



Jax Air News

TOUCHING BASE



African-American History luncheon

To celebrate African American Month, a special luncheon will be held today at 11 a.m. at the NAS Jacksonville River Cove Officer's club. The NAS Jax Multi-Cultural Committee and NADep EEOACare sponsoring the event. The cost is \$12 per person. Lunch will include a traditional soul food buffet, a guest speaker and entertainment. For more information, call Sylvia Kitt at 542-0842 or SMC Fronzaglio at 542-3304.

March advancement exams just around the corner

The March advancement exams are less than a month away. Candidates for E6 will take the exam on March 6, E5 candidates on March 13 and E4 candidates on March 20 at Hangar 1000. All candidates must report by 6:30 a.m. with their military I.D. card-dressed in the proper uniform of the day. The verification of work-sheets will be handled through command Pass and Liaison Representatives (PLR) no later than Feb. 28. For more information, call PSD at 542-4218.

Camp David Recruiting Team to visit area

From the Naval Support Facility
The Camp David Recruiting Team will conduct interviews at NS Mayport Feb. 24-28 and at Subase Kings Bay March 3-5. The team is searching for top-notch Sailors for assignment to presidential support duty. Numerous rates are being filled. The team will work directly with all candidates to complete all security clearance paperwork. Personnel selected will detach at their PRD. Any commands interested in identifying Sailors for this screening, should contact the recruiting team at (301) 271-1406, DSN 376-9000 Ext. 41406 or email tdedwards@whmo.mil.

President Bush visits Mayport Sailors

By JO1 Christopher Tucker
Naval Station Mayport Public Affairs

Thanking Sailors and their families for their service in the war on terrorism, President George W. Bush rallied a crowd of more than 12,000 here Feb. 13. "Some of you here have served in the USS Enterprise battle group. You were among the first American ships in the Afghan theater. And when it came time to strike terrorists you were ready on arrival," the president said in his speech.

The crews of USS Philippine Sea (CG-58) and USS Gettysburg (CG-64) are home ported at Naval Station Mayport and are part of the USS Enterprise battle group. Seven ships from Naval Station



Standing before hundreds of U.S. Navy Sailors and wearing a naval aviator jacket, President George W. Bush speaks to an audience of nearly 5,000 gathered at Naval Station Mayport. "The United States Navy carries the might and the mission of America to the farthest parts of the world," the President said.

Mayport are part of the John F. Kennedy battle group, which returned in August from a seven-month deployment in the Afghan theater. President Bush drew a standing ovation when he

spoke of his commitment to providing the military with the resources it needs to accomplish any mission. "Those who wear our uniform and their families deserve the best possible housing, the best possible

pay, and the best possible training. With the support of Congress, I will make sure that our military has every resource, every weapon, everything you need to defend America and to keep the peace."

Shortly after President Bush's arrival at Naval Station Mayport, the president took a moment to recognize a USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) Sailor,

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Local Sailor wins dual awards

By Kaylee LaRocque
Staff Writer

AO2 Joshua Kinney of the base Weapons Department was recently selected to represent NAS Jacksonville as the Junior Sailor of the Year for 2002.

He has also earned the distinct honors of being chosen the recipient of Volunteer Jacksonville's 2003 Service in Uniform - Heart of Gold award for his dedication to helping out the local community through a variety of programs.

"I'm completely shocked that I was picked for both these awards. I'm extremely pleased that I was chosen to represent the base. I competed against a lot of really outstanding petty officers. The Heart of Gold award is just such a huge honor. There were so many people going up for this award," exclaimed Kinney, happily.

"I really would like to thank my command. I would never have earned these awards if it wasn't for all the wonderful people who work in my department. We have a lot of great Sailors here."

Kinney was selected Junior Sailor of the Year for his superb leadership and initiative while working at the Weapons Department. Kinney is responsible for ensuring 100 percent accountability on all weapons components. His collateral duties include pass and liaison representative, ramp stamp instructor, quality assurance safety officer and departmental volunteer coordinator.

"Petty Officer Kinney is a naturally-gifted leader amongst his peers. He has set the highest standards of excellence. His direct involvement at all levels of this command significantly con-

tributed to superb mission accomplishment during the year. I count on him and he delivers," said Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Latham, Weapons officer.

A native of Belmont, Ohio, Kinney joined the Navy after earning his Emergency Medical Technician certification at a local college for the experience. "I really wanted to become a hospital corpsman, but the rate was closed. They gave me a list to choose from so I ended up in a weapons rating. I think the Navy is the best organization in the world and strongly recommend it to everyone for at least four years. If they don't like it that's fine, but it helps you take that first step after high school," he said.

Following boot camp in Great



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

AO2 Joshua Kinney prints out his daily inventory sheet to account for weapons components at the NAS Jax Weapons Department. Kinney was recently selected the NAS Jax Junior Sailor of the Year for 2002.

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Just passing through



Photo by PH2 Chuck Hill

While on a recent USO tour, the winners of the Miss Universe, Miss USA and Miss Teen USA stopped in for a short visit at NAS Jax. From left, Miss Universe, Justine Pasek, NAS Jax Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Boensel, Miss Teen USA, Vanessa Semrow, NAS Jax Executive Officer, Capt. Charles King and Miss USA, Shauntay Hinton.

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THUNDERSTORMS
-  **SATURDAY 58/70**
THUNDERSTORMS
-  **SUNDAY 48/67**
FAIR

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

PSD PASSDOWN

MyPay - online pay information system benefits Sailors

From the Personnel Support Detachment

MyPay formerly E/MSS, offers faster enhanced services, security, accessibility and reliability to all customers served under the Department of Defense, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).

MyPay's new design helps you find the information you need and complete your transactions in three clicks. Here is the chance for Sailors to put themselves in the driver's seat.

You'll have immediate access to your information online available nearly around the clock. MyPay means no waiting in lines or holding on the phone.

MyPay provides immediate access to view/print/save your Leave and Earnings Statements (LES). You can view/print tax/W-2 statements (current and prior four years), change federal and state tax withholdings and change direct deposit.

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ber (PIN) to safeguard your information from any unauthorized access. **Need a PIN?**

Active Army and Navy, may request PIN's by faxing name, social security number, phone number, signature, and copy of their government ID to DFAS at (216) 522-5800. Then, log on following the instructions provided. Site address: https://emss.dfas.mil/my_pay.asp.

Civilians, active Air Force, Marine Corps, all reservists, and military retirees and annuitants receive PINs by mail.

If you need a PIN, just click on "need new PIN". Log on once you receive your PIN in the mail. Site address: <https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

Chaplains gather at NAS Jax for conference

Capt. Lyman Smith of the Chief of Chaplain's Office in Washington, D.C., updates Navy chaplains on Navy instructions and community management issues during the Atlantic Fleet Religious Ministry Leadership Conference held at the NAS Jax Base Chapel last Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the first time NAS Jax has hosted this conference. Sixteen chaplains from various Atlantic Fleet commands attended the event.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

HEY MONEYMAN

Hey, MoneyMan!

I just got my \$2,100 income tax refund and I was wondering what I should do with this money. Someone told me that I should pay off all my bills, but someone else said I should invest it. Any ideas?

MoneyMan Sez:

On the surface, getting a big tax refund seems like a good deal, but usually, the bigger the refund, the bigger the mistake. Why did you get so much money back? If you are like most of us it is because you paid too much in and effectively gave an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam.

The first thing you should do is adjust your tax withholdings so you can have the money available to you each month instead of waiting to the end of the year to collect a part of your pay. Then, you should pay off all unsecured loans you may have. With the extra income each month, you may not need to run up credit cards next year.

Then you should save some amount each month.

Say you are 25 years old and you get a \$1,200 refund each year for 20 years. Your refunds would total \$24,000. Instead, you could invest the \$100 monthly overpayment and, with a 10 percent return, you would accumulate around \$75,000 over that same period of time. Put the money in a Roth IRA, and the growth is tax-free.

I recommend you go over to PSD and change your W-4 so that you cover your taxes, but reduce your refund. Pay off your bills

and invest your extra \$800 this year and your future monthly savings in a Roth IRA.

Hey, MoneyMan!

Last week at INDOC some lady suggested that we shop at the commissary and use these newspaper coupons. I really don't have time for that and besides, I don't think you save very much money with these things.

I also have noticed that the prices are higher at the commissary than they are in town. Do these INDOC speakers get a kickback or

something? I think this lecture was a waste of my time.

MoneyMan Sez:

Nope, they don't get "kick-backs" and usually they put out good information at these INDOCs. While prices may seem high at the commissary, because they have reduced overhead expenses you can expect to save at least 20 percent of your monthly food bill by shopping there.

In addition, they take coupons and with a little work you can save an additional 10 to 12 percent. All together, that is a savings of around 30 percent.

According to Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society counselors, an average family of four will spend approximately \$600 per month for food. Let's see; 30 percent of \$600 is \$180 times 12 is \$2,160 per year for 40 years is \$86,400.

More questions? Call Hey MoneyMan at 778-0353.

Fair and equitable treatment of all hands, by all hands, at all times

From CNRSE EO

The leadership at CNRSE and NAS Jacksonville want military and civilian employees to remain aware of the Navy's Equal Opportunity Hotline and the Navy's Sexual Harassment Advice Line.

Resolution of conflict at the lowest level is strongly encouraged using the Informal Resolution System (IRS) through your

command managed equal opportunity officer (CMEO) or HRO equal employment officer (EEO).

Information on military equal opportunity or sexual harassment issues may also be addressed by calling the NAS Jacksonville Equal Opportunity Advisor (EOA), SMC Tim Fronzaglio at 542-3304 or CNRSE EOA, QMCM Kathy Cochran at 542-3321. For civilian employee issues call HRO's Deputy

EEO, Junarion Hubbard at 542-2280/81.

The Navy's Sexual Harassment Advice Line provides another means of communication for those

who may have questions, concerns or complaints concerning sexual harassment or equal opportunity. Call toll-free at 1-800-253-0931 or DSN 882-2507.



Sunday Services

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

Saturday 5 p.m. - Catholic Mass

Sunday 8:30 a.m. - Protestant

Communion 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

Children's Sunday Class - Protestant Sunday

School program is at 9:45-10:45 a.m., and

Catholic CCD is 10:45 a.m.-noon.

FFSC offers programs

The NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center Life Skills Education and Support Program is the foremost preventive measure for the avoidance of personal and family problems.

All FFSC workshops and classes are free of charge and available to service members and their families, and civilian personnel aboard the base.

Pre-registration is required. If special accommodations or handicapped access is required, please notify us upon registration. Contact 542-2766, Ext. 127 to register.

The following workshops are available February:

Feb. 21, 9-11 a.m. - Savings and Investing

Feb. 24-27, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Transition Assistance Workshop (Retirement)

Feb. 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Stress Management Workshop

Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m. - Debt Management

Feb. 27, 8-11 a.m. - Anger Control Workshop

Feb. 27, noon - 4 p.m. - Divorce Adjustment Workshop

Feb. 27, 1-3 p.m. - Volunteer Service Council

Meet A Sailor...

YNSN JOHNNY GILLILAND

Job title/command:
NAS Jax Administration

Hometown: Moore, Okla.

Family Life: Wife, Michelle, nine-month old daughter, Lindsey and Johnny Jr. on the way.

Past Duty Stations: Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic/North Atlantic Treaty Organization, VS-30.

Career Plans: To finish school and have a great career.

Most Interesting Experience: Getting married and the birth of my first child.

Words of Wisdom: Believe in yourself, your family and trust in God, then anything is possible.



Meet A Civilian...

LISA MORIO

Job title/command:
Fitness Instructor, NAS Jax
Fitness Center

Hometown: Hernando Beach, Fla.

Family Life: Married with two daughters.

Past Duty Stations: NAS Pensacola, Fla., Mather AFB, Calif., NAS Moffett Field, Calif., NAS Whidbey Island, Wash., NAS Sigonella, Sicily, Italy, MCAS Quantico, Va.

Career Plans: To continue to teach yoga and fitness and to open my own studio in about 10 years.

Most Interesting Experience: Living in Sicily and traveling throughout Europe for three years.

Words of Wisdom: Don't let stress get you down, take a deep breath, relax and enjoy life.

NCLC offers classes on base

From NCLC

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

March 3-13

March 17-27

Classes run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for two weeks. Seating is limited and reserved on a "first-come" basis. To sign up, call 542-3676 or email ASlcta@inetmail.att.net.

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VP-5 members tour Colombian submarine

By Lt.j.g Thomas Stanley
VP-5 PAO

The hunter and his prey recently came face-to-face aboard Naval Station Roosevelt Roads as Sailors from VP-5 "Mad Foxes" had the unique opportunity to pay a visit to the Colombian submarine, ARC Tairona (SS-29).

The Cartagena-based boat was in port recently for a visit prior to its participation in the upcoming United International Anti-Submarine Warfare (UNITAS) 44-03 exercises being conducted off the Puerto Rican coast.

The annual UNITAS exercises are a way of improving stability within the Western Hemisphere. For several months each year, surface combatants, submarines, and P-3C aircraft circumnavigate South America.

Held each year since 1959, UNITAS is a multi-lateral naval operation including traditional at-sea exercises and in-port training activities with participating naval forces in the region. It presents a special opportunity to enhance capabilities and cooperative relations amongst United States and Central and South American Naval Forces, while promoting coalitions and cooperation throughout the hemisphere.

Led by the squadron's

Executive Officer, Cmdr. Scott Dueker, officer and enlisted aircrew participated in an hour-long tour of ARC Tairona. While onboard, their host proudly displayed the engine room, combat center and crew living areas.

Some squadron members were amazed the 38-man crew could live in such small quarters. "It really makes you appreciate the quarters and facilities that we have, being a land-based squadron," remarked PH2 Kim Smith of VP-5.

Later that same day, Tairona's skipper received a tour of the Mad Foxes' P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft from Dueker.

AW2(AW/SW) Frank Frangella served as an interpreter for the two commanders. Frangella, from southern California, is assigned as an acoustic specialist on the Mad Foxes' Combat Aircrew Ten. "It was an honor for me to be able to assist my executive officer during this important visit," Frangella stated.

Throughout the visit, he translated sea stories and playful quips between the two leaders as they considered who had tactical advantage over their opponent.

The two leaders exchanged mementos and best wishes for each other's success in the upcoming exercises.



Photo by PH2 Kim Smith
Cmdr. Scott Dueker, executive officer of VP-5, exchanges mementos with the skipper of the Colombian submarine ARC Tairona (SS-29) during a tour of the squadron's P-3C Orion.



Photo courtesy of VP-5
PH2 Kim Smith, takes a rare moment to be on the other side of the camera during a visit to the Colombian submarine ARC Tairona (SS-29) during its port visit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads.



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones
James and Katherine Pankey recite vows to each other during the vow renewal ceremony at the All Saints Chapel Feb 14. The Pankeys were among many couples to turn out for the Chapel-sponsored Valentine's Day event.

Chapel hosts vow renewal service

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

Love was in the air Feb. 14 as seats quickly filled at the NAS Jax All Saints Chapel for the third annual vow renewal ceremony.

Hosted by the Chapel, the ceremony allowed couples from different faiths to renew their vows bringing Valentine's Day to a romantic close.

"This gives couples a chance to rededicate themselves to one another and renew those vows they made, whether it was 20 years ago or one year ago," said RPC(AW) Victor Koon, NAS Chapel leading chief petty officer. "This helps strengthen that bond they originally took at the altar."

"The ceremony is multi-denominational," explained Chaplain Lt.j.g. Kurt Michaels. "For those who don't have specific vows for the ceremony, we offer a list of the most common vows participants may recite if they choose."

Following the event, participants enjoyed dinner at the base River Cove Officers' Club.

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Volunteers needed for 2003 Special Olympics

From Commander, Navy Region Southeast

Here is your chance to make a difference in the life of a very special athlete by volunteering to assist with the Area Five 2003 Special Olympics games coming up in March.

Volunteers are needed to help with approximately 800 Special Olympic athletes who will participate in the Area Five Special Olympic Spring Games on March 22 at a location to be determined. The Special Olympics athletes, from children to adults, will compete in a variety of events

including running, throwing and the long jump.

Athletes from an eight-county region will be participating in the Area Five games. About 1,000 volunteers are needed to be "buddy" or "event" volunteers.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The minimum age requirement is 12 years old, unless volunteering with an adult family member.

"Buddy" volunteers are asked to report no later than 9 a.m. and can sign up or ask for more information by calling Parker at 542-2766, Ext. 130 or by send-

ing an email message to oparker@nasjax.navy.mil.

Sports events volunteers are asked to report no later than 8:30 a.m. and can sign up by calling Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or emailing dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil. Sports events volunteers will be briefed before game day on duties and assignments.

Volunteers may also sign up through the NAS Jacksonville website at www.nasjax.navy.mil. Click on "Special Olympics".

Special Olympics organizers are also collecting trophies which will be refurbished and presented to each Special Olympian.

If you have trophies in storage that you would like to donate to this cause, or know of an individual or corporation who does, please contact the NAS Jacksonville Gym at 542-3239. Trophies may be dropped off anytime during normal gym hours.

Volunteers participating in the Special Olympics event will receive beverages, lunch and recognition certificates. All volunteers are asked to pick up their certificates following closing ceremonies. Volunteers will also receive a complimentary event T-shirt on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tax Center offers free service

By Kaylee LaRocque
Staff Writer

The NAS Jacksonville Tax Center is open for business, handling appointments and walk-ins each weekday through April. It's quick, free and a fairly simple process provided you bring in the necessary paperwork including W-2s, Social Security numbers, 1099 Forms from banking institutions, child care statements, any medical bills paid out of pocket, a power of attorney if needed and your bank account and routing numbers.

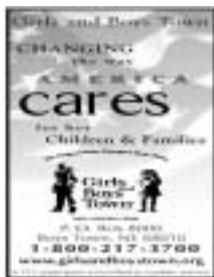
The tax service is offered free of charge to all active duty members, their families, recalled reservists or those drilling for 30 days or more and retirees.

As part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, customers can get their federal income tax returns prepared and electronically filed by trained VITA representatives. Refunds are normally transferred to the customer's bank account within 10 days.

"In our first week, we completed 960 tax returns here for a total of \$1,561,538 in refund dollars. By coming here, these customers saved \$105,241 in tax preparation fees. On an average we handle about 100 tax returns each day," said LN1 Kimberly Wicker, Tax Center supervisor.

Wicker stresses the importance of having all the necessary paperwork when you walk through the door. "We can't do your taxes if you don't have what is required. Also, if married and filing jointly, your spouse must come in person to sign the paperwork. They can come at a later time if they can't make the appointment, but it must be the same day," she added.

The Tax Center is located in Building 590 and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted for those filing the 1040 E-Z Forms. It is recommended you make an appointment for all other tax returns. For more information, call 542-3395.



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Meetings planned on federal workers insurance

From HRO

A representative from LTC Partners is holding educational meetings on Feb. 26 at the NAS Jax Base Theatre from 8 - 10 a.m.

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even life-long assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury, or severe cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease.

Groups eligible to apply include: federal employees in positions that convey eligibility for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; members of the uniformed services who are on active duty or full-time in the National Guard or Selected Reserves for more than 30 days; federal annuitants; surviving spouses

receiving a survivor annuity, individuals receiving compensation from the Department of Labor who are separated from Federal service; retired members of the uniformed services entitled to retired or retainer pay, and retired military reservists at the time they qualify for an annuity; and qualified relatives of these groups.

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance program is a new valuable benefit designed to protect insured individuals from the potentially high cost of long-term care.

The insurance is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and offered by John Hancock and MetLife. Long Term Care Partners, LLC, a joint venture company between John Hancock and MetLife

administer it.

This program features group premium for eligible members of the federal family, coverage for informal home care, access to care coordination services for qualified relatives of enrollees, and international benefits, among other benefits.

The cost of coverage can be determined by using the premium calculator on the LTC web page at www.LTCFEDS.com.

For more information regarding the Federal Long Term Care Insurance program or for details on the educational meetings, call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337).

TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-843-3557 or visit the Web site at www.LTCFEDS.com.

Aviation Support Detachment



SK3 Danny Zapatahenao carefully checks part specifications before accepting incoming items.

ASD keeps squadrons flying

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

You can't spell "aviation readiness" without ASD, and no one knows that better than the men and women who make up the Aviation Support Detachment (ASD) aboard NAS Jacksonville.

Comprised of approximately 75 civilian and military members, the detachment provides vital support to the numerous aviation components based at NAS Jax. "We're the aviation side of the supply department," said ASD Director Peggy Meehan. "Getting the right parts to the squadrons when they need them - that's our job."

Controlling an extensive inventory of parts and equipment, ASD provides everything from nuts and bolts to motors, Meehan noted. "We have an inventory of more than 3,500 line items valued at nearly \$20 million," she said. "The complete ASD inventory is valued at more than \$500 million."

Every item within the ASD inventory is monitored and tracked using the Naval Aviation Logistics Command Management Information System (NALCOMIS) implemented in 1990. "NALCOMIS runs hand in hand with the recently implemented R-Supply system," Meehan said.

Until 1990, keeping track of such an extensive inventory was itself a daunting task. "Prior to NALCOMIS, we had another system that was very cumbersome. It utilized punch cards and carbon paper forms," she explained.

"Almost all items in our inventory here are all repairable," Meehan explained. "So we work very closely with Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD). They repair everything we issue. We issue squadrons a good part, they turn in a broken one to us and we have it inducted into AIMD. AIMD repairs the broken part, and we put it back on our shelf."

To effectively support the numerous missions at NAS Jacksonville, ASD operates 24 hours a day.

"It's a very fast-paced working environment here," Meehan explained. "If we receive a broken part and we don't have a replacement on the shelf, that broken part is immediately sent to AIMD



HS-75's AK2 Brian Weeks tracks repairable parts.

for repair and can be restored within a matter of hours."

Meeting the needs of every squadron at such a pace requires top-notch performance from everyone at ASD, explained SKCS(AW) Bradley Shepherd, ASD leading chief petty officer. "Mission-wise, the Sailors here know what they have to do," he said. "It's a tough job. There's no room for error. It's like having the whole world in your hands."

"The work tempo can sometimes feel a little hectic," said SK2 Susan Maynard, rotatable pool supervisor. "However, the

sense of accomplishment makes it worth it."

"The best aspect about ASD is the people," remarked Angel Sanchez, ASD logistics analyst. "This is one of the best organizations around."

"There's an extremely high standard the Sailors, and everyone here meets," Shepherd added. "The folks here are doing an outstanding job."

SK2 Susan Maynard, rotatable pool supervisor, searches for a part on one of the department's many shelves.



SK2(AW) Adriana Escobedo matches part numbers to ensure inventory accuracy.



AK2(AW) Kimberly Matthews, awaiting parts supervisor, processes receipts.



Aviation Support Detachment



Logistics Analyst Angel Sanchez gathers items from the inventory carousel.



AK1 Margaret Pritchard receives an incoming part.



SK2(AW/SW) Jonathan Galino takes advantage of spare time to study for the upcoming March enlisted advancement exam.



ASD Tool and Parts Attendant John Gallup discusses inventory issues with SK2(AW) Freddy Galo.



ASD's AK2(AW) Van Steekley checks incoming orders before they are processed.

Photos by
JO1 Mike Jones

After verifying serial numbers, AK3 Lucy Duplantier prepares items for shipment.





Photo by JO1 Mike Jones

Forester Will Henry examines the forest floor following a controlled burn in the wooded area near Cecil Commerce Center.

Forester fights fire with fire ... literally!

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

He works outside most of the time, keeping close watch on the wooded areas around NAS Jacksonville and Cecil Commerce Center. Every year, he's required to set some of these areas ablaze ... and he gets paid for it. But don't call Will Henry a professional pyromaniac.

As a forester with NAS Facilities and Environmental Department, Henry is also part-time meteorologist and full-time conservationist as well.

Ask anyone who's spent springtime in Jacksonville and they'll tell you: Jacksonville gets more than its fair share of thunderstorms.

"Vegetation grows up under the larger trees throughout the year," Henry said. "Also, pine needles constantly fall and eventually the entire forest floor is covered."

If struck by a bolt, this floor growth can quickly ignite, causing devastating damage to the wooded areas around the installations.

To prevent such a catastrophe, Henry periodically must clear out this undergrowth with the one thing he's hoping to prevent: fire.

About a year's worth of planning takes place before a single bit of foliage is ignited. "We first determine which areas are in most need of a controlled burn."

Following a detailed map of the wooded area, we plot out which sections are going to be

burned," he explained. Once an area is chosen, a detailed plan is drawn out and submitted to the Florida Division of Forestry for approval. Here's where the meteorological skills come in.

Precise wind conditions must exist before a burn can take place. "The smoke generated from a controlled burn should ideally just dissipate," Henry said. "The winds shouldn't carry the smoke towards the city or other populated areas."

Break lines (roads or in many cases, plowed lines) create borders for the area to receive a controlled burn. Henry explained these break lines prevent flames from spreading to other areas allowing only the chosen section to burn. "The fire is first set down-wind to minimize the flames' height. This also keeps the fire from moving forward too quickly," added Henry.

A periodic controlled burn is extremely beneficial to the local ecosystem. "The burned-out forest floor is rich with nutrients for the trees. It also exposes many insects to the surface which attracts birds to the area and other larger animals in the food chain," Henry explained.

The knowledge of helping to preserve the forest for future generations makes the job worthwhile, Henry added, but it's the opportunity to work outdoors in such an environment that makes the job truly rewarding. "I think I have one of the best jobs around," he said, grinning.

Author's experiences help family members

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

When military forces entered the ground phrase of Desert Storm, Barbara Evans found herself observing the events from a perspective seldom seen by civilian personnel.

As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, Evans endured life on the front lines - battling everything from sandstorms to scorpions.

As Evans explained, the experience opened her eyes to the life of a deployed military member: far from home, missing loved ones like crazy. More than 10 years later, she chronicled those experiences in a book - "For the Love of My Country" to help those left at home to understand the complexities of global military operations.

"What motivated me to do this book was thinking, 'How many people experience this without serving in the military,'" she said. "Then I realized just how



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones

Barbara Evans presents a copy of her book, "For the Love of My Country" to NAS Jacksonville Command Master Chief CMDCM(AW/SW) Charles Lawson (left) and NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel. Evans' book details her experiences as a volunteer with the American Red Cross during Desert Storm.

big our military is and what the families go through."

Recalling her volunteer service, Evans was able to offer much advice to family members whose loved ones are now on the brink of a similar deployment. "One of the things mentioned in the book is for family members not too focus too much on

what's reported on television," she added.

In her book, Evans detailed the day-to-day rituals of the soldiers' lives, noting the vast improvement in morale when letters and gifts arrived from home. "There were a lot of highs and lows," she mentioned. "There was a lot to daily living in the desert -

the heat, the boredom could wear on you."

Even the most mundane details didn't escape her attention. "I took a lot of notes while I was over there. When I sat down to write the book, I wanted America to read my book and get the sense that they too have gone through my experience," Evans continued.

For Evans, the effort of compiling her memories was a worthwhile experience. "When you're writing a book, you're pouring your heart into it," she said. "If I can help just one person, whether it's educating them about military life and what goes on with deployments with the families back home ... it's worth it."

During a stop to NAS Jacksonville, Evans presented a signed copy of her book to NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Boensel and Command Master Chief CMDCM(AW/SW) Charles Lawson.

'Maulers' build homes for community

By Lt. Britton Turner
VS-32 PAO

The "Maulers" of VS-32 are always looking for ways to give back to the Jacksonville community. Recently, VS-32 continued the tradition of service by spending a day working with Habijax, Jacksonville's local affiliate for Habitat for Humanity International.

"Jacksonville currently has about 30,000 residents living in sub-standard housing. Habijax is making a difference one house at a time," said Cynthia Valdez an AmeriCorps volunteer working with Habijax.

The workday began with a meeting

where group leaders were introduced and jobs were assigned for the day. Volunteers also had the opportunity to meet some of the families who will benefit from the Habijax program.

To qualify for a Habijax home and loan, prospective families must complete 300 hours of service to Habijax, including 100 hours on their own home.

The squadron personnel arrived at the job site and began work with gusto, preparing the ground, laying sod, planting bushes and trees, and painting the interior.

"It was nice to be able to work outside on such a beautiful day and do something positive for the communi-

ty. It was also a nice break from the routine of the squadron," said Lt. Natalia Henriquez.

AT1 Rodney Kane expressed similar sentiments. "The weather was great and I got a real feeling of satisfaction from volunteering time to help someone in need."

At the end of the day, it was obvious by the smiles that the outing was a success. In addition to the satisfaction of working together on a volunteer project, the Maulers spent some quality time working towards a common goal, and building new relationships with other community volunteers.

Project A-OK helps students make the grade

From the Navy Exchange
Service Command

Could you use some help putting your child through college? Take your child's most recent report card to the Navy Exchange near you to register for the Project A-OK program. Your child could win \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$2,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds, denominations at maturity. The next drawing will be at the end of February 2003.

"Since 1997, Project A-OK has been rewarding children for getting good grades in school," said CMDCM(SW/AW/NAC) Jerry Daniels, Navy Exchange Service Command.

"Project A-OK is an example of one of the many

ways the Navy Exchange achieves its vision of serving the Navy through a system of quality of life programs."

Any eligible full-time student who has a B grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing.

Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees, including those employed in first grade through undergraduate school. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must

re-enter with each qualifying report card. Drawings are held each quarter for a total of \$40,000 for the 2002/2003 school year.

To enter, stop by the Navy Exchange with your current report card and have a

Navy Exchange associate verify your minimum grade average. Then fill out the entry card and obtain your A-OK ID, which entitles you to discount coupons for purchases at the Navy Exchange.

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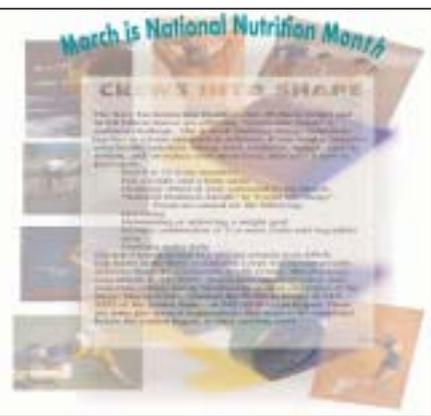
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The following are phone numbers of agencies who can help with consumer problems:

- NAS Jax Family Service Center - 542-2766
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- City of Jacksonville/ Consumer Affairs Division - 630-3467
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- Construction Industry investigative services - 727-5590

NAS Jacksonville support group helps spouses cope

By JOC Bill Austin
HSO PAO

The sting of having your spouse pack up and ship out on deployment can now be a bit less painful with support from others in the same boat.

That was the line of thinking when Patti Tebow of NAS Jacksonville's Fleet and Family Support Center decided to form a military spouse support group.

"There is a need for military spouses to connect with each other during times of deployment," said Tebow, with more than a hint of sincerity.

Open to spouses of all military personnel, the meetings will cover a wide range of topics such as coping with deployment, stress management and the benefits of staying in touch with other spouses. All of the discussions, according to Tebow, are based from input from those who "wish they could have" had the information and experience prior to their spouse's departure.

The group held its first meeting last week. Although many



Photo by JOC Bill Austin

Patti Tebow of the Fleet and Family Support Center talks with Aimee Hawkins, a Navy spouse who recently participated in the Military Spouse Support Group.

expressed an interest, only three spouses actually attended. Tebow hopes the number will increase as the word gets out.

"I think this sounds like a

straight up solid program," said HM3 April Halberg of the Naval Healthcare Support Office (HSO) when she heard about the group. "When my husband first

deployed, I didn't have anything like this and I wish I had. I may go to a couple of the meetings and see what its all about," Halberg added. Two weeks ago, her spouse, a Navy Corpsman, deployed.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, six spouses were on the muster when the group's second meeting kicked off. Looking around the room you could see that the majority of them had a seasoned look about them, a look of experience they would soon share with new, less experienced spouses who needed it the most. After introductions began, that experience was confirmed, as several were wives of retired Veterans. "Most of us have a lot to offer the group," said Pearl Aran, president of the Navy Wives Club Jacksonville No. 86. "Information we never had," she added.

The discussion for the afternoon focused on preparing for deployment, scenarios common to those who are left behind, and the necessity for the spouse to "keep busy" and positive.

Future topics were kicked around too; many were from the group itself. "This is exactly what we need to do," said Tebow. "We want to find out what your needs are," she added.

Tebow went on to say that one of the first things she intends to do is come up with a plan for childcare. "We don't want anyone not to come because of day care issues," she said.

Aimee Hawkins, a young spouse, listened intently as sage advice was shared from around the room that afternoon. This is her first experience with deployment, in her marriage of just over a year. "I really hope we can get some more people to come and start learning how to get on your own and to deal with our spouses being deployed. I think this program will really help."

At the end of the meeting, the group formed an obvious camaraderie that will benefit them during a time of separation from spouses deployed and defending their way into future pages of history.

Seabees, Civil Engineer Corps officers team up to help HabiJax

By Ensign Lauren Jacobson
Public Works Center,
NAS Jacksonville

On Feb. 1, in conjunction with Engineers Week, more than 17 Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers from NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport partnered with HabiJax to build homes for families in need.

The Seabees framed a five-bedroom/two-bathroom house for the Haynes family. They put up the outside and inside walls, plus the skin on the outside wall and the joists for the roof. When we asked Justin Roberts, one of the team leaders if he thought this was some kind of record, he replied, "We usually only get up the outside wall and a few of the inside wall on a house this large. You guys rocked!"

"I'm just so excited to get started. It has been a long process to get to this point, and now we're finally starting to build. My kids make me stop at the lot everyday after school, so they can play in their new yard. When we get our new



Photos By EA1 Alex Tayag

A group of Seabees from Construction Battalion Unit 410 work together to install an outer wall at a new HabiJax house.

house, my kids will go to a better school. We can actually see the school from our new house," said Carla Haynes, the future homeowner.

This year the Institute for Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) sponsored the event in conjunction with Engineers Week. In all, the engineering groups from the Jacksonville area pooled their resources to provide 40 volunteers. "It is exciting to see so many from our community wanting to get

involved. I actually had to turn some away. I am hoping to expand our involvement next year," stated Darrell Wilson, chairman of the Power Engineering/Industrial Applications Society of the IEEE.

"HabiJax is proud to have the support of our local engineers," said HabiJax President Joe Honeycutt. "We're dedicated to eliminating substandard and poverty housing here in Jacksonville, and with the continued support of groups like the Jacksonville engi-

neers, we can accomplish our goals."

Helping out the community not only benefits those in need, but the volunteers gain a sense of pride by donating their time. "I'm glad that I could help people that needed me. It was a good experience and I'm really proud of the guys from each unit working together as a team, getting the job done in a can-do way," said BU1 (SCW) Manul Baca of Construction Battalion Unit 410 at NAS Jacksonville.

HabiJax (Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Inc.) was founded in 1988. It is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Determined to provide Jacksonville's low income working families with safe, decent housing, HabiJax challenges the faith community, individual families, businesses, foundations and the military to work together, creating partnerships that include every segment of the community.

HabiJax homeowners purchase their HabiJax



BU1 Manul Baca frames a wall using an air-powered framing gun.

homes. They qualify by establishing that they have lived and worked in Duval County for at least six months and that they are currently living in inadequate shelter that is costing more than 40 percent of their monthly income. An additional required element is that homeowners agree to provide 300 hours of "sweat equity," labor building their own home and those of other HabiJax owners. Homeowners make a \$500 down payment and monthly mortgage pay-

ments for principal, taxes and insurance. Because HabiJax receives financial support and in-kind donations to build the homes, HabiJax owners receive a 25-year, interest free mortgage.

Since 1988, HabiJax has partnered with homeowners and volunteer groups to build homes for more than 1,000 families in Jacksonville.

For more information about HabiJax and their community related projects contact them at 798-4529.

Mulberry Cove Marina to sponsor annual Bass Tournament

By Phil Collins
NAS Jax Mulberry Cove Marina Manager

NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department would like to invite all active duty and retired military and civilian contractors to participate in the 21st annual NAS Jacksonville Bass Tournament. The one-day tournament will begin at first light on April 12 at the Mulberry Cove

Marina. Over the years, this tournament has gained respect and notoriety over the years, and it remains a popular mainstay in the coastal Georgia/Florida military/civilian support community. Due to enhanced security, this year's tournament is open only to those who have access to the base. Access to the base is the responsibility of each angler. Last year, the event hosted 166

anglers and awarded more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes at the weigh-in ceremony, which was attended by more than 230 people. This year we anticipate a great turnout and excitement over the tournament has been evident since November.

The tournament follows a team format of two anglers per boat. The early entry fee is \$60 per team and \$75 after April 1. There is an optional Big Bass Pot

fee of \$10. The cash prize payout is 80 percent, with 100 percent of the Big Bass Pot awarded.

Thanks to the generosity of our local Jacksonville businesses, valuable door prizes are awarded each year. Every angler will receive a tournament hat and/or T-shirt, sponsor bag with promotional items, and complimentary food and drinks during the weigh-in ceremony.

The tournament results will be

certified by the St. John's Bass Anglers Club. The club was established in 1970, and is the oldest federated bass club in Florida and the fifth oldest in the country.

For more information and to obtain an entry form, contact the Mulberry Cove Marina at 542-3260 for an entry form or e-mail collinsph@nasjax.navy.mil.

Military discounts offered for tennis tournament

The Bausch & Lomb Championships announced last week a special discounted ticket offer for military personnel and their families to attend the 2003 Bausch & Lomb Championships. This year's professional women's tennis tournament will take place April 14-20 at Amelia Island Plantation, marking its 24th year on Florida's First Coast.

Military personnel and their families will receive \$10 off the price of a standard stadium seat ticket for the night sessions Monday through Friday. Night sessions begin at 7 p.m. Tickets may be ordered by calling 800-486-8366 and advising the



tournament of military status. The offer is valid through April 10.

"Given today's uncertainties both home and abroad, it is important to recognize the importance of those individuals who have dedicated themselves to protecting our nation's values. We have created this special offer as our small way of saying thanks," said John Arrix, tournament

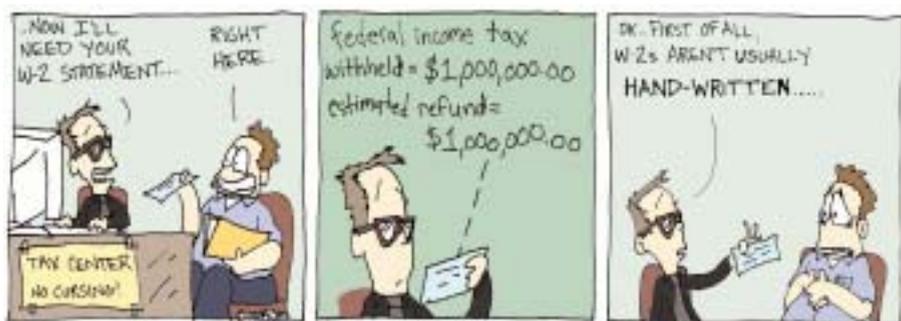
director. "Perhaps an evening of watching spectacular tennis may provide some sort of escape from the everyday challenges."

The Bausch & Lomb Championships is a premier WTA Tour event, part of the worldwide tour consisting of 1,000 players representing 76 nations at 60 events in 31 countries over an 11-month schedule.

Celebrating its 24th anniversary, the Bausch & Lomb Championships is the second oldest U.S. event on the Tour. For daily ticket and package information, call 800-486-8366 or visit the tournament web site at www.blchamps.com.



JAX TALES By Mike Jones www.rickystour.com



New Power Flex class proves highly beneficial

By Kaylee LaRocque
Staff Writer

We all know that staying fit keeps us healthier, more energetic and less susceptible to certain illnesses. People choose all types of exercises to stay in shape – from lifting weights, running, biking, swimming, aerobics, or participating in sporting events. These are all great ways to get the heart pumping and muscles toned.

Unfortunately, with our busy work schedules it's not always so easy to get to the gym for an extended workout. This is just one reason, the staff of the Fitness Center initiated their newest and most popular class – Power Flex.

"We call this the express lunch workout. The class lasts 45 minutes and we hit all the major muscle groups. This class is really unique, combining weightlifting to music. And it benefits all ages and different levels of fitness, from the big muscular men to the novice person who has never worked out before," explained Barbara Millhollan, fitness director.

The class begins with warm-up exercises with optional light weights. As the music and

instructor keeps the class motivated and consistent, each muscle group is worked on. The class ends with a cool-down session.

"This class allows you to come into a group setting and be motivated by an instructor. It's very hard to stick with a weight lifting program because you have to have the time and dedication and the inner drive to make yourself lift those weights," said Millhollan, enthusiastically.

"But when you have an instructor in front of the class lead you, that's what fitness is all about. People need motivation. This class doesn't require a lot of coordination. Many people are afraid of group exercise classes because they're afraid they will mess the steps up. This class allows you to participate and not feel foolish if you miss a beat," she added.

The class offers the same concepts as that of lifting weights in the gym, except that it's all done in a classroom setting. "The bars in the weight room weigh 25 pounds, ours weigh three. Class participants can add whatever weight they need to the them," added Millhollan.

Power Flex classes are fairly new here. "I took the class at the YMCA for about a month and liked it so much I decided to bring

it here. We certified all our instructors last May and bought the necessary equipment. The classes started small, but now they've become so popular, I have to order more equipment," Millhollan exclaimed happily.

"Power Flex is really awesome. You get quick results and it really tones you up. The instructors here are really well-educated," said Leigh Ann Horst, who has been participating in the classes since they first began here.

According to Millhollan, fitness trends are changing. "Twenty years ago, we believed exercising meant killing yourself doing aerobics, running and pounding our joints into the ground. We've come to realize that the stronger the muscles are, the more calories burn while at-rest. Aerobics and strength training work well together. By cross-training we are much smarter and spend less time in the gym," she said.

If you would like to tryout Power Flex to see if works for you, classes are offered each Monday at 5:30 a.m., Wednesday and Fridays at 11:15 a.m., Thursday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.

For more information, call the base gym at 542-3239.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque
MU2 Luslaida Barbosa builds up her strength during a recent Power Flex class at the base gym.

KUDO KORNER

The following personnel received awards at a recent ceremony at the Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jacksonville:

Navy and Marine Corps

Achievement Medal

OS1(SW) Tracy Dover
AC3 Michael Klein
ET3 Theresa Ledoux

VS-30 recently presented the following awards to squadron personnel:

Navy and Marine Corps

Achievement Medals

Lt. Kelly Holmes
Lt. Glenn Pierce
PNC Timothy Robinson
MS1(AW) Arthur Browning
DK1 Dexter Studdard
AK2(AW) Hector Acevedorios
AME2(AW) Galo Cavalcanti
AD2(AW) William Dominguez

Top Diamond of the Year

AD1(AW) Frank Froeber

Diamond of the Year

AM2 Peter Cunningham

Junior Diamond of the Year

AD3 Jason Delpriore

Pro of the Year

ATAN Courtney Cowan

Plane Captain of the Year

AN Joseph Bulivac

Diamond of the Quarter

AE2 Gary Thompson

Junior Diamond of the Quarter

AD3 Pierre Jean

Pro of the Quarter

AMEAN Andre Blake

Diamond of the Month

AO2(AW) Richard Zule

Junior Diamond of the Month

PR3 Lloyd McCann

Pro of the Month

AN Christian Prescott

Letters of Commendation

AM1(AW/SW) George Custudio

MS1(AW) Arthur Browning

AME1(AW) Adam Constant

AM1(AW) Roderick Carnes

AE2 Mark Berger

AZ2 Gregory Dedeo

AM2 Daniel Hamilton

YN2 Tarika Long

AME3 Paul Ladyman

AD3 Antonio Henry

AM3 Stephen Lasalle

AT3 Dale Nelson

AT3 George Rollins

AN Joseph Guzman

KINNEY: Local Sailor a double honoree

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Lakes, Ill. and Aviation Ordnanceman "A" School, Kinney was sent to S-3 school at NAS Cecil Field and a tour with VS-24. In 2001, he transferred to NAS Jacksonville for his current three-year tour.

He is presently pursuing the Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) program to fulfill his dream of becoming a naval officer. "I am applying for the nursing corps through STA-21. I really want to go back into the medical field while in the Navy. When I first joined, I never imagined I'd be where I'm at right now. I've come to realize that this is the very best I could ask for. I love the Navy and plan to make it a career," Kinney stated.

As the departmental volunteer coordinator, Kinney organizes groups of personnel to support Jacksonville's HabiJax and the USO's Shipmate's With Heart programs.

Weapon's Department currently has three teams who volunteer to help repair and build homes and construct wheelchair ramps on a regular basis. "I just love giving something back to the community. We have some wonderful people in our department who are always willing to help out," added Kinney.

In his free time, Kinney is currently working on his associate's degree from Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Patience, and closely follows the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) and college football.

He is also currently preparing to become a father for the first time. "My wife is due July 4. I'm sure this will be my biggest challenge of all – to be the best father I can be to my child," he concluded enthusiastically.

BUSH: President visits Mayport

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MMCS(SW/AW) Arden Battle for his work at a nearby Jacksonville, Fla. elementary school.

"[Arden Battle] represents the spirit of this military that makes me proud. Not only are we tough and good fighters; he leads hundreds of your fellow Sailors into volunteering in the community in Jacksonville, Florida. He and others like him serve as a role model for young kids. He mentors. He and his group teach children how to read. He not only serves this country to keep the peace, he serves this country to be more compassionate for all of our citizens," said the president.

President Bush also used his address to send a stern warning to Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi

regime.

"At any moment during the last 97 days – and during the last 12 years – Saddam Hussein could have completely and immediately disarmed himself. Instead, he's used this time to build and to hide weapons. He must be hoping that by stalling he'll buy himself another 12 years. He's wrong. This country will not accept a serious and mounting threat to our nation, our people and our friends and allies."

After leaving the podium, President Bush made his way through a sea of Sailors and their families, shaking hands, holding babies, and pausing for pictures.

The president made his way to the brow of USS Philippine Sea where he was welcomed aboard to



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

Traffic stops Feb. 12 aboard NAS Jacksonville as President George W. Bush's motorcade of secret service members, Jacksonville Sheriff Officers, Florida State Highway Patrol Officers and NAS Jax Security personnel traveled from the air terminal to the Navy Exchange gas station to fuel up.

have lunch in the crew's mess.

"This visit was a great honor for everyone here at Naval Station Mayport. I'm extremely proud of how everyone welcomed the Commander-in-Chief. We

were here to show the world that the U.S. Navy stands behind him 100 percent," said Capt. Matthew Schellhorn, commanding officer of Naval Station Mayport.

MWR NOTES

Veterinary Treatment Facility

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

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

Mulberry Cove Marina news

Learn the rules of the waterways and enjoy a safe boating experience. Take the Florida Safe Boating Course. "How to Boat Smart." The class is free and open to all hands.

Visit to the Mulberry Cove Marina and get your free spring stock-up coupon book. The books are stocked with more than \$175 in savings on the biggest brand names in fishing. The coupons offer great savings and will not be around long. This offer expires April 30. The marina offers free kayak and canoe rentals for active duty Sailors on Thursdays. It's a great way to get acquainted with some of the equipment on hand and have some fun too. For more information on marina events, call 542-3260.

Budweiser Brew House specials

The Brew House holds Karaoke every Wednesday evening from 6-10 p.m. through February. Put your voice to the test. See if you can rate as the best vocalist of NAS Jax. Bring your buddies to help root you on to victory.

Get ready to have some fun at the Brew House. On March 4 from 4:30-10 p.m., enjoy Mardi Gras. Come out and join in the festive fun celebration. There will be food and beverage specials.

Auto Skills Center

Visit the Auto Skills Center for your professional or hobby car care needs. The center offers an

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

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

NAS Freedom Lanes offers great deals

The NAS Freedom Lanes is a state-of-the-art bowling facility, with 24 lanes, a game room with pool tables and arcade gaming machines. The Gutterball Grill snack bar provides delicious food and beverage service. The facility has a fully supplied Pro Shop staffed by members of the Professional Bowling Association.

The center is open seven days a week. The center offers Cosmic Xtreme bowling on Saturday afternoon from 4-6 p.m. and again from 8 p.m.-midnights. The NAS Freedom Lane is open to all active duty, authorized civilians, retirees and their family members.

Active-duty free bowling: Wednesdays from open to close.

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

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

Call the center for event schedules at 542-3493.

NAS Jax Golf Club

The Golf Club staff has prepared a great combination for you to enjoy during February. You can have lunch and play golf for just \$20. It's an Eagle shot of a deal. If you miss this, it's your Bogie!

Mulligan's 19th Hole

Come out and join the Mulligan's crew for their festive Mardi Gras party, "Hipp Street" on Feb. 28. Enjoy a live jazz & blues band from 5-9 p.m. and

karaoke from 9 p.m. until midnight. Come out and crown the king and queen of Mardi Gras.

What's happening for kids?

Parents don't let your kids miss out on the great line-up of events at the Youth Activities Center. Bingo Fun is scheduled for tomorrow from 6-8 p.m. and the cost is \$2. Feb. 28 will be movie night starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$1.

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

Let Delivery Zone bring the meals to you

Can't get away from the office? Live on base? Having an office party? Call the Delivery Zone and let us bring the food to you. We deliver free anywhere on base and have a wide variety of pizzas, subs, salads, sandwiches, wings, appetizers and more on our menu. To place an order, call 542-3900.

Free movies offered

Enjoy free movies at the base theater each Friday evening starting at 7 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bring your own popcorn, soda and snacks. Sit back and enjoy some of Hollywood's premier blockbuster hits. There are no alcoholic beverages allowed in the theater and persons under 17 are not permitted without adult supervision.

Tomorrow, 7 p.m. - City By the Sea (R)

Saturday, 7 p.m. - Brown Sugar (PG 13)

February Liberty events

Tomorrow - An 8-ball tournament will be held at 7 p.m. Enjoy food beginning at 6 p.m. A \$25 gift certificate to the NEX will be awarded to the winner.

Saturday - Get certified in boating safety and take a spin on some of our Marina's watercraft. The first person to pass their course will receive a free voucher for a two-hour jet-ski rental.

Feb. 25 - Head to the movies with us. Active duty members go for free. The van leaves at 6:30 p.m. You choose whatever movie you'd like to

see.

Feb. 27 - Madden'03 tournament. Sign-up begins and food is served at 6 p.m. and the tournament starts at 7 p.m. A \$25 gift certificate to the NEX will be awarded to the winner.

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

You deserve a getaway so stop by our office located adjacent to the NEX, and sign up for a great trip. Our trips are open to all hands, so bring a friend! For more information call the office at 542-3318.

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

March 1 - Monster truck show, \$17
March 11 - Harlem Globetrotters, \$19.25
March 14-16 - Dragon Tales, \$16
March 25 - Stars on Ice, \$38
March 27-30 - The Players Championship, practice rounds are \$26.50
One-day tickets are \$46.50 and Stadium Club tickets for all week are \$139.05.

I.T.T. is sponsoring the following trips:

March 1 - Universal Orlando's Mardi Gras - Don't miss this trip because after playing all day at the park, you will ride on a float in the parade. Transportation and tickets are \$59.50 for adults and \$50 for children (3-11).

March 2 - Okefenokee Swamp - Enjoy a relaxing day including a boat tour, scenic nature drive and a walk on the boardwalk for \$15.50.

March 8 - Strawberry Festival - Join us as we head to Plant City, Fla. Enjoy rides, entertainment and strawberries. Tickets and transportation is \$22.50.

Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Show

The MWR Information, Ticketing and Travel office and the River Cove Catering Center will be hosting the popular Orlando-based Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Show on March 28. Watch for clues while on the edge of your seats as you try to solve an exciting who-dunnit. Price per person is \$30.

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

'Operation: Family Adventure' celebrates the Navy family

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Grab your camcorder and gather the family, because the adventure is just beginning and the deadline is March 14. Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has developed a contest to celebrate Military Family Month.

As part of MWR's Saluting Sailors and Their Families initiative, the Operation: Family Adventure contest will give Navy families the opportunity to submit a two-minute or less video of their family doing what it does best - being resourceful, using its imagination, working together as a team, and having fun.

Twenty-five winning families will then attend the regional portion of the contest at one of five locations

in May and June 2003. The regional portion of this contest consists of age specific outdoor activities for all family members. The top family from each region then goes on to compete in the ultimate adventure in Hawaii during Thanksgiving week 2003. Part of the fun is not knowing exactly what to expect - like the reality-based television shows that Americans are glued to on a nightly basis.

The first order of the day is to decide what you want to do and say in your video submission. Write a script or "wing it," use props or just yourselves, let an adult narrate or allow a child to do all the talking, whatever

you wish to do as a family can be submitted. It just can't be longer than two-minutes, must be on a VHS tape and, most importantly, it has to be in the judges' hands by March 14. More information and entry forms are available on the web at www.mwr.navy.mil (Saluting Sailors & Their Families link) or at your local MWR department.

The goal of Navy MWR's Saluting Sailors and Their Families initiative is to wow Sailors and their families with new and innovative programs and create MWR ambassadors. Some other contests that have been part of MWR's Saluting Sailors and Their

Families initiative include Navy New Year's Eve in New York City, Sand & Slopes, Navy Safari in Orlando, Monumental Fourth, and Holiday on the High Seas.

Military Family Month is celebrated in November of every year and began as the Great American Family program in 1983. Perhaps in November 2003 you and your family will be celebrating Military Family Month in Hawaii - with a few days of roughing it and then a surprise ending. You'll never win if you don't enter!

Renovated club re-opens on base

The Main Brace Officer's Club Bar celebrated its grand re-opening Feb 6. The event marked the completion of the renovation project at the Officer's Club and River Cove Conference Center. Numerous squadrons and command personnel enjoyed the festivities, including complimentary beverages and food. The hours of operation are Wednesday through Friday from 4-10 p.m. For more information, call 542-3041.



JAX SPORTS NEWS

Sports officials/scorekeepers needed

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

Greybeard softball league forming

The Greybeard league is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel ages 32 and above. This is a Captain's Cup event. The season is scheduled to begin in March and games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Intramural softball league starting

The intramural league is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel. This is a Captain's Cup event. The season is scheduled to begin in March and games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Women's softball league forming

The women's league is open to all NAS Jax active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. The season is scheduled to begin in March.

Open softball to begin

This league is open to all NAS Jax active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. A meeting will be held today at Mulligans at 4 p.m. The season begins in March and games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting.

Men and Women's Open Racquetball Tournaments slated

A Men's and Women's Open Racquetball Tournament will be held Feb. 24-27 starting at 5 p.m. at the gym. The tournament is free and open to all NAS Jax authorized patrons (active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, and DoD/NAF civilian employees). Sign up at the NAS Jax Gym by Feb. 18.

Navy Southeast Regional Running and Triathlon Team

Attention competition runners - represent the Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons. The Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms are provided, as well as, transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs.

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

Qualifying times

5K	Men 19:00	Women 24:00
10K	Men 34:00	Women 46:00
Marathon	Men 3 Hours 30 Min.	Women 4 Hours
Triathlon	Men 2 Hours 30 Min.	Women 3 Hours
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 via e-mail at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil.

SPORTS STANDINGS

Intramural Basketball Standings as of Feb. 14

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-30	14	1
Supply	13	1
VS-30	11	0
BDC	10	2
VP-45	10	4
AIMD	9	3
NavHosp	6	7
VP-45 O'S	4	8
HS-15 Blue	3	5
HS-15 Yellow	2	7
ATC Ops	2	10
FACSFAC	2	11
VS-31	2	11

Greybeard Basketball Standings as of Feb. 14

Team	Wins	Losses
NCTS	6	1
FACSFAC	4	1
NAMTra	4	2
VS-30	2	2
AIMD	2	4
NavHosp	2	4

4-on-4 Flag Football Standings as of Feb. 14

Team	Wins	Losses
VS-31	8	0
VP-30	6	2
NLSO	5	3
CNRSE	4	4
HS-5	4	4
NAMTra	4	4
AIMD	1	7

"Flight For The Cure" concert slated

The Jacksonville band AireTraffic will hold its annual "Flight For The Cure" celebration and concert Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Florida Theater.

Aire Traffic, a seven-member band of local air traffic controllers, offers a unique blend of original jazz, rock and contemporary music. In 1996, two members of the group, Wayne Lee and David Blumberg, combined their love of music and aviation to benefit cancer research.

Using aviation as an inspiration in writing, producing and performing their music, the band entertains while raising money to fight cancer. The group has produced four CDs, donating a large portion of their earnings to the Claudia Adams Barr

Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of the Harvard Medical School.

Tickets, at \$10 each, may be purchased by sending checks, cash or money

orders (payable to Dana-Farber Cancer Inst.) to: Flight For The Cure, 9117 Arundel Way, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or by calling 707-0508. More information is also available at www.flightfortheure.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

MOMS Club of Northeast Florida meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting is free and open to all at-home mothers and children who live in the zip code areas of 32206, 32218 and 32226. MOMS Club is a support group for moms wanting a variety of activities for you and your children. The chapter offers monthly meetings, newsletters, activity calendars, playgroups, field trips and service projects. For meeting location or more information, contact Debbie at 751-0671 (debbiejkg@yahoo.com) or Kathi at 751-3400 (katdj28@aol.com).

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

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

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

St. Joseph's New Directions is a year-round support group for the divorced and separated. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The

meetings start at 6:45 p.m. and are held in the Convent at St. Joseph's main church on Loretto Road. Call 268-1591.

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

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

The National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) will hold its monthly meeting on tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Urban League at 903 West Union St. NNOA is a non-secretariat, not for profit organization sanctioned by the Secretaries of Defense and Transportation to assist sea services in recruiting and training minority officers, increasing awareness of sea services opportunities in minority communities, and projecting a positive Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard image.

Branch 126 of the Fleet Reserve Association is holding their monthly meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the Branch Home, 7673 Blanding Boulevard. For more information, call 771-2936.

A Black History Month luncheon will be held tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Naval Station Mayport Ocean Breeze Club. The event is sponsored by Blount Island Command and Honeywell. The cost is \$6 for Blount Island employees and \$10 for everyone else. For more information, call Lt. Washington at 696-5005.

The National Naval Officer's Association is hosting a Mardi Gras Bash Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Winterbourne Inn in Orange Park. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Lt. Sean Judge at 542-7841 or Lt. Cmdr. Pia Woodley at 542-7511 Ext. 102.

VS-30/VS-801 will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration March 12-15, 2003 (in conjunction with Viking Week East) in Jacksonville. Contact: Lt. D.B. Waidelich at 542-8546 or email waidelichdb@vs30.navy.mil. Anyone searching for memorabilia and history should contact Cmdr. Ruth at ruthda@csowl.navy.mil.

The 60th Anniversary Jolly Roger Reunion (1943-2003) will be held May 15-17, 2003 at NAS Oceania, Va. For more information, e-mail reunion@vf103.navy.mil or call (757) 433-5833.

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