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## TOUCHING BASE



### NAS Jacksonville volunteers assist with fundraiser for Monique Burr Foundation

On Dec. 1, Naval Air Station Jacksonville volunteers set the mood at the "Holiday in the Hamptons" dinner dance and auction fund-raising event. The volunteers greeted the guests at the charity event with "red-carpet" style treatment.

The patriotic support of the volunteers was applauded by all in attendance and the event netted \$223,000 in donations to help the Monique Burr Foundation Children Crisis Center provide health care, emotional counseling and legal fees for abused and neglected children.

The volunteers shown above are: MMCS(SW/AW) Arden Battle, Safety Department; Army Specialist Shakerian Adams, Vet Services; TM2 Charlene Rager, Weapon's Department; ET1 Joseph Waldo, ET3 Aisha Washington, ET3 Peyton Lipham and ET3 Imani Falu, all of SERCC; Sarah Jackson, Vet Services and Glenn Mebane, MWR.

# Winter Wonderland

## Snow greets 'Topcats' at NAS Fallon

By Lt.j.g. Daniel Bleicher  
VS-31 PAO

As the sun crept below the snow-capped mountains in Nevada, all seemed tranquil. It was hard to imagine that dozens of jets and helicopters were raging above and between the mountains, closing on two targets near a simulated enemy airfield protected by surface-to-air missile (SAM) targets.

Having overwhelmed the opposing forces, the sites are destroyed by an assortment of weapons. This concluded just one of many air wing exercises VS-31 participated in during the past three weeks in NAS Fallon, Nev.

As Carrier Air Wing Seven prepares for deployment onboard USS John F. Kennedy, the Fallon Air



Far from the Florida sunshine, VS-31 line crews work the flightline at NAS Fallon, Nev.

Photos courtesy VS-31

Wing detachment afforded aircrew the opportunity to fine-tune their ability to conduct over-land strikes in a myriad of simulated threat environments.

The "Topcats" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31 found themselves contributing in many ways during the air wing strikes. "Topcat" crews often set up stations to detect and localize SAM sites while providing indications and warning to incoming strike aircraft.

In addition to electronic

support, the aircrews honed their skills on bomb delivery, both over land and sea. Aircrew also flew low-level flights in which pilots and naval flight officers (NFOs) would fly their Vikings hundreds of feet above the mountainous terrain.

Almost immediately after arriving in Fallon, VS-31's ordnancemen set up shop and began loading S-3s with practice bombs and live ordnance.

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AD3 Jeff Henry checks the intakes before a mission in Fallon.

## Lots to do as Jacksonville rings in New Year

By Kaylee LaRocque  
Staff Writer

The city of Jacksonville is featuring an array of activities in celebration of the New Year.

As always, the annual Toyota Gator Bowl will be the highlight of a two-day festival as Florida State takes on Virginia Tech at Alltel Stadium on Jan. 1, 2002 at 12:30 p.m. Game tickets are available for active duty military, retirees, DoD civilians and their family members for \$25 at the USO. For more information call 542-3028.

Other events leading up to the game include Gator Bowl Team Pep Rallies on Dec. 31 at The Jacksonville Landing. Virginia Tech fans can come out and cheer

on their team at 1 p.m. and Florida State fans can show their team support at 5:30.

A Toyota Gator Bowl 5K Run is scheduled for Dec. 31 at 2, beginning at The Jacksonville Landing. The 5K will take runners throughout the downtown, ending at Northbank Riverfront Park. Prizes will be awarded in the top three men, women and masters categories.

Runners can sign up until the day of the race through 1st Place Sports on Baymeadows Road or in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center. Entries are also being taken through their Web site at www.1stplacesports.com or by calling 739-1917.

At 3 p.m. on Dec. 31, the Toyota Gator Bowl Parade kicks off at the School Board Building downtown.

The route will continue down Prudential Drive, over the Main Street Bridge and wind through the downtown area.

Several musical groups will hit the stages of The Jacksonville Landing on Dec. 31 including Slim Goody from 4:30-8:30 p.m. and Diggin' in Dreamland from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the courtyard stage. On the front stage, Little Green Men perform from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., followed by Big Sky and Audio Orange from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sliverman Robotics will interact with the crowd dressed in FSU and Virginia Tech apparel.

And of course, what would New Year's Eve be without the "oohs" and "aahs" of a brilliant fireworks show. The Downtown Countdown Fireworks Spectacular kicks off at midnight over the St. Johns River.

On game-day, fans are encouraged to head to the stadium early to join in the Budweiser Tailgate Party at 9:30 a.m.

Fans are also invited to witness a special pre-game salute to America's heroes in "A Celebration of Freedom" at Alltel Stadium at noon. This presentation is a half-hour television special honoring the men and women who have fought and put their lives on the line to preserve America's freedoms, and to those who are currently fighting America's War on Terrorism.

This salute features a performance by Lee Greenwood, a Navy flyover and recognition of Jacksonville's heroes.

For more information on any of these events call the Gator Bowl Association at 798-1700.

## Santa Claus arrives at VP-30 party via P-3

By JO2(SW) Shae Blasko  
Staff Writer

Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 of Naval Air Station Jacksonville held its annual Children's Christmas Party last Saturday at Hangar 30. The party lasted two hours, from 10 a.m. to noon with nearly 300 squadron members in attendance.

To the delight of VP-30's children, Santa arrived by a P-3 Orion instead of a sled pulled by Rudolph and his eight reindeer buddies.

Once on the ground, Santa joined the festivities that squadron wives had prepared.

There were clowns on hand who painted children's faces.

A children's obstacle course called the "Adrenaline Rush" and trampoline called the "Moonwalk" were set up and tours of a P-3 were also available. Drinks and cookies were provided by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

Of course, the guy in the red and white suit was the big draw for the youngsters. As Santa took his seat as the guest of honor, a long line of anxious children soon formed to whisper their Christmas wishes into his ear.

"The annual Christmas party has taken place Hangar 30 for at least the past five years," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Janke, VP-30 command services officer.

"This party is for the kids," she said.



Photo by JO2(SW) Shae Blasko

Here comes Santa Claus, but he's not in a sleigh this time!

"The holiday season is about family and children." "It's great I love making the kids

happy," said Santa. Santa added, "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

For more from VP-30 and other squadron Christmas festivities see page 6.

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

	<b>FRIDAY 48/68</b> PARTLY CLOUDY
	<b>SATURDAY 48/68</b> PARTLY CLOUDY
	<b>SUNDAY 50/69</b> PARTLY CLOUDY

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

## 2002 National Defense Authorization Act Report highlights

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House Armed Services Committee has announced that conferees have reached agreement on the conference report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (S. 1438).

The conference committee authorized \$343.3 billion in budget authority (matching the President's request). A summary of the major provisions included in the conference agreement is available on the committee's homepage. Highlights of S. 1538 include:

**Defending the Homeland** - The conference report provides approximately \$15 billion for efforts to defend the American homeland, including programs to combat terrorism, defeat weapons of mass destruction, and defend against ballistic missile attack. This total includes:

**Combatting Terrorism** - Provides nearly \$7 billion (\$1 billion more than the fiscal year 2001 level) for DoD and DoE

programs to combat terrorism and defeat weapons of mass destruction.

**Protecting America and U.S. Interests from Ballistic Missile Attack** - Provides up to \$8.3 billion (\$3 billion more than the fiscal year 2001 level) for continued development of ballistic missile defenses. In addition, the conference report provides flexibility for the President to use up to \$1.3 billion of these funds for efforts to combat terrorism

### Quality of Life

**Pay Raise** - Raises the pay of every service member by between five and 10 percent (effective January 1, 2002).

**Housing Costs** - Reduces out-of-pocket housing costs for military personnel to 11.3 percent.

**Health Care** - Fully funds the defense health program and improves the health care benefit.

**PCS Moves** - Reduces the financial burden of permanent change of station (PCS) moves on military families.

## Navy Blue Angels announce 2002 Show Schedule

PENSACOLA (NNS) — The Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, has announced its show schedule for the 2002 show season.

Following pre-season training from Jan. 2 to March 8, 2002, the team is scheduled to begin its season on March 9, 2002, at Naval Air Facility (NAF), El Centro, Calif., and conclude on Nov. 9, 2002, at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola.

The Blue Angels are scheduled to perform in 70 shows at 36 locations in the United States and Canada during the 2002 season.

A Blue Angels air demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines using F/A-18 Hornets. The pilots perform approximately 30 maneuvers during the aerial demonstration, which runs approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

Demonstration sites are selected to support the objectives of the Department of Defense and the interest of the armed services with safety as the primary consideration.

Performances greatly assist the recruiting and retention goals of the military services, enhance esprit de corps among uniformed men and women, as well as demonstrate the professional skills and capabilities of the armed forces to the American public and U.S. Allies. For more information about the Blue Angels go to <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil>.

### Blue Angels 2002 Schedule

March 9 - NAF El Centro, Calif  
March 16-17 - Mesa, Ariz.\*  
March 23-24 - Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
April 6-7 - NAS Kingsville, Texas  
April 13-14 - Blountville, Tenn.  
April 20-21 - Bay St. Louis, Miss.\*  
April 27-28 - CAS Beaufort, S.C.  
May 4-5 - Fort Lauderdale  
May 11-12 - NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas  
May 18-19 - Andrews AFB, Md.  
May 22 & 24 - USNA Annapolis, Md.  
May 25-26 - McGuire AFB, N.J.  
June 1-2 - Little Rock AFB, Ark.  
June 8-9 - Fargo, N.D.  
June 15-16 - Oklahoma City  
June 22-23 - Rochester, N.Y.  
June 29-30 - London, Ontario, Canada  
July 6-7 - Traverse City, Mich.  
July 12-13 - Pensacola Beach  
July 20-21 - Helena, Mont.  
July 27-28 - Point Mugu, Calif.  
Aug. 3-4 - Seattle  
Aug. 17-18 - Chicago  
Aug. 24-25 - Offutt AFB, Neb.  
Aug. 31 - St. Louis, Mo.  
Sept. 1-2 - St. Louis, Mo.  
Sept. 7-8 - Toledo, Ohio  
Sept. 14-15 - McConnell AFB, Kan.  
Sept. 21-22 - NAS Oceana, Va.  
Sept. 28-29 - Augusta, Ga.  
Oct. 5-6 - Salinas, Calif.  
Oct. 12-13 - San Francisco  
Oct. 19-20 - MCAS Miramar, Calif.  
Oct. 26-27 - NAS JRB New Orleans  
Nov. 2-3 - NAS Jacksonville  
Nov. 8-9 - NAS Pensacola

## KUDO KORNER

Fleet Control and Surveillance Facility, Jacksonville presented the following awards from Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic at an awards ceremony on Dec. 4:

**Letter of Commendation**  
**AC3 Jamal Hampton**  
**Military Outstanding**  
**Volunteer Service Award**  
**AC2 Renee Rudisill**

## LETTER TO SANTA:

Dear Santa,  
I would like a skateboard. I would like a Salley, besides the one I get. Make Jesus happy on his birthday.

Max Stites





### Meet A Sailor ...

## AO1 WILLIAM E. JONES, JR.

**Job title/command:** Navaires Jax Training Dept. Lpo  
**Hometown:** Dayton, OH.  
**Past Duty Stations:** CVN 71, NAS Atlanta, NAS Whidbey, NAF Detroit

**Family Life:** Married with three children Kayleanna, Nicholas, Christian  
**Career Plans:** Attending Columbia College, retire from Navy in two years.  
**Most Interesting Experience:** I was struck by lightning and the birth of my child.  
**Words of Wisdom:** Focus only on the things that you can control.



### Meet A Civilian...

## CYNTHIA MCFARLAND-THOMAS

**Job title:** Security Officer  
**Hometown:** New Orleans, La.  
**Family Life:** Married to Earnest, daughter Coasa.

**Career Plans:** To own my own company.  
**Most Interesting Experience:** Having my daughter.  
**Words of Wisdom:** Live and let live.

## Secretary England sends Christmas holiday message

During this holiday season, Americans across our great nation will gather in their homes and places of worship to count their blessings and look forward to the new year with hope. This year, many Sailors and Marines stand their watch far from home.

Whether you sail off the coast of other nations, stand guard on foreign soil, or serve nobly on the home front, I know that every Marine, Sailor, and civilian in the Department of the Navy stands ready to answer our nation's call.

Our mission is clear. Our calling to maintain peace and stability for our nation and the world has never been more important. The Navy and Marine Corps team's devotion to this noble cause has been constant since the birth of the Republic. As we celebrate the next few weeks with our family, friends, and shipmates, let us take time to give thanks for the blessings of freedom that we have inherited and pray for the day when the world is forever at peace. Until that day, our nation will continue to depend on your honor, courage, and commitment to keep America free.

It is a privilege to serve with you during this critical time in our nation's history. Please accept my best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season. God bless each



Gordon R. England  
of you, your families, and the United States of America!

The Honorable Gordon R. England,  
Secretary of the Navy

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM THE STAFF OF

**Jax Air News**

## NAS Jax Chapel Advent – Christmas Religious Services

### Catholic

Dec. 22, 5 p.m. – Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Dec. 23, 9:30 a.m. - Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Dec. 24, 11:15 p.m. – Christmas Carols – Meditation  
Dec. 24, midnight – Midnight Christmas Mass  
Dec. 25, 11:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass  
Dec. 29, 5 p.m. – Feast of the Holy Family  
Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m. - Feast of the Holy Family  
Jan. 1, 11:30 a.m. – Mary, Mother of God  
Jan. 5, 5 p.m. – The Epiphany of the Lord  
Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m. – The Epiphany of the Lord

### Protestant

Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m. – Advent 4  
Dec. 23, 11 a.m. – Advent 4  
Dec. 24, 7 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Services



## Sunday Services at the Base Chapel

You are invited to the following 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 9:45-10:45 a.m., and Catholic CCD is 10:45 a.m.-noon.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

## CREDO It's free!

It's free! Give yourself the gift of a Navy CREDO Retreat. The next Personal Growth Retreat is Jan. 24-27. For more information, or to register, call CREDO at 270-6958.

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# Remember those holiday safety tips

From Commander, Navy Safety Center

The signs are everywhere: newspaper ads promoting sales, stores decorated in glitter and trim, and lawn ornaments and window lights flashing the message – the holidays have arrived.

Young and old alike are making plans for shopping, entertainment and travel to visit friends and family. It is a busy time of year with hectic schedules that can increase stress, and with it, the possibility of mishaps.

Let's ensure this holiday season is festive, pleasantly memorable and injury-free. To achieve these goals, several things must be done. Identify, assess and ask yourself what you can do about the hazards likely to be encountered during the holidays, then make risk decisions and implement controls to eliminate them.

- Always wear your and buckle children into approved child restraint systems.
- Riding your Harley in a state that doesn't require a helmet? Wear it anyway; the Department of the Navy requires their use

at all times.

- Don't drink and drive; choose a designated driver before the party begins.
- Don't tailgate, weave in and out of lanes without signals, or follow too close. Plan your trips and adjust your schedule to include rest.
- To ensure you wake up alive, have your home heating system checked by a professional and look around for fire hazards.
- Check holiday lights and ensure they bear a label such as Underwriter's Laboratory (UL).
- Check batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Ensure the ladder is safely set before climbing on the roof.
- Finally, expect the unexpected and monitor events as they occur. Be prepared to adjust your plan of action as conditions change. If necessary, let someone know you need help. Make this the safest holiday ever. Think risk management at home and on the road and stay safe.

# Be aware of dangers of carbon monoxide

From the Chief Fire Inspector

The home-heating season is here, and it's time to remind everyone of the dangers associated with fuel-burning equipment.

Each year, many people die from carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced when fuel is incompletely burned.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to flu-like illnesses including dizziness, fatigue, headaches, nausea and irregular breathing. Exposure to high levels of this poisonous gas can result in death.

The following are some measures to take in preventing carbon monoxide poisoning:

Have your fuel burning appliances inspected annually. These include furnaces, stoves, fireplaces and portable heaters. These appliances burn fuels – gas, natural and liquefied petroleum, kerosene, oil, coal

and wood.

Ensure the inspection includes the chimney, flues and vents. Check for leakage and blockage by creosote and debris. Check to ensure all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances are not loose or disconnected.

Never block ventilation air openings. An adequate air supply is needed to ensure proper airflow and combustion.

Never use fuel-burning portable heaters in non-ventilated enclosed areas.

Provide your home with an early warning detection system. Install a carbon monoxide detector. Homes with fuel appliances should have at least one carbon monoxide detector outside sleeping areas.

Keep your vehicle exhaust system in good repair. Only operate your vehicle in ventilated areas, never in a closed garage.

Remember, you cannot see, taste or smell carbon monoxide gas. It can kill you before you know it's there.

# Safe driving aid: New procedure outlined for side mirrors adjustment

From the NAS Jacksonville Safety Office

Some of the most serious preventable accidents occur because of blind spots while driving! Now there is a remarkable simple solution discovered by an engineer named George Platter. He presented his method at the prestigious Society of Automotive Engineers.

The National Safety Council tested his theory and discovered, to their amazement, that it works! The method has been fully endorsed by the National Safety Council as described in their September/October

issue of Traffic Safety. Here's how it works.

First, forget how we learned to adjust our outside mirrors by plopping behind the steering wheel and turning the mirrors so that we just saw the side of our car looking back at us in the mirrors.

Instead, adjust the driver's side mirror by resting your head against the driver's side window and then turning the mirror so that you just see the side of your car.

Once this is set, move to the center of the vehicle and turn the passenger side mirror so that you can just see the side of your car from the center of the vehicle.

That's it. You won't see your own car in either mirror, yet what you will see is far better. Cars behind you show up as usual in the inside rear-view mirror above the dash, but the instant the car leaves your field of vision from the rear-view mirror the outside mirror picks it up. No blind spot; no delays; no wondering where that car about to pass you has disappeared to, and no waiting a few seconds for the car that you just saw in your rear-view mirror to show up in your outside mirrors.

All three mirrors work in harmony with one another, and the blind spot has been virtually eliminated!

## Just in time for Christmas!



Photos by Kaylee LaRoque

Above, patrons stand in line at the NAS post office, sending off Christmas presents to loved ones.

Below, postal clerk, Janet Pierotti places postage on Kate Rabuse's gifts as they are a few of hundreds of cards and gifts awaiting delivery. This season is the busiest time of year for the post office, which receive thousands of items to mail daily as Christmas nears.



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# NADep Jax now ISO 9001:2000 certified

By Susan Brink  
NADEP Public Affairs Specialist

On Nov. 30, the Naval Air Depot (NADep) Jacksonville, Fla., became ISO 9001:2000 certified.

NADep Jax is the first command in NavAir and the Department of Defense to receive a comprehensive ISO 9001:2000 certification.

This culminates two and a half years of hard work by the entire NADEP team. The certification was achieved through independent certification of NADEP's ten Strategic Business Units, followed by the overall NADEP-wide audit in areas not previously covered.

ISO 9000 certification is a major accomplishment for any industrial facility. ISO 9000 certification verifies that NADEP Jax is customer-driven, process-focused and that the employees truly know their business. It also demonstrates NADEP's commitment to doing every job right the first time, every time, and continually improving their performance in support of the warfighter.

At NADEP Jax "Quality Comes First." The ISO 9000 certification scope includes aircraft maintenance, repair, overhaul, and modification services of military aircraft, engines, aeronautical components and electrical systems including maintenance, repair, engineering, manufacturing, inspection, testing, logistics, design, analysis and support.

Cmdr. Ron Bethmann, director of Quality and ISO 9000 director, stated, "NADEP has always been a very capable organization, but the true potential of what this team of 3,700 dedicated Americans can do has not been fully realized. I believe earning the ISO 9000 certification proves to the world and most importantly, our customer, that the Depot is committed to being the best in the business and the best is yet to come."

"The major benefit of incorporating the requirements of ISO 9000 is gaining control of our



processes, eliminating non-value-added processes and providing consistency and standardization throughout the plant," said Capt. Christopher Roum, commanding officer.

"ISO 9000 has helped us focus on customer service and improve our ability to support the fleet. For example, changes in our procedures have helped streamline our ability to respond to fleet requests regarding the status of component repairs," added Petty Officer Christopher Floyd, fleet liaison customer service repre-

sentative.

In 1998, when NADEP began pursuing ISO 9000 certification, their goal was to transition their management philosophy to a recognized international standard. To remain a leader in the defense maintenance repair and overhaul business, the Depot realized they needed to reach for this business accreditation program and attain certification in all of their Strategic Business Units to improve performance and bring international recognition to NADEP Jax.

Over the past two and one-half years, the Depot has made tremendous accomplishments and improvements while working to create a facility that focuses on continuous improvement through employee empowerment and involvement. This process has allowed the workforce to focus on the process, make improvements and standardize procedures so that they perform tasks the same way each time. Clearly documented, process focused procedures ensure NADEP's ability to provide consistent and repeatable

performance. One of those processes includes a robust and effective continuous improvement program that empowers all employees to effect change and develop corrective and preventive action plans.

ISO 9000 is a never-ending process with continuous upgrades and audits that will regularly occur throughout the Depot. NADEP Jax is committed to providing a full range of the highest quality maintenance, engineering and logistic support services to the fleet at a competitive price.

## Naval Air Depot Jacksonville repairs F-14 Tomcat stranded in Kuwait

By Daphne Burke  
NADEP Public Affairs Specialist

Naval Air Depot Jacksonville's (NADEP Jax) personnel support the fleet at home and around the world. A team of F-14 artisans and technicians recently flew to Kuwait to repair a damaged Tomcat.

The F-14 carrier-based fighter jet was diverted to Al Jaber, Kuwait after experiencing a tailhook departure while attempting to land aboard the USS Constellation (CV 64). An examination of the aircraft revealed that replacement of the Fuselage Station (FS) 737 center frame was required. A repair never before performed in the field.

Field Service Engineering Technician Donald McMillian, Quality Assurance (QA) Specialist Warren Woods, and Sheet metal artisans William Houk and David West volunteered to travel to Kuwait to repair the damaged F-14 aircraft. After attending Means of Personal Protection and Anti-Terrorism training, the repair team departed for Kuwait.

Once in Kuwait, the FS 737 frame was removed and the team disassembled the aircraft removing brackets and clips. Subsequently, the frame was shipped to NADEP Jax for transfer of critical bolt holes used to secure canted frames to the FS 737 center frame.

Engineers Nick Smichnick and John Salemi, Numerically Controlled (NC) Machine Programmers Norman Gay and Jamie Rupert, QA Specialist Ellie Brock, and Machinists David Baul and Paul White, immediately started the hole transfer process. The hole transfer process

requires manufacturing of a fixture to support the damaged frame while the holes are being probed to ascertain their location. Probing is a method used to pick up several points on the holes. The NC Machine then calculates the hole center and stores it in memory.

Once the probing is completed, the damaged frame is removed from the fixture and the replacement frame is installed. The stored data is then used to transfer the holes from the damaged frame to the replacement frame. After long hours of work, the hole transfer process was completed. On the same day work was finished, the frame was shipped back to Kuwait.

The NADEP Jax repair team received the frame four days later and directly confirmed through a trial fit that the holes were properly transferred. Over the next four weeks, the repair team transferred skin holes and reamed them to size. The final frame and boattail installation was finished 10 days later. From the time the damage occurred to the time the repair was complete was about five months.

These stellar performers are dedicated to supporting the fleet through their work at NADEP Jax and in remote locations around the globe.

## Four graduate from Senior Executive Management Development Program

By Susan Brink  
NADEP Public Affairs

In a ceremony hosted by the Naval Air System Command (NavAir) recently, four Naval Air Depot Jacksonville (NADEP Jax) employees received graduation plaques awarded in recognition of completing the Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMMDP).

Commander, Naval Air Systems Command Vice Adm. Joseph Dyer was the keynote speaker in this video teleconference addressing all the graduates who participated throughout NavAir.

Capt. Christopher Roum, commanding officer, NADEP Jax, presented Jim Bearden, Design Interface & Maintenance planning manager; Dale Starr,

Logistics Management specialist; Elizabeth Nealin, T-45 FST team leader; and Dave Theilacker, P-3A/B and Derivatives program manager, their plaques and congratulated them on this accomplishment.

SEMMDP is a management and executive development program for civilian employees who have demonstrated a high level of managerial and leadership potential and initiative.

Selection for this program is highly competitive, as it is available to all mid to senior grade civilian employees throughout NavAir. This program is completed in conjunction with the employee's regular job responsibilities and can last three to five years. The students are afforded the opportunity to participate in a structured

program that assists them in clarifying their career goals, developing their managerial and executive capabilities, and enhancing their technical and functional expertise.

Once selected for this program, each participant, along with their supervisor and mentor, drafts an Individual Development Plan (IDP) specifically tailored to their specific goals and needs. The program allows for flexibility with each individual's goals and the needs of the NavAir Team.

Through SEMMDP, NavAir will be guaranteed a pool of highly motivated and qualified candidates to fill anticipated senior level vacancies and provide the student with a sense of common purpose, teamwork and corporate identity with the senior level managers.

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**Happy Holidays!  
We'll be back on  
January 10, 2002**

'TIS THE SEASON...

# Christmas celebrated in 'Pro's Nest'



Highlights from Patrol Squadron (VP) 30's annual Children's Christmas Party included Santa, clowns, face painting, P-3 tours and a fun zone for the kids. Shown above, sharing her Christmas wish with Santa is Ashlyn Dishman, age 5. Below, Benjamin Kotwick, 2, is wide-eyed after receiving a gift of play dough from Santa. All the visitors enjoyed touring a P-3 (lower right) and learning what the squadron members do on the job.



Photos by  
JO2(SW)  
Shae Blasko



## VS-22 celebrates the holidays

By Lt. Mark Alexander  
VS-22 PAO

This past week, the "Checkmates" of VS-22 and their families gathered together for an evening of fine dining and holiday cheer.

The event took place at the Mandarin Ramada Inn. The trees were trimmed, the lights were lit, holiday music filled the air, and spirits were high thanks to the event organizer and master of ceremonies, Lt. Damian Defazio.

It was rather easy for Defazio to hold the crowd's attention - as he came bearing gifts for all. Raffle-prize recipients walked away with TVs, DVD players, two and three-day liberty passes, and other gifts.

Following the raffle and a dinner of shrimp-stuffed salmon, the dance floor opened, and the "Vidars" rocked around the Christmas tree.

The following day, the jun-



Santa greets a group of children at the VS-22 Christmas Party.

ior "Checkmates" had a chance to get together and celebrate. The Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by the First Class Petty Officer Association, turned into an afternoon full of fun and games. Of course, the highlight of the party was a quick visit from Santa Claus.

Santa had gifts for all the children and listened to all of their wish lists for the upcoming holiday.

The "Checkmates" are thrilled to be celebrating the holidays with their friends and families this year, but are also thinking about those who are away from home.

Photo courtesy VS-22

## Tax season just around the corner

From the Chief of Naval Operations

Since 1994, the Electronic Tax Filing (ELF) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Programs have greatly enhanced Navy quality of service by providing assistance in preparing both federal and state income tax returns. In the 2001 tax season alone, nearly 180,000 federal and state tax returns were completed by ELF/VITA, saving active duty service members and their families almost 11 million in commercial tax preparation fees.

The ELF/VITA Programs improve morale and readiness – and keeps money in Sailors' pockets – by significantly reducing the effort and cost involved in meeting federal and state tax obligations.

Some of the advantages of using these programs are:

- No preparation fees. Commercial tax preparers charge more than \$100 for the average electronically filed returns at no cost to Sailors and their family members.
- Faster refunds. Paper returns take eight or more weeks to process in Conus, even longer if submitted from overseas or while deployed. With ELF, refunds are deposited directly into a Sailor's bank account within two weeks of transmission, even from overseas or afloat commands. The quick refunds available through ELF reduce the need for refund anticipation loans (short term loans with added charges and high interest rates).
- Fewer mistakes. ELF returns are much more accurate – less than one percent error rate as compared to 15 percent for paper returns.

The local area Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) – or in their absence, the local

Staff Judge Advocate or Fleet and Family Service representative – manage the main tax assistance centers.

Past tax seasons have shown that the success of a tax assistance center is predicated on top-down support from local area commands. Thus, local area commands are asked to support the main tax assistance center in three main areas: personnel, equipment, and facilities. When local area commands support the needs of the ELF/VITA Programs, they thrive and Sailors benefit.

At the heart of the ELF/VITA Programs are the Sailors themselves. ELF/VITA cannot succeed without the support of every command to allow Sailors to go TAD or allow personnel to work part-time at these centers. Although tax centers can survive on volunteers, experience shows that trained personnel assigned TAD for the 12-week tax season are the most effective means of achieving success. Insufficient manpower remains the single biggest obstacle preventing this Quality of Life Program from reaching all Sailors who deserve it.

The goal is one volunteer or TAD member per hundred members of each command. One full-time TAD tax preparer (trained by the IRS and ELF/VITA tax officers) can provide more than \$50,000 worth of services. Information involving this training can be obtained at your local NLSO or IRS office.

The ELF/VITA Program is a proven winner. It is especially important this tax season in light of operational commitments and reserve recalls. Sailors need the peace of mind concerning their personal affairs that this program offers. We need everyone's support to ensure continued success.

## CV-TSC Ashore's Masden retires from service

By FC1 Brian E. Dodd  
CV-TSC Ashore PAO

After more than 30 years of exemplary Navy service, Carrier Tactical Support Center Ashore's CWO4 Donald G. Masden retired in a Dec. 7 ceremony at Hangar 1000.

Guests included retired Capt. Matthew Tuohy who served as guest speaker, Capt. Steven Luce Commander, Sea Control Wing, Atlantic Fleet, Cmdr. David Ruth, Carrier Tactical Support Center officer in charge and Dr. William Conner, pastor, Islandview Baptist Church. His wife Tammy Masden, originally of Mount Airy, N.C., parents Donald and Rebecca Masden, and brother and sister were also on hand for this very special occasion.

During the ceremony, Masden was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Masden was born in Frankfort, Ky. and graduated from Valley High School, Louisville, Ky. He enlisted in the Navy in October 1971. He graduated AMS "A" school and reported to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 1. He qualified as a Post Maintenance Check Aircrewman in the SH-3D/G/H helicopters. At the completion of this tour he reenlisted under the SCORE program and completed AW "A" school in 1975.

Subsequent assignments included HS-9 in Jacksonville, Fla. where as a search and rescue (SAR) wet crewman he was responsible for four rescues at sea. And Patrol Squadron (VP) 49 where he deployed to Bermuda and qualified as both Acoustic and Non-Acoustic sensor operator on the P-3C during his tour. He advanced to the rank of chief petty officer in 1981.

In October 1982 he reported to Light Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HSL) 34, Norfolk, Va. He qualified as an SH-2F LAMP Tactical Aircrewman and Squadron Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Instructor. He was promoted to senior chief in April 1985.

He later served with VP-47, Moffett Field, Calif. as Operations Department SCPO, Flight Scheduling Officer and Detachment Operations Officer. He participated in two deployments to Diego Garcia and Okinawa. He was commissioned to CWO2 in May 1988.



Photo courtesy CV-TSC Ashore

Masden, with wife Tammy, is piped ashore for the last time during his retirement ceremony Dec. 7.

After completing RAG training in the S-3A with Sea Control Squadron (VS) 41 in October 1988, he reported to VS-32, NAS Cecil Field, Fla. To serve as the Avionics Branch Officer, AW Division Officer, and Training and Readiness Officer. He qualified in both the S-3A/B and received his wings as a Naval Aviation Observer (NAO). He completed three cruises onboard USS America (CV 66), and took part in Operation "Desert Storm." He was promoted to CWO3 in November 1991.

In February 1992, he reported to HS-1 Jacksonville, Fla. and qualified in both the SH-3H and SH-60F aircraft and was promoted to CWO4.

He then returned to VS-32. Completing NATOPS, he qualified as a Tactical Coordinator (TACCO) in the S-3B and completed one cruise onboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) prior to reporting to Commander Sea Control Wings U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Carrier Tactical Support Center (CV-TSC) Ashore, NAS Jacksonville, Fla. as the Assistant Officer in Charge and Mobile Training Team Director. He was directed by CSCWL in March 2000 to assume the duties of Officer in Charge of CV-TSC Ashore until relieved in July 2000.

Masden has flown more than 5,600 hours and is qualified in the following aircraft; S-3A/B, P-3C, SH-3H, SH-2F, SH-60F, and T-34C. His awards include the Strike/Fight Air Medal, five Navy Commendation Medals (three with combat 'V' for Valor), and two Navy Achievement Medals.

## HEY MONEYMAN!

Hey, MoneyMan!

I recently bought a used van from a local car dealer and they told me the vehicle had never been wrecked. I checked it out on Carfax and there was no indication of any repair work being done on my van but I did learn that a national car rental company previously owned it. My husband, who knows a lot about cars, feels certain that the van has been repainted because he can tell by the "feel" of the paint on the hood and he noticed paint overspray on some of the rubber seals. Are car companies required to tell you if a car has been wrecked? Is there anything I can do now?

MoneyMan Sez:

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Here's how it works. Insurance companies sell wrecks at salvage auctions. These cars are then rebuilt and put back on the road. Rebuilt wrecks are not subject to federal safety standards and there are lots of ways to conceal car histories. Many self-insured companies, such as rental car agencies, also sell their wrecks to salvage yards. It is estimated that as many as 400,000 of these cars are being rebuilt every year! Pick up a copy of the January 2002 Consumer Reports and read the eight-page cover story on this scam.

Your husband is smart to check the car closely and to ask questions. I recommend you go back to the dealer and find out what they know about the car's history. It is possible that the van was wrecked and they did not know about it, but they should be willing to help you obtain information.

Contact the Northeast Florida Consumer Council, the state's Department

# Hey, Money Man!



of Consumer Services or the Division of Motor Vehicles to file a complaint if you are unsuccessful obtaining information about your van.

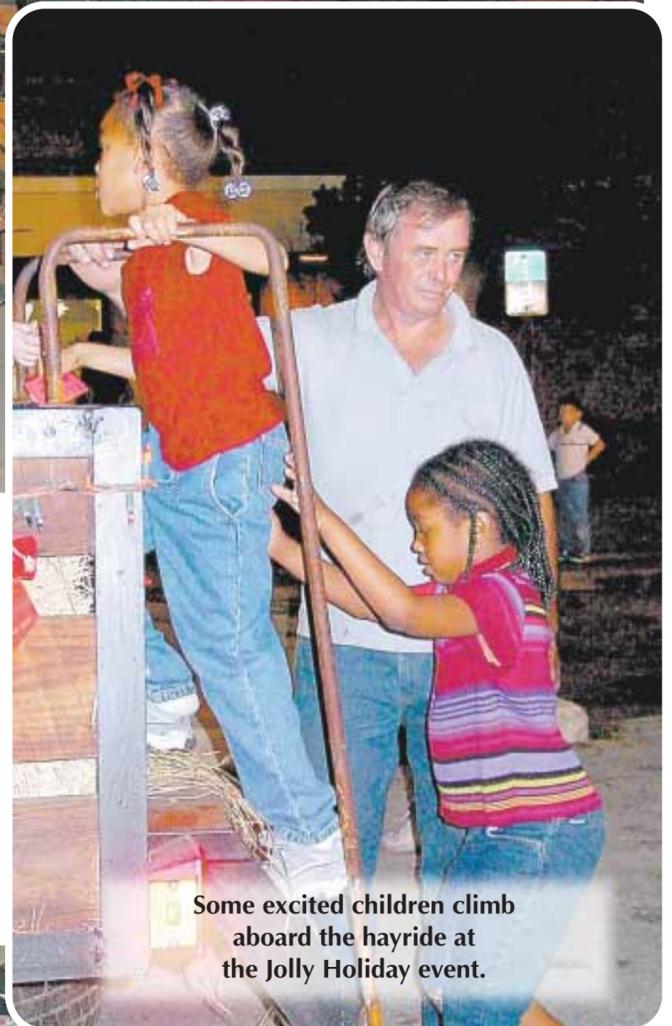
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## JOLLY HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY 2001



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the Yellow Water Youth Center in their horse-drawn carriage.

# YELLOW WATER YOUTH CENTER HOSTS JOLLY HOLIDAY



Some excited children climb aboard the hayride at the Jolly Holiday event.



Five-year-old Tyree Durden pulls a lollipop from the lollipop tree to win a prize.



### A night of holiday fun for all

By Kaylee LaRocque  
Staff Writer

It was a night full of fun and festivities at the Yellow Water Youth Center last Friday night as hundreds of children and their families came out to enjoy the annual Jolly Holiday Christmas Party.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Christmas party without the presence of that jolly old man with the long, white beard, dressed in the red suit. As a huge crowd gathered,

Santa, Mrs. Claus and an elf arrived promptly at 6:30 p.m. aboard a hayride pulled by two enormous black reindeers (horses). As they made their way into the building, anxious children lined up for the chance to visit with Santa to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Free photos were provided by the Youth Center.

Other highlights of the evening included face-painting, a giant moonwalk and hayrides.

"We contracted A Unique Entertainment, Inc. to provide the hayrides for the event. They've been helping us out for several years now. The children really love the hayride," said Erica Hickey, director of Yellow Water Youth Center.

A special lollipop Christmas tree gave the children a chance to win some special prizes. Those choosing a lollipop with a red dot were presented with a special toy although each child received some sort of gift from the lollipop tree game.

Another highlight of the evening was the chance to win four 6-foot Christmas

stockings filled with toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals and lots of other goodies. Just about every family member who could write filled out an entry form in hopes of winning the giant prize. Winners of the stockings were: Marlan Sawyer, P.J. Hudlow, Ashley Thayer and Michelle Boral.

"We had a great turnout this year. It was really a lot of fun. This is one of my favorite events. It's a time for families to share some good times together, and to celebrate the holiday season," said Hickey.

# JOLLY HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY 2001



**Photos by  
Kaylee  
LaRocque**



Max Stites, 6,  
and his 7-week-old  
sister, Marinda,  
visit with Santa.



Claudia Toro, assistant youth director,  
helps patrons fill out entry forms  
to win giant stockings,  
and passes out free goodies.



Helen Boyce, 5,  
gets some holiday creations  
painted on her face  
by Carolyn Wynne.



VP-16 Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Grant Brigger briefs the audience on the "War Eagles" role in the Navy.

# Tennessee students tour area bases

*Little town with 'big story' sends NJROTC students*

By JO2(SW) Cliff Williams  
CNRSE Public Affairs

History and Jonesborough, Tenn., seem to go hand and hand. In fact, the town's slogan, reflecting its ties to famous historical figures Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett, is "The little town with the big story."

One group of Jonesborough students now have some big stories to share of their own, The Navy's story, experienced first hand on a visit to Jacksonville area Navy bases.

Students from David Crockett High School along with a few cross-town rivals at Daniel Boone High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, commanded by Senior Naval Science Instructor Lt. Cmdr. Edward S. Foster, had the chance to visit Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport for a three-day tour recently. The students experienced almost every Navy community by visiting the three bases.

"It was cool that we were able to see everything the Navy has to offer," said Jonesborough NJROTC Chief Cadet, Rebecca McLean. "To learn up close and personal what Sailors



Cadet Brittany Kemp enjoys a chance at the controls of one of the P-3s.



AT1 Henry Morris discusses the purpose and capabilities of a sonobuoy during a tour inside a P-3.

best! It was better than any video game," said sophomore, Kenny Ingram, who may have found his calling to be a Navy pilot as he landed the P-3 three out of three times and even had a successful take-off.

"After what I did in the simulators, it would be awesome to do that for a living," he said. "Of course, we weren't fully in control of the simulators but I feel as if flying is something I may want to do in the future."

For Daniel Boone High School senior Kevin Gantt, who is going to Paris Island for Marine Corp Boot Camp, being in the NJROTC has given him vast knowledge of what to expect while in basic training. He plans to enter boot camp in May or June.

"Being in this program has taught me, along with everyone else in the program, how to respect authority and the fundamentals of such things as how to march," said the NJROTC Cadet Sargent Major. "And since I have been to Paris Island twice

before, it kind of prepared me for that too — even though when we went there they took it easy on us, something I know will change when I get there as a recruit."

While at Naval Sub Base Kings Bay, the students saw the Trident Training Facility and experienced submariner training.

At Naval Station Mayport, they visited the fast frigate USS McInerney (FFG-8) and witnessed the everyday routine of fleet Sailors.

It is vital for the Navy to present a positive image and market itself well. The Jacksonville area bases did both well. By hosting this group of students, the Navy gave them a look at a viable career option and explained why Sailors do what they do for a living.

Each of these students, who traveled hundreds of miles to visit Jacksonville, went back to their homes after their field trip telling stories of their favorite part of their visit to the Sunshine State.

“

It was cool that we were able to see everything the Navy has to offer.

”

— Rebecca McLean  
Jonesborough NJROTC Chief Cadet

do. We learn this stuff in class, but to see it in a non-text book style was just awesome. The visit was just a great influence on me and everyone on the trip," she said.

The students' first stop aboard NAS Jax was Patrol Squadron (VP) 16. The "War Eagles" had just returned from their deployment to Iceland and Puerto

Rico in August. The students were given the opportunity to fly in one of the squadron's P-3 Orion aircraft.

"It was wonderful to see the looks of excitement on their faces as they were sat in the cockpit and we answered their questions," explained VP-16 Deputy Public Affairs Officer Lt. Rod Lindsey. "It's always

great to impart your knowledge to the eager ears of people who, in the future, may be doing the same job we do."

After the VP-16 tour, the students were off to the flight simulators. The NJROTC candidates tried their best Maverick impersonation as they "flew" a P-3.

"The simulators were the

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## ON THE GO WITH USO

**Gator Bowl tickets for sale at the USO.** They are \$25 each. The tickets are in section 244. USO ticket sales are on a first-come, first-served basis and you may purchase as many as you need.

**USO is now taking orders for circus tickets.** The circus will be in town Jan. 16-21. USO circus tickets will cost \$11 and \$15, that is \$3 off the gate price and it includes no service charges. Performances times are:

Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 20, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
Jan. 21, p.m.

The seating is excellent.

**The NoHoHO Program is available again this year.** This USO program provides hotel rooms at some of the nicer hotels in our area, for military members living in barracks or aboard ship.

The cost is \$10 per night, not per person, for up to four in a room. The rooms are available Dec. 18-28. You may use as many of those nights as you need as long as availability lasts.

Reservations must be made through your USO office, Bldg. 1050, front gate, NAS Jax. It's a great deal for those who are unable to go home for the holidays, those who would like to have family or friends visit them here, or for those who just like to get out of the barracks for a while during the holiday season.

The hotels in our community offer these rooms each year as an expression of appreciation for the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces, many of whom are far from home and family at this special time of year.

**Kennedy Space Center** is offering free admission to all active duty and military retirees, their families and two extra children under 12. This offer includes everything available including tours, IMAX, etc. The offer is good until Dec. 31.

Each week through Dec. 24, the **Jacksonville Zoo features Santa's Village**, reindeer, animal encounters and entertainment. Pictures are available with the reindeer. The USO has discounted tickets.

Jan. 1 through April 30, **Disney World and Disney Land** will offer one seven-day ticket to active duty members. The ticket is valid for admission into the four Disney World theme parks, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM Studios and Animal Kingdom, Disney's water parks, Pleasure Island and more for seven consecutive days from date issued.

Within that seven-day period, the active duty member may purchase various special offer tickets for up to five family members and friends at a 50 percent discount off regular gate price. Regular gate price for adults is \$50.88.

The special offer tickets are as follows:

1-day/1 park ticket  
4-day park hopper  
5-day park hopper  
5-day park hopper plus  
6-day park hopper plus  
7-day park hopper plus  
1-day Disney Water Park ticket  
1-Day Downtown Disney Pleasure Island ticket  
1-Disney Quest indoor interactive theme park ticket

If the active-duty member cannot attend during the special offer period, the spouse can purchase special offer tickets one time during the period for up to five family members and friends for the

50 percent discount price. Tickets must be picked up at the Disney World Park.

For more information call JoAnn or Charlene at 778-2821.

**Universal Orlando** presents the following offers from Jan. 1, 2002 - April 30, 2002 at the front gate for active duty personnel a 4-day pass to include Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure and Wet' n Wild is FREE and up to 5 family members may purchase this pass for \$71.50 plus tax.

Active duty may choose a one-day, a two-day or a three-day pass for free and up to five family members may purchase the same ticket at a 50 percent discount.

Spouses and family members of personnel involved in Operation Enduring Freedom serving overseas may take advantage of the 50 percent discount of any ticket media listed above with proper ID.

This is a one time discounted admission.

Free tickets to **Sea World Orlando and Busch Gardens Tampa** are available now through Dec. 31. Active-duty Military will receive free unlimited admission. Active-duty members must go to the ticket booth and show their ID to receive their American Heroes card. Spouses and children of the active duty person will receive free admission on their first visit when accompanied by active duty person. Family members will receive a 25 percent discount from the gate price for all visits after their first, but must always be accompanied by the active duty person with an American Heroes card. This offer is valid only during regular park operating hours. This offer is subject to change at any time and without notice, so please call the following numbers before your trip just to confirm Sea World (407) 351-3600, Busch Gardens (813) 987-5095.

## 'Any Servicemember' web sites announced

Just in time for the holidays, Americans have a new way to show their support to military men and women, through the Internet.

The Defense Department has announced a cyber-alternative to the "Any Servicemember" and "Dear Abby" traditional mail programs, which are suspended indefinitely in the wake of anthrax mail attacks.

Messages can be sent to any or all branches of the military through the Navy LIFElines Services Network on the web at [www.LifeLines2000.org](http://www.LifeLines2000.org), or [AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil](mailto:AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil). Servicemembers logging into the site

receive messages for their branch of service and home state. Since all messages are viewed on the internet, the military's e-mail service is not affected.

"Operation Dear Abby" was founded by the newspaper advice columnist and delivered mail to servicemembers overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The "Any Servicemember" mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995.

Other alternatives for supporting deployed servicemembers can be found at [www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/b10302001bt556-01.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/b10302001bt556-01.html).

## Actor-Comedian Bill Murray hosts NavSta Mayport Sailors

By JO1 Chris Tucker

NavSta Mayport Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) - Actor-Comedian Bill Murray and his five brothers recently hosted 20 Sailors from Naval Station Mayport commands to an evening reception and a round of golf at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla.

"Mr. Murray's publicist called the naval station and asked some Mayport Sailors to be his guests," said Lt. Brad Fagan, Naval Station Mayport's public affairs officer. "He, and his brothers, wanted to say 'thank you' to our Sailors who will soon deploy and participate in America's war on terrorism."

The reception was held at the appropri-

ately named "Murray Bros. Caddyshack Restaurant," named after his 1980 comedy hit, and was followed the next day by a round of golf at World Golf Village's King and Bear Course.

Sailors from USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Hue City (CG 66), USS Carney (DDG 64), Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light (HSL) 48, HSL Wing Atlantic and Naval Station Mayport all participated in the event.

"It was really great for Bill and his brothers to take time out of their busy schedules and show their support of the U.S. Navy," said AC3 Christopher Larson of Naval Station Mayport's air operations department.

## Gator Bowl Activities: Uniformed volunteers needed

Gator Bowl Activities need uniformed military participation at three different times as follows:

**Dec. 31**      **1 p.m.**      **Pep Rally, Virginia Tech, The Landing**  
**2 p.m.**      **Gator Bowl 5K Run**  
**3 p.m.**      **Parade (Need 10 uniformed volunteers, showtime by 1:30 p.m.)**  
**5:30 p.m.**      **FSU Pep Rally, The Landing**

**Jan. 1**      **11:45 a.m.**      **Pregame, Alltel Stadium, Lee Greenwood (Need 20-25 uniformed volunteers. Show up at the stadium no later than 9 a.m., in uniform for practice..**

Need additional 20 uniformed personnel for Walk of Honor to enter the stadium during pregame (call for information on time for this event)

**12:30 p.m. Kickoff**  
**No half time participation.**

\* If you would like to volunteer to participate, please contact NAS CMC's Office at 542-4545 as soon as possible.

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A 'Topcats' S-3 Viking carries a 2,000 pound bomb to a target on the Fallon bombing range.

Photo courtesy VS-31

## 'Topcat' strike training in wintry conditions

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The "Topcats" practiced bomb delivery from a multitude of flight aspects including dives as well as level deliveries. Since the Viking is the carrier's premiere anti-surface strike aircraft, "Topcat" crews also flew to a range off the coast of Southern California and practiced attacking moving targets at sea. During these runs, the "Topcats" employed several systems

to deliver the bombs. Aircrew guiding the jets towards weapon-release points utilized infrared sensors, radar systems, and onboard computer systems. The weapons facility at NAS Fallon offered Air Wing Seven complex scenarios to execute over-land strike warfare. Instead of flying into unprotected, benign training targets, aggressor aircraft and SAM systems provided the air wing with

a formidable threat environment. The air wing had to work as a team, both in the planning phases and in the execution of these strikes. With a wartime deployment around the corner, the "Topcats" set upon their missions with a true sense of purpose. This top-notch training only served to make an already prepared squadron truly combat ready.

## Modern Day Michaelangelo?

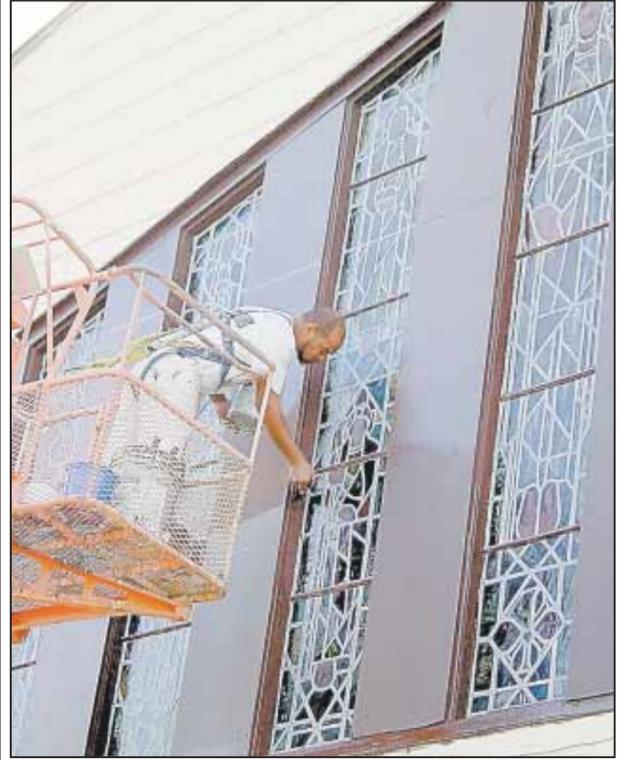


Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Gregory Anderson of Hernandez Contractors puts some finishing touches on the front of the base Chapel. The Chapel is currently getting a new look with a fresh coat of paint. The project is expected to be completed next month.

# AIMD Power Plants recognized as a Fleet leader

By JO2 (SCW) Eric Clay  
Staff Writer

Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) aboard NAS Jacksonville has demonstrated their pride and teamwork by making productivity percentage performance goal.

The main goal of the AIMD is to repair engines, propellers and turbines for the fleet. NAS Jacksonville's Power Plants Division not only serves this base, but many other bases in the Navy.

AIMD Power Plants has gone through many changes in the past two years. They have gone from 36 engines awaiting repair to just five engines in the service pool and three engines awaiting service.

They have done this while demanding highest quality work from their team. They do not return the engines to the fleet unless the engines are 102 percent to 105 percent maximum power.

John Barkley, Commander Naval Force, Atlantic Fleet (CNAL) engine manager said, "For 2001, AIMD Jax continues as the Navy's premiere source for repaired P-3 aircraft engines.

Averaging six engine repairs per month, AIMD Jax produces nearly three times the quantity as any other Navy repair activity. Engines repaired by AIMD Jax support as far north as Iceland, as far east as Italy and as far south as El Salvador.

In addition, AIMD Jax, repairs the TF-34 engine used in the S-3 aircraft which deploy on the Navy's aircraft carriers. Today, AIMD Jacksonville, TF-34 engines are powering aircraft in support of the war against the terrorists.

"Commander Naval Forces, Atlantic Fleet (CNAL) has expressed gratitude to the men and women of AIMD Jax for their dedicated engine support for the P-3 and the S-3 aircraft platforms," Barkley said. "In thanking these dedicated maintainers, CNAL noted that AIMD continually meets or exceeds their production goals with quality engines. I feel this is due to the excellent leadership, aug-

mented with an enthusiastic, energized and well trained workforce."

AFCM Robin Greer, AIMD's assistant officer in charge said, "Our main goal is to keep engines on the wing. A P-3 engine can stay on a P-3 at 95 percent maximum power; we send them back at 102 percent power. I am very proud of this. We do this by doing all repairs by the book. It's the only way to do things right. Our supervisors and chiefs are doing a great job. Our best assets are the mechanics on the floor, they get the job done."

Power Plants retrogrades engines from the fleet where foreign object debris (FOD) damage has occurred or internal failures. They also receive engines for their recommended periods of maintenance. When the TF-34 engine reaches its maximum flight time, it has to come in for its periodic check-up. This check-up entails the engine being totally disassembled, parts replaced and reassembled. After reassembly, the engine is then put in 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 sent back to the fleet for use.

The AIMD Power Plants division onboard NAS Jax has 73 hardcore personnel assigned to their department. Other commands, such as the patrol squadrons (VP), sea control squadrons (VS) and Sea Operations also have billeting at Power Plant. The VS and VP personnel are assigned for training and to keep their job skills at a sharpened level.

"We do a lot of cross-training in this department. We employ aviation electricians and aviation electronics technicians. We like to revolve our Sailors to all the different shops within the Power Plants division," said Greer.

AIMD Jacksonville's leadership is recognized throughout the maintenance community as testified to by Dick Chubb, Logistics Management specialist for the Naval Air Systems (PMA 290), Patuxent River, Md.

"The AIMD at NAS Jax



Jennifer Bellinger, civilian worker at AIMD, works diligently on a T-56 (P-3 Orion) engine.

Photos by JO2 (SCW) Eric Clay

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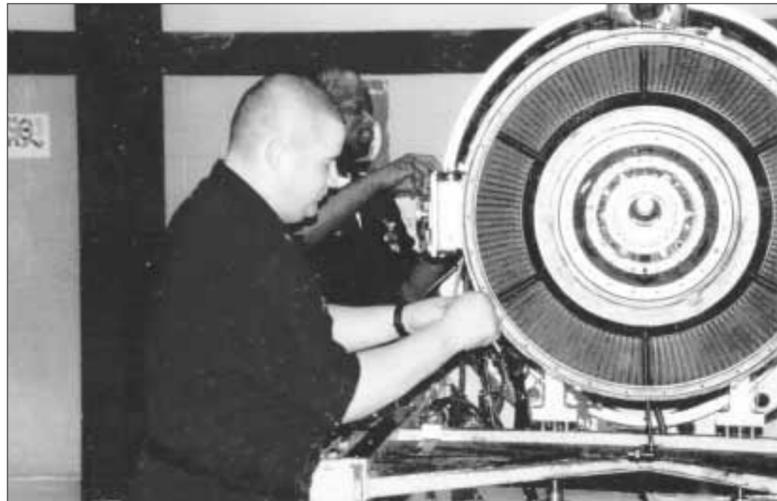
**John Barkley**  
Engine Manager

Commander Naval Force, Atlantic Fleet (CNAL)

has provided superior service supporting the Naval Air Systems Command for Sustained Readiness Program (SRP) Greenville, Texas, the Anti-surface Warfare Improvement Program (AIP) and Phased Depot Maintenance (PDM) in Greenville, S.C.

In particular, the Power Plants Division has 'led the fleet' in direct support of the programs with tremendous products and rapid response to our requirements," said Chubb.

Chubb noted that, while NAS Jacksonville's AIMD has faced hurdles of late in regards to funding and some daunting changes in job requirements, he is certain that their work will continue to exceed all expectations.



AD2 Fabio Santos and AD2 Alfred Pettaway demonstrate teamwork by working together on a TF-34 (S-3 Viking) engine.



AD2 Roy McGrath oversees AD2 Earl Griffen, while he works on a T-56 engine turbine.



AD2 Anita Lillibridge and AD2 Floyd Baldwin work on an aircraft propeller while AD1 Melissa Robinson instructs them using the proper maintenance handbook.

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# NAS Jax Brig 'locks up' outstanding results

During the last week of November, the NAS JAX Waterfront Brig went through the rigors of their yearly CINCLANTFLT Brig inspection.

"You can compare this inspection to an OPPE or INSURV inspection," said Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Pollard, Brig officer-in-charge. "It was our week to demonstrate our prowess as an excellent corrections facility."

The inspector, James Piotrowski, CINCLANTFLT N-16, examined all facets of the facility from administrative paperwork to prisoner processing. The five-day inspection was an intense and comprehensive look to determine whether the staff was managing the facility in accordance with

their governing instructions. Piotrowski examined all records from the past three years, conducted personal interviews with the guard staff, as well as, the prisoners. He observed emergency procedures and drills, inspected cells, dorms, and the messing facilities.

This year's inspection was quite different from those in the past. There was a new inspection guide that was re-configured and lengthened to 86 pages. This guide included every facet of Navy Corrections. The changes in the inspection guidelines affect not only the Waterfront Brigs, but also the Pre-trial Confinement Facilities and Consolidated Brigs as well. The waterfront Brig staff's self assessment from this

new guide was excellent and accurate.

"He basically turned this facility upside down looking for anything out of order," said SH1(SW) Kim Leverett, Brig operations' officer. "He looked in every nook as we proudly stood by."

The guard staff at the Waterfront Brig is a collection of top-notch Sailors from all ratings, consolidated for a single mission: to return the maximum number of productive Sailors to the fleet, while providing safety and security for those awaiting legal proceedings.

A full-scale fire drill was also conducted which involved the base Fire Department and Security. The evacuation process took less than two minutes.

Piotrowski commented the drill and evacuation process was so organized and executed that it was nothing less than impressive.

Piotrowski selected several staff members to be interviewed. They were grilled on their knowledge of the corrections philosophy, current directives, and standard operation procedures (SOPs). He was quite impressed with the knowledge level of the staff.

"The staff here is totally committed to the command's mission and are the sharpest Sailors that I have ever inspected, even the cleanliness of the facility surpassed my expectations," Piotrowski said during his out-brief.

"The overall success of the

inspection would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of all staff working together as a team," added Pollard. "The support we receive from Supply Department, TPU, PSD, Branch Medical Clinic, and other activities onboard NAS JAX shows just how much teamwork is involved. Their support ensured our success."

"I also can't say enough about this staff. They are some of the finest petty officers I have ever served with. They perform flawlessly, day to day, doing the tough job of Corrections," Pollard said. "Their performance during our inspection is indicative of the totally professional way they conduct business everyday," concluded Pollard.

## Kwanzaa a weeklong celebration of African-American culture

Kwanzaa is a Swahili word referring to the "first fruits" of the harvest. It is a non-religious holiday created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga to celebrate African-American life, history and culture.

The 1950's and 1960's were water shed periods for African Americans. This was the time when many African Americans sought the changes that would bring them true civil, social, economic, intellectual, and personal equality and freedom. Interested in fostering these changes and in helping other African Americans to experience this "revolution", Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of Black Studies at California State University, devised the celebration called Kwanzaa. He reasoned for the need for such a holiday based on a principle or theory called Kawaida. Kawaida proposes that true social revolution and change can be achieved for African-Americans through a thorough knowledge of their culture and heritage.

While Kwanzaa would be a way for African Americans to create their own customs, Dr. Karenga looked to African culture and Afro-American history for the tools and materials to create a basis for this celebration. He chose Swahili, an East African language not tied to any specific tribe or ethnic group, as the means of expressing the ideals, rites and symbols for this new holiday. He chose the African custom of celebrating the "first fruits of the harvest" or "kwanzaa" on which to base the new festival. He selected the bendera (<http://www.melanet.com/kwanzaa/feelgood.html#redblackgreen>), the flag designed by Marcus Garvey to represent the history of the African American people, as a special symbol of "the season". Using Kawaida (social revolution and change through a thorough knowledge of African American culture and heritage), he developed seven principles whose practice could achieve this end. He identified seven symbols that could be used during Kwanzaa as aids to understanding the seven principles and to represent the deeper meanings and history underlying Kwanzaa.

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa Nguzo saba are the basis or reason for Kwanzaa. While these ideals are meant to be practiced daily throughout the

year; they are given special consideration during Kwanzaa. Each day of the festival has one principle to be studied, practiced and honored.

Umoja promotes unity. This ideal calls for African Americans to pull together as families, communities and a race.

Kujichagulia demands self-determination. African Americans alone must decide who they are and what they will be named as a group and individually. They must create for themselves and speak for themselves.

Ujima calls for collective work and responsibility. African Americans must work together to build and maintain communities. They should recognize the problems of all African Americans as their own and work together to solve these problems.

Ujamaa encourages cooperative economics. African Americans must support each other in building and maintaining businesses in and for the community. They need to patronize these businesses and recognize the rights of the workers and community to benefit from the profits of these efforts.

Nia stands for purpose. It must be the aim of African Americans to strive to build and develop themselves and their communities. Full potential must be realized; and, past greatness restored.

Kuumba means creativity. African Americans must endeavor to use their unique gifts to create improved, more successful communities. What has been inherited must be maintained and, where possible, enhanced for those who follow.

Imani demands faith. African Americans must have faith in themselves and believe in their worth as individuals and a race. They must have faith in the righteousness of their struggle and the inevitability of victory.

A Kwanzaa Celebration begins on Dec. 26 and ends on Jan. 1. The Nguzo Saba or Seven Principles of Kwanzaa are at the center of this celebration. Each day of Kwanzaa is dedicated to one of the principles or ideals. On its special day, each principle is examined and studied. The activities of the day should reflect in some way the principle of the day.

Preparing for Kwanzaa: During Kwanzaa, a copy of the Nguzo Saba should be displayed. The bendera

(flag) should be given a place of honor as well. The decorations of Kwanzaa are generally red, black and green in honor of the colors of the bendera and what they symbolize - red: struggle, black: unity, green: hope for the future. A mkeka should be placed in a prominent place and the other six symbols of Kwanzaa (kikombe cha umoja or unity cup, the muhindi or ears of corn, the mazao or fruits and vegetables, the kinara or candle holder, the mishumaa saba or seven candles, and the zawadi or gifts) placed upon it.

Source: <http://www.why.org/smc/allen/ZwanWeb/kwanzaa.html>.

### Beaches Kwanzaa celebration set for Dec. 28

The community is invited to the fourth Beaches Kwanzaa celebration. The event will take place at the Jacksonville Beach Housing Authority Center, 123 South 8th Street, Jacksonville Beach, from 7-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please bring fruit for the altar and dress in cultural attire. We will be celebrating the 3rd principal of Kwanzaa, "Ujima" which means we will work together and share the responsibility to make our community better.

The program will include the African-American history of the Beaches area by Marjorie Holloway, African dance by Isis Dancers, and West African Folksongs by Olorun. We will honor the memory of the late Joseph Davis, Jr. well known for his community service to the Beaches area. Many of the Beaches resource agencies will be on present or have information on their services.

The menu includes Groundnut Soup, Jollof Rice, Coconut spinach, Sorrell Tea, Sweet Potato Pie and other delicacies prepared by a Ghanaian Chef Martha Davis. Many of the individuals, businesses, and organizations are donating money, food, and in-kind services to support and insure the success of this worthwhile community celebration. Please Contact Martha Davis at 249-3582 if you are interested in donating items, funds, or volunteering in conjunction with the program.

## Battle receives Volunteer Service Medal



MMCS(SW/AW) Arden Battle of the NAS Jacksonville Safety Department was awarded the Volunteer Service Medal on Dec. 13 by Capt. Mark Boensel, NAS Jacksonville commanding officer. The citation accompanying the medal lauded Battle as "a driving force in supporting many community volunteer projects and in strengthening the relationship between the Navy and local community." Battle was quick to thank all those who have volunteered with him and to the supervisors for their support in allowing them the flexibility to do so. Battle is transferring to USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67).

### Embry Riddle Aeronautical University NAS Jacksonville Center Class Schedule Term: Jan. 7 - March 9

Undergraduate Classes						
Course	Title	Credits	Day	Time	Building	
AMT280	Powerplant Theory & Applications	4	Thur.	4:30-10:45	Jax NAMTra Bldg. 848	
AMT281	Aircraft Propulsion Systems & Appl.	4	Wed.	4:30-10:45	Jax NAMTra Bldg. 848	
AS405	Aviation Law	3	Mon.	5-9:45	Jax Bldg. 110/Computer Lab	
BA312	Managerial Account.	3	Mon.	5-9:45	Jax Safety Bldg. 537	
BA408	Airport Management	3	Wed.	5-9:45	Jax Bldg. 110 Computer Lab	
BA419	Aviat. Maint. Mgmt.	3	Tue.	5-9:45	Jax NAMTra Bldg. 848	
EC211	Macroeconomics	3	Thur.	5-9:45	FL Real Estate Wells Road	
MA211	Statistics W/Aviation Safety	3	Wed.	5-9:45	Jax Safety Bldg. 537	
SF320	Human Factors in Safety	3	Tue.	5-9:45	Jax Safety Bldg. 537	
SF335	Mechanical & Struct. Factors in Aviation	3	Mon.	5-9:45	Jax NAMTra Bldg. 848	
Graduate Classes						
Course	Title	Credits	Day	Time	Building	
BA607	Hum. Resource Dev. Computer Lab	3	Thur.	5-9:45	Jax Bldg. 110	
MAS608	Aviation/Aerospace Invest. & Safety Sys.	3	Wed.	5-9:45	Jax NAMTra Bldg. 301E	
MAS605	Research Methods & Statistics	3	Tue.	5-9:45	Jax Bldg. 110 Computer Lab	
MAS690	Grad. Research Proj.	3		TBA		

For information call 779-0246.

## IN THE GALLEY



**Meal hours**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**Breakfast 6 to 7:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Dinner 4:30 to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Sunday**  
**and holidays**  
**Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.**  
**Brunch 10:30 a.m.**  
**to 12:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner 4 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Meal costs**  
**Breakfast \$1.50**  
**Brunch/Lunch \$3**  
**Dinner \$3**

**Note: The Galley menu is subject to change. The food service officer is authorized to make changes to the general mess menu to provide substitutions for food items not in stock or to permit timely use of perishable stocks.**

**Thursday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Minced beef w/toast  
 Seasoned diced potatoes  
 Grits  
 Grilled bacon slices  
 French toast  
 Assorted omelets

**Lunch**  
 Roast turkey  
 Mashed potatoes  
 Candied sweet potatoes  
 Brown gravy  
 Hot cornbread  
 Baked ham  
 Cornbread dressing  
 Collard greens w/ham hocks  
 Tomato rice soup

**Dinner**  
 Syrian beef stew

Steamed broccoli  
 Split pea soup  
 Fried fish portions  
 Steamed egg noodles  
 Steamed rice  
 Glazed carrots

**Friday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Oven-fried bacon  
 Lyonnaise potatoes  
 Rolled oats  
 Corned beef hash  
 Apple fritters  
 Assorted omelets

**Lunch**  
 Herbed baked fish  
 Rice pilaf  
 Quick onion soup  
 Brussel sprouts  
 Chili macaroni  
 Scalloped potatoes  
 Succotash  
 New England clam chowder

**Dinner**  
 Yankee pot roast w/natural gravy  
 Rissole potatoes  
 Steamed cabbage  
 Corn on the cob  
 Honey glazed Cornish hens  
 Whipped potatoes  
 Manhattan clam chowder  
 Chicken gravy

**Saturday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Grilled bacon  
 Grilled hash browns  
 Farina  
 Sausage patties  
 Waffles  
 Assorted omelets

**Brunch**  
 Chicken fillet sandwich  
 Sausage patties

Waffles  
 Beef noodle soup  
 Baked beans  
 Peas w/celery  
 Farina  
 French fried potatoes

**Dinner**  
 Meatloaf  
 Fried rice  
 Cauliflower Polonaise  
 Mulligatawny soup  
 Southern fried fish  
 Parsley buttered potatoes  
 Tomato gumbo  
 Brown gravy

**Sunday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Grilled ham  
 Hash browns  
 Assorted omelets  
 Oven-fried bacon  
 French toast puffs  
 Grits

**Brunch**  
 Hamburgers  
 Oven fried bacon  
 Grits  
 Corn chowder  
 Deep fried onion rings  
 French toast puffs  
 Assorted omelets  
 Corn on the cob

**Dinner**  
 Beef stew  
 Boiled noodles  
 Club spinach

Chicken rice soup  
 Fried chicken  
 Steamed rice  
 Steamed carrots  
 Biscuits

**Monday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Oven fried bacon  
 Hash brown potatoes  
 Pancakes  
 Grilled ham slices  
 Oatmeal  
 Assorted omelets

**Lunch**  
 Veal Parmesan  
 Steamed noodles  
 Steamed broccoli  
 Tomato vegetable soup  
 Spaghetti w/meat sauce  
 Rice w/parmesan cheese  
 Simmered corn  
 Chicken noodle soup  
 Marinara sauce

**Dinner**  
 Chicken fried steak  
 Brown gravy  
 Whipped potatoes  
 Spinach  
 Turkey gravy  
 Roast turkey  
 Steamed rice  
 Steamed carrots  
 Chicken noodle soup

**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Creamed beef w/biscuits

Home fried potatoes  
 French toast  
 Grilled sausage links  
 Farina  
 Grilled omelets

**Lunch**  
 Baked fresh ham  
 Brown gravy  
 Rice pilaf  
 Peas and carrots  
 Tomato rice soup  
 Cajun meatloaf  
 Macaroni and cheese  
 Sweet potatoes  
 Mulligatawny soup

**Dinner**  
 El rancho stew  
 Brown gravy  
 Franconia potatoes  
 Calico corn  
 Lemon baked fish  
 Steamed egg noodles  
 Steamed peas  
 Tomato rice soup

**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast**  
 Oven-fried bacon

**Christmas Day Menu**

Chicken rice soup	Virginia baked ham
Roast Tom turkey	Pineapple sauce
Cornbread dressing	Fluffy whipped potatoes
Candied sweet potatoes	Whole kernel corn
Seasoned green beans	Macaroni & cheese
Black-eye peas	Chilled cranberry sauce
Spinach	Fruit salad
Hot dinner rolls	Potato salad
Salad	Ice cream bar
Apple pie	Sweet potato pie
Pecan pie	Mixed nuts
Sugar cookies	Assorted drinks & eggnog
Mixed candies	
Fruit	

Galley Holiday Hours: breakfast: 6:30-8:30 a.m.;  
 brunch: 10:30 a.m.-noon; dinner 1-4 p.m.  
 Prices: breakfast is \$1.60; brunch is \$3.25; dinner is \$5.30.

## NAVY NEWS

### Leaders say Navy/Marine Corps team key in success in war on terrorism

WASHINGTON (NNS) — During an appearance on CNN's Larry King Live Dec. 13, the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Marine Corps Commandant said the Navy-Marine Corps team have and will continue play a vital role in the war on terrorism.

"The objective is to stamp out terrorism and the camps and networks and that's what this all about. This will be a continuing effort," said Secretary of the Navy Gordon England.

"It doesn't end even if we have him surrounded. This is not a sprint, it's a marathon and we need to be prepared for what happens after this action in Afghanistan."

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark said the forward presence of naval forces has been instrumental since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and throughout in the campaign in Afghanistan.

"We had naval forces on scene when our nation was attacked. We are a globally deployed force every day. We are out there, around the world, around the clock," the CNO said.

"Today, we have over 30 ships, over 30,000 people. The pace of operations is intense. I would imagine that as we speak, there are other planes taking off of one of those two aircraft carriers, those two amphibious ready groups."

"We are using the power of our technology and the superb training of our people to bring about victory." The CNO recalled the actions of USS Enterprise (CVN 65) to illustrate the flexibility of our naval forces to respond to a crisis.

"They were watching and saw the second attack on CNN," Clark said. "Without receiving orders from the National Command Authority, they knew that their presence was going to be required. The admiral-in-charge and captain of the ship put the rudder over and back they went. And within a few minutes, the formal order came for them to be standing by."

That is the story of Enterprise, and it is typical of the way our men and women have been responding on station."

The leaders, who

appeared together on the show with retired Navy captain and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), emphasized the demonstrated value of the teamwork on display in Afghanistan.

"The Navy-Marine Corps team is not just a bumper sticker," said Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Jim Jones.

"It's a fact of life. There isn't anything that we do that we don't share completely and it's a very powerful and effective team, as you are seeing everyday in Afghanistan, right now."

"The days when a single service could operate independently and do major things on the global playing field are over," Jones added.

"What you are seeing everyday in Afghanistan is a very seamless example of those technologies coming together, being used by members of our services of all different uniforms."

England also emphasized that Sailors and Marines are the key to continued success in the war on terrorism.

"The enduring strength of the U.S. military (is) people,

Larry, highly trained, highly motivated, very capable people," said England. "They are all great volunteers and we should never forget that. These are great Americans that step forward. They voluntarily step forward to protect and defend our freedoms and our liberties. And that includes the three gentlemen here with me tonight, two in uniform, and literally a great hero."

For more information about the Secretary of the Navy, go to [www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/secnav/secnavpg.html](http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/secnav/secnavpg.html), on the Chief of Naval Operations, go to <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/>, or on the Marine Corps Commandant, go to <http://www.usmc.mil/cmc/32cmc.nsf/cmcmain>.

**Season's Greetings**

**SECNAV to Honor Department of the Navy's Sept. 11 Heroes**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England will host a ceremony Dec. 17, in the Pentagon center courtyard to honor the Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians who distinguished themselves in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

A pre-ceremony concert by the Navy band will start at 8:40 a.m., followed by the ceremony at 9 a.m.

England will present awards to 85 Sailors,

Marines and Department of the Navy civilians. The awards will include the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the Purple Heart and the Defense of Freedom Medal.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark and Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael J. Williams will also be on hand to present awards and recognize the Pentagon heroes.

For information on the Secretary of the Navy, go to <http://www.navy.mil> and select "Navy Organization," "the Secretariat," then "the Secretary of the Navy."

### ***HSO officers accept new ranks at frocking***



*Photo by JOC Bill Austin*

Naval Healthcare Support Office's HM3 Merlin Mcsween, HM1 Tennisha Howard and HM1 Tricia Bradley sign their page 13s following a frocking ceremony recently. The three were among many Sailors aboard NAS Jacksonville accepting new ranks following the recent Navy-wide advancement exams.

### ***TPU Jacksonville promotes new leadership***



*Photo courtesy TPU Jacksonville*

Lt. Cmdr. Walter Smith, Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) Jacksonville executive officer, is pinned by his wife, Janet and two children, Adam and Lani, in a promotion ceremony held by TPU Commanding Officer Cmdr. Cindy Talbert and staff on Nov. 30. Smith became TPU's executive officer on Oct. 4.

## New chips help keep NAS Jax pets safe

By JO2(SW) Shae Blasko  
Staff Writer

Thanks to some new technology at Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Veterinarian Clinic, all pets aboard the base can now be tracked by authorities if they become lost. This new procedure involves inserting an identification chip into the animal. Each chip is encoded with a special number entered into a national database.

"The 9/16-inch length and 1/16-inch wide, pill-sized microchip, allows easy ownership identification of all pets that have the chip implanted," said Army Pfc. Caissy Schapson, a veterinarian technician at the NAS Jax Vet Clinic.

All family-owned cats and dogs aboard NAS Jax are required by base regulations to have the microchip implanted.

"This system for animal tracking is called the Companion Retrieval System. It is provided by the Home Again Company," said Schapson. "The system is inexpensive and can be purchased through the clinic. Microchipping is a great way to ensure the safety and location of your pet if it is ever lost," added Schapson.

The chip sends out an electronic signal to a palm reader unit, which is kept at Animal Control and the local shelters and humane societies. Each chip gives off a different signal when scanned.

When an animal is lost and taken to Animal Control or another facility or shelter, it can use the simple hand-held palm unit to identify the animal. Once located, the chip sends a signal to the reader and the unit shows an identification number on a display screen. Each chip has its own identification number, which is entered into a national registration database. Attached with the number is all the important information about the animal and its owner.

"The microchip can be



Photos by JO2(SW) Shae Blasko

While at the clinic, Andy gets a full check-up. Consistent medical care is as important to the health and well-being of a pet as it is for their owners.



Army Pfc. Caissy Schapson of the base Vet Clinic implants an identification microchip into Andy, a four-year-old German shepherd, as his owner Paul Rodriguez calms him.

used on any type of animal. Implanting the chip requires no surgery or sedation. The chip is inserted through an injection from a needle. It's inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades along the back, and is imbedded in the tissue," explained Schapson. "There is a slight chance the chip might migrate to another part of the body, but this rarely happens."

"Every year, thousands of pets are being destroyed across the country because they become lost or misplaced and are unable to be identified and returned to their rightful owner. This will help them find their way back home," said Schapson.

The identification microchip is permanent and will stay in the animal its entire life.

For more information on microchipping, call the Vet Clinic at 542-3786. Anyone who loses or finds a pet should call Base Security Dispatch at 542-2662.

## In memory of their fallen shipmates



Photo courtesy of NJROTC - Jacksonville University

A special memorial has been set up by the Jacksonville University's ROTC Unit in remembrance of two of their shipmates who were killed in a hit-and-run accident last week. Ensign (Select) Jerome "Jay" Mosher, 28, and Sgt. Darien Dolan, 26, were killed as they walked along Beach Boulevard after leaving a local nightclub. Both were enrolled in the Enlisted Commissioning Program at Jacksonville University. Also injured in the accident were Sgt. Eloy Alvarez and Officer Candidate Christian Campbell. A memorial service was held last Thursday night at the Jacksonville University Chapel.

# In Gear

A weekly look at the automotive market



The Dodge Ram has seen significant changes since Alltel Stadium was rebuilt in 1994.

- Dan Scanlan/special

## Redesigned Ram

### Dodge enters world of family-style trucks

By Dan Scanlan  
Special to Jax Air News

Way back in 1994, the Jacksonville Jaguars hadn't come to town yet, Alltel Stadium was still a work in progress surrounded by a lot of dirt, and Dodge had finally replaced its very old, squared-off Ram truck with a new one with hints of big rig styling.

Since then, the Jaguars have clawed their way through six seasons, while the Dodge Ram has stayed the same. But that is about to change, although you may not know it at first glance. So it was appropriate that since I brought the then-new 1994 Ram truck to a then-almost-new Alltel Stadium, it was right to bring the all-new 2002 Ram redesign back there for its first appearance on the First Coast.

In case you forgot, the Dodge truck line sorely needed a kick in the pants in late 1993, with sales sinking to about 70,000 a year with a very old, boxy truck design. Chrysler executives decided to go with a radical design and built an all-new Dodge Ram with rounded fenders, a prominent grille and a bulging hood that looked just like some streamlined 18-wheelers.

The bold design worked, and sales jumped to nearly 400,000 in 1995 and a record 430,000 in 1999, making the Ram Dodge's best-seller. But Chevrolet/GMC hauled out re-engineers, newly designed trucks in 2000, right after Ford redesigned its F-series. And both began offering all sorts of four-door crew cab configurations, some (like the F150 Super Crew and Chevy Avalanche) aimed right at family as well as cargo hauling. That left the Ram in the dust until now.

The result is a big rig (140.5-inch wheelbase/227.7-inch length vs. the Ford F-150 Crew Cab wheelbase of 138.8 and length of 225.5) that shows Dodge knows better than to mess with success, keeping that in-your-face big rig look while bringing in some of the Dodge Power Wagon concept of a few years back, with a bigger gunsight grille, edgier hood design and its first-ever four-door model. Compared to the last generation, its grille is bigger, the fenders more smoothly integrated into the hood and door design, and the front bumper slimmer and smoother. The rear fender flares are smoother as well, angling up a bit at the end.

Our white test truck was the 2002 Ram Quad Cab SLT Plus with optional Sport package. That means body-colored grille surround with aluminum billet-like grille bars, large headlights that carve into a huge body-colored bumper and larger front

air dam.

The domed hood also gets a power bulge atop it, then falls to the flared front fenders that still hang out a bit from the hood. The doors overlap the A-pillar, eliminating the cut line and creating a smoother transition from the front of the cab to the side. The windshield is slanted back a bit more, making for a sleeker, more aerodynamic look. The rear doors look small, but visually shorten the length of the truck, while the rear bed looks long. Both bumpers get rubber steps to help you load cargo or look at the engine. The visual impact is also enhanced by polished optional 20-inch five-spoke alloy wheels with P275/55R20-inch Goodyear Eagle LS radial tires.

Most folks ignored the 2002's design, since it looks very close to the original. Some said they liked the redesign, while one man who just bought a 2001 turbo-diesel said he liked his better.

That big hood adds to the impression of a tall truck, and we did have to use the A-pillar grab handle to get into the gray-on-gray interior. Once there, we faced a complete and welcome redesign of the interior that acknowledges that this is a truck families as well as working folk will use.

The biggest change comes in the hard leather-grained plastic dash itself, which offers white-faced, orange-needled gauges (120-mph speedometer, 7,000-rpm tach and full gauges) visible through a tilt-adjust four-spoke steering wheel with smaller air bag and integrated cruise controls in front and nifty stereo controls on the back of the spokes. Five bigger air vents moved a lot of cold breeze through the passenger compartment, while controls for a good six-speaker AM-FM-CD stereo and the segment's first optional dual-zone climate-control system are also easy to get to on a center dash pod accented in plastic wood on our tester.

Despite being a Sport edition, our truck didn't have bucket seats. It sported a 40/20/40 split front bench seat with room for three people, or two with the well-known center armrest/business console, which opens to offer enough room for a lap top computer, but now adds folding compartment separators and a 12-volt power outlet. Those gray leather and suede seats were firm and very comfortable, with six-way power seat bottom and lumbar controls for driver and outboard passenger, as well as optional heated leather seats. Dodge also took a page from Ford in offering an optional (\$120) power-adjustable gas and brake pedal, although the switch is almost hidden under the dash left of the steering wheel. But kudos go to

#### BEHIND THE WHEEL

#### 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab SLT Plus Specifications



- Dan Scanlan/staff

The biggest change to the interior comes in the hard leather-grained plastic dash itself, which offers white-faced, orange-needled gauges.

Vehicle type	4-door, 6-passenger full-size truck
Base price	\$22,150 (As driven - \$33,075)
Engine type	OHV V-8
Displacement	5.9-liter
Horsepower (net)	245 hp at 4,000 rpm
Torque (lb-ft)	335 at 3,200 rpm
Transmission	4-speed automatic w/overdrive
Wheelbase	140.5 in.
Overall length	227.7 in.
Overall width	79.9 in.
Height	74.1 in.
Front headroom	40.8 in.
Rear legroom	41 in.
Rear headroom	40 in.
Rear legroom	36.4 in.
Bed cargo capacity	57.2 cubic feet
Towing capacity	up to 7,300 lbs.
Curb weight	4,990 pounds
Fuel capacity	26 gallons
Mileage rating	12 mpg city/17 mpg highway
Last word	Looks like a Ram, but with a bit more beef

the designer who came up with the big hidden carpeted storage compartment under the center front-seat cushion, as well as offering optional side air bag curtains hidden in the headliner for better head protection to outboard passengers front and rear.

The new version of the Quad Cab means four real doors, not the rear suicide-style doors that was used in the longer-cabbed Ram of years past. And those rear doors swing open a full 85 degrees to make getting into the rear bench easier, and even have windows that go all the way down. Dodge sliced 3 inches off the cargo bed and added it to the rear cabin. Two adults will find plenty of arm, head and leg room, although there are no head restraints back here - just a window to knock your noggin.

If you need to haul cargo, the seats

split 60/40 and fold up, and a nifty steel cargo floor folds down flat to handle stuff, while Dodge stuck a bunch of grocery bag hooks underneath for more convenient storage under the sliding rear window. Front and rear passengers get supplemental side air bags that deploy from the headliner. Despite losing 3 inches, the cargo bed remains very long and a usable 6-foot, 3-inches long with loads of tie-down hooks inside, and a heavy tailgate.

To power the new Ram, Dodge offers a new 3.7-liter, 210-horsepower V-6 (replacing a 3.9-liter V-6) and a 4.7-liter, 235-horsepower V-8 (replacing a 5.2-liter V-8), both with more efficient five-speed automatics. Ours came with the familiar 5.9-liter, 245-hp V-8 mated to a four-speed automatic, which got the big rig to 60

mph in a decent 10 seconds with occasionally abrupt shifts. But the truck's size and engine saw us average a dismal 10.5 mpg over 300 miles of driving. Rams won't get a diesel until the heavy-duty 2500 and 3500 arrive in a year.

The Sport model's firmer suspension and meatier rubber are a boon to driving ability for a big rig, as the truck's big tires dig in on launch and offer very neutral handling in turns with a bit of lean. In the dry, the rear tires stay put in sharp turns, with a bit of typical front end understeer when unloaded.

The four-wheel-disc brakes offer decent stopping power, with good pedal feel in stop-and-go driving and a straight stop with minimal fade from higher speeds.

Our Ram 1500 Quad cab's base price was \$22,150, including anti-lock brakes, air-conditioning, AM/FM stereo with cassette, step rear bumper, 17-inch steel wheels, removable tailgate and bench seats front and rear. Our truck came with a slew of options like a \$6,805 Preferred/Convenience package with rear sliding window, six speaker stereo, fog lamps, cruise control, tilt steering, remote keyless entry and alarm, as well as a \$1,185 Sport package with 20-inch wheels and tires and body-colored grille/bumpers. Ours also had a \$465 Trailer Towing package with heavy-duty battery and engine/transmission coolers, trailer hitch and wiring harness; \$975 four-speed automatic transmission; \$595 5.9-liter V-8; \$465 trailer tow package, \$490 side air bags and \$245 bedliner. Add a destination charge, subtract a discount, and it all ratcheted its manufacturer's suggested retail price to \$33,075.

Bottom line - like the Jaguars, the new Ram truck with brand new four-door design and sports package runs well and looks great, yet still retains the bold feeling of the old truck. It also finally brings Dodge into the world of family-style trucks with real room for six and hauling capacity, and looks good doing it. But it is big, and with the sports option, a bit stiff.

*Florida Times-Union staff writer Dan Scanlan test-drives new vehicles on Northeast Florida's roads, averaging about 200 miles of combined highway and city traffic during a week-long test. The test vehicles are provided by the manufacturer according to their schedule, and represent a broad spectrum of sizes and prices. The prices listed are manufacturer's suggested retail prices.*

# MWR NOTES

## Water Polo to begin

Beginning in January, the Water Polo program times will be changed to Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. The games are free and open to all authorized patrons and includes practice drills. Condition yourself and end with a scrimmage. For more information call 542-2930.

## Avenue's Mall shuttle offered

Are you sick of driving around the mall parking lot? Take the I.T.T. Last Chance Shuttle to the Avenue's Mall on Saturday. The shuttle cost is only \$2.50 round trip. Call or stop by I.T.T. to sign up at 542-3318.

## I.T.T. offers trips in January

Tallahassee Historic Day Trip –Jan. 12  
 Historical Savannah –Jan. 19  
 Kennedy Space Center Trip – Jan. 21  
 Holy Land Experience – Jan. 26

## Marina giving discounts

The Marina is offering discounts to active duty personnel and their family members during the month of January. Call 542-3260 for details.

## It's snowing in Florida

The Holiday Tropical Freeze 2001 is Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at Mulberry Cove Marina. Check out the snow sled run, enjoy hot dogs and sodas. Everything is free. Open to all. Call 778-9772 for information.

## Play Bingo at The Zone

Kid's Bingo is Saturday for \$10 per child. This includes lunch, bingo cards, marker and treat from Santa. Doors open at 11 a.m. Call 542-2209.

## The Zone has holiday platters

Deli meat w/cheese, rolls & condiments-\$75 (100 servings)  
 Deviled eggs-\$50 (100)  
 Fruit tray w/dip-\$75 (100 servings)  
 Peel & eat shrimp w/cocktail sauce - \$75 (5lbs)  
 Finger sandwiches  
 (Choice of chicken, tuna, egg & ham salad)-\$50 (100)  
 Crab Dip w/ Neva Betta  
 Crackers - \$8.95/lb  
 5' Party Sub - \$50 (60 pieces)  
 Call 542-3521 to order your platter.

## NAS Jax Golf Club holding Scramble

A 9-hole Christmas Scramble is Monday at 2 p.m. The cost is

\$20 per player and includes green fee, cart and prizes.

All golf is free on Christmas Day. The Pro Shop is closed on Christmas Day.

## Bowling on base

All-you-can-bowl on Tuesdays from 4-9 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per person. Shoe rental is not included.

Bowling is free for active duty Wednesdays from 11a.m. - 1p.m. Call 542-3493 for more information.

## Bingo brings out the players

Bingo is held Monday through Friday at lunchtime. You can also play Sunday through Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Doors open at 4 p.m. Call 542-2209.

## Auto Skills Center has extended hours

Extended hours and free 12-point vehicle safety check. Make your holiday travel plans include this safety check and peace of mind. The Auto Hobby Shop will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from now through Saturday. Call us for more information or to schedule your safety check.

The Auto Skills Center offers basic automotive preventive maintenance classes on each third Thursday and Friday of the Month. Participants must be 16 years of age.

All new NAS Jax active duty customers receive one free hour on the lift during January. Call 542-3227

## Plaque department offers discounts

All plaque orders from Jan. 1-5 are 10 percent off. All window box display case orders from Jan. 15-19 are 10 percent off. All new customers will not have to pay "set up fee" for new orders in January. Call 542-3227 for details.

## Free movies on base

Free movies are offered at the Base Theater on Jason Street. The movies are open to all.

Please do not leave children under 18 unattended. Bring your own snacks No alcohol is allowed.

Dec. 21, 7 p.m. - Home Alone (PG)  
 Dec. 28, 7 p.m. - Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG13)  
 Dec. 29, 5 p.m. - Doctor Doolittle 2 (PG)  
 Dec. 29, 7 p.m. - America's Sweethearts (PG13)

## NAS Jax / Yellow Water Youth Center

The following are the ongoing monthly events:  
 Open recreation – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-8:15 p.m.  
 Friday night activities – 6-8 p.m.  
 Open gym - Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.  
 Teen events – Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Dance classes – Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do – Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.  
 Call 778-9772 for more information.

## Special events to be held in January

Jan. 4 - Games and prizes  
 Jan 11 - Banana Split Social (NAS JAX and Yellow Water)  
 Jan. 18 - Circus trip  
 Jan. 25 - Pizza and fun

## Yellow Water offers activities

School Age Care - Monday-Friday from 1:30-6 p.m.  
 Ultimate Journey – Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m.  
 Girl Scouts – Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Aerobic lunch - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
 Dance classes – Saturdays from 10-11 a.m.  
 Call 777-8247 for more information

Liberty has holiday events  
 Celebrate Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve with Liberty. Stop by Liberty Cove and check out what we have planned.  
 Call us at 542-3491 about our free airport shuttle.

## ITT Giving Tree: You can brighten someone's Christmas Season

Give a gift from your heart this Holiday Season and help a fellow Navy Family have a brighter holiday by participating in the Giving Tree Program. Stop by the ITT Office and pick an ornament off our Giving Tree. Each ornament allows you the opportunity to make someone's Holiday Season a little brighter this year by purchasing them a gift off their wish list. The Giving Tree is located inside the ITT Office across the street from the Post Office on Enterprise Avenue (right next to the Tailor Shop). For more information, call the ITT Office at 542-3318 ext. 8.



# 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. Call 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.

**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.

**Old Fashioned Holiday Open House** is today from 4-7:30 p.m. Join Mayor John Delaney at City Hall and Hemming Plaza for the festivities. The event will feature free carriage and sleigh rides,

holiday entertainment, holiday crafts and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Call 630-3686 for info.

**The 13th Annual Turkey Shoot**, sponsored by the North Jax Shrine Club, is every Friday and Saturday until Dec. 22 from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and \$5. Proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital.

**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 at the Lil' Angels room at St. Joseph's main church on Loretto Road. Call 268-1591.

**Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment December Nature Programs** will be held today and Dec. 27. For more information concerning these programs contact their offices at 630-3555.

The regular monthly meeting of the **Fleet Reserve** will be meeting tonight at 8 p.m. The location for the meeting is the Branch Home, 7673 Blanding Blvd. For more information contact Frederick J Peterson 771-2936.

**The World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales** will be at the Jacksonville Brewery today through Monday. Stable viewing is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and hitching is from 1-3 p.m.

**The Middleburg Presbyterian Church** will host hayrides and children's caroling on Sunday from 5-6 p.m.

**Celebrate The Season With Holiday Parties** with all of your friends at your neighborhood community center. The Jacksonville Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment for games, food and fun! Holiday parties will be held at 24 neighborhood community centers throughout the city on today at 4:30 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. For more information call the center nearest you, or 630-4100.

**National Black Nurses Association** monthly meeting will be held Jan. 14 at St. Vincent Hospital. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. For more information call Dorothy Banks at 542-7748/7432.

# JAX TALES

BY MIKE JONES - mikejones43@hotmail.com





Approximately 148 runners competed in MWR's Jingle Bell Run Dec. 12.

## Nearly 150 take to streets for annual Jingle Bell 5K

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay  
Staff Writer

Approximately 148 active duty, retirees, family members, and civilians took part in MWR's annual 5K Jingle Bell Run Dec. 12. The run took place on NAS Jacksonville at Perimeter Road.

MWR furnished each runner with a T-shirt. To show their spirit, Marine Corps members of Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit Jacksonville ran in formation and finished the run in less than 30 minutes.

Bill Bonser, sports coordinator for NAS Jax, presented the winners with their awards. The men's military winners were VP-30's Truban Harrison with time of 17:04; NamTraU's Roman Barabash III and Jeffrey Street finished second and third, respectively.

VP-30's Susan Miller was declared the women's military winner with the time of 21:12. Erika Sauer took second place and Charlene Auld finished third. John Mann won men's open division and Jane Turcotte won the women's open.



Marines of Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit Jacksonville show their pride by running in formation.



VP-30's Truban Harrison took first place with a time of 17:04.

Photos by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

## JAX SPORTS

### Flag Football League forming

The intramural 4 on 4 Flag Football League is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel. Rosters due Jan. 4 and the season is scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14. Games will be played in evenings under the lights. All interested personnel should contact the Athletic Department to sign up.

### Racquetball tournament slated

A men and women's recreational and competitive racquetball tournament is set for Jan. 22-25 at 5 p.m. The tournament is free and open to NAS Jax active duty men and NAS Jax authorized (active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, and DoD/NAF civilian employees) women patrons.

This is a Captain's Cup event and a qualifier for the South Atlantic Regional Sports Racquetball Tournament. The three men's divisions are: open competitive (ages 34 & under), seniors competitive (ages 35 & up); and men's open recreational. The two women's divisions are: competitive and recreational.

Winners of the competitive divisions will represent NAS Jax at the South Atlantic Regional Sports Racquetball Tournament held at Kings Bay on Feb. 9. Sign up at the NAS Jax Gymnasium by Jan. 16.

### Water polo continues

The Water Polo Program at the indoor pool is starting again with new times. Beginning Jan. 8, interested participants can meet at poolside for drills and scrimmages on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m.

### Sports officials and scorekeepers needed

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

### Men's varsity basketball coach wanted

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced military or civilian individual who would like to coach the men's varsity basketball team. The team represents NAS Jax in military and community tournaments in Southeast Region. Interested personnel should contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

### Basketball court closure

The basketball court will be closed for resurfacing until Dec. 23. Thank you for your cooperation while we keep the basketball court floor in top condition.

### Runners needed

Are you a competition runner? Want to represent the U.S. Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons? The United States Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms will be provided as well as transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs.

Interested runners must compete in sanctioned USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon Association, or Roadrunners Clubs of America races and your time must be one of the top ten regional qualifying times. If you have run in sanctioned races and your time meets regional qualifying time, contact your base athletic director.

### Southeast Regional Qualifying Times

5K	Men 19:00	Women 24:00
10K	Men 34:00	Women 46:00
Marathon	Men 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). Visit the MWR website at [www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr).

### Intramural Basketball League Standings As of Dec. 14

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-30	8	2
VP-45	8	2
TPU	7	2
BMC	7	3
AIMD	4	4
FACSFAC	3	6
VP-16	3	7
Blount Island	2	7
VS-22	1	7
HS-3	1	1
VS-24	1	2
VS-30	0	2

### Greybeard Basketball League Standings As of Dec. 14

Team	Wins	Losses
NAMTra	3	0
SERCC	2	1
VS-30	2	2
CPRW-11	1	2
2BN351	0	1
FACSFac	0	2