of water and electrical power to the NAS Marina piers. He is currently the enlisted person responsible for CBU-410 material purchasing and accountability for all projects and camp maintenance.

Lettiere plans to return to SEAL training and continue his education. He is in process of completing his last course in his Associate in Arts degree. His academic career has been impressive, earning a 3.6 Grade Point Average. After graduation he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He hopes to utilize his SEAL training and Criminal Justice education in a second career in law enforcement (FBI, DEA, Border Patrol or Secret Service).

Lettiere represents all that is best in the Navy tradition and performance.

Paper, pencil CLEPs going away

From Navy College Jacksonville

The College Board has informed the Navy College Offices that they will permanently retire several of their paper and pencil CLEP test effective Dec. 31.

The tests withdrawn are Introductory Business Law, Calculus with Elementary Functions, and Information Systems & Computer Applications.

If you had been planning to take any of these tests you are urged to take them

as soon as possible while we still have them available.

There will be another round of test retirements June 30, 2002 that will include American Government, College Algebra and Trigonometry, Human Growth and Development, Principles of Marketing, Introductory Sociology, and Trigonometry.

Call the Navy College Office for information on the testing schedule, 542-2477.

Tuition Assistance

New withdrawal guidelines reflect current circumstances

From Navy College Jacksonville

Due to current circumstances, Navy College officials realize that a number of Sailors may need to withdraw from their classes that were funded by up-front TA. In addition to the understandable increase in duty, some on-base schools are moving or canceling classes as they are no longer allowed to teach on-base.

Navy College wants to make this process as easy as possible and not put an extra burden on commands by requiring the student's command to prepare an official letter explaining the situation.

Previous guidelines dictated that students must officially withdraw from the institution to receive a "W" grade for their class. For the next four months (Sept. 11 Sep - Dec. 31) the following procedure(s) will be in effect for these individuals requiring to withdraw from their college course(s) without reimbursement to the Navy:

Once a student has officially withdrawn he/she must contact the Navy College Office Director or Assistant Director at 462-4321/8279, or email gus.goanos@cnet.navy.mil or barbara.walton@cnet.navy.mil. The student only needs to verbally inform the NCO Director/Assistant Director that he/she has withdrawn due to military reasons. The student needs to provide his/her full name, SSN#, TA document #, course # and the reason for withdrawal. The Director/Assistant Director, Navy College Office, will then take the appropriate action to waiver any reimbursement to the Navy.

NAS Jax Food Locker accepting donations

The NAS Jax Food locker is always accepting food or monetary donations to help servicemembers and their families keep a healthy meal on the table during rough times, but during the holiday season they always need more donations than ever.

Anyone can donate either food or money to the locker.

Servicemembers and their family can receive food from the NAS Jax Food Locker during the non-holiday season. They must be screened by their command and the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society. Once screened and approved the servicemembers and their families can come to the locker to receive food.

Donations and pick-ups are conducted Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NAS Jax Welcome Center (Bldg. 590, 2nd floor). For information call 542-3918.

VOLUNTEER OPS

Greater Jacksonville Fair Fright House - Oct. 18-28

Like scary things? Then come and have some fun! Volunteer duties will include ticket-takers, guides and actual principals within the fright house. There are no spoken parts, but two positions require lip-synching recorded material. Volunteers are furnished costumes and make-up. Shifts are 12-5:30 p.m. or 12:30-6 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays or weeknights from 5-11 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 p.m.-midnight.

All volunteers will be given two passes to the Fair, which they can use at any time.

To sign up call Joan at 636-8886 or 514-1893(cell).

New mentoring program

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Duval County The program serves 8th graders at Ribault Middle School and 9th graders at Ribault High School and they are actively seeking mentors for these students. GEAR UP is a federal grant with objectives to increase community support and establish a mentorship program. Volunteering as a mentor is not only personally rewarding, but is extremely meaningful to these students both in school and in their private lives. For information call Donna Soncrant at 924-3062, ext. 125.

**Information in part provided by Volunteer Jacksonville. Visit: jacksonville.volunteergateway.org/.

Florida Family Law Information Seminar

Marriage, Divorce, Child Support & Division of Military Retirement

Upcoming classes in 2001: Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Time: 9 a.m. - noon
Location: Building #590, NAS Jax Quarterdeck, located on Kelly Street, behind the Post Office.

Call to sign up: 542-2766 ext. 127 (limited seating). Childcare is not available.

Sponsored by:

Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fleet and Family Support Center
Naval Legal Service Office

* Open to all active duty, retirees and dependants with a valid ID card.

Region honors community service of four NAS Jax activities

Four Naval Air Station Jacksonville based commands were among dozens recognized recently by Commander, Navy Region Southeast's Navy Community Service Program (NCSP).

The annual program honors commands demonstrating the Navy's cul-

ture of service at its best.

NAS Jacksonville commands included:

-Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Jacksonville: Project Good Neighbor First Place among shore units with fewer than 200 per-

sonnel.

-Southeast Regional Calibration Center, Jacksonville: Honorable Mention among shore units with fewer than 200 personnel.

-Commander Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet: Health,

Safety and Fitness Flagship First Place among shore units with fewer than 200 personnel.

-Naval Air Station Jacksonville: Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship Second Place (Tie) among shore units with more than 500 personnel.

NAVY NEWS

SecNav: 'Navy Marine Corps Intranet - The future of our naval forces'

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — October 6, 2001, marked the one-year anniversary of the historic Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) contract award. Throughout this year, significant milestones have been reached and NMCI is well on its way to completing its mission of unifying the Department of the Navy

(DoN) with one secure enterprise-wide computer and communications network.

"NMCI is an immense achievement, and it outfits the Navy and Marine Corps for their voyage through the 21st century," stated Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England. "This Intranet is essential, but it only facilitates change, in much the same way that telegraphs and telephones opened opportunity but were themselves means, not ends."

The Information Strike Force, led by EDS, has assumed responsibility for more than 42,000 "seats" across 15 commands this year. A seat is defined as the computing device by which you access the NMCI network. They have established and connected the two most critical network operating centers and help desks. And, on Sept. 7, the first NMCI end-user sat at his computer and generated the first e-mail from the network.

Through the implementation of the NMCI contract, the Navy as a whole has learned important lessons. "One of particular value has been the realization of how many different legacy applications we in the Navy and Marine Corps currently own and use (tens of thousands)," said England. "NMCI implementation has forced us, as a department, to tackle this issue — the solution to which (reduction of the applications we use) is already paying big dividends in cost reductions, interoperability and efficiency."

NMCI will be the secure tool for all certified users of the network to access the entire knowledge base of the DoN with a few clicks of a mouse. In light of recent events, national information assurance, especially on a defense level, has been pushed to the forefront of the minds of leadership. While NMCI allows for greater flexibility and speed in technology refresh, cost savings and heightened security, according to England, "Substantial as these benefits are, they are dwarfed by implications of empowering instantaneous information access throughout the whole DoN. A highly structured, stove-piped, hierarchical organization has put itself on the path to being highly flexible, intimately integrated and organized in flat networks."

England explained that as the world's largest government organization, other

than the Department of Defense itself, the Navy values speed, unity of effort and economy of effort at least as much as, and often more than, any commercial entity. "The consolidation of scores of separately purchased and maintained systems and applications will yield valuable short-term gains in economy, efficiency and security," said England.

The challenge the DoN will face as an enterprise in the years to come is of a cultural nature. Having the technology in place is only half the battle, utilizing the advantages provided by the technology to their fullest extent is where the real work lies.

"This will require changes that transcend technology — they are changes in the way we do things," said England. "To seize the benefit of what we are today creating, we will need to decentralize where historically we have centralized, flatten decision-making that has historically been hierarchical, integrate where we are often now separated, customize what we once struggled to standardize, and use private industry to perform functions we have previously jealously guarded."

The Secretary recognizes that change is difficult. "There is change and therefore difficulty in what we are trying to do, but we are still going forward because we cannot stand still," he said. "NMCI was initiated with a commitment to change the way we think and operate. That is asking a lot of our Sailors, Marines, civilians and organizations, so your full support is critical to success. That is in the best tradition of our Navy and Marine Corps."

Navy Recruiting Command needs volunteers for seminar duty

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy Recruiting Command is looking for motivated officers and enlisted personnel who would like to participate in the Senior Minority Assistance to Recruiting Program (SEMINAR).

SEMINAR allows minority Navy personnel the opportunity to return to their own communities to recruit young men and women. Available to E-6 and above of African-American, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islander descent, in most cases the program provides participants with per diem and travel allowance for the 20-day assignment.

The program allows the Navy to put a greater focus on minority recruiting without adding recruiters to Navy recruiting stations.

On average, 150 Navy enlisted personnel and officers each year take advantage of this program to visit their hometowns, where they talk to community leaders and organizations to assist with recruiting young people from their neighborhoods.

SEMINAR has proven to increase

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Navy awareness in minority communities and provide positive role models to young people, while serving as another source of leads for local recruiters.

According to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Claborne Jennings of the diversity recruiting programs staff at Navy Recruiting Command in Millington, the program has been highly successful in generating leads.

He said one reason for the program's success is that Sailors who participate know their communities better than the recruiters, and may have stronger influence with local high schools, colleges and community organizations.

"We engage these Sailors to the maximum extent possible," said Jennings. "They know the area. They have personal contacts and can likely put recruiters in positive situations because they have their 'foot in the door,' whereas a regular recruiter may not."

Recruiters can benefit greatly from SEMINAR participants. It is important to remember that SEMINAR duty can only be performed in conjunction with permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

Requests must be submitted in accordance with the timelines set forth in BUPERSINST 1150.1A.

This type of scheduling provides the recruiter with ample time to prepare for SEMINAR volunteers.

Sailors who participate in SEMINAR are required to submit pre-qualification questionnaires to the Navy's recruiting diversity programs office, and they forward the information to the recruiting district where the "adjunct recruiter" plans to work.

Information from the questionnaire allows recruiters in participants' hometowns

to schedule school visits and other recruiting opportunities.

Navy Recruiting Command's diversity programs division can offer guidance to recruiters in maximizing opportunities of the SEMINAR program. All Sailors who take part in SEMINAR are given a reference guide that explains what to expect from recruiting and what is expected of participants.

Individuals interested in the SEMINAR program should submit their requests to Navy Recruiting Command (Code N111), 5722 Integrity Dr., Bldg. 784, Millington, TN 38054.

Applications for SEMINAR must be completed at least six to nine months prior to a PCS and should include:

- Rank, name, social security number and designator (if applicable);
- Race and ethnic group;
- Hometown, state and zip code;
- Desired participation dates;
- Projected Rotation Date (PRD);
- Name of detailer;
- Name of the Navy Recruiting District where applicants are requesting to serve;
- Present command and unit identification code (UIC);
- Name and phone number of point of contact (include fax number and e-mail address, if available);
- Commanding officer's recommendation.

For more information on SEMINAR, contact Chief Aviation Ordnanceman (AW) Jimmy Stephens, NRC recruiting assistance coordinator, at DSN 882-9141/9139, commercial (901) 874-9141/9139, or by e-mail at <mailto:stephensj@cnrc.navy.mil>. Additional information is also available in BUPERSINST 1150.1A.

Marines stand up anti-terror brigade at Camp Lejeune

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Marines stood up an anti-terrorism brigade Oct. 10 at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Corps officials said Oct. 4.

The 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade will be fully operational on Dec. 1, said Brig. Gen. Douglas V. O'Dell, who will command the unit.

The brigade will have 4,800 Marines and Sailors assigned, and will merge existing anti-terrorism capabilities. These are the Marine Security Force battalion, the Marine Security Guard Battalion and the Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force.

O'Dell said the creation of the umbrella unit has been a long-term goal of Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Jones.

The units' individual missions are similar; being together should create synergy that will be helpful to the overall anti-terrorist effort, O'Dell said.

The unit will also have a fourth element: an anti-terrorism battalion. The new battalion will evolve from the

1st Battalion, 8th Marines, the unit terrorists hit in Lebanon in 1983, killing 241 U.S. service members.

Establishing this brigade means the Marines may ask for approximately 3,600 more Marines in their end strength. This would cover establishing the anti-terrorist battalion and another Fleet Anti-terrorist Security Team. It also would make up for the members of the Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force that the Corps took "out of hide" when it was first established. No formal request for the extra Marines has been made, Corps officials said.

O'Dell said the brigade will provide "vigilance with an attitude, and the Ma-

rine Corps muscle to back it up."

The brigade will have a worldwide presence. The Marine Corps Security Force Battalion in Norfolk has units based around the world. The Marine Security Guard Battalion at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., maintains security at selected U.S. embassies and missions.

The Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force was established in 1996 following the sarin gas attack in Tokyo the year before. Headquartered in Indian Head, Md., the force is ready to back up local, state and other federal agencies at a moment's notice.

Reserve calls for 100 Sailors

WASHINGTON (NNS) — An additional 100 members of the Naval Reserve are being called to active duty as part of the partial mobilization authorized by President Bush. This brings the total Naval Reserve called to active duty to approximately 2,350 as of Oct. 9.

The majority of these Naval Reservists have been recalled individually based on specific skills, including law enforcement, security, medical, supply, intelligence and other specialties. At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it is possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

Total number currently called to active duty on Oct. 11 for the Naval Reserve is 2,350; Marine Corps Reserve is 258; Coast Guard Reserve is 2,708; Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 9,087; and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 12,722.

This brings the total Reserve and National Guard called to active duty to 27,125 from 194 units, 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and individual augmentees.

Chief strikes balance with family and favorite sport



AKC (AW) Brad Hurst keeps Navy aircraft in spare parts and has a passion for softball.

Story and photos by Jeff Hilton
Staff Writer

Brad Hurst has a passion for softball and a powerful swing that makes him a great teammate and puts most fielders against the fence.

Fourteen years ago, he faced an important decision. Accept a full-ride scholarship pitching for a junior college after senior high in Lexington, Ky. or sign up with his best friend to see the world as a Sailor.

His choice is evident when you meet the newly pinned Chief Aviation Storekeeper with six rows of ribbons below his Air Warfare wings.

"We came in on the buddy system then went to boot camp and 'A' school together. He got out after four years and I stayed," Hurst said of his enlistment decision.

This summer Hurst put his athletic skills on display. His power hitting and solid first base glove during a June mini camp at NAS Jacksonville got him invited to the All-Navy Mens' softball tryouts. He was one of just 15 Sailors named to the All-Navy team playing for the Armed Forces Championship. The team picks were made following 15 games over five days.

Navy coach Earlie West told Hurst and other camp hopefuls he wanted them in condition for the championship at Fort (Can you play in triple digit heat?) Hood, Texas. What better place for Navy to hold camp than Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas 100 miles from Fort Hood?

"The first game was at 3:30 in the morning on an empty stomach," Hurst said, "By the 14th game my thighs were destroyed and I was wearing icepacks on them."

West tabbed Hurst for the All-Navy squad that went 3-6 and placed third in the Armed Forces tournament. Hurst smacked four runs and hit .690. That performance

placed him on the combined Armed Forces team playing for the ASA title in Lawton, Okla. His new teammates had just three days to merge as national contenders following the Armed Forces series. In Lawton, the team placed seventh in the 14-team tourney. Hurst found the ASA competition very stiff. During three days of what can be called softball's World Series the Armed Forces squad put up 130 runs in four games and won just two of them. "It was unreal to see some of those guys play," Hurst said about the competition.



Brad Hurst found a "family first" focus that puts his softball interests after wife Cassie and their children Tyler and Amber.

Hurst earned a spot on ASA's second team all-star roster on the strength of four runs and .890 from the plate, making him one of just two military personnel named to the first or second team.

The player, who had just completed a remarkable season by any measure, didn't see a sporting future when he enlisted.

Then 18, the 6-foot-3 southpaw with an 88-mph fastball thought his diamond days were over. "I never even had a clue about softball when I joined," Hurst said. Apparently his recruiter didn't tell him softball leagues are found at or near almost every Navy shore activity.

His transition from baseball to softball began in Norfolk, Va. Hurst was on his first fleet tour with the 'Steel Jaws' of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 122 (VAW). After hours he started playing on Navy softball teams.

His shift from wallop-ing baseballs to softballs was not automatic. "I thought the bigger the bat the better," he said. Using a 35-ounce aluminum bat he connected frequently with the 44 and 47 core balls lofted his way but wasn't sending them as far or where he intended.

Deployments and other career interests led Hurst on a five-year softball hiatus until he reported to Naval Station Mayport in 1992. Eager to prove himself, he plugged away with several teams.

In 1993 Hurst was sent to camp with 34 other Sailors vying for a spot with the All Navy team. He was cut the first day.

His play at the plate continued to be unsatisfying, "I still didn't know how to hit the ball." That changed when an umpire keeping the peace in Mayport became Hurst's batting mentor. The experience helped him adjust his stance, swing, timing and bat selection. He traded his 35-ouncer for a 28. Soon opposing pitchers watched their best stuff landing 25 to 30 feet outside the fence. While routinely sending home run shots more than 300 feet, Hurst was developing power and cultivating strategy. "I learned not just to swing to hit ... but learned to place the ball."

When his hitting picked up so did his popularity with multiple teams. Soon he was playing for as many as three Navy and community league teams at once.

The Sailor who was beginning to slug like McGwire and Bonds thought he could balance roles as a Sailor and husband while playing four to six games a week and several monthly tournaments. He was wrong.

While Hurst was still a hard-charging Sailor getting the job done wherever he was sent, his softball pursuit was having a more profound impact at home than he understood.

A Hometown Area Recruiting Program

assignment in Lexington after two years in the fleet allowed him to meet his wife, Cassie, in 1989. They married seven months later and are parents to Amber, 7, and Tyler, 3.

Cassie grew up in Kentucky with no connection to military life. Like many Navy wives before her, she was surprised how often Brad was gone. "I didn't know anyone in the military ... I didn't know he would be gone so much. In '96 he was home just eight weeks." Early on Cassie accepted Brad's military schedule along with his after-hours softball.

As Brad's softball reputation grew he was sometimes gone four or five nights a week and spending two weekends a month in tournaments. While her husband was playing, Cassie was home fielding calls from other teams wanting Brad on their roster. "I said of hated softball," she said after seeing how much Brad's pursuit was cutting into his time at home.

Initially Brad's view of accepting continued team invitations was, "I didn't want to say no to anyone."

Not declining invitations to play was also sending a message to Cassie, one she became more frequently frustrated with.

There are things in life you go to the mat for. Cassie knew her marriage was worth all the time she spent on her knees in prayer for Brad to see what was important. What she lifted to God was not a challenge but a fervent request. Confident the faith that anchored her during other trials would prevail now she said, "Many things require a lot of prayer on your knees."

Carrie attributes Brad's wake-up call that sports could no longer dominate family time to God working on him and learning he was going to join a new team - the fatherhood squad.

By the time Amber arrived, Cassie saw Brad putting much more focus on things at home. "I think he reformed ... he had to," she said while Brad pushed Amber and Tyler on a playground swing.

"Softball is not as important as it used to be," confirmed the new chief who supervises seven Aviation Storekeepers aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

When the Navy team tryout offer came this summer Brad made sure Cassie was willing to accept his absence for as much as five weeks. "I wouldn't have gone to camp if she wouldn't have supported it."

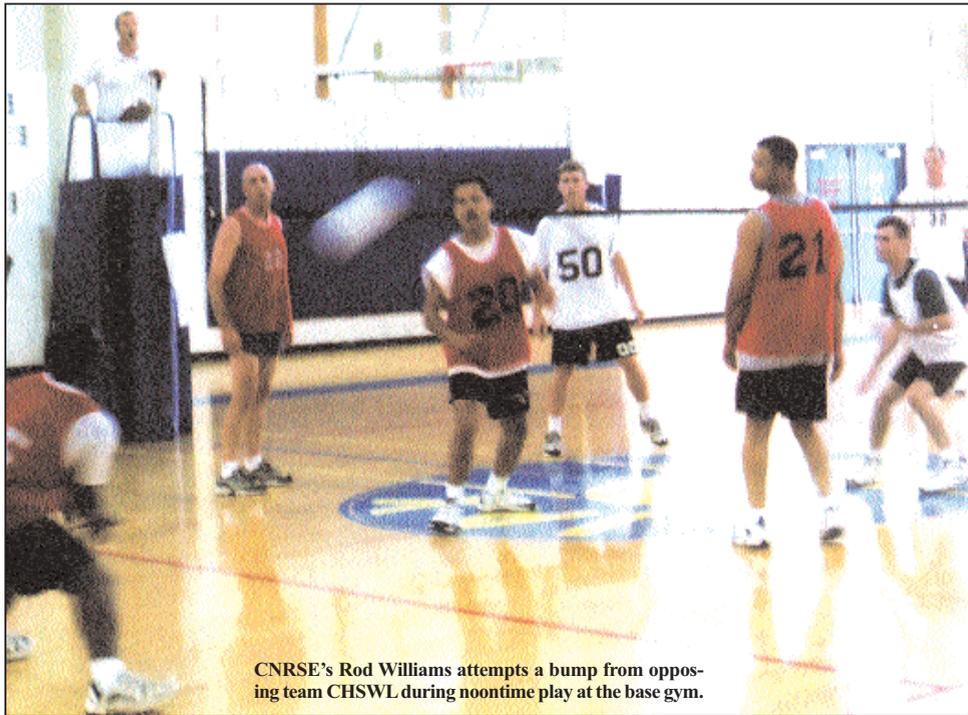
"He came and asked. It meant a lot to me," Cassie said.

The Hurst household is a busy one - focused on education and entrepreneurship. Amber and Tyler are both in school. Cassie

"I love to play but it doesn't kill me if I don't."

Chief Brad Hurst

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CNRSE's Rod Williams attempts a bump from opposing team CHSWL during noontime play at the base gym.

NAS Jax Captain's Cup Volleyball standings

Team	W	L
AIMD	5	2
CSCWL/VR-58	5	2
ComNavRegSE	5	2
SERCC-1	5	3
SERCC-2	2	5
VP-30	2	0
CHSWL	1	4
CPRW-11	1	6



CNRSE's Cliff Williams sets a spike for Sal Ortiz against SERCC-1.

Volleyball:

Sailors vie for Captain's Cup

By: JO2 (SW) Cliff Williams
CNRSE Public Affairs

Today there are more than 46 million Americans who play the 106-year-old sport of volleyball and more than 800 million players worldwide who play it at least once a week. With the rapidly growing popularity of volleyball, beach volleyball and park volleyball, NAS Jacksonville is getting in the swing of things with their own 2001 Captain's Cup Fall Volleyball League. Volleyball is on the rise on NAS Jax, from 14 teams in 1998 to 27 teams in 2001 playing in three leagues each year. For the fall league, eight teams from various commands throughout NAS Jax battle for the chance to be the number one team. Each game is played during

lunch, either at 11:15 a.m. or noon. The first two games are standard games, with points scored by the serving team only. The third game (tie-breaker) is played by "rally" rules with points awarded for everything, including side-outs.

The Captain's Cup Volleyball League has been in effect since 1995, ironically the century mark of the sport's invention. "We have a spring and fall volleyball lunch time league," said Sports Coordinator, Bill Bonser. "We also have a three-on-three, sand volleyball lunchtime league."

There are several reasons why NAS Jax personnel want to go out and exhibit their volleyball expertise. "I just want to go out and have fun," explained CNRSE player, Rod Williams, a Bainbridge, Ga. native. "The main point is

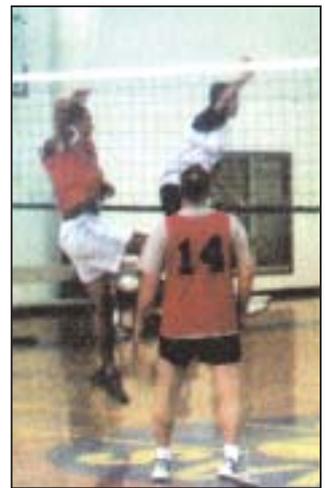
to have an outside relationship with our co-workers."

As in many sports, everything revolves around teamwork. The CNRSE players have found their play has improved since their first game. "When we played our first game of the season, we weren't in tune with each other, we made a lot of mistakes and luckily we pulled away with the wins," explained Williams. "However, now we are talking to each other on the court, working on our bump, set and spike routine and we have improved tremendously on the court. I feel we are total different team now than when we started."

Sportsmanship is a very important aspect in the Captain's Cup Volleyball League, along with any other sport played on NAS Jax. There is a Sportsmanship Rating System (SRS) encompassing all NAS Jax sports programs. All teams are graded for sportsmanship criteria by the senior official at each scheduled game, making fair play a top priority. Only teams meeting SRS good conduct and sportsmanship standards will advance to playoff competition.

Whether Sailors play in the Captain's Cup Volleyball League for bragging rights, a chance to meet other personnel

from other command, or to just have fun, the league is a booming success and also builds esprit de corps for NAS Jax personnel.



Competition at the net is fierce when CNRSE met SERCC-1.

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is enrolled in Health Science at the University of North Florida. Brad is halfway through a masters program at Webster University.

The couple just purchased a tanning salon that Cassie will manage while keep-

ing her studies up. She likes the idea of setting her own work hours in favor of her family.

Brad is pleased with his most successful season - All Navy team, Armed Forces squad and ASA second team, "I was very lucky." Throw in making chief petty officer last month and things look ever better.

As for softball, Brad sees there is more sand at the bottom of the hourglass than the top. The pounding he has endured for his sport is adding up. He wonders how his enjoyably successful season may have gone had he not played through pain this season.

He may not see another season with so much success and he knows it. "I've got

bursitis in my left knee and am getting my right shoulder scoped soon." Whether he has more seasons and homers ahead is not as important now.

"I love to play," the career Sailor said, "but it doesn't kill me if I don't."

"He's learned to compete and put family first," said Cassie.