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Photo by Jeff Hilton

Leading the way

Scouts and Scout leaders from dozens of troops lead a parade down Yorktown Avenue as part of Armed Forces Day/Scout Blast festivities. NAS Jacksonville was invaded in a friendly way May 18 - 20 by more than 3,000 Scouts participating in Armed Forces Day/Scout Blast 2001. See story page 16.

Memorial Day Hot Rod and Car Show brings classic excitement to NAS Jax

More than 500 hot rod and antique cars will roar onto NAS Jacksonville this weekend as the Jacksonville Rod Runners Club brings its 30th Annual Hot Rod and Car show to the Master Antisubmarine Warfare Base. The show runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 26 at the Commercial Gate entrance to NAS Jax. The cars appearing in the show range from 1920s models through the cars of today. All the cars are souped up and are in showcase condition. Entrance to the show is free for the public. The Jacksonville Rod Runners was founded in 1969 and currently has 45 members.



Photo by JO2 Eric Clay

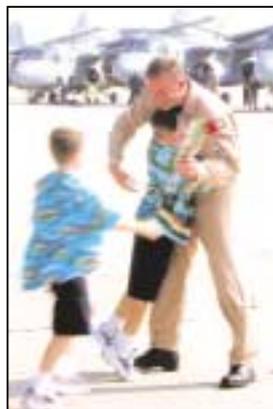


Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

Home at last! — Ryan and Matthew Schenck dash into the arms of their father, Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22's Lt. Cmdr. Chris Schenck, as they and their mother, Beth, (not shown) welcome him home after six months of deployment aboard USS Harry S. Truman. Family and friends of VS-22 and Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 7 crewmen turned out with flags flying on Tuesday and Wednesday for the squadron homecomings. Look for full coverage in next week's *Jax Air News*.

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Job Title: Working at MWR Recycling
Hometown: Velez, Colombia
Past Duty Stations: USS Cole
Family Life: One sister, Maria Ximena, two brothers, Carlos and Juan Felipe.
Career plans: Finish up my bachelors in Economics and do my MBA.

Most interesting experience: Life on the USS Cole and being in the Navy.
Words of Wisdom: "Vivire non necessarium est navigare necessarium est."

Meet a Civilian... Salomi Vincent



Job title: Presser
Hometown: Philippines
Past Duty Station: Only served at NAS Jax
Family Life: Husband, Harland
Career Plans: To assure customer service and help military members with my knowledge and to always be a good worker.

Most Interesting Experiences: One day, when I got off from work, my husband and I went fishing on our boat. We caught a lot of fish and crabs.
Words of Wisdom: "Treat others as you would like to be treated."

NAS Jacksonville's Skipper reminds you to take care this Memorial Day Weekend

The Naval Safety Center's forecast for fatalities due to Motor Vehicle accidents and recreational mishaps for the Memorial Day Weekend (May 25 - June 1) is sobering, at least it should be. Reflecting trends from previous years, the Center predicts that three Navy/Marine Corps personnel will die in car crashes, and one will die in shore/recreation mishaps. Four shipmates gone forever.



Capt. Mark S. Boensel

This is just the beginning of a period that has come to be known as "The Critical Days of Summer." From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Center predicts that 40 Navy/Marine Corps personnel will die in automobile crashes and 11 will die in shore/recreation accidents, the summer's carnage costing more than 50 Navy/Marine Corps lives. This doesn't figure in the scores of people who will be injured or the needless suffering of the victims' families.

Last year, we (the Service as a whole) lost 51 Sailors and Marines in traffic and other off-duty mishaps from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. They started out just like you, merrily setting out on a trip anticipating fun and relaxation. Something went terribly wrong and their summer liberty was extended permanently.

When you pack up your spouse, children or friends and hit the highways this summer remember to take along a bit of

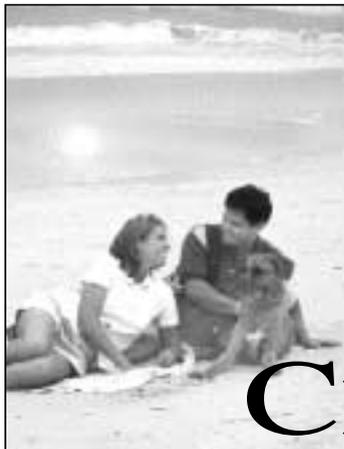
caution. During this period, the highways are packed with travelers pushing to get to their destinations, many exceeding speed limits and many pushing themselves beyond safe endurance. Don't be one of them. Drive defensively and resolve not to be one of their victims. Figure in plenty of time for breaks along the way. Maintain proper speed and following distance, stay alert,

stay under the speed limit, stay buckled up and stay sober. If road or weather conditions change, making it unsafe to drive, pull over and relax.

When you get to your destination continue to exercise that same degree of common sense and caution. Don't overdo it on the softball field or basketball court. Conditioning is essential, stretch before and after play. Avoid indulging in alcohol during recreational activities, particularly on the water. Before boating, take that safety course and ensure all required safety equipment is aboard, including your Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Before you set out to conquer the off-road trail ensure your equipment is in good condition and wear all the required personal protection equipment (PPE).

Have a great weekend and see you next week.

*Capt. Mark S. Boensel
 NAS Jacksonville
 Commanding Officer*



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Guest speakers May 15 will tell their story; Precept Kids class provided 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 Bldg. 749.
 Call the Chapel at 542-3051.

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Air Station named to Retention Honor Roll



Photo By PH2 (AW) Leigh Francisco

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Boensel, right rear, praised career counselors for helping place NAS Jacksonville on CinCLantFlt's Retention Honor Roll.

By Jeff Hilton
Staff writer

"NAS Jacksonville is on the Retention Honor Roll. I look forward to our name showing up on a continuing basis," Capt. Mark Boensel, commanding officer told Retention Center Sailors during an award ceremony May 14.

He spoke to career counselors at their new home in Bldg. 590 while recognizing seven Sailors instrumental in helping NAS earn the coveted Retention Honor Roll for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CinCLantFlt).

To qualify, the air station attained retention rates of 38 percent first term, 54 percent second term and 75 percent for careerists with less than 20 years service. This is the first time NAS Jack-

sonville made the prestigious roll since CinCLantFlt introduced it in FY 2000.

Airman Ellie Wyatt Jr. was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his work in supporting retention initiatives.

AMS1(AW) Rick Boswell, Executive Dept.; IT2(SW) Robert Brown, MWR; AC1(AW) Tammy Faircloth, Operations; AT1(AW) Joe Frazer, SE Region Calibration Lab; MS1(SW) Marquis Hicks, Supply; MA1(SW/AW) Thomas Payden, Security; AO1(AW/SW) Jwuan Short, Weapons each received Letters of Commendation recognizing their efforts in the Navy's "War for Talent."

CPRW-11 raises \$30,000 for Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

By Lt.j.g. Chris Keith
CPRW-11 Assistant PAO

Once a year, Sailors have a real chance to help fellow Sailors. All it takes is a few minutes, a little compassion and a signature. Of course we are talking about the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This organization exists solely to provide assistance to Sailors and Marines in need across the United States and throughout the Fleet. Their efforts are funded through the generosity of other Sailors and Marines knowing that help will be there if they need it.

At a ceremony held at Hangar 1000, onboard NAS Jacksonville, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW-11) concluded its 2001 fund-raising campaign. In attendance were Retired Navy Capt. Dave Faraldo, director, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Jacksonville Chapter; NMCRS Chairperson of Volunteers Nancy Stephenson; Capt. Hartmann Kircher, chief of staff, Commander Navy Region Southeast; Cmdr. Hugh Cook, commanding

officer of VP-45; Cmdr. Brian Helmer, executive officer of VP-45; Cmdr. Tim Boothe, commanding officer of VP-5; Cmdr. Paul Frost, executive officer of VP-5; and Cmdr. Bill Radomski, executive officer of VP-16.

At the ceremony, Capt. Jim Cardosi, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, presented Faraldo with a check in the amount of \$30,357. This check symbolized the dedication of the command chairpersons, the generosity of the men and women of CPRW-11, VP-5, VP-16, and VP-45 and represents over 128 percent of their combined campaign goal.

OS1 Gavin Jonson spearheaded the efforts at CPRW-11. His initiative and motivation helped raise more than \$3,000 or 160 percent of the command's goal. Lt. Pol Jensen headed up the effort at VP-5 raising more than \$12,000 from his squadron. VP-16, led by the efforts of Lt. Matthew Fobecki, raised over \$8,500. At VP-45, Lt.j.g. James Condino led the charge, raising just under \$7,000. All of this money will go directly back to the

Sailors and Marines in need.

As Faraldo accepted the check he offered a few words to those in attendance. He complimented the various chairpersons on their dedication and effort. He also gave his thanks to the members of all the commands who gra-

ciously gave of themselves to help others. He stressed that the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can only help if Sailors are educated about its services and command leadership encourages them to take advantage of what this great organization has to offer.



Standing left to right after CVWR-11's ceremonial check presentation to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society are Nancy Stephenson, Cmdr. Brian Helmer, Capt. Dave Faraldo, Cmdr. Paul Frost, Cmdr. Tim Boothe, Lt. Pol Jensen, Cmdr. Bill Radomski, Cmdr. Hugh Cook, Capt. Jim Cardosi, Lt.j.g. James Condino, Capt. Hartmann Kircher.



Memorial Day Observances

A Memorial Day Observance sponsored by the Veterans Service Division and the City of Jacksonville is set for 6 p.m. May 28 at the Veterans Memorial Wall.

It is located beside the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

For information call 630-3680

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 126 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the FRA, Unit 126 conducts their Annual

Memorial Day Services at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Blvd.

Wreaths will be placed and bells tolled for departed shipmates and ladies.

Orange Park High School's NJROTC will provide a firing squad for rendering of honors and a bugler will offer taps.

The public is invited. For information call 904-771-2936.

Compressed Natural Gas Program Reducing greenhouse air emissions

By Bob Nelson
*CNRSE Environmental Public
Affairs Officer*

Clean air is important. It's important to the environment and to public health and safety. For these reasons, Navy Jacksonville is committed to keeping the air cleaner.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pollution in Jacksonville declined three percent from 1998 to 1999. At NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport using alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs) is one way Public Works Center (PWC) Jacksonville helps contribute to cleaner air by reducing pollutants and green house gases.

The use of AFVs within the Department of Defense is mandated by Federal Legislation and Executive Order. They require the Navy purchase and operate AFVs and provide access to refueling facilities to accomplish two main goals. First, purchase and use of AFVs reduces national dependence on traditional petroleum based fuels and reduces the demand for imported oil, thus increasing overall national security. Second, use of AFVs reduces emissions of air pollutants.

Since 1991, PWC Jacksonville and TECO/Peoples Gas Services partnered to supply the base AFV fleet with compressed natural gas (CNG) resulting in a cleaner mode of transportation. Natural gas engines are among the cleanest internal combustion engines ever certified by the EPA. CNG powered vehicles emit 85 percent less nitrogen oxide, 70 percent less reactive hydrocarbons and 74 percent less carbon monoxide than similar gasoline powered vehicles. It is estimated that conversion to CNG can result in a reduction of over three tons of hydrocarbon emissions over the life of the vehicle. Petroleum products contain large amounts of hydrocarbons, a known pollutant.

"Currently, PWC Jacksonville maintains a fleet of 114 CNG vehicles, comprising 15 percent of our fleet," said John Joneikis, PWC Jacksonville Transportation Department

Head. "When we started the program in 1991, we had seven vehicles. We are expecting delivery of 40 additional CNG vehicles soon, making PWC Jacksonville one of the three largest CNG vehicle fleets on the East Coast," he added.

An Executive Order signed by former President Bill Clinton on Earth Day 2000, requires federal fleets to purchase AFVs and reduce fiscal year 1999 petroleum consumption by 20 percent by fiscal year 2005.

"Using CNG vehicles will assist the Navy reach the EO mandated reductions ... and make the Jacksonville air quality better," said Randy Bishop, Navy Region Southeast Environmental Coordinator Division Head.

PWC Jacksonville recently upgraded CNG fueling capabilities at both NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport. Designed to benefit all federal government CNG vehicles, PWC Jacksonville invested \$425,000 on two new CNG pumps that will operate at each of the installations existing gasoline/fueling stations. The pumps will be operated by the Navy Exchange (NEX) through a cross service agreement. "Twelve other Navy installations have access to fast fill CNG," said Joneikis. "However, NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport will be the first Navy CNG fueling stations owned by PWC and operated by the NEX."

"One of the potential advantages of NEX operating the fast fill pumps, is that PWC Transportation will receive local CNG at a competitive price and can focus on the vehicle business without investing too much time and money into fuel station operations and maintenance," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Newton, PWC Jacksonville Executive Officer. "Both pumps are expected to be operational in late May followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the NAS Jacksonville pump in June," said Joneikis. "Also, with the growing number of personal AFV vehicles using CNG, we expect the pumps will soon be opened to base patrons as well."



Work source representative and military family member Kaye Smith speaks to military family member Samari Gonzalez about her future in the civilian work place.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville 'Supports Spouse Employment'

By **JO2 Eric Clay**
Staff Writer

Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Fleet And Family Support Center supports spouse employment through the "Spouse Employment Assistance Program (SEAP)." SEAP is designed to provide help to spouses so that they can receive job opportunities through employment referrals, and educational resources. Family members of military personnel and Federal employees are eligible for this program.

Employment and educational resources are available by appointment.

Spouses may also receive counseling/interviews that record their employment qualifications, skills, and career aspirations. The files are kept on each individual so that the counselors may match them to

an employer. As employee's skills match an employer's request, the individual is referred to the job site for an interview and a possible hiring situation.

SEAP assists individuals in finding employment during relocation; enables spouses to relocate more readily with military spouses and helps individuals develop successful job search skills and strategies.

Self-directed search, resume writing and how to apply for Federal employment are workshops provided by SEAP.

May 15, the Fleet and Family Support Center Spouse Employment Assistance Program and Transition Assistance Management Program sponsored a job fair at the Officer's club. The job fair lasted from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. One hundred and five businesses from around the area appeared

to talk to Navy active duty and family members about job opportunities. The businesses ranged from local employers like Jax Navy Federal Credit Union to international businesses such as America on Line, AT&T and Citibank. A total of 495 members of the military and military family members participated in the job fair. Pat McDonald, Spouse Employment Assistance Program Manager, said, "I think it was a success and that the employers were pleased with all the qualities of the individuals."



A USA and IRA representative speaks to a Navy member about future job opportunities.

Fleet and Family Support Center improving Navy Quality of Life

The NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center offers numerous workshops for military members and their families. Programs include Life Skill Education, Deployment Support, Parenting, Children and Adolescent-Teens, The Navy Family Ombudsman, Family Advocacy Prevention, Transition Assistance, Financial Education and Spouse Employment Assistance Career Development Resource. For a full listing of upcoming classes, dates and times call the FFSC at 542-2766. Information is also available on line at www.nasjax.navy.mil under the services icon.

Hey, Money Man!



Hey, MoneyMan!

I have a question. It seems that every time I get a bill in the mail the envelope is stuffed with flyers, sales announcements, junk mail and lots of other stuff I don't need. I always throw this stuff out, but sometimes it is hard to find my bill. Is there anything that can be done to keep banks, credit unions and others from sending me this junk?

MoneyMan Sez:

I agree! Most of my bill envelopes are filled with these flyers and it is very annoying. However, be careful be-

cause sometimes important information is being stuffed into the envelopes. Lately banks, credit unions and other credit card issuers are including privacy disclosure statements in your "junk flyers." Under a new federal law, these folks are required to inform you if and how they intend to use your privacy information. You have the right to prevent them from selling your personal information to others, but you must let them know. If you do not "opt-out" they are permitted to provide your personal data to a variety of companies including other financial institutions, marketing companies, insurance companies, and the list goes on. Bottom line: look over the stuff before you trash it. If you have any questions, you have my number!

Hey, MoneyMan!

I heard that these payday loans and cash advance loans are no longer legal in Florida. It's about time! I took out one of these loans and it cost me a lot of money before I could pay it off.

MoneyMan Sez:

Good news, bad news. A new state law has been passed by both the Florida House and Senate and should be signed by Governor Bush this month. Loans will be restricted to \$500, and the rate is limited to 10 percent of the face value plus a service charge. The

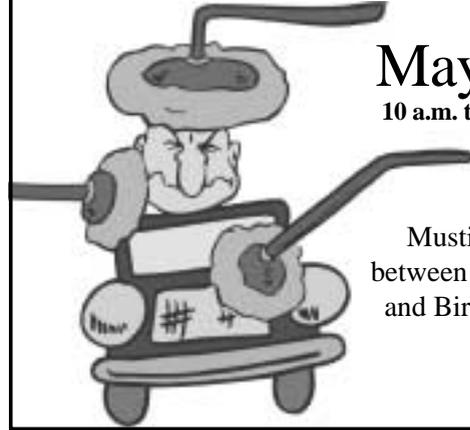
APR will still be very high. However, customers will not be allowed to roll over the loan. There is a 24-hour waiting between loans from any lender operating in Florida. Also, if the customer can not pay off the loan at the due date, he/she can get a 60-day extension at no extra cost if they agree to take a financial management training course. Of course,

no one in the Navy should ever need a loan from these places. If you need cash, go to Navy Relief or your credit union. I guarantee you the rates will always be better and the cost lower!

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

NAS Jax Varsity Softball Team Car Wash

May 25
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Mustin Road
between Enterprise
and Birmingham

Japan wins first round in air battle over Midway Island; U.S. fighters outmatched

Editor's note: In preparation for Battle of Midway commemoration events June 1, Jax Air News will reprint a selection of articles from 'Against all Odds', a series written last year by former staff writer Frank Geary who passed away last December.

By Frank Geary

On the morning of June 4, 1942, Pacific Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz unknowingly had set the stage for one of the most glorious days in U. S. Navy combat history.

Nimitz had three carriers (Enterprise-Hornet-Yorktown.), and 22 escort vessels at sea, 234 aircraft afloat, and 110 other airplanes battle ready on the flight line aprons at Midway Island. Patrolling the eastern approaches to Midway were 19 submarines in anticipation of the Japanese armada of warships and troop transports around a nucleus of four top-of-the-line aircraft carriers. *Task Force 11 - consisting of the carrier USS Saratoga, flying the colors of Rear Adm. Aubrey W. Fitch, and escort vessels - was on standby if Nimitz's Midway operation plan was unsuccessful.

Exceedingly outnumbered by the Japanese in every category of offensive surface and carrier wing aircraft, Nimitz's fragmented defense forces held a trump card that, in the minds of Navy war planners, leveled to a great degree the playing field for the looming Battle of Midway.

Navy code breakers had usurped the Imperial Japanese Navy communications ciphers (JN-25). As a result, Nimitz knew nearly the entire scope of the enemy's offensive battle plans for seizing Midway. For example, the names of enemy ships, their commanders; where those ships would deploy and how their commanders would use them; the nearly precise numbers of aircraft, as well as statistics about amphibious assault troops for the landings on Midway beaches. Also, the exact day, hour, and minute of every anticipated move by the enemy.

However, in final analysis, ranking Japanese planners and participants never suspected their vital naval codes had been broken. Even if Imperial Fleet Commander Admiral Yamamoto had gained firsthand knowledge of the Nimitz-planned ambush that awaited his assault forces as late as June 3, it would have mattered little. Post war debriefings by Naval Intelligence officers with Japanese Midway veterans produced documentation of the enemy mind set at the time.



Navy F-4F Wildcats at Midway could not match Japanese Zero fighters.



The combat experienced pilots flying Japanese Zero fighters chewed up American flyers defending Midway Island.

As the imperial brain trust had believed, even if such Japanese intelligence information had fallen into Nimitz's hands, it mattered little because at the time, the Americans could not produce ships out of blueprints. Nor could they muster more suitable aircraft from among the mostly obsolescent menagerie of available warplane inventories. In addition, Japanese pilots knew they were going up against unseasoned, untested Americans who could not even develop fail-safe torpedoes that would explode on contact.

If materiel were the only factor involved in a military operation, victory would have been a given for Yamamoto. From the fleet admiral to the lowest ranking sailors of the invasion armada doubted defeat. They were, in essence, cock sure of seizing Midway and also of destroying any American carriers or warships that dared defend the coral island.

The Japanese were aware that 70 percent of the American aviators assigned to the Pacific after Pearl Harbor had relatively few flying hours and absolutely no combat experience. This knowledge was intrinsic among arrogant Japanese aviators many of whom were galvanized by battle experience from conquests over Asia, in China, the Philippines, Pearl Harbor and more lately, the first Pacific carrier-to-carrier conflict, the Battle of the Coral Sea against the U. S. in May 1942. In that engagement, the carrier USS Lexington was lost. While a Japanese flat-top was also sunk in the engagement, Adm. Chester Nimitz told his commanders,

"We cannot afford to swap the Japanese carrier for carrier in future sea battles."

At 5:34 a.m. (Midway time), the long awaited word was received on board Enterprise: "Enemy carriers." This was an intercepted message from a searching PBY to its base at Midway. Next, at 5:45 a.m., came a plain English message from the same source: Many enemy planes heading Midway bearing 320-degrees, distance 150 miles. Then, at 6:03, "Two carriers and battleships bearing 320-degrees distance 180 miles, course 135-degrees, speed 25 knots.

That position was about 200 miles west-southwest of Rear Adm. Ray Spruance's Task Force 16. These were the first indications received by any U. S. command afloat as to where the enemy carriers were. This position was incorrect by about 40 miles and only two of the four Japanese flattops were sighted; but

at least Spruance and Rear Adm. Frank "Jack" Fletcher of Task Force 17 now knew the approximate whereabouts of the enemy striking force.

Fletcher wanted to recover Yorktown's search mission and await further intelligence before launching a strike, and so he passed the ball to Spruance. At 6:07 a.m., he ordered Spruance with Enterprise and Hornet to "proceed southwesterly and attack enemy carriers when definitely located," and promised to "follow as soon as planes recovered."

At Midway, the Japanese dive-bombers failed to destroy the island's runways. In the face of "vicious anti-aircraft fire," as Vice Adm. Nagumo described it, the enemy aircraft did destroy the Marines' command post and mess hall and damaged the powerhouse on Sand Island, and destroyed the seaplane hangar. The gasoline system was also damaged, and set fires to the hospital and storehouses. Very few men on the ground were killed in the first and only air raid on Midway, and it was over at 6:50 a.m.

At 7:15, the all clear was sounded and a message was sent telling all U. S. fighters from Midway to "land and refuel by divisions."

Pitifully few responded. It was providential that any survived the air battle. For the 20 antique Buffaloes and six period Wildcats were outclassed in almost every respect by the Japanese Zeroes. Seventeen of the air defense force and their pilots, including Marine Major Floyd B. Parks, CO of the Buffalo fighters, were lost, and 17 others seriously damaged.

Later it was learned that at least one-third of the Japanese attack group never returned, shot down by the Marine fighter squadron or by anti-aircraft fire.

The Japanese had hit hard and fast. And they won the first round, but they were to enter the ring a bit weaker in the second.

Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner

The Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner is set for June 1 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel on Jacksonville's southbank. WW II Navy dive bomber pilot Richard "Dick" Best will be the guest of honor. About 30 additional survivors of the Battle of Midway will also attend. Plans include an historical program and displays, music by the Navy Band Southeast, a superb meal and dancing.

Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Active duty ticket prices

are: E-6 and below, \$15; E-7 to O-4, \$30; and O5 and above, including civilians and retirees, \$40, no cost for veterans of the Battle of Midway and their spouses.

Contact NAS Jacksonville, Office of the Command Master Chief, YN2(AW) Dave Scholz at 542-2934/4545; NS Mayport, Lt. Tony Boyter at 270-7354 Ext. 113, or Lt. Tim Norton at 270-6581; and NSB Kings Bay, Lt Suzette Maffett at (912) 673-2617 or CWO3 Andrew Pickens at (912) 673-2001 Ext. 4643.

VP-45, Cedar Hills Elementary participate in Junior Achievement Day

By Lt. j.g. Donny Williams

Photo by PH2 Casey Jones

May 7, 30 volunteers from Patrol Squadron (VP) FORTY-FIVE traveled to Cedar Hills Elementary School to teach the 400 students a full day of lessons about free enterprise and the importance of staying in school. The "Pelicans" have once again proven that they are dedicated partners with their West Side school by investing time in their annual Junior Achievement Day.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization financed by business, foundations, and individuals. The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Since its founding in 1919, Junior Achievement has contributed to the business and economics education of young people in the United States and in 103 countries worldwide. Junior Achievement is the largest, fastest growing non-profit economic education organization in the world. It reaches over four million students worldwide, including 15,000 Jacksonville area students in over 100 First Coast Schools. Junior Achievement recruits volunteers from business, government, as well as the military to teach the economics-based curriculum and serve as role models for the



Members of VP-45 took time out of their schedules May 7 to pay a visit to the students of Cedar Hills Elementary School.

students. The VP-45 "Pelicans" taught the Cedar Hills Elementary students to better understand how to use information, apply basic financial skills, think critically, and solve complex problems.

The day started with a flag raising ceremony led by the Cedar Hills 5th grade Honor Guard. Students, teachers, VP-45 volunteers, and Junior Achievement staff sang the National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks followed by Cedar Hills Principal, Mrs. Kerwyn Neal. "This is an important and exciting day for both the students and the volunteers" said Mrs. Neal. "The hands-on learning techniques combined with the role models of VP-45 squadron members

make it a unique and impressive learning experience for the children."

Junior Achievement program organizers Julie O'Connor and Laurie Creech provided the training and materials necessary to prepare the volunteers for their day as teachers and mentors. The program teaches students about the role business and economics play in their families, community, nation, and the world. Five separate one-hour lessons are designed for each grade level. The lessons are normally taught one per week for a five-week period, but the "Pelicans" taught the entire curriculum in one full school day. The theme for the day was to stress the importance between school and future success. One of the huge benefits of the program is that it demonstrates to the students that they cannot quit school early, get a job minimum-wage paying job, and be set for life. The program taught the children to set their goals high.

VP-45 firmly believes in the lessons they teach the students and feel good that it inspires young children to value the free enterprise system. The Pelican volunteers get as much out of the program as the kids do.

"It's so good to have the Pelicans back here again to teach at Cedar

Hills," said Principal Neal. The teachers and staff felt that it was especially inspiring to see some familiar faces. Over half of the volunteers this year have volunteered for past Junior Achievement Days held the previous three years, showing VP-45's dedication to the school year after year.

At the end of the day, the admittedly tired volunteers most common question was "When can I come back again?" "It was a hard day, but I absolutely loved it," said MS1 Tom Tedesco. "My 3rd graders were very enthusiastic to learn everything they could about trade and industry."

VP-45 promised the students they would be back in November before the next deployment for another Junior Achievement Day so that this relationship would continue to grow. VP-45 believes it's sailors receive tremendous satisfaction working with the children. Not only are the kids energized, but 'Pelican Pride' is on the faces of the young Sailors.

The "Pelicans" are already planning future events with Cedar Hills Elementary before the end of the school year continuing on to next year before VP-45 leaves on deployment. The relationship VP-45 has with Cedar Hills Elementary is truly a win-win situation. The "Pelicans" are motivated to continue mentoring the students of Cedar Hills for years to come. "Pelican Pride!"

VS-32 back from NAS Fallon

By Lt. Brandon Bushkell

VS-32 PAO

VS-32 recently returned from NAS Fallon, Nev., after completing their pre-deployment detachment. The "Maulers" joined Carrier Air Wing One (CVW-1) to participate in a month-long integrated training exercise, which incorporated all of the air assets of the Carrier Battle Group. This exercise is the second of a series of detachments designed to prepare the entire air wing for deployment. Aircrews are challenged by the staff of the Naval Strike and Warfare Center (NSWAC) with a series of tactical mission scenarios to prepare them for real-world threats and combat operations.

The first week of Fallon was dedicated to classroom work. To ensure safety and mission success, a series of lectures were given on topics from range safety and airspace management to Strike Leader Attack Training Syllabus (SLATS), composite force integration, and tactics. The second week consisted of tactical missions that integrated aircraft from the different squadrons in CVW-1 together to complete a task, such as destroying a bunker or locating simulated Surface-to-Air missile (SAM) sites. These flights were small-scale, independent missions, designed to develop combined operations between the various aircraft of the wing.

The next week was the Intermediate Training Phase, where all the assets of the squadron were integrated into strike packages. The mission planners were provided a target and worked closely with the Carrier Intelligence Center (CVIC) and the Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) to develop a threat picture for the mission. From this information they developed a strike package to meet the expected air and surface threats. VS-32 participated in these missions by providing Electronic Surveillance (ES), mission tanking, and Bomb Hit Assessments (BHA) through the Electronic Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) system.

The final week consisted of the Advanced Training Phase. The entire Air Wing participated in an air campaign

against a fictional hostile nation. These missions were flown in a dynamic environment which incorporated all of CVW-1's assets plus Special Operations Forces and allied ground forces. Unlike the earlier stages of training, all of these missions were interconnected. The success of a previous mission affected the target and threats involved with the following flights. VS-32 again provided ES to develop the enemy's electronic order of battle and used the EO/IR system to provide real-time BHA to the battle group.

Concurrent with the CVW-1 operations, VS-32 flew bombing and low-level missions. The bombing flights usually consisted of a section flight of two aircraft or a division of four, giving the Maulers a chance to hone their formation flying skills as well as bombing accuracy. VS-32 led CVW-1 in the number of bombs dropped. Over the space of three weeks, the Maulers drop 96,700 pounds of ordnance ranging from inert BDU-33s, MK-76s, and MK-45s to live MK-20s, MK-82s, MK-83s, and MK-84s. VS-32 also flew several low levels throughout Nevada, California and Oregon, many of them culminating with ordnance drops.

While off duty, the "Maulers" had many opportunities to enjoy the local environment. Several picnics and barbecues were held during the week. Lake Tahoe and Reno were within a short drive of Fallon, providing skiing, hiking and other recreation.

The Fallon detachment was a success for VS-32. The "Maulers" proved the versatility and reliability of the S-3B Viking. The "Mauler" maintenance team worked hard to ensure that aircraft were available for events and able to make range times. Over the course of the detachment, VS-32 led the air wing in sorties flown with an impressive 98.4 percent sortie completion rate. This enabled aircrew to be on station and ready to support strike missions. As a result of their efforts, VS-32 received the CVW-1 Golden Wrench Award. While at Fallon, VS-32 repeatedly proved it was able to meet the mission demands of today's Navy.

Midway 5K registration still open

It's not too late to sign up for the Battle of Midway 5K Race. The 5K starts at 11:30 a.m. aboard NAS Jacksonville Wednesday, May 30 in commemoration of the Battle of Midway. The race will begin south of the BOQ on Patrol Road, following a course down that road and back. Registration forms are available at the NAS Jacksonville Fitness Source (Building 867) or Base Gym (Building 614). The race is open to military and civilian personnel; there is no

entry fee. The first 100 to register will receive a free Battle of Midway 5K Run commemorative t-shirt.

Late registration will take place up until race time. Following the race, awards will be presented for the top three male and female finishers. For additional race information contact Barbara Millholland, NAS Fitness Director, at 542-3518 dmilhol@nasjax.navy.mil.

‘Maulers’ frock two new Senior Chiefs

By Lt. Brandon Bushkell

VS-32 PAO

Sea Control Squadron (VS) 32 frocked two new Senior Chief Petty Officers in April.

The first to be promoted was ATCS (AW) Jeffery D. Hall.

Recently, Hall was selected as Chief Petty Officer of the Year by Commander Sea Control Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CSCWL) for his contributions to VS-32 and the Viking Community. Over the past two years, Hall has been vital to VS-32's superb mission readiness. As a result of his adept managerial and planning skills, VS-32 has met all of its operational and training requirements through a nine-month inter-deployment training cycle period and through TSTA I/II and a Fallon detachment. He also innovated the maintenance process by successfully implementing the Naval Air Logistics Command Management Information System (NALCOMIS), which provides maintenance personnel timely and accurate information on scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

Hall arrived at Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes, Ill. on Aug. 13, 1984. After completing training at Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn. and VS-27, Hall joined VS-31 Sept. 11, 1985 as an AX3. In April 1989, he was assigned to VSSU, where he was recognized as an exceptional instructor by receiving Instructor of the Fourth Quarter, 1989 and the Third Quarter, 1990. After completing tours with Fleet Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 6 and Naval Aviation Maintenance Training Group Detachment (NAMTraGru Det) 1037, he became a "Mauler" on Feb. 8, 1999. Hall has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (Fifth Award), and the Good Conduct Medal (Fourth Award).

Also frocked was AMCS (AW) Peter A. Kent.

Kent joined VS-32 in October 2000 and since then has done an outstanding job as Aircraft Division Chief Petty Officer. Through his hard work and skillful management of aviation maintenance resources, Kent insured that VS-32 has had the aircraft availability to meet its operational goals through two carrier qualification periods, SCARP, CWTPI, TSTA I/II and a Fallon detachment.

Kent entered the Navy on Aug. 29, 1980. He graduated RTC, Great Lakes on Feb. 15, 1981 and trained at NATTC Memphis until June 1981. He was assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 1 as a student, and then



ATCS (AW) Jeffery D. Hall



AMCS (AW) Peter A. Kent

sent to HS-9 for his first sea tour. In October 1984, Kent entered the Viking community with orders to VS-41 for training as an S-3 Airframes/ Corrosion Control Mechanic. From February 1985 to March 1988, he was assigned to VSSU. He rejoined the Helicopter community in March 1988 with orders to HS-11. He then returned to NATTC Memphis in October 1990 as a Staff instructor. While attached to NATTC, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and received his Master Training Specialist Qualification. Kent was then sent to HS-3 as Aircraft Division CPO and Quality Assurance Leading Chief Petty Officer in January 1994. In November 1997, he reported to NAMTraGru Det 1078 (VMGRT-253 FREST) where his duties included Navy Liaison/ Senior Navy Instructor and Det LCPO. AMCS (AW) Kent has been awarded a Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (Fifth Award), and Good Conduct Medal (Fifth Award).

VS-32 congratulates Senior Chief Petty Officers Hall and Kent on their screening for promotion.

Hall and Kent are vital parts of the "Mauler" maintenance team and have been essential to VS-32's high operational readiness. The "Maulers" thank them for their hard work and dedication to the mission of the Navy.

‘Topcat’ Ordies prove they can get the job done

By Lt. j.g. Josh Keever
VS-31 PAO

Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31 returned May 13 from Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada after spending a week dropping inert and live ordnance in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). The “Topcat” ordnance team, led by Chief Warrant Officer Terry Raulerson and AOCS(AW/SW) Thomas Parmley, loaded and supervised the safe expenditure of over 57,000 pounds of live ordnance without a single setback. In addition, the Ordies supervised the loading of almost 200 light inert practice bombs designed to simulate live ordnance drops. The AO’s worked around the clock to make sure “Topcat” aircrews had the required load outs and up systems for safe and effective targeting. The “Topcats” returned from each flight with empty weapons racks and bombs on target, a credit to the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the “Topcat”

Maintenance team.

The “Topcat” Ordies consisted of AO1 Thiem, AO1 Corey Bossardet, AO1 Garrison Householder, AO3 Joseph Britton, AO3 Dennis Hernandez, AO3 Charles Patille, AO3 Jon Teske, AO3 Gabriel Wise, AO3 Rashad Williams, AO3 Chris Blankenship and AO2 Robert Edison from Sea Control Wing Atlantic (SCWL).

In addition, VS-31 completed Sea Control Advancement Readiness Program (SCARP) events with flying colors. More specifically, the AO shop successfully completed a rigorous Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPDI). CWTPDI is an evaluation process designed to test the loading and delivery of multiple S-3B weapon systems. The “Topcat” Ordies once again proved that they could get the job done when it matters the most. The “Topcats” will start deployment workups this July and will deploy with the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) Battle Group early next year.



“Topcat” Ordies during a CWTPDI evolution. The “Topcats” successfully completed the inspection phase with flying colors.



“Topcat” Ordies finish up loading and checking fuze settings on two Mk-82s.



“Topcat” Ordies load Mk-82s on Aircraft 711.

HS-5 pilot and aircrewman help local wrestling team

Most people like to go home and relax after a long day at work. But, there are two members of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 5 who felt that giving back to the community that supports them, deserved some of their time also. Lt.j.g. Rob Smallwood and AW2 Neil Johnson devoted many hours of their free time this past fall and winter to help coach the Ridgeview High School Wrestling Team. Smallwood and Johnson went to the high school to help out the team after work and on weekends whenever they could.

Smallwood, a pilot at HS-5, wrestled for 10 years before joining the Navy. He wrestled for Bel Air High School in Maryland where he was a multiple County Champion and Regional Champion. He was also an All-State Wrestler his Senior year. He then continued his

wrestling career by wrestling for the University of Maryland.

Johnson, one of HS-5’s aircrewmen



Lt.j.g. Rob Smallwood and AW2 Neil Johnson

and a Search and Rescue (SAR) swimmer, wrestled for 12 years before joining the Navy. He was the Mis-

ssouri State Champ three times, won three National Titles, and won four Gateway Athletic Conference Gold medals.

Smallwood and Johnson helped the Ridgeview Panthers Wrestling Team to a 10-7 dual meet record. With the help of their two “Assistant” coaches, the Panthers also placed first in the district and fourth in the Region.

When asked what their motivation was, it

was a rather simple answer. They just wanted to give something back to the sport and the community that had given them so much. “What we would do is go in and work with individuals, teaching them advanced wrestling skills,” according to Smallwood. He added, “Coach Nesi, the head coach at Ridgeview, just didn’t have the time to give some individuals the attention that the wrestlers needed. That’s where we would come in, we would try to teach the wrestlers moves and techniques that would make them better and take them to the next level.” Coach Nesi said that he was greatly appreciative of the assistance he got from the Navy and HS-5 specifically. He also wanted to let people know how much it meant to him and his wrestles to get some pointers from such accomplished and dedicated individuals.

'Ace reporter' returns home to *Jax Air News*

By **Loren Barnes**
Editor

Jax Air News was graced by a visit from an old family member recently. Shirley Langston, a former *Jax Air News* "ace reporter" dropped in to our offices while in Jacksonville attending the USS Tarawa reunion. A former WAVE, Langston was a writer with the base newspaper in 1949 and 1950.

Her deceased husband William M. Langston was a ship's cook aboard the Tarawa back in the late 1940s. The ship is now decommissioned but former crewmen and their families continue to gather for reunions at different locations around the country. This was the sixth such reunion. Langston lives in Gold Beach, Oregon.

Langston brought with her a copy of the Aug. 10, 1950 issue of the *Jax Air News* which carried an article bidding her farewell as she prepared for honorable discharge from the service to pursue married life with her first husband Reece Bledsoe, a Sailor then serving with ComFairJax.

The paper's headlines reflected a different time and a different Navy.

An editorial in the paper bore the headline "Why Do We Fight In Korea? The masthead listed Capt. Douglas T. Day as the base commanding officer and major commands included Fleet Air Jacksonville, Fleet Air Wing Eleven, Naval Hospital and NARTU.

The editor of *Jax Air News* was Andrew H. Planey and there were two staff members; Langston, then a

Seaman and listed by her maiden name Ritoch, and JOSN Bob Joyce. Aircraft depicted in the paper included the Bearcat and the Corsair.

The article about Seaman Ritoch described her as an enthusiastic and able reporter.

It read, "Shirley Ritoch, who squirmed her way into more offices, nooks and buildings in search of material for *Jax Air News* stories than probably any other NAS sailor, was honorably discharged on Monday... Shirley decided to give up her Navy career and join her man at his new station." It continued, "An able and competent reporter, Shirley was fast becoming an outstanding writer. A few of her stories were some of the best that have appeared in *Jax Air News*."

Possessed of one of the finest attributes of a good reporter - Shirley knew what a story was and handled it with the finesse of a professional newswoman."

The article went on to describe how this Alvarado, Minn. native had entered the Navy after attending Business College and working as a stenographer.

Ritoch's reason for joining the service is still a driving force for many young recruits, "the many travel opportunities it offered." In the Navy, she first worked in the NAS Public Information Office before joining the *Jax Air News* staff in March of 1949.

During her visit here Langston said of her Navy years, "It was an easy life. The easiest life I ever had."

After military service, both she and Mr. Langston were federal employees

working for the U.S. Post Office. She worked for the Postal Inspection Service in San Bruno, Calif. and he was a postal inspector. Since retiring some 22 years ago, she's continued to be active in the community and she's kept her hand in writing. She is very involved in supporting her community's hospital, producing the hospital newsletter.

She's also involved in her church, and with the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. She has three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

As Langston toured NAS Jacksonville, she remarked that even though she looked forward to the other portions of the reunion, including a trip to NavSta Mayport, an evening at the Alhambra Dinner Theater, and a visit to St. Augustine, her visit to NAS Jax would be the highlight of her trip.

She also said the reunion includes a Memorial Service and that sadly this year they would say farewell to 20 members who have passed away.

Langston's parting words to NAS Jax quoted in the 1950 article were, "I will always remember the year I spent at NAS Jax as one of the happiest of my life, and I will never forget the many friends I made there. To all of you wonderful people I hate to bid farewell, but maybe some day our paths will cross again."

While the people that Langston knew here have moved on and only a few of the landmarks have remained, notably the Chapel and the Naval Hospital, the memories clearly still linger for her. Shirley Langston, like all Sailors who have served here, is part of the NAS Jacksonville family.

Jax Air News was happy to welcome her home.



Photo by Jeff Hilton

Shirley Langston, former *Jax Air News* reporter, during her visit here a couple of weeks ago, and a portrait of Langston as she appeared in uniform as a WAVE stationed here in 1949.

NAVY NEWS

'Pearl Harbor' cast on hand as Stennis Sailors 'Stay Navy'

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NWS) — In the final act of the movie "Pearl Harbor," Col. Jimmy Doolittle (Alec Baldwin) forecast America's place in World War II: "We might have lost the battle, but we're gonna win this war. You know how I know? There's just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

Twenty-one Sailors aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) exemplified that tradition May 18 when they volunteered to "Stay Navy" during a reenlistment ceremony on the carrier's flight deck. Witnessing the ceremony were Pearl Harbor cast members Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett and Kate Beckinsale.

Capt. Richard Gallagher, commanding officer of John C. Stennis, officiated the ceremony on the ship's flight deck, overlooking the USS Arizona Memorial and the battleship USS Missouri (BB 63). "We need to retain our best and brightest people," explained Gallagher. "We are happy to keep these fine men and women in our Navy as we venture further into the new millennium."

The Hollywood actors talked to the Stennis Sailors after performing the group reenlistment, signing autographs and swapping "sea stories." "It's a big deal," explained Affleck. "Some of these guys reenlisted for six years. Reenlisting for two years alone is a real substantial commitment."

Afterward, the Sailors answered questions from media correspondents from around the world. Stennis hosted the movie's world premiere May 21 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "The chance to be involved in something of this size, not to mention the opportunity to meet with the stars and spend 10 days in Hawaii made this whole experience worth it," said AK1 John Hunnicutt. Journalist 3rd Class Nick Delacruz agreed. "The best part was knowing I played a part in this

historic event and knowing that someday I can look back and say 'I was there.'"

In reflecting on the aspects of what the movie portrays and the people who survived the attack, and IT3 Christopher Brookman said, "It's important for the Navy to recognize the men and women who died for their country. They upheld the idea of freedom and the ideals of honor, courage and commitment."

The following Sailors reenlisted in the ceremony: YNC(SW/AW) Frank Sartori of Joliet, Ill.; PCC(SW) Roger Nevins of O'Fallon, Ill.; PNC(SW/AW) Kevin Scadden of Creston, Iowa; AK1(AW) John Hunnicutt of Jacksonville, Fla.; AK2(AW) Sarah Williams of Bakersfield, Calif.; SH2(SW/AW) Stephen Boyd of Louisville, Ky.; OS2(SW) Nicholas Pearce of Omaha, Neb.; EM2(SW) Benjamin Aratea of Olongapo City, Philippines; MS3(SW) Kenneth Svihlik of Orland Park, Ill.; AC3(AW) Melvin Jacobs of East Point, Ga.; AO3(AW) Daniel Lipscomb of Clarksburg, W.Va.; FC3 Jovan Jackson from Dallas; EM3 Duncan Gilmour of Layton, Utah; JO3 Nick Delacruz from Chicago; ABH3 Robert Stutz of Lockport, N.Y.; AO3(AW) Melvin Franklin from St. Louis; FC3 Richard Castleberry of Huntsville, Ala.; PH3(AW) Angela Gonzalez of Independence, Mo.; MM3 Brandon Sellers of Manassas, Va.; EM3 Timothy Kellett of Branson, Mo.; and IS3 Christopher Brookman of Stafford, Kan.

EP-3 heroes receive medals from SecDef

WASHINGTON (NWS) — The 24 crewmembers of the downed EP-3 Ariens were formally recognized for their heroic efforts May 18, during an awards ceremony at the Joint Services Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The pilot/mission commander, Lt. Shane Osborn, was presented the Distinguished

Flying Cross for regaining control and safely landing the aircraft after it was struck by a Chinese F-8 aircraft. Osborn fought with the controls and landed the aircraft despite the loss of an engine, the nose radome, and all airspeed and altitude information. Osborn was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his professionalism after the forced landing.

He took charge of the situation in preparing the crew to encounter an armed force. He continued to assert the rights of the U.S. government over the aircraft and refused to permit Chinese forces to board the plane until he was forced to do so.

The senior enlisted person aboard the plane, ADCS(AW) Nicolas A. Mellos, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his professionalism in keeping the crew acting as a team during their 12-day detention period on Hainan Island. He established watchbill assignments, identified a chain of command for everyone to follow, and ensured that proper discipline was maintained and morale remained high in the face of a possible long-term detention period.

While Osborn received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the rest of the crew each received the Air Medal for various tasks, including the execution of emergency procedures that ultimately saved the lives of everyone aboard.

The event was attended by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton; and other distinguished guests. "We honor you today and celebrate the fact that you returned home safely to your families and to your country," said Rumsfeld. "Lt. Osborn, thanks to you and your fine crew, for your bravery and to your dedication to duty. We're proud of you all." Rumsfeld continued, speaking to all members of the military, "For your service to our country, your sacrifices you make and the risks you take to defend our nation, we thank you and we honor you."

Navy targets Ecstasy abuse

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NWS) — In the war on drugs, the Navy has a powerful new enemy: the synthetic "club drug" known as

ecstasy. Its increasing abuse among Sailors over the last few years is cause for concern.

As a result, Navy leadership is reminding all hands that illegal drug use of any kind is a force protection issue that affects mission performance and safety; ecstasy is dangerous; and the Navy is committed to the policy of zero tolerance of illegal drug use.

While the actual number of Sailors who tested positive for ecstasy is relatively small, a disturbing trend is developing. Navy "positives" for ecstasy were 34 in FY98, 191 in FY99, and 238 in FY00.

According to Capt. John Jemioneck, a member of the Navy's Drug Working Group on Ecstasy Abuse, a misconception some Sailors have is that the Navy doesn't test for ecstasy.

"Navy drug laboratories screen all military samples for the presence of ecstasy," according to Jemioneck.

He added that the Navy has also asked commercial vendors to develop an improved screening method to detect the drug, and that several new testing reagents are currently awaiting government approval. "Navy drug laboratories will be introducing a more sensitive screening procedure to improve the detection of ecstasy at least three-fold," Jemioneck explained.

In addition to enforcement of the Navy's "zero-tolerance" drug policy, the Navy is also increasing its efforts to educate Sailors and Navy leadership about the dangers and consequences of ecstasy abuse. "Clearly, there is a need to get Sailors information on the health hazards of ecstasy abuse, the legal consequences of ecstasy abuse and the Navy Drug Screening Lab's capability to detect ecstasy through urinalysis," said Bill Flannery, head of the Navy's drug detection and deterrence branch.

To that end, the Navy will actively engage the chain of command at all levels, from work center supervisors to commanding officers, in a campaign to make everyone aware of the physical dangers and disciplinary ramifications of any illegal drug use, and to remind them that drug testing is an active, mandatory program.

Jax Tales

By Mike Jones - mikejones43@hotmail.com



Navy College Learning Center: real learning, real results

The Navy College Learning Center (NCLC) is a free education benefit available to all active duty and adult military identification card holders. The NCLC offers individualized, self-paced, computer-based programs of study. The quick-start, fast results program features PLATO Fastrack courseware (language arts, math and reading comprehension) that equips students with basic academic skills. In addition, this program is excellent preparation for standardized tests including the ASVAB, CLEP, SAT, ACT, GRE, TABE, and college placement exams. Although there are no grades, the program's benefits are clearly seen by the success of its students. Success stories are written everyday at the NCLC as life long learners use the Center to enhance and improve their

academic skills for personal, career and educational advancement. Perhaps in their success, you will see that the path to success has been laid and you too can reach your education goals. Congratulations to the following:

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*HA Sonetta Holliday,
Branch Medical Clinic*

HA Sonetta Holliday used the Center's mathematics program as a stepping-stone for the College Mathematics CLEP and DANTES college algebra test. Sonetta's pre-algebra skills were fresh so she went directly to our advanced math program. Sonetta completed both the beginning and intermediate algebra programs and had progressed significantly through the ad-

vanced algebra course prior to taking the CLEPs. Sonetta succeeded with her test scores and has both the college math credit and college algebra credit toward her degree.

*AFM Maureen Gregg,
family member*

Maureen Gregg came to the Center with the goal to take the College Mathematics CLEP. She has attained that goal and more by completing the entire FASTRACK Series. She is actively and diligently working to complete the intermediate algebra and trigonometry. In the meantime, with nervous anticipation she signed up to take the College Mathematics CLEP exam. Maureen rushed out of the CLEP exam into the Center to announce that she had passed the exam. She successfully obtained the college credits she desired and met her goal with the help of the NCLC.

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ATAA Eric Puente, NAMTraU
AS2 Marlan Alberty, NAMTraU
Math

Jerri Lundberg
Beginning Algebra
AW2 Andreas Parker, AMPO
Jerri Lundberg
ETAA Frank Shorey, NAMTraU
HM2 Donald Banks, Naval Hospital
Trigonometry

AKC Surujnarin Singh, FACSFAC
Social Studies

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AT2 Debra Stevens, NAMTraU
Natural Science
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The Learning Center is located in Building 110 adjacent to Navy Campus. Call Tawanna or Maryanne at 542-3676 to see how their flexible schedule can accommodate yours.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Summer 2001 Class Schedule announced

The Summer 2001 NAS class schedule runs from May 28 through July 27.

Undergraduate classes:

All classes meet from 5 to 9:45 p.m.
Airport Development and Operations; Monday at Florida Real Estate - Wells Road
Marketing; Tuesday at NAS Jax Safety, Bldg. #537
Social Responsibility and Ethics in Management; Wednesday at NAMTra Jax, Bldg. #848
Explorations in Physics; Wednesday at NAS Jax, Bldg. 110/ Computer Lab
Human Factors in Aviation Safety;

Tuesday at NAMTra Jax, Bldg. #848
Aircraft Crash and Emergency Management; Thursday at NAS Jax Safety, Bldg. #537

Graduate classes:

Research Methods and Statistics; Tuesday at NAS Jax, Bldg 110/Computer Lab
Aircraft Maintenance Management; Monday at Craig Field/ Sterling Aviation
Airport Operations Safety; Wednesday at NAS Jax Safety, Bldg. #537
Graduate Research Project: TBA
For more information call 779-0246.

Armed Forces Day/Scout Blast 2001



Major Michael Rung, back left, and CW2 Ray Whaley explain features of their Apache attack helicopter.

Story and Photos By Jeff Hilton,
Staff

NAS Jacksonville was invaded in a friendly way May 18 - 20 by more than 3,500 Scouts participating in Armed Forces Day/Scout Blast 2001. Housed in hundreds of tents, the Scouts camped out along Yorktown Avenue and near the North Gate.

Saturday morning, a large parade led Scout troops as well as

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Several private aircraft were on display and captured the attention of many Scouts and their guests.



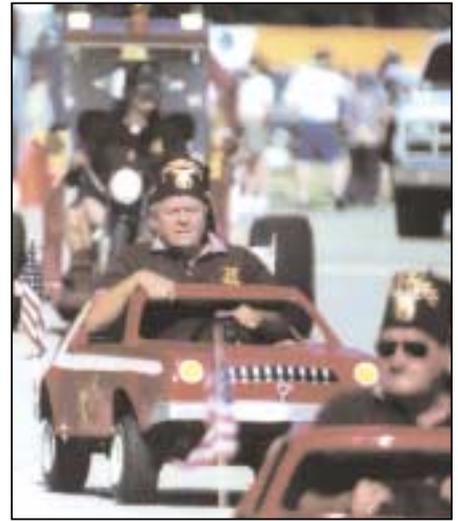
Lt.j.g. Steve Audelo explains the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter he flies for HSL-48 Scouts Orlando Pryor, left, and Thomas Saddington.



Civil War re-enactors fire an artillery piece.



Marines from Company B, 4th Assault Amphibious Battalion, 4th Marine Division arrive with a AAVP7A1 amphibious assault vehicle.



Shriners from Palatka paraded in their mini-racers.



An animated pirate from Sally Corporation was on display in Hangar 30.



Rides up above the crowds were provided by bucket trucks from Clay Electric Authority.

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dozens of other participants to Hangar 30. The hangar, home to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, housed more than 100 booths displaying Scouting programs as well as military and commercial attractions. Larger attractions were displayed outside the hangar.

NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Mark

Boensel and former Commander Naval Base Jacksonville, Rear Adm. Ken Belisle greeted the Scouts and guests.

In addition to the Scouts, an estimated 10,000 visitors toured military aircraft and hardware, private aircraft, went aloft in bucket trucks, participated in Scouting skills and activities.

NAS has hosted the popular event for 21 years. This year's key sponsor was Clay Electric Authority.



Christopher Trent sat in a 1947 Er Coupe long enough for his mom to get his picture.

NAVHOSPJAX NEWS

Updated TRICARE Dental Program information clarified

From Naval Hospital
Jacksonville Public Affairs

The Department of Defense began the new TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) on Feb. 1 that combines the former TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program. The TRICARE Dental Program provides expanded dental coverage to active duty family members, members of the Selected Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and their family members.

Members who were enrolled in the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan or in the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Plan were automatically transferred to the TRICARE Dental Program on Feb. 1.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, which provides dental coverage for eligible Uniformed Services retirees, remains a separate program and is unchanged.

The new dental program has an expanded comprehensive dental benefit package that includes diagnostic, preventive, and restorative services including dental X-rays, periodic examinations, sealants, cleanings, fluoride treatment, fillings, root canals, dental crowns and bridges, and orthodontics. The TRICARE Dental Program also covers athletic mouthpieces, an additional oral evaluation, and orthodontic coverage for spouses, Selected Reserve, and Individual Ready Reserve members up to age 23.

Additionally, cost shares for some dental services have been reduced for active duty service members in pay grades E-1 to E-4. The reduction in cost-shares is provided to encourage these families to seek dental care and improve their dental health. The maximum benefit payment is \$1,200 annually for routine care and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic care.

"As with medical preventive care, dental preventive care should begin at an early age," said Capt. Lawrence McKinley, DC, USN, senior dental consultant, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA). "One of the primary goals for the TRICARE Dental Program is to urge sponsors and family members to seek early preventive dental care in order to avoid more costly and serious dental diseases in the future.

"The new dental program strongly encourages diagnostic and preventive care for younger children. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI), the TRICARE Dental Program administrator, will au-

tomatically enroll children at age four and notify the sponsor. Sponsors may, however, voluntarily enroll their children at the age of one," said McKinley.

A major improvement over the previous dental programs is the reduction of the mandatory 24-month enrollment obligation for the member. Under the new program, the enrollment commitment is reduced to 12 months.

Enrollment in the TRICARE Dental Program is voluntary, continuous, and portable worldwide. A new enrollment requires at least a 12-month service commitment for active duty sponsors or Reserve members. Exceptions are made for Reservists who have fewer than 12 months remaining but are called up to active duty for certain contingency operations.

United Concordia Companies, Inc., administers all enrollment functions. To enroll in the program, sponsors must complete a TRICARE Dental Program enrollment form and send it to United Concordia along with one month's premium payment.

Reserve component members may enroll their family members in the dental program without having to enroll themselves. Certain Reservists and family members previously excluded because of not having an active payroll account will now be able to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program. United Concordia will bill the sponsor directly for all monthly premiums.

"Enrollment in the new TRICARE Dental Program will be user-friendly and efficient," said McKinley. "United Concordia will take over enrollment from the personnel departments of the Uniformed Services, and have secure online access to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to validate eligibility and enrollment."

If a member enrolls in the program prior to the 20th of any given month, is or her dental coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. If a member enrolls after the 20th of any month, dental coverage will begin on the first day of the second month. For example: If a member enrolls between June 1 and June 19, dental coverage will begin on July 1. However, if the member enrolls between June 20 and June 28, dental coverage will begin on Aug. 1.

"To avoid enrollment problems, it is important that prior to enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program, sponsors check their DEERS information to ensure it contains the most up-to-date in-

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formation," said Capt. McKinley.

Premiums are paid through either a payroll allotment, or in certain cases, by direct billing to the sponsor or member.

The monthly dental premium for active duty family members is \$7.63 for a single enrollment, or \$19.08 to enroll a family. The monthly premium for members of the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve and their family members, except for orthodontic treatment.

Policies, procedures and recommendations for best available care in CONUS or OCONUS may vary. Sponsors and family members living in OCONUS locations are encouraged to contact their overseas lead agency or DTF representatives prior to obtaining any dental care, particularly from host nation providers.

Eligible persons interested in enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program can obtain an application and additional information from United Concordia, the dental program administrator, by calling 1-888-622-2256.

For general information on the TRICARE Dental Program, members may call United Concordia at 1-800-866-8499, or visit the UCCI Web site at <http://www.ucci.com>.

For dental information, members may also contact a Naval Hospital Jacksonville Health Benefits Advisor or the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator by calling 542-9164, NAS Jacksonville's Naval Dental Center at 542-3441, or the local Personnel Support Activity Detachment at 542-2835.

For TRICARE Dental Program enrollees, dental coverage is available worldwide.

Family members who live OCONUS (outside the Continental United States) must first seek care through their local Dental Treatment Facility (DTF) if available.

Prior to receiving dental care from a host nation dentist, members must ob-

tain a Non-Availability and Referral Form from the local OCONUS dental treatment facility.

A Non-Availability and Referral Form is not required for active duty family members living in remote locations (where no DTF is available), or for the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and their family members, except for orthodontic treatment.

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Photo by HM3 Erica Rodriguez

Red Cross Volunteer Mr. Earl Tiffany assists hospital staff by pulling records and delivering them to various clinics.

One less stop ...

By JO2 LeaVonda Battle

Patients, who receive care at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, have one less stop when coming in for a doctor's visit.

Now, patients who come to the hospital for health care can report directly to their appointment, avoiding the added stop of picking up their medical record. In the past, patients had to report to the records department, pick up their record and hand carry it to their appointment. Under the current policy, all records that are needed for scheduled appointments are delivered to the

appropriate clinic, bright and early, prior to the patients' arrival. For same-day and walk-in appointments, records are requested when the appointment is scheduled and delivered to the requesting clinic within 15 minutes.

The new system is a customer service initiative that saves time for patients, according to Emma Suber-Noble, department head of medical records.

"It's more convenient for our patients because they no longer have to wait in a line for their medical records before reporting to their appointment, and we know that's a good thing," said Red Cross Volunteer Mr. Earl Tiffany.

TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program begins with great success

From NavHosp
Jacksonville Public Affairs

For approximately 1.4 million uniformed services beneficiaries age 65 and older, April 1, 2001, was not a typical spring day. The new TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program sprang into action, availing them of one of the best pharmacy benefits in the United States.

"Overall the new pharmacy program is extremely successful. The response from beneficiaries 65 and older has been overwhelmingly positive," said Army Col. William Davies, director, Department of Defense (DoD) pharmacy programs. "The managed care support contractors (MCSCs) provided exceptional support at the regional level, ensuring a smooth beginning to the program," added Davies.

Among the few difficulties encountered by users were denied claims resulting from erroneous social security numbers (beneficiary's instead of the sponsor's) and incorrect information in the claims processor's database about the beneficiary having other health insurance (OHI).

"In these situations, the DoD's toll-free TRICARE Pharmacy Help Line 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337) proved to

be an invaluable resource," said Davies. "As problems which caused a claim to be denied were identified, corrective action was taken on the spot by the network pharmacy and help line staffs to contact the beneficiary, update or correct erroneous information and process the claim."

From April 1 to 28, approximately 450,000 prescriptions were processed. The TRICARE retail networks processed 317,000 prescriptions, and the National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP) processed 133,000 prescriptions. Users of the expanded senior pharmacy benefit have reported their satisfaction to TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) officials and leaders of military organizations.

One beneficiary said his spouse previously spent \$423 for 90 tablets of a certain medication. The same prescription submitted through a TRICARE network pharmacy cost only \$9 for 180 tablets. The beneficiary also reported previously paying \$48 for a bottle of eye-drops to treat his wife's glaucoma. Using TRICARE, his wife was able to receive two bottles of the same eye-drops for only \$9.

Another beneficiary reports being prescribed a new medication that had no generic substitute. Purchased locally, the

prescription would have cost \$17 per tablet. Filling the prescription using the NMOP, the beneficiary received a 90-day supply costing \$9 (10 cents per tablet).

The new TRICARE pharmacy co-payments, which also began on April 1, offer a streamlined co-payment system, which simplifies the TRICARE pharmacy benefit for all eligible uniformed service beneficiaries. "For some beneficiaries, the previous pharmacy co-payment system was at times confusing. Co-payments were determined by the member's enrollment status (TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard), beneficiary category, and place of pharmacy service. Under the new TRICARE pharmacy program with the new rate structure, prescription medications, for the most part, will cost less," explains Davies.

"The military treatment facility (MTF) remains the best value for all users of the TRICARE pharmacy program. By filling prescriptions at the MTF, TRICARE beneficiaries can eliminate their out-of-pocket costs. As long as the prescribed medication is listed on the MTF's formulary, eligible beneficiaries may continue using this option," Davies added.

Prescriptions filled using the National Mail Order Pharmacy cost \$3 for a

90-day supply for a generic medication, and \$9 for a 90-day supply for most non-generic medications. Prescriptions filled using a retail network pharmacy cost \$3 for a 30-day supply of a generic medication, and \$9 for a 30-day supply for most non-generic medications.

Beneficiaries choosing to fill prescriptions using a non-network pharmacy will pay either \$9 or 20 percent of the total cost of the prescription, whichever amount is greater, and meet the annual TRICARE deductible of \$150 per individual or \$300 per family.

Up-to-date information on the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program and the new TRICARE pharmacy co-payments, are available on the MHS/TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy>. Eligible uniformed services beneficiaries may also contact the Department of Defense toll-free TRICARE Pharmacy Help Line 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337), Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET. Beneficiaries may also contact the TRICARE Service Center at 1-800-444-5445 or a Naval Hospital Jacksonville Health Benefits Office by calling 542-9164 to find out more about their new pharmacy benefits.

MWR NOTES

Liberty Events: 542-3491/1335

Coming in July: Look for information on a White Water Rafting Trip! For suggestions on trips or events you would like to see at Liberty, please email the Liberty Coordinator at dbuddock@nasjax.navy.mil.

Free Pizza and a Movie - May 30 - Eat free pizza at the Rec Center at 6 p.m. then catch the van to the Orange Park Mall for a free movie. Sign up begins at 3 p.m. the day of the event.

90 Second Shoot-Out - June 6 - Begins at 11:30 a.m. Who ever gets the most balls in the pocket in 90 seconds wins. Free food and drinks. Winner receives \$25.

Celebrate Donald Duck's Birthday at Disney World - June 9 - Come with Liberty to Disney World to celebrate the Birthday of Disney's favorite duck-Donald Duck! \$35/active duty, \$44/guests. Sign up by June 5.

Parasailing Trip - June 10 - Ride 1,400 feet into the air for only \$50. Sign up by June 4.

Flag Day - June 14 - Jet ski, kayak, canoe and BBQ at the Marina. Jet ski space is very limited, and you must have a jet ski safety card issued by the NAS Jax Marina in order to use a jet ski. Cost will be \$5 per half-hour. Call for more information.

Skydiving Trip - June 16 - Skydiving-need we say more? Cost is only \$125/person. Need a minimum of five people to sign up for this rate. Sign up by June 13.

Free Dinner and Movie - June 19 - Enjoy free subs at Liberty Cove at 6 p.m. Then catch the van to the Orange Park Mall for a movie at 6:45 p.m.

Pool Party at the Outdoor Pool - June 22 - Celebrate summer with a pool party. Free food, beverages and giveaways. 6:30-10 p.m.

Deep Sea Fishing - June 23 - Enjoy a day of deep sea fishing aboard the K-2 in St. Augustine, \$40/active duty \$50/guests. Space is limited, sign up by June 20.

Free Movies

Free movies are shown in the Base Theater located on Jason Street every Friday at 7 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m. Movies are open to all. Bring your own snacks, no alcohol please and please do not leave children under 18 unattended.

June 1, 7 p.m. - *The Best Man* (PG-13)
 June 2, 5 p.m. - *Chicken Run* (G)
 June 2, 7 p.m. - *The Client* (PG-13)
 June 8, 7 p.m. - *Down in The Delta* (PG-13)
 June 15, 7 p.m. - *Gone in 60 Seconds* (PG-13)
 June 16, 5 p.m. - *Dinosaur* (PG)
 June 16, 7 p.m. - *U-751* (PG-13)
 June 23, 7 p.m. - *Wrongfully Accused* (PG-13)
 June 30, 7 p.m. - *The Mummy* (PG-13)

Mulberry Cove Marina: 542-3260

As the weather is getting warmer, the

water is looking better and better. Come check out what the Mulberry Cove Marina has to offer you for water fun. And don't forget, before you can rent any of the boats, jet skis, or other water craft, you need to complete a Boater Safety Course that's free to take. Call for more information.

The Zone

Yesterday's Caf  - Step back in time to the 50's era with tunes on the jukebox and handmade milkshakes. Yesterday's Caf  is located in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue and is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May's specials are:

Monday - chicken tenders, fries, and drink, \$4

Tuesday - spicy chicken sandwich, fries and drink, \$4

Wednesday - country fried steak sandwich, soup, chips and drink, \$4

Thursday - chicken salad plate and drink, \$3

Friday - fried fish sandwich, soup, chips and drink, \$4

Budweiser Brew House - The Brew House is a full family dining facility located in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue. The Brew House has two-for-one specials every Tuesday, come on in and see the line up. Enjoy live entertainment starting at 8 p.m. on Fridays. Call 542-5009.

Bambino's - Call 542-3900 for free on-base delivery. Bambino's is your headquarters for food delivery on base and is running a Wednesday buy one pizza get the second one for half price special after 2 p.m. Delivery ends at 8:30 p.m. However, pick-up of our delicious pizza and subs is available from 8:30-10 p.m. in the Brew House.

Looking for a place to hold a function, meeting or event? The Zone has two catering rooms available, call 542-3521 for details.

Outdoor Pool

Make a splash this season and hold your party of function at the Outdoor Pool Complex. Reservations are first come, first serve. Call 542-3239/2930 and ask for Aquatics today to get your desired date. The cost, which includes certified lifeguards, is \$75 for the first 2 hours and \$25 for additional hours.

Memorial Day Party - Outdoor Pool Season Kick Off will be Monday, May 28 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be a live Caribbean Band, games, softball, horseshoes, and many other outdoor activities to start the summer season. Food and beverages will be available. Call 542-2930/3239 for more information.

CPO Club: 542-3461

Enjoy social hour every Wednesday and Friday with free munchies and beverage spe-

cial. On Fridays enjoy live entertainment.

Youth and Teen Events and Activities

Registration for Summer Camp at NAS Jax Youth Center and Yellow Water Youth Center will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Make sure to have all your paperwork complete before registration starts. For information, call 778-9772.

NAS Jax Teen Calendar of Events

Mondays:

The Ultimate Journey: A Boys and Girls Club Program that Youth Activities is starting. Teens will be exploring the outdoors to learn about plant and animal life while participating in games, crafts and fun. This program will also reinforce math and science skills as well as gaining an understanding of how humans affect the environment. The center is closed May 28.

Wednesdays:

May 30 - Movie Night

Events are from 6:15-8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All trips require a power of attorney. For more information on Teen Events or to give us ideas call Mary Brannan at 778-9772. Mary is dedicated to creating a positive environment for teens. Spread the news on all the great activities and events planned for teens at NAS Jacksonville.

NAS Jacksonville Youth Activities: 778-9772

Open Recreation every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Gym Open: Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Friday Night Activities:

May 25 - Movie Night-Free

Open to ages K-up from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Membership cards must be presented for all activities. Children must be pre-registered for all Friday night activities and fees are due the prior Wednesday.

Yellow Water Activities: 777-8247

Teen Night - Mondays 6-8 p.m.

Open Recreation - Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:15-8 p.m.

Friday Night Activities - 6-8 p.m.

May 25 - Movie Night, K-17 free.

Girl Scouts - Meetings are held each Wednesday in the Youth Center at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Troop Leaders: Brownie Troop #492 Ashley Daniel at 317-6649 and Junior Troop #44 Tammy Jones at 771-6479.

Dance Classes-Ballet and Tap is taught every Saturday at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. Dance classes are open to ages 3 and up and the monthly fee is \$25 per student and \$20 per each additional student in the same household.

ITT is now open at Yellow Water Youth Center. Come by the Center and purchase your discounted tickets. ITT is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

[The MWR website is moving. Now you can check out all the latest and greatest of MWR by visiting www.nas-jax.navy.mil and clicking on the MWR link.](http://www.nas-jax.navy.mil)

On The Go With USO

Your local USO offers one-stop shopping on a number of services and discounts on local entertainment attractions.

The following are some of the opportunities now available to military members and their families at the USO:

- Jacksonville Suns tickets \$3.25 - Schedules and tickets for all games available at the USO.
- Southern Rock Concert - May 25, 7 p.m., featuring Charlie Daniels, 38 Special and Dickie Betts at Metropolitan

Park - Tickets at USO are \$18, 28 percent off gate price.

- MOSH laser light and music spectacular - every Friday and Saturday night
 - Friday, 8:30 p.m., Country Lasar; 10 p.m. Garth Brooks
 - Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Beatles, 10 p.m. Led Zeppelin
- Daytona Action Attraction and Speedway Tour - \$12 and \$9, children under 6 admitted free.
- Adventure Landing - \$13
- Movies - AMC, \$5; Regal, \$4.50

Special events in the Jacksonville area

May 18-20 - Crawfish festival - Cajun music, food and entertainment,

Seawalk Pavilion, Jacksonville Beach.

May 26 - Annual Spring Music Festival - free concert with nationally known performers at Metropolitan Park

May 25-28 - Blue Crab Festival - seafood, music, art and crafts and family entertainment, River Front in Palatka, Fla.

May 30 - USO is taking orders for Pepsi 400 tickets until May 30. Tickets for the Daytona, Fla. event are \$65 each. The race is July 7.

Contact your USO for information on St. Augustine, Jekyll Island, Savannah, and the many historical sites in the area. Stop by Building 1050 at the NAS Jax Main Gate or call 778-2821.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Four Tops, Chaka Khan and The Commodores to perform at a free concert during Spring Music Festival May 26 at Metropolitan Park. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 6 p.m. Free admission is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking at the Sports Complex is \$5. Visit www.coj.net/events or call 630-3686.

Clay County's 13th annual Concert on the Green is May 27, at Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club. For information call 269-1046.

The Jacksonville Zoo roars with excitement this summer. Call the Zoo's hotline at 757-4462 for details on special events from Family Fun Days to Safari Sleepovers and Summer Camps. The Zoo also is looking for volunteers. New volunteer orientations are held the first Saturday of every month. For information call Bill Allen at 757-4463 ext. 176 or e-mail him at allenbp@jaxzoo.org.

Grace Episcopal Church in Orange Park will be hosting the fourth annual Children' Music and Arts Camp from July 9-13 for second through seventh graders. The event will be led by Connie Fortunato, a composer, author and internationally recognized expert in development of children's choirs. For information call 264-9981.

St. Vincent's Foundation Charity Golf Event is June 7-9 at the World Golf Village, in conjunction with Murray Bros. Caddyshack grand opening celebration. Six of the Murray Brothers and other national celebrities will be present and their will be a grand opening concert Saturday

evening. For corporate and individual entry packages call (904) 308-7848. Visit www.wgv.com for information. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent's Mobile Outreach Ministry, a health facility on wheels that provides free medical services to the poor and needy in the community.

The U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association Reunion is June 13 -18 in Seattle, Wash. For information contact B.E. "Bud" Browell at 360-755-9104 or write him at B.E. "Bud" Browell, 317 South Anacortes Street, Burlington, Wash. 98233.

Training - SPAWAR Jacksonville presents Introduction to the Department of Defense (DoD) Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP); reference DoD 5200.40. If your information systems need to be certified and accredited, this course is for you!

This two-day course provides an overview of the four DITSCAP Phases and their associated tasks. It is not agency or service specific. This course does not certify INFOSEC officials. Cost: \$250 for DoD personnel and \$270 for NON-DoD personnel. Date: June 19-20, 2001. For information, call Sandra Cullers at 542-6221.

Join WJCT Public Broadcasting for a summer night of baseball June 27 at 7:35 p.m. when the Jacksonville Suns take on the Chatanooga Lookouts. The first 500 children - 12 and under - get in free when they register for the WJCT Kids Club. For information log onto www.wjct.org or call 358-6389. Parents and children over 13 may purchase tickets at the gate.

Military Appreciation Luncheon

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce is holding its Military Appreciation Luncheon May 30 in the ballroom of the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

and lunch begins at noon. The featured guest speaker will be Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark.

Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased at CNRSE RCMC Office (542-2403) and the NAS Jax (542-2934) and NavSta Mayport (270-5688) CMC Offices.

Meal hours

Monday through Friday
 Breakfast 6 to 7:30 a.m.
 Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Dinner 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
 Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Dinner 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Meal costs

Breakfast \$1.50
 Brunch/Lunch \$3
 Dinner \$3

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

Thursday

Breakfast
 Corned beef hash
 Home fried potatoes
 Boiled eggs
 Grits
 Grilled ham slices
 Waffles
 Omelets and eggs to order

Lunch - Fiesta Special

Mexican chicken
 Mixed vegetables
 O'Brien potatoes
 Beef tacos
 Beef fajitas
 Refried beans
 Mexican rice
 Beef noodle soup
 Blueberry crisp

Dinner

Swiss steak w/brown gravy
 Rice pilaf
 Whole kernel corn
 Fresh pork ham
 Egg noodles
 Green peas w/mushrooms
 Tomato rice soup

Friday

Breakfast
 Minced beef w/toast
 Hashed brown potatoes
 Oatmeal
 Boiled eggs
 Grilled sausage links
 Pancakes
 Omelets and eggs to order

Lunch

Parmesan fish
 Lyonnaise potatoes
 Steamed asparagus
 Corn chowder
 Ginger pot roast
 Steamed rice
 Lima beans
 Peanut butter cookies

Dinner

Salisbury steak
 Rice pilaf
 Green beans
 Chicken chow mein
 Scalloped potatoes
 Stewed tomatoes
 Chicken noodle soup

Saturday

Breakfast
 Baked sausage links
 Hashed brown potatoes
 French toast
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Corned beef hash
 Grits
 Boiled eggs

Brunch

Baked sausage links
 French fries
 Mixed vegetables
 Chili macaroni
 Coleslaw
 Old fashioned soup
 Eggs to order

Dinner

Barbecue beef cubes
 Steamed noodles
 Steamed carrots

**AT THE GALLEY**

Chicken mushroom soup
 Grilled ham steaks
 Parsley boiled potatoes
 Southern style green beans
 Pineapple sauce
 Coleslaw

Sunday

Breakfast
 Oven fried bacon
 Cottage fried potatoes
 Pancakes
 Eggs and omelets to order
 Grilled ham slices
 Oatmeal

Brunch

Eggs to order
 French fried onion rings
 Mulligatawny soup
 Steak and Cheese Subs
 Steamed broccoli

Dinner

Roast Pork Loin
 Duchess potatoes
 Green peas
 Baked chicken w/rice
 Buttered egg noodles
 Savory summer squash
 Beef noodle soup

Monday

Breakfast
 McMuffin sandwiches
 Hash brown potatoes
 Grits
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Creamed beef w/biscuits
 French toast puffs

Boiled eggs

Lunch

Baked tuna and noodles
 Franconia potatoes
 Harvard beets
 Vegetable soup
 Salisbury steak
 Tossed green rice
 Glazed carrots
 Brown gravy

Dinner

Liver w/onions
 Rice pilaf
 Steamed succotash
 Zesty bean soup
 Creole chicken
 Baked potatoes
 Steamed broccoli
 Brown gravy

Tuesday

Breakfast
 Cottage fried potatoes
 Texas hash
 Rolled oats
 Grilled bacon
 Boiled eggs
 Pancakes
 Eggs and omelets to order

Lunch

Braised pork chops
 Buttered noodles
 Green beans Parisienne
 Mushroom gravy
 Swedish meatballs
 Steamed rice
 Corn O'Brien

Beef barley soup

Dinner

Oven fried fish
 Lyonnaise rice
 Vegetable supreme soup
 Macaroni/cheese
 Cantonese ribs
 Steamed carrots
 Herbed broccoli

Wednesday**Breakfast**

Home fried potatoes
 Farina
 Boiled eggs
 Eggs and omelets to order
 Grilled ham slices
 Blueberry pancakes
 Grilled bacon

Lunch

Stuffed fish fillets
 Steamed broccoli
 Minestrone soup
 Spaghetti noodles
 Spaghetti w/meat sauce
 Club spinach
 Garlic bread
 Orange rice

Dinner

Szechwan chicken
 Pork fried rice
 Vegetable stir fry
 Brown gravy
 Stuffed peppers
 Simmered egg noodles
 Beef tomato soup
 Southern fried okra

JAX SPORTS

3 on 3 Sand Volleyball League forming

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. Rosters are due by June 1 and the season is scheduled to begin the week of June 18. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. If you would like to join the league, stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

Intramural Golf League forming

The Intramural Golf League now forming, is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. Rosters are due by June 1 and the season is scheduled to begin June 13. The league will play every Wednesday with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Anyone interested in entering a team should stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

Summer Basketball League forming

The Summer Basketball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel. Rosters are due June 1 and the season will start June 11. Anyone interested in joining the league should stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

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 a dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil. Visit the MWR website at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

STANDINGS

Greybeard Softball League

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-45	8	2
AIMD	8	3
VP-30	5	4
NAMTra	5	7
2BN351	1	4
CPRW-11	1	11

Intramural Softball League

Team	Wins	Losses
NAVAIRES	12	1
AIMD	17	2
VP-30	16	4
Weapons (THU)	13	6
VP-45	14	8
HS-15	7	5
VR-58	8	6
VS-31	9	8
NCTS	9	9
FASO/CPRW-11	9	10
CHSWL	7	11
HS-5	6	13
HS-75	5	14
VP-30 Students	4	15
VS-30	3	18
NLMOF	0	7