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TOUCHING BASE

Newspaper holiday deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 28, all submissions to the Jax Air News must be turned in by today at 4 p.m. for the Thanksgiving week edition. The paper will hit the stands on Nov. 27.

All submissions for the Dec. 5 edition must be turned in by 4 p.m. on Nov. 27. The Jax Air News office will be closed Nov. 28 and 29.

Seminar coming up

A Florida Family Law Information Seminar will be held Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 20 and March 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fleet and Family Support Center Classroom. The seminar will cover marriage issues, divorce, child support and military retirement. The class is open to all active duty, retirees and family members. Seats are limited. Call 542-2766, Ext. 127 to sign up. Child care is not available for this seminar.

Veterinary shot clinic offered

The South Atlantic District Veterinary Command NAS Jacksonville Branch will hold a walk-in clinic this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Saturday clinic will offer shots and conduct heartworm tests for pets. No appointments are needed, walk-ins only. For more information, call 542-3786.

USO offers NoHoHo Program

The USO is sponsoring their annual NoHoHo Holiday Program, offering nice hotel rooms to active duty members living in the barracks or on ships for only \$10 per night. The offer is good for up to four people in a room.

If you are unable to go home for the holidays, would like to have family or friends visit you, or just want to get out of the barracks during the holiday season, make reservations by calling 778-2821. The rooms are available Dec. 20-26.



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

The NAS Jax Fitness Center closed yesterday for some major renovations to upgrade the facility. The project is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Base Fitness Center closed until April for renovations

By Kaylee LaRocque
Staff Writer

If you've been by the Fitness Center, you've already found out the big news.

For those of you who haven't been there lately, the center closed its doors yesterday for a major renovation project inspired by the customers who use the facilities. The project will include some significant upgrades, including new air conditioning and heating units, a sprinkler system, additional showers in the women's locker room, a whole new layout of the weight and cardio rooms and a new control center for instructors on the floor so they can better serve the customers.

This is phase one of the project, which is expected to be completed by mid-April. The project was contracted to Reynolds, Smith and Hills, a local company and will cost \$868,106. Phase two of the project, which will be to expand the center about 3,000 square feet, will take place later next year. This part of the project is being handled by CBU-410 who will build a huge

shell enclosure to be added on to the back of the center.

"We are getting a huge facelift. This whole renovation project is being driven by our customer's requests. We've taken a look at every single complaint, survey and suggestion they've had. We know we need more space, more showers, better air conditioning and heat. This project has been in the planning stage for several years, and now we're finally getting the upgrades to make our center a state-of-the-art facility," said Barbara Millhollan, fitness director, enthusiastically.

Of course, closing the facility for the next several months will have a huge impact on the customers. "This affects about 17,000 to 22,000 people who use our facility each month. We are doing everything we can to accommodate and anticipate each and every one of our customer's needs. We are currently relocating some of our equipment to the base gym and plan to operate out of there for the next couple of months," Millhollan explained.

At the gym, half of the basketball

court will be turned into a fitness room with Nautilus equipment brought over from the Fitness Center. Aerobic and exercise classes will be held in one of the racquetball courts.

"We've hired a company to move everything so we can stick to our timeline. We will take whatever exercise and weight machines to the gym. Our entire staff is relocating to the gym and is available to continue to serve our customers. We're trying to be customer-friendly to make sure we don't lose anyone. Our goal is to reopen with the same number of people we left with," added Millhollan.

Although the project will definitely cause some disruption to people's workouts, Millhollan says the end results will definitely be



During the renovation, many of the workout machines are being moved to the base gym to allow patrons to continue their normal workouts.

worth it.

"This is going to be such a great facility. Our New Year's resolution is to open and be better than ever. We plan to have bigger and better programs and quality service. We just hope everyone returns in April," she said.

In the meantime, patrons are asked to use the base gym to continue their exercise regimes. The gym is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday hours vary and will be posted at the counter. For more information, call 542-3239.

FFSC workshop trains volunteer mentors



Photo by Miriam S. Gallet

Participants at a recent Mentor Training Workshop held at NAS Jax Chapel listen to Della Myers, a trainer with Kesler Mentor Connection. The workshop was sponsored by the NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) for Sailors, retirees and family members who volunteered as mentors to youths within the community or at local schools. The one-day workshop is required for all mentors. "As a base, we want to be sure kids are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in life. This is our first mentoring training workshop. We will be conducting these sessions every three months and would like to encourage those interested in being a mentor to stop by FFSC," said Dianne Parker, FFSC Community Services coordinator and workshop organizer. NAS Jacksonville recently adopted Biltmore Elementary School where 75 percent of the students are handicapped. Mentors are needed. To volunteer, call 542-2766, Ext. 130.



Photo by JO1 Mike Jones

Fastening seatbelts before operating any vehicle is a life-saving habit all Sailors must practice.

Click It or Ticket campaign to begin

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

It takes only a matter of seconds to operate and it can save your life. Yet, tragically, so many Sailors refuse to use this device for a number of reasons and many perish needlessly.

It's a proven fact that seatbelts save lives and in most states, it's required by law that drivers and passengers wear them.

To ensure the widest enforcement of seatbelt laws,

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WEEKEND WEATHER

	FRIDAY 47/68
	Clear
	SATURDAY 45/64
	Clear
	SUNDAY 45/66
	Clear

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

SECURITY SCOOP

Don't be a turkey, be safe during the holidays

By William Curnutte
Crime Prevention Officer

Well the big holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day will soon be here. This is the time that you will probably start either your vacation or your Christmas shopping. This is also the time that the criminals will start their shopping - at your expense. Here are some tips to keep you from being a turkey so you can enjoy the one at the table on Thanksgiving.

Obviously, there will be more drivers on the road. Some will be heading out of town for the holidays. Many will be going to overcrowded malls for some serious shopping. And, many people will attend holiday parties. Naturally, this all leads to congested traffic.

Unfortunately, not all the drivers drive as well as you do. A lot of drivers think yellow on a traffic light means to speed up. Others don't know how to use a turn signal. And many people are in such a hurry they might even cut you off in traffic. Please resist the urge to express your displeasure by using sign language. Avoid road rage at all costs! It just might save your life.

Remember, that alcohol-related traffic fatalities and injuries are the highest at this time of year. If you are going to drink, don't drive. Have a designated driver or take a cab. For military members, cab rides are free. Just call the OOD at 542-2338 and let them know you need a ride home from a local bar. The ride is free, courtesy of MWR. DoD civilians are charged, but it's definitely cheaper than getting a DUI.

Always park in a well-lighted, well-populated area. Don't park next to cars occupied by people just hanging out. If you don't feel comfortable about stopping, find another parking spot. Once stopped, keep your doors locked until you have observed your surroundings and are ready to exit your car.

Shopping malls are favorites of pickpockets during the holidays. It's hard to watch your money while carrying packages at the same time. Don't overload yourself with packages. If someone bumps into you, ensure you still have your purse or wallet.

Ladies, please keep your purses closed, zipped and secured. Carry them with firm grip close to your body to make them harder to grab;

thus, less inviting. Don't wrap straps tightly around your body. It's better to let a purse snatcher get away instead of getting hurt. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart.

Men, please carry your wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket. It's easier to watch your wallet when it's in front of you than behind you.

If you plan to buy on credit, carry only those credit cards you intend to use and leave the others at home. When you use one, make sure you get the carbon copies with your receipt. Thieves have been known to "dumpster dipping" to get credit card account numbers.

Many shoppers take their purchases to their cars and then return to the mall to continue shopping. Make sure you leave nothing in the car where a thief can see it. Put everything in the trunk. A thief won't hesitate to break a car window to get something of value.

When all the shopping is done and the gifts are under the tree, remember to close your blinds. There is no reason to advertise your presents to the crooks.

Please don't be a turkey. Enjoy the holidays, but be safe and alert so you can celebrate next year.



Meet A Sailor...

LN2(SS) LEONARD AGUILAR

Job title/command:
CNRSE Legal

Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.

Family Life: Wife, Anali, two sons, John and Darius

Past Duty Stations: USS New York City (SSN 696), USS Hawkbill (SSN 666), NS Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Career Plans: To finish college.

Most Interesting Experience: Playing touch football in the North Pole.

Words of Wisdom: Actions, not words or intentions are the best way to judge others.

HELPING HANDS

HabiJax needs helpers

HabiJax is looking for help this month and in December to get homes ready so families can move in prior to the holidays.

Tasks will vary from framing work and vinyl siding installation to painting and landscaping. Volunteer groups of 10 people per worksite would be ideal. Larger groups will be split among nearby sites and smaller groups combined with others.

Workdays are available Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring hammers, work gloves, bag lunch and water bottles.

Groups will meet at the HabiJax warehouse at 2404 Hubbard Street at 7:45 a.m.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the new HabiJax Youth Activities program. These volunteers will be making cat tree kits (at the HabiJax warehouse) to send to youth clubs, groups and grade schools and helping youth groups in the community to construct birdhouses for their new backyards.

If you are interested or you have a group who is interested, call Natalie Searns at

798-4529, ext. 253 or email nsears@HabiJax.com.

Salvation Army Bell Ringer Project

Volunteers are needed now to Dec. 24 for the NAS Jacksonville Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringer Project at the Orange Park Mall. This project provides assistance during the holidays and throughout the year for needy people in our local community.

Commandments/departments, active duty service members, civilian employees and military spouses and other family members are welcome to participate in this event. Call Dianne at 542-2766, ext. 130 to sign up.

Golf tourney and gala

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc. will host their annual gala on Dec. 14 and golf tournament Dec. 16. Twenty volunteers are needed for each event.

Volunteers for the gala will greet guests and help with parking. You must have a valid driver's license. Volunteers for the golf

tournament will serve as hole-in-one observers, refreshment station workers and runners.

The foundation serves as an advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children of Northeast Florida. Contact Dianne at 542-2766, ext. 130 for information and to sign up.

Naval Hospital Red Cross seeks volunteers

Red Cross volunteers operate the Naval Hospital's visitor's parking lot shuttle cart service.

The service will soon expand to include a second shuttle cart and will also begin operating both mornings and afternoons.

The Red Cross is currently taking applications for additional volunteers to serve as drivers for the shuttle carts.

The only requirements for shuttle cart drivers are that the person be outgoing, eager to help and possess a current Florida driver's license.

Volunteers are also needed to work other areas in the hospital such as at reception desks greeting and providing information for



Meet A Civilian...

DAVE KISTLER

Job title/command:
NAS Jax Post Office Clerk

Hometown: Jacksonville

Family Life: Married for 23 years to my wife, Patti, three sons, Jeffrey, Joshua and Jensen.

Past Duty Stations: Numerous Post Offices throughout Jacksonville.

Career Plans: I'm happy with my career, plan to retire in eight years.

Most Interesting Experience: Going on a cruise to the Bahamas and participating in the Indian Guides Program with my sons.

Words of Wisdom: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If we don't have love, we have nothing.

HEY MONEYMAN!

Hey, MoneyMan!

I don't know squat about investing money. Every time I hear someone else talking about their investments, they make it sound like they are making a lot of money in mutual funds and I feel I am losing out. What are mutual funds and how can I get some?

MoneyMan Sez:

People love to talk about making money with their investments, but the don't talk much about their losses. Mutual funds are worth considering, but not all mutual funds are created equally.

In the book, *The Saavy Sailor*, the author recommends you check out mutual funds by going to the Mutual Funds Education Alliance at www.mfea.com. There you can find a list of good no-load mutual fund companies. He also added that you should be careful not to invest in "contractual mutual funds" that obligate you to invest a set number of dollars every month over a 10 to 20 year time frame.

These contracts usually charge all of the investment fees "up front" or at the beginning of the contract. This means you could pay as much as 50 percent of your first year's investments as an up-front load. This could be very costly! Mutual funds are normally a great way to invest for active duty folks and plenty of no-load or very low-load funds are available.

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



Thanksgiving Day menu at the galley

The Thanksgiving meal will be served Nov. 28 from 1-4 p.m. at the base galley.

- Baked Spiral Ham
- Roast Turkey
- Baked Macaroni and Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Cornbread Dressing
- Homestyle Giblet Gravy
- Southern Style Greens
- Sweet Corn
- Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Blackeyed Peas
- Turkey Noodle Soup
- Pecan Pie
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Apple Pie

Free Thanksgiving dinner for single Sailors

Liberty will host Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings for all single Sailors from 3-6 p.m. next Thursday. For more information, call 542-3491.



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.

"The Great American Smoke-Out"
November 21st

In observance of the "Think American Smoke-Out" the Naval Hospital Jax Wellness Center will be sponsoring a HTFSSO session to help you battle nicotine addiction.

* Open to all, no cost to receive your seat!

* There will also be an opportunity to win a "FREE" turkey courtesy of the HAJAX Commissary.

Correction

Last week we ran an article concerning Admiral's Call on Nov. 26. This meeting is for CNRSE military and civilian personnel only. All CNRSE personnel should report to the VP-30 auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Letters to Santa to be published

The Jax Air News will publish selected Letters to Santa in the Dec. 19 issue.

Based on the amount received, we will print as many letters as our space allows so Santa will have a better chance to see what the children from NAS Jax are hoping to receive in their Christmas stockings this year.

Letters can be mailed to the Jax Air News, Box 2, NAS Jacksonville, Fla., 32212-5000 or dropped off to the office, Room 219,



Building 1 by Dec. 13. Email letters to: larcoc-quek@cnrse.navy.mil or fax to 542-1534.

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Taylor to take command of NAMTRAU Jax

By ATC Howard Chancy
NAMTRAU PAO

Cmdr. Leland Taylor will relieve Cmdr. Harold Harbeson Jr., as commanding officer of Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit (NAMTRU) Jacksonville today at 10 a.m. at a ceremony in Building 858.

Capt. R. Carl Mock, executive officer, Naval Air Maintenance Training Group, and the Senior Aviation Limited Duty Officer, will be the guest speaker.

Taylor entered the U.S. Navy in 1976 after serving a four-year tour in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief on the F-4C Phantom and C-130 Hercules aircraft at Luke AFB from 1972 to 1976.

After Other Service Veteran (OSVET) training in 1976 at NTC Great Lakes, Taylor attended Aviation Metalsmith (Hydraulics) AMH "A" school in Memphis, Tenn. and F-4 FRAMP at VF-121 as NAS Miramar, Calif.

In May of 1977, he reported to his first fleet squadron, VF-191, onboard USS Coral Sea, completing a Western Pacific deployment.

After VF-191 decommissioned in November 1977, Taylor transferred to the "Black Knights" of VF-154 and completed his second and third Western Pacific deployments while onboard USS Ranger.

From January 1981 to March 1984, he was assigned to the Blue Angels as the solo crew chief on the number six and five aircraft and a diamond crew chief on the number three aircraft.

Taylor attended FA-18 Hydraulics "C" school in 1984 at NAS Lemoore and the Instructor Training Course at NTC San Diego in preparation as a "C" school instructor from November 1984 to June 1986, where he was designated a Master Training Specialist.

In 1986, while assigned as a FA-18 "C" school instructor, Taylor was commissioned through the LDO Program.

His first assignment as an officer was with VFA-25 from October 1986 to June 1989 where he was the Maintenance Material Control officer (MMCO). As MMCO, he completed two Western Pacific deployments onboard USS Constellation.



Cmdr. Leland Taylor



Cmdr. Harold Harbeson Jr.

From July 1989 to August 1991, Taylor was attached to VFA-151 as the MMCO onboard USS Midway where he completed two more Western Pacific deployments including Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from December 1990 to April 1991.

From August 1991 to October 1994, he was assigned as the maintenance officer at VFA-127, NAF Fallon, Nev.

In October 1994, he was assigned as IM3 division officer onboard USS Constellation and later transferred to COMNAVAIRPAC as the NALCOMIS program officer from August 1996 to October 1997. Additionally, he was temporarily assigned as the COMHETAC maintenance officer for five months.

In October 1997, Taylor transferred to COMCARARIWING Five as the maintenance officer. During the 25 months he was assigned there, he cross-decked the Airwing from USS Independence to USS Kitty Hawk and completed two Persian Gulf deployments.

In November 1999, Taylor transferred to COMHSWINGPAC at NAS North Island, Calif.

Harbeson's next duty assignment will be NAMTRAGRU N2 as director of operations.



Photos by JO1 Mike Jones

Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown delivers the oath of enlistment to new recruits and Sailors from Miami and NAS Key West, as Ford F-150 driver Jon Wood watches during a ceremony at Homestead-Miami Speedway Nov. 15.

29 join, renew pledge to 'Stay Navy'

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

Twenty-nine recruits and Sailors pledged to renew and in many cases, begin naval service during a ceremony at the Homestead-Miami Speedway Nov. 15.

In the shadow of the Roush Racing Ford F-150 Navy truck, Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown delivered the oath of enlistment to the group. Roush driver Jon Wood was also on hand to congratulate the group, sign autographs and pose for photos.

"This was really a great deal. I've brought my family and we were really looking forward to this," said NAS Key West Air Facility Manager ABH2 Kevin White.

During the ceremony, White reenlisted for four years. "I'm really enjoying my career right now," he said. "I'm at the eight-year mark and at this point, I think I'm going to stay in."

For many of the new recruits, the event marked an exciting beginning to their naval service.

"I feel very proud of myself. I never thought I would've made it this far," said Miami, Fla. resident Maria Gutierrez. The many benefits, including college tuition assistance, influenced her decision to join the Navy. "I'd like to be a photographer," said Gutierrez, who leaves for boot camp Feb. 19, 2003. "I'm also going to pursue my college education and work towards a law degree."

"There are so many



Ford F-150 driver Jon Wood signs an autograph for NAS Key West's ABHC(AW) Randall Gale and family following the ceremony.

opportunities available," remarked Joanna Arside who leaves for boot camp Jan. 27, 2003. "At this point, I want to be an air traffic controller."

The opportunity to reenlist at such a different location was a welcome change for NAS Key West's ABHC(AW) Randall Gale.

With 18 years of service to his credit, he reenlisted for two years at the ceremony. "It was fantastic. This is something different and exciting," he said. "The Navy's treated me and my family well."

Those curious about the event were treated to a Navy information booth manned by Navy Recruiting District, Miami's YH2 Hector Rodriguez.

"It's a good experience

coming out here. I've never been to an event like this," he said. Rodriguez explained the Roush truck caught the eyes of many people at the track, and gave him a chance to further explain career opportunities in the Navy. "It's a good truck, and it gets the attention of a lot of young people here."

"I think the truck's outstanding," added White. "It definitely fits with the slogan, 'Accelerate Your Life.'"

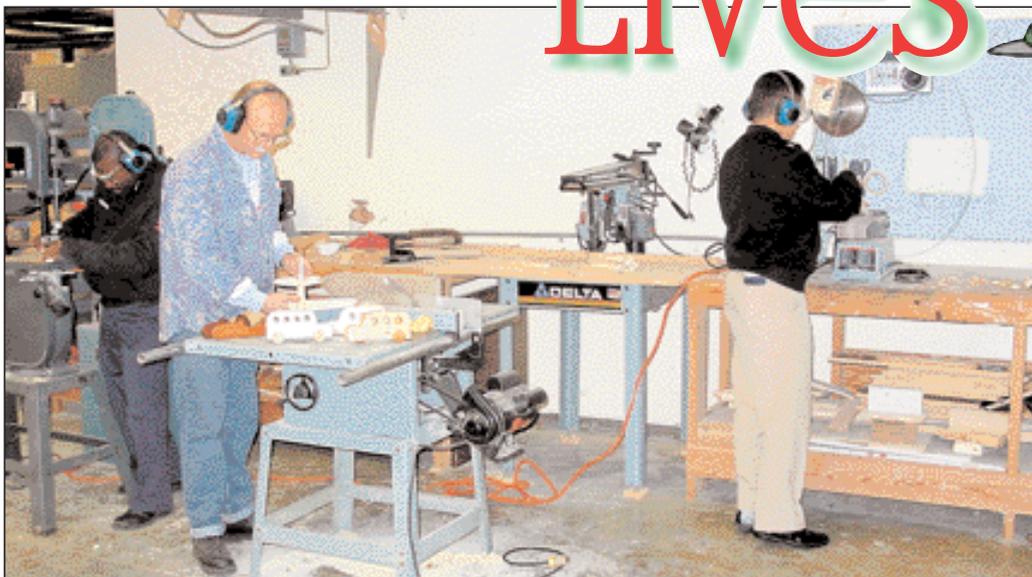
Following the ceremony, the Sailors and recruits received complimentary tickets to the Ford 200 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race which featured the Navy Ford F-150.

Wood finished the race in 14th place.



Crew members refasten the wheels to the Ford F-150 Navy truck at the Homestead/Miami Speedway.

Santa's Elves



DVECC staff members work attentively at various woodworking machines, making wooden toys for local hospitalized children.



Kent Smith (standing) and EN2 Ewarth Roberts, members of the DVECC team, adjust a band saw before cutting out new toy pieces.



Kent Smith, a Bio-Science technician and Woodworking Shop custodian at DVECC, cleans the edges of a wooden toy bus.

DVECC builds toys for local hospitalized children



Lt. Cmdr. Jose Medina, DVECC administrative officer, applies the finishing touches to a wooden piece to be assembled into a wooden airplane.

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay
Staff Writer

Psychologists have documented that play and toys can help a child to cope and adjust to illness and hospitalization better. This Christmas season, hospitalized children in the greater Jacksonville area will be positively impacted in part by the generosity of the Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center (DVECC) staff.

DVECC staff members recently joined forces with the Jacksonville Woodworker's Club to produce more than 1,500 wooden toys that will be donated to Wolfson Children's Hospital and pediatric wards throughout the area.

With the combined efforts of EN2 Ewarth Roberts, HM2 Allen Phillips, Kent Smith, and Dr. James Brown more than 100 hand-made airplanes, wooden cars, trucks and buses were made at the DVECC Woodworking Shop. The toys will be presented to children within the next couple of

weeks. DVECC Office-in-Charge Cmdr. David Claborn commented, "This year is the first time the staff participates in this event. It is a wonderful project that was totally carried out by the staff and I'm very proud of them. This toy-making project has worked out very well and we are hoping to be part of it again next year."

In addition to the numerous humanitarian overseas projects in countries such as Suriname and Guyana, both in South America, and Sao-Tome, Africa; the DVECC staff also has a long tradition of local community service. Throughout the year, the staff is involved in a business partnership with Lakeside Junior High School and annual weeklong visits by a variety of Navy League Cadet Units, along with other mentoring projects.

Roberts, a native of Guyana, South America and the Navy engineman responsible for the center's mechanical equipment, immediately jumped

at the opportunity of making toys for sick children. "It has been a privilege to be part of this project. I had a lot of fun building the toys. It was a learning experience for me to do something outside my rate. I plan to contribute my time and efforts again next year and as long as I am stationed here," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Jose Medina, DVECC administrative officer was thrilled with the opportunity to make toys for hospitalized children. He said, "Making toys for hospitalized children is a great project. It also gave me the opportunity to refresh my woodworking skills."

Phillips continued, echoing Medina's sentiments, "It was great to gain some woodworking experience and to help the children at the same time. I like that the toys we made will give the children in the hospital something special for Christmas."

Smith, a bio-science technician



Toy-making in progress: The DVECC Woodworking Shop is in the process of making 100 pieces of wooden toys, which include airplanes, buses and trucks, for local hospitalized children.



*Photos by
Miriam S. Gallet*

EN2 Ewarth Roberts, a Navy engineman and volunteer toy maker, cuts out wooden pieces to be assembled into beautiful toys that will be donated to local pediatric wards and Wolfson Children's Hospital.



(From left) EN2 Ewarth Roberts, Kent Smith, HM2 Allen Phillips, Dr. James Brown and Lt. Cmdr. Jose Madina proudly stand by examples of the toys they made that will be given to local pediatric wards and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

DVECC: Community service project will touch the hearts of hospitalized children

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and woodshop technician explained that the main purpose of the DVECC Woodshop is to fabricate embarkation containers for the deployable preventive medicine teams that deployed all over the world. The woodshop also supports other in-house self-help projects such the construction of custom shelving, monitor stands and equipment platforms. However, when he saw the blueprint, he volunteered to turn the drawn patterns into beautiful wooden toys.

"The four of us who worked on this project cut, sanded and assembled the toys so the children will have something to play with during the holidays," said Smith. "It is very rewarding."

Brown, DVECC entomologist and department head, led the team. Brown, a member of the Woodworker's Club has been participating in this event for the past 10 years. "This project allows concerned Sailors to offer some joy to members of our community, who may be under duress during the holidays. We take great pride in our toys and the smiles witnessed on the children's faces is more than enough to justify our efforts," said Brown.

The Woodworker's Club is open to anyone interested in this hobby. The club has about 100 members who meet on the third weekend of each month to share ideas. A key speaker is usually invited to talk about the craft.

For more information on the holiday toy project or the Jacksonville Woodworking Club, call Margret Miller at 744-1362.



DVECC Bio-Science Technician and Woodworking Shop Custodian Kent Smith proudly shows several of the wood patterns he made in order to produce 100 wooden toys for hospitalized children within the Jacksonville community.

Rountree prepares for retirement

By JO1 Mike Jones
Assistant Editor

When former CNRSE Comptroller Capt. James Rountree is piped ashore for the final time tomorrow, he officially ends over 30 years of active naval service.

The Navy's slogan used to be, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure," and for Rountree, that adventure began in his hometown of Knoxville, Tenn. "After high school, I was looking at various opportunities for college," he said. "I discovered the Navy's R.O.T.C. program and was pleased to learn I'd been selected."

Following graduation from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga. in 1972, Rountree was commissioned an ensign. "I had sort of an interesting beginning in the Navy. I was commissioned as a supply corps officer. I knew that's what I

wanted to do," he remarked.

After completing the Navy's Supply Corps School located in Athens, Ga. in 1973, Rountree received orders to his first duty station, the USS Mount Katmi (AE 16). "The ship had just returned from an extended deployment to Vietnam," Rountree explained. "It was decided that the ship should be decommissioned, and I literally had to call the detailer for a new set of orders the first day I reported aboard."

He next reported to the USS Shasta (AE 33) where he served as assistant supply officer.

While onboard, he made his first deployment to the Pacific. "It was a wonderful experience," he remembered.

After serving aboard the Shasta, Rountree and his family found themselves at their first overseas assignment. Reporting aboard NAS Bermuda in 1976, he served as first the station's disbursing officer and then assistant comptroller. "That was a wonderful, wonderful place to go," he said. While serving in Bermuda, Rountree and his wife, Carol welcomed the birth of their son, Todd.

In 1979, Rountree returned to sea as a plankowner aboard USS Deyo (DD 989) where he served as supply officer. Serving as the ship's first supply officer meant he oversaw the initial stocking of all the ship's goods. "That was a huge undertaking," he said. "It was like a gigantic PCS move." While in Charleston, S.C., the

Rountree's welcomed the birth of their second son, Brett.

Following his tour aboard USS Deyo, Rountree returned to the supply corps school to serve as an instructor. "I had the privilege of developing and instructing a course in leadership management educational training."

Rountree next reported to the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. where he received a master's degree in financial management.

He next reported to Washington D.C. at the Office of General Planning and Programming for the Chief of Naval Operations. "That was a very challenging job, extremely long hours, but I learned a lot from the tremendous people I worked with there," he said.

Rountree stayed in the D.C. area for his next two assignments serving first at as a budget officer at Naval Supply Systems Command and later at the Pentagon as a budget analyst for Office of Budget and Reports for Comptroller of the Navy.

Rountree then returned to sea serving as the supply officer aboard USS Wasp (LHD 1).

"My family and I made the difficult decision that I would serve aboard the Wasp as a geobachelor because the ship was homeported in Norfolk, Va. and the family wanted to remain in Washington."

While on the Wasp, Rountree was

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Capt. James Rountree

Navy plans P-3C replacement in near future

By Lt. Kanan Ott
VP-30

Pilots from the local P-3 squadrons recently participated in flight demonstrations of the Boeing 737-700 aircraft. The aircraft could be a replacement for the aging fleet of P-3C, commonly referred to as the Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) and EP-3E airframes.

Among the enthusiastic pilots who took part in the demonstrations flights were Cmdr. Ken Bowen, VP-30's executive officer, and about a dozen officers from his wardroom.

VP-30 is the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) for the current P-3C Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPR) Aircraft. VP-30 would be responsible for implementing the

transition into the fleet of the follow-on platform. The demonstration flight profile included a climb to 39,000 feet, a maximum rate descent, low level flight at 200-feet, steep turns at 60 degrees angle of bank, and single engine performance demonstrations before returning to NAS Jacksonville for several touch and go's. Several of the VP-30 pilots, including Bowen, got a chance actually to fly the aircraft.

Presently, Boeing and Lockheed Martin (the manufacturer of the P-3C) are the only two companies that have been offered a \$7 million U.S. government contract for the concept advanced development (CAD) phase of MMA.

Navy officials wants MMA to achieve initial operational capability by 2012 or earlier to replace the 251

P-3s still in service, some of which are over 30 years old and rapidly approaching their life expectancy. The Navy could accept additional contractors into CAD phase through the end of 2003. It is anticipated that a single concept will be selected in early 2004.

The venerable Orion has continued to prove its worth as a valuable part of the Battle Group in recent conflicts such as Operation Enduring Freedom. Its multi-mission capabilities as well as its ability to act as an airborne command and control platform for special operations forces have given it a special role in the war on terrorism.

It is widely believed the P-3C's success has jump-started the normally sluggish acquisition process to find a replacement for this aging veteran.



Photo courtesy of VS-24

A "Scout" S-3B Viking carries the AGM-84K (SLAM-ER) Captive Air Training Missile (CATM) in support of a Carrier Air Wing Eight training strike mission during recent detachment to Fallon, Nev.

'Scouts' return from Fallon

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

The "Scouts" of VS-24, led by Cmdr. Brad Robinson, recently completed a Carrier Air Wing Eight detachment to NAS Fallon, Nev. training for their upcoming deployment aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

The Scouts were used as an effective tool in strike warfare training conducting Electronic Surveillance (ES) as well as employing the Stand-off Land Attack Missile - Expanded Response (SLAM-ER). The accuracy, reliability, stand-off capability and man in the loop features of SLAM-ER combined with Scout maintainer and aircrew enthusiasm made VS-24 a formidable strike warfare player.

VS-24 flew 10 SLAM-ER missions while in Fallon and was involved in every air wing strike mission, controlling and engaging various air defense targets, both fixed and mobile. Aircrews utilized both autonomous and cooperative control of the missile, serving as primary controller on all air wing SLAM-ER events. The aircrew quickly became proficient with 12 successful engagements.

VS-24 aircrews logged approximately 240 flight hours, executed 40 ES missions and led 10 SLAM-ER missions in addition to accomplishing numerous unit level training flights. Scout maintainers rose to meet every challenge during this, the first Air Wing level training conducted during the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC). With six aircraft and an aggressive flight schedule, maintenance personnel worked diligently to meet mission and training requirements.

There was rarely a break in the action during the compressed training cycle. Nearly five weeks of training was neatly packed into three weeks. A command picnic was one of the few recreational opportunities available. CMDCM(SS/AW) Lennie Nowlin did an outstanding job with the command picnic, serving his "specialty" ribs and providing plenty of sporting equipment. The barbecued ribs continue to be mentioned in conversation.

Additionally, the Scouts proudly frocked five airmen to petty officer third class, 12 petty officers to petty officer second class and three to petty officer first class.

HS-7 completes final work-ups

By Lt. j.g. Kris Robinson
HS-7 PAO

On Oct. 7, the "Dusty Dogs" of HS-7 returned home after completing final preparations for their upcoming deployment.

HS-7 will leave for JTG 03-01 later this year as part of Carrier Airwing Three (CVW-3) aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

The Dustys returned after completing two weeks at sea with the Truman Battle Group participating in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTJFEX). The purpose of JTJFEX is to integrate the carrier airwing, as well as other assets in the battle group, with a Marine Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The various capabilities of the multiple Navy and Marine Corps platforms are combined to form a powerful manifestation of American warfighting capability,



Photo courtesy of HS-7

A HH-60H, Dusty 616, completes a vertical replenishment while at sea.

The exercise is designed, administered, and ultimately graded by Commander Second Fleet (COMSECONDFLT). COM-

SECONDFLT is the theater commander for naval forces operating in the Atlantic Ocean. JTJFEX is the "final exam" for a carrier group prior to deploying on a six-month cruise. In the Navy's

"crawl, walk, run" philosophy of training, JTJFEX is the finish line.

Prior to the exercise, the Dusty Dogs and CVW-3 spent the summer gearing up for cruise. Before JTJFEX, the Truman Battle Group spent six weeks at sea between August and September in the balmy tropical clime of Puerto Rico for Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). COMPTUEX is the first "real-world scenario" integration of the air wing, the carrier, and all the surface ships in the force. The training is scenario based, designed about a real world situation of escalating tensions with the rogue nation of "Vandal Land" that ultimately result in hostilities. The various stages of the scenario reflect the difficulties Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen face in real life regarding rules of engagement, self-defense, displays of force, and ultimately

power projection.

In both exercises, COMPTUEX and JTJFEX, the Dusty Dogs performed all their missions extremely well. In Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), squadron members were on target as the only remaining organic ASW asset on the carrier. In Combat Search and Rescue HS-7 was successful 100 percent of the time in the recovery of downed aircrew. And in naval special warfare, the Dusty Dogs, working with members of SEAL Team 8, flawlessly executed three Heliborne Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (HVBSS) practice missions; effectively "taking down" the non-compliant ships.

At the end of six months of arduous training, the Dusty Dogs stand ready to deploy and stand their watch anywhere around the globe- well trained, and highly motivated.

CFC drive continues going strong

From the Chief of Staff
Commander, Navy Region Southeast

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is still going strong and we've made it past the half-way mark to our set goal. As of Nov. 12, contributions from NAS Jacksonville, NAVSTA Mayport and Subase Kings Bay have resulted in \$931,679 raised - achieving 56 percent of the Region's goal of \$1,660,456.

NAS Jax has currently raised \$242,954 with a goal of \$693,007. A special thanks to those commands who have turned in pledges thus far in the campaign. Command involvement and leadership are essential ingredients to a successful campaign and to making a difference in the community.

CFC is about people helping people. And we can help them. We can raise awareness of all the positive things

CFC organizations do for our families, friends and community, and we can ensure that every Sailor, Marine and civilian member of your command is given the opportunity to help others in need.

Commands should make every effort to turn in pledge forms as soon as possible.

For more information or questions about CFC at NAS Jax, call Lt. Cmdr. Newsteder at 542-2521/2460.

KUDO KORNER

The following staff members at Naval Hospital Jacksonville were recently recognized with awards:

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
HM3 Andrea Byrne

Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence Briggs
HMC Nicholas Sebring
HM1 Sean Hancock
HM3 Carol Blue
HM3 Krista Labouev

Length of Service Award
Mattie White (20 years)

The following is the campaign progress for NAS Jax commands as of Nov. 12:

Command	Goal	Contributions	Percentage										
Admin/NAS Jax Executive				Disease Vector/Ecology & Control				PSA	\$4,489	\$3,536	79%		
	\$3,551	\$642	18%		\$2,009	\$2,872	143%	PSD	\$4,294	\$1,333	31%		
AIMD	\$34,544	\$8,496	25%	Drug Screening Lab				PWC	\$11,477	\$16,590	145%		
CBU-410	\$2,032	\$1,273	63%		\$4,724	\$1,495	32%	ROICC	\$10,324	\$1,466	14%		
Chapel	\$882	\$1,187	135%	Facilities & Environmental				SERCC	\$2,487	\$2,094	84%		
COMHSWINGLANT					\$3,067	\$2,086	68%	SPAWAR	\$6,720	\$5,906	88%		
	\$6,870	\$5,162	75%	FFSC	\$2,498	\$902	36%	Special Events					
COMNAVREG SE	\$22,878	\$24,077	105%	HS-5	\$10,327	\$2,124	21%		\$566	\$744	131%		
COMSEACONWINGLANT	\$3,404	\$4,159	122%	HS-11	\$8,510	\$1,782	21%	Supply/CBQ	\$4,662	\$3,208	69%		
SEACON Weps School	\$2,058	\$1,734	84%	MWR	\$5,515	\$4,784	87%	TPU	\$2,896	\$2,246	78%		
COMPATRECONFORLANT Det	\$566	\$744	132%	NADEP	\$204,000	\$117,111	57%	U.S. Customs Surveillance					
CV-TSC Ashore	\$1,510	\$850	56%	NAMTra	\$13,071	\$6,328	48%		\$8,426	\$5,272	63%		
DISA DECC Det Jax	\$5,751	\$4,729	82%	Naval Brig	\$3,490	\$395	11%	Weapons	\$4,224	\$2,905	69%		
				Naval Dental Clinic SE	\$7,101	\$2,196	31%	VP-30	\$38,531	\$19,329	50%		
				Navy/Marine Corps Reserve	\$1,524	\$727	48%	VS-22	\$13,316	\$3,168	24%		
				NavHosp Jax	\$71,800	\$16,584	24%	VS-30	\$12,883	\$5,922	46%		
				NCTS	\$8,590	\$2,913	34%	VS-31	\$13,130	\$5,873	45%		
								VS-32	\$12,643	\$6,361	50%		

Rountree to retire tomorrow

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selected to the rank of Captain. In June 1993, he reported to the staff of the Defense Logistics Agency Headquarters.

In 1996, he reported to Jacksonville where he served as commanding officer for the Navy Exchange Service Center.

During this time, Rountree helped form the financial management operations to the newly formed Navy Region Southeast. "By that point in time, fortunately a billet had been created here. I basically worked myself into that job," he mentioned. "I had a wonderful staff during that time."

Reflecting on his retirement, Rountree noted he has mixed emotions regarding the end of his service. "It only seems like yesterday that I was commissioned," he said. "When I was first commissioned, I originally had no intentions of making this a career. I thought I'd just do a couple of tours, but each tour was more enjoyable for me."

"I'm excited about what the future has to offer. I don't exactly call this a retirement ceremony ... more of a commencement ceremony."

Rountree explained none of his service would have been possible without the support of his family. "It's an understatement to say my family's been the bedrock to what I've been able to accomplish. They have been the perfect Navy family."

As far as regrets? "I jokingly tell people that the only regret I have is that it took me 24 years to find Jacksonville," he said. "My family and I love it here."



Members of NAS Jacksonville's Fire Department learn how to use the new NoFoam system.

Photos by JO2 (SCW) Eric Clay

NoFoam needed for fire testing

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the NAS Jacksonville Fire Department tested their new environmentally-friendly Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) testing system installed in all Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicles.

These Universal Stationary/Mobile NoFoam units reduce AFFF waste and costs during required quarterly foam proportioning system checks.

The new system eliminates the use of foam for these tests.

The foam used in these trucks to extinguish fires has a high biological oxygen demand; high chemical oxygen demand; and extreme foaming action. "AFFF is an effective fire fighting agent, but its waste poses environmental concerns," said Ray Cappillo, Naval Facilities



Firefighter, Mario Robinson prepares to test the system by spraying water at the test site.

Engineering Service Center.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is concerned with AFFF's fluorinated surfactant compound, which does not readily biodegrade, is toxic and bioaccumulating.

By using this new system the fire department complies with federal pollution and waste minimization regulations. "Using the unit, tests can be performed more frequently giving firefighters a higher confidence level in their ability to

perform their mission," said Cappillino.

Another environmental plus is that the NoFoam unit is solar-powered, saving electricity. The unit requires minimum training and maintenance, so it is also more cost effective."

The crash trucks use a dye-water solution that displays a secondary visual check of the system's performance. The dye used in the testing is environmentally benign, biodegradable and certified by the National Sanitation Foundation International and the American National Standards Institute. The dye is pumped through the truck, simulating foam.

"NAS Jax only spent about \$25,000 installing these units," added Cappillino.

For more information about the NoFoam unit, contact Rance Kudo at kudort@nfesc.navy.mil.



Photo by JOC Bill Austin

A participant gets a massage from a new product at AMSUS.

HSO Sailors head for the Blue Grass State for AMSUS

By JOC Bill Austin
HSO PAO

The Blue Grass State was the spectacular stage for military medicine professionals to meet and exchange valuable ideas that will ultimately affect the course of Federal Healthcare.

On Nov. 15, the 108th Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) convened at Louisville's Convention Center for a week long session that covered a wide variety of training topics and "break out" sessions that examined the theme of this years gathering, "Relevant and Reasonable: The future of Federal Healthcare."

This role, according to the AMSUS welcome letter by President Bush, includes the current hot issue of homeland security. "As we engage in the war on terrorism and work to secure our homeland, Federal healthcare professionals play a vital role in protecting the well-being of our citizens. Your important work is helping to strengthen public confidence and continues to enhance the safety and security of countless individuals," said Bush.

AMSUS was established in 1891 and incorporated by the Act of Congress in 1903. The group is comprised of healthcare professionals from medical departments in the Navy, Army, Air Force, U.S. Public Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The convention featured dozens of displays and medical gadgetry brought by military commands from around the country, pharmaceutical companies, and medical supply vendors.

"This conference is a nice stage for meeting up with people especially from other branches to see how they

operate," said HM2 Omella Buccino-Jones from Naval Health Care Support Office (HSO) Jacksonville. Buccino-Jones, and six of her shipmates manned the Centralized Credentialing booth and were able to meet with more than 95 Naval Reserve medical providers out of the hundreds they credential.

They are tasked for instance, with tracking medical providers information such as individual educational and training certifications, National Practitioner Databank findings and overall medical readiness.

The conference had an international flavor as well as doctors or nurses walked by, dressed in unfamiliar but colorful uniforms. "I think the conference was a great chance to be exposed to the different military cultures from around the world," said HSO's HM1 Tennesha Howard. "We've seen representatives from Australia, the Philippines, and even Africa. Just seeing the differences and similarities in military cultures was a great experience," she added with a smile.

The conference ended on a high note of recognition. During an evening dinner and award ceremony, HSO's Officer-In-Charge, Capt. Lawrence Walters, MSC, USN, received the prestigious Outstanding Medical Information Management Executive Award. Walters was a recipient of the award last year, but did not actually receive it until now.

The award is presented to a senior healthcare executive (O-5 or above or civilian equivalent) in the Navy, Army, Air Force, U.S. Public Health Service, or Department of Veterans Affairs who has made outstanding contributions

NavHosp Jax presents community physician top award

From NavHosp Jax PAO

On Oct. 29, at the NAS Jax Officer's Club, Dr. Thomas Peters received the Rear Adm. Paul Kaufman

Award. Kaufman is a former commanding officer of Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

This prestigious award is presented to a physician-

who has made significant contributions to the community and who has prior or present military service. Peters is president of the Duval County Medical

Society and director of Transplant Services at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center. He is also a colonel in the Army Reserves.

Holiday season mailing dates

It's not too early to mail Christmas cards and packages to and from military addresses overseas.

Naval Supply Systems Command recommends that holiday mail and packages be taken to the nearest U.S. Post Office or APO/ FPO military post office by the following dates.

For military mail to APO and FPO addresses:

Parcel post - now; space available - Nov. 27; parcel airlift - Dec. 4; air letters, air cards and priority mail - Dec. 11.

For military mail from APO and FPO addresses: space available - now; parcel airlift - Dec. 4; priority mail, first-class air letters and air cards - Dec. 11; express mail - Dec. 18.

HS-5 reunites with 'Big John'

By Lt.j.g. Ryan Smits
HS-5 PAO

After being back on the seawall from deployment for two months, the HS-5 "Nightdippers" found themselves reunited with USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).

The Nightdippers had spent the past six months as part of Operation Enduring Freedom with the Kennedy Battle Group. The Nightdippers got underway with "Big John" once again, except this time it was to fly plane guard in support of Fleet Training Command carrier qualifications.

The detachment took place off the coast of Florida for two weeks. The first week's training consisted of day and night carrier qualifications in support of Fleet Readiness Squadrons for F/A-18 Hornets, a Marine squadron of Hornets, F-14 Tomcats, E-2 Hawkeyes, EA-6B Prowlers, and C-2 Greyhounds.

The second week's training was in support of qualifying young naval aviator students attempting to earn their Wings of Gold flying the T-2 Buckeyes and T-45 Goshawks.

The biggest key in keeping HS-5 flying during the demanding hours was the superb job performed by the Nightdipper

maintenance team. This team of professionals worked around the clock to keep the three helicopters in a flying status.

What made the situation challenging was the squadron's requirement of flying two aircraft simultaneously during several portions of the underway period. The detachment owes much of its success to the highly motivated HS-5 maintenance team that handled their job with the utmost confidence and efficiency.

Additionally, the Nightdippers were again called upon to save lives. During the relatively short period at sea, there were several instances where Sailors required immediate medical attention. Twice during the first week HS-5 transferred injured Sailors, suffering from head injuries, from the ship to Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

The detachment not only accomplished qualifications for the fixed wing squadrons, but also provided a valuable setting in which many individuals were able to get their "sea legs" for the first time.

Due to the synergy of the JFK/ Nightdipper team, training was completed three days ahead of schedule.

MWR NOTES

Bingo happenings

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

Mondays pay out \$50 on part A and special games.
Tuesdays offer VIP drawings. You have the chance to win \$69 for a computer plus \$25 each time you yell Bingo.
Wednesdays are double lucky with double lucky ball - payout is \$300.

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

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

Treat yourself through I.T.T.

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

I.T.T. has Jaguar tickets on sale for every home game, only \$28 a ticket and anyone on base can purchase them with no limitations.

For more information, call 542-3318 or stop in our office located adjacent to the Navy Exchange. Trips are open to all base personnel and their guests.

The following are upcoming events:

Saturday - St. Simons Island - Wouldn't you like to spend a relaxing day the island way? Join us as we depart for St. Simons Island. The day includes a tour of the island, lighthouse and museum, and free time to explore. You can enjoy this adventure for only \$30.25.

Dec. 7-8 - Sign up for the City Lights & Cypress Nights getaway Hotel, all meals and entrance fees are included. Visit Fantasy of Flight, Cypress Gardens, Bok Tower Gardens, Pinewood Estate, and enjoy dinner on the Southern Breeze Paddleboat. The cost is \$165.50 per person, based on double occupancy.

Grand opening

There will be a grand opening to celebrate the upgraded improvements to the golf practice facility tomorrow from 4-5:30 p.m. The event will feature closest-to-the-pin and long-drive contests. Everyone is welcome.

NAS Jax Golf Club

Take advantage of a free 18-hole round of golf on your birthday in November. Also this month, bring three guests at the normal rate and your golf is free. Tee time is required. This is not valid on Nov. 29. A Turkey Trot Scramble is planned for Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. For golf info, call the Pro Shop at 542-3249.

Bowling at Freedom Lanes

Sailors, family members, retiree's and guest can enjoy a variety of bowling fun at the Freedom Lanes. Patrons can pick just about any day in the week for some bowling challenges. Active duty members can enjoy the \$5 "All You Can Bowl" on Tuesdays from 4-9 p.m. Then bowl for free on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In November Super Sunday's have been extended to \$7 "All You Can Bowl" from 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. Shoe rental is \$1.65

On Nov. 28, NAS Freedom Lanes will be open from 5.-10 p.m. and Nov. 29 through Dec. 1 all games are only \$1.99 all day.

Why cook?

Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and let Mulligan's do all the cooking. Mulligan's is selling the following meal deals: 12 - 14-lb. Turkey dinner complete \$37.95. 12 - 14-lb. Turkey only \$19. Whole chicken dinner \$11.95. Dinners include 2-lbs-mashed potatoes, 2-lbs green beans, 1-lb. gravy, 1-lb. cranberry sauce and 2-lbs stuffing. Call 542-2936 to place your order.

Youth Center Holiday Camp

Holiday Camp runs Dec. 23-Jan. 3 and is open for age's kindergarten-13. There will be arts and crafts, bowling, indoor and outdoor activities and field trips once a week. Don't miss out on the fun. The cost is determined by household income. Registration forms are now available at the NAS Youth Activities Center. Call 778-9772.

Mulligan's wreath decorating contest

Drop your command wreaths off by Dec. 1 and the judging will be complete by Dec. 15. This year's theme is "Around the World" and great prizes will be awarded. Call 542-2936 for details.

Letters from Santa

MWR called the North Pole to ask Santa if he would write a letter to the military children at NAS Jacksonville and Yellow Water. Parents please call Santa's Helpers at 778-9772 to register your names. Call between Dec. 2-20 and Santa's Elves will ensure your child receives their letters by Christmas.

YAC Turkey Bowl

The Youth Activities Center will host its annual Turkey Bowl on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at NAS Jax Freedom Lanes. The cost is \$3 per person.

Dance classes and Tae Kwon Do classes are available at NAS Jax and Yellow Water Youth Activities Center. 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).

Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at Patriot's Grove. Enjoy free pictures with Santa. The lighting is at 5:45 p.m. and the winners of the Christmas Card Contest will be announced.

Mulberry Cove Marina offers deals

Sail Away Sundays rent a Flying Scot for two hours and pay for only one.

The Marina is hosting a "Light Up Your Boat" contest on Dec. 7. The judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to all slip, mooring and dry storage patrons of the marina and the Navy Jax Yacht Club. The winning boat will receive a prize.

For more information, call 542-3260.

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.



DRUNK **POWER** **= Death**

December is National
Drugged & Drunk
Driving Awareness Month
DUI Safety Brief
Dec. 5
9:30-10:30 a.m.
NAS Jax Base Theater
Lt. Bill Leeper
Florida Highway Patrol Guest
Speaker
Contact the Wellness Center for further
information:
422-5392

NS Mayport's dive shop offers programs

SE Southeast Dive Adventures is offering the following programs for the month of December:

Open water scuba certification classes: Get your PADI certification in just one weekend. The cost of the course is \$235 which includes everything except food. The course consists of home study during the week and then a weekend certification trip to "Devils Den" outside of Gainesville, Fla. The total cost of trip \$235 complete.

Join us for a mini live-aboard weekend dive trip Dec. 6-8. This includes transportation to Fort Lauderdale. In Fort Lauderdale, we board a 62-foot dive boat for a weekend of off-shore diving. You get six dives, four hot meals, lodging onboard (double occupancy), and a whole lot of fun. Only six spots are available so sign up now.

Call 270-5541 for more information and to sign up for any of these trips or classes.

CLICK IT: Buckle up for safety sake

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the Naval Safety Center has teamed up with the U.S. Marine Corps, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Safety Council and the National Transportation Safety Board to host Click It or Ticket/Operation ABC (America Buckles Up Children).

In this campaign, local law enforcement agencies work with military police units to ensure Sailors and Marines utilize seatbelts on and off base.

"We feel that it's one of the sure positive ways we can save lives," said Capt. Bruce Crisler, director, Shore Safety Programs, Naval Safety Center during his recent visit to NAS Jacksonville.

This season's Click It or Ticket campaign runs from Nov. 25 through Dec. 1. The twice-a-year program takes place during the months of May and November. During the campaign, law enforcement officials set up check-



points at numerous locations, including immediately outside military installations.

Between 1997 and 2001, 314 Sailors were killed in private motor vehicle accidents, and a substantial amount of those lost were not wearing seatbelts. "There are some unbelievable reasons why people say they don't wear seatbelts - they're too uncomfortable, they're not cool," said Crisler.

According to a Naval Safety Center brief,

between fiscal years 2000 and 2002, failure to wear seatbelts accounted for 31 percent of traffic deaths in the Navy. Traffic fatalities

Crisler explained that 18 states currently enforce primary safety seatbelt laws. This means a

law enforcement officer can pull over a driver and give them a ticket simply because they're not wearing a seatbelt. The other states carry secondary seatbelt laws which means a driver must be stopped for another reason initially, but can still receive a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt. In addition, OPNAVINST 5100.12G requires all Navy personnel wear seatbelts both on and off base all the time.

"Our plan is to encourage regional commanders in

supporting this campaign over the Thanksgiving holiday period," noted Crisler. "But to really see the impact of our safety-awareness campaign, I would like to see this program go beyond the holiday season."

In a message to the Fleet, Rear Adm. Steve Turcotte, commander of the Naval Safety Center, said, "Buckling up is easy and the best life insurance available, yet many in full view of signs requiring its use come through the gate without doing so. Safety belts are required 100 percent of the time on base and off. It is our responsibility to ensure this requirement is enforced."

"Wearing seatbelts is the right thing to do," Crisler said. "It saves lives and it's the law."

For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov and www.buckleupamerica.org.

JAX SPORTS NEWS

Sports officials and 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.

Turkey shoot racquetball tourney

This tournament will run Nov. 18-22 and is free and open to all NAS Jax authorized gym patrons over 18. There will be recreational and competitive divisions for men and an open division for women. Matches start at 5 p.m. All winners receive turkeys. Sign up by Nov. 13.

Annual 5K Turkey Trot slated

The NAS Jax Athletics and Fitness Source will conduct the annual 5K Turkey Trot Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The run is free and open to all authorized gym patrons. T-shirts will be given to the first 50 authorized patrons to call or sign up at the base gym or Fitness Source. The run will begin on Perimeter Road behind base housing off Mustin Road.

Greybeard basketball league forming

The Greybeard Basketball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel ages 32 and above. Rosters are due by Nov. 22 and the season begins Dec. 3. Games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11a.m. and noon.

Flag football meeting coming up

A 4-on-4 flag football meeting will be held Dec. 4 at the MWR conference room in Building 590 at 11:30 a.m. The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The season begins the week of Jan. 21. Games will be played in evenings under lights. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and receive registration forms.

3-on-3 holiday basketball tourney coming up

This tournament is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. at the base gym. It is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel. This is a Captain's Cup event and commands will receive Captain's Cup entry points for their command for participating. Call the base gym to sign up by Dec. 6.

Navy Southeast Regional Running and Triathlon Team

Are you a runner and would you like to represent the Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons? The Navy will showcase

elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms are provided along with transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs.

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

Qualifying times:

5K	Men - 19:00	Women 24:00
10K	Men - 34:00	Women 46:00
Marathon	Men - 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 e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil.

SPORTS STANDINGS

Intramural Basketball Standings as of Nov. 15

Team	Wins	Losses
TPU	2	0
Blount Island	2	0
VP-30	1	0
ATC OPS	1	1
FACSFAC	1	1
NavHosp	1	1
VS-31	1	1
VP-45	0	1
AIMD	0	1
VS-32	0	1
VP-5	0	2
VP-45 O'S	0	0
Supply	0	0

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA Jax No. 86, meets the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street at NAS Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call the Thrift Shop at 772-0242 or President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

The Navy Wives Club's DID No. 300 will be held the second Thursday of each month. Our new meeting place is the Oak Crest United Methodist Church, Education Bldg. 5900 Ricker Road, starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact 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.

The Marine Corps League, Jacksonville Detachment holds their monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 7909 on Blanding Blvd. For more information call John Leisman at 779-7375.

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.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 126 will hold their monthly meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the Branch Home at 7673 Blanding Boulevard. All active duty, retirees are invited to attend. For more information, call 771-2936.

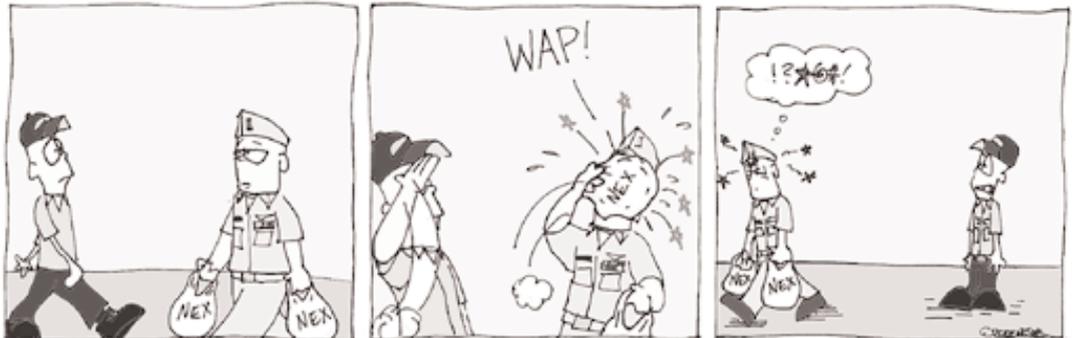
The Scottish Music Festival sponsored will be held on Sunday at St. John's Cathedral, 256 East Church Street. The festival will begin at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ashley Denham at 356-5507, ext 11.

The 18th annual Jacksonville Light Parade will be held Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. on the riverfront. See the St. Johns River transform into a dazzling array of lights, sound and holiday spirit as boaters illuminate their vessels from bow to stern to compete in the area's largest lighted boat parade. To register, contact the Office of Special Events at 630-3690.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 126 is holding their annual Americanism Essay Contest for all students grades 7-12. This year's theme is "What was the Impact of the Louisiana Purchase?" The deadline for entries is Dec. 1. Entries can be mailed to FRA Americanism Essay Contest, FRA Branch 126, 7673 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32244. For more information, call 771-2936.

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In Gear

A weekly look at the automotive market

Youth movement

Chrysler concepts go after 24 or younger crowd

By Dan Scanlan
Special

They are called millennial cars, specifically aimed at folks 24 or younger who will be buying cars and trucks with features they want, and not what some 45-year-old designer cooped up in a cubicle in Detroit thinks they want.

And so it was that when Chrysler showcased a number of current and recent concept cars on a beach in tropical Key Biscayne. Two drew in students from a Miami art and design school, en route to a sand sculpture competition on the nearby palm tree-studded beach.

One was the Dodge Razor, a Miata-esque two-seat coupe named after your kid's favorite alloy Razor scooter. The other was a sharp-edged compact truck aimed at the wallets of this crowd with a target price of \$16,000 to \$20,000.

"Oh my gosh, these are beautiful," said Katiana Jartbath, 16, as she looked at the Razor. "I want the orange one."

"I don't like Chryslers that much, but this one - wow," added another as he looked at the Razor.

The Razor also drew in Sean Walker, 18, interested in industrial and transportation design and en route to Detroit's College of Creative Studies, to ultimately design cars.

"This is beautiful. The detail and the concept of the back lights - it's beautiful," Walker said.

Brandon Hechtman, 17, also has a full scholarship to that school, and this is what he wants to design as well.

"The Razor is a fantastic design accomplishment. The bare-bones sports car is finally coming back and it's right here," Hechtman said. "I like the interior - no nonsense and all you need and nothing else. That is what cars need today - there is too much distracting the driver, so bring it down to a minimum and drive."

The Dodge Razor uses the familiar yet high-tech scooter as a design thesis. It evokes classic European sports cars of the 1960s like the Austin-Healey, as well as being an aggressive little iridescent orange and gold car with long hood, wide body and low center of gravity. And as the reaction of the local teens proved, the connection between the alloy scooter and the alloy-accented coupe was the right one.

"The market the Razor is geared toward is a virtually identical market, the same age," Design manager John Sodano said. "These folks will be the next generation of first-time car makers, and we felt it would be strategic to build a car they would be able to afford at the beginning."

The car sits on six-spoke alloy wheels with Goodyear 19-inchers in front and 20-inchers in back, its squared-off headlight blisters perched on the edgy front fenders, while foglights are part of a steel crossbar that make up a traditional Dodge grille. The car has a broad-shouldered look that makes the small passenger cab look dome-like. The semi-hatchback design ends in a short tail with an alloy gas cap in between two more squared-off taillight clusters over twin slash mini-bumpers.

Sodano said the Razor "really represents its intended purpose" - a new driver's car.

"They tend to like things that are very honest and straightforward. They don't like to be marketed to," Sodano said of the potential Razor customer. "It has all the right cues and attributes. Stuff that doesn't really support that is left out or minimized. The design is very simple."

The interior is simple. Two lightweight cloth racing bucket seats sit before a black cloth-covered dash with a center section that looks like the underside of a Razor scooter, framed in black. An integrated analog tachometer rings a digital speedometer, visible through a simple three-spoke steering wheel. Alloy frames the polished steel gearshift, while alloy grab handles flank it. In back, two orange Razor scooters for when you get there.

"We tried to make the statement with very simple, honest vinyls and textures. The real purity of the metal is not covered with plastic," Sodano said. "The net result is you end up with less parts and a lighter vehicle, which allows a high level of performance with a relatively modest powertrain and simple vehicle."

Like the Pontiac Solstice concept recently unveiled, the Razor uses off-the-shelf corporate suspension and underbody components like an upgraded Chrysler 2.4-liter in-line DOHC 4-cylinder engine with turbocharger and intercooler to produce 250 horsepower. Its six-speed manual transmission was developed in Stuttgart, Germany.

There was lots of head and leg room for two, after you slide over the shin-high side sill. You sit low, with a shoulder-high door top and a good view out front, side and



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Chrysler's two 2002 concepts, the Dodge Razor coupe (foreground) and Dodge M80 compact truck, were part of Chrysler's showcase of concept cars in Key Biscayne.



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The Dodge 1980's roomy cab has fold-down rear glass and a mix of body-color and satin-silver hard-plastic accents.



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The Dodge Razor is a Miata-esque two-seat coupe named after your kid's favorite alloy Razor scooter.

back. The engine fires with a tight snarl from the twin pipes exiting close to the rear, and you hear the supercharger chitter on overrun. The thick steering wheel felt good, but the Mercedes shifter was a bit cranky to use.

On the short track we played on, the car felt solid and responsive, showing good

road holding thanks to its small dimensions and big rubber. We didn't get much above 20 mph, but the engine felt powerful, the gearshift and brakes rubbery.

Dodge officials wouldn't comment on production possibilities. But while it might be too oriented to young drivers, it would make a fun, back-to-basics sports coupe

that would find a lot of homes in garages of young and old alike.

Parked nearby was the explosive yellow M80, another concept Chrysler says is designed to be under \$20,000 if produced, and a no-nonsense truck for millennials.

Designed with the 1939 Dodge TC and 1941 WC for inspiration, it also remembers the Dodge Power Wagon concept Wheels tested three years ago. Exterior designer John Opfer, 29, said they were told to design a compact truck that would appeal to the 18- to 30-year-old group, and "as versatile as these young people's lifestyles." It had to have "surf to snow" capability - it could haul a board to the beach or skis to the mountain. It also had to be "just-right size" with some real toughness.

"That's something totally new from Detroit - a smaller pickup truck which fits in very well with the millennial lifestyle. I don't think a lot of these kids want to pay for a really full-size truck. They are not ranchers," he said. "They want a big enough truck that is easy to drive around town, small enough to take where they want to go in the mountains and just enough space to carry their gear."

The result is based on the Dodge Dakota chassis, but looking smaller. A satin-stainless steel-look Dodge crosshair grille and headlamp surrounds demand you look at the nose, its round lamps staring out over a metallic slate-gray bumper with integrated tow-hooks. The hood accents the 1940s-style stand-alone fenders which frame stamped-steel 20-inch wheels (expensive look/costs less) and 20-inch Goodyear tires. The small cab has an almost flat windshield, while fender vents and alloy side mirrors accent large flat doors. The 5-foot cargo bed has integrated side-storage lockers and lots of tie-down cleats. Big dual exhaust pipes stick through the back bumper, while jewel-like round tail lamps flare out from the body.

The truck sits shoulder high, and you step up into a simple, roomy cab with water-repelling Neoprene-look seat-trim, fold-down rear glass and a mix of body-color and satin-silver hard-plastic accents. The center console has a portable cooler, but the lift-out handles get in the way of shifting. The lightweight bucket seats pop out, while a bin for wet stuff hangs behind the front seat.

The big central 100-mph speedometer and tach use one set of numbers. Machined alloy vents dominate the alloy-look center stack over a stereo with more metal buttons and a huge center knob, while large knobs operate the heating systems. There is a machined steel gearshift to get the power of the Chrysler Group 3.7-liter V-6 engine to the 4x4 transfer case and the Dodge Dakota frame with independent short-and-long-arm front suspension and a solid axle.

The 2,500-pound trucklet looks like a cool design for those who want some style with their less-expensive purchases. But the word we hear is that it would be more expensive than the target price to build on any existing Chrysler platform, so chances of seeing the M80 as seen here might be slim. Still, the look, hewn from the Power Wagon of old and its newer concept, would be a cool next step for Dodge trucks.