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Photo by JO2(SW) Shae Blasko

AK1(AW) Melba Watson, left, Tammy Barrett and SK3 Carmen Wulf were named Clay County's best by the Chamber of Commerce. Wulf was deployed. Her mother, Olivina McNeal accepted on her behalf.

## Chamber honors three

**By Clay County Chamber of Commerce**

The Clay County Chamber of Commerce announced their Military Person, Military Reservist and Military Spouse for 2001 during a luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 26 in Orange Park.

Aviation Administrationman First Class (Air Warfare) Melba Watson was selected as Military Person of the Year. Storekeeper Third Class Carmen Wulf was named Military Reservist of the Year.

Tammy Barrett was honored as Military Spouse of the Year.

Watson is the Maintenance Control Supervisor of Fleet Logistics Support (VR) Squadron 58 at NAS Jacksonville. She leads 168 maintenance professionals who service and maintain

four C-9 transport aircraft. Watson was selected as VR-58's Sailor of the Year for 2000 and awarded a Navy Achievement Medal. She and her husband have adopted a special needs child. They are the first Clay County residents to adopt a child from a society that specializes in placing unwanted children.

Watson works with several community services supporting disadvantaged school children and providing childcare for their families.

She has coordinated the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Food Closet donation drive.

Watson supports her church with her talents as a seamstress by providing complete school uniforms for 15 chil-

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### Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast

## Belisle takes command

**From Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast Public Affairs**

Rear Adm. Kenneth C. Belisle, USNR, assumed command of Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast in the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 75 hangar in a formal ceremony Sept. 22 at NAS Jacksonville.



Rear Adm. Kenneth Belisle

over from Rear Adm. Casey W. Coane, USNR.

Belisle is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Aviator a year later and assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 at NAS Patuxent River, Md. He was then assigned to VP-30 as an Instructor Pilot in 1972. He was accepted in the Training and Administration of Reserve (TAR)



Rear Adm. Casey Coane

program in 1974 and served in two additional squadrons including VP-

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## Pendley taking helm at ComHSWingLant

**By Loren Barnes**  
*Editor*

Capt. James V. Pendley will relieve Capt. Mark K. Adrick as Commander Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in a Change of Command ceremony aboard NAS Jacksonville tomorrow. The ceremony will commence in Hangar 123 at 10 a.m.

Pendley, a native of Dayton, Texas, graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in 1979.

Following designation as a Naval

Aviator, he set out on the Navy adventure. He has flown with the "Seahorses" of HS-1, as an instructor pilot with HS-7 and with the "Nightdippers" of HS-5, as well as the HS-9 "Sea Griffins." He deployed aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), USS Puget Sound (AD 38), USS LaSalle (AGF 3), USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), USS Peterson (DD 969) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). While with the "Sea Griffins," Pendley served as Operations Officer and deployed on the Roosevelt



Capt. James V. Pendley



Capt. Mark K. Adrick

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### Weekend Weather

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

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

## Meet a Sailor... MS3 Shaqanta Chanta Williams



**Job title/command:** Cook, Patrol Squadron (VP) 45  
**Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Past Duty Stations:** RTC, MS 'A' School  
**Family Life:** Single, one child.  
**Career Plans:** To get a degree in nursing.  
**Most Interesting Experience:** Working in the Galley.  
**Words of Wisdom:** "When the road gets bumpy, don't get grumpy, lift up your head and smile."

## Meet a Civilian... Betty Jean Johnson



**Job title/command:** Personal Property Office, NAS Jax.  
**Hometown:** East Prairie, Mo.  
**Past Duty Stations:** Patuxent River, Md., Memphis, Tn., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
**Family Life:** Married, one child  
**Career Plans:** To stay with the Navy and continue to serve our military members and civilians.  
**Most Interesting Experience:** In 1982 crying as I heard Christmas carols while watching our Marines guarding our base at GTMO from the communists.  
**Words of Wisdom:** "Love America the land of the free and don't take things for granted."



Photo by JO2(AW) Shae Blasko

### CNRSE staff kicks 2001 CFC Campaign off with a great start

Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Chief of Staff, Capt. Hardy Kircher (right) and CNRSE CFC Coordinator YNC(AW) Debra Brock (center), present a check to NAS Jacksonville's CFC Vice Chairman Lt. Fred Berg for the amount of \$21,552. When CNRSE kicked off its 2001 fund drive their goal was only \$15,000. The final tally topped that amount by \$7,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the amount they raised in 2000.

# VETS AND MORE...

## MGIB \$600 Additional Contribution

**Byron E. Hodges**  
*Veterans Service Representative*

WAVE is up

For those who have not heard or have yet to participate, active-duty personnel currently enrolled under the MGIB, Chapter 30, can now increase their monthly GI Bill benefit up to \$150. Those wishing to participate must contribute an additional amount of up to \$600. Over a 36 month period of full time benefits, a veteran could realize a net return of \$5,400 on an investment of \$600. Payments can be made in lump-sum or in increments of no less than \$20. All payments must be received while you are on active-duty. To enroll, contact the finance office.

The new Web Automated Verification of Enrollment is an internet based system which allows MGIB-active duty students to verify their monthly enrollment online instead of using the telephone number. To use this program, access the following web site: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/> Once at this site, follow the prompts to establish yourself in the system and verify enrollment on a regular basis. Using this system may be easier and less time-ly than the telephone verification system (1-877-823-2378).

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# President: Union is strong, American military: 'Be ready'

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is from a Sept. 20 address in the United States Capitol by President Bush:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, members of Congress and fellow Americans: In the normal course of events, presidents come to this chamber to report on the state of the Union. Tonight, no such report is needed. It has already been delivered by the American people. ...

We have seen the state of our Union in the endurance of rescuers ... We have seen the unfurling of flags, ... the saying of prayers — in English, Hebrew and Arabic. ...

Tonight we are ... awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. ...

Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done ...

I thank the world for its outpouring of support. America will never forget the sounds of our National Anthem playing at Buckingham Palace, on the streets of Paris, and at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate ...

Nor will we forget the citizens of 80 other nations who died with our own ... enemies of freedom committed an act of war against our country. ...

The evidence ... points to a collection of ... terrorist organizations known as al Qaeda. ... the same murderers indicted for bombing American embassies ... and ... the USS Cole (DDG-67).

... its goal is remaking the world — and imposing its radical beliefs ... everywhere.

The terrorists practice ... Islamic extremism that has been rejected by Muslim

scholars and the vast majority of Muslim clerics ... The terrorists' directive commands them to kill Christians and Jews, to kill all Americans and make no distinction among military and civilians, including women and children ...

This group and its leader ... Osama bin Laden — are linked to many other organizations ... There are thousands of these terrorists in more than 60 countries ... al Qaeda has great influence in Afghanistan and supports the Taliban ... In Afghanistan, we see al Qaeda's vision for the world. Afghanistan's people have been brutalized — many are starving and many have fled. Women are not allowed to attend school. ... Religion can be practiced only as their leaders dictate. ...

The United States respects the people of Afghanistan ... but we condemn the Taliban regime ... the United States of America makes the following demands on the Taliban:

Deliver ... all the leaders of al Qaeda who hide in your land. ... Close immediately and permanently every terrorist training camp in Afghanistan and hand over every terrorist ...

These demands are not open to negotiation or discussion.

The Taliban must act, and ... hand over

the terrorists, or they will share in their fate.

... to Muslims throughout the world. We respect your faith. ... Its teachings are good and peaceful, and those who commit evil in the name of Allah blaspheme the name of Allah. The terrorists are traitors to their own faith, trying, in effect, to hijack Islam itself. ... Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists, and every government that supports them. ...

We have seen their kind before. ... heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions ... they follow in the path of fascism, and Nazism and totalitarianism. And they will follow that path

*"I have a message for our military: Be ready. ... The hour is coming when America will act, and you will make us proud."*

*- President George W. Bush*

all the way, to where it ends: in history's unmarked grave of discarded lies. ...

I have a message for our military: Be ready. ... The hour is coming when America will act, and you will make us proud.

This is not, however, just America's fight. ... This is the world's fight. ...

Perhaps the NATO Charter reflects best the attitude of the world: An attack on one is an attack on all.

The civilized world is rallying to America's side. They understand that if this terror goes unpunished, ... their own citizens may be next ...

I ask you to live your lives, and hug your children ... to be calm and resolute ...

We are in a fight for our principles, and our first responsibility is to live by them.

No one should be singled out for unfair treatment or unkind words because of their ethnic background or religious faith. ...

I ask ... for your patience in what will be a long struggle.

... please continue praying for the victims of terror and their families, for those in uniform, and for our great country. Prayer has comforted us in sorrow, and will help strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Tonight I thank my fellow Americans for what you have already done and for what you will do. ... this country will define our times, not be defined by them. As long as the United States of America is determined and strong, this will not be an age of terror; this will be an age of liberty, here and across the world.

Great harm has been done to us. We have suffered great loss ... Freedom and fear are at war ... We will not tire, ... we will not fail.

... I will not forget this wound to our country or those who inflicted it. ... I will not relent in waging this struggle for freedom and security for the American people.

The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain. Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them.

... may God grant us wisdom, and may He watch over the United States of America."

## Pendley: HS Wing's new commodore

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to the Arabian Gulf for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His squadron was subsequently recognized with the 1991 Battle Efficiency Award.

Pendley next reported to the Staff of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet to serve as the HS Training and Readiness Officer. He then attended the Naval War College and earned his Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Following training in the SH-60F, Pendley reported as Executive Officer to HS-5 deployed on the USS George Washington (CVN 73) in the Arabian Gulf. He assumed command of HS-5 in 1997.

In 1998, he led the "Nightdippers" aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) for her maiden voyage, spending more than four months in the Arabian Gulf supporting Operation Southern Watch.

The USS John F. Kennedy was Pendley's next stop. There, he served as the Navigation Officer, deploying to the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf.

Pendley's awards include the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and various individual and unit awards.

He has flown more than 4,300 hours in H-3 and H-60 helicopters.

Pendley has two children, Rachel and Ross.

Adrick's tour as Commander Helicopter Antisubmarine Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet was just his most assignment in an exciting career. The Cincinnati, Ohio native, was commissioned an Ensign upon graduating from Miami University (Miami, Ohio) in 1977. After designation as a Naval Aviator and completion of replacement pilot training in the H-46 at HC-16, he came to NAS Jacksonville as a Search and Rescue Pilot.

Adrick subsequently served with HS-1, HS-15, HC-16 at NAS Pensacola, Fla., with Commander, Naval Air Forces U.S. Atlantic Fleet and HC-16. Later assignments included Air Officer and Executive Officer tours aboard the USS Duluth (LPD 6), and refresher training again with HS-1 for the SH-3H helicopter.

He next served as Executive Officer

with first HS-1 and then HS-15. He completed a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the War College in 1994. This was followed by Joint Professional Military training at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

His first command tour came with the "Seahorses" in 1996. When the squadron was decommissioned in 1997 he was assigned to the Secretary of Defense Executive Fellows Program where he completed a one year Fellowship with Andersen Consulting in Northbrook, Ill.

Adrick has 4,200 flight hours and 11 rescues to his credit.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Adrick and his wife Susan have two children, Ryan and Justin. He will assume duties as commanding officer and Professor of Naval Science at Jacksonville University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

## Residents welcome to town meeting

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Boensel will hold town meetings with base housing residents as follows:

5:30 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Yellow Water Youth Center

5:30 - 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 - NAS Jax Base Theater Bldg. 612 on Jason Street

*Don't blame the cow!*

## **Fire Prevention Week**

The history of Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which began Oct. 8, 1871, but lasted 27 hours and incurred the most damage the following day. As a result, Oct. 9, 1871, is the date most often connected with the tragic conflagration. The fire killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless. While the origin of the fire has never been determined, there has been much speculation its beginning. One popular legend was that Mrs. Catherine O' Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary's barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze. This was disproven by Chicago historian Robert Cromie.

On the Great Chicago Fire's 40th anniversary, the former Fire Marshals Association of North America (now the International Fire Marshals Association) sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, advocating an annual observation to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday-through-Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls.

Dedicated to raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, the National Fire Protection Association has officially sponsored Fire Prevention Week since the observance was first established. Fire Prevention Week 2001 is Oct. 7-13.

This year's theme, "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire" teaches people how to inspect their homes for fire hazards, so they can prevent three of the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating, and electrical. It encourages the public to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, which includes testing and maintenance of smoke alarms.

### **Schedule of Events**

Oct. 7-13: Open house at all Fire Stations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 9-10: Static display at the Navy Exchange Retail Store with "Sparky" and Fire Engine Company from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 9-11: Unannounced Fire Evacuation drills base-wide

Oct. 9: Sesame Street Fire Prevention Puppet Show at the Yellow Water Youth Center, Bldg. 3072 (4 p.m. - for After School Care children and 7 p.m. for Yellow Water Housing residents).

Oct. 10: "Sparky" the Fire Dog visits the Naval Hospital Children's Ward from 10 to 11 a.m.

Oct. 11: Sesame Street Fire Prevention Puppet Show at the Child Development Center, Bldg. 705 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## Chamber: Recognizes best in county

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dren and more than 100 pairs of uniform culottes. Her efforts directly defray school costs for many parishioners.

Wulf is assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Harbor Defense Command 206 as the Unit Morale Coordinator and Command Storekeeper.

Wulf has been in the floral business owner in Green Cove Springs and a floral designer for 34 years. Her participation as a Mentor/Booster with the Naval Junior ROTC program where

**SK3 Carmen Wulf**



she has served four terms as the unit's president testifies to her support of Clay County youth. Wulf is an experienced volunteer who participates in food drives, charity walks and serves as a firefighter in Green Cove Springs. Carmen Wulf

She has received many professional honors and helped her unit earn the title as top Reserve Military Unit in Florida

as well as the best Reserve Unit for Mobilization Readiness in the country. Her ability to seamlessly weave family, professional and civic duties make her the envy of all that know her. Wulf's energetic spirit is an example to all those wishing to improve life in Clay County.

Barrett is the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 11 Ombudsman. She has volunteered countless hours to help Dragonslayer families whose Sailors are deployed. Her caring and thoughtful efforts have had a significant impact on many lives. Tammy has a proactive "families first" approach to her ombudsman duties. When the sailors of HS-11 deploy they leave knowing that there is somebody ready, willing and able to assist their families.

Along with her many Ombudsman activities, she leads Girl Scout Cadette Senior Troop 876 in Orange Park. In support of the troop Barrett organized a Father/Daughter dance, set up a collection drive for Quigley House and Goodwill, and spearheaded training Troop 876 in CPR and First Aid. She also arranged land navigation training for scouts at Camp Blanding.

Her many contributions exemplify service before self and make Barrett the obvious choice as Clay County Military Spouse for 2001.

## Fire Prevention Week - Oct. 7-13 Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire

### 'Sparky's Fire Facts'

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, with this year's theme, "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire," Sparky's Fire Facts are provided by your NAS Jax Fire Prevention Bureau:

- **FIRST BASE:** Cooking Safety.
  - Keep pot holders, paper towels and combustible items away from the stove.
  - Keep children and pets away from the stove when someone's cooking.
  - A grown-up should stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.
- **SECOND BASE:** Heating Safety.
  - Keep space heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from walls, furniture, or anything that can burn.
  - If you have a fireplace, have a screen to catch sparks.

- Have chimneys cleaned periodically.
- **THIRD BASE:** Electrical Safety.
  - Replace damaged electrical cords.
  - Don't run extension cords across doorways or under rugs.
  - Don't plug more than one appliance into an electrical outlet.
- **SAFE AT HOME:** The Great Escape.
  - Get together with your family and make a plan for fire safety.
  - Draw a floor plan of your home. Show two ways out of each room.
  - Make sure all escape paths are clear.
  - Learn the sound of your smoke alarm.
  - Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone can go when they've escaped from a fire.
  - Call the fire department, from a neighbor's or nearby phone.
  - Hold a home fire drill at least twice a year.

# 'Topcats:' The work of a few benefits all

**By Lt. J.g. Daniel Bleicher**  
VS-31 PAO

Deploying on an aircraft carrier for six months is a very stressful time. The work is intense and the time away from home can be lonely. VS-31's First Lieutenant division is attempting to make the upcoming at sea period and deployment in March a little more comfortable.

Seven "Topcat" Sailors are spending long days preparing squadron spaces onboard the USS John F. Kennedy

and are aiming to make the squadron work shops and ready room as comfortable and convenient as possible. "Having a nice work area can easily increase morale and make the work day a little shorter," explains ISSN Josh Midthun.

The "Topcats" have nine work spaces on the Kennedy where administrative work, flight briefings, and maintenance take place. "It would be easy to go in and do as we please, but we are restricted by the ship's rules and regulations," says Lt. Peter Holton, Topcat 1st

LT. All work in these spaces must not interfere with DC (damage control) regulations. Working within these rules, the "Topcats" are painting, tiling floors, cleaning, and installing new furniture. Even though the ship is more than 30 years old, "we want our spaces to look brand new," boasts AO3 Timothy Harris.

As if the job was not big enough to begin with, the crew only has four weeks to prepare the spaces. The next set of work ups for the Kennedy and VS-31 begins in mid-September. These

"Topcats" are putting in long days in order to get the job done. "We'd rather work hard now so that when we're at sea people can concentrate on their jobs rather than their work areas," claims AA Jorge Cossiougaldé.

The aircrew and Sailors of VS-31 extend their gratitude to HT1 Patricia Cody, AEAA Eric Barber, AA Alton Ford, Cossiougaldé, AA William Kamilos, AMEAR Nicholas Griess, AEAN James McKay, Midthun, Harris, PR3 Chris Breaux, AEAN Earl Oakes, AN Andrew Sharp, and Holton.

## 'Nightdippers' Rouse re-enlists

**By Lt. William R. Urban**  
HS-5 PAO

AWC Michael Rouse of the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 5 "Nightdippers" re-enlisted for three years on Aug. 28.

Originally from Sanford, N.C., Rouse first took the Oath and enlisted in the United States Navy 19 years ago. From that very first day in 1982, Rouse has proved himself a model Sailor and an invaluable aircrewman. He has been assigned to four seagoing commands, HS-6, HS-14, Light Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HSL) 44 and now HS-5. His two shore commands include VX-1 and FASOTraGru. Rouse has been awarded five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, five Good Conduct Medals, three Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, and was Aircrewman of the Year in 1999 at HS-14.

He has two Navy Unit Commendations and two Battle "E" Awards.

While with HS-5, Rouse has proved himself a vital member of the "Nightdipper" team. He began his tour as the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) Training Petty Officer. His knowledge and leadership produced tremendous improvements in the squadron's junior aircrewmen. He again distinguished himself when he was reassigned as the HS-5 Command Career Counselor, improving the squadron's retention rate by 15 percent. After selection to Chief Petty Officer, Rouse was assigned as the Chief Aircrewman in charge of CSAR mission training. With the ever-increasing importance of the CSAR mission, his professionalism and abilities have enhanced our capabilities and effectiveness in this mission area.

In the aircraft, Rouse's skill, knowledge, and quiet demeanor has made fly-



**Lt. Cmdr. Thomassy administers the re-enlistment oath to AWC Michael Rouse.**

ing a pleasure for many aircraft commanders who have had the privilege of flying with him. The entire squadron has improved under his tenure due to his strong commitment to service.

Rouse leaves HS-5 for the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center in Fallon,

Nev. on Jan. 4, 2002 where he will fly his 5000th hour in Sikorsky helicopters.

Rouse is a geographical bachelor. His wife, Colleen, lives in Frankfurt, Mich. with their 12-year-old son, Connor, and 8-year-old daughter, Kelly.

# Naval Air Reserve mobilization underway

By JOC Deborah Carson  
NAR Jacksonville PAO

President Bush has told America's armed forces that, "Everybody who wears a uniform needs to get ready."

Selected reservists at the Naval Air Reserve (NAR) Jacksonville and the active duty personnel who support them have always been ready. Now, as the mobilization process begins, "being ready" just means doing what it takes to get the reservists where they need to be.

"Mobilization is the business we're in," said NAR Jacksonville Commanding Officer, Capt. Archie Mitchell, Jr. "All we're doing is exercising what we train, practice and prepare for everyday."

The NAR Jacksonville is responsible for the training, administration, medical and logistical support of approximately 1500 reservists in 28 augment units and four Reserve squadrons.

Currently, 16 reservists in law enforcement specialties from NAR Jacksonville have been recalled for Operation Noble Eagle for security and force protection purposes.

"Things are going pretty smoothly," said NAR Jacksonville mobilization officer Lt. Cmdr. Mike Varias, who processes the initial mobilization of each reservist called to active duty. "So far so good. My job is to provide the initial notification to the reservists and use a mobilization checklist to ensure

the reservists are ready, prepared and scheduled for movement which includes making sure their medical, dental, security clearances, legal affairs and other items are up to date."

As far as planning for the future, Mitchell says that's not an issue. "Our personnel are trained and prepared to do their military duty," he said. "They are citizen soldiers. In fact, a number of our Reservists have volunteered to be recalled."

In the same building as NAR, Naval Reserve Recruiting is receiving many calls from people wanting to join the Naval Reserve. "We have been getting a large influx of phone calls from retirees who want to come back in, I just talked to a 77 year-old retired medical captain who wants to be put back on active duty," said Naval Reserve Officer Recruiter, Lt. Jim Wiggs. "I basically tell retirees that we're not taking them at this time and I tell them how much we appreciate their wanting to help. Others call and say they've always thought about

joining. The national tragedy put it over the edge for them. There has been an enormous show of patriotism and support. It makes me proud to be an American," he said.

"Some phone calls we've received in recruiting are people asking how they can volunteer their time without signing up," said Naval Reserve Recruiter PR2

Michael Barber. "We have also been referring a lot of calls to the active duty recruiters," he said. "About 30 percent of the people who are calling right now qualify for the reserves, the rest are either retirees or they don't qualify for various reasons."

Anyone interested in joining the Naval Reserve can call 1-800-521-1316 or (904) 542-3351.



Photo by JOC Deborah Carson

Reserve Master at Arms review their orders and mobilization checklists after being recalled to active duty for Operation Noble Eagle.

## 'We're trained and ready for this' say reserves

By Jeff Hilton  
Staff Writer

"We're trained and ready for this," said Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast's (RedComSE) Cmdr. John Aggas in response to the mobilization of up to 50,000 Guard and Reserve members recently ordered by

President Bush.

Approximately 7,000 reserve Sailors drilling at 17 centers in Florida, North and South Carolina as well as Puerto Rico report to RedComSE.

The reserve command's present commanding officer, Rear Adm. Ken Belisle, previously served as Commander, Naval Base Jacksonville aboard

NAS Jacksonville.

"Most of those called up here are Master at Arms or hold a Law Enforcement NEC," Aggas said of the 100 RedComSE Sailors mobilized following direction from Commander, Naval Reserve Force in New Orleans, La.

Ensuring their personal and family concerns are in order as well as notify-

ing employers are primary issues each recalled reservist has to address in the first hours after being notified.

Aggas said reservists have 48 hours to report to their drill activity. "If all goes well, we can get them to their gaining commands in six to seven days.

This is what we're trained for," said Aggas.

# Kennedy battle group holds pre-deployment training near Puerto Rico

## From Commander Second Fleet PAO

Ships and aircraft of the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) battle group used the Vieques Island inner range Monday, Sept. 24 during their Composite Unit Training Exercise (ComTUEX).

The battle group will also train in the Northern and Southern Puerto Rican

Operating Areas to test naval surface fire and air-to-ground bombing.

ComTUEX is an intermediate level battle group exercise designed to forge the group into a cohesive fighting team. Successful completion of ComTUEX certifies the carrier and its air wing for open ocean operations.

Conducted by Commander, Carrier

Group Four, Rear Adm. Lindell Ruhterford, the exercise is a critical step in pre-deployment training and a prerequisite for the group's Joint Task Force Exercise (JTTFEx) in 2002.

The John F. Kennedy battle group is commanded by Rear Adm. Steven Tomaszewski.

USS John F. Kennedy, its embarked

Carrier Air Wing Seven, USS Hue City (CG 66), USS Vicksburg (CG 69), USS Carney (DDG 64), USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) USS Spruance (DD 963), USS Underwood (FFG 36), USS Taylor (FFG 50), USS Toledo, (SSN 769), USS Boise (SSN 764) and USS Seattle (AOE 3) comprise the battle group.

## Law protects most mobilized workers

### By Staff

Many members of the Guard and Reserves recently mobilized by President Bush will be leaving government or private sector jobs while in uniform.

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) requires almost every person called up be reinstated by their employer upon completing their call up if they meet five eligibility criteria:

-The person must have held a civilian job.

-The person must have given notice to the employer that he or she was leaving the job for service in the uniformed services unless giving notice is precluded by military necessity or otherwise impossible or unreasonable.

-The period of service must not have exceeded five years.

-The person must not have been released from service under dishonorable or other punitive conditions.

-The person must have reported

back to their civilian job in a timely manner or have submitted a timely application for reemployment.

USERRA covers all employees except those serving in positions where there is "no reasonable expectation that employment will continue indefinitely or for a significant period."

U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Director Kay Cole James, said in a Sept. 14 memorandum, "The federal government is by far the largest single employer of members of the Armed Forces Reserves ... Our first obligation... is to make sure that those friends and colleagues who perform active military duty are able to leave ... temporarily with the knowledge that their affairs are in order."

The Department of Labor details protections for all employees at: [www.dol.gov/asp/programs/handbook/userra.htm](http://www.dol.gov/asp/programs/handbook/userra.htm)

[www.opm.gov/oca/comp-memo/2001/2001-09B.htm](http://www.opm.gov/oca/comp-memo/2001/2001-09B.htm) lists authority to offer premium pay for civilian workers performing emergency work during a national emergency.

## Belisle: Reserve command has new leadership

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16 at NAS Jacksonville before being released from active duty in 1980.

In 1984, he became Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 92 at NAS South Weymouth, Mass. He followed that tour with an assignment as Training Officer and Chief Staff Officer with Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) 7474 in Jacksonville. Subsequently, he had five Commanding Officer tours, and a tour as Chief of Staff, Logistics Task Force Atlantic, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. His most recent assignment was Deputy of Operations Reserve Component.

His flag assignments include service as Deputy Maritime Defenses Forces, Atlantic; Deputy Commander, Patrol Wings, Atlantic; Commander, Naval Base Jacksonville; and Deputy Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean/Task Force 67.

He is a commercial pilot employed by Northwest Airlines and resides in Jacksonville with his family.

Coane assumed command of Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast on Aug. 14, 1999. During his

tenure, the command has been aggressive in its efforts in the areas of the training, administration, and information technology. The command has served as a testbed for the Annual Training (AT)-in-the-Field program, an initiative that empowers Reserve Unit commanding officers with budgetary authority for the annual training of their Reservists. The command is also the first Readiness Command under the Naval Surface Reserve Force to link itself and all of its Reserve Centers through a Wide-Area Network and Intranet to promote more efficient exchanges of readiness information and training data.

Vice Adm. John B. Totushek, USNR, Commander, Naval Reserve Force was the guest speaker at the change of command ceremony. As head of the Naval Reserve component of the U.S. Navy, Totushek put on his third star in June in a formal ceremony at the Pentagon. His promotion resulted in a three-star admiral heading the Naval Reserve for the first time in 14 years. It resulted from a provision of the Fiscal Year 2001 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.



Belize City, Belize

## ‘Broadarrows’ det supports counter-narcotic mission

By Lt. Cmdr. Kelly Hansen  
VP-62 PAO

The “Broadarrows” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 62 recently completed their annual detachment by supporting counter-narcotic missions from Belize, El Salvador and Puerto Rico.

Working closely with Joint Interdiction ATF-West and JIATF-East, the efforts of “Broadarrow” crews were instrumental in a number of arrests and the seizure of narcotics by law enforcement officials. Team “Broadarrows” maintenance and operations personnel and aircrews ensured significant amounts of marijuana and cocaine were kept from entering the United States.

While on his first operational P-3 flight, AW3 Swenberg, a radar operator on Combat Aircrew 10 (CAC-10), successfully identified a suspected go-fast (boat) carrying contraband narcotics. On a second detachment with CAC-7, he identified another go-fast, which was

captured by law enforcement officials. Bravo Zulus awarded to Crews 7 and 10 by JIATF-East for actions aiding in the capture of several vessels and the arrests of suspected drug traffickers were due in large part to Swenberg’s efforts.

Reserve detachments provide a great opportunity to demonstrate the value of fully integrating reserve forces with the active duty fleet. Typically, a reserve squadron sends two crews for a series of two-week detachments supporting deployed squadrons.

The detachment Officer in Charge and Maintenance Chief work with the deployed squadron to ensure reserve aircrews, maintenance personnel and aircraft are integrated into flight and maintenance schedules.

Reserve Sailors benefit by maintaining proficiency in an operational environment, while active duty squadrons benefit by having additional aircraft and personnel to assist their day-to-day operations.

## Most dependents of mobilized reservists TRICARE eligible

**From NavHosp Jax Public Affairs**

Family members of Guard and Reserve personnel called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE health benefits the day their military sponsor mobilizes.

President Bush authorized the mobilization of up to 50,000 National Guard and Reserve members following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The TRICARE coverage reserve component dependents receive is based on the length of the sponsors’ activation orders. Mobilized Guard and Reserve members receive the same individual healthcare as their active duty counterparts while coverage for their families can take many different forms.

Guard and Reserve families are ineligible for DoD medical benefits if their military sponsors have orders that call them to duty for 30 days or less. If sponsors have orders to active duty for more than 30 days, families are covered under the TRICARE Extra or Standard programs from the day of activation.

Eligible family members pay deductibles and cost-shares under both TRICARE Extra and Standard. Using a TRICARE Extra network provider can minimize those costs. Beneficiaries can get information on finding network providers in the Jacksonville area at: [www.humana-military.com/](http://www.humana-military.com/).

Family members of reservists and guardsmen activated 179 days or more may enroll in TRICARE Prime, the military’s version of a health maintenance organization. They will receive care in a military medical treatment facility or be assigned to a network provider with no cost-shares or deductibles.

Many TRICARE options require pre-enrollment on the part of the family members. Enrollment information is on the TRICARE Web site or call (800) 444-5445. Enrolling by the 20th of the month makes beneficiaries eligible for

care on the first day of the next month.

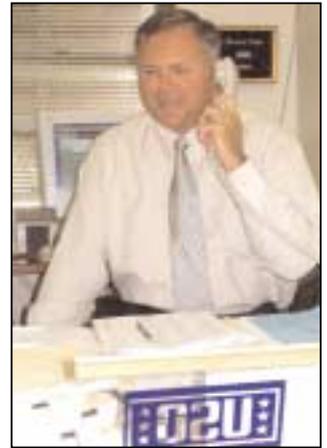
Reserve members must ensure all their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is accurate. DEERS is the system used to determine eligibility for military health care, family members could be denied care if without complete DEERS information. Activated reservists are may review and modify their families’ DEERS enrollments during the mobilization process.

Reservists activated for contingency operations and their families may retain their military medical benefits up to 30 days after release from active duty, unless sooner covered by employer health plans.

Reserve component members and their families are eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program. Reservists who had previously enrolled in the program are automatically removed when mobilized because they receive dental care from military providers while on active duty.

Reserve members in the Dental Program pay monthly premiums of \$19.08 for one family member or \$47.69 for a family enrollment. If the reserve sponsor is called to active duty, the premiums fall to the active-duty rates of \$7.63 per month for one family member or \$19.08 for multiple family members. Families who had previously declined TRICARE dental coverage but wish to enroll after their sponsors are mobilized will be able to join at active-duty rates during the first 30 days. Once the sponsor leaves active duty the rates revert to the higher premiums.

Information is online at [www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html](http://www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html). For TRICARE benefits information go to: [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil). For TRICARE Dental Program information visit [www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html](http://www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html). Reserve Affairs’ family readiness site is online at [www.defenselink.mil/ra/html/family.htm](http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/html/family.htm).



**USO Director Robert Coonan**

## Former base XO takes job at Jax USO

**By JO2 (SW) Shae Blasko**

Retired Navy Capt. Robert Coonan, former NAS Jacksonville executive officer, will relieve Bill Kennedy, as director of NAS Jax United Services Organization (USO) on Sept. 30. Coonan takes the position at USO as Kennedy prepares to move on to a job at Navy Marine Corp Relief Society Mayport.

I retired in 1997 as XO of NAS Jax and ever since leaving I wanted to have an involvement with NAS Jax and it's military community," Coonan said. "Since this position was available I jumped at the opportunity to help out NAS Jax and the surrounding military community."

Coonan who was in four squadrons here prior to serving as the base XO said, "I know NAS Jax well and will take great care of the service members and USO here."

Over his six years as the USO's director, Kennedy, also a retired Navy captain, has enjoyed his involvement with NAS Jax Sailors. Explaining his decision to leave, Kennedy pointed to his Navy service on the USS Forrester and the USS John F. Kennedy and the bond he has with the fleet. "I loved being involved with NAS Jax's USO for six outstanding years but I want be closer to the ships, which is why I decided to take a job in Mayport," he said.

The USO mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to uniformed military personnel, to extend a "Touch of Home." With a former base XO of NAS Jax as USO director, the program is left in experienced and caring hands, ensuring that it will continue to take good care of our service members.

# NAVY NEWS

## Roosevelt begins deployment

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — More than 15,000 Sailors and Marines assigned to ships and squadrons of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Aircraft Carrier Battle Group (CVBG) and USS Bataan (LHD 5) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) sailed out of Norfolk Sept. 19 for a scheduled six-month deployment.

The CVBG and ARG have trained during the past eight months in preparation for this deployment through a series of increasingly demanding exercises and operations. These pre-deployment exercises culminated last month with the successful completion of Joint Task Force Exercise 01-3.

In addition to Theodore Roosevelt and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 1, deploying ships of the CVBG include USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), USS Ramage (DDG 61), USS Ross (DDG 71), USS Hayler (DD 997), USS Peterson (DD 969), USS Elrod (FFG 55), USS Detroit (AOE 4), USS Hartford (SSN 768) and USS Springfield (SSN 761). Ramage, Ross and Hayler were scheduled as late deployers.

The Bataan ARG, with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable (MEU(SOC)) embarked, will also deploy as a major component of the battle group. The ARG is comprised of Bataan, USS Shreveport (LPD 12) and USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41).

## Comfort provides comfort

NEW YORK (NNS) — Saturday, Sept. 15, was a busy day aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20). The Navy hospital ship is berthed in Manhattan to provide food and laundry services and short-term lodging space for firemen and disaster recovery personnel working in lower Manhattan.

Trucks carrying donated clothing, snack foods and supplies for the search

and rescue workers arrived throughout the day. Many of the rescue workers rushed to the disaster site from throughout the United States with only the clothes they were wearing, so relief agencies and private citizens are donating clothing and personal hygiene items for the rescue workers.

USNS Comfort personnel sorted donated items and prepared the area of the floating hospital normally used for receiving medical casualties into an area to welcome exhausted and dirty disaster workers.

More than 50 disaster workers spent the night on Comfort Saturday night. When they arrived they were greeted by Sailors and given towels, toiletries, pajamas, any clothing items they might need and a laundry bag. The workers were escorted to a berthing area aboard the ship where they could change out of their dirty clothing and head for hot showers.

After cleaning up, the workers could eat a hot meal or simply hit their racks for much-needed sleep. Sleeping areas on the ship are equipped with blackout curtains that can be drawn around the beds. If the workers requested, their clothing was laundered, dried and readied for pickup while they were sleeping.

Navy food service personnel worked around the clock to provide hot, nutritious meals for the relief workers as well as the 250 Sailors housed aboard the 894-foot hospital ship and the dozens of New York Fire Department and Police Department personnel who are working in the area.

Transportation throughout Manhattan remains very difficult making Comfort a welcome respite for the emergency personnel working in the vicinity.

Meanwhile, the ship's 61 civilian mariners maintained all shipboard systems to provide hot water, heat and air conditioning and fresh water for the

hundreds of people living aboard.

Comfort received an additional 200 visitors on Sept. 16, about 150 of whom are now staying on the ship. The remainder came to take advantage of the 24-hour galley aboard before returning to their duties.

Comfort is assisting as part of the U.S. Joint Forces Command's military support to civil authorities in disaster recovery efforts. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is the lead federal agency in coordinating assistance to New York City.

## Pentagon blast felt close to-home

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — This past week, terrorists attacked the United States in its own backyard. The nation's sense of security was destroyed, its innocence truly lost. Never did America really believe such a thing could happen.

As citizens across the country watched in disbelief, the twin towers of the World Trade Center were destroyed. Then, as Americans continued to watch in horror, the Pentagon, the center of America's "military might," was attacked by a commercial airplane filled with innocent Americans. It is unthinkable to Americans, such madness and barbarism can still exist in the modern world today; that terrorists could use American-made hardware and civilians in such a manner against the nation.

As all of America weeps in pain and stares in disbelief at the images flashed across television sets, Sailors of USS Wasp (LHD 1) also feel the pain a bit closer to home. A former Wasp crewmember, Illustrator/Draftsman 2nd Class Michael Allen Noeth is among the missing and presumed killed in the Pentagon attack. Noeth, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., was an extremely talented artist, was recently transferred to the Pentagon to paint portraits of the former Chiefs of Naval Operations.

"He was so proud of himself when he received those orders," said Petty Officer First Class Sandra Harris. "He thought it to be a great honor to be asked to paint portraits of the former CNOs."

Noeth, an accomplished artist known for his naval-themed paintings, found himself among the elite last year when he was invited to display his personal paintings during an art exhibit held at the Montserrat Art Gallery in New York City. During his exhibit, he sold five of his paintings.

While enlisting in the U.S. Navy as a deck seaman in 1994, Noeth's paintings were soon noticed by the art director from the Navy's "All Hands" magazine, who expressed an interest in his work. Noeth was eventually assigned temporarily to the All Hands magazine production staff where he had numerous paintings published. One of his paintings was reproduced for the cover of the All Hands April 1998 "Year of the Ocean" issue. Noeth was assigned to Wasp from October 1998 to October 2000, and left many friends and shipmates aboard to feel his loss.

"Mike was a funny, friendly person. He was a riot during the Med Cruise talent show, and would do impressions of the taxi drivers in New York, that always made you laugh," said Journalist 2nd Class Kory Deur.

Americans and Sailors will weep and mourn for their lost shipmates. But Americans and Sailors will rise in defense of the country when freedom is threatened. Yes, the nation is in tremendous pain, but throughout America's history, adversity has made the country stronger.

Noeth used to say that he painted pictures of the Navy because he wanted people to realize that their freedom and protection comes from the sweat of the Sailors on board. To the shipmates he has left behind, his visions of naval life at sea, will always be a constant reminder of his dream.

## Contributions to Pentagon attack victims families can be made to:

Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society  
Pentagon Assistance Fund, (703) 696-4904.

Army Emergency Relief Society  
Pentagon Victims Fund, (703) 696-4904.

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund, (303) 933-7580.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**OLF Whitehouse closed to hunting-** The Commanding Officer of NAS Jacksonville has closed Outlying field (OLF) Whitehouse to hunting and other civilian activities. This policy will remain in effect indefinitely.

**The Great American Wienermobile tour** comes to NAS Jacksonville today. Oscar Mayer's famous Wienermobile will be at 951 Allegheny Avenue on base from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Events featured at the site will be Oscar Mayer Hot Dog sampling, Kool Aid sampling, children's games, Give-A-Waks, Balloons, and a charity fund food raiser.

**The Special Olympics Fall Indoor Games** will take place Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, South Campus, 11901 Beach Boulevard. The City of Jacksonville Department of Parks, Recreation and Entertainment encourages you to cheer for your favorite athletes at the games. The events include bowling and basketball. Volunteers are needed to assist with athletes, event coordination, medical support arts & crafts as well as a mini-carnival. Register at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event. Call 630-3541.

**The Texas A&M Hometown Club** invites all "Aggies" to join them in watching Aggie football and cheering on the team this season. Call Lt.j.g. Puig, 542-2052.

**U.S. SubVets Kings Bay Base/WWII Trident Chapter** meets the first two months of each quarter, on the third Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., at the St. Marys Submarine Museum, 102 St. Marys Street West, St. Marys, Ga. Attendance at meetings is open to anyone who served on and "qualified in submarines." The third month of each quarter, on the third Saturday, the chapter holds a social/dinner meeting at a place to be determined. Call (912) 882-ASUB, e-mail: [subvets\\_kingsbay@bigfoot.com](mailto:subvets_kingsbay@bigfoot.com), or check out our website at: <http://kbtridentsubvets.hypermart.net/>.

**Start an AMVETS Chapter.** Veterans of Clay, Duval, Bradford, Nassau and St. Johns Counties are invited and encouraged to start an AMVETS Post in your community. Unite with fellow veterans socially and to service other veterans. Bill White will assist you in every way until you are on your own. Call 352-473-2369.

**The Navy Wives Club of America,** NWCA Jax #86, meets the first Wednesday of every month in Building 612 on Jason Street at NAS Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and

every other Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 772-0242 or 471-1444.

**The Jacksonville Home & Patio Home Show** is Sept. 27-30 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. More than 350 exhibitors along with prestigious national and local experts will share advice and products designed to spark the imaginations of home enthusiasts across the First Coast. Featured this year are Christopher Lowell from Discovery Channel and author of The Seven Layers of Design, appearing Saturday only at 4 p.m. Call 730-3356.

**The St. Johns River City Band** presents "Oktoberfest" in Hemming Plaza tomorrow, 6-11 p.m. Hemming Plaza is downtown bordering Duval, Hogan, Monroe and Laura. Call 355-4700 or fax to 355-4707.

**The Florida Disabled Outdoors Association,** "Sunshine State Sportsability Expo 2001" will take place Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FCCJ South Campus. Volunteers are needed in all areas from registration to cooking and pushing wheelchairs. Lunch and t-shirts are provided. Call 778-2821.

**The Fleet Reserve Association,** First Coast Branch #91 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at the branch home, 5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, Fla. Call 269-7435 for information.

**The Isley Brothers** will perform free at Metropolitan Park as part of the Orange Blossom Palmetto Classic Festivities Weekend. The Concert will be Oct. 5, gates open at 6 p.m. and music will begin at 7:15 p.m. The Orange Blossom Palmetto Classic features the gridiron match-up of South Carolina State University Bulldogs and Florida A&M University Rattlers on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at Alltel Stadium. Call 630-3686 or visit [www.orangeblossomclassic.com](http://www.orangeblossomclassic.com).

**Bikers Ride for the Kids of Children's Miracle Network** - Expect rolling thunder Oct. 6 as denim and leather clad supporters of the Children's Miracle Network ride their motorcycles through the streets of Jacksonville. The Children's Miracle Network Run begins at 1 p.m. at the Moroccan Shrine Temple on St. John's Bluff, proceeds past Shands Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital, then finishes at Buffalo's CafE in Orange Park for nightlong events. Motorcyclists may participate for a \$15 donation per bike, \$5 per passenger. Applications taken Sept. 26 at Buffalo's CafE on Bike Night, Sept. 26 or pre-register by calling 757-9235. You may also sign up the day of the run at the Moroccan Shrine Temple at 9 a.m.

# Navy College: Keys to success

**By Tawanna Green**

*Navy College Learning Center facilitator*

The Navy College Learning Center celebrates the end of the fiscal year with positive success stories. In fact, you are one of our success stories waiting to be written. So, why haven't you either visited the Center to get started or returned to complete your academic prescription for success?

Enrollment is the key! Some Sailors, adult family members and civilians at NAS Jacksonville have used that key to open various doors to success. The initial series of ASVAB preparation courses enrolled fourteen Sailors in preparation to improve their career opportunities in the Navy.

Networking with the local community college resulted in an agreement that improved opportunities for academic performance in college classes. Forty-one courseware completions improved the personal growth and development for Sailors at NAS Jacksonville. Here's a snapshot of some of the success stories:

## ASVAB Prep

The first series of three ASVAB preparation course sessions were conducted in the final quarter of the 2001 fiscal year. The three-week intensive program consisted of self directed computer instruction and text review. The FASTRACK curriculum in language arts, mathematics, and reading comprehension is the core of the program. It helps Sailors review and increase their knowledge base, enhance their study and retention skills, and improve their test performance by improving their reading comprehension and analytical proficiency.

The ASVAB preparation course is packaged in a three-week, forty-eight hour module designed to effect immediate test score improvement. AN Anthony Nixon, who completed the ASVAB preparation course, reported a 25 percent score increase based upon the materials studied at the Center. Greatest success has been noted by Sailors with command supported attendance.

The specific course dates and the vested interest of the command combine to inspire Sailors to stay on track and reach higher performance goals.

The schedule for the second series of ASVAB preparation courses has been established as follows: Oct. 1-18, Oct. 22 - Nov. 9, Nov. 12 - 30. Hours are noon - 4 p.m.

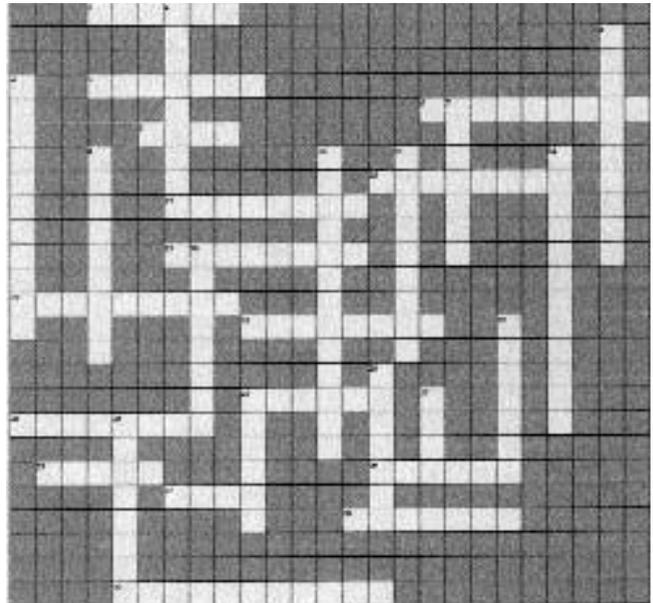
If you need to take your best shot at improving your ASVAB scores, the Navy College Learning Center is here with the program to help you make the most of that opportunity.

# Clay's Puzzles



## Basketball Terms

By JOE SCWJ Eric Clay  
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### Across

1. A person interferes with an opponent's freedom of movement.
5. To force a ball through the hoop with the hands.
6. Is moving without dribbling the ball.
8. An infraction of the rules.
13. When the ball is in play.
14. A ball that is not in play.
15. A method of putting the ball in play.
17. Conduct the game in accordance with the rules.
18. Is responsible for supplying the game ball.
21. A person who just made a basket.
23. A method of putting the ball into play.
25. When a player is holding the ball and takes one or more steps with the same foot.
26. An 18 inch ring used as a goal.
27. One of the group of laws that govern the game.
28. A foul committed and awarded free throws or throw in.
29. When the defense stops the ball from going through the hoop.

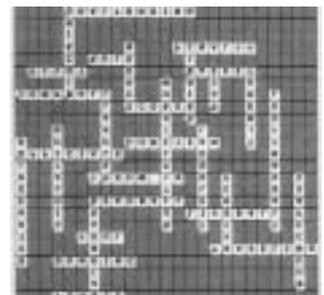
### Down

2. Fan-shaped or rectangular, placed behind the basket.
3. To pass the ball while using the floor.
4. An extension of play necessary to

break a tie in score.

7. His power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the rules.
9. A breaking of the rules.
10. A succession of free throws attempted by the same team.
11. Counts as 2 points.
12. An unsportsmanlike act and may be apersonal or technical foul.
16. When opponents hold the ball so firmly that control can not be obtained.
19. When the clock is stopped by either one of the teams.
20. Batting, pushing or tapping the ball to the floor.
21. Delaying a player from reaching a desired position.
22. When a player throws the ball to another player.
24. Illegal personal contact that impedes the progress of an opponent.

### Answers





Photos by Joe Straley

City of Jacksonville firefighters parade the colors in preparation for the national anthem.

# Sailors, Marines show pride at Alltel Stadium

By JO2 (SW) Cliff Williams  
CNRSE Public Affairs

Last Sunday's Jaguars game was a winner, not only for the Jaguars who ultimately claimed victory over the Tennessee Titans, 13 to 6, but for America as our citizens refused to surrender to fear. Sixty five thousand turned out to cheer on the home team and the U.S.A.

It was a patriotic Sunday as American Flags covered Alltel Stadium. Red, white and blue was draped over the

walls, waved from the stands, even painted on faces. Players on the field showed their pride with the addition of the national ensign to the Jaguars helmets. Jaguars player Paul Spicer depicted his patriotism by wearing an American Flag nose strip throughout the game.

A special moment came when President of the United States George W. Bush appeared on the Jumbotron telecast from Camp David finally raising Old Glory back to full mast after it had

flown at half mast for 11 long days of mourning.

However, nothing compared to the patriotic fervor the fans from this Navy town felt during the pre-game show as Sailors and Marines from NAS Jacksonville unrolled a 30-by-60 foot flag in tribute to "Old Glory."

During the ceremonies, not even the rain could force the Stars and Stripes down, as the droplets started to form puddles in the middle of the flag, weighing it down. SH1 (SW) Rick Foister and JO2 (SCW) Eric T.

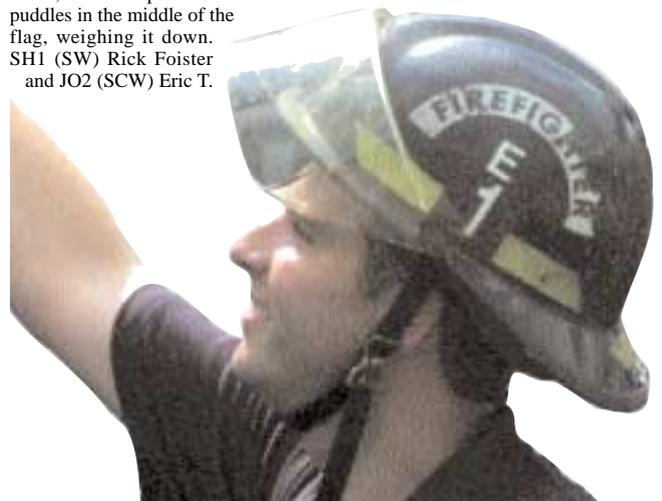
Clay came to Old Glory's rescue by running under the flag to prevent it from coming close to touching the ground.

"I felt the need to come to the aid to my flag," Explained Clay. "With so much patriotism throughout the stadium and the United States, there was no way that I was going to let my flag touch the ground, not after all it's been

NAS Jacksonville Sailors and Marines carry the national ensign onto the field at Alltel Stadium.



Sixteen-year-old Sara Croft of Fernandina Beach sings the national anthem at pregame ceremonies for the Sunday game.



through over the last two weeks.”

Every Sailor who participated in the flag ceremony had a sense of pride that made them feel great about being a part of the military at these times. “It was just a great feeling to hear more than 65,000 people chanting for you. It was just a good feeling,” said HN Charles Gibson, a Hammond La. native. “I felt so patriotic, I almost felt like crying because it was such an adrenaline rush to be a part of something so big.”

For some fans, just being there to see the Sailors in their sharpest uniforms, was a great feeling. “I cannot remember how many times people came up to me to shake my hand and tell me that they

appreciate me being in the Navy to support and defend my country,” said Childress, Texas native AME Mark Whitten. “I had the chance to take so many pictures with so many fans, I had such a great deal of pride.”

Pride was not in short supply on Sunday, every Sailor and Marine displayed proud military bearing. “There was no description or measure of the pride I had at the ceremony,” said Whitten. “There was no way to describe it...on a scale from one to ten it has to be somewhere at a 12.”

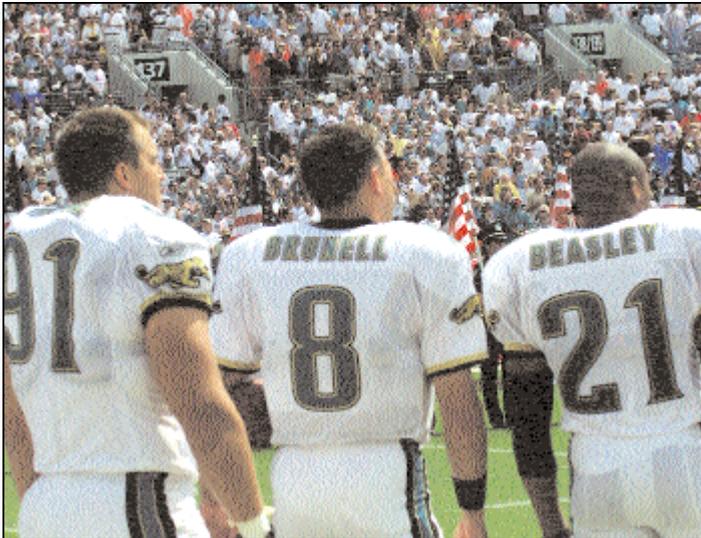
Even after the ceremony, when 16-year-old Sara Croft of Fernandina Beach sang the national anthem, you

could see Sailors singing to the words, showing their true emotions to crowd. “When the National Anthem was sung, I could not help but sing along with the words,” explained Foister. “I have been in the military well over 19 years, and this is one of the most memorable things I have witnessed.”

As the Sailors and Marines headed back to NAS Jax on the bus, the chatter about the day’s events finally died away. As the last bit of adrenaline left their bodies, some lay their heads forward onto the next seat, all were content with all they had done. Undoubtedly more than one was saying silently to themselves...“I’m proud to be an American.”



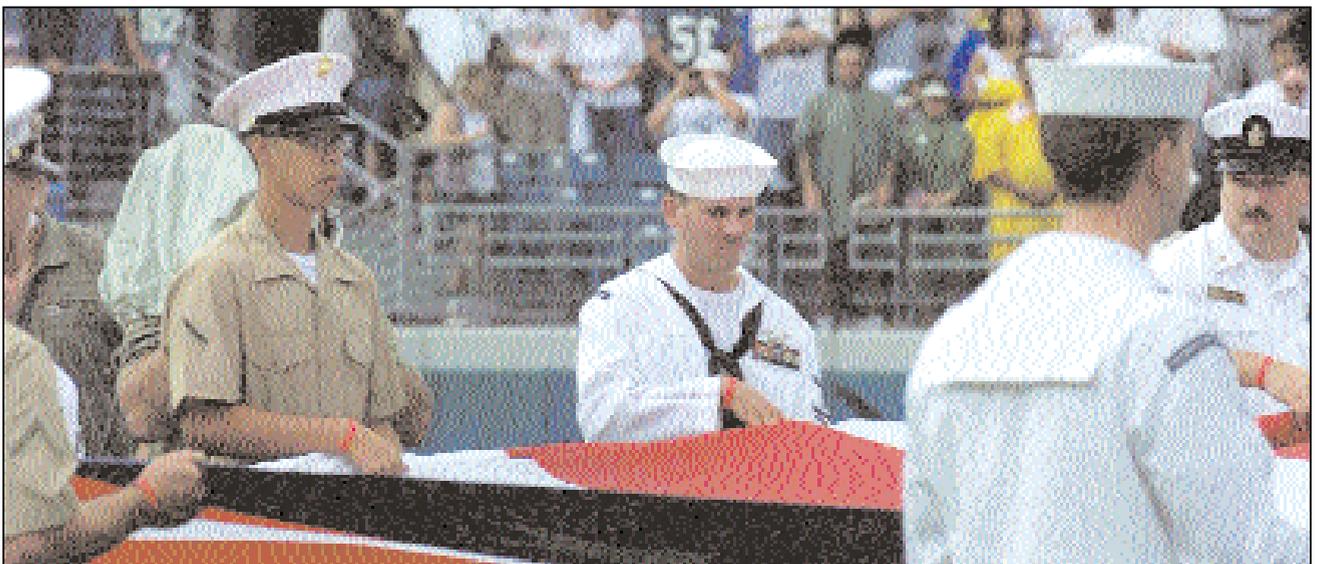
The Tennessee Titans charge onto the red, white and blue festooned Jaguars’ field.



Jaguars players watch Jacksonville firefighters parade the colors.



No questioning this call. NFL officials carry Old Glory onto the field.



NAS Jacksonville Sailors and Marines unfurl the American flag to the cheers of the more than 65,000 fans at Alltel Stadium.

## ‘Best Base’ nominations sought by *Navy Times*

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — *Navy Times* proudly announces an awards program to recognize and honor the Navy base which provides the best environment and opportunities for Sailors and their families. In November 2001, a Navy base will be selected by the staff of *Navy Times* as the first-ever *Navy Times* “Best Base” presented by GEICO. “Best Base” nominations by the readers of *Navy Times* are underway.

The *Navy Times* “Best Base” award will be unique and particularly meaningful because the winning base will have been selected from input by sailors themselves, the readership of *Navy Times*.

This is a “grass-roots” award, a recognition of a superior base by those who live and work there.

In addition to winning *Navy Times* “Best Base”, individual base winners and runners-up will be selected in categories such as “Best Family Life,” “Best Singles Life,” “Best Facilities” and “Best Community Life.”

Nomination forms and all voting instructions are available at [www.NavyTimes.com/bestbase](http://www.NavyTimes.com/bestbase).

Runners-up and individual category winners will be named in the Nov. 12, 2001 issue of *Navy Times*.

The winning base will be recognized in *Navy Times* Nov. 19, 2001.

# Navy Ball 2001

Friday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m. - Hangar 117.  
Buy tickets at Base CMC's Office, Wing  
CMC's Office, Hospital CMC's Office.

E1-E6 & Guests: \$15/person

E7-O3 & Guests: \$20/person

O4 and above & Guests: \$25/person

Civilian, Retirees & Guests: \$25/person

**Featured guest speaker:**

U.S. Congressman Ander Crenshaw

**Military Dress**

Dinner Dress White (Mess Dress Op-  
tional) E7 and above

Service Dress White E6 and below

**Civilian Dress**

Black Coat and Tie

**Menu**

6:30pm: Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner: Chicken & Filet Marsala with  
house salad, baked potatoes, fresh  
broccoli, hot rolls, coffee & tea.

Desert: Choco Chip Pecan Pie

Dancing to follow dinner



# NAVHOSP JAX NEWS



## TRICARE For Life ready to kick off

“TRICARE for Life is green — all signs are go” for the program to begin as scheduled Oct. 1, Air Force Col. Frank Cumberland said.

“It’s going to happen. It’s funded. Let’s press on,” said Cumberland, director of communications and customer service at the TRICARE Management Agency here.

The TRICARE for Life program extends TRICARE benefits to military retirees who are over age 65 and Medicare-eligible. The fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act directed DoD to extend the medical coverage to this previously ineligible population.

For eligible retirees and their spouses who are over age 65 and enrolled in Medicare Part B, TRICARE will become a second payer to Medicare starting Oct. 1. This will end their need to pay many out-of-pocket expenses, and most will probably conclude they no longer need to buy “Medigap” supplemental insurance, TRICARE officials said.

The only requirements for beneficiaries are that they check their enrollment information in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) to ensure its accuracy and that they be enrolled in Medicare Part B.

All but about 70,000 of the 1.5 million retirees eligible for TRICARE for Life are enrolled in Medicare Part B, said Steve Lillie, TRICARE’s director of over-65 benefits. Those 70,000 can take care of business during Medicare’s next general enrollment period of January through March 2002, he said.

As individuals start to use the program, questions are bound to crop up. Lillie recommended beneficiaries take full advantage of the newly expanded

TRICARE for Life call center at toll-free 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433). He also said beneficiaries can use this number to help educate health-care providers who are unsure of the expanded benefit.

“There are people there who can explain the program to the provider,” he said. The call center staff helped many people iron out details when the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Benefit began in April. “We’d have a three-way call with the beneficiary, the pharmacist and the call-center representative, helping them through the process and acquainting them with the program,” Lillie said.

Lillie wanted beneficiaries to know the program will begin on schedule even if Congress and the president don’t pass a fiscal 2002 Defense Appropriations Act by Oct. 1.

“The program will start even under a continuing resolution because it is an expansion of an existing program to new beneficiaries rather than a brand-new program that might be affected by the rules in a continuing resolution,” he said.

Lillie also said he believes TRICARE for Life will continue to be fully funded in the future. “The bills that enacted TRICARE for Life passed the House and Senate by overwhelming majorities, and there is no indication of any diminished support for the principles embodied in it,” he said.

Program officials said beneficiaries can get more information on TRICARE for Life and on checking their DEERS enrollment status by visiting the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or by calling 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433). Information is also available by contacting a Naval Hospital Jacksonville Health Benefits Advisor by calling 542-9164.

## VA announces new benefit, ‘CHAMPVA For Life’

### From NavHosp Jax Public Affairs

Improvements to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) will bring financial relief to older survivors and dependents of some disabled or deceased veterans who face medical expenses not paid by Medicare or other third-party payers.

Called “CHAMPVA for Life,” the new benefit is designed for spouses or dependents who are 65 or older. They must be family members of veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death. They also must have Medicare coverage.

“This improved benefit is part of VA’s continuing effort to make sure the families of disabled veterans have health care when the veterans can no longer provide it,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. “I’m delighted we can provide prescription outpatient medication coverage, a benefit not offered by Medicare.”

Beginning Oct. 1, CHAMPVA will pay benefits for covered medical services to eligible beneficiaries who are 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Parts A&B.

The “CHAMPVA for Life” benefit is payable after payment by Medicare or other third-party pay-

ers. For services not covered by Medicare or other insurance, such as outpatient prescription medications, CHAMPVA will be the primary payer.

CHAMPVA beneficiaries who reached age 65 as of June 5, 2001, but were not enrolled in Medicare Part B on that date, will be eligible for this expanded benefit even though not enrolled in Medicare Part B. There is no change in CHAMPVA coverage for those beneficiaries 65 and older who do not qualify for Medicare.

Information about the new benefit was recently mailed to all previous CHAMPVA beneficiaries and providers who have filed claims with CHAMPVA.

People over age 65 who have never been eligible for CHAMPVA can request an application by writing to the VA Health Administration Center (HAC), P.O. Box 469028, Denver, CO 80246-9028.

Veterans and family members can also call toll-free, 1-888-289-2411, to obtain the latest recorded information, leave a change of address, or request information to be mailed to them. This phone line is available 24 hours a day.

Inquiries may also be e-mailed to [hac.inq@med.va.gov](mailto:hac.inq@med.va.gov)

Updates about “CHAMPVA for Life” and other benefits information will be posted to VA’s Health Administration Center Web site at <http://www.va.gov/hac>.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Naval Hospital Jacksonville will host Breast Cancer Awareness Day Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Information tables presenting educational tools and information to reduce the risk of breast cancer will be set-up in the Outpatient Clinic.

There will also be several guest speakers promoting breast cancer education and awareness. Guest speakers

include Donna Hicken, breast cancer survivor and TV personality; Pam Stokes, a member of the Florida Cancer Institute; Shirley Thompson, a cancer survivor and member of the Sisters Network and Dr. Gary Bowers, a surgeon from Shands-Jacksonville.

Call the hospital’s Breast Care Case Manager Nikki Levinson-Lustgarten at (904) 542-7857 to reserve a seat.

## Hospital hosting CFC golf tourney

Naval Hospital Jacksonville will host its Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Golf Tournament at Fleming Island Golf Course, Friday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

The tournament is open to active duty personnel and DoD employees. Participants will have an opportunity to win several prizes, including \$25,000 or a

new Jeep for a Hole-In-One.

Entry fee is \$60 per person. A portion of the fee is tax deductible.

Registration ends Oct. 5 and space is limited to 144 golfers.

For more information or to register for the tournament, contact Lt. Ray Wiser at [rawiser@sar.med.navy.mil](mailto:rawiser@sar.med.navy.mil) or DT1 Darwin Pitts at [dpitts@sar.med.navy.mil](mailto:dpitts@sar.med.navy.mil).

# **KUDO KORNER**

The following individuals of Naval Hospital Jacksonville recently were presented awards:

Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Jacksonville presented the following awards Sept. 4.

**Navy and Marine Corps  
Commendation Medal**

Lt. Cmdr. Keith Roberts  
Navy and Marine Corps  
Achievement Medal  
Lt. Marilou Thompson  
Lt. Teresa Allen  
HM2 Robert Fulton

**Good Conduct Medal**

OSC (Sel) Chadwick Bumgardner  
AC2 Patrick Stewart  
ET1 John Gorham  
FC2 Donald Barnes II  
OS2 Kaisha Prochaska  
AC3 April Litteral

# MWR NOTES

For more information visit MWR events go online to [www.nasjax.navy.mil](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil).

## Free Movies

Due to a change in Chief's initiation movies scheduled for Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 have been cancelled. The next movie will be on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

## Name the Bowling Center

Be famous and name NAS Jax Bowling Center. The contest is on all you have to do is drop your name at the Bowling Center or e-mail your suggestions to: [mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:mwrmtg@nasjax.navy.mil), the name must incorporate NAS Lanes in it somehow. For information call 542-3493.

## Haunted Woods

Please note that Haunted Woods 2001 has been cancelled.

## Information Tickets and Travel

For more information on these great trips or for ticket prices and specials call 542-3318. Trips are open to everyone and children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cumberland Island Adventure  
Discover the beauty of Cumberland

Island with ITT on Saturday, Sept. 29. We will take the ferry to the Island, where you will have an hour tour with a Park Ranger. After the tour you will have the rest of the day to explore and see the wild life, including the famous Cumberland Island horses. If your not feeling ambitious you can relax on the beach or spend some time looking for shells. Adults are \$24; seniors \$21 and children are \$19.

## Oktoberfest In Savannah!

See the sites and celebrate Oktoberfest with ITT on Saturday, Oct. 6 for a full day of fun. Your trip will include a trolley tour with a knowledgeable tour guide who will explain the historic sites and buildings, followed by lots of time to explore the city. If you're not in the mood to wonder around you can head down to River Street for the Oktoberfest. There will be German food and beverages, arts, crafts, and entertainment. Adults \$26.50, Children (5-12) are \$20.50 and children under 5 are \$12.50.

## Oktoberfest Fun

On Oct. 13, the festivities will be in Silver Springs. The Oktoberfest will

feature live polka bands, dancers in authentic costumes, decorations and traditional German food and beverages. If that doesn't interest you, take a ride on the Glass Bottom Boat, visit the World of the Bears or have a Jeep Safari! All for only \$25.50.

## Ladies Golf Clinic

Ladies it's time to get swinging. The Ladies Golf Clinic runs Fridays at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per week and a variety of topics will be addressed. A great way for beginners to learn the sport and experience players to refine their skills. This is a great way to socialize and enjoy the game of golf. 542-3249.

## NAS Lanes

NAS Lanes is now forming Tuesday Classic Doubles (ABC sanctioned). It runs Tuesday nights at 6:45pm and runs for 12 weeks. To sign up for these league call today. 542-3493.

## Budweiser Brew House

Check out the NFL Sunday ticket at the Budweiser Brew House this and every Sunday. Ask about the touchdown platter; enjoy .25 wings and other great deals. 542-5009

## Mulligan's 19th Hole

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month Mulligan's 19th Hole will run some unique beverage specials from Septem-

ber 17-October 1. 542-2936.

## Liberty Events

Liberty Events target the E1-E5. Trips are open to active duty and their guests 18 and over and tournaments are open to active duty only. They take place in Liberty Cove Recreation Center located on the corner of Yorktown Avenue and Jason Street. For information on the Liberty Program or events call Jaimie at 542-3491.

It's slipping and sliding on Oct. 2 as Liberty takes the Ice. This Ice Skating Trip is Free to Active Duty! Van leaves Liberty Cove at 7 p.m.

Make your move on Oct. 4 and compete in the Chess Tournament.

Play begins at 7 p.m. enjoy free pizza at 6 p.m. Winner receives \$30 with no entry fee.

Get the ball going on Oct. 6 in the Ping Pong Tournament at 7 p.m. The winner receives \$30 and the event is free to enter.

Kick back and watch the kick offs and enjoy NFL football every Sunday from 1 p.m. until the last game of the day has concluded. "Catch" it all at Liberty Cove.

# JAX SPORTS

Call Sports Coordinator Bill Bonser or Athletic Director Mike Gorman at 542-2930/3293 for MWR sports information.

Send e-mail to:  
 dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or  
 dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil  
 Visit: www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

## Sports officials and scorekeepers needed

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

## Intramural basketball meeting Oct. 11

The Intramural Basketball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel. An organizational meeting will be held in the main event room in "The Zone" at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 11. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 5 and games will be played Monday through Thursday at 5, 6:15, and 7:30 p.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get required paperwork to join the league.

## All Navy Wrestling tryouts Oct. 12

All Navy Wrestling Coach Rob Herman will conduct tryouts at the NAS Jax Gymnasium from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 12. Tryouts are open to all active duty Navy personnel. Wrestling equipment and attire are not necessary and weigh-ins are not conducted for the tryouts.

Weight classes include: 119, 127, 138, 152, 167, 187, 213, 286. Sign up at base gym.

## Women's Fall Softball League forming

The Women's Fall Softball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. The season began Sept. 18 with games played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. Contact the base gym.

## Men's Varsity Flag Football coach wanted

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

## Water polo players wanted

The NAS Jax Athletics and Aquatics Department is looking for active duty personnel who would like to play water polo. To sign up contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

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# Softball team takes third

## By Coach Kevin Barrow

The NAS Jax men's varsity softball team placed third in the 14-team South Atlantic Regional Softball tournament Sept 16.

NAS Jax started slowly in its first game against King's Bay, needing a six-run sixth inning to defeat Kings Bay 8-3.

Their bats remained hot as they steam-rolled GTMO (Cuba) and the Wing Nuts from NAS Jax by scores of 18-8 and 20-9 respectively as they cruised into the day's winners bracket final versus Truman Annex from Key West.

The Jax men started out hot again scoring nine runs in three innings be-

fore going cold and allowing Truman to score four runs in the last inning to tie the game at 11 and send it into extra innings.

Truman Annex scored one run in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat Jax 12-11 and send them into the loser's bracket.

NAS Jax's bats never woke up Sunday morning as Mayport sent them packing 12-1 to end their tournament hopes.

The top tournament hitters for NAS Jax were Scott Ohehir at .824, Tim Altman and Mike Kehrer at .750.

NAS Jax is now in league play at Clay County's Armstrong Park on County Road 220.

# STANDINGS

## **Intramural Flag Football League**

Team	W	L
VP-30	5	0
AIMD	3	0
VP-45	6	1
Weapons	4	1
VR-58	4	1
FACSFac	3	2
VP-16	2	2
NAMTra	3	4
ASTC	3	4
VS-31	2	3
VS-30	2	4
HS-75	1	2
Power Plants	1	5
CHSWL	0	6

## **Intramural Golf Freedom League**

Teams	W	L	T
CPRW-11	9	1	0
FACSFac I	8	2	0
VP-45 A	6	2	0
SERCC 1	6	2	1
VR-58	6	3	0
AIMD A	6	3	0
NavHosp	6	3	1
NAMTra Blue	5	4	0
HS-15	2	5	0
FASO	2	6	0
HS-75	2	7	0
VS-30	2	7	0
NCTS	2	7	0
VP-45 Os	0	8	0
CV-TSC	0	8	0

## **Intramural Volleyball League**

Teams	W	L
ComNavRegSE	4	0
AIMD	3	0
SERCC-1	3	1
CSCWL/VR-58	2	1
CPRW-11	1	3
Air Ops	0	2
CHSWL	0	2
SERCC-2	0	4