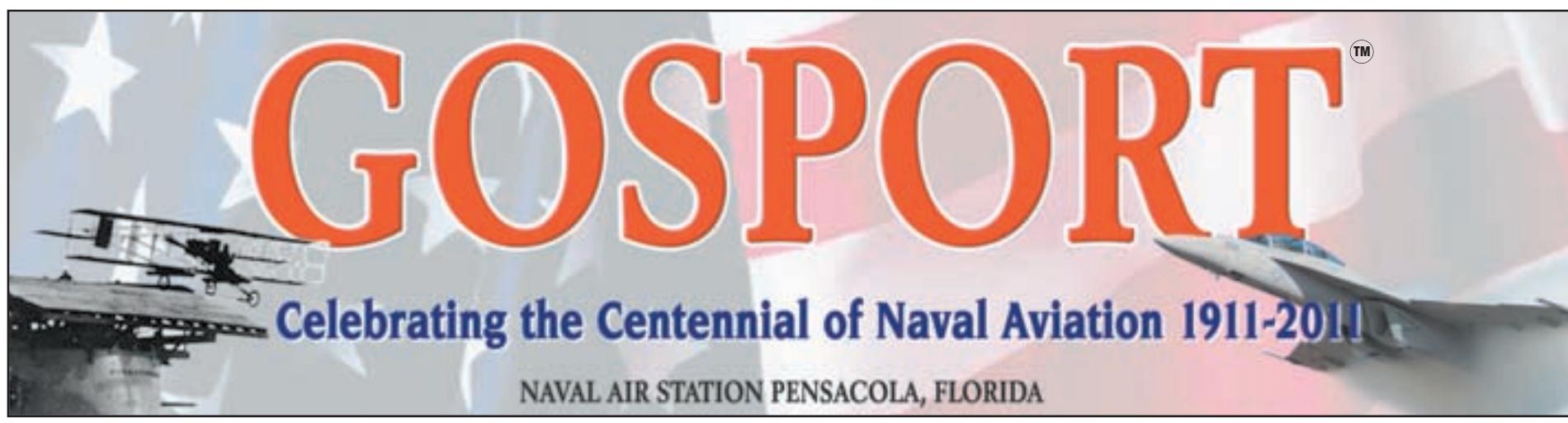




NASP emergency services drill near NATTC July 28 ... On the morning of July 28, NAS Pensacola will exercise fire and emergency services, security and emergency management missions during a field training event near Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC). Some traffic delays may occur and the exercise should finish by 1 p.m.



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Naval Legal Service Office Central change of command

From NLSO

Command of Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Central changed hands July 20 as Cmdr. Andrew R. House turned over the reigns of command to Cmdr. Laurin N. Eskridge, in a ceremony held at the National Naval Aviation Museum.



Cmdr. Laurin N. Eskridge

House is moving to Naval Civil Law Support Activity, Alexandria, Va.

Eskridge graduated from the Naval Justice School in December 1998. Her first tour was in Gulfport, Miss., at the Naval Construction Battalion Center NLSO Branch Office. There she served as a defense counsel and legal assistance attorney. During her last year in Gulfport, Eskridge supervised the branch office as the officer in charge. In 2001, she moved on to Submarine Squadron 11 (ComSub Pac Rep WC) in San Diego as an independent



Cmdr. Andrew R. House

duty staff judge advocate (SJA). Thirteen months later, Eskridge reported to the Navy judge advocate general (JAG) front office as flag aide for Rear Adm. Michael F. Lohr, the Judge Advocate of the Navy. After a year in the Pentagon, Eskridge was assigned to the DoD Criminal Investigation

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Sailor assists choking civilian with lifesaving Heimlich maneuver

Story, photo
by SN Roselyn Kikelie
Gosport Staff Writer

Often the most important choice people make at a restaurant is what to order off the menu. Not many are faced with the choice to save a person's life. For one Sailor, this was exactly what he confronted when he found himself aiding a woman who was choking.

LS2 Tyson Bankston stationed with Navy Cargo Handling Battalion one (NCHB-1) out of Williamsburg, Va., was in Pensacola with his family on leave to visit his ailing grandmother. Shortly after sitting down at a local Golden Corral restaurant for dinner July 9, he was approached by a petite elderly woman. She calmly asked if he could do the Heimlich maneuver



Golden Corral manager Maudell Peterson recalls the July 9 choking incident at the restaurant with LS2 Tyson Bankston. A Pensacola native, Bankston put his Navy training to use by employing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking diner.

and motioned to a woman sitting at a table nearby. Bankston could see she was in trouble. Not thinking twice, he rushed over to aid the choking woman. Bankston's

wife, Misty, later told him that the woman was already turning blue.

"I did it just like the book. 'Do you need help?' and all I could hear was gurgling, so I did the

Heimlich maneuver," Bankston said. With three or four upward thrusts, the obstruction was dislodged.

Bankston stayed with the woman until she was calm and made sure further medical assistance wasn't needed. "After it was all over she said 'thank you' and sat back down," he said.

Pam Cooper, a waitress at the restaurant who witnessed the event commented, "He wasn't wearing a uniform but you could tell he was military. He just had the look. It was refreshing for someone so young to see them willing to help out."

Bankston had no extensive prior medical training or experience. He had attended a first aid and CPR class in June 2011 as an indoctrination

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NASC donates 'Cool Cops' systems to local sheriffs

Story, photo
by Ens. Anne Muir
NASC PAO

Inspired by a WEAR-TV 3 newscast, the Naval Aviation School's Command (NASC) Chiefs Mess donated 10 "Cool Cops" systems to the Escambia County Sheriff's Department.

Lead by NASC Command Master Chief (CMC) Jimmie Carter, the chiefs mess presented the units to Sheriff David Morgan in a ceremony June 24. The units, invented by San Jose, Calif.-

based police officer Ron Baldal, allow a hose to be attached to a patrol car's air conditioning unit and then fed directly under an officer's Kevlar body armor, cooling the officer.

AWCM John Adamek saw a story about Cool Cops and Cool K9 on WEAR and decided to encourage the NASC Chiefs Mess to donate the system to Escambia County. LSC Brett Quick then followed through by finding the units and ordering them. Additionally, Quick was able to talk with Baldal about the units



Naval Aviation Schools Command chiefs share a smile with Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan, seen holding a donated "Cool Cops" system.

before ordering them.

The Escambia County Sheriff's Department was delighted to receive the

Cool Cops systems.

According to Morgan, the donation is a "continuation of the great relationship

between Escambia County and NAS Pensacola. Any

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NASP moves closer to electric vehicle, energy goals

Story, photo
By Mike O'Connor
Gosport Associate Editor

Seven new electric vehicles were delivered to Naval Air Station Pensacola July 15, bolstering the NASP Public Works Department (PWD) Transportation Center motor pool's existing fleet of electrics and helping bring the installation closer to meeting energy mandates from the secretary of the Navy.

The Vantage Vehicle International GreenVan EVP1000s are currently undergoing preparation for use. These electric passenger-carrying vans are charged using a conventional-style power cord but also feature solar panels on the vehicle's roof to help charge the battery while in use.

"These vehicles are to replace some of the gas-powered vehicles already in the pool that the customers are already using," said William Clowe, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast (NavFac SE) transportation director. "The



Vantage Vehicle International GreenVans are unloaded at NASP July 15.

good thing about these vehicles is that they already have a third row seat for passengers." The GreenVan EVC1000s currently

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Rescue swimmer school graduates

By MC2 Ron Kuzlik

NETC PAO

The Navy's Aviation Rescue Swimmer School (ARSS) graduated the latest group of candidates during a ceremony at Aviation Enlisted Aircravt Training School on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola July 14.

Sixteen new rescue swimmers from Class 11-13 were presented certificates of completion for what is billed as one of the Navy's toughest training evolutions.

The intensive five-week program challenges the candidates with extensive physical training, parachute discipline, release and escape procedures and helicopter deployments that includes jumping from an actual aircraft and using a rescue hoist, as well as advanced first aid. The school's motto is "So Others May Live."

At the conclusion of the course, the rescue swimmers are deemed ready to execute search and rescue (SAR)

operations from rotary wing aircraft, and provide fleet commanders with the ability to assist service members and civilians in distress.

"The school is primarily for Navy personnel, but we have also had Marines, sometimes Army, and even foreign nationals, such as a Latvian officer and a couple of Sailors from Trinidad and Tobago," explained ARSS Instructor AWC John Watson. "Mental preparedness and physical readiness is essential to successful completion of this school."

"The most rewarding thing about being at this school is watching the new cadre of young rescue swimmers come in, and witnessing our group of instructors turn these young Sailors into heroes," he continued.

Each year 21 classes with about 24 candidates convene. The school traditionally has an attrition rate of nearly 60 percent because of the demanding schedule and rigors of the training.

The completion rate has risen recently however, because of enhanced screening methods of potential candidates.

New aviation rescue swimmer AWAA Abel Reyes of McAllen, Texas, reflected on his experience at the school.

"I was challenged a lot, and I learned a lot. I'm proud of my own personal accomplishment because this training is not for everyone," he said.

His family, including mother Virginia Reyes, traveled from Texas for the graduation.

"It's awesome to be here," she said. "This is such a big accomplishment for our son and his colleagues. We are so proud of them all."

For more information about Aviation Rescue Swimmer School go to the website <https://www.netc.navy.mil/nasc/web/aeats/arss/arss.htm>.

For more news from Naval Education and Training Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnet/.

Interactive detailing application phase open



HMC Daryhl Tolley gives HM2 Ramon Eusebio permission to process a set of permanent change of station (PCS) orders. Photo by MC1 LaTunya Howard

By MCC(SW) Maria Yager
Navy Personnel Command
PAO

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — The July 2011 Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) application phase is open until 5 a.m. July 28, allowing Sailors in their orders-negotiation window to review and apply for duty assignments.

The active duty and full-time support application phase was scheduled to open July 13, but was delayed due to technical difficulties. As a result Navy Personnel Command has extended the July application phase by two days, giving Sailors in their

orders-negotiation window approximately 10 days to review and apply for advertised jobs and minimizing impact to the fleet.

"We regret having to delay the application phase, but it is important to remember that CMS/ID does not operate on a first come, first served basis," said Capt. Michael White, assistant commander, Navy Personnel Command for Career Management (PERS-4). "Sailors are equally considered for an assignment whether they apply on the first day or last day of the application process."

The application phase allows Sailors time to review advertised jobs and consider their career and

personnel options before making an application, either on their own or through their career counselor.

CMS/ID has six phases each month; a requisition load phase where available billets are uploaded into the system; a requisition scrub phase where Navy officials validate uploaded billets; an application phase where Sailors in their orders-negotiation window can review and apply for advertised assignments; a command comments phase where commands may review, rank and comment on applications to advertised billets at their command; a detailer selection phase where detailers match applicants to jobs; and a

system maintenance phase.

Sailors may log into CMS/ID anytime after the detailer selection phase to see if they have been selected for orders. Some factors a detailer must weigh when matching Sailors to jobs include the Sailors desires, qualifications, career progression and cost to the Navy.

Sailors can learn more about CMS/ID from their command career counselor or at Navy Personnel Command's CMS/ID web page located at http://www.public.navy.mil/bu_pers-npc/enlisted/cmsid/Pages/default2.aspx. For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

CPPD Virtual Education Center celebrates its first anniversary

By Susan Henson
Center for Personal and Professional Development PAO

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) — The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) celebrated the first anniversary of its Virtual Education Center (VEC) with a ceremony July 18 in Virginia Beach, Va.

As part of CPPD's Voluntary Education (VOLED) transformation initiative, the VEC expanded the service capability of the Navy College Center at Saufley Field, which was established in 1999 with the inception of the Navy College Program (formerly Navy Campus).

After the VEC's opening July 1, 2010, it began offering educational counseling, help with establishing education plans, authenticating transcripts and posting of degrees in Sailors' service records, Sailor and Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) processing, and answering general inquiries. It also added TA processing and virtual counseling services, which the former call center did not provide.

The VEC is open Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Along with a supervisor and two shift managers, it is staffed with six education counselors and 18 education technicians working in two shifts to assist Sailors with questions on TA and other education topics.

The extended hours allow Sailors, Marines, their family members and veterans to be served regardless of their time zone.

Forty percent of requests the VEC receives are for TA authorizations, according to Dr. Mary Redd-Clary, CPPD's director of voluntary education. TA requests are processed through WebTA, implemented April 15, 2010. The VEC took over processing TA requests Nov. 22, 2010.

"In this first year of VEC operations, we've centralized management of TA and the process for updating SMARTs. Prior to centralization, TA was processed via paper," she said.

"The fully automated TA processing system saves Sailors time. We've also realized a savings of about \$3 million by reducing contractor support with no lessening in service provided."

The timeframe for processing a paper TA request could take a week or more from initial request to final authorization. With WebTA, the process can now take as little as one work day, according to Redd-Clary.

"Electronic signature allows a VEC Navy Education Counselor to authorize TA, which happens faster than when processed on paper. Once the WebTA authorization is complete, Sailors receive an e-mail with their TA document ready to print and give to their college," she said.

Redd-Clary said the VEC has exceeded expectations in its first year through the efficient delivery of customer service to Sailors in remote sites with centralized management of TA.

"The majority of our survey feedback has been positive, and we're monitoring areas where customers have given less than positive feedback to improve our overall performance," she said.

For example, based on customer feedback the VEC's response time to customer e-mail is within 24 hours during the work week and no more than 48 hours if the e-mail is received over a holiday weekend. Sharen Richardson, VEC supervisor, said surveys are used to gather feedback.

"Sailors who provide us with feedback through the survey located on the Navy College Program website help us identify areas for improvement."

A tracking system is also in place to monitor the amount of time a Sailor waits to talk to an education advisor, the time a Sailor spends on a call, and the number of dropped calls.

"Since we opened last year, the only two things that have remained the same are our location and phone number," said Richardson. "With each passing month, we are becoming more proficient in providing our customers with better service in a virtual environment."

In March, Richardson was recognized by the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education with the Military Educator of the Year award for accomplishments in setting up the VEC.

The VEC is also expanding ways to serve customers. Final testing of a web-cam enabled video capability was completed last month.

Sailors who now call the VEC for education counseling will be asked if they have a web-cam capability and if they wish to meet with the counselor via video. If so, the counselor will send the Sailor a web link that will open a video session.

"We recognize that many Sailors using TA and the VEC are very tech-savvy. This video counseling capability is designed to provide yet another way to connect with and meet Sailors' needs," said Hollingsworth, who tried out the capability July 15 with a smart phone.

Redd-Clary said the VEC's biggest win its first year was the centralized management of WebTA.

"TA management used to be dispersed across all time zones, and we weren't able to track our TA use as efficiently as we can now," she said. "WebTA also allowed us to shift that responsibility from the Navy College Office staffs in the field, freeing them to focus more on outreach and face-to-face counseling of Sailors."

Even with the VEC expanding more services to Sailors, NCOs are still an important part of the Navy's VOLED program.

From July 1, 2010 to June 30, the VEC conducted 9,872 counseling sessions, authorized 75,460 Tuition Assistance requests, posted 9,113 college degrees, processed 72,509 official SMART requests and averaged 29,455 contacts a month through phone calls, fax and e-mail.

For more information on the VEC and the Navy College Program visit <https://navycollege.navy.mil>. For more information about the CPPD, visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>.

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Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.: A Bicentennial Defense Community
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The Gosport nameplate pays homage to the 100th anniversary of naval aviation in 2011: the Centennial of Naval Aviation, or CONA.

The image on the left side of the nameplate depicts Eugene Ely taking off in a Curtiss pusher bi-plane from the USS Pennsylvania Jan. 18, 1911.

While Ely had taken off from the USS Birmingham two months earlier after his plane had been loaded on the ship, the USS Pennsylvania event was the first time a plane landed on and then took off from a U.S. warship.

The image on the right side is the Navy's most modern fighter aircraft, the F-18 Super Hornet.

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COMMENTARY

Letter to the editor**To fly or not to fly . . .****By retired Lt. Col. Jerry Bearce**

My baptism into the world of military aviation occurred in Quantico, Va., during the fall of 1958 when, as a Marine aviation officer candidate, I took two orientation flights in a T-34.

Back then, we were disrespectfully referred to as "zoomies" by our drill instructors and the infantry guys. The pilots worked hard to introduce each "zoomy" to the inglorious barf bag.

After being commissioned I donned my uniform and proceeded to New York City, where I hoped to arrange transportation to Pensacola. In Scranton, Pa., a distinguished-looking gentleman approached me and asked, "Where you headed, son?"



A T-34, similar to the one that Bearce would have soloed in during his time as a naval aviator. U.S. Navy photo

Being called "son" failed to endear this stranger to me, but since he appeared old enough to be my grandfather, I reluctantly accepted my inclusion into his family.

"I've been assigned to flight school in Pensacola, sir," I answered while wondering to myself, "who is this guy?"

"Follow me. I'm on my way to Mitchell to catch a hop to Eglin," he said.

"Yes, sir," I cautiously replied, not having a clue as to the whereabouts of his destination.

After reaching New York City, we continued to Long Island where, to my relief, I saw that "Mitchell" was an Air Force base. I followed my unknown "friend" to what turned out to be flight operations.

"Anything going to Eglin?" he asked a young airman.

"How many in your party, sir," a wide-eyed GI asked as he examined the ID card of the civilian-clothed inquirer.

"Two. Me and the lieutenant," he replied.

"Sorry, sir. We have a B-25 with only one open seat, and the lieutenant has priority," was the reply.

His face portrayed a calm acknowledgement. "Well, son, it appears you beat me out. Have a good trip – you'll be flying in an aircraft similar to the ones used in the first bombing of Japan." He shook my hand and vanished into the terminal.

I fingered my treasured boarding pass as thoughts of anticipation materialized. The movie "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo" came to mind. The flight to Eglin Air Force Base was uneventful if one ignores the joy of riding in the cockpit jump-seat of a B-25 while the pilots fly at tree-top level.

The pre-flight course at NAS Pensacola was as difficult as I had expected (a degree in speech and drama had not served well as a viable pre-requisite). It was then off to Saufley Field where I eventually soloed the T-34B.

My heart was not in it and I soon lost interest.

This was followed by my request to be dropped from the program. Before receiving my orders to the 2nd Marine Division, I played the lead in the command performer's production of "Stalag 17," magnificently directed by a Marine pilot and fellow thespian.

I reported to Camp LeJeune, N.C., and immediately became an infantry officer.



Retired Lt. Col. Jerry Bearce, pictured above, in his dress uniform.

Shortly thereafter I attended Aerial Observation School and upon graduation was assigned to the VMO-1 squadron as an aerial observer. In just four years I had come full circle and now exchanged my steel pot for another flight helmet.

In October 1962, I traveled to the Caribbean on the USS Boxer for duty in the Cuban missile crisis.

As the senior AO I would fly in an OE-2 above the first wave of the invasion forces.

Well, as everyone knows. Premier Khrushchev "blinked" and President Kennedy sent us home.

In January 1963 I was released from active duty, pleased that I never had to discard the contents of a barf bag.

Retired Lt. Col. Jerry Bearce served as a Marine infantry officer and Army audiologist during 28 years of active duty service. He is a stage actor and currently resides in Navy Point.

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Story, photos
By SN Roselyn Kirkelie
Gosport Staff Writer

From research, to recovery; satellites to astronauts, the Navy has been involved with space exploration long before man set foot on the moon. By the time the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was established in 1958, the U.S. Navy had been involved in astronomical research for more than 14 years.

In 1944 the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) established its Rocket-Sonde research branch to explore Earth's upper atmosphere. Viking 2 (V-2) rockets were launched ranging from altitudes between 50 and 100 miles carrying scientific instruments. On July 30 a rocket was sent soaring a hundred miles above the Earth's surface, setting a high-altitude record and bringing back an abundance of valuable information relating to cosmic ray particles that constantly showered the

Earth. By the time the high-altitude program came to an end in January 1951, 30 rockets in total had been launched.

The research of the V-2 rockets paved the way for Earth-orbiting satellites. The successful launch of the Soviet satellite "Sputnik," October 1957, created pressure on the United States to successfully launch a satellite of its own. The Navy was given the green light for Project Vanguard, which used a modified V-2 rocket to propel a satellite into orbit. The first NRL attempt to launch its Vanguard satellite, in December 1957, infamously blew up on the launch pad. It was a disastrous and embarrassing failure for the Navy and the nation. As a result, Project Vanguard was replaced by the Army's Redstone program which successfully launched the first U.S. satellite in to space Jan. 31, 1958.

The world wasn't only interested in sending rockets and satellites into space. As early as 1945, there



A display at the National Naval Aviation Museum depicting Gene Cernan's moon walk. Cernan was part of NASA's Gemini and Apollo programs and made his moon walk as the commander of Apollo 17 in December 1972. Cernan was the last man to walk on the moon.

was a proposal by Lt. Robert Haveland that the Navy initiate a program leading to a manned space station. Manned space exploration was only a matter of time. Soon after World War II, the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics began high-speed tests on the Douglas Skystreak aircraft. The Skystreak was a jet-powered, trans-sonic airplane. The Navy soon expanded the project to the Douglas Skyrocket, which was the Navy's first and only rocket-powered aircraft. In August 1953, the Skyrocket was the first piloted aircraft to exceed Mach 2.0 and achieved an altitude of 80,000 feet. As a cost-saving measure, in 1954 the Navy partnered with the

nomical milestone; putting a man into space. NASA would head the program – but the first astronauts would be selected from the military. The Navy and Marine Corps would provide more than half the astronauts for NASA's space flight programs through the years. Four of the seven men who were selected for Project Mercury, Lt. Cmdr. Alan Shepard, Lt. Cmdr. Walter Schirra, Lt. Malcolm Scott of the Navy and Lt. Col. John Glenn of the Marine Corps were among the first of the tradition. Despite the aggressive efforts of the United States, the Soviets still won the race to put the first man into orbit April 12, 1961. Just 23 days later, May 5, Alan Shepard became the first U.S. astronaut in space. It took another nine months for John Glenn to be the first American to reach orbit.

With the success of the Mercury project, President John F. Kennedy announced to the nation that the United States would set a goal to put a man on the moon before the end of the decade. The result was Project Gemini, which involved 10 manned launches using a two-man capsule. Nine of the 20 astronauts involved in Project Gemini were Navy officers.

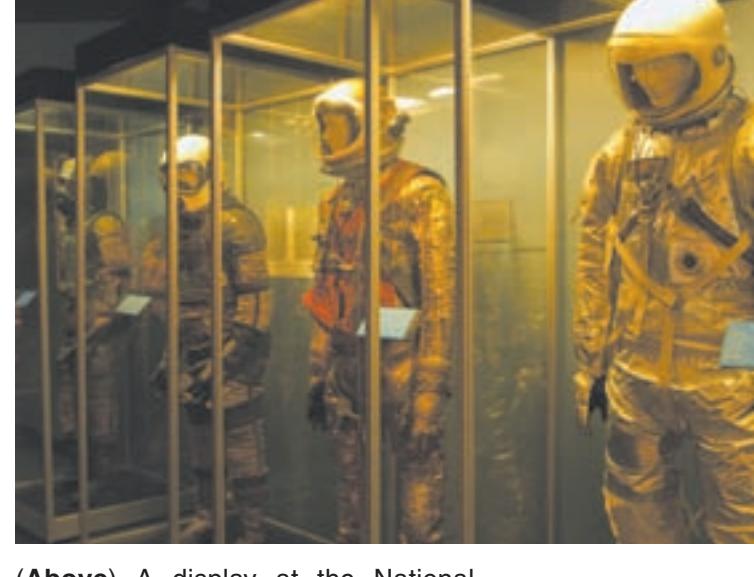
After Gemini came Project Apollo, the actual mission to put a man on the moon. On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11's lunar module, carrying Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed in the Sea of Tranquility on the moon's surface. A day later on July 21, Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon. In total, from October 1968 through July 1975 there were 17 Apollo missions. After the tragic fire of Apollo 1 that claimed the lives of three U.S. astronauts, the next five missions were unmanned test flights. Only six of the 10 manned Apollo missions to

the moon actually landed men on the surface.

After the United States won the race to the moon it became hard to justify the cost of the Apollo program, and in 1975 the program was terminated. NASA next set their sights on a reusable transportation system called space shuttles. The first shuttle flight was an all-Navy manned mission commanded by Cmdr. John Young and piloted by Cmdr. Robert Crippen. The 30-year life span of the shuttle program utilized five shuttles for 134 flight missions. The shuttle, Atlantis, launched the last mission of the shuttle program July 8, 2011. Two of the six crew members aboard Atlantis were retired Navy captains, Capt. Scott Altman and Capt. Gregory C. Johnson.

The Navy played a huge role in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs but without the support of the seaborne recovery force these programs wouldn't have succeeded. The Navy was asked to support space flight missions when NASA decided to use water as the mode of landing space capsules safely back on Earth. Task Force 140 (TF-140) was formed, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va. TF-140 was a collection of ships, with rescue swimmers who were trained and equipped for recovery missions on an as-needed basis.

As space shuttle Atlantis touched down at the Kennedy Space Center July 21 marking the end of the space shuttle program, attention shifted to the future. NASA intends to turn its focus on research utilizing the International Space Station, and the feasibility of sending manned missions to Mars. The Navy remains the leader in space capabilities and will no doubt continue to be an important asset to NASA and space exploration.



(Above) A display at the National Naval Aviation Museum shows the evolution of the flight suits worn by test pilots from 1954-1962.

(Right) The interior of the Skylab command module.

(Below) The Skylab command module was launched on May 25, 1973, from the Kennedy Space Center. The Skylab program proved humans could live in space for extended periods of time.



Air Force high-performance aircraft project, the X-15 program. Cmdr. Forrest S. Petersen became the Navy's research pilot for the X-15 program. He made five flights in the X-15 between August 1958 and January 1962, achieving a speed of 3,600 mph and an altitude of 102,000 feet. He was one of the initial three test pilots and the only active-duty Navy pilot to fly the X-15.

In 1959, NASA established Project Mercury. After being beat by the Soviet Union in the race to put a satellite into orbit, the United States began to evaluate the viability of the next astro-



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Miss Baker – One monkey's victory in space

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By Emily Benner
Gosport Staff Writer

After the Soviet Union's leap into space Oct. 4, 1957, with Sputnik I – Earth's first artificial satellite – a race was ignited for the new high ground overhead. When the Soviets moved ahead with the launch of a dog into space onboard Sputnik II, American space officials knew it was time to up the scientific ante.

Miss Baker, and her Army companion, Able, were sent into space on board a Jupiter rocket and brought safely back to Earth – the first U.S. animals to fly in space – May 28, 1959. The flight reached an altitude of 300 miles, while traveling at speeds in excess of 10,000 miles per hour. They successfully withstood forces of 38 times the pull of gravity here on Earth and achieved weightlessness for a period of nine minutes – more than most people can say.

Their mission was the first in recovering living beings following their successful return from space. Their safe flight paved the way for human space travel, and just two years later, May 7, 1961, Alan Shepard followed their tiny footsteps and

became the first American to be in space during his historic Freedom 7 flight.

Miss Baker's flight was preceded by numerous other primates – different rhesus, squirrel and cynomolgus monkeys that either did not survive the flight and landing, or died shortly after recovery. Miss Baker and Able's success was the first step in America's future in space.

A native of Peru and relocated to Miami and then Pensacola, Miss Baker was affectionately named "Tender Loving Care," or T.L.C., by Joseph West, who cared for her and the 25 other squirrel monkeys that would be tamed, tested and trained for space flight. Her saucy demeanor and curiosity soon endeared to West and she quickly rose to the "top of her class," and became a willing companion.

When the time came to choose one of the monkeys for flight, 14 of the original squirrel monkeys demonstrated ideal qualities, but only one, T.L.C., was chosen to fly in the nose-cone of the rocket. Her partner, Able, a much larger, seven-pound rhesus monkey would fly in a similar fashion, right beside her.

T.L.C.'s name was

changed after she was selected, to "Baker," following a revised phonetic list, similar to the way military messages are sent to avoid confusion by saying "alpha, bravo, charlie" and so on. So a new phonetic "alphabet" was made, and the Army monkey became "Able," and T.L.C., the delightful monkey from Peru, became "Baker."

On the launch pad, May 28, 1959, both little monkeys shot up into the sky nestled in the nose-cone of a Jupiter AM-18 launch vehicle, rose through the atmosphere and into space, then defined as "above 50 mile altitude" by the United States, and descended back into the atmosphere, through the sky and into the ocean.

Able and Miss Baker had survived. A few days later during surgery due to an illness, Able passed away, not to be forgotten for his service in this quest. This led to Miss Baker becoming the first living creature from America to reach space and survive; famous for the rest of her life.

Miss Baker took the trip stoically, only mildly startled at lift-off and at other times during the 15-minute flight. Immediately following



Miss Baker, (above) affectionately named T.L.C., poses with a model of the Jupiter rocket she flew in during her space ride, May 28, 1959. U.S. Army photo

the recovery, she snacked on a cracker and took a nap – unaware that her feat had skyrocketed her to international stardom.

Upon retiring from space travel, she spent time living in Pensacola at the Naval Aerospace Medical Center until 1971. At the request of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, she was transferred to Huntsville, Ala., where she remained in a temperature and humidity controlled environment, constructed especially for her, for the remainder of her life.

Miss Baker received

daily fan mail and entertained visitors to the Huntsville museum charismatically, and became especially fond of the children visitors.

In 1985, she developed kidney failure, which proved to be fatal for the small primate. She is buried at the entrance of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center along with her two preceding "husbands," Big George and Norman. It is customary for children who attend the center's Space Camp to place a banana on her gravestone in her memory. Miss Baker lived to the ripe old age of

27, at the time, believed to be the oldest squirrel monkey ever documented.

Her success in naval aviation truly paved the way for future flights, not only in space, but also in everyday aviation. With her mischievous qualities, perhaps she would have appropriated Neil Armstrong's infamous quote, "one small step for monkey; one giant leap for mankind." Her career led to the success of hundreds of space missions, leading America into space and propelling us into the future.

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NAS Whiting Field closes on 172-acre land deal purchase

By Jay Cope
NASWF PAO

The Navy and state Environmental Protection partnership scored another big win with the recent acquisition of 172 acres next to the eastern fence line of Naval Air Station Whiting Field, June 30. The purchase underscored the success of the Florida, Santa Rosa County and NAS Whiting Field team as they set the standard in base encroachment protection.

The land purchase involved two plots owned by developers that were under common flight patterns and next to accident protection zones (APZ) of NAS Whiting Field's North Field.

The purchase utilized funds from the Navy and the Florida Forever Program that provides for land purchases to help protect the environment from future development. The Navy contributed 50 percent with the Florida Forever Program providing the rest.

"Creating a buffer zone around the base, not only protects the mission of Whiting Field, but also helps to protect the local citizens as well," Randy Roy, NAS Whiting Field's community liaison stated.

The partnership between the three agencies is consistently used as a model of encroachment protection throughout the Department of Defense. To date, more than \$11 million has been spent to help obtain property or easements totaling in excess of 3,000 acres since 2005.

NAS Whiting Field is the busiest naval air station in the world with more than 160,000 flight hours flown annually and more than 1.3 million flight operations per year. It is one of the top employ-

ers in Santa Rosa County, and has a yearly economic impact of nearly \$400 million, according to a 2008 University of West Florida study.

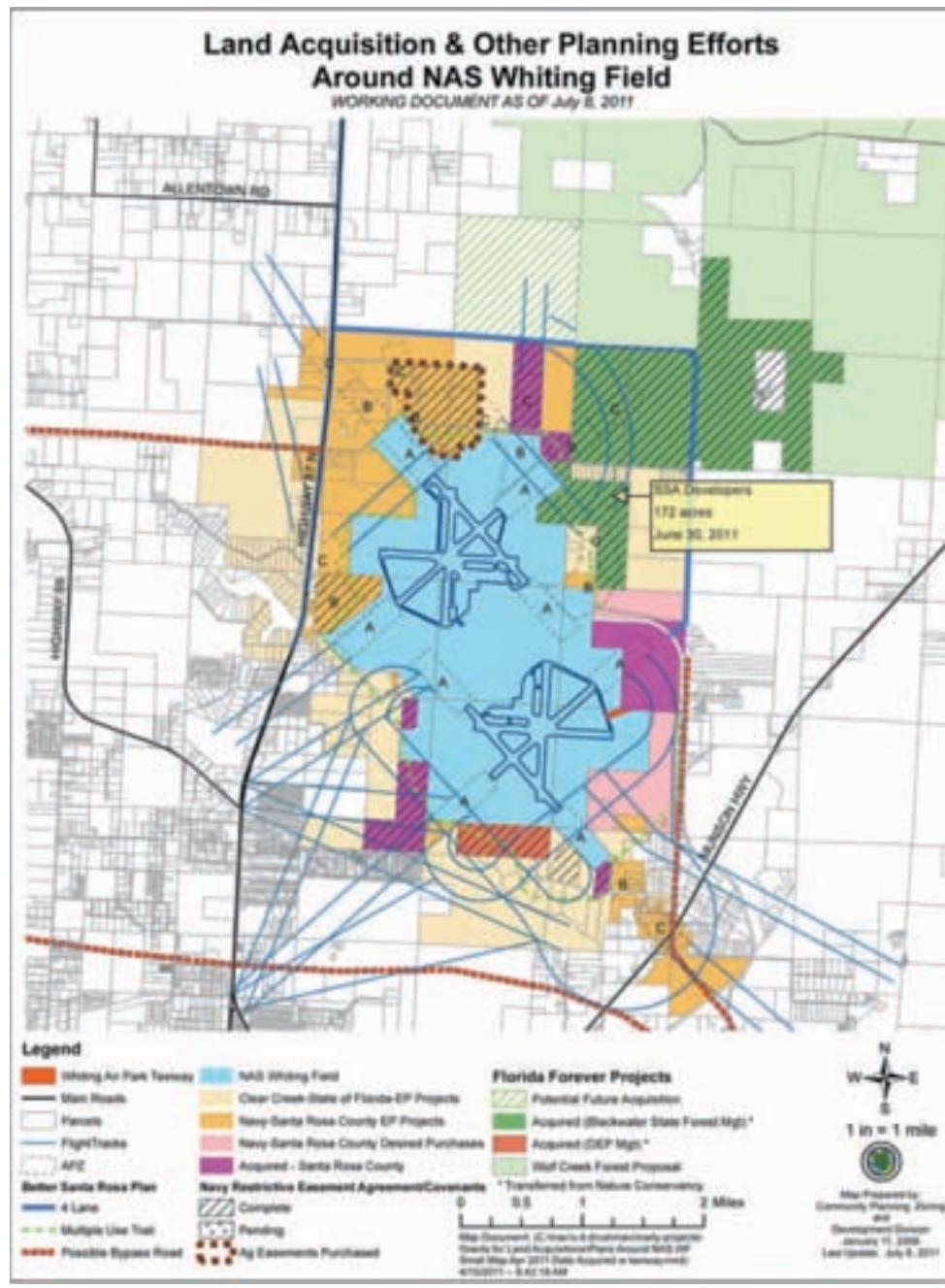
While protecting Whiting Field's mission is important, for the base, it is equally important to protect local residents from potential accidents or noise issues relating to the base's training requirements.

"The highest risks of accidents are near the clear zones beyond the runways. Preventing residential construction near the fence line of the base helps keep houses away from potentially risky areas and ensures homes aren't subjected to aircraft noise. It's all part of helping to ensure we can be a good neighbor to the residents of Santa Rosa County," Roy said.

Many of the issues being worked through now in regard to encroachment, stem from the Joint Land Use Study commissioned by the county in 2003. The report provided a framework to safeguard public health, safety and urban encroachment. Many of the lands obtained in conjunction with Whiting Field will become public lands to be used for public recreation, compatible businesses or other uses that don't restrict the training mission of the base.

This purchase was the second success of 2011. An additional purchase was completed this spring and encompassed about 175 acres. The protection effort is an ongoing process with additional tracts of land still being reviewed. This includes areas around Whiting Field and outlying fields within the Florida Panhandle.

"This is a big project," Roy said. "We are just taking it a piece at a time."



NASWF employee hopes to 'Smell Like a Million Bucks'

By Jay Cope
NASWF PAO

A Naval Air Station Whiting Field employee is hoping to smell like a million bucks Aug. 1 after being chosen as one of 25 finalists for the Gain "Smell Like a Million Bucks" video contest.

Proctor and Gamble is using Facebook to promote one of its signature brands, and took a van across the country to encourage people to make videos using the catchphrase "I use Gain and I smell like a million bucks."

Brian Petsel, who works in ground electronics on the base, submitted a video with his son, Benjamin, 18, before the July 7 cut-

off and learned he was one of the finalists for the contest July 13. Finalists were selected based on a creative score which combined originality (80 percent) with brand enthusiasm (20 percent), as well as on the number of original hits their video got during the contest.

Confirmation that he was one of the finalists was even more of a surprise since notification was supposed to happen July 12. When he didn't hear by noon on July 13, he assumed the video wasn't selected, and left his home, so his son received the exciting news first.

"I thought neither video made the cut, so when Ben got the call and told me, it was pretty exciting," Petsel said.

Petsel had a video concept in mind and took a day off from work to film it with his kids. However, it required both children, and when Shannon, 16, was late getting home, he and Ben filmed another one just to fill the time. Luck was on their side since the one he filmed with Ben was chosen.

Now, Petsel, wife Paula, and Ben and Shannon, have to generate a huge number of votes for their entry to try and win the \$1 million. Individuals can vote once per day until noon Aug. 1 for the video of their choice. Voters must be at least 18 years old.

However, if the Petsels do win the contest, they aren't the only ones to benefit. They plan to donate

a portion of the winnings to the local organizations that are close to their hearts. The \$1 million is paid out in a 10-year span. The remainder will be used for their children's education.

This isn't the first time the Petsels have won video contests. Brian and Paula won \$10,000 once with an entry to "America's Funniest Home Videos" and they earned some scholarship money through another contest. It has become something of a pastime with them.

"My wife has a hobby of entering sweepstakes and she won a few, so I started entering with her," he said. "I saw this one, and thought we ought to put in for some

college money."

Since each of the 24 finalists will receive a laundry basket filled with Gain products, they have already won something, but they are hoping, with a little help, to win a lot more for their children and the community.

"This is a rare opportunity to give a great deal of money for some good causes," Petsel said. "We are hoping for a lot of support."

The video can be viewed at http://apps.facebook.com/gainmillionbucks/pages/Gallery.php?video_id=102.

Voting for the contest may be at <http://apps.facebook.com/gainmillionbucks/pages/Enter.php>.

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Hope For Tomorrow Music Ministry Inc.

Hope for Tomorrow Music Ministry Inc. will be hosting "Old Time Gospel Music" at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 21. It will take place at Obedience in Faith Ministry, 330 East Olive Road Pensacola. To register a soloist or group or for more information visit www.hopefortomorrowministry.com/page12.html.

Volunteer with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office

Open to active duty military, Escambia County Sheriff's Military Augmentee program offers training and experience while volunteering time to the local community. For more information call or text 384-8718.

Third annual Fur Ball

The third annual Fur Ball will be held Aug. 20, from 6-10 p.m. at the Pensacola Cultural Center. The Fur Ball is sponsored by the Jury-Duty Spay & Neuter organization. This event will raise money to spay and neuter homeless animals in the Pensacola area. Tickets are \$35 each or \$65 per couple and can be purchased online at www.furball2011.org or at 109 N. Palafox St. in downtown Pensacola. Call Greg or Cynthia Farrar at 438-3499 for more information.

Navy Exchange celebrates local celebrities

Navy Exchange Corry Station is celebrating local artists from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 23. Celebrities will include boxing champ, Derrick "Smoke" Gainer, world renowned painter Nina Fritz and game inventor Murray Kramer. For more information call Hollie Livingston at 458-8250.

CSADD hosting wellness expo

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decision (CSADD) will be holding a wellness expo at the NATTC mega building hangar bay, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 4. For more information contact AWF2 Jessica Tenney at 452-3100, ext. 1121.

Back to school fashion show and reception

A back to school fashion show and reception will be held July 30 at 10 a.m.-noon at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This event is sponsored by Escambia County Healthy Start to help provide bassinets for babies. Donations will be accepted at the door. Contact Kim McCormick at 512-7055 or Kathie Hansen at 207-2601 for more information.

Team registration open for annual fire truck pull

Team registration is now open for the annual fire truck pull competition. The Ronald McDonald House will host the competition taking place Oct. 1 at Seville Quarter in downtown Pensacola. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida.

For more information contact Angie Hanson at 477-2273 or at events@rmhc-nwfl.org.

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requirement for his new command. "I've heard junior Sailors saying 'why do we have to do this, we have corpsmen,' but the corpsmen aren't always around," he said. "It was definitely Navy training – definitely, without a doubt ... I actually learned from the training and it worked."

Rick Bankston, Tyson Banks' father, wasn't at the restaurant but heard about it through other people who witnessed it. "When I heard about it, I said 'that's my boy.' Thank God he was in the right place at the right time, and that he had the training and he did the right thing. We're just so proud of him," he said. The Navy currently requires Sailors

who work in specific rates to renew their first aid and CPR certification every two years. However, all Sailors are encouraged to gain CPR and first aid certification through the American Red Cross.

"I was thinking as I went through the CPR class, 'God forbid I ever have to do the Heimlich, how much time would I waste trying to figure out if I have the right place

or if I've got the right hand position, did I do it hard enough or too hard,'" Bankston said, "but when I did it I didn't even think about the 'what-ifs.' I just did it."

Active-duty military and DoD civilians can register for CPR classes by using ESAMS or contact the NASP safety office at 452-3100, ext. 1442 or ext. 1440.

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Task Force (CITF) at Fort Belvoir, Va., where she advised on the criminal investigation cases of the Guantanamo Bay detainees. Additionally, she deployed for three months to Bagram, Afghanistan, in the winter of 2004 as the forward legal adviser for CITF. Eskridge then transferred to the National Security Litigation & Intelligence Law Division (Code 17) at OJAG as the deputy division director from March 2004 to December 2006. From January 2007 to July 2009, Eskridge was assigned as the staff judge advocate for Special

Operations Command, Pacific. On July 26, 2009, she arrived onboard Carrier Strike Group Eight as the staff judge advocate. From January 2010 to July 2010 Eskridge deployed with CCSG-8 to the Fifth Fleet area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, earning her Sea Service ribbon.

Prior to entering the Navy JAG Corps, Eskridge earned her Bachelor of Arts from Johns Hopkins University in 1995, majoring in psychology. She then attended the University of Arizona College of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctorate in 1998. Eskridge was admitted to the Nevada State Bar in October 1998. In

August 2005, she was awarded the ABA Young Lawyer's Division Outstanding Young Lawyer for the Navy.

Awards and decorations: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), National Defense Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, rifle and pistol marksman medals.

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time there have been problems in the community, we have been able to rely on the Navy and Marine Corps personnel at NAS Pensacola."

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ture of the officers, the Cool Cops system helps create a safer and more pleasant working environment for patrolling officers.

When asked why the chief's mess decided to donate Cool Cops to Escambia County, Quick replied that "the goal of each officer on duty is to return home safely at the end of their shift. One of the tools used to ensure

this happens is the body armor they wear. If we lived in a cooler climate with less humidity, wearing body armor wouldn't be an issue. I'm quite certain that having to wear body armor on days where the temperature exceeds 100 degrees isn't the most pleasant thing to do. If these Cool Cops that we have provided make the officers a little more comfortable on these hot days, then I

would say mission accomplished. Officers are currently purchasing these units with their own, hard earned money and I hope others follow our lead and donate some as well."

The Cool Cops systems were presented by CMC Carter, ABCM James Giangrosso, AWSCS Andrew Jeter, AMC Carrie Perz, HMC Keith Griffin, AWRC John Watson and LSC Quick.

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in inventory are sliding-door models, which are primarily cargo carriers.

These electric vehicles, in a class known as slow-moving vehicles (SMVs), cannot go out on the highways; their top speeds don't allow that. But they fill a valuable on-base role for mail runs, administrative purposes and as people-movers in general. PWD had in existing inventory 15 electric vehicles: eight Vantage electric pickup trucks and cargo-style vans, and seven older Global Electronics Motorcars (GEM) passenger cars.

NASP received its first Vantage Vehicle International electrics last year and they have been well received, according to Clowe. "Ever since they've gone out to the customers, we haven't had any complaints," he said. "Customers like them; they're keeping them and that's good news."

The newly arrived vans are not all for use onboard NASP; two are going to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion & Repair (SupShip) Gulf Coast in Pascagoula, Miss. The PWD transportation center leases out vehicles to government customers as well as NASP tenant commands, including some as far away as Eglin

Air Force Base. Internal customers for the electrics include NASP Corry Station, Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) and Naval Air Training Technical Center (NATTC).

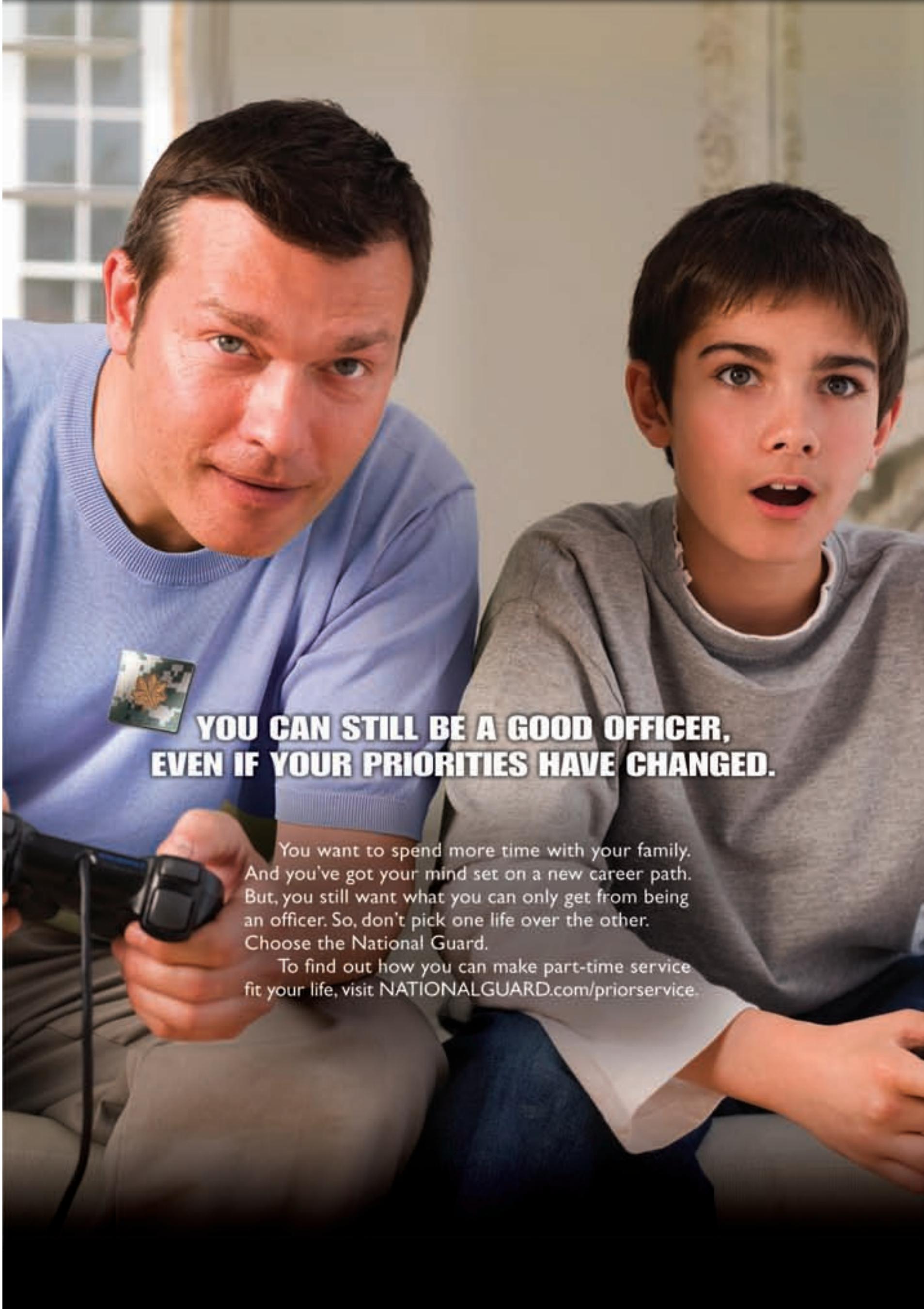
As NavFac SE moves to meet SecNav instruction to reduce petroleum usage 50 percent by 2015, the plan includes putting 215 Vantage Vehicle International electrics in place across the southeast region.

Among the significant advantages of going green: cost savings. "You could get two of these for the price of one van," Clowe noted. "The cost of lease (to an internal customer) is about half of a conventional gas-powered vehicle."

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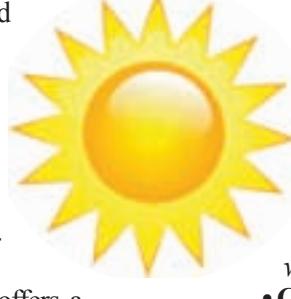
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- Visit the National Naval Aviation Museum. The National Naval Aviation Museum onboard NASP is the world's premiere naval aviation museum. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation are represented with historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft displayed inside the museum's nearly 300,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds. Hangar Bay One, the museum's newest addition, adds another 55,000 square feet; more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft are part of the collection.

A flight simulator inside the museum offers a ride with the Blue Angels or the opportunity to fly an F/A-18 mission in Operation Desert Storm; an IMAX® theater projects films on a seven-story high screen. The flight line bus tour, a free 20-minute tour of the flight line behind the restoration hangar, gives a look at even more aviation history. The museum's open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free and IMAX® movies show each hour beginning at 10 a.m. The last movie shows at 4 p.m.

- Go ziplining in the Blackwater River State Forest. The canoeing, tubing, kayaking and camping is a blast, too. The Blackwater River State Forest isn't far, and offers a lot of scenic beauty as well as camping, hiking and the use of some beautiful rivers, namely Coldwater



NAS Pensacola's well-preserved guardian on the Gulf, Fort Barrancas.

Creek, the Blackwater River and the Yellow River. Recently, one operator – Adventures Unlimited of Milton, opened a zipline course to add to the fun. Visit www.floridaziplineadventures.com for more information.

If a conventional, leisurely float down a river combined with a picnic on a sugar-white sandbar sounds relaxing to you, look up canoe and tube rentals at www.adventuresunlimited.com or www.blackwatercanoe.com.

- Get a dose of history at the forts. The National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior Gulf Islands National Seashore offers Fort Pickens, Fort Barrancas and the Advanced Redoubt (the last two onboard NASP).

Fort Pickens is the largest of the area forts built to defend Pensacola Bay and its important Navy yard. The fort's construction was started in 1829, completed in 1834 and served the nation until the 1940s. Built in the age of wooden sailing ships and cannon, Fort Pickens was continually modernized in response to advances in weapon technology.

Fort Pickens is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. except for



registered campers and visitors with Night Owl passes (available for sale at the entrance station). Historic Fort Pickens and Visitor Center is open from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. March through October and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. November through February. Fort tours are at 2 p.m. daily. Call 698-1788 for information.

Fort Barrancas sits on a bluff overlooking the entrance to Pensacola Bay. The Fort Barrancas Area is on Taylor Road about a half mile east from the National Naval Aviation Museum. The tactical advantages of this location have inspired engineers of three nations to build forts. American engineers remodeled the Water Battery in 1840 and built a masonry fort on the bluff between 1839 and 1844, connected by a tunnel to the Water Battery.

The Advanced Redoubt of Fort Barrancas was built between 1845 and 1870 as part of a defensive network for the Pensacola Navy Yard. The Redoubt is unique among the early American forts at Pensacola in being designed solely for resisting a land-based assault.

Scheduled tours of Fort Barrancas are daily at 2 p.m. and at the Advanced Redoubt every Saturday at 11 a.m. Fort Barrancas and the visitor center is open March-October at 9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. and November-February at 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Call 455-5167 for information.

- See the battleship. Return to adventure in Mobile, Ala., with a visit to Battleship Memorial Park, located just off I-10, exits 27 or 30. The USS Alabama (BB 60), World War II submarine USS Drum (SS 228) along with a host of military aircraft, tanks, artillery is a must-see for anyone interested in military history. There are more than 175 acres of historical exhibits covering seven decades of American wartime experience. Visit www.ussalabama.com to learn more.

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- MWR's At Ease: Active-duty service members should check out MWR's "At Ease" programs, located online at www.naspensacola-mwr.com/current/at-ease/ateaseme.htm. Dozens of local activities offering opportunities for fun are listed, many free or with discounts.



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- 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 I.V. league.
- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi.
- 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope.
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond.
- 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz.
- Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower.
- Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line.
- 1 million microphones = 1 megaphone.
- 1 million bicycles = 1 megacycles.
- 2,000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds.
- 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 fig Newton.
- 1000 grams of wet socks = 1 literhosen.
- 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche.
- 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin.
- 10 rations = 1 decaration.
- 8 nickels = 2 paradigms.
- 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton.

Medical officers earn high praise for business-modeling, mentorship

**Story, photos
by Rod Duren
NHP PAO**

A Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) anesthesiologist and Family Medicine physician each were recipients of praise and award recognitions for their exceptional leadership and mentorship at an awards ceremony at NHP July 8.

Anesthesiologist Lt. Cmdr. Maureen McClenahan was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for the planning and transition of anesthesia services from temporary operative spaces to the hospital's new state-of-the-art operating suites. And, Cmdr. Tim Mott, head of the Family Medicine Department, received a Letter of Appreciation (LoA) for his mentorship to third-year medical school students at the Department of Defense's only medical school.

McClanahan was cited for having exceptional foresight and leadership in the seamless planning and transition of anesthesia services from temporary spaces



Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) Commanding Officer, Capt. Jennifer Vedral-Baron (left) presents a Navy and Marine Corps commendation certificate and medal to Lt. Cmdr. Maureen McClenahan for planning and transition of anesthesia services from temporary operative spaces to the hospital's new state-of-the-art operating suites.

to the hospital's new wing of renovated operative suites.

She conceptualized and executed the business modeling for the operating room and increasing utilization by 20 percent; and providing the foundation for the surgical directorate's concepts of operating systems and the command's strategic goal for specialty care optimization.

Mott was singled out by the

2012 class of the Uniform Services University (USU)'s School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md., for "having taken exceptional concern in our education."

USU medical students encounter a "multitude of physicians" throughout their studies, said Air Force 2nd Lt. Shane Patterson, president of the USU class of 2012. "But we would like to particularly recognize,"

Mott for his mentorship.

The LoA was presented to Mott by NHP's Commanding Officer, Capt. Jennifer Vedral-Baron. "Your service with the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine class of 2011 is deeply appreciated."

In other recent awards at NHP:

- HMC(FMF) Leroy Lopez was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his service as leading chief petty officer with the 4th Preventive Medicine Detachment in Kandahar, Afghanistan. As senior enlisted leader, Lopez accounted for a \$3.2 million inventory and established six ancillary departments, three operating rooms, an ICU, and three inpatient wards within six weeks of arriving in-country. He oversaw the completion of 36



MA2(EXW) Casey W. Clark

Force Health Protection missions and also instituted the first U.S. preventive medicine effort in Uruzgan and laying the foundation for a multi-national effort with Australian counterparts supporting more than 2,500 troops.

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Casey W. Clark was presented with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his duty with the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion of the Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's detention facility. Clark was responsible for the safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of 120 detained enemy combatants in high-risk, medium-to-maximum security conditions. He conducted daily camp operations through a noteworthy professional knowledge, attention to detail and flexibility.

NHP, clinics 'Golden,' earn 'Best Practice' accolade for immunizing workers

**By Rod Duren
NHP PAO**

Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP) and its 10 Branch Health Clinics are golden, and deemed to be a Best Practice, while scoring 95 percent on the Joint Commission's third annual "Flu Vaccination Challenge" for immunizing health care workers.

The hospital's "Gold Award" from the

national health care accreditation agency surpassed a national average of 76 percent from last year's challenge; and earned a Best Practices nod from the Safety Occupational Health Management system.

"This is a team achievement award," said "challenge" leader Karen Stoops, Occupational Health Program manager at



NHP. "It was labor intensive ... and had super support from the staff and leadership ... (which made the outcome) very rewarding."

NHP's Flu Vaccination Challenge team, which included occupational health nurse Sandra Morton and Immunization Department's Debra Kemp among others, took the "personal

approach" to getting staff members – both military and civilian – immunized between August 2010 and March 2011, Stoops continued.

The NHP team immunized 1,325 health care workers across five states; and very few were out with the flu during the 2010-11 season, she said, which itself is a direct reflection of patient health care provided, and how dedicated are NHP's health care workers.

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Scholarships available to family members of sea service members with Alaska residency

By Ed Barker
NETC Public Affairs

The Navy League and Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced July 15, eligibility requirements for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship for academic year 2012-2013.

The program awards up to four \$1,000 scholarships annually for undergraduate education to dependent children or spouses of personnel serving in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard (either active duty or reserve), retired from those services, or were serving at time of death or missing-in-action status

and who also are legal residents of Alaska. Applicants will be ranked according to academic proficiency, character, leadership ability, community involvement and financial need.

"With the costs of a college education rising each year, these scholarships are an outstanding way to make undergraduate studies for dependents of sea service members affordable," said Alaska Commissioner of Education & Early Development Mike Hanley. "We strongly encourage all qualified Alaskans to apply and take advantage of this great program."

The scholarships are made possible by funds raised as a

war bond during World War II to honor the Sailors of the USS Juneau (CL 52).

Following the war, the governor of the Territory of Alaska and the secretary of the Navy agreed that the bond monies would remain on deposit until an appropriate use for the fund could be found. In 1986, the Navy established the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship Fund.

The application deadline is March 1, 2012, for the FY-12 selection board, which convenes in April 2012.

A selection board will be held by the Navy League Foundation, followed by final approval by NETC. Selectees will then be

notified and scholarship funds disbursed to the appropriate academic institution.

Applicants must show acceptance at an accredited college or university for full-time undergraduate study toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. No more than two scholarship awards may be given to any individual during pursuit of the four-year degree.

"The Alaska Sea Services Scholarship is one of 25 endowed scholarships available to sea service members through the Navy League Foundation," said Daniel B. Branch Jr., Navy League national president. "We

encourage all qualified Alaska residents to take advantage of this educational opportunity, and also investigate their eligibility for other scholarships that the Navy League and its councils have to offer."

For complete information and an application to apply for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship, visit <http://www.navyleague.org/sc/scholarship/> or refer to NavAdmin 209/11. Interested families may also contact Cheral Wintling at 452-3671, e-mail: cheral.wintling@navy.mil or contact Mike Carter at (703) 312-1585, e-mail: mcarter@navyleague.org.



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- Sunday • 8 a.m., Communion Service**
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service*
- 6 p.m. Contemporary Service**

Tuesday

- 9 a.m., Women's Bible Study***

Wednesday

- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

- 6 p.m. Bible Study***

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Saturday

- 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance****

- 4:30 p.m. Mass*

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- 8:30 a.m. Mass*

- Monday and Thursday

- Noon Mass****

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Sunday

- 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study (chapel conference room)

- 9 a.m. Chapel Choir (sanctuary)

- 10 a.m. Worship Service

- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

- 7:30 p.m. Praise and Worship

Thursday

- 5:30 p.m., Bible Study and dinner (fellowship hall)

Roman Catholic

Sunday

- Noon Mass

Tuesday

- 11 a.m. Mass (small chapel)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday

- 10:30 a.m.**

Wednesday

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- 11-11:30 a.m. Mass

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Gulf Coast Exploreum

Now that kids have been out of school for a few weeks, they may soon be reaching the "I'm bored," stage in their summer progression.

To stave off summer boredom with your kids visit the Gulf Coast Exploreum at 65 Government St. in downtown Mobile.

The Exploreum has had numerous traveling exhibits over the past few months, and right now boasts "Spaced Out Summer" exhibits with a new "Hubble" IMAX movie. In the past, the Exploreum has hosted exhibits like "Giant Insects," and "Rainforest Experience."

With special traveling exhibits aside, the Exploreum offers a unique educational atmosphere with tons of activities for children and adults of all ages.

Patrons can spend an entire day browsing around the Exploreum learning things about the human body, physics, science and more.

"My BodyWorks," is a special exhibit that is rumored to be the most advanced health gallery in the nation. Visitors can start their tour at the 11 BeHealthy stations where they take a personal activity card to record the results of their upper muscle strength, high-jump ability, flexibility, blood pressure and volume and more.

Another unique feature in this exhibit is the My Beating Heart station that shows a 12-foot tall human heart and what happens when it goes into cardiac arrest. Visitors can learn the symptoms and physical effects of a blood clot forming inside the heart rendering the need for medical intervention.

hand in playing a laser-harp, catch your own shadow in the light and optics gallery, produce a news segment in the WKRG TV studio, "scratch" your own track with lasers at the digital DJ exhibit, attempt to crack a safe, learn about pulley power and the mechanical advantages of proper fulcrum usage and



In the Ernest G. DeBakey Virtual Surgery Center, visitors can try their

many more.

The Wharf of Wonder is specially designed for explorers ages five and under to learn about science too. Here, they can climb aboard the S.S. Crichton sea vessel and take off on a shrimp-fishing expedition, peek through the lighthouse and imagine the world from a new perspective and scoop sea creatures from the ball "ocean," to be sorted and weighed at the fish market.

If, perhaps, learning about the heart and the human body doesn't interest you, then you can mosey over to Hands On Hall, where you have the opportunity to try your

opportunity to try your

Just around the corner you will find the labs at the Exploreum, where something new is always going on for visitors to enjoy. Things in the ChemLab are always changing, so be sure to check out the latest experiments so that you can get involved. The BioLab is an interactive health and biology laboratory where visitors of all ages can perform real experiments and enjoy entertaining demonstrations. The BioLab experience will demonstrate things like: what your body tissues look like under a microscope, how your skeletal system works, how nutrients in food actually work inside the body and what germs look like.

General admission tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$11 for youth and seniors, \$10 for children and is free for members. These prices include general admission only and do not include special exhibits like "Spaced Out." Tickets for these special exhibits are available as combo packages for just a few dollars more. For ticketing information or to inquire about a program, call (251) 208-6873.

Combo tickets that include an IMAX film will also be available.

For more information visit www.exploreum.com or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Exploreum.

July Liberty Activities

The Liberty Program events target young, unaccompanied active-duty military. Events are at the main Liberty Center in the Portside Entertainment Complex at NASP unless specifically stated to be at Corry Station. For additional information, call 452-2372 or visit <http://www.naspensacola-mwr.com/sing/sail/liberty.htm>.

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Liberty — Go kart outing. Cost is \$20 for two hours of unlimited rides and mini golf. Departs at 5 p.m.

23
Liberty — Ronald McDonald House volunteer trip. Departs at 1 p.m.

24
Liberty — Pensacola Beach shuttle. Cost is \$2. Departs at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

25
Liberty — American Red Cross blood drive from 4-9 p.m. Free T-shirt for all participants.

26
Liberty — Free mall and movie shuttle. Departs at 5:30 p.m.

27
Liberty — Dolphin boat cruise. Cost is \$10 and includes dinner. Departs at 5:15 p.m.

28
Liberty — Navy choice movie night.

MOVIES

FRIDAY Kung Fu Panda (PG) 4:45; Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG-13) 5, 7:15; Super 8 (PG-13) 6:45, 9:15; X-Men (PG-13) 9:30

SATURDAY Kung Fu Panda (PG) noon; Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 12:15, 2:15; Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13) 2; Super 8 (PG-13) 4:30; 7; Priest (PG-13) 4:45; X-Men (PG-13) 6:45; The Hangover 2 (R) 9:15, 9:30

SUNDAY Kung Fu Panda (PG) noon; Judy Moody (PG) 12:15; Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13) 2; Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 2:15; Super 8 (PG-13) 4:30; The Conspirator (PG-13) 4:45; X-Men (PG-13) 7; The Hangover 2 (R) 7:15

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 4:45; Super 8 (PG-13) 5; X-Men (PG-13) 7; The Hangover 2 (R) 7:15

WEDNESDAY Pirates of the Caribbean (Free) (PG-13) noon; Kung Fu Panda (Free) (PG) 12:30; Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 4:45; Judy Moody (PG) 5; Super 8 (PG-13) 7; The Conspirator (PG-13) 7:15

THURSDAY Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 4:45; Super 8 (PG-13) 5; X-Men (PG-13) 7; The Hangover 2 (R) 7:15

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The NASP Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department has a number of upcoming events and activities that the whole family can participate in. Some of these include:

• **Movie on the Lawn** – Movie on the Lawn on July 23 will feature “Rango,” starting at dusk at the

Portside lawn. Take a chair or a blanket and enjoy free popcorn and a show.

• **Family Summer Splash Party** – Have a blast with family friends at the Barrancas ball fields, Aug. 11 from 4-8 p.m. There will be water slides, inflatable bounce houses and games as

well as a surfing simulator and more. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information call 452-8285.

• **Vet clinic is moving** – The clinic will be closed July 29-Aug. 8 and will re-open in Bldg. 535 onboard Corry

For more information call 452-3806.

Station.

• **Talladega 500 Tickets** – The ITT office is now selling Talladega 500 tickets for the October race. Call 452-6354 for more information.

Get more MWR updates at www.naspensacola-mwr.com or www.facebook.com/mwrgosport.

For more information call 452-5990.

Fleet and Family Support Center

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is hosting numerous events to facilitate community involvement and support. Some of these include:

• **SAPR Program** – The sexual assault prevention and response program (SAPR) is currently recruiting active-duty military to serve as victim's

advocates for NASP. The new victim advocate class will be held at the FFSC from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 9-12. If you are interested or would like more info, call 452-5990.

• **Summer Stress Management** – This series of drop-in classes includes relaxation exercises, atti-

tude adjustment, temperament training and lifestyle changes to help you manage the stress in your life and learn how to deal with stressful situations. Classes are Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. Attend as many as you like. Call 452-5990 to register for any of these events or for more information.

Community Outreach

The NASP Community Outreach is seeking volunteers for a large number of opportunities in the area. These include:

• **New volunteer website** – The

“United We Serve” website is now working. It is a web resource that participants can use to identify volunteer opportunities in their local areas. To look for volunteer opportunities today, visit

For more information on how to get involved in the area call 452-3100, ext. 1243.

www.serve.gov

• **Youth Works** – The Children's Home Society of Florida is seeking volunteers to mentor youth ages 14-21. For more information call Rachel

Wade at 266-2715.

• **Learn to Read** – Learn to Read of Northwest Florida is an adult literacy program. Interested volunteers should call 432-4347 for more information.

For more information call 452-2341 ext. 3113

Chaplain

The chaplains' office is hosting several events. Some of these include:

• **Naval Memorial Chapel Vacation Bible School** – The Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel will be hosting Vacation Bible School from July 25-29. VBS is for children 4 years of age through those

entering sixth grade. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. July 25 and there will be activities from 6-8 p.m. For more information contact the chaplains office at 452-2341, ext. 5.

• **Pre-Marriage Seminar** – The first Saturday of each month the Command Religious Program of

NASP has a Pre-Marriage Seminar. The next seminar will be, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the McKamey Center.

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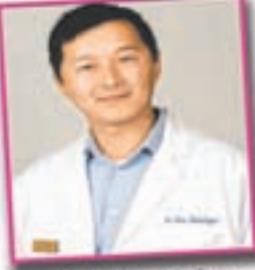


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