



(March 1, 2018) BUSN Zydon Burrell, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11, cuts lumber to make stakes for formwork. NMCB-11 is forward deployed to execute construction, humanitarian and foreign assistance, and theater security cooperation in the 7th Fleet area of operations.

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NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST, FLORIDA

FLIGHT LINE FILL UP



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Arnesia McIntyre

Naval Air Station Key West will see more activity as the 314th Fighter Squadron from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, has arrived for training with F-16 Falcons. The squadron will join F/A-18 Super Hornets, EA-2C Hawkeyes, EA-18G Growlers, ATAC Hawker Hunters and Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC) 111 F5-N Tigers already on Boca Chica Field. Also arriving in the upcoming week for training are F-15 Eagles and F-22 Raptors.

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Peter Wilson completes a crosswind creeping short take off and vertical landing testing with an F-35B Lightning II at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

Aviators perish in training crash off Boca Chica Field

BY JOLENE SCHOLL
Southernmost Flyer

Naval authorities have released the names of the two aviators who perished when the F/A-18F they were flying crashed on approach to Boca Chica Field Wednesday.

Lt. Cmdr. James Johnson and Lt. Caleb King were less than a mile east of the installation and attempting to land when the Super Hornet crashed about 4:30 p.m. The pair was assigned

to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 213 from Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia. NAS Key West Search and Rescue were on the scene within minutes, recovering the aircrew. They were then transported to Lower Keys



JOHNSON



KING

Medical Center where they were pronounced deceased. “Our thoughts and prayers are with their shipmates, families and friends,” said NAS Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Bobby Baker. “When we pin on our Wings of Gold we know the mission - in combat and in training - can be dangerous, yet we are wholly committed to serving this great nation. In doing so, we sometimes lose our best.”

On Thursday, the squadron took time to remem-

ber their shipmates while the remaining squadrons attached to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) Eight returned to the skies. The air wing’s five squadrons, consisting of F/A-18 Super Hornets, E-2C Hawkeyes and EA-18G Growlers, will complete the mission sustainment exercises next week.

As training continues, military officials have begun investigating the cause of the crash.

“The F/A-18F remains in

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March 17

1898 - John Hollands submarine, Holland IV, performs the first successful diving and surfacing tests off Staten Island, New York.

March 18

1945 - Planes from Task Force 58 attack airfields on southern Kyushu and shipping lanes.

March 19

1942 - Secretary of Navy James Forrestal places the newly-established construction battalions, later called Seabees, under the command of officers with the Civil Engineer Corps, trained in construction scientist.

March 20

1922 - USS Jupiter (Fuel Ship #3) is recommissioned as USS Langley (CV 1), the Navy's first aircraft carrier.

March 21

1917 - Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as chief yeoman.

March 22

1915 - "Naval Aviator" replaces the title "Navy Air Pilot" for officers who become qualified as aviators.

March 23

1882 - Secretary of the Navy William Hunt (Jan. 7, 1881 - April 16, 1882), creates the Office of Naval Intelligence with General Order No. 292.

Overcoming obstacles

Coast Guard Sector Key West is currently hosting "Financial Peace Military," a nine-week stewardship training course that empowers service members to take responsibility, strategically remove debt and build wealth.

The program, developed by Dave Ramsey, uses the example of Belgian Draft horses and what they can accomplish when they work as a unified team.

One Belgian can pull 8,000 pounds; two that are strangers to each can pull 20,000 - 24,000 pounds as a team. This example represents the power of synergy. Conversely, two horses that are raised and trained together, thus unified, can pull 30,000 - 32,000 pounds - almost four times as much as a single horse.

I have heard this before but the reminder made me think of one of the biggest problems I see as a chaplain. The lack of unity

among the community of man is a stumbling block, an obstacle that Satan puts on those of faith.

I see it daily as I talk with people who are struggling with horrible experiences, PTSD, depression, anger and other taboos in our society.

The culprit is secrecy.

Many people are struggling with these issues in secret and cannot tell anyone what they are going through. In turn, they continue to struggle, feel alone and not have anyone in whom they can confide.

There is a cure, a remedy, a way to overcome the loneliness. I think if we could all be comfortable enough to share our deepest secrets we could use the synergy that comes from being stronger as a team to make the world a better place.

Most 12-step addiction recovery programs use this or a

similar method. They have an accountability partner, a sponsor or someone you can talk to anytime need.

Why? Because humans were designed to be with other humans; we are 'pack' animals, created with a need for social interaction. We are made to have people surrounding us and supporting each other.

In the book of Proverbs verse 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

I want to encourage you to find a close friend in whom you can confide. If that is not currently feasible, and you need to talk, please reach out to one of your chaplains.

Chaplains can be a sounding board, counselor, friend; the best part is we come with complete confidentiality. There is nothing that you tell a chaplain in confidence that will be reported.

If you are in need of chaplain care, your chaplains are available by calling 305-293-2318, Naval Air Station Key West, or 305-292-8788, Coast Guard Sector Key West.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



CG Sector Key West Command Chaplain

Lt.

Derek Henson

UP IN THE SKY X 3



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Helicopters assigned to Naval Air Station Key West's Search and Rescue Department hover over the NAS Key West's Boca Chica Field main gate Wednesday recreating a photograph taken in 2006.

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NAS welcomes new command ombudsmen

BY MC3 ARNESIA MCINTYRE
Southernmost Flyer

Elizabeth Bruhl, wife of AMC Michael Bruhl, and Ashlhea Demianovich, wife of AC2 Max Demianovich, have been selected to serve as the communication link between the commanding officer and family members, and as information and referral specialists.

We call them “ombudsmen.”

“As one of the command’s ombudsmen, I get to be involved with the community my husband works for and serves,” said Demianovich, who will maintain the ombudsman Facebook page. “I’m excited to do the social media side.”

A command ombuds-

man is a volunteer position appointed by the base commanding officer, usually filled by the spouse of an enlisted service member.

One of their roles is to act as a liaison; the ombudsman is a full member of the commanding officer’s team. Ombudsmen attend a 40-hour training session to teach them the basic skills needed for the job.

Ombudsmen are not paid for their services; although they are reimbursed for any authorized expenses, such as mileage, childcare and office supplies.

It may not sound like much, but the real payback is in the satisfaction of helping other command family members.

They also gain skills and experience that will ben-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cody Babin

Naval Air Station Key West Master Chief ABCM Marcus Aguirre introduces the incoming base ombudsmen, Elizabeth Bruhl, left, and Ashlhea Demianovich, right, to NAS Executive Assistant Vanessa Hunter Tuesday at Boca Chica Field.

efit them throughout their lives.

“As a spouse, the military

world is so foreign,” said Bruhl.

“I like the idea that you

come to one person to get resources and everything you need to know.”

Chief of Naval Operations

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Crash

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the water where it crashed and will stay there until a Mishap Investigation Board (MIB) conducts its investigation,” according to Cmdr. Dave Hecht, Naval Air Force Atlantic public affairs officer.

“The MIB consists of highly qualified Naval officers with extensive experience in all aspects of aviation,” Hecht noted. “The MIB will thoroughly examine previous aircraft maintenance, number of hours flown on the aircraft, physical condition of the aircrew and their activities previous to

the accident.”

On Thursday Baker issued a notice that the area surrounding the crash was off-limits to all civilians, boaters or other personal water craft, and air craft.

“We’re asking the public not to boat near the area as the crash is under investigation and the site needs to be preserved and protected,” said Baker.

“Additionally, combat air training has resumed so it’s imperative civilian aircraft remain clear of military airspace,” he added.

Security forces have been assigned to the crash scene to enforce the current restrictions and ensure a safe environment for the ongoing investigation and

for the aircraft’s recovery. That recovery will include consideration of the environment, as Boca Chica Field is located with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast has a Navy on-scene coordinator to oversee emergency environmental impacts and make decisions on the best way to remediate or mitigate environmental hazards, said NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs Officer Sue Brink.

“These hazards may be caused by circumstances such as aircraft mishaps or hurricanes. The goal is to restore the impact to the pre-existing condition and

to coordinate the overall Navy response.

“This includes close coordination with other Navy entities, state, local and federal stakeholders and possibly outside agency contractors,” Brink said.

AIRLANT, NAVFAC Southeast, Commander Navy Region Southeast and NAS Key West are working together to keep the public informed, maintain the integrity of the environment and ensure the safety of aircrew and Sailors training at Boca Chica Field.

Stay informed!
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Meet a Teammate

Job Title: Port Ops

Hometown: Dallas

Prior Duty Stations: USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), San Diego

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies and music.

Most Interesting Experience: 5th Fleet.

Future plans: School.



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MWR Update

Gym closure

The Boca Chica Fitness Center is open for regular hours. Unfortunately, work continues on the gym floors; it remains closed until further notice. All fitness classes will continue as scheduled.

Vet Clinic

NAS Key West hosts a two-day Veterinary Clinic from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., March 27 - 28. The clinic returns to Bldg.-1509A, Spadefish Court, Sigsbee Park. To schedule an appointment, or for questions, email KeyWestVetServ@gmail.com; allow 48 hours for a response. Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes and open to active duty, retirees and their dependents with valid military ID. Visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/ events for more details on what services are provided.

Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee games start April 17 and play Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 and 6 p.m. Rosters are due April 10 and can be submitted to kwathletics@gmail.com. The league is capped at eight teams because of limited game time availability. For more details, call 305-797-7791.

Disc golf

All levels are welcome on March 25 from 4 - 6 p.m. for disc golf at Beach Patio Recreation Center on Truman Annex. Registration is not required

and it is open to all-hands. For more details, call 305-797-7791 or email kwathletics@gmail.com.

Craft night

MWR Community Recreation offers a number of crafting opportunities each month at the Sigsbee Community Center. All supplies are provided and patrons are welcome to bring their favorite beverages. Most activities are open to children unless stated otherwise. Pre-registration is required. To register, make full payment at the Tickets & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park. Upcoming events:

March 21: Personalized T-shirt painting
March 28: Wood burning

Recreation

MWR Community Recreation offers events each month that offer the opportunity to explore Key West and other sites. All transportation departs from the Sigsbee Community Center across from the dog park. To reserve your seat, make payment at the Ticket & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park. For pricing and more event details call 305-563-0364 or visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events.

March 24: Miami shopping
March 24: Miami-Dade County Fair trip

Navigator's music

Navigator's Bar at the Boca Chica Marina has live entertainment during

the season from 6 - 9 p.m. For additional details, call 305-293-2468 or visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/ events

March 24: Island Time
March 30: Tom Taylor
April 14: Island Time

St. Paddy's

Let Sunset Lounge on Sigsbee Park help you get ready for Saint Patrick's Day with our own celebration on day early on March 16 from 4 - 10 p.m. Enjoy music and karaoke with DJ Gunz, food and drink specials as well as a Saint Paddy's Photo Booth and "Most Festive Leprechaun" competition. For more details, email sunset.lounge@yahoo.com.

Sunset Lounge

Live entertainment and free events are at the Sunset Lounge in Sigsbee Park overlooking the water. All events are from 6 - 9 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

March 16: St. Patrick's Day Party with Karaoke and DJ Gunz, 4 - 10 p.m.
March 18: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
March 22: Karaoke with DJ Gunz
March 23: Closed for a private event
March 29: Karaoke with DJ Gunz
March 30: Karaoke with DJ Gunz
March 31: Island Time

Pickleball

Open pickleball is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays on the Sigsbee Tennis

Courts. Pickleball is a racket sport that combines the elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. For more information call 305-293-2480 or email kwathletics@gmail.com.

Single Sailor

The Liberty Program offers events and activities for single or unaccompanied E-6 and below. Follow on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MWRLibertyKeyWest or register for text updates by texting request to 305-

797-4468.

Contact Maria for upcoming events at 305-797-4468. This month:

Saturday: St. Patrick's Day lunch

Sunday: Art and craft night

March 24: Paintball at Extreme Rage Paintball Park in Miami

March 25: All-hands disk golf

March 28: Art and craft night

March 29: Cooking class

March 30: Bowling at Airlanes

Exercise classes

The fitness center on Boca Chica has returned to regular hours: 5 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All fitness classes are free to authorized patrons and are designed for all fitness levels, from beginner to advanced. The fitness schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 305-293-2480 for more information.

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Brunch
AT SUNSET LOUNGE

Enjoy a Sunday Brunch on the Waterfront

March 18 at 10 AM - 1 PM
Sunset Lounge • Sigsbee Park

Breakfast & Lunch Options
Mimosas & Bloody Mary Bar

For more information email sunset.lounge@yahoo.com

A BETTER VIEW



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Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC) 111 pilot Lt. Cmdr. Jason Harding shows an F5-N Tiger to Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadet from Lemon Bay High School, Englewood, Florida, during a tour of Boca Chica Field Wednesday.

This week at FFSC

Federal Employment Basics

Tuesday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., FFSC

Understanding the complexity of the federal hiring process can lead to success in gaining a federal job. Register with Dave Patrocky at 305-293-3770 or email david.patrocky@navy.mil.

Welcome Aboard

Friday, 8 - 9 a.m., FFSC

Participants will be able to locate community and base resources to adjust to their new area with minimal stress and maximum success. Register with Amanda Slater at 305-293-2766 or email amanda.slater@navy.mil.

FFSC offers many services including deployment support, relocation assistance, family employment readiness, life skills education, personal financial management, crisis incident response and training, sexual assault prevention and response, ombudsman support, transition assistance management, family advocacy and professional counseling. For more information or to request services, call 305-293-4408 or visit the center at 804 Sigsbee Rd., Sigsbee Park.

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DISC GOLF

All Levels Welcome!

March 25, 2018
4-6 PM
Beach Patio,
Truman Annex

Prizes for the best golfers
Registration not required - Open to all-hands
For more details call 305-797-7791
or email kwathletics@gmail.com

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Monday

Yoga - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

Wednesday

Cycling Power Hour - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Boca Chica Cycling Studio

Thursday

Gentle Yoga - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Sigsbee Community Center

Youth Fest

In celebration of April

being the Month of the Military Child, MWR's annual Youth Fest will be held on April 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Sigsbee Field. Enjoy an afternoon with the families of NAS Key West, featuring face painting, paintball shooting gallery, animal farm, inflatables, Wayne's Auto car smash and a performance by motivational rapper Absoloot. Food will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the NAS Key West Holiday Committee.

This event is sponsored by: Absoloot, USAA,

Wayne's Auto, Fury Water Adventures Key West, Waste Management - Key West, Sparkling Ice, Key West Military Affairs Committee, Navy League Key West Council, Southernmost VFW Post 3911 and the NAS Key West Chief Petty Officers Association. For more information or questions call 305-293-2783.

Job opportunities

There are currently a number of open positions within MWR and NGIS. Current openings include front desk clerk at NGIS, recreation assistant at the Ticket Office and Fitness Center as well as maintenance and groups. Note: To apply for this specific position you must create

an account on USAJOBS.GOV and apply through that website. There are also open positions for bartenders, child care workers, maintenance workers and more. For a full list of jobs, visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs.

MWR Website

MWR has a new website and APP that provides our patrons with a full list of facilities, programs, services and current employment opportunities. Visit www.navy.mwrkeywest.com to find out what MWR has to offer.

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cathy.robinson1@navy.mil - please provide your name & command

Briefly...

Volunteers needed

The Special Olympics needs volunteers to assist with an event March 24 at the White Street Bocce Courts. Monroe County is hosting over 100 athletes from Miami Dade and Monroe Counties and volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, serve lunches, run scores to awards areas, and prepare and distribute awards.

Volunteer check-in opens at 7 a.m., with a volunteer meeting at 7:30 a.m. Please view the volunteer orientation before arriving and bring the Class B volunteer form and ID with you to check-in. The form is available at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544afa722a3fb6-area4>.

Lab services interrupted

Because of the semi-annual navy medical first receiver operations training at Naval Branch Health Clinic, laboratory services aren't available Wednesday and Thursday. Laboratory services will be

back up March 23. For more information, call (305) 293-4839.

MS group meets

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Lower Keys Medical Center board room. The meeting is open to those with MS and their caregivers. For more information, please call Sandi at 305-396-7553.

FSA tax help at FFSC

Facilitated Self Assistance for tax preparation provides taxpayers with the resources to file taxes electronically, with guidance from an IRS-certified volunteer. FSA volunteers will be available at Fleet and Family Support Center through April 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For additional information, or to volunteer, call ACC Kathleen Arcan at 305-293-2840 or email kathleen.arcan@navy.mil.

Ombudsmen

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Adm. Elmo Zumwalt established the Navy Family Ombudsman Program to provide a liaison between

commanding officers and their concerns to high government officials. He took this concept from Ombudsmen have played vital roles in keeping military families informed about their service members' commands, especially during deployments.

NAS Classifieds

FOR RENT

Cottage - 1 BR/1 BA, New Town, 450 sq. ft. Non-smoking, A/C, one parking space provided. Furnished (arrangements can be made for unfurnished). \$2,000/month; active duty with ID pay \$1,800 per month. Water included. Minimum one year lease w/ F/L/S due at signing. Occupancy limited to two people. Call Cynthia at 305-304-0439 for inquiries. Photos texted upon request.

House - 2BR/2BA. Oceanfront Cudjoe. Available April 15. Wrap-around deck with sunset view. Fully furnished. Off-street parking. F/L/S

\$3,300/month plus utilities. Long-term/military preferred. Call Lorenzo at 305-998-8327.

House - 3BR/2BA, excellent condition. Recently remodeled. Central A/C. Large back covered patio. Off-street parking. F/L/S. \$3,000/month. Available March 5. Please call Didier at 305-304-1758.

HELP WANTED

Hyatt Windward Pointe - seeks a full-time front desk associate. No overnight shifts. Benefits include hotel discounts, vacation, sick pay, 401K plan, dental, vision, and medical insurance. Apply at www.hyatt.jobs.

Bartender - Navigator Bar at Boca Chica Marina seeks a part-time bartender. Pick up an application at The Navigator or download a copy at www.navyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs. Follow directions on the website to turn in applications to MWR/HR. Call 305-293-2402 if you have questions.

Sloppy Joe's Bar seeks security staff. Candidates must possess customer service skills, sound judgment and good decision making. Previous security, martial arts or military experience is a plus. Sign-on bonus after 90 days. For more information, Contact Jodi Novosel at 305-296-2388, ext. 123 or email

jodi@sloppyjoes.com.

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Days since last military mishap: 326

* DART (Days Away, Restricted/Transferred) - a mishap that results in light duty, days off or work transfer due to injury.

Edward P. Donohue
NAS Key West Safety Manager
(305) 293-2314

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