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Kirby takes NAS Jax, Regional Sailor of the Year honors

By **Jeff Hilton**
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NAS JACKSONVILLE - Seventeen impressive candidates representing the best Sailors from Navy Region Southeast were contenders for the region's 2000 Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY) honors. The 17, along with family as well as their commanding officers and command master chief's were honored guests of the air station Feb. 11-17. The winning candidate was announced at the annual Regional Sailor of the Year Banquet last Saturday at the NAS Jax Officer's Club. The candidates, top Sailors at their commands, all have a reputation for

leading and getting jobs done. All were previously honored as Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ) at some point in their careers and a few already had SOY credentials.

AK1(AW/SW) Jeffrey Kirby, stationed aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, was named the region's SOY for 2000. He is now a candidate for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Shore SOY honors. "It was unexpected," Kirby said of his selection, "I had some pretty good competition. Now I have to represent them at the next level." The region's newest SOY is also waiting the results of his application for Limited Duty Officer and has a goal to complete a bachelor's degree in business administration before

his shore tour ends in 16 months.

Kirby, was born in West Palm Beach, Fla. He graduated from Boyd H. Anderson High in Ft. Lauderdale in 1987 and enlisted the same year. He has deployed with Patrol Squadron (VP) 22, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 49 and aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) where he earned his Surface Warfare cutlasses.

Kirby now leads 74 Sailors supporting 16 squadrons and 90 aircraft. He is credited with maintaining 100 percent inventory accuracy on parts valued in excess of \$100 million. After hours, he is pursuing a bachelor's degree and has volunteered with the Spe-

cial Olympics and Northeast Florida Mentoring Coalition. His commanding officer cited his ability to excel as a teacher and coach plus his technical expertise as qualities in his selection.

During their visit, each candidate was interviewed by a panel of master chiefs charged with selecting the region's top Sailor. In addition to their interviews, these Sailors and family members enjoyed a round of golf and a cruise on the St. Johns River. Family and friends were taken shopping in St. Augustine while the candidates were interviewed.

For more on the Region Sailor of the Year candidates see pages 6 and 7.



Photo By PH2 Susan Cornell

Navy Region Southeast 2000 Shore Sailor of the Year AK1(AW/SW) Jeffrey Kirby accepts a Lone Sailor sculpture from Rear Adm. Jan Guadio.

Love endures -

George and Charla Kibler share a tender moment as they and more than 70 other couples gathered at the NAS Jacksonville Chapel last Friday evening to renew their wedding vows. Couples were of all ages. There were newly weds as well as couples who had been together more than 30 years. Referring to their own participation, Mrs. Kibler said, "This is our third year to participate in this ceremony and I'm just happy to be here after celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary."

The ceremony was officiated by NAS Jax Chaplains Cmdr. Simon P. Ignacio and Lt. Cmdr. Wayne Hatman. Also on hand was Capt. Charles Soto, CNRSE Chaplain. The Chapel Vow Renewal Ceremony was followed by a Valentine's Dance and Dinner at the Officer's Club.



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Meet a Sailor... YN3 (AW) Kristi L. Moon



Job title/command: Patrol Squadron (VP)16 administration department

Hometown: Westfield, Penn.

Past duty stations: RTC Great Lakes, Ill., NTC Great Lakes, Ill.

Hobbies: Shopping and reading

Family life: Single

Career plans: Shore duty

Most interesting experience: Joining the United States Navy.

Words of Wisdom: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Muriel Strode

Meet a Civilian... Christopher L. Caska



Job Title: command: Firefighter, position 1

Hometown: Plattsburg, N.Y.

Past Duty Stations: This is the first base assigned, actively in Position 1 Crash

Family Life: Married to Stacie Caska, with two children Ashly (5) and Jordon (2)

Career Plans: Plan to become firechief one day

Most Interesting experience: Interacting with the Romanian people, during medical cruise while on active duty

Words of Wisdom: "Treat others, as you would wish to be treated."

Chapel to host Ash Wednesday worship

Lent is a season of approximately 40 days when we prepare ourselves for a proper observance of the Lord's sufferings, death and resurrection. Liturgically, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends six weeks later on the Wednesday of Holy Week. This is our time of the year for prayer, penance and helping others. It is springtime for the business of the soul.

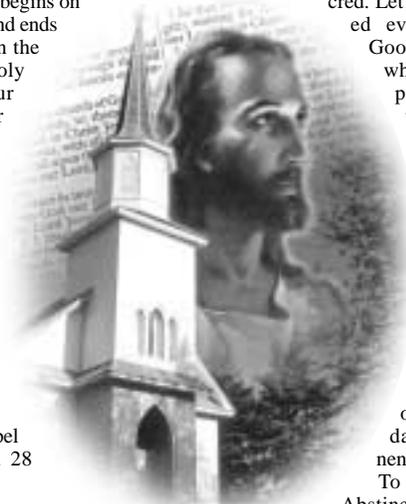
Ashes will be imposed as follows:

Episopal/Protestant at All Saint's Chapel Wednesday, Feb. 28 at noon

Catholic Saint Edward's Chapel Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For Catholics Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also of Fast, that is limited to a single full meal.

On Good Friday the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, where possible, prolonged through Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear minds." The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. To the Law of Abstinence (from meat and meat products) those are bound who have completed their 14th year of age. To the Law of Fast (a single full meal for the day) those of the faithful are bound who have completed their 21st year and up until the beginning of their 60th year.





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African-American/Black History quiz, 'Is that your final answer?'

Jax Air News published an African-American/Black History quiz Feb. 15. The top three entrants having the most correct answers will receive prizes today (Feb. 22) during the African-American/Black History Month Luncheon.

Here are your answers to the American/Black History quiz:

Name the former Naval Air Station Jacksonville Naval Officer that was the Republican Candidate for the 3rd Congressional District of North Florida?
Jennifer Carroll

What year did John Lee become the U.S. Navy's first black commissioned officer?
March 15, 1947

The Republican Party organized to oppose slavery in what year?
July 6, 1854

Who was the first black admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy? What year?
John Henry Conyers, 1872.

What sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913?
Delta Sigma Theta

When was the Congressional Black Caucus organized? (year and date)
1970, received its first national recognition in March 1971

Who was the first African-American nominated for an academy award for best actress of the year?
Dorothy Dandridge, 1954

Name the first African-American to graduate from Westpoint in the 20th century.
Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

Name the first African-American Naval Master Diver?
Carl Brashear

Who was the first Black Aviator in the U.S. Navy and the First Black Naval Officer to lose his life in combat? During what War?
Jesse Leroy Brown, Jesse Leroy Brown, Korean War

For what city did David Dinkins become the first African-American Mayor? What year?
New York City, 1989

Who is the all-time winningest coach in the NBA history?
Lenny Wilkins

Who was sworn in as the first African-American Congressman of Ohio?
Louis Stokes

In 1971 Samuel L. Gravelly Jr. was the first black to do what in the U.S. Navy?
Become the first

Black Admiral

Name the first African-American to serve as Secretary of State for the United States?
Secretary of State the Honorable Colin Powell

Name the African-American poet who, on March 26, 1953 was subpoenaed to testify before the McCarthy Committee on his radical past?
Langston Hughes

Which amendment allowed Thomas Peterson to become the first black to vote in the U.S. after its ratification?
15th Amendment

Name the first black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize and for what work?
Gwendolyn Brooks for "Annie Allen"

What was the name of the poem that Maya Angelou recited at former president Clinton inauguration? "**On the Pulse of Morning**"

Who was the black female antislavery activist that was allowed to meet with President Abraham Lincoln on October 29, 1864 just for moral support?
Sojourner Truth

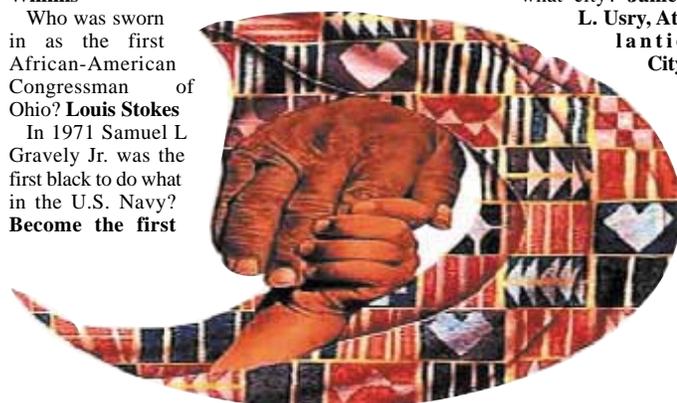
Name the Arctic explorer, whose long-term partnership with Robert E. Peary allowed them to discover the North Pole in 1909?
Matthew A. Henson

Name the African-American who established "Negro History Week" which is now called Black History Month in the United States?
Carter G. Woodson

Who did President G.W. Bush recently appoint to serve as the next chairman of the Federal Communications Commission?
Michael K. Powell (son of Secretary of State the Honorable Colin Powell)

Name the creator African-American comic strips Boondocks?
Aaron McGruder

On March 13, 1984 this former member of the Harlem Globetrotter became the first African-American Mayor of what city?
James L. Usry, Atlantic City



Spiritual Gifts Workshop offered



The base chapel is offering a free Spiritual Gifts workshop Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is required. Call 542-3051.



Partnership continues — NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Steve Bagby, left, American Federation Government Employees Chapter 696 President Patricia Yoder and NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Steve Turcotte renewed their Labor-Management Partnership Council (LMPC) by signing a charter Feb. 15. The LMPC is tasked to promote efficiency between Labor and Management while improving service to all NAS customers.

TROA Scholarship entry deadline nears

The Retired Officer's Association (TROA) will award grants of \$1,000 each for the the 2001-2002 school year.

To be eligible for the grants applicants must be the dependent child of an active duty member of drilling Reserve/National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service (USPHS), or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

An applicant must be a high school senior or college student working on his or her first undergraduate degree, and under the age of 24.

An applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2001.

Selections will be made solely on the basis of merit: Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership. An applicant's uniformed-service sponsor does not have to be a member of TROA.

Applications will only be taken on on line (there are no paper applications). Go to TROA's website: <http://www.troa.org>. The website opening page has the word "Scholarship" in the left margin. Click there to view all the information and instructions an applicant needs to proceed. Deadline for on-line entry is March 1, midnight - no exceptions.

If chosen as a semi-finalist in late March, the applicant must send a certified transcript and verification of SAT (or ACT) scores and a copy of the sponsoring parent's recent "Leave and Earnings Statement" to: TROA, Scholarship 200, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2311.

If a computer is not available at home, an applicant should go to the school counselor's office or public library. For questions not answered at the website, the applicant may email: grant200@troa.org.



Hey, Money Man!



Hey, MoneyMan!

I just got my \$2,100 income tax refund and I was wondering what I should do with this money. We have a few bills to pay and I would like to buy a few things, but I think I should have around \$800 left over. Any investment ideas?

MoneyMan Sez:

On the surface, getting a big tax refund seems like a good deal, but usually, the bigger the refund, the bigger the mistake. Why did you get so much money back? If you are like most of us it is because you paid too much in and effectively gave an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam. So what! Say you are 25 years old and you get a \$1,200 refund each year for 40 years. Your refunds would total \$48,000. Instead, you could invest the \$100 monthly overpayment and, with a 10 percent return, you would accumulate around \$559,000 over that same period of time. Put

the money in a Roth IRA, and the growth is tax-free. I recommend you go over to the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) and change your W-4 so that you cover your taxes, but reduce your refund. Invest your extra \$800 this year and your future monthly savings in a Roth IRA.

Hey, MoneyMan!

I have noticed that several times you have talked about investing money. I don't know about anyone else, but I don't have any money to invest. My wife and I pay our bills, but rarely do we have anything left over. It seems that every month an unexpected expense comes up and eats up all of our savings. Who are these people with all this money?

MoneyMan Sez:

Your problem is not all that unusual. No one in the military is overpaid. However, have you noticed that some people seem to have extra money while others in the same pay grade do not? One thing you should do is track your expenses for four to six weeks. Write down all (make that ALL) of your family's expenses and then "discover" your spending habits. You will be amazed! As an example, let's say you and your wife eat lunch at McDonalds or Taco Bell every day, Monday through Friday. That will cost you around \$ 9 per day for 22 days or \$198 per month...just for lunch...at Mickey Dees. Ever notice that when you take \$20 out of the ATM how quickly it becomes \$10, then \$5, then its gone! The people with "all the money" are those who track expenses, set realistic financial goals, and pay themselves first! Try it; you will like it!

More questions? Call Hey Money-Man! at 778-0353.

Free tax assistance available at NAS Jax

Free tax assistance in preparing and filing your taxes, including electronic tax filing, is available aboard NAS Jacksonville.

The VITA center at NAS Jacksonville is located in Building 610 across from Yesterday's CafÉ and Vital Signs. The VITA Center will provide FREE tax preparation and filing services until April 16. The hours of operation for walk-ins are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 11a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Military in uniform have head of the line privileges from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. daily. Command assist visits may be scheduled by contacting LNC (SW/AW) Jerald Sauls or LN1 (SW) Kimberly D. Martin at 542-2565, ext. 3003 or 3410.

For more information call LN1 Kimberly D. Martin at 542-2565, ext. 3410. Remember there is no need to spend money to have your taxes prepared and electronically filed when these services are offered to you for free and your local naval installation.

Region SOYs: 17 candidates vie for Region's top Sailor

The competition for the Southeast Region Sailor of the Year title was stiff this year. Vieing against AK1 (AW/SW) Jeffrey Kirby, winner of the Regional SOY honors, were 16 other outstanding candidates. Their credentials follow:

The candidates:

MA1 John Batista - Naval Weapons Station Charleston SOY, is a Bronx, N.Y. native. He enlisted in 1988 and has served at sea aboard USS Orion (AS 18) and USS George Washington (CVN 73). Batista is the Leading Petty Officer of both the Naval Weapons Station's Security Department and Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty Team. Off duty, he volunteers with the Goose Creek, S.C. Police Department and attends the City Colleges of Chicago. He had been a Sailor of the Quarter prior to his current selection. Batista's commanding officer cited his problem solving determination and initiative that led to more than 300 Reservists attaining small arms qualifications as important reasons for his selection.

LN1(SW) Joseph Birch - Naval Station Mayport SOY, was raised in Cohoes, N.Y. and is a 1981 graduate of Shaker High in Latham, N.Y. He enlisted in 1981 and has served at sea aboard USS Wainwright (CG 28), USS Merrimack (AO 179) and USS America (CV 66) as a journalist. Birch converted to Legalman in 1992 and later served aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) where he earned his Surface Warfare designation. Prior to his SOY selection, he had twice been a Sailor of the Quarter. He serves as Mayport's Leading Petty Officer for the Judge Advocate's Office and Assistant Discipline Officer. Birch and his wife, Maria, are parents to Joshua, 12, Zachary, 9, and Kaitlyn, 6. His commanding officer cited his proactive mentoring and superb organizational skills as well as his outstanding military bearing and community service as impressive factors in his selection.

YN1(AW) Debra Brock - Commander, Navy Region Southeast SOY, was born in Savannah, Ga. and graduated from Savannah's Robert Groves High School in 1972. Brock

holds an associate's degree from Harold Washington College. She enlisted in 1981 and joined the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet after attending Yeoman "A" school. Brock has deployed with Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 and earned her Air Warfare designation while with the squadron. This is Brock's second SOY honor. She has also been Sailor of the Quarter three times during her career. Brock and her husband, Frank, are parents to Lindsey, 16, and Jennifer 13. Her commander cited Brock's leadership and organizational skills as well as her contributions to staff morale as key elements in her selection.

AS1(AW) Willie Cooper - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads SOY, was born in Macon, Ga. and graduated from Central High in 1981. After enlisting in 1984, he served at sea aboard USS Guadalcanal (LPH 7). Cooper has also deployed aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 70) and USS Saratoga (CV 60). He has previously been a Sailor of the Quarter. Cooper and his wife, Angela, are parents to Akema, 15, and Willie, 11. His commanding officer cited Cooper's exceptional initiative, vigilance and his significant impact on command readiness as prime reasons for his selection.

HM1(SW) Mark Criss - Naval Hospital Jacksonville SOY, was born in New York City. He is a 1978 graduate of Southside Senior High in Rockville, N.Y. Criss enlisted in 1981. He earned his Surface Warfare cutlasses aboard USS Raven (MC-61) and holds a bachelor's degree from New Hampshire College. Criss was chosen as Sailor of the Quarter twice and Sailor of the Year once prior to his current selection. As Leading Petty Officer of Branch Medical Clinic Albany, Ga., he leads 37 corpsmen. Criss and his wife, Antonietta, are parents to Natasha, 17, Ottavia, 11, and Vittoria, 9. His commanding officer cites Criss' "Can Do" attitude, dedication to shipmates and genuine concern for the healthcare of all his patients as key to his selection.

HM1 Ronald Dayton - Naval

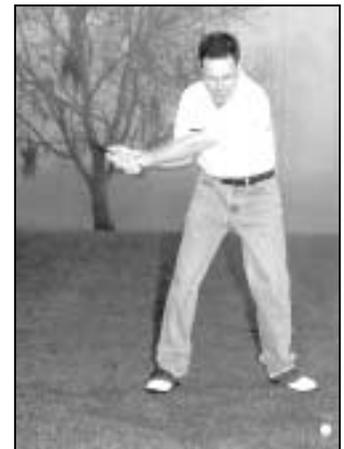
Hospital Guantanamo Bay SOY, was born in Kansas City, Mo. He is a 1982 graduate of Mt. Vernon High in Indiana. Dayton enlisted in 1984 and has served at sea aboard USS Mount Hood (AE 29), USNS Mercy (TAH 19), USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and USNS Comfort (TAH 20). Dayton is the Leading Petty officer for the hospital's Operating Management department and was instrumental in the hospital earning unprecedented high marks from a hospital accreditation commission. He is a three-time Sailor of the Quarter. Dayton and his wife, Sheri, are parents to Brandan, 11, and David, four months. His commanding officer cited Dayton's aggressive leadership and superior professional abilities as key reasons in his selection.

DT1(SW) Bethany Devore - Naval Dental Center, Parris Island SOY, was born in Battle Creek, Mich. She graduated from Flagler Palm Coast (Florida) High School in 1983. Devore enlisted in 1987 and was selected Sailor of the Quarter four times and Sailor of the Year once prior to her current selection. She earned her Surface Warfare designation in 1999 aboard USS La Salle (AGF 3). She now leads 23 Sailors who have processed 15,000 Marine Corps recruits. Devore's commanding officer cited her able leadership, dedication to subordinates and decision-making skills as impressive factors in her selection.

MS1(SW) Diego Esguerra - Naval Air Station Key West SOY, was born in Bogata, Columbia. He enlisted in 1987 and served aboard USS John Hancock (DD 981) following "A" school where he graduated first in his class. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Saint Leo University, Esguerra also served at sea aboard USS Yorktown (CG 48). He was instrumental in his command's first Five Star Accreditation for Bachelor Quarters management. Esguerra's performance also earned in him SOY honors in 1992. He and his wife, Melissa, are parents to Gloria, 7. His commanding officer cited his direct personal involvement in developing Sailors and dedicated professionalism as important traits in his selection.

BM1(SW) Bill Freeman - Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay SOY, is a native of Falkville, Ark. He enlisted 1986 and has served aboard USS Florikan (ASR 9) and USS Carney (DD 64) where he earned his Surface Warfare cutlasses. He has previously been honored as an SOQ and SOY. At Kings Bay he is the Leading Petty Officer of the Service Craft Division and was credited saving \$125,000 during the overhaul of 15 small boats. Freeman and his wife, Nuchanat, are parents to Kathleen, 11, and Sarah, 2. His commanding officer cited his proactive involvement in helping Sailors, teambuilding and command support as primary qualities in his selection.

SK2(SW) Diann Harris - Transient Personnel Unit, Jacksonville SOY, is a Dillon, S.C. native and 1984 graduate of Dillon High. She enlisted in 1989 and has served at sea aboard USS John F. Kennedy where she was designated a Surface Warfare Specialist. At her present command, Harris manages the TPU Impact Card program and operating budget. Off duty, she is a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jacksonville. She and her husband, Lewis, are parents to Tasharia, 13, Corvin, 9, and Deja, 5. Her com-



PH2(AW) Leigh Francisco

Navy Region Southeast 2000 Shore Sailor of the Year AK1 (AW/SW) Jeff Kirby tees off during a match with other SOY candidates.

manding officer cited her unsurpassed work ethic, courage and commitment as personal attributes leading to her selection.

DT2(SW) Christopher Kuntz - Naval Dental Center Southeast SOY, was born in Phoenix, Ariz. and is a 1990 graduate of Antelope Valley High in Lancaster, Calif. He enlisted in 1994 after working several years in a hospital. After attending Dental Technician "A" School he served at sea aboard USS Eisenhower (CVN 68) where he was designated a Surface Warfare Specialist. Kuntz leads 13 Sailors who provide comprehensive repair service to 18 dental facilities. During a clinic closure, his efforts saved equipment valued at \$36,000 for reutilization. Off duty, Kuntz is pursuing an associate's degree and is a volunteer with several community service programs. His commanding officer cited his superior organizational and technical skills as well as his commitment as key traits in his selection.

EM1(SW) Wilbur Lasseter - Naval Base Guantanamo Bay SOY, was born in Gallipolis, Ohio. He enlisted in 1986 and was soon at sea aboard USS Sylvania (AFS 2). Wilbur is the Brig Administrative Leading Petty Officer where his efforts contributed to a zero discrepancy fleet commander's inspection. He also served as career counselor and with the Command Assessment and Training Team. Lasseter attends City Colleges of Chicago and volunteers with the Red Cross as well as Morale Welfare and Recreation programs. He and his wife, Sandra, are parents to Jeremi, 14, and Brandi, 12. His commander cited Lasseter's flawless leadership, integrity, unmatched expertise and boundless versatility as important factors in his selection.

HM1 Kelly McNulty - Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads SOY, was born in Stratford, N.J. McNulty graduated from Williamstown High in 1987. She enlisted in 1989 and has served at sea aboard USNS Mercy (TAH 19). McNulty helped implement a Professional Development Board credited with a 30 percent increase in command advancements and contributed to her command earning a fourth consecutive CINCLANTFLT retention award. Her service as Career Counselor she

was instrumental in building command morale. Off-duty, McNulty, a two-time SOQ and command Junior SOY, attends New Hampshire College. Her avid interest in sports earned her Athlete of the Year honors while stationed in Spain. She has also represented the Navy as a triathlete in the Pan American Games. Her commanding officer cited her genuine concern for Sailors manifested in effective counseling and expertise as key factors in her selection.

MS1(SW/AW) Kevin Pitre - Naval Hospital Charleston SOY, was born in Lafayette, La. He enlisted in 1987. Pitre has served at sea aboard USS Frank Cable (AS 40), USS Richmond K. Turner (CG) and USS McFaul (DDG 74). He is working out of his rating as the Leading Petty Officer of the Internal Medicine and Pediatric Clinics where he leads 17 corpsmen with minimal fleet experience. Pitre holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. As fitness coordinator, the two-time SOQ has molded a physical readiness program into the staff's daily routine while guiding 29 of 31 Command Directed Physical Readiness Program members to Physical Readiness Test success. Pitre and his wife, Monica, are parents to Kevin, 7. His commanding officer cited Pitre's unyielding commitment, military bearing and professionalism as traits that led to his selection.

YN1(SW) Ralph Smith - Naval Station Pascagoula SOY, is a native of Bogalusa, La. and graduated from Bogalusa High in 1989. He enlisted in 1989 and has served at sea aboard USS Proteus (AS 19) and USS McKee (AS 41) where he was designat-

ed a Surface Warfare Specialist in 1998. Smith was Sailor of the Quarter three times prior to his current selection. He and his wife, Carolyn are parents to Lattywa, 15, and Tavarise, 13. Smith's commanding officer cited his impressive administrative skills, role model example and eagerness to assist shipmates as prime reasons for his selection.

MS1(SW) Carlos Washington - Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport SOY, was born in Chicago, Ill. He enlisted in 1988 and served at sea aboard USS New Jersey (BB 62), USS Wabash (AOR 5) and USS Essex (LHD 2) where he earned his Surface Warfare cutlasses. In Gulfport, he is the Galley Captain in charge of more than 50 personnel and responsible for serving 1500 meals daily. Washington serves his community as a youth league football coach and attends the University of South Mississippi. He and his wife, Dionne, are parents to Cathy, 12, and Montrell, 9. His commanding officer cited Washington's team-building, management and leadership skills as critical elements in his selection.

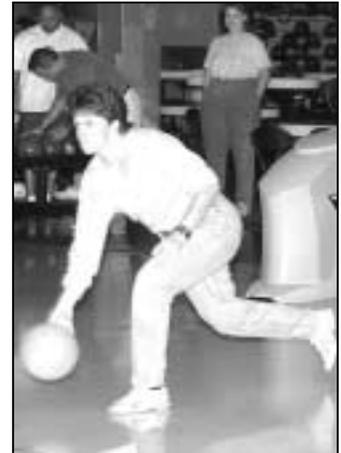


Photo By PH2 Jason Morris

HM1 Kelly McNulty, SOY candidate representing Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, rolls for a strike.



Photo By PH3 (AW) Lamon Bradford

The Region Sailor of the Year candidates and their spouses are treated to a cruise on the St. Johns River.



Photo By PH2 Susan Cornell

Seventeen Navy Region Southeast 2001 Shore Sailor of the Year candidates gathered with Commander Rear Adm. Jan Guadio, center back, during a Feb. 17 awards banquet.

Sloat selected as 'Trident' Sailor of the Year

By Lt.jg Jack McKechnie
HS-3 PAO

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 3 is proud to announce that AE1 Richard Sloat has been selected "Trident" Sailor of the Year for 2000. As a multi-system Quality Assurance Representative, he directly contributed to the resounding operational and maintenance successes achieved by this command. His work center received an overall grade of 'outstanding' on all programs during the pre-deployment Aircraft Material Condition Inspection (AMCI) and Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic (ComNavAirLant) inspections. His efforts also played a key role in the successful completion of over 650 mishap free sorties with a 95 percent mission completion rate and a 90 percent full mission capable rate.

Sloat was born in Mahoac, N.Y. and raised in Danbury, Conn. He enlisted in

the Navy on April 29, 1983. After basic training he reported to Millington, Tenn. for Aviation Electrician's "A" school and then to the USS Forrestal (CV 59) where he rapidly advanced to second class petty officer in July 1987.

In May of 1988, he reported to the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Penn., where he was assigned to the Electrical and Instrument Systems Work Center. He took over as night check LPO and was later hand-picked as supervisor of the Quality Assurance work center. In October of 1991, he transferred to Light Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HSL) 44 in Mayport, Fla. where he obtained his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and Safe for Flight qualifications as well as Multi-Systems Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative designation. In October of 1992, Sloat met his wife Linda, and they married in Au-

gust of 1996. In October 1998, he reported to HS-3 as the Electrical Shop Leading Petty Officer. Since reporting to HS-3, Sloat has been certified "Safe for Flight" and selected for Supervisor and Sailor of the Quarter.

Sloat is now assigned as a Quality Assurance Representative, where his expertise and experience will be the cornerstone of the Quality Assurance workcenter. Cmdr. George Chamberlain, commanding officer of HS-3, exclaimed, "Petty Officer Sloat is an exceptional leader who constantly demonstrates total dedication and unsurpassed professionalism. Through his efforts and unparalleled initiative, he has enhanced maintenance, increased productivity, developed subordinates, and improved the squadron mission completion rate. He is most deserving of this award and all others that follow." Bravo Zulu AE1 Sloat!



AE1(AW) Richard T. Sloat

'Dusty Dogs' sponsor local Brownie troop while at sea

By Lt.jg. Dom Pastorin
HS-7 PAO

The "Dusty Dogs" of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 7 have taken on a new mission while at sea. Currently deployed onboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75), the "Dusty Dogs" have sponsored Brownie Troop 595 of Orange Park.

The sponsorship came through the work of Lt. Cmdr. Mike Michel of HS-7, Lt. Paul Rynne, an Intelligence Officer at Commander, Helantisubron Wing Atlantic (CHSWL), and his wife Carol. "Carol wanted to do something nice for a deploying squadron away for the holidays so we arranged for her Brownie Troop to send us goodies for the holidays and in exchange we would keep them updated on our progress through letters and postcards," Michel said. "The cards and the goodies we received were fabulous and a real morale booster for the troops."

The girls of Brownie Troop 595 are

already reaping the benefits of being sponsored by HS-7. After receiving a postcard and Greek money from Michel after a port stop in Souda Bay, Crete, Mrs. Rynne put it to good use. "I brought the Greek money and postcard sent by Lt. Cmdr. Michel to our last Brownie Troop meeting and the girls were absolutely thrilled. It made sending the holiday package seem very real," Mrs. Rynne said. "After seeing the money and postcard, the Brownie Troop girls decided to use the country of Greece for their 'Thinking Day' program, which is aimed at teaching the girls about foreign lands."

Madyson, one of the Brownie Troop members, was recently asked her favorite activity as a member of the troop thus far. Without hesitation she responded, "When we wrote those cards to the Navy men and made their box."

You can learn more about the "Dusty Dogs" by accessing their website at <http://www.navy.mil/homepages/hs7>



Brownie Troop 595 of Orange Park, proudly sponsored by the HS-7 "Dusty Dogs."

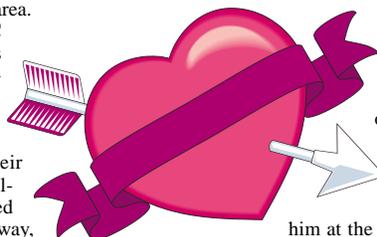
Valentines gifts to the Arabian Gulf

By FC1(SW) Anthony Glossenger
CV-TSC Ashore PAO

The next best thing to being there. On Feb. 14, Carrier Tactical Support Center (CV-TSC) Ashore hosted a Video Teleconference (VTC) for members of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22, currently embarked onboard the USS Harry S. Truman in the Arabian Gulf, and their family members in the Jack-

sonville Metro area.

C V - T S C Ashore was pleased to provide this special Valentines Day gift to VS-22 and their families. Although separated a half a world away,



this VTC gave 29 squadron members the opportunity to see and talk with loved ones back home.

"It's wonderful to talk with my husband and see him at the same time," said

Sarah Meier, wife of Lt. Eric Meier. "We e-mail and talk on the phone, but to be able to see him makes all the difference in the world. Somehow I feel closer to him, even though he is so far away." Kimberly Hughey, fiancEe of PRAR Kevin Sowell, added, "It was terrific for them (CV-TSC Ashore) to put this together for the families.

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VS-32's yearly award winners announced

By Lt. Shannon Corkill
VS-32 PAO

Cmdr. Ron Carlson, commanding officer of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 32, recently announced the yearly award winners for the year 2000. The Sea Control Wing Atlantic Sea Sailor of the Year and VS-32's Sailor of the Year is PN1(AW) Michael A. Wampler, "Mauler" of the Year is AD2(AW) Ira Schwartz; Junior "Mauler" of the Year is AT3 Michael Daffan; and Plane Captain of the Year is AN Frantz Amazan.

These "Maulers" have set stellar examples of pride and professionalism in VS-32 during the past year. Their everyday dedication and motivation have been apparent and greatly appreciated by everyone in the squadron.

Wampler, from Mt. Clemens, Mich., has served the Navy for 16 years. He began his Navy career reporting to Recruit Training Center San Diego in November 1984. After graduation, he reported to Service School Command San Diego for Mess Management (MS) "A" School. In March 1985, he was assigned to his first command, the USS Engage (MSO 433) at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. Wampler, through the Lateral Conversion Program, converted to the rate of personnelman receiving orders to the USS Talbot (FFG 4), also home ported at Mayport in May 1987. As the only personnelman assigned to the USS Talbot from July 1988 until the ship's decommissioning on 30 September 1988, he successfully transferred

more than 170 shipmates to many locations and special duty assignments.

In October 1988 he transferred to PSD NAF Detroit, Mich. and set a blazing trail as he was selected as Sailor of the Quarter three times, twice in the same year and selected as Sailor of the Year for 1989. Although working hard during the day, he also completed the requirements to be certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT) and firefighter. This accomplishment provided an invaluable service to his local community.

Wampler returned to sea duty when he reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 105 in May 1992 and served as the Administration and Personnel Department Leading Petty Officer. After completing two cruises with VFA-105, he earned his designation as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist in December 1994.

In July 1995, Wampler transferred to PSD Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. He was advanced to First Class Petty Officer in June 1997 and was quickly appointed as the Leading Petty Officer, responsible for 28 military personnel.

Wampler joined VS-32 in January 1999 and has served as the Administration and Personnel Department Leading Petty Officer. Upon reporting, he quickly set the pace for all to emulate. His astute technical knowledge and stellar leadership ability have been instrumental to his success. He received the Commanding Officer's Leadership Trophy in August 2000 and his sixth

Navy Achievement Medal. Petty Officer Wampler and his wife Janice, have three children, Christopher, Craig, and Michael.

Schwartz, from Martinsville, Ind., has served the Navy for more than 15 years. Ira Schwartz graduated from Martinsville High School in 1985 and joined the Navy shortly thereafter reporting to Recruit Training Command in San Diego, Calif. After graduation he reported to Millington, Tenn. for AD "A" school and then reported to his first command, Attack Squadron (VA) 37, in April 1986. Schwartz then served with NAS Cecil Field AIMD on sea and shore duty in June 1989 where he remained until June 1998. Due to base closure, the AIMD staff relocated to NAS Jacksonville in August 1998 where he worked until August 1999.

Schwartz reported to VS-32 in August 1999 and has been a key member of the "Mauler" maintenance team. He has been instrumental in the high quality of work in the Power Plants Branch, additionally he is a key player of the interior design work in the power plants work center, which clearly is a symbol of the shop's pride and professionalism. Besides being a stellar Mauler during the day, he is also a proud father to his son Ira, and his daughter, Kennedy Brook.

Daffan is from Glen Rose, Texas. Daffan started his Navy career reporting to Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in June 1997. His next assignment was Aviation Electronics Technician I-Level "A" school. Upon

completion, he reported to VS-32 in April, 1998 where he was then assigned to Sea Control Wing Atlantic for temporary duty. Daffan reported back to VS-32 and hit the ground running. In January 1999, Daffan worked in the Line Division, quickly becoming a plane captain and shortly thereafter returned to the Avionics shop. Once back in the shop, he obtained several qualifications including Final Checker and Collateral Duty Inspector (CDI). Daffan has been a hard charger and was additionally recognized as Junior Mauler of the Month for August 2000, prior to his selection as Junior "Mauler" of the Year.

Amazan hails from Brooklyn, N.Y. Amazan has served the Navy for more than two years. A native of Haiti, his family moved to the United States in July of 1989 and resided in Brooklyn, New York where he attended school. He quickly learned to speak English and graduated from Martin Luther King High School in June of 1997. He then completed one year of undergraduate education at Brooklyn College prior to joining the Navy in October 1998 attending boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill. After Recruit Training he reported to VS-32 in January 1999 and has served with distinction since. In the past year, he has been recognized as the Plane Captain of the Month and as Plane Captain of the Quarter.

VS-32 is proud to recognize these stellar Sailors for their great achievements. Congratulations to all!



AT2 Michael Daffan Jr. "Mauler" of the Year



AN Frantz Amazan Plane Captain of the Year



Cmdr. Ron Carlson, VS-32 commanding officer, presents a certificate to PN1(AW) Michael A. Wampler honoring him as the VS-32 Sailor of the Year.



AD2(AW) Ira Schwartz "Mauler" of the Year

Valentines: CV-TSC helps VS-22 families connect

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Everyone here was wonderful and considerate and for the children to see their dads made things so much easier for them."

"Technology is making the cruise a little easier. We have come a long way

since my first cruise," stated Cmdr. David Ruth, CV-TSC Ashore Officer in Charge. "Today we have e-mail and phones on the carriers and now technology helps families see and talk to each other over thousands of miles." He added, "We want to get the word out

to deployed commands that this technology is available and it is a great morale booster for all involved."

Operating out of Building 506, onboard NAS Jacksonville, the CV-TSC Ashore offers squadrons the opportunity to communicate with family mem-

bers through a computer transmission, via satellite, over thousands of miles. For more information concerning VTC opportunities or operations, contact CV-TSC Ashore at 542-0055 or visit the command website at <http://cvtscjx.mswinfodesk.navy.mil>.

Navy ramps up to phase out AUTODIN

By Cmdr. C. S. Downing
NCTS Commanding Officer

It's an old familiar friend, and one every Sailor has come to regard as one that will always be there to serve as the backbone for the Navy's telecommunications system. It's called AUTODIN and that stands for Automatic Digital Network.

Afloat and ashore, AUTODIN has been providing reliable messaging services for many, many years. But there's a new kid in town and it's time for new technology to replace an

aging and expensive to maintain system. Later this fiscal year AUTODIN will be formally discontinued.

The good news is that the new replacement is on line and ready to accept your traffic. This new system is called DMS, or Defense Messaging System. For the average user most changes between the systems will be transparent - that is, once you make the transition to DMS, you won't be able to tell the difference. In Jacksonville, the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) is working hard to assist all area

commands in their transition to DMS.

As DMS Transition Team Co-Leader at NCTS, IT1 Valerie Smith has divided her division into teams who are visiting each non-tactical command to personally provide the expertise needed to make sure the DMS equipment is operating properly. "Many commands are receptive to this change," she states, "but others are a little wary of something new. They just need a little push to realize that once AUTODIN is shut down, they will need DMS to receive message traffic."

IT1 Roberta Cain, DMS Transition

Team Co-Leader, goes on to relate that "the requirement for now is for all non-tactical commands to begin dual routing all of their outgoing traffic via both AUTODIN and DMS. This will help them see that the new system is as reliable as the old. Once all commands in the Navy finish this transition, we will begin with the receive side."

It is urgent that all commands come on line with DMS prior to the CNO's mandate of June 30, 2001. The NCTS DMS Transition Team can be contacted at 542-2811 ext. 1 for more information and assistance with DMS related issues.

Bravo Zulu 'Tridents' stellar achievers

By Lt. j.g. Jack McKechnie
HS-3 PAO

Several "Tridents" have been recognized for their outstanding effort and contribution to the command this past quarter. Their continued superior performance greatly enhances Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 3's productivity and readiness. Bravo Zulu "Tridents" on a job well done!

AMS3 Aaron Tate has been designated Junior "Trident" of the Month for December 2000 due to his noteworthy troubleshooting and repair efforts. While serving as a member of the tiger team assigned to aircraft 614, he was directly responsible for the identification and repair of over 235 discrepancies. His superb efforts helped ensure full mission capability

and lead to commendable results during the pre-cruise Aviation Material Condition Inspection (AMCI).

AMS1 Archie Bird has been awarded Sailor of the Month for December 2000 because of his unparalleled technical knowledge and diligence. While simultaneously performing his QAR duties, he led a tiger team in the expeditious rebuilding of two aircraft. In addition, Bird continued his superior performance as flight line coordinator and maintenance control supervisor.

AMS3 James Gibson has been presented Plane Captain of the Quarter from October to December. His dedicated efforts in training five prospective plane captains and attention to detail during a rigorous inter-deployment work-up cycle helped ease a critical

shortage of personnel and ensure a 99 percent mission completion rate.

AE3 Scenery Beier has been commended as "Sikorsky Maintenance Man of the Quarter" for October to December. He has demonstrated the utmost pride and professionalism in the performance of his demanding duties. He performed numerous maintenance tasks not associated with his own rate that greatly assisted other work centers. Beier's exemplary performance lessened the workload and enabled aircraft to be returned to full-mission-capable status in minimal time.

AO2 Matthew Lowry has been selected as Supervisor of the Quarter for October to December. Lowry directed the preparation and loading of 14 Mk 46 torpedoes during a squadron exercise at AUTEK. His creative planning

enabled his workcenter to expeditiously complete all tasking during an ordnance intensive NAS Fallon Detachment. Lowry also provided ordnance training to newly reported personnel in minimal time, increasing command flexibility and readiness.

Bird has also been awarded Sailor of the Quarter from October to December. His tireless initiative and unmatched technical expertise were critical to squadron operations over the last three months. He was directly involved in exacting timely repairs of numerous complex discrepancies, and his commitment to teamwork and positive leadership were directly responsible for the squadron's 99 percent sortie completion rate during the recent NAS Fallon Detachment.

Yellow Water Family Housing Complex Home Fire Inspections begin March 1

The annual family housing fire inspection for residents living in Yellow Water Military Housing complex will be conducted by the NAS Jacksonville Fire Prevention Bureau beginning March 1. Initial Fire Inspections should be completed by the end of the second week. The remaining weeks of March will be used for call-backs to ensure

every resident has been contacted and received their annual fire safety inspection and briefing.

Inspections will be conducted during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fire Inspectors will be in NAS Jacksonville Fire Department uniform and will conduct the inspection and briefing

only in the presence of an adult.

In the event the resident is not at home when the Fire Inspector calls, a call-back form will be placed on the door requesting the resident contact the NAS Jacksonville Fire Prevention Bureau at 542-2783 or 542-3928 to schedule a home fire inspection and briefing.

The intent of the Home Fire Inspec-

tion and briefing is to ensure maximum safety of all housing residents through normal good housekeeping practices and to inform residents of actions to be taken should a fire or other emergency occur in the home. Also, at this time, home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will be tested to ensure proper operation.



Florida Community College at Jacksonville announces Spring B Term NAS Jax class schedule

Course #	Course Title	Day	Bldg.
CGS 1060	Introduction to Computers	M/W*	110
ENC 1102	English Composition II	M/W	1000
GLY 1010	Physical Geology	M/W	1000
HUM 2021	Humanities: Forum	M/W	1000
MAT 0024	Elementary Algebra	M/W*	1000
MAT 1033	Intermediate Algebra	M/W*	1000
SOP 1002	Human Relations	M/W	966
AMH 2020	U.S. History II	T/TH	1000
CGS 1570	Microcomputer Appl. Soft.	T/TH*	110
DEP 2024	Human Growth & Devel.	T/TH	1000
GLY 1010L	Physical Geology Lab	TH**	1000
ENC 1101	English Composition I	T/TH	1000
EUH 1001	West. Civ.: 1589 to Present	T/TH	1000
MAN 2300	Human Resources Mgmt.	T/TH	1000

NAS Jax Day Schedule 8:30 a.m. to noon
*Computer class is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CGS 1570	Microcomputer Appl. Soft.	M/W*	110
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Devel.	M/W	110
ENC 1102	English Composition II	T/TH	110
HUM 2211	Humanities: Foundation	T/TH	110

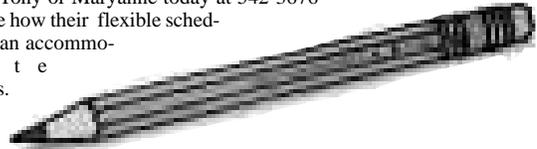
Class times are 5 to 8:30 p.m., 5 to 9:30 where noted by (*) and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. noted by (**). Tuition fees are \$49.30 per credit hour. Classes are three credits except MAT 0024 & MAT 1033, which is four credits. Lab fees apply to various classes. Registration is open daily, beginning Jan. 29 through March 8. Touchtone registration is available. Please call Bob Foote at 771-3979 to arrange for a gate pass for the six-week term. You will need to get a one-day pass at the front gate in order to get on base to see Mr. Foote. Register at FCCJ's on base office at Navy Campus, Bldg. 110. Call 771-3979 for information. Textbooks will be sold on base one night only from 4 to 5 p.m. The drop deadline (with refund) is March 16, 3:30 p.m. on base. Withdrawal deadline (with grade of W) is April 10, 3:30 p.m. on base.



Navy College Learning Center: An asset worth checking out

Been thinking about starting college? The Navy College Learning Center (NCLC), a self-paced computer-based program, can help you prepare for FCCJ's math and English placement tests, as well as for CLEP tests. The NCLC offers a wide variety of hours including evenings and Saturdays. The NCLC program is provided to any active duty, reservist, or retired service member as an educational benefit (no cost). The NCLC program is also available to spouses. The Learning Center is located in Building 110 adjacent to the Navy College Office. Call Tony or Maryanne today at 542-3676

to see how their flexible schedule can accommodate yours.



National Image Inc. Meritorious Service Award nominations due soon

WASHINGTON (NWS) — Nominations for the National Image Inc. Meritorious Service Award are now being accepted and are due to the Chief of Naval Personnel Minority Affairs Office by March 19.

The Meritorious Service Award, presented by the National Image Inc., recognizes two military members from each service for their outstanding equal opportunity and civil rights accomplishments within and outside the Hispanic community.

Nominees may be of any race/ethnic group. NavAdmin 022/01 details nomination procedures, and is posted on the BuPers web site <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

One officer and one enlisted member from each service is selected, and will attend the National Image Inc. annual training conference May 20-26 at the

Bally's Park Place Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J.

Awardees from all the services will be honored at the "Salute to Hispanics in the Military" awards banquet held during the conference, May 24, which is being hosted by the Navy.

Command-funded TAD is authorized and strongly encouraged so that all awardees can attend the conference.

Last year's recipients were Capt. Henry Gonzales Jr., and IT3(SW) Maria M. Campos. Gonzales serves as Commander, Navy Recruiting Region West, and Campos is assigned to USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

For more information see NavAdmin 022/01 or call Lt.j.g. Sad Carino, Chief of Naval Personnel Minority Affairs Office, at (703) 695-2651/DSN 225 or e-mail to <mailto:p00j1@bupers.navy.mil>.



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Commander, 2nd Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic briefs President from sea via teleconference

ABOARD USS MOUNT WHITNEY (NNS) — Vice Adm. Michael G. Mullen, Commander, 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic, spoke Tuesday to President George W. Bush via video teleconferencing (VTC) from sea about his staff's role and capabilities in NATO's new Combined Joint Task Force concept (CJTF). The VTC was included as part of a military transformation brief that the president received from Gen. William F. Kernan, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Command Atlantic.

Striking Fleet Atlantic is one of three NATO commands currently designated as parent CJTF Headquarters. First conceived by NATO in 1994, the CJTF concept borrows from the U.S. Joint Task Force model but expands it to include the 19 member NATO allies. It places at the disposal of a commander an impressive array of joint forces, up to the size of an army corps and could include a NATO Expanded Naval Task Force.

When stood up, a CJTF is a self-contained, fully functional and multinational task force capable of conducting a wide range of military missions. Striking Fleet Atlantic is the only parent headquarters staff that is sea-based, which, noted Mullen, gives it certain advantages.

"We possess the unique strengths of being at sea, flexibility, mobility and the ability to signal political will without the commitment of a presence on the ground," said Mullen. "We can have the ship underway in a crisis within 72 hours. We can cross theater boundaries at will, and we can sustain ourselves far from any NATO infrastructure for extended periods of time."

Vice Adm. Mullen also took the opportunity to demonstrate USS Mount Whitney's (LCC 20) Area Air Defense Control System (AADC). AADC is an advanced air command and control system developed to support defense of both sea-and-shore-based assets from ballistic missiles and conventional air threats. One of its unique features is that it displays contacts in a three-dimensional picture, and the symbols used to identify them actually look like the contacts themselves. It can track hundreds of air

contacts simultaneously.

In a brief video clip, the AADC was shown tracking two simulated incoming ballistic missiles as they approached a city. Surface-to-air missiles fired from a surface ship struck both targets before they impacted. The taped simulation had been part of a recent Joint Task Force Exercise.

"AADC provides an accurate, three-dimensional air picture and a revolutionary campaign planning capability that reduces planning time from days to hours or minutes," noted Mullen. "It is, quite simply, the most advanced air defense planning and display system of its kind anywhere in the world."

Mount Whitney has one of only two deployed models of the prototype system. The other is aboard USS Shiloh (CG 67), homeported in San Diego, Calif. Shiloh just returned yesterday from a six-month deployment during which the AADC system was extensively used.

"We certainly appreciate the job you're doing out there," commented President Bush. "This is pretty exciting technology we have here. And it can only get better."

The Commander-in-Chief was in Norfolk, Va., as part of a planned tour of local installations. To learn more about 2nd Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic visit <http://www.secondflt.navy.mil>.

Submarine collides with fishing vessel, nine civilians missing at sea

HONOLULU (NNS) — A surfacing U.S. submarine struck a Japanese fishing vessel at approximately 1:45 p.m. (HST) on Feb. 9, about nine miles south of the Diamond Head crater off Honolulu, Hawaii. The fishing vessel rapidly flooded and sank within 10 minutes in 1,800 feet of water. Twenty-six of 35 aboard were rescued. The search and rescue effort for the nine still missing is continuing.

The motor vessel "Ehime Maru" was on a fishing and research mission when USS Greeneville (SSN 772) rapidly surfaced and collided with its stern. The submarine was conducting an "emergency ballast tank blow," a procedure used to bring subs to the surface in the event of an emergency, although in this case it was used for training. The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine was on a one-day cruise with 16 military and civilian guests. It was due back at Pearl Harbor

around 3 p.m.

The sub immediately alerted search and rescue authorities as soon as the crew realized what happened. U.S. Coast Guard helicopters and aircraft were on the scene within minutes. USS Salvor (ARS 52) and USS Lake Erie (CG 70) sortied from Pearl Harbor to assist along with Coast Guard boats and cutters. Also on scene were two Navy torpedo retriever boats, a P-3 "Orion" with night vision capabilities and an SH-60 "Seahawk." The sub's commanding officer, Cmdr. Scott Waddle, has been reassigned pending the results of the investigation. The submarine has returned to port with some minor damage to its "skin."

"While it is not yet clear how this accident occurred, it is tragic and regrettable," said Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, in a statement on Feb. 10. "I want to express my apologies to those involved in the accident, their families, and the government of Japan."

USS Greeneville, a 362-foot nuclear submarine, was commissioned in February 1996. Its homeport is Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

An investigation into the accident is underway.

Sailor presumed lost at sea emerges from hiding on ship

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — A Norfolk Sailor who was presumed lost at sea Jan. 31 emerged days later from a storeroom aboard his ship.

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin M. Corr of Troy, Mich., failed to show up for a mandatory muster during a man overboard drill aboard the Aegis guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71) while it was operating off the Florida coast.

The Sailor was declared missing and a massive search began during which time the Navy, along with Coast Guard units, covered a 1,700 square mile area. The search efforts were suspended 25 hours later based current air and water temperatures that left almost no chance of survival.

On Feb. 6 at 7:45 p.m., Corr walked out of a storeroom as the ship operated 170 miles off the Florida coast. He sought the ship's chaplain and was subsequently taken to sickbay, where he underwent a medical examination.

An investigation is underway to determine the reasons for Corr's disappearance.

Naval Academy's Class of 2001 obtains career assignments

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) — On Feb. 2, 920 midshipmen in the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 2001 selected their first career assignments after graduation in May. Service assignment is a major event in a mid-

shipman's life.

During service assignment night, seniors select their ships or school dates. Approximately 94 percent of all midshipmen received their first choice; another six percent received their second choice.

Service assignment night is also the culmination of months of work on the part of senior military officers who interview, administer tests, and qualify midshipmen for entry into various warfare communities.

For more than three years, these midshipmen learn about many career options through briefings, visits, classroom studies, summer cruises aboard naval vessels and naval squadrons, as well as training programs coordinated by the Marine Corps.

Since their return to the Naval Academy in August 2000, seniors have been focusing on choosing their career preference. In late fall, midshipmen were interviewed by 22 senior military officials in selected career disciplines, and their records were scrutinized to match each midshipman's qualifications with the needs of the Navy and Marine Corps. Almost all the officers in the Naval Academy complex were involved in some aspect of service assignment night.

This year, 211 midshipmen were selected to the surface warfare community. Additionally, 43 midshipmen qualified for surface nuclear-power training, and 150 midshipmen were selected for the submarine community.

In naval aviation, 241 midshipmen were selected to become Navy pilots and 60 were chosen to be naval flight officers (NFOs).

The Marine Corps selected 154 midshipmen to be commissioned as second lieutenants. This total included 48 midshipmen who were selected for Marine pilots and 10 NFOs.

Other assignments include 10 midshipmen into special operations (diving, salvage, etc.); 16 men into special warfare; four midshipmen into cryptology; four midshipmen into intelligence; nine midshipmen into the Supply Corps; one midshipman into the Civil Engineer Corps; and one midshipman into aviation maintenance duty.

Fifteen midshipmen will pursue medical training to become Navy doctors.

One midshipman is seeking a commission into the Air Force.

As in previous years, several career options including aviation, special warfare duty and the Marine Corps, have ceilings on the number of academy graduates that could be accepted.

The Class of 2001 will graduate on May 25.

More information about the Naval Academy can be found at <http://www.usna.navy.mil>.

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Naval Academy offers Company Officers Masters Program

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) — Do you long for duty at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.? Is a master's degree in your career plan? If so, then read on, because there is an outstanding three-year opportunity at USNA that combines a one-year master's program followed by two years as a Naval Academy Company Officer.

The United States Naval Academy offers a master of science degree in leadership and human resource development.

If you are a warfare-qualified lieutenant or lieutenant commander with an outstanding record, you are eligible. The graduate-level program increases the level of education, training and professionalism of junior officers assigned as brigade company officers and leadership instructors at the academy. Following successful completion of the master's program, graduates are then assigned a two-year follow-on tour as

a USNA company officer. The result is an academic program that meets graduate school criteria and gives students the foundation they need to mold midshipmen.

"The masters degree has professional and personal benefits," said Lt. Robert Thomas, a graduate of the program and a current company officer at the Naval Academy. "I wish I had this training prior to serving in the fleet as a junior officer."

Lt. Brian Fitzpatrick is a prospective 2001 graduate currently enrolled in the program.

"I want to provide midshipmen with mentorship," said Fitzpatrick. "As an undergraduate I learned how to be a leader; as a graduate student I'm learning how to develop leaders."

Marine Corps Maj. Michael Trabun, a fellow classmate, concurs.

"The strength of any organization is its people, and the fact that the curriculum is focused on leadership and human resource development makes this a great choice for those who are interested in the art of leadership and effective manage-

ment practices," Trabun said.

The Naval Academy is the only Navy institution that offers such a program. Junior officers work on their degrees for one year beginning in June, and then assume their duties as company officers for the remaining two years of their Annapolis tour. Company officers are responsible for the daily management, supervision and leadership of the midshipmen their respective companies.

Those who graduate will receive a permanent 0038 sub-specialty code. For more information, contact Cmdr. Ward Carroll at (410) 293-6544, or log onto the masters program web site at <http://prodevweb.prodev.usna.edu/masters/masters.htm>.

Winston S. Churchill departs Bath Iron Works

BATH, Maine (NNS) — The U.S. Navy's newest and most advanced destroyer, Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81), steamed out of Maine Feb. 7 en route to testing, commissioning and a tour of the United Kingdom later in the year.

Though still about two years from joining a battle group, PCU Churchill's departure ends its tenure at Bath Iron Works, which built the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer and where it was christened nearly two years ago. Churchill

and its crew of 350 officers and Sailors boast a number of

firsts, including the Navy's most advanced gun — a 5 inch/62 caliber Mod 4 gun — that reaches a range of more than 60 nautical miles.

In addition, Churchill will have an officer of the Royal Navy on board, a symbolic gesture based on the ship's namesake. As Churchill heads for its homeport of Norfolk, Va., the first British officer, Lt. Angus Essenhig, will serve as navigator. The ship will pull into the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H., where it will receive fuel; later, the ship and crew will visit New York City and Norfolk.

When commissioned March 10, Churchill will be the fifth U.S. Navy warship to be named after a Briton and the only one in active service named after a foreigner.

Though PCU Churchill carries some of the world's most deadly weapons, its commanding officer hopes the ship will remain a symbol of deterrence and that its guns are never fired in anger.

"Winston Churchill's legacy was as a man who pushed for peace through strength," Cmdr. Mike Franken said.

More information about Arleigh Burke-class destroyers can be found at the Navy's homepage at <http://www.navy.mil>.

U.S./British warplanes hit Iraqi military sites

WASHINGTON (AFPS), Feb. 16, 2001 - American and British warplanes attacked Iraqi military command, control and communication sites outside Baghdad today, defense officials said. No allied aircraft were lost.

Land- and sea-based planes launched "long-range, precision-guided, stand-off weapons" against five Iraqi radar and command, control and communications nodes, said DoD spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley at a Feb. 16 Pentagon news briefing.

U.S. Central Command officials re-

quested the attack and it was approved by President George W. Bush. Twenty-four American and British planes struck the targets located from five to 20 miles from Baghdad. A number of other allied aircraft supported the strike.

Bush, in Mexico in meetings with President Vicente Fox when the strike occurred, said: "Saddam Hussein has got to understand that we expect him to conform to the agreement that he signed after Desert Storm. We will enforce the no-fly zone, both south and north.

"Our intention is to make sure that

the world is as peaceful as possible and we're going to watch very carefully as to whether or not he develops weapons of mass destruction. And, if we catch him doing so, we'll take the appropriate action."

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the purpose of the mission was to "degrade and disrupt" the Iraqi air defense infrastructure. Over the past two months, he added, the Iraqis have become more accurate in radar-targeting American and British planes pa-

trolling the Southern No-Fly Zone.

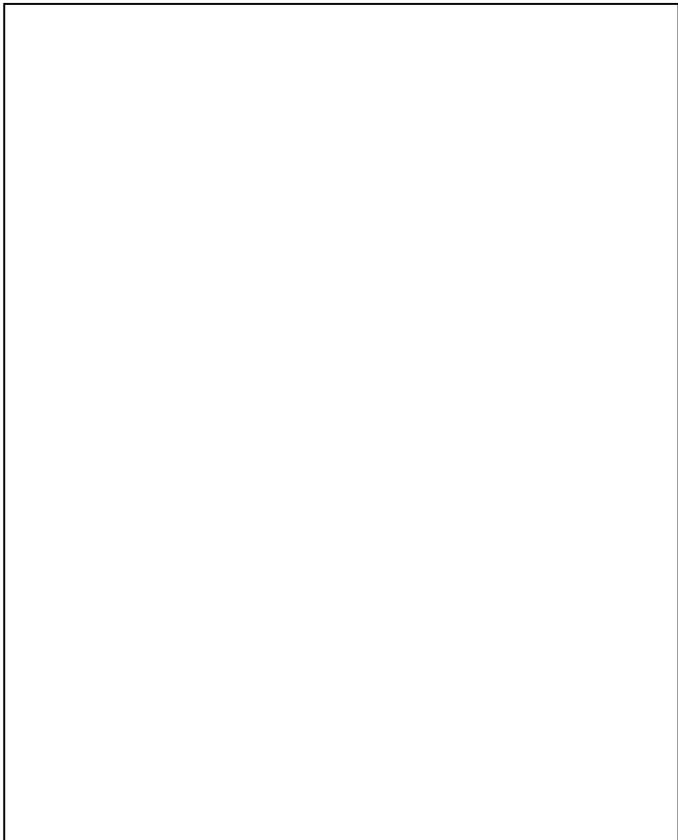
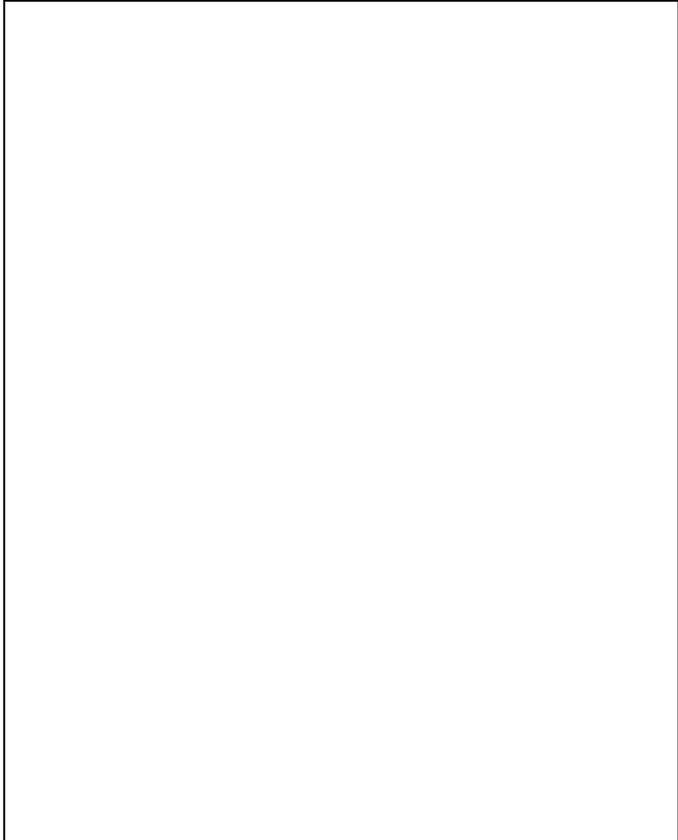
"The attack was made in defense and response" to an increased Iraqi threat against American and British aviators, Newbold said. No coalition planes, he added, crossed the 33rd Parallel, the northern border of Operation Southern Watch. An assessment of damage caused by the strike is underway, he said.

Coalition aviators have flown patrols over northern and southern Iraq since the end of the Gulf War to prevent Saddam Hussein from threatening his neighbors, DoD officials noted.

Jax Tales

By Mike Jones - mikejones43@hotmail.com





Information Technology gathering features free lunch and AT&T brief

Are you an IT professional? Want to network with others just like you, both military and civilian? Like to learn about IT-related topics and what is hot in industry? Getting ready to retire or separate and need contacts for future employment? Want to take a little bit longer lunch hour and get a free meal in the process? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, you need to attend the next meeting of the local AFCEA chapter. The featured presentation on March 15 will be AT&T: What's New in Wireless Technology.

For more information or to RSVP for the luncheon contact CDR Chris Downing at 542-6001 or email: downingch@nctsjax.navy.mil. This meeting will be held at the NAS Jax

Officer's Club. It is open to both members and nonmembers. Remember, the lunch is free, but you must register in advance.

AFCEA, the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association, was founded in 1946. It is an international non-profit association representing Information Technology professionals. The more than 27,000 members and 12,000 corporate associates enjoy significant advantages including subscription to Signal magazine, superior networking opportunities, technical symposia and career development courses. Membership is open to civilian and military personnel officers and enlisted. Come join us for a lunch and learning

The Wellness Center and MWR Fitness Source are sponsoring their

First Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Open House

on

Friday, March 23

from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at

The Wellness Center

Building 867, Enterprise Avenue

(next to the Fitness Source)

Information will be available on:

- Nutrition
- Weight Management
- Fitness
- Cholesterol Reduction
- Injury Prevention
- Blood Pressure Reduction
- Stress Management
- Men's and Women's Health
- Health Benefits

Prizes will be awarded to the first one hundred attendees.

** Refreshments will be provided.*

Armed Services YMCA announces essay contest

SPRINGFIELD, Va. - The Armed Services YMCA announced its fifth annual essay contest today, introducing two superheroes for reading: SuperReader and eSurfer. These new "armchair" warriors promote the contest by battling "the evil forces of boredom and dullness" through reading.

Co-sponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute, the essay contest promotes reading among children and teens of military (active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired), and DoD civilian families. Winning essays receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Enthusiastic readers like last year's third grade winner Chandler Steele, who wrote that his favorite book "is the book I am reading now," are asked to write about their favorite books, libraries, or any topic related to reading, and mail them by April 9.

One, \$500 first place and one, \$100 second place bond will be awarded in categories pre-school and kindergarten; first and second grade; third and fourth grade; fifth and sixth grade; and seventh and eighth grade. Winning essays of high school students will be awarded a \$1,000 bond for first place, and a \$500 bond for second place. In addition, there are four \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mention.

Grades eight and below should submit entries of 300 words or less. Beginning writers may have their parents write their words for them. High school students should write essays of 500 words or less.

Jacksonville University now accepting applications for JU/NAS's SCAAT Program

Professor M.S. Jimmie Greek, director, Second Career As A Teacher (SCAAT), has announced that Jacksonville University (JU) is now accepting applications for the spring semester SCAAT class EDU 401G March 12 - April 30.

Dr. Gail Jaji, professor of education at JU, will teach the course.

SCAAT is an alternative teacher-education program conducted by JU's School of Education in collaboration with Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

In order to be accepted, the applicant must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university with a grade point average of 2.5. The applicant must have the academic requirements to meet Florida certification.

Classes are conducted in Bldg. 4, Room 111 on base from 5 to 8:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 12.

All persons going through the program will complete 16 semester hours of graduate professional education

Entries may be mailed or emailed by April 9. All entries should include the following information at the top of each essay: student's name, age and grade; address; phone number or email a parent may be reached; parents' names; service affiliation; rank of military member; military installation; and school or youth program, if entered contest this way.

Essays sent electronically should be in MS Word or text format as part of the email message or as an attachment. They must be sent no later than April 9 to essaycontest@asymca.org. Libraries, schools, and other agencies on military installations with access to the Internet may enter essays for contestants.

Entries submitted by mail should be postmarked no later than April 9 to be eligible. Send them to: Armed Services YMCA, Attn: Essay Contest, 6225 Brandon Avenue, Suite 215, Springfield, VA 22150.

All entries submitted become the property of the Armed Services YMCA and cannot be returned. For additional information, go to www.asymca.org, email essaycontest@asymca.org, or call (703) 866-1260, ext. 16.

Since the Civil War, the Armed Services YMCA has consistently provided educational, recreational, social and spiritual programs to military members and their families. Celebrating 140 years, the Armed Services YMCA, an affiliate of the YMCA of the USA and headquartered in Springfield, Va., has more than 80 program locations around the world.

courses and six hours of student teaching. The student-teaching block will be at the end of the program and will be at the convenience of the students, the school where the teaching will be accomplished and JU.

The tuition for each three-semester-hour course for military personnel will be \$125 per semester-hour (\$375 per course). Students eligible for Navy Tuition Assistance will pay \$93.75 per course. Students will pay for books and material. Information concerning tuition for civilian students will be available by calling the School of Education office at 745-7131 or 7132.

Upon completion of the 22 semester-hours mentioned above, a student will have completed the professional education courses and practical experience required from teacher certification by the Florida Department of Education.

For further information, call 744-3950 ext. 7137, or 745-7131 or 7132.

ON A HIGH NOTE

Navy Band Jacksonville recognized by CNO

By MU2 Richard Varela
Navy Band Public Affairs

Navy Band Jacksonville recently had the honor of receiving a Letter of Commendation from Adm. V. E. Clark, Chief of Naval Operations. The letter was presented by Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio. "From Feb. 1, 1998 to Aug. 1, 2000, the personnel of Navy Band Jacksonville provided superior musical support to military and civilian organizations throughout the Southeastern United States, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They performed at over 1,700 professionally executed engagements before estimated audiences of over 1.2 million military and civilian guests," according to the CNO's letter.

One of 14 Navy Bands, Navy Band Jacksonville was formed in August of 1995 to represent Naval Air Station Jacksonville and its surrounding communities, the Commander, Navy Region Southeast and the U.S. Navy throughout the state of Florida, Southeastern United States and Caribbean. The band is comprised of 45 highly talented musicians, all of which are graduates of the Armed Forces School of Music and provide a wide spectrum of musical styles by offering smaller ensembles within it self.

The main performing unit is the Ceremonial Band. They perform music for change of command and retirement ceremonies, and patriotic events such as the opening ceremony for the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm National Historic Site in Archery, Ga. They performed at over 118 events in the year 2000 alone, with audiences estimated at 48,000. Out of the personnel assigned to the Ceremonial Band, several other ensembles are also formed. The most notable of these groups is the Marching Band, which performs anywhere from parades to pre-game and half time shows throughout the South

East, reaching audiences of over 238,000 in the year 2000.

Another of the groups that make up Navy Band Jacksonville is the Big Band. They perform the many different styles of jazz, ranging from the sounds of Glenn Miller to sizzling Latin beats, appearing for events such as the Jacksonville Jazz Festivals held yearly, a nationally recognized event for music lovers.

Pride, the Band's top-40/Rock Band, provides a wide variety of contemporary music ranging anywhere from today's top-40 sounds, to country selections, and even a touch of classic rock. They entertain both military and civilian guests at countless venues from Navy Balls, to public school concerts. They support military commands, Navy recruiting, and the civilian community with their vibrant sounds. They reached an audience of over 80,000 people in the past year and is one of the most sought-after units.

The Band also has smaller units geared towards more specific venues. The Brass Quintet performs traditional Brass Chamber selections for clinics, receptions, military ceremonies, public concerts, and schools. The River Ramblers, a group unique to Navy Band Jacksonville, perform Dixieland and Jazz selections for audiences ranging from public schools, local parks, retirement communities, and festivals to surprise visits to the commands at NAS. Navy Band Jacksonville's Combo is a standard jazz four-member group used for military ceremony receptions. Finally, their Buglers provide an added touch of honor to military funerals.

Each ensemble inspires patriotism, elevates esprit de corps and morale, and fosters pride in the United States Naval Service. They are available for public concerts and military engagements. For more information on how to add the band to your engagement, or for upcoming concerts, you can visit their web site at www.comnavregse.navy.mil/navband or contact their Operations Department by phone at 542-5611, ext. 16.



Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio (left) stands next to Lt. Anthony Miller, Navy Band Jacksonville director, and all hands of Navy Band Jacksonville after presenting them the Chief of Naval Operations Letter of Commendation.

Photo by PH2 Jason Morris



MU2 Richard Varela (foreground) performs with the Navy Band's dixieland unit "River Ramblers" during last year's Fourth of July festivities at Jacksonville Beach.



Vocalist MU3 Mallory Overton performs with "Pride" at last year's Fourth of July concert at Jacksonville Beach.

Photos courtesy of
Navy Band Jacksonville



Navy Band Jacksonville's Concert Band performs at Metropolitan Park.



The Marching Band performs during opening ceremonies for Military Day at Alltel Stadium in November, 2000.

TRICARE eliminates Prime co-pays for family members

From Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

The 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) contains great news for active duty uniformed services members and their families in the Jacksonville area (and nationally). One provision that's sure to please is the elimination of co-payments for active duty family members (ADFM) enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime will no longer have to make co-payments for the care they receive from their civilian providers.

Currently, family members of active duty members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 and pay grades E-5 and above pay \$6 and \$12, respectively, for such visits. In addition, family members' \$11 per day civilian inpatient charge is being eliminated, as is the \$11.45 per day

family member rate for enrollees admitted to Naval Hospital Jacksonville. It is anticipated that this benefit will become available in April 2001.

Legislation included in the 2001 NDAA, such as the elimination of co-payments, is giving recruiters something to cheer about. As an employee benefit, TRICARE is quickly becoming what military leaders hoped it would: The world's best health care for the world's best military.

Active duty family members will still have to make pharmacy co-payments for the National Mail Order Pharmacy program and at network retail stores, but these charges are nominal. In addition, military treatment facilities continue to provide prescription drugs free of charge — a huge cost saving available to all uniformed services beneficiaries.

In order to obtain the elimination of co-payments for care received from

their civilian providers TRICARE Prime enrollees must follow TRICARE Prime rules. For example, TRICARE Prime enrollees must normally obtain authorization from their primary care manager before seeking care from civilian providers. While they retain the right to seek civilian care without authorization from their primary care manager, the TRICARE Prime point-of-service charges will apply.

Family members who use the point-of-service option are responsible for paying the annual deductible of \$300 per member or \$600 per family, and 50 percent of the TRICARE allowable charge once the deductible is met. Family members also are responsible for any additional charges billed by the non-network provider, up to 15 percent above the TRICARE allowable charge (balance billing rule). Members are encouraged to consult with a health benefits adviser (HBA) or beneficiary

counseling and assistance coordinator (BCAC) prior to using the point-of-service option.

The elimination of co-payments for active duty family members who see civilian providers is not only about cost. It's also about making the TRICARE benefit equal for those who see civilian versus military providers. In response to feedback from beneficiaries, TRICARE Prime is being re-designed to take the irritants out of the program. Cost is a big concern for beneficiaries, and the elimination of co-payments for active duty family members enrolled in Prime is a plus for customer satisfaction.

For more information contact the hospital's Health Benefits Center at 542-9164 or call or visit the TRICARE Service Center at 1-800-444-5445 located at 1210 Kingsley Ave., Suite 1, Orange Park, Fla., 32073.

New Tricare Dental Plan enrollment announced

New Tricare Dental Plan enrollment procedures commenced Feb. 1.

Service members wishing to enroll themselves or dependents in the Tricare Dental Plan must contact United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) directly.

The revisions also require service members to pay the first month's premium directly to UCCI with a check or money order. A \$20 fee will be

charged on all returned checks. Single coverage is \$7.63 monthly. Family coverage is \$19.08 monthly. Subsequent premiums may be deducted as an insurance allotment.

Those interested should call 1-888-622-2256 to receive an enrollment package by mail.

Online enrollment using a credit card for the first month's premium is available at: www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html.



Wellness Camp - Do you ever find yourself spinning your wheels and going nowhere? If so, reserve your seat now for the Spring Wellness Camp April 4-6. The Camp is designed to provide you with the information you need to live a long and healthy life. The registration fee for the camp is \$20 for all eligible beneficiaries (active duty, retirees, their family members and DoD civilians). It will be held at the Wellness Center (Bldg. 867) at NAS Jacksonville, and will include a health/fitness assessment, a cholesterol level, aerobics, and Nautilus equipment instruction, as well as many classes and lectures on everything from the basics of nutrition to stress management. For more information or to register please contact the Wellness Center at 542-5292, ext. 10. Call soon, as seats are limited to 30 participants.

Hospital Pharmacy sets new records

Photo by JO2 LeaVonda Battle

Patients that use Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Pharmacy know it is a very busy place but they might not know how busy. The pharmacy team set several new records last month but they don't expect the new records to last long because Jacksonville is an ideal spot for military retirees. The new records are:

- Most new prescriptions — 44,203
- Most refill prescriptions — 28,559

The new records are just for outpatient prescriptions, when inpatient pharmacy services are included there is a twenty percent increase over the same time period one year ago.

The hospital's pharmacy, which is the second busiest in the Navy, fills about 3,000 prescriptions on a typical day. The pharmacy also consumes more than 20 percent of the hospital's budget and spends about 24 million dollars on pharmaceuticals annually.



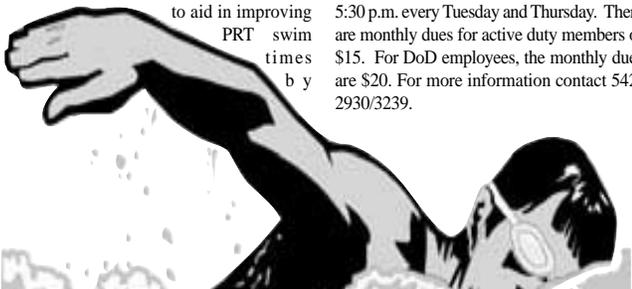
Photo by JO2 LeaVonda Battle

Pictured above, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Pharmacist Linda White verifies a prescription before Pharmacist Technician HN Jermardrick Robinson dispenses it.

Master's swim team needs you

Do you think you need help with improving your swimming times? The NAS base gym will be the home of the Master's Swim team. The Master's Swim Team was designed to aid in improving PRT swim times by

introducing the swimmer to different stroke techniques that shave off seconds in the water. The coached program will begin Tuesday, Jan. 16. The meeting times are from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. There are monthly dues for active duty members of \$15. For DoD employees, the monthly dues are \$20. For more information contact 542-2930/3239.



Navy Junior ROTC seeks instructors

Planning on retiring from the Navy soon? Are you interested in teaching as a follow-on career? The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Program might be for you.

The NJROTC Program will expand from 490 to 537 high schools this fiscal year, with plans to add 163 more schools during FY02 through FY05. This expansion will necessitate the hiring of more than 400 additional instructors to fill these new positions.

The current NJROTC program encompasses approximately 64,000 cadets, more than 1,000 instructors, and is made up of units in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Italy, Japan and Guam. It is designed to promote patriotism, citizenship, self-discipline and leadership skills in high school students. The program includes a Naval Science curriculum with subjects like naval history, oceanography, navigation, naval operations and leadership. Additional activities include communi-

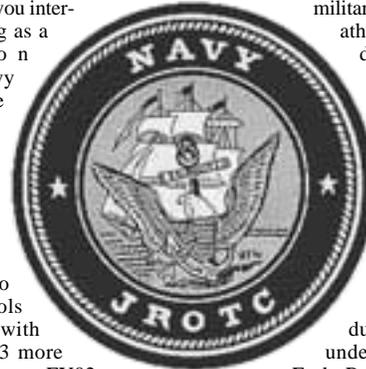
ty service, orientation trips to military bases, sea cruises, athletic, academic and drill events.

Instructors in this program are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and senior enlisted (E-6 to E-9) who have served a minimum of 20 years active duty or have retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority

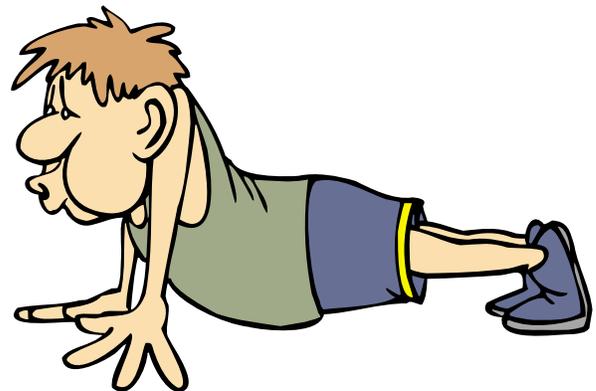
(TERA) and have been out of service no more than six years. Instructors are hired as high school teachers, wear their uniforms, maintain current weight requirements and receive a salary at least equal to the difference between their retired pay and the active-duty pay and allowances. Many instructors are paid considerably higher salaries.

More information on this program can be found at www.cnet.navy.mil. Type NJROTC in the search window.

Additional information can be obtained by calling (850) 452-4947, ext. 334 or send e-mail inquiries to cheryl-m.ward@cnet.navy.mil.

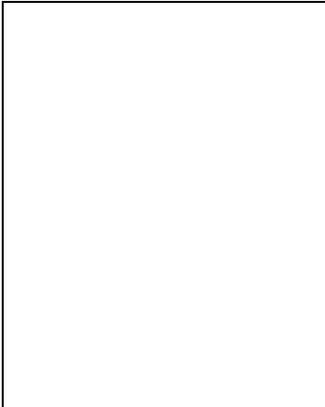
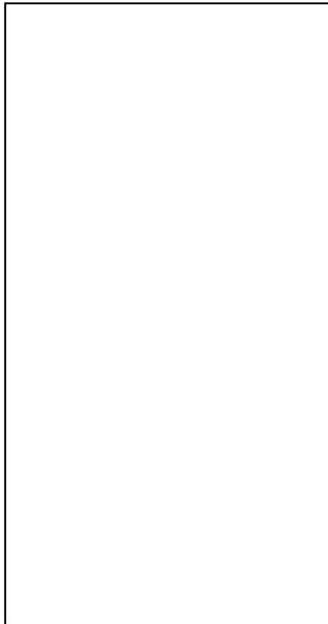
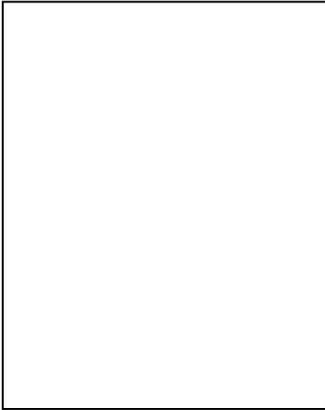


Ship-Shape Weight Management Program offered at Wellness Center starting Feb. 28



The Bureau of Medicine (BuMed) approved 10-week Weight Management Program begins for active duty on Feb. 28 with classes scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The beneficiary class begins Feb. 27, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center. For more information contact Sandy Fischer at 542-5292, ext. 14.



Africa

Royal Olympic Cruises — 10-Day Complete Vacation On Brand New Olympic Explorer! From \$1899 Available: 05/14/01, 05/21/01, 05/28/01

Alaska

Celebrity Cruise Line — Introducing Alaska Cruises / Cruisetours from Celebrity From \$749 Available: 05/11/01 through 06/01/01

Norwegian Cruise Line — Alaska (Sawyer Glacier) - Pay Inside, Get Outside From \$799 Available: 04/30/01, 05/21/01, 07/02/01, 07/09/01, 07/16/01, 07/30/01, 08/13/01, 08/27/01, 09/03/01

Holland America Line — Alaska Flat Rates - ms Statendam From \$799 Available: 05/06/01, 05/13/01

Bahamas

Carnival Cruise Line — A perfect weekend getaway! From \$369 Available: 05/04/01, 05/11/01, 05/18/01, 05/25/01

Caribbean

Celebrity Cruise Line — Celebrity's Caribbean, Not Available on Land From \$699 Available: 10/20/01 through 12/15/01

Royal Caribbean — 4 & 5 Night Short Caribbean Departing from San Juan From \$399 Available: 12/06/01 through 01/17/02

Holland America Line — 2001 Caribbean Flat Rate - 5-day ms Westerdam From \$499 Available: 02/25/01

Caribbean Southern

Celebrity Cruise Line — Infinity - To The Southern Caribbean From \$949 Available: 10/13/01 through 10/27/01

Holland America Line — Winter/Spring 2001 Caribbean 5-Star Bonus - ms Veendam From \$799 Available: 02/23/01, 03/02/01, 03/09/01, 03/16/01, 03/23/01

Caribbean Western

Carnival Cruise Line — Create a lifetime of memories aboard the Ecstasy From \$379 Available: 04/23/01, 04/30/01

Europe

Norwegian Cruise Line — Amazing - 16 night Transatlantic / Med Cruise - ONLY \$899 From \$899 Available: 04/02/01

Silversea Cruises — Tee off with St. Andrews Pre-Cruise Golf Program From \$8815 Available: 08/26/01

India

Orient Lines — India & the East - 50% Off Second Passenger From \$4395 Available: 11/30/01

Orient Lines — 2 for 1 on our Grand Passage From \$9200 Available: 10/31/01

Mediterranean

Silversea Cruises — Complimentary Business Class Air on voyage 1113 From \$9085 Available: 06/14/01

Mexico

Carnival Cruise Line — Set sail for the Mexican Riviera From \$649 Available: 02/25/01, 03/04/01, 03/11/01

Adventure Tours USA — All-Inclusive Cancun 3 or 4nt Special! From \$472 Available: 02/25/01, 02/26/01, 03/01/01, 03/02/01, 03/03/01, 03/07/01

Northwest Worldvacations — Winter Special! Save 25% at Melia Turquesa, Cancun! See website for prices Available: 02/07/01 through 03/31/01

Royal Olympic Cruises — Sneak preview! - Inaugural Sailing Out of Texas Starring the new Olympic Voyager! From \$849 Available: 04/07/01

US East Coast

Norwegian Cruise Line — Cruise The New England Coast This Summer From \$799 Available: 06/03/01, 06/17/01

US Las Vegas

Adventure Tours Usa — 4nt Las Vegas Stardust Package from Dallas/ Ft. Worth! From \$248 Available: 02/25/01

US Northwest

Cruise West — Free pre/post hotel night in Portland See website for prices Available: 03/16/01 through 11/01/01

For more information, visit www.mwr-leisuretravel.com.

MWR NOTES

Aquatics Department

The Aquatics Department is taking reservations for private parties at the Outdoor pool "Allegheny Family Recreation Area". The dates available for the pool facility rental are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from May 1 - Sept. 30. The cost is \$75 for the first two hours, \$25 each additional hour. The Price includes certified lifeguards.

Advanced Swim Training/Master's Team for Active Duty to improve their PRT rating on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/month for Active Duty and \$20/month for DoD. For information or to make reservations call 542-2930.

NAS Jax Base Auditorium Movie Schedule for February

Take advantage of the free movies offered at the base theater located at the corner of Jason St. and Saratoga Blvd. There are no concessions but food and drinks may be brought in with the exception of alcoholic beverages. No children under the age of 18 allowed without adult supervision. For more information call 542-3577, or look on the web at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr

Friday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.: *Blade* (R)
Saturday, Feb. 24, 5 p.m.: *Dr. Doolittle* (PG-13)
Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.: *The Blair Witch Project* (PG-13)

Liberty Cove Rec Center

The Liberty Cove Recreation Center is now open in its new location! The center is located on the corner of Jason St. and Yorktown Ave. in Bldg. 816. Active duty Sailors can enjoy free Internet access on any one of 18 computers available. Compete in free Pool, Ping-Pong, Darts, Sony Playstations, Dream Cast or Nintendo 64. Come in and take a seat in a comfy recliner, and watch movies on the big screen! The Liberty program offers tons of fun, adventures galore and so much more. Our hours are 11 a.m. - midnight, Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 a.m. Saturday. Call 542-3491 for more activities schedule or information.

Saturday, Feb. 24 - Island of Adventure Trip - A fee of \$35 includes round trip transportation and park entrance. The van leaves Liberty Cove Recreation Center at 7 p.m. and will return back here around 10 p.m. There will be a minimum of five and a maximum of 14 passengers.

Yellow Water Youth Center

Birthdays - Celebrate your Birthday at the Youth Center. Our center can accommodate 75 of your favorite friends. The fee is \$25 for two hours or pick up a theme and let us plan your party for \$50 for two hours. Leave all the fun to us. All you need is the cake!

Open Recreation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required by parent. The event is free and open to ages K-17.

Teen Night - Monday from 6-8 p.m. Surf the net and enjoy a variety of games and activities!

Take the hassle out of your travel planning! The Yellow Water Housing Area has a newly located ITT housed in the Youth Activities Center. Now your vacation and travel plans can be made virtually at your front door. Come in and make your travel plans for all the fun Florida vacation attractions and theme parks. The Yellow Water Information Tickets and Travel Office hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, noon - 6 p.m. For more information call 542-8247.

The Budweiser Brew House

The Budweiser Brew House located in 'The Zone' Bldg. 798, corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue is now open. The Brew House opens daily at 11 a.m. and will be NAS Jacksonville's football headquarters with NFL's Sunday ticket (this includes Monday Night Football). Enjoy lunch or dinner from a variety of menu items. Starting in February, The Brew House will be having Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. For more information call 542-3521. Other happenings at the Brew House:

Feb. 23 Happy Birthday Tootsie Roll! - Enjoy beverage specials and JB the DJ will be cranking out the tunes from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Feb. 28 Family Night Before Pay-Day - Kids eat for 1/2 price.

Yesterday's Café

Step back in time to the great service and food you deserve! Sit back and listen to the Jukebox, and enjoy the weekly specials! It's a great place for lunch with all your friends. Check out our Specials Every Day!

Mulligans Fat Tuesday Party!

Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Come dressed in costume, and you may be crowned the King or Queen of Mardi Gras, Mulligan's style! Enjoy food and beverage specials starting at 4 p.m. Mulligan's will be having a special Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras lunch with traditional "King Cake" for desert. If you get the slice with the baby inside you receive a free Lunch!

Enjoy the experience of Carnival, Mulligan's Style. Celebrate with us Feb. 26 to March 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mulligans will be doing the Mardi Gras Thing just for you. A fun lunch out doors serving a menu of hamburgers, w/potato salad and baked beans for \$3, or hot dog w/baked beans and coleslaw for \$2.25. Starting at 2 p.m. you can get \$.25 wings and enjoy beverage specials for \$3.50. For more information call 542-2936.

Bambino's Delivery Special!

Buy one large pizza & get the second for half price! A special is offered on Wednesdays after 2 p.m. Call 542-3900 for delivery to anywhere on base!

Base Gym Men's Varsity Softball Tryouts - Feb. 20-23, 5 - 7 p.m., McCaffrey Softball Complex. Open to NAS JAX Active duty only! Questions or information should be directed to NAS JAX Athletics at 542-2930/3239.

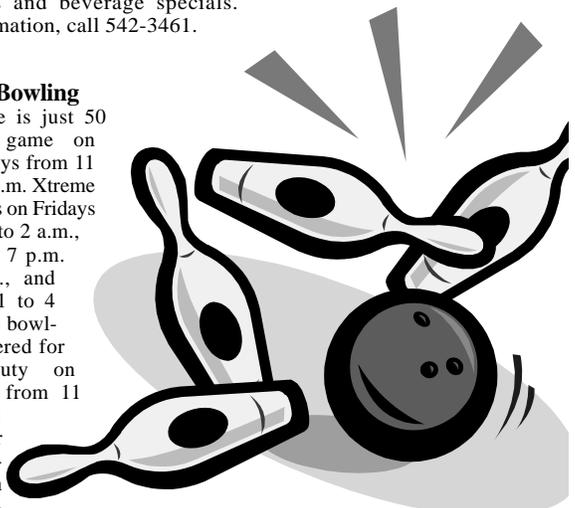
Visit MWR online at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr or call the Marketing Office for general information at 542-3577.

CPO Lounge

Live entertainment is featured every Friday. Social Hours are every Wednesday and Friday with free munchies and beverage specials. For information, call 542-3461.

Xtreme Bowling

The fee is just 50 cents a game on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Xtreme Bowling is on Fridays Midnight to 2 a.m., Saturdays 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Free bowling is offered for active duty on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 542-3493.



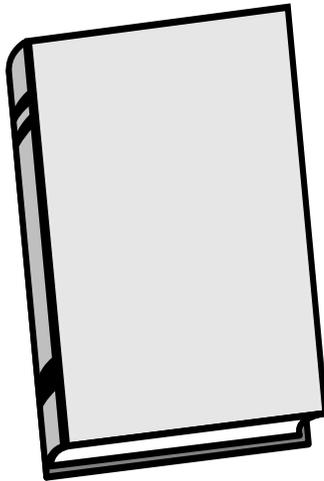
Volunteers sought for many spring events

Duval County School Teacher's Supply Depot Feb. 15 & March 15

Volunteers are needed to help organize and restock school materials. This is a great way to show support of community schools! The Depot's new location is in the John Gorrie Middle School on College Street in the Riverside area of downtown Jacksonville. Directions will be provided. If anyone is interested, please leave a message for Christine Buckley, Depot Coordinator., at 390-2960 to arrange for an available volunteer time slot.

The Alliance for World Class Education's 'Much Ado About Books' - Feb. 17

The Alliance for World Class Education is looking for Navy volunteers to participate in the second annual 'Much Ado About Books' event at the Prime Osborn Convention Center to benefit the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation. Volunteers will be needed during one or two hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist with various functions of the event including reading to children. For complete information, or to sign up for a shift, contact Leslie Kirkwood at 246-7075.



Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville Through February and March

HabiJax, the local affiliate for Habitat for Humanity, recently completed their goal to build 200 homes in 2000 and has now started working on homes for 2001. Volunteers are needed to help with framing, roofing and installing vinyl siding on homes every Weds, Fri and Sat during the next few months. No skill is necessary. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. For more info contact Diane Quick at HabiJax, 632-0949, ext. 240.

JAXPRIDE Week 2001 Jacksonville Baptist Home for Children - Feb. 28 and March 3

The JaxPride Coalition is looking for volunteers to help out with a number of projects at the Jacksonville Baptist Home for Children on University Blvd. (near the Atlantic Blvd. intersection, behind Love Grove Elementary School). Two groups of volunteers are needed to paint split rail fencing, mow pastureland and assist with raking lawns and trimming shrubbery. Lunch, refreshments, mowing equipment, paint and tools will be provided. Shifts are available on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To sign up please contact Dianne Parker at 542-2766, ext. 30 or Senior Chief Battle, 542-3082.

St. Jude's Childrens Hospital Radiothon March 8 & 9

St. Jude's Hospital, in coordination with WQIK, is holding a radiothon at the Orange Park Mall on March 8 and 9 from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day to raise funds for the hospital. They are looking for groups of Navy volunteers to come in and help answer phones. Volunteers are promised to be well fed for their time and the cause speaks for itself!:) Contact Faye Kober at 886-9650 or via email at ladyinred32259@aol.com to sign up for a shift.

Learning for Life March 12-16, 27-30 and April 2-30

The Learning for Life staff is looking for volunteers to help with instruction on fishing, team building activities, nature hikes and outdoor cooking, among others. Learning for Life is a character education program for children and participants will be 5th graders from various area schools. Volunteer hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at Camp Echochotee (Boy Scout Camp) off of Doctors Lake Drive. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt. For more information on the program go to <http://www.learning-for-life.org/>. To sign up contact MMCS Battle, NAS Jax Safety, at 542-3082, DSN 942.

City of Jacksonville Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet Parade - March 16

Join the City of Jacksonville in their celebration of the annual Bob Hayes Invitational Track Meet by volunteering as a Parade Marshal. Volunteer Parade Marshals will help parade marchers line up in correct order and to begin their place in the parade on time. Volunteers are also needed at the parade's end to

hand out box lunches and to guide visitors back to the Landing. Youth are welcome. Minimum age requirement is 16 years. For complete information call Ms. Sue Bisesi or Ms. Robin Cenizal at 630-1020.

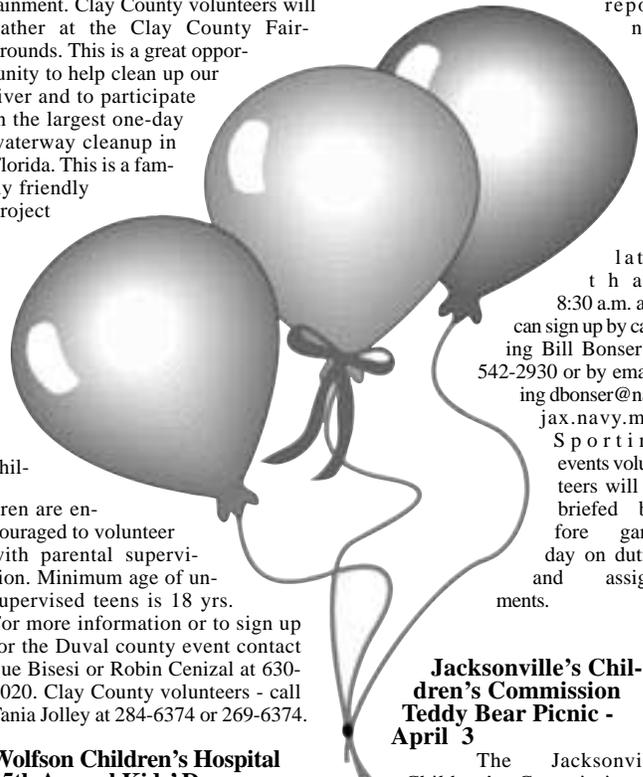
Duval and Clay County 6th Annual St. John's River Celebration - March 17

The St. Johns River Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 17 in Clay and Duval counties. Volunteers will be collecting litter at a variety of pre-selected sites scattered over the two counties. There will be site captains at each site to check in volunteers. Duval County volunteers will gather at noon at Metropolitan Park for a celebration where they will receive t-shirts, refreshments and enjoy some live entertainment. Clay County volunteers will gather at the Clay County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to help clean up our river and to participate in the largest one-day waterway cleanup in Florida. This is a family friendly project

at area featuring sand pile, kid's toys, and bubbles; and assisting with the wheelchair obstacle course. For questions concerning Navy static displays call Jane Moilanen at 202-1114. All other volunteer inquiries should be directed to Misty Jensen at 202-2919.

NAS Jax Special Olympics Area 5 Summer Games - March 31

Volunteers are needed to serve as Special Olympics athlete "buddys," as well as to assist with setting up and running the sporting events for the day. "Buddy" volunteers are asked to report no later than 9 a.m. and can sign up by calling MMCS Battle at 542-3082 or by sending an email to battlear@nasjax.navy.mil. Sporting events volunteers are asked to report no



later than 8:30 a.m. and can sign up by calling Bill Bonser at 542-2930 or by emailing dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil. Sporting events volunteers will be briefed before game day on duties and assignments.

Jacksonville's Children's Commission Teddy Bear Picnic - April 3

The Jacksonville Children's Commission is looking for volunteers to support their Teddy Bear picnic scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Metropolitan Park (across from Alltel Stadium). The picnic is for the benefit of Jacksonville area pre-schoolers who attend the event free of charge. Volunteers are needed to assist with outdoor children's activities and to distribute pre-made bagged snacks. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt and lunch. For more information or to sign up call Lissette Maldonado at 630-7251.

Wolfson Children's Hospital 15th Annual Kids' Day - March 17 & 18

Help Wolfson Children's Hospital celebrate kids health and safety on March 17 and 18 at WJCT Spring Fest at Alltel Stadium. Volunteers are needed to provide manned static display exhibits of Navy equipment for 911 Emergency Street and other areas of the event and to assist with the Bike Rodeo in which children will pick out a bike and learn about biking safety. Other volunteer opportunities will include face painting; assisting kids with arts and crafts; chaperoning



What's Cookin'?



AT THE GALLEY

Meal hours

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

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

Meal costs

Breakfast \$1.60
 Brunch/Lunch \$3.20
 Dinner \$3.20

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

Sausage Patties
 Home Fried Potatoes
 Blueberry Pancakes
 Assorted omelets
 Corned beef hash
 Grits
 Boiled eggs

Lunch

Creole macaroni
 Buttered noodles
 Turkey gravy
 Steamed carrot rings
 Corn bread
 Taco salad
 Turkey a la king
 Fresh mashed potatoes
 Steamed cauliflower
 Beef barley soup

Dinner

- Mexican/Spanish Fiesta
 Beef & burritos
 Mexican rice
 Stewed tomatoes
 Spanish soup
 Soft & hard tacos
 Mexican corn
 O'Brien potatoes

Friday

Breakfast

Sausage links
 Omelets and eggs to order

Boiled eggs
 Grilled ham slices
 Fried hash browns
 Oatmeal
 Waffles

Lunch

Spicy baked fish
 Steamed rice
 Tomato gravy
 Steamed broccoli
 German style coleslaw
 Chicken fried steak
 Rissotto potatoes
 Succotash
 New England clam chowder

Farina
 Boiled eggs

Brunch

Baked chicken sandwich
 Mixed vegetables
 Beef rice soup
 Cottage fried potatoes
 French toast puffs
 Onion rings
 French fried potatoes
 Grilled bacon
 Farina
 Eggs to order

Dinner

Chili dogs
 Corn on the cob
 Cream of mushroom soup
 Home fried potatoes
 Apple fritters
 French fried potatoes
 Baked beans
 Minute steaks
 Grits
 Eggs to order

Dinner

Barbecue chicken
 Herbed green beans
 Rice pilaf
 Onion gravy
 Beef balls Stroganoff
 Cauliflower Parmesan
 Oven browned potatoes
 Chicken corn chowder

Monday

Breakfast

Corned beef hash
 Cottage fried potatoes
 Pancakes
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Oven fried bacon
 Grits
 Boiled eggs

Lunch

Beef lasagna
 Lyonnaise rice
 Calico corn
 Beef noodle soup
 Lemon baked fish
 Buttered noodles
 Peas w/onions
 Marinara sauce

Dinner

Salmon cakes
 Oven-glo potatoes
 Mixed vegetables
 Chili conquistador
 Club spinach
 Garlic bread
 New England fish chowder

Tuesday

Breakfast

Oven fried bacon
 Hash brown potatoes
 Boiled eggs
 Creamed beef w/toast
 Oatmeal
 Omelets and eggs to order

Lunch

Beef stew

Steamed egg noodles
 Brown gravy
 Corn on the cob
 Oven fried chicken
 Steamed rice
 Club spinach
 Chicken gumbo soup

Dinner

Pepper steak
 Steamed rice
 Steamed broccoli
 Cream of potato soup
 Baked fish portions
 Cottage fried potatoes
 Lima beans

Wednesday

Breakfast

Oven baked sausage links
 Hash brown potatoes
 Blueberry pancakes
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Fried doughnuts
 Minced beef w/toast
 Farina
 Boiled eggs

Lunch

Roast turkey
 Mashed potatoes
 Collard greens w/ham hocks
 Beef vegetable soup
 Corn bread dressing
 Swedish meatballs
 Turkey gravy
 Cream corn
 Steamed rice
 Brown gravy

Dinner

Grilled hamburger steak
 Potatoes au gratin
 Succotash
 Brown gravy
 Pork chop suety
 Fried rice
 Steamed cabbage
 Old fashioned bean soup
 Waldorf salad



Dinner

Braised beef w/noodles
 Baked potato
 Simmered squash
 Pepper pot soup
 Rock Cornish hens
 Rice pilaf
 Peas and carrots

Saturday

Breakfast

Grilled bacon
 Cottage fried potatoes
 French toast puffs
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Minced beef w/toast

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
 Steamed carrots
 Doubly good chicken soup
 Veal Parmesan
 O'Brien potatoes
 Steamed green beans
 Spaghetti noodles

Sunday

Breakfast

Grilled bacon
 Home fried potatoes
 Apple fritters
 Omelets and eggs to order
 Grits

Brunch



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA Jax #86, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street, NAS Jax. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information, call 772-0242 or President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

The Childbirth Education Association is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its annual Beautiful Babies Contest. The contest, which is CEA's primary fundraiser, offers nearly \$10,000 in prizes and awards. It features entrants from four different ages and categories from throughout Northeast Florida. Twenty-five winners will be chosen with one grand prize winner being chosen at random from the 25 to receive a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond. There is also a separate Funny Face category for additional prizes. CEA, a United Way nonprofit agency, provides pre and postnatal education to families throughout Northeast Florida. Entry forms for the contest are available at Walgreens, Jiffy Lube, Memorial Hospital Jacksonville, Duval County Public Libraries and the CEA offices. For more information call the contest hotline at 367-9341 or visit www.gojacksonville.com.

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Jacksonville Region will begin the Citizens's Forum for Racial and Cultural Harmony (CFRACH) initiative with a dialogue session tomorrow. The CFRACH dialogue session is meant to bring together diverse elements that make up our community to better appreciate each other's perspectives. The opening dialogue session will be followed by a series of town meetings scheduled over the next several months. And will end with an outcome report containing recommendations for the City of Jacksonville. All CFRACH events are open to the public. The first session will be Friday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the University of North Florida University Center. Registration is required for this free event. The NCCJ will also co-sponsor the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon on Feb. 23 at UNF featuring guest speaker Martin Luther King III from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 and can be purchased at UNF or through NCCJ. The first 50 registrants get a 50 percent discount. For information on NCCJ and these events call 390-3230 or email jacksonville@nccj.org or write NCCJ at 1300 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 320-I, Jacksonville, FL 32207-9054.

The 4th Annual San Marco Art Festival is Feb. 24 and 25. The event located at the San Marco Shopping Center features work of more than 150 painters, sculptors, jewelers, potters, photographers as well as live music and food. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and admission is free. Call 954-472-3755 for additional information or access the web at www.ArtFestival.com.

Five comprehensive and interconnected aviation technology programs are being developed by Florida Community College at Jacksonville at the newly designated Cecil Commerce Center in Jacksonville. Instruction will include hands-on training, computer-based training and interactive television, supplemented by flight simulators, Internet access and laptop computers in shop workspaces. The Aviation Center of Excellence will meet requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration for certification as an aviation structural mechanic and power plant (A&P) school. For more information, call 632-3310.

The ninth annual Florida Forum benefiting the Wolfson Children's Hospital is upon us. Send for your Valentine Florida Forum tickets, there is one speaker remaining: Tom Brokaw on March 31. The Women's Board, sponsors of the Forum, is offering a one-time opportunity to this region's military personnel to purchase single tickets to this lecture. The single tickets are available for \$40 - each General Admission seat. Order them by telephone (VISA or MasterCard) at 202-2886. Mention that you are buying the ticket(s) as military personnel. The lecture will be held at the historic Florida Theatre at 7 p.m. Limited tickets are available.

You're invited to join the Chapter FL1-X Motor Cycle Club at their regular Friday night get together at the Dairy Queen on Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park at 7 p.m. The club is made up of active duty and retired military members who share a love of bike riding making new friends. Don't be shy, come and have some fun. If you have questions, call JoAnn Dilling at 778-2821 or 291-3354.

Organizers of the 9th Annual World of Nations Celebration are looking for multi-cultural organizations to participate in this year's Celebration. The City of Jacksonville invites all such Jacksonville groups to participate in the Celebration, April 26, 27 and 28 at Metropolitan Park. The yearly festival celebrates the cultural contributions of

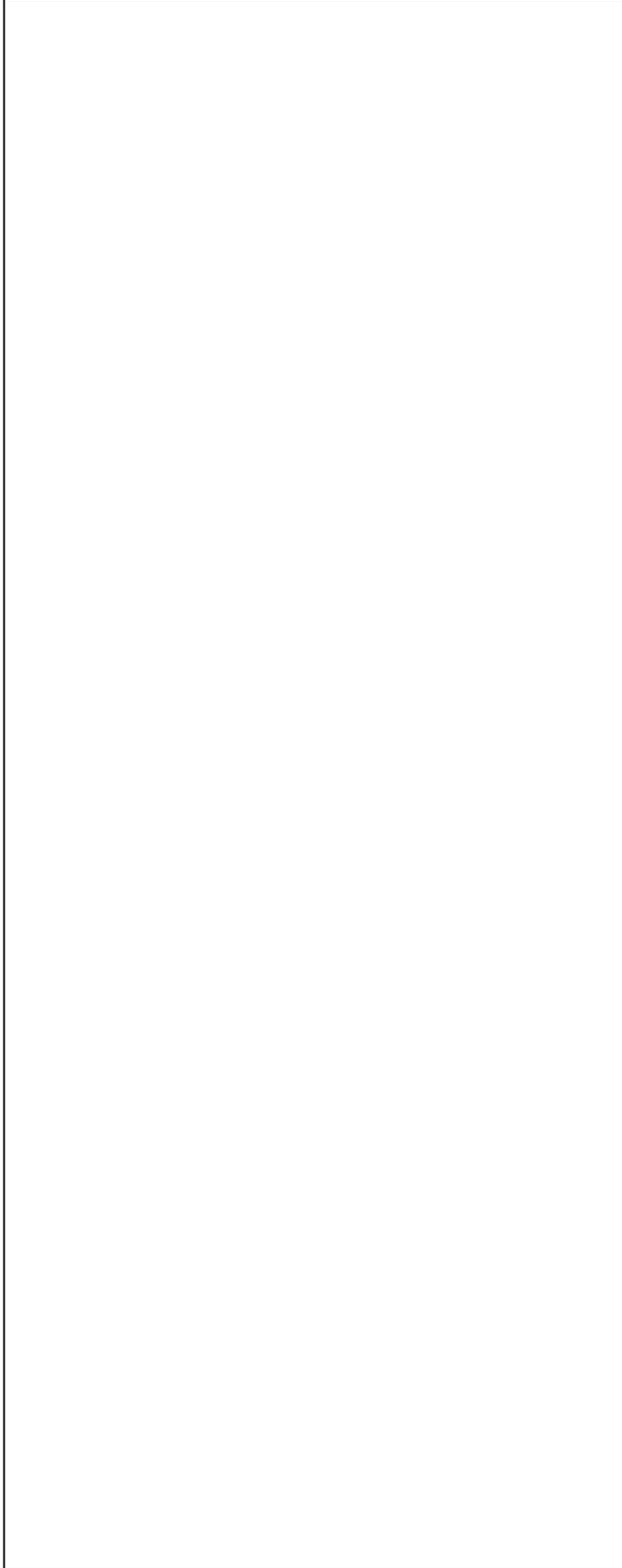
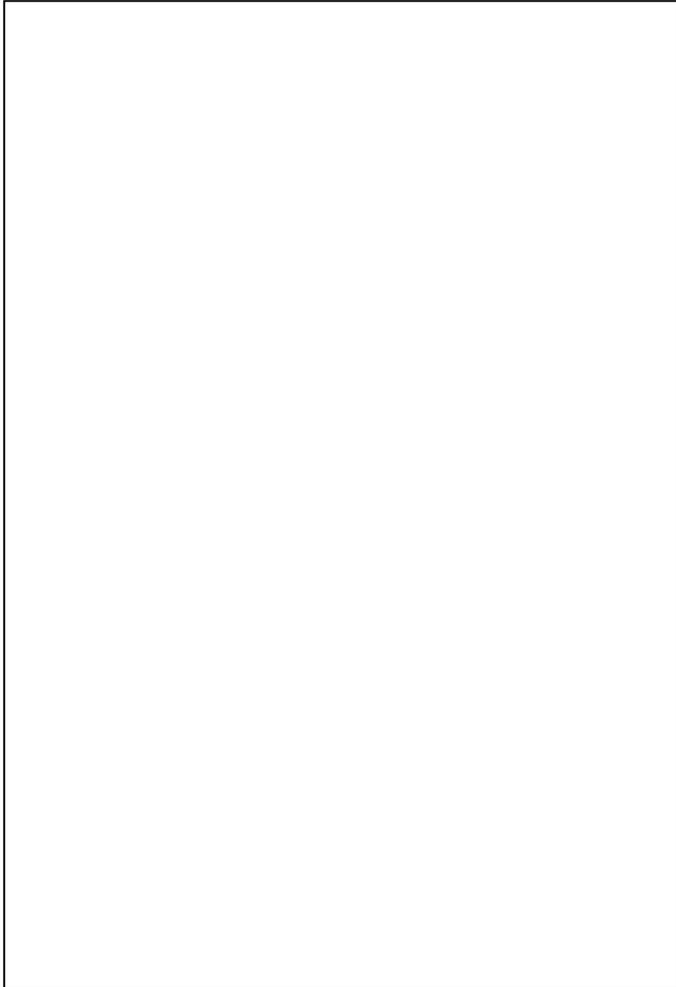
Jacksonville's many different diverse groups through entertainment, educational displays and demonstrations, arts and crafts, cuisine and more. Each "country's" pavilion is organized by one of Jacksonville's multicultural clubs or organizations. Over 40 different countries are represented at the World of Nations Celebration. If your club or organization is interested in participating or hosting a pavilion, please contact the Office of Special Events at 630-3690 or events@coj.net. An organizational meeting will be held today in the Renaissance Room at City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street. There is a registration fee, and all participating groups must have non-profit status (501 (c) (3)).

The Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 "Skinny Dragons," based in Kaneohe, Hawaii, are having a reunion for all its former members on May 17 through 20 at Pensacola, Fla. For information on the reunion write to: Steve Andruszkewicz, 13115 Le Par #35, Chino Hills, CA 91709. To reach him by phone call (909) 591-2329, email address: stevez@bigfoot.com. The re-

union hotline number is (405) 321-0287 and the website is www.vp4association.com.

The Florida Georgia Blood Alliance is seeking volunteers. Have you ever wanted to make a difference? You can by volunteering the gift of time at one of our donor center locations throughout Jacksonville. All positions are open. These include greeting donors, assisting in drawing areas and the laboratory, contacting eligible donors, clerical assistance and more. Hours are flexible and training is gladly provided. For more information contact Diane Strickland, 353-8263, ext. 333.

The Alzheimer's Association Golf Tournament set for March 9. The Alzheimer's Association and American Express Financial Advisors present the Friedman and Reuschle Benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, March 9, at 11 a.m. Windsor Park Golf Club. This 4-man scramble is limited to 144 players at a cost of \$100 per player (individuals are welcome). Early bird foursomes (by Feb. 23) are \$350. Registration information is available by calling 398-5193.



Volunteers needed for Players Championship Tournament

Volunteers are needed for the 28th Annual Players Championship that will be held in Ponte Vedra Beach from March 19-25.

All volunteers must serve in their personal capacity and must be on leave or regular liberty, not special liberty, in order to participate. The championship is not a charitable organization, and therefore the Navy cannot send personnel to serve during duty hours or award special liberty to volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for all committees, both non-paying and paying volunteers.

Non-paying volunteers are eligible to serve on any committee offered by the tournament as long as there is a vacancy. Additionally,

those that sign up this year will be placed on the priority list for committees in subsequent years.

Non-paying volunteers will most likely be assigned to committees in the facilities division, such as course ecology, general parking, and course prep/construction. Each volunteer will receive a Player's Championship shirt and a one-day pass to the tournament each volunteer shift worked.

Regular paying volunteers will be required to purchase a uniform consisting of a volunteer shirt (\$34), a windbreaker (\$44), and a volunteer badge (\$30), which is also



choose committees from a list of commit-

a pass to the tournament for the entire week. Paying volunteers may

tees not already filled by previously registered volunteers. Additionally, paying volunteers are entitled to participate in a volunteer golf tournament or to a free round of golf at the Tournament Players Championship, as well as a volunteer party on Saturday, March 17, at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Committee assignment is accomplished on a first-come, first-serve basis. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to give back to the community that serves as our home, as well as being part of some of the best golf in the country.

For more information contact YN1 David Shultz, NAS Jacksonville at 542-4545.

Volunteers/trophies needed for NAS Jax Special Olympics

By Rick Crews
NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs

Here's a chance to make a difference in the life of someone very special.

NAS Jacksonville is in need of volunteers to help with approximately 800 Special Olympic athletes who are expected to participate in the Area Five Special Olympic Spring Games at the air station on Saturday, March 31. The Special Olympics athletes, from children to adults, will compete in a variety of events including running, throwing and the long jump.

About 900 volunteers are needed to be "Buddy" or "Event" volunteers.

Buddy volunteers pair up with their Special Olympics athlete and remain with him or her throughout the day. Buddy Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 9 a.m. to accompany their athlete to the Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Event volunteers are asked to report by 8:30 a.m. They will help coordinate the athletic events or work in the Olympic Village, where other activities are available for the Special Olympic athletes who are in between events.

Volunteers may sign up at the following email addresses (make sure you include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address):

Buddy
Volunteers
at -

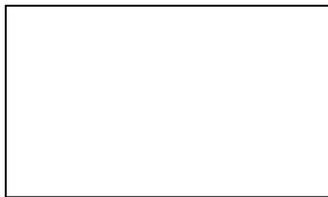
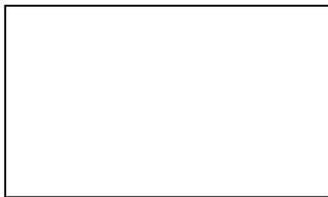
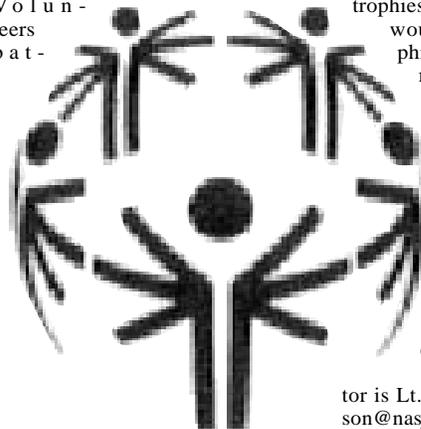
clear@nasjax.navy.mil (MMCS Battle, 542-3082)

Event Volunteers
dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil (Bill Bonser, 542-2930/3239)

There is also a big need for old trophies and plaques. Anyone who would like to donate old trophies or plaques for recycling may drop them off at the Station Gym on Gillis Street, Bldg. 614 (542-3239). Each athlete will receive a trophy!

All volunteers will receive complimentary beverages, lunch and recognition certificates. Volunteers will also receive a complimentary event t-shirt on a first-come, first-served basis.

The overall coordinator is Lt. Ricardo Byrdsong, gbyrdson@nasjax.navy.mil, 542-2566.



Navy Federal subsidiary provides financial planning, investment services

JACKSONVILLE, FL - Navy Federal Financial Group, a subsidiary of Navy Federal Credit Union, recently opened its newest office in Jacksonville, Fla. This is the second Navy Federal Financial Group office to open in Florida and the twelfth nationwide - just ten months after the new subsidiary was launched in April 2000.

Navy Federal Credit Union, the world's largest credit union, established Navy Federal Financial Group to provide members services that complement the credit union's existing products and services. The subsidiary currently offers insurance products, such as auto, term life, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance. Navy Federal Financial Group also provides brokerage services for stocks, bonds, annuities, and mutual funds through the Internet, call center, and representatives.

Registered representatives are available at the new Jacksonville office, and provide investment services, retirement planning, and estate planning. "We focus on providing lifetime individualized, needs-based financial solutions. Members can invest funds and purchase insurance knowing that our only objective is their best interest," said Dennis Godfrey, President of Navy Federal Financial Group.

The Jacksonville Navy Federal Financial Group is hosting free tax strategies and IRA seminars on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., at the Oceanbreeze Hotel, Mayport; and Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Orange Park.

The new Jacksonville Navy Federal Financial Group office is located at:

Orange Park Branch
Cross Roads Shopping Center
8102 Blanding Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32244
Phone: 317-4610

Navy Federal Financial Group's 11 other offices are located in Pensacola, California, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Virginia. Future offices are planned for Hawaii, North Carolina, and Washington state. Currently 50 percent of the credit union's households live within driving distance of a Navy Federal Financial Group representative.

JAX SPORTS

Sports officials and scorekeepers needed

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

Women's Basketball League forming

The NAS Jax Athletics would like to form a Women's Basketball League to begin in March. If you are a female active duty, military family member over 18, or DoD civilian then you are eligible to participate. Teams and individual players are needed. Call the NAS Jax Gymnasium for more information.

Men's, women's varsity basketball, softball coaches needed

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced individuals who would be interested in coaching varsity basketball and softball teams. The varsity teams are comprised of the top NAS Jax active duty athletes and represent NAS Jax in community, regional, and national level tournaments. Military and civilian personnel are eligible to coach the varsity teams. Interested personnel should contact Bill Bonser.

Men's and women's varsity Basketball, softball players wanted

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced basketball and softball players to represent NAS Jax in the local community and in regional military tournaments. Active Duty only are eligible for the men's varsity teams and active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, and civilian employees assigned to NAS Jax are eligible for the women's teams. If you are interested in being a member of the NAS Jax varsity sports program, contact the NAS Jax Athletics Department.

Intramural Soccer League forming

The Intramural Soccer League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The league is scheduled to begin Feb. 26. If you would like to join the league, stop by the gym to pick up a packet of the rules.

Softball Leagues formingThe Intramural League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and

is a Captain's Cup event. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The Greybeard League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel 33 years of age and older and is a Captain's Cup event. Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

The Women's League is open to active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, DoD and NAF civilian employees. The Open League is open to active duty, military family members over 18, retirees, DoD and NAF civilian employees. Games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15pm. If you are eligible for any of the leagues and would like to join, call the gym for more information.

Ultimate Frisbee League forming

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is forming a new Ultimate Frisbee League. The league is open to NAS Jax active duty only. Personnel interested in joining the league should contact the gym.

Preseason Softball Tournament March 9-11

Time to knock off the rust and dust! Sign up for the preseason softball tournament to be played at the NAS Jax McCaffrey Softball Complex. This tournament is open to all active duty, family members over 18, retirees, and DoD civilians. Varsity and All Star teams are not permitted. The entry fee is \$75 per team and the deadline is March 2. Teams will start with a 1 and 1 count and there will be a four run homerun limit. Team awards will be given for first, second and third place and individual awards for first and second.

Men's Varsity Softball tryouts are Feb. 20-23

Tryouts for the men's varsity softball team will be conducted by Coach Kevin Barrow at the McCaffrey Softball Complex Feb. 20-23 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tryouts are open to NAS Jax active duty only and players are required to bring their personal softball gear. For more information contact the NAS Jax Athletic Department.

Intramural volleyball meeting is March 9

The Intramural Volleyball League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The meeting will be held at the conference room in "The Zone" at 11:30 a.m. All interested per-

sonnel should attend the meeting to discuss the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

Sports event volunteers needed for Special Olympics March 31

The NAS Jax Athletic Department needs volunteers to assist with running the sports events for this year's Special Olympics. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age. Sports volunteers will need to report to the Safety Building on Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, call the base gym to sign up.

For more information about any of the sports events, call Bill Bonser, Sports Coordinator or Mike Gorman, Athletic Director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil. Visit the MWR website at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

Standings		
Intramural Basketball League		
Team	Wins	Losses
AIMD	16	2
VP-30 O'S	16	2
Supply	12	5
TPU	11	6
Air Ops	11	7
NavHosp	6	3
VS-30	5	3
VP-5	6	12
Blount Island	1	7
HS-15	1	8
HS-75	1	10
HS-5	1	16
Greybeard Basketball League		
Team	Wins	Losses
NAMTra	5	1
NCTS	4	2
VS-30	4	2
2BN351	3	4
CPRW-11	2	4
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Soccer team brings trophy home — The Jax Navy Men's 30 and over Soccer Team recently brought home the trophy for winning the Beaches Adult Soccer League. Lt. Mike Giannetti, left front, Lt. Tony Dill, Lt. Tim Talbot, left center, Lt. Cmdr. Mark Hamilton, Lt. Jon Laubach, back left, and Royal Air Force Flight Lt. Rich Long, all with VP-30, presented the trophy to NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Steve Bagby.

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