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## NAS Jax Nominated for Top CNIC Award

### By Staff

Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) selected Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) as the 2019 nominee for the Commander, Naval Installation Command's (CNIC) Installation Excellence Award (IEA). The station was selected for this nomination out of 15 competing commands this year.

"I am very pleased to announce that NAS Jacksonville and NAS Meridian will receive CNRSE nominations for the FY 20 CNIC IEA competition," said CNRSE Rear Adm. Gary Mayes. "NAS Jacksonville will represent the region in the large installation category and NAS Meridian will represent the region in the small installation category."

NAS Jax has continually sustained excellence in a wide array of operations and warfighter readiness support functions, military missions, and quality of life for service members and their families, as well as safety and community outreach.

"I am incredibly proud of all your accomplishments, and this is a great honor and memorable event for the installation as I am nearing my end of tour here," said NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor in a message to all hands. "To earn this nomination two years in row means that Team Jax consistently sets and attains high standards in our daily efforts to provide the best services to the fleet, fighter, and family."

During FY19, the NAS Jax team coordinated swift evacuation of all station aircraft in preparation of Hurricane Dorian, executed immediate crash and response during the Miami Air mishap including the successful rescue of all 143 persons onboard and environmental spill contaminants, ensuring safe and expeditious reopening of runway and military air operations; hosted

Vice President Mike Pence three times, the Secretary of the Navy, Norwegian Prime Minister, Chief of Naval Operations and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, and 28 tours for VIPs, foreign guests and JROTC groups. NAS Jax also hosted an incident-free and under-budget Blue Angels Air Show with 300K spectators.

Operationally, NAS Jax supported three carrier composite training unit exercises with detachment squadrons; housed a British Wildcat Helicopter detachment, supported the Kentucky Air National Guard, Alabama Air National Guard and 55 re-deploying helos from 101st Airborne Division, as well as controlled 65,271 incident-free flight operations spanning 17 squadrons, all while reducing our energy consumption by 33,748 MMBTU. Public Affairs and Environmental Departments sent letters and hosted an open house to inform the public of the Outlying Field Whitehouse PFAS Drinking Water Investigation, and are have tested over 100 wells.

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*Photos by Julie M. Lucas*

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville Security personnel arrest a 'suspect' during an Anti-Terrorism Force Protection exercise in April.**



**Naval Air Station Jacksonville Sailors place flags at the graves of local veterans in honor of Memorial Day, May 23.**

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# VP-5 Rescues Passengers on Missing Vessel



Courtesy Photo

From 7th Fleet Public Affairs

A U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 located a vessel that had been missing nearly a week, Sept. 14.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam received a report of an overdue vessel Sept. 10 after a vessel carrying four adults and three children went missing from Lukunor Atoll Sept. 8.

The 7th Fleet Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft began supporting the

search and rescue effort Sept. 11. A patrol craft from the Federated States of Micronesia was able to rescue all seven passengers aboard a small vessel missing for nearly a week, Sept. 14.

The squadron moved on short notice from Kadena Air Force Base, Japan to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The VP-5 aircraft located the vessel mid-afternoon Sept. 14, and notified the U.S. Coast Guard after finding it dead in the water.

The aircraft remained on station while a patrol craft from the Federated States of Micronesia was notified of the vessel's location and was

able to take all seven passengers aboard unassisted. The passengers were transported to a hospital in Pohnpei.

The "Mad Foxes," based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are operating out of Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The detachment is conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

# VP-26 Hosts Cobb County Chamber of Commerce



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce gather with Patrol Squadron 26 Sailors during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 13.

By Lt.j.g. Adam Nevins  
VP-26 Public Affairs Officer

Sailors from Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 hosted the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce Honorary Commanders Association (HCA) at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax), Sept. 13.

During their visit, Sailors from VP-26 explained the capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon and provided a tour onboard the aircraft.

The HCA was formed in 1983 and is a partnership between the community of Cobb County and the military organizations

stationed nearby in a cooperative effort to display the benefit military activity has on local economies. Local business and civic leaders are paired with military counterparts where they are given a look at the operations of those military organizations.

VP-26, who are known as the "Tridents", are a tenant squadron and attached to Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 headquartered at NAS Jax. The Tridents are currently engaged in their Fleet Response Training Plan and preparing for an upcoming deployment early next year.

## New Veterans' Affairs Office Opens at NAS Jax

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) has a new office to assist active duty service members, retirees and family members at Naval Air Station Jacksonville at Building 39 on Langley

Street (inside VyStar Credit Union). The new, convenient location provides easy access to a veterans' service officer, who assists military service veterans, veteran's survivors and their dependents in obtain-

ing benefits provided for them by county, state and federal laws. Assistance with claims are free, and covers all state and federal veterans' programs. Stop by and meet Rich Carey, veterans'

claim examiner, for a free benefits counseling session.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., walk-in-basis or call (904) 420-5232 for an appointment.

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**Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg greets Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Gary Mayes and Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Connor during her visit to the station, Sept. 26.**



*Photo by MC3 Alana Langdon*

**Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg meets Royal Norwegian Air Force Pilots at Patrol Squadron Thirty before boarding a P-8A Poseidon for a tour at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 26.**



**Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg and Norwegian Defense Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen sit at the cockpit of a P-8A Poseidon at Patrol Squadron 30 during their visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville.**

# SECNAV and Norwegian Prime Minister Visit VP-30

## From VP-30 Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Richard V. Spencer and Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg visited Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, Sept. 26 to learn more about P-8A Poseidon capabilities.

Accompanied by Norwegian Minister of Defense Frank Bakke-Jensen, Ambassador to the United States Kåre Aas, and U. S. Ambassador to Norway Kenneth Braithwaite, the group met with Norwegian students transitioning from the P-3C Orion to P-8A pipeline. Both sides reiterated the long-standing defense relationship between the United States and Norway, particularly in the maritime domain.

Upon arrival to the squadron, Spencer and Solberg were greeted by VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. T.J. Grady and received a warm welcome from the Norwegian aircrew and their family members. The Norwegian aircrew are the first of 10 crews to complete the P-8A transition at VP-30.

The prime minister addressed them stating, “I know you put down a lot of hard work here in Jacksonville, but this is also a team effort. I see that many of the Norwegian crews have families here. Without the support of your families, you could not have done the job that you do. So thank you to your families too.”

VP-30 leadership also provided a tour of a P-8A Poseidon static display on the Naval

Air Station Jacksonville flight line. “We’re honored to have the SECNAV and prime minister of Norway here with us today. Their visit to the ‘Pro’s Nest’ to speak with the first Norwegian P-8A crew really illustrates the importance of our relationship with Norway,” said Grady.

The Norwegian Ministry of Defense recently purchased five P-8A Poseidon aircraft to replace the nation’s P-3C Orion and DA-20 Jet Falcon surveillance planes. “P-8 is the tool we need. It will also be an important Norwegian contribution to our common security,” said Solberg.

The group also visited the Integrated Training Center, where P-8A simulators and electronic classrooms are housed. The tour consisted of a simulated flight in the operational flight trainer, a full motion high-fidelity simulator designed to put pilots through rigorous training. Maj. Stein-Erik Marhaug, a newly qualified Royal Norwegian Air Force P-8A pilot, handed over flight control to Solberg.

Marhaug was honored to “fly” with the prime minister, and said, “It is good to show her what we are doing here at VP-30 and how we train. It was so nice of her to take time to meet with our families, and also to show the importance of the maritime patrol relationship between the Norwegian and U.S. navies.”

The group also observed the Norwegian crew in the weapons systems trainer,

where aircrew conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance mission training. Crew members explained some of the capabilities and limitations of the aircraft sensors, and their specific roles and responsibilities as part of a tactical crew.

The SECNAV and prime minister highlighted the capabilities of the aircraft as it portrays a significant security role to the North Atlantic region.

“The P-8 is a game changer, and to have it in the hands of our Norway ally is critical to global security,” Spencer said. “Norway is one of the strongest allies we have in the NATO region, and information sharing only makes us stronger in ensuring regional security.”

Solberg said, “For us, having surveillance in the north is a priority we have made mainly because of the security situation, but also because there is more activity in this area.” She also highlighted the importance of the aircraft’s search and rescue capabilities in the Atlantic, saying, “I think we also realize there is a civilian side to this when it comes to search and rescue operations.”

The SECNAV and prime minister acknowledged that Norway’s procurement of the P-8A Poseidon has reinforced the relationship between the two countries, and will support Norway to become a greater contributor in NATO security operations.



Photo by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim

**Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday greets Sailors attached to Patrol Squadron 26 prior to touring a P-8A Poseidon aircraft during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 17.**

# CNO and MCPON Visit Mayport and Jax Sailors

## From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Gilday and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russell Smith visited Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport, Sept. 17.

“Sailors are our asymmetric advantage in an increasingly complex world and it is really important to me that I meet with Sailors across the Navy – today in Florida – to hear what’s on their minds and listen to their concerns,” said Gilday.

During the visit, Gilday and Smith met with Sailors and toured a variety of commands including Patrol Squadron (VP-26), Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP-19), Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 40, USS Detroit (LCS-7), and the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Operational Trainer Facility.

“It was a great opportunity for us to showcase the P-8A aircraft and ‘Team Trident’ at VP-26. He’s only been in office for a couple weeks and for him to spend some time with us and see what we do here was awesome,” said VP-26 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Eric Andrews.

“We showed him the aircraft, maintenance control, operations and training,” said Andrews. “He stated several times that our Sailors and people are the advantage against our adversaries and that was clearly the key theme of the visit – to meet with the Sailors. The capabilities of the P-8A are impressive but the capabilities of our people are even more impressive.”

“It was really great to talk to the CNO because he really cared about the morale of our squadron and was interested what we face day-to-day on our flight line,” added AFM(AW/SW) Demetrius Swilley, VP-26 maintenance master chief.

At VUP-19, the CNO and MCPON also met with Sailors while touring the Navy’s newest platform, the MQ-4B Triton Mission Control Center. The squadron was commissioned in October 2016 and is currently undergoing their initial operational

readiness evaluation before sending the Triton to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Base leaders noted and stressed the importance of senior leadership engaging with Sailors and showing their enthusiasm for their work.

“It inspires sailors of all ranks when senior leadership takes an interest in what they work hard on every day,” said Cmdr. Kim Dacosta-Azur, commanding officer, VUP-19. “CNO didn’t just show up yesterday he displayed a level of investment in my sailors that motivated them to keep making Triton work.”

“Today was actually my first day back from maternity leave and I’m getting back into the swing of things so the CNO and I talked a little about that and about my job flying the Triton UAVs. It was a unique opportunity to meet him,” added Lt. Ali Haas, a pilot and administration division officer for VUP-19.

Gilday and Smith stressed the importance of the visit to the tri-base area.

“From the unmanned capability at VUP-19, to the pioneering LCS Operational Trainer Facility, I saw our Navy’s innovative and advanced capabilities first-hand today here in Florida,” said Gilday. “I’m so proud and impressed by the work our Sailors are doing to leverage our Navy’s cutting-edge technology day-in and day-out.”

Smith echoed similar thoughts.

“When we speak about our asymmetric advantage, this is exactly what we’re talking about,” he said. “Sailors’ skill, precision, and willingness to learn are going to be the difference between our ships merely surviving and them sailing off victoriously after any battle or challenge



Photo by MC3 Marianne Guemo

**Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Gilday talks with Lt. Angelia O’Toole on the bridge of the USS Detroit (LCS 7) during a visit to Naval Station Mayport.**



Photo by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim

**Lt. Evelyn Schnell of Patrol Squadron 26 speaks with Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Gilday regarding VP-26 aircraft prior to the CNO touring a P-8A Poseidon during a visit to NAS Jacksonville, Sept. 17**



Photo by MCC Nick Brown

**Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday visits with Sailors at the Littoral Combat Ship Operational Trainer Facility, Sept. 17.**

that crosses their path. I’m proud of them and glad I could see the tremendous training and work they’re getting after here in Florida.”

This is Gilday and Smith’s first trip together since CNO assumed the office Aug. 22.

# VP-5 Joins Malaysia for Exercise SEACAT



*Courtesy Photos*

Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron 5 take a group photograph with Royal Malaysia Air Force service members during a detachment to Malaysia for Exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training, Aug. 27.

**By Lt.j.g. Michael Miller**  
*VP-5 Public Affairs*

Sailors from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 participated in exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) Aug. 26.

SEACAT is centered around addressing the shared maritime security challenges of southeastern Asia, increasing multilateral cooperation and the sharing of information between naval forces across Southern and Southeast Asia. The United States, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Bangladesh all participated in the exercise. The training

addressed piracy, sea smuggling, and other illegal activities that affect the area. Mission flights during the exercise took place off the coast of the Philippines and within the Strait of Malacca.

“SEACAT was a chance to work with several other nations while practicing how to address common problems in the region,” said Lt.j.g. Sam Reber, one of the participating Mad Fox pilots. “We can now take the information we learned and help both ourselves and our allies improve our ability to deal with these same scenarios in the future. Not only was it a great learning experience, it was also a blast to conduct this training and work with our partners in the region.”

Simulated reports of suspect vessels initiated



Patrol Squadron 5 Sailors gather with Royal Malaysia Air Force service members during a detachment to Malaysia for Exercise Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training.

missions during the exercise. Information was shared, responses were developed, and then a response plan was executed during the field exercise. Depending on the scenario, different aircraft and ships from participant navies and coast guard services were called upon to investigate the simulated suspect vessels and potentially conduct a boarding.

The “Mad Foxes” of VP-5, based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are currently deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

## MWR Hosts Ninth Annual Marina Riverfest

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Morale, Welfare, and Recreation hosted the ninth annual Mulberry Cove Marina Riverfest aboard the station, Sept. 21. Patrons enjoyed a variety of activities both on shore and on the St. Johns River.

Marina staff provided free use of kayaks, canoes and stand up paddleboards while John Tipton and his staff from Sea School Jacksonville provided free sailing lessons. The Sunnyland Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society also provided antique boat rides and static boat tours.

Other activities included face painting, a kids casting clinic competition, boat and safety inspections, a bounce house and lawn games. Sponsors included VyStar Credit Union, Hellofresh and Reaching Milestones.



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*Photos by Morgan Kehnert*



In quality of life and unit morale, NAS Jax earned its third consecutive CNIC Retention Excellence Award, recognized Sailors and civilians with awards, monthly quarters, luncheons, meritorious advancements, as well as being hosted at Jax Chamber and Clay County Military Appreciation Luncheons, Jacksonville Jaguars games. NAS Jax also hosted its second Tri-Base College Graduation Ceremony recognizing 10 schools and 90 students. The galley earned its eighth consecutive 5-Star Accreditation and served 185,187 meals on base. The NAS Jax Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

program also earned its third consecutive 5-Star Accreditation.

In addition, Jax also hosted environmental cleaning efforts via community pick-ups and recycling, removing 1,660 pounds of debris from shoreline and processing 1,485 tons of recyclables. NAS Jax Sailors further volunteered 4,120 hours to the local community.

“All of our CNRSE installations enable better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for our Sailors, Marines, and their families. However, this year, the exceptional work by NAS Jacksonville and NAS Meridian really stood out in their respective categories,” said Mayes. “Bravo Zulu and well done! We look forward to crowning another southeast installation as the DoD’s best.”



Photos by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim

**The NAS Jax Men’s Basketball Team celebrated taking the first-ever National Championship title from the Military Basketball Association Tournament with a parade through NAS Jax, April 25.**



**Naval Air Station Jacksonville has hosted three visits by Vice President Mike Pence during FY19, including a May 20 all hands event recognizing efforts of base personnel during the Miami Air mishap.**

## VP-8 Participates in Joint Exercise with Japanese Maritime Self

By Lt.j.g. Victoria Spies  
VP- 8 Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 traveled to Kanoya Air Base to participate in a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedures (CMPOP) exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), Sept. 11.

The purpose of this joint exercise was to showcase coordination between the United States Navy and the JMSDF Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPR) communities.

The exercise included a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon, JMSDF P-3C Orion, and JMSDF Kawasaki P-1. The U.S. Navy’s P-8A, in addition to the P-3C Orion, is one of the fleet’s two long range, multi-mission MPR aircrafts currently in service. The P-3C Orion is one of the JMSDF’s current MPR aircrafts while the P-1 is the country’s newest model.

The Fighting Tigers were afforded an opportunity to see firsthand the layout and capabilities of both the JMSDF P-3C and P-1. The coordination and



Photo courtesy of Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force

**Combat Aircrew 10 members assigned to the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron 8 gather with Japan Maritime Self Defense Force service members during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedures exercise, Sept. 11.**

briefing of each aircraft and their capabilities on station provided the crews the knowledge to maximize sensor employment and effectiveness. Additionally, all three aircraft underwent communication and data link checks before VP-8 returned to Misawa, NAF.

On Wednesday, Sept.12, VP-8 and JMSDF aircrew deployed a MK 39 Expendable Mobile Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Target while conducting CMPOP procedures on-station. This CMPOP exercise demonstrated the USN and JMSDF’s ability to successfully execute

coordinated Anti-Submarine Warfare.

“Working alongside the JMSDF was both humbling and exciting, and we are an unstoppable force when we team up,” said Lt. j.g. Dan Michaels, VP-8 naval flight officer.

VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

# VP-5 Participates in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019 with Australian Armed Forces

By **Lt.j.g Michael Miller**  
*VP-5 Public Affairs*

Sailors from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 and Mobile Tactical Operations Center Three (MTOC-3) detached to Williamtown, Australia for Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019 (TS-19), from July 9–25. Talisman Sabre is a bi-annual military exercise hosted by the Australian Armed Forces and supported by multiple allied nations.

Talisman Sabre is an opportunity for the Australian military to host a large-scale exercise with many of its allies, including the United States, Canada, and Japan. Taking place off of Australia's east coast, the VP-5 "Mad Foxes" worked closely with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) to hone their skills and ability to work with international allies in support of their maritime patrol and reconnaissance missions.

Cmdr. Ron Rumfelt, Executive Officer of VP-5 said, "TS-19 was an amazing opportunity to work with the RAAF. Combining into one Task Unit (CTU) with No. 10 Squadron (Australian P-8As) and MTOC-31, both from No. 92 Wing, provided us the opportunity to improve the combat readiness and interoperability between Australian and U.S. forces."

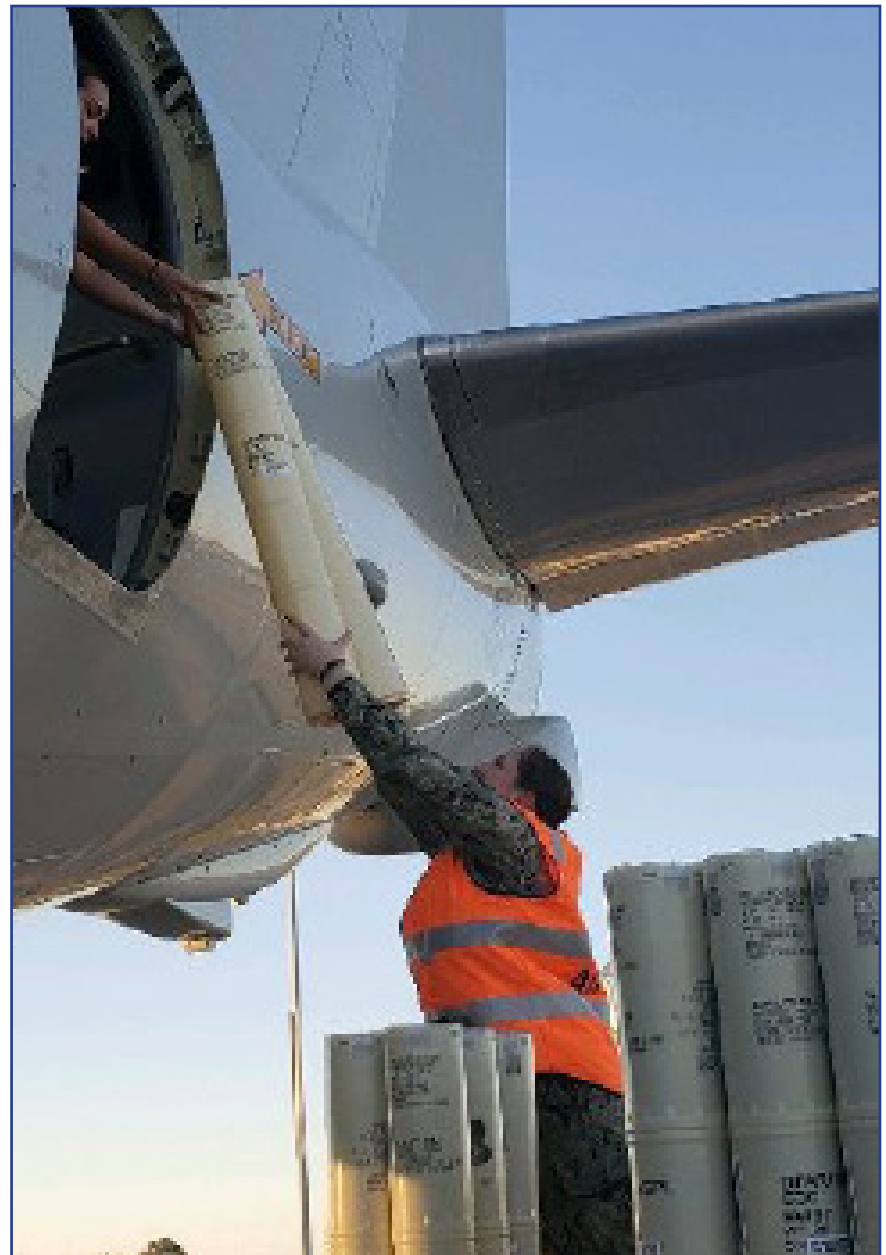
Over the course of the two-week exercise, the Mad Foxes conducted 22 mission flights. In addition to working

with the RAAF, VP-5 aircrews also worked in conjunction with naval assets from both Canada and the U.S.

"Getting the opportunity to be a part of the Talisman Sabre exercise and work with our Australian counterparts was a great, lasting experience," said AWO1 Brandon Morgan. "Exercises like these help us train and prepare to work as one cohesive unit if the time ever comes when we have to."

Aircrew also worked very closely with a large support staff who made all of the mission flights possible. Members of the Mad Fox maintenance team worked around the clock to keep the aircraft mission capable and ready to fly safely and effectively at a moment's notice, directly contributing to a 100 percent mission completion rate. MTOC-3 (U.S.), and MTOC-31 (Australian), provided the required tasking and intelligence necessary to fly so many successful mission flights for the exercise.

The Mad Foxes, who are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within 7th Fleet area of operations.



*Photos by Cmdr. Craig Mueller*

**AO2 Kyliegh Love and AT2 Chelsea Stokes load sonobouys onto a P-8A Poseidon during a detachment to Australia.**



**Lt. Cmdr. Curtis White, assigned to Patrol Squadron 5, exchanges gifts with Capt. John Grime, commanding officer of 92 Wing, the maritime patrol wing of the Royal Australian Air Force, during a detachment to Australia, July 25.**



**Sailors assigned to Mobile Tactical Operations Center Three and members of the Royal Australian Air Force assemble tents in preparation for support to Talisman Sabre 2019, July 25.**

# New Inspector Credentialing Course Aims to Improve Navy Housing

## From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

As part of the on-going effort to improve residents' housing experience, the Navy kicked off a new course this week at Naval Air Station Jacksonville on conducting housing inspections.

The course, "Conducting Navy Housing Inspections," ran from Sept. 24-27, and was offered by Commander, Navy Installations Command's (CNIC) Housing Learning Center (HLC).

Greg Wright, CNIC's Director of Housing, addressed the first class of 24 students, who went on to earn their Certified Navy Housing Inspector (CNHI) provisional Level 1 credentials.

"Our mission," Wright told the students, "is to develop and deliver superior training to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to provide high quality housing services for Sailors and their families."

The new course is available for Navy Housing personnel with inspection responsibilities such as referral counselors, housing inspectors, building managers, area/site managers, counselors with PPV oversight responsibilities as well as other Housing Service Center (HSC) personnel with inspections or complaint investigations in their area of responsibility.

It is also available to installation commanding officers and the military chain of command who oversee housing and are responsible for ensuring residents have safe living quarters.

The inaugural course held this week is the pilot for five additional program courses that will be offered at NAS Jacksonville in FY 2020. Eventually, the HLC will deploy this course to select CNIC regions as part of a Regional Training Team concept.

During the course, candidates will learn how to conduct Navy Housing inspections, understand housing policies, identify potential health or safety issues, understand the consequences of unaddressed maintenance concerns, and how to contact appropriate experts for correction of an issue, document inspections and properly report findings.

There are three levels of CNHI certification. To earn level one certification, candidates must successfully complete the four-day instructor led training course and pass the CNHI Level 1 credential exam.

Level two is the full CNHI credential and must be earned within two calendar years of level one certification by completing five prerequisite courses and scoring 80 percent or higher on the CNHI Level 2 qualification exam. Prerequisite courses to earn a CNHI Level 2 are:

- Issue Resolution and Documentation Process
- Occupational Safety and Health for Housing,
- Crisis Communication in Navy Housing
- Housing Referral Services, Unaccompanied Housing Building Management, Navy Privatized Housing or OCONUS Family Housing Management

• Conducting Navy Housing Inspections  
CNHI Level 3 will be an advanced credential that will open for candidates later in fiscal year 2020. In addition to the prerequisite classes for the CNHI certification program, Navy Housing also offers a variety of online and classroom based courses for Housing professionals including:

- Navy Privatized Housing
- Introduction to Housing
- Expanding Housing Customer Service
- Navy Housing Customer Service
- Resident Satisfaction Survey Overview



*Photos by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim*

**Derrick Nelson examines the locks on the window of a cottage as part of his Certified Navy Housing Inspector Level 1 certification at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 26.**

- Unaccompanied Housing Front Desk Operations
- Furnishings Management
- Conducting Effective Housing Meetings and Briefs
- General and Flag Officer Quarters
- Housing Requirements Determination
- Family Housing Financial Management
- Unaccompanied Housing Financial Management

For more information about HLC and to register for courses, visit [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/housing/HQ\\_Housing\\_Programs/housing\\_learning\\_center.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/housing/HQ_Housing_Programs/housing_learning_center.html)



**Student inspectors examine the exterior of a cottage for structural and cosmetic damage or deficiencies as part of their Certified Navy Housing Inspector Level 1 certification.**



**LaDonna Curry inspects water pressure in the bathroom of a cottage as part of her Certified Navy Housing Inspector Level 1 certification at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 26.**



# NAS Jax Hosts USS Seattle Alumni Visit

By Lt. j.g. Adam Nevins  
VP-26 Public Affairs Officer

Sailors from Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 hosted the USS Seattle (AOE-3) Veteran's Association during their annual reunion on Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax), Sept. 13.

The Veteran's Association received briefs from VP-26, Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19 and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 40. These briefs detailed the capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon, MQ-4C Triton, and MH-60R Seahawk. Members of the association were able to step onboard and tour both the Poseidon and Seahawk during a static display at NAS Jax.

The association is comprised of veterans of



Courtesy Photo

**Members of the USS Seattle (AOE-3) Alumni Association receive informative briefs about the P-8A Poseidon, MH-60R helicopters and the MQ-4C Triton aircraft by Sailors assigned to tenant commands of Naval Air Station Jacksonville during a visit, Sept. 13.**

the USS Seattle, a fast combat support ship. The Seattle was commissioned in April 1969 and was active until March of 2005.

The VP-26, "Tridents", are a tenant squadron and attached to Commander Patrol and

Reconnaissance Wing 11, headquartered at NAS Jax. The Tridents are currently engaged in their Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle and preparing for an upcoming deployment early next year.



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

**Deputy Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Capt. Matthew Pottenburgh speaks about the history of ombudsmen during an honorary luncheon, Sept. 19.**

By Julie M. Lucas  
NAS Jax Public Affairs

Ombudsmen from Naval Air Station Jacksonville and tenant commands were recognized for their tireless efforts during an annual luncheon at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center Sept. 19. This year marks the 49th anniversary of the Navy Ombudsman Program.

"This groundbreaking program started by Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, has become the very backbone of our family support network," said Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Deputy Commodore Capt. Matthew Pottenburgh. Pottenburgh spoke about the history of ombudsmen going back to Zumwalt's 121 "Z-Grams" in which 87 percent became Navy policy.

Each commanding officer chooses an ombudsman to serve as liaison between the command and the family members. The program began to help during deployments. The command can choose a previously trained ombudsman or

## NAS Jax Luncheon Recognizes Ombudsmen



**Sailors, spouses and ombudsmen listen as Naval Air Station Jacksonville Command Master Chief Dylan Inger, gives the opening remarks at the annual Ombudsmen Luncheon at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center, Sept. 19.**

elect a new person. Once chosen, they can choose between day or night classroom training that totals 18 hours or online training.

Pottenburgh also spoke about Z-Gram #24, entitled "Wives Ombudsman" was used to improve moral and retention during the Vietnam War.

"Arguably, no one is a greater friend to the individual Navy family than a command ombudsman," Pottenburgh told the audience.

"I said individual because their key to their effectiveness will continue to be the person touch each ombudsman takes to every situation."

Gifts were provided to the ombudsmen from the Navy Wives Club Jax 86.

NAS Jax has 26 ombudsmen, with some commands having two or three selected.

"Depending on the size of the command, that determines how many ombudsmen are necessary for the mission," said Jodi Arden, Fleet and Family Support Center ombudsman coordinator.

Some of the duties of ombudsman include creating a newsletter each month for family

members. Ombudsmen work with Family Readiness Groups on getting information out, per the command. Additionally, ombudsmen are available during emergency situations and disaster preparedness.

"The ombudsmen are experts on information that happens inside and outside the gate, from child care to other information that we provide to them," Arden said. "Ombudsmen have a desire to help navigate others through Navy life."

One ombudsman got involved because she wants to help others. Marie Russell is the ombudsman for Patrol Squadron 5, that will soon be returning from a six-month deployment.

"I've had my own experiences and received assistance, so I want to reach out to family members and make them feel welcomed," said Russell.

For more information about ombudsman training, contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at 542-2766 or stop by Building 554.



Courtesy photo

Rear Adm. Ki Jae Kim, commander of Republic of Korea Navy, Air Wing Six, left, gathers with Capt. Matthew Rutherford, commander, Task Force 72, during U.S. Navy and ROKN 46th Maritime Patrol Aircraft Committee Meeting.

# VP-5 Visit South Korean Navy for Maritime Patrol Meeting

By Lt.j.g Reed Acre  
VP-5 Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 joined South Korea's Republic of Korea Navy for the 46th Maritime Patrol Aircraft Committee Meeting (MPACM), July 16.

MPACM is a bi-annual joint military meeting between maritime patrol and reconnaissance entities for coordinating real-world operations to ensure security, stability and safe sea traffic in the Indo-Asia Pacific area of operations.

"Meeting with members of Air Wing Six in Pohang was an exciting opportunity to share knowledge about the P-8A, and in turn learn from them how best we can continue to mutually benefit from working together,"

said Lt. j.g. Steven Singleton. "We also had a great time showcasing the aircraft's capabilities to our Korean allies during a static display."

Combat Air Crew 10 from VP-5, along with Capt. Matt Rutherford, commander, Task Force 72, joined up with Korean Navy officials of Air Wing Six to discuss future plans with the P-8A Poseidon aircraft and it's strategic role in the region.

The Mad Foxes are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within 7th Fleet area of operations.



Courtesy Photos

Members of VP-5, VP-8, Task Force 72, and Republic of Korea Navy pose for a picture at the 46th Maritime Patrol Aircraft Committee Meeting.

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# Annual Bell Ringing to Honor Gold Star Families

By Julie M. Lucas

NAS Jax Public Affairs Office

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) held an annual Gold Star “Bells Across America” event, Sept. 26.

Navy Gold Star Program Coordinator Jamie Banther said the region-wide ceremony is held to honor the fallen at every Navy installation.

Opening remarks were given by Air Operations Officer Cmdr. Trey Walden, who explained the significance of the use of bells by the Navy.

“The bells rung today will not signify anyone’s presence, but instead will toll in their absence,” Walden said. “We honor the men and women who steadfastly dedicated, sacrificed and died for the lives of other families’ freedoms and love of their country by reading their names aloud.”

The ceremony was held in conjunction with Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day, which is

celebrated the last Sunday in September.

“I’ll be reading the names of 50 fallen Sailors and Marines. The ship’s bell at Building 1 will ring for each name as they’re read,” said Banther.

Navy Gold Star is the official program for providing long-term support to surviving families of Sailors who pass while on active duty. Navy Gold Star is an inclusive program – regardless of your loved one’s military branch, location, or manner of death.

“Our commitment to you is that regardless of the branch of service, we will provide you with support and help you locate your branch’s survivor services. Navy Gold Star coordinators provide dedicated outreach and support for as long as you desire,” said Banther.

Cmdr. Allen Brooks, NAS Jax command chaplain, gave the invocation, benediction and lead the group in a moment of silence before the playing to “Taps,” by MU3 Sean Quaresima of Navy Band Southeast.



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

**BU2 Ashley Racy of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202, rings a ceremonial bell for each name read of the fallen during the Gold Star “Bells Across America” event.**

# VP-5 Takes Part in Indonesian Exercise



Photos by MCSN Sergio Montanez

**Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron 5 gather with members of the Indonesian military during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Indonesia, Aug. 5.**

By Lt.j.g Michael Miller

VP-5 Public Affairs

Sailors from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 joined Indonesia for the 25th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Indonesia from July 31 through Aug. 7.

CARAT is a multinational exercise to enhance U.S. and partner navies’ abilities to operate together in response to traditional and non-traditional maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

CARAT Indonesia commenced during a ceremony at the Indonesian Navy’s 2nd Fleet Training Command Headquarters, Aug. 1. The “Mad Foxes” of VP-5 worked with staff and naval assets from Commander Task Force 73 and Destroyer Squadron 7, including USS Montgomery (LCS 8), USNS Fall River (T-EPF 4), and USCGC Stratton (WMSL

752). The flight operations conducted by the Mad Foxes took place over the Java Sea, and also included coordination with several Indonesian Navy assets, including the KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda (367), KRI Nala (363), and KRI Sampari (628).

“All of the people we met in Indonesia were awesome,” said AWO2 Erica Walkup. “It was a really great experience to be able to come together with our allies to learn new things while we both pursued the same goal.”

Training during CARAT Indonesia included a focus on maritime domain awareness (MDA) that consisted of numerous symposiums and knowledge exchanges, as well as a sea phase that included an integrated MDA information sharing center. The exercise also focused on integrated visit, board, search, and seizure (VBSS) drills. The drills utilized VBSS teams and ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Indonesian Navy.



**Lt. j.g. Gabe Merla, left, and Lt. Abraham Hribar, right, both assigned to Patrol Squadron 5, give a presentation on the P-8A Poseidon aircraft capabilities during CARAT Indonesia 2019, Aug. 5.**

“We had a busy week with ground events and flight operations, but had no issues accomplishing the tasks at hand thanks to coordinated efforts with our Indonesian partners,” said Lt.j.g. Gabriel Merla. “It’s always a great experience to learn from and operate with our allies and see how other countries operate in the maritime domain.”

With some limited down time during the exercise, U.S. Sailors participated in a “sports day” with members of the Indonesian Navy. Some of the games and activities they competed in included sack-races, tug-of-war, clog-racing, and volleyball.

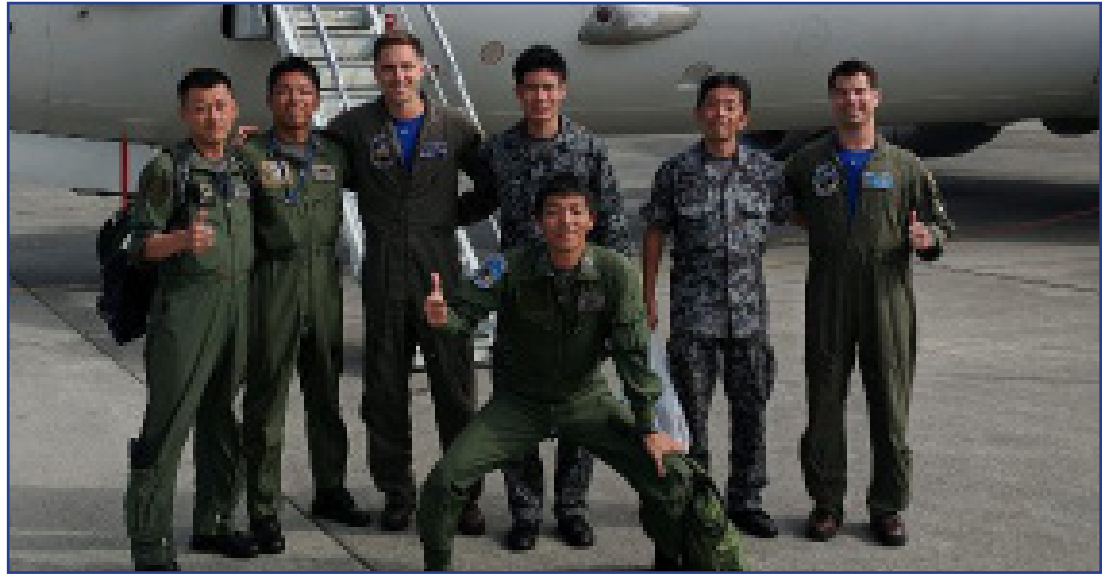
VP-5, based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within 7th Fleet area of operations.

# VP-5 Displays P-8A at Yokota Air Base



Photos by Lt. Alex Moll

**Lt. Cmdr. Mike Bacon, detachment Officer in Charge for Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, gathers with local community members and VP-5's mascot, "Dani Fox," Sept. 15.**



**Lt. Alex Turitzin and Lt. Dominic Bellissimo, pilots from Patrol Squadron 5, pose with Japan Maritime Self Defense Forces personnel in front of a P-8A Poseidon on display for the Yokota Japanese and American Friendship Festival Airshow, Sept. 15.**

**By Lt.j.g. Michael Miller**  
VP-5 Public Affairs

A P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 participated in this year's Yokota Japanese and American Friendship Festival Airshow held at Yokota Air Base, Sept. 14-15.

The Yokota Japanese and American Friendship Festival Airshow is an annual event that brings together the Japanese community and defense leaders from the region by hosting various types of aircraft, from civilian aerobatic platforms to fighter

jets. The event features aircraft and other assets belonging to the Commander, Task Force 72 (CTF 72), which conducts intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance flights using U.S Navy P-3 Orion and P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft.

The "Mad Foxes" of VP-5 brought one of their P-8A Poseidon aircraft to participate in the two-day event. Sailors offered tours of the aircraft and met with members of the community and defense forces.

"The Friendship Festival was a great opportunity to interact with the wonderful people of Japan and

strengthen our bonds as friends and allies," said Lt. Cmdr. Mike Bacon, VP-5 detachment Officer in Charge. "We share many traditions and look forward to fostering our ongoing professional relationships."

Assets from CTF 72 have also participated in airshows in Kanoya, Atsugi, and Misawa this season.

The Mad Foxes, are operating out of Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron is conducting maritime patrols and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

## NAS Jax Sports

*NAS Jax tournaments and command challenges are open to active duty, selective reservists, dependent spouses, DOD civilians, and DOD contractors assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville.*

### Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament - Sept. 30

The tournament starts at 5 p.m. at the Guy Ballou Tennis Courts on the corner of Allegheny Road and Birmingham Road. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the captain's cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second, or third place.

### Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament - Sept. 30

The tournament starts at 5 p.m. at the Guy Ballou Tennis Courts on the corner of Allegheny Road and Birmingham Road. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the captain's cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second, or third place.

### Command Sports Challenge - Oct 17-18

The events are 1500-meter relay, 3-on-3 basketball, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, swim relay, fitness challenge, 3-on-3 sand volleyball, bean bag toss, tug-o-war, and commanding officer canoe race. Commands can earn bonus points for female

participation and for the CO, XO, or CMC in some events. The sports events for the first day will be conducted at the outdoor running track, Allegheny sports complex, tennis courts, outdoor pool, and the turf field at Sea King Park. The sports events for the second day will take place at the sand volleyball courts by the marina. After the last sports event, there will be an awards ceremony and a free lunch. Contact Bill Bonser at [bill.bonser@navy.mil](mailto:bill.bonser@navy.mil) for more information.

### Monster Dash 5K - Oct. 25

The run is free and open to all authorized gym patrons. Runners will earn captain's cup points for their commands for participating. Runners are encouraged to wear a costume for the race. The run will be held on Perimeter Road at the end of Mustin Road at the Antenna Farm at 11:30 a.m. Registration will be held at the run site from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Awards will be given to the top male and top female runner for age groups: 19 & under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; and 50 over.

For more information, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail [bill.bonser@navy.mil](mailto:bill.bonser@navy.mil)

Visit the MWR website at [www.cnic.navy.mil](http://www.cnic.navy.mil) or [www.facebook.com/nasjaxmwr](http://www.facebook.com/nasjaxmwr)

## Softball Standings

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
VP-16	4	0
VP-26	3	0
FRCSE Tailgators	2	0
NAVHOSP Off in Church	2	0
FRCSE Nerd Herd	2	1
Air Ops	3	2
VP-30 Dirty Thirty	3	2
FACSFAC/NRSE RCC	1	1
VP-62 Broad Arrows	1	2
CNRSE	0	1
CPRW-11	0	1
CNATTU	0	0
NBHC Silver Bullets	0	2
VP-30 Pros Nest	0	2
CRS-10 Pitches be Trippin	0	4

## 7 on 7 Flag Football

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
HSM-70 Spartans	2	0
VP-26	2	0
VP-30	1	0
FRCSE Jaguars	1	1
VP-8 Fighting Tigers	0	0
NOSC Toon Squad	0	1
VP-62 Broad Arrows	0	1
VUP-19	0	1
VP-16	0	2



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### Community Recreation

Call 542-3227

#### NAS Jax Great Navy Campout

Oct. 5-6, Noon at the Mulberry Cove Marina  
Come camp with Community Recreation! Just

\$10 per person (free for ages 3 and under) includes activities, outdoor movie, dinner, bonfire, s'mores and breakfast. Drop-in activities include games, kayaking, fishing and paddle boarding. Limited spots available and reservations are required, so reserve your camping spot today by calling or visiting Community Recreation in Bldg. 622.

#### DIY Craft Series: Stitch & Gab

Oct. 15, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's

The cost of \$10 per person covers supplies & one soda, beer or wine. Limited spots!

#### DIY Craft Series: Paint Night

Oct. 25, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's

The cost of \$25 per person covers supplies & one soda, beer or wine. Limited spots!

*All DIY Craft Series events are open to ages 18 & older. Tickets available at Community Recreation in Bldg. 622 or online through myFFR. Food & beverages available for purchase. No outside food or beverage.*

### River Cove Catering & Conference Center

Call 542-3041

Did you know you can book weddings, luncheons, retirements, birthday parties, conferences and more at the River Cove Catering & Conference Center?

### Dewey's

Call 542-3900

Karaoke Night: Oct. 18, 7 – 11 p.m. (ages 18 and older after 9 p.m.)

Mondays and Thursdays: Free Texas Hold'em Tournaments at 7 p.m.

Bingo: Great cash payouts, even better jackpots! Lunch and evening sessions available. Call (904) 542-8449 for current promotions and times.

### Freedom Lanes Bowling Center

Call 542-3493

Command Functions: Looking for a great

command function? Why not a bowling event? Fun for all! Call to set up an event for commands, families, spouses groups & more!

Monday: \$7 All you can bowl, 4–6 p.m.

Wednesday: \$9.95 All you can bowl, 4 – 10 p.m.

Thursdays: Active Duty Appreciation Day! Games are \$1 each for Active Duty & their guests, Noon - 3 pm. Reservations

accepted. \*Start time subject to change based on league finish time

Thursday Nights: \$10 All you can bowl, 6 - 10 pm, includes bowling & shoe rental. Food & beverage specials available. Chances to win prizes just by participating!

Friday: \$10 Extreme Bowling, 10 p.m. – midnight. Shoes included.

Saturday: Extreme Bowling, call for current pricing & times.

\*Please note, the specials do not include shoes unless stated otherwise\*

### Fitness, Sports & Aquatics

Call 542-2930

#### Command Sports Challenge

Oct. 17-18, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sign up at the Base Gym! Commands can compete in ten different sports challenges in two days. The winning command will take the traveling trophy for a year. Open to Active Duty, Selective Reservists, DoD Civilians & Contractors & Military Dependent Spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jax. You do not have to register for all events to participate.

#### NAS Jax Navy Birthday 5K

Oct. 19, 8 – 11 a.m. at the Antenna Farm  
Compete against runners at every installation in the Southeast during the Navy Region Southeast 2019 Navy Birthday Run Presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program. The top three male and female finisher times from every installation will be compared to see who is the best overall. The top three male and female overall best times will be awarded with commemorative plaques and prize money.

Register today at the Base Gym!

Swim lessons now available! Call the Base Gym for more information.

Indoor Pool and Outdoor Pool

Visit [www.navymwrjacksonville.com](http://www.navymwrjacksonville.com) for the current hours of operation.

Group and private tennis lessons are now available.

Call the base gym for pricing information.

Patrons can select from a variety of massage types, including Swiss, Deep Tissue/Sport, as well as other spa services, such as facial & body treatments. For a complete list of services, visit the base gym or fitness center.

### The Liberty Recreation Center

*Trips & events are for all E1-E6 single or unaccompanied active duty members & reservists only. Call 542-1335 for information.*

Oct 9: Freedom Lanes

Oct 11: St. Augustine Ghost Tour

Oct 12: Group Paddle

Oct 13: Jags Vs. Saints

Oct 16: Burger Hunt: Smash

Oct 18: Mall and a Movie: Zombieland 2

Oct 19: Halloween Horror Nights

Oct 26: Santos Bike Park

Oct 27: Jags Vs. Jets

Oct 30: Icemen Game

### NAS Jax Golf Club

Golf Course: 542-3249

Mulligan's Restaurant: 542-2936

Swing It & Wing It Special: Play 18 holes with a cart and enjoy 10 wings and two draft beverages for only \$30 after 1 p.m. daily.

Daily Twilight Special: Play 18-holes with cart for only \$20 after 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Monday & Tuesday: Play 18-holes for \$20. Cart & green fees included. Not applicable on holidays.

### Mulberry Cove Marina

Call 542-3260

Fridays: Free kayak & canoe rental all day for Active Duty members & guests only.

Private Sailing Lessons: One on one instruction available at \$20/hour by appointment only.

Minimum 2-hour session.

Stand Up Paddleboard Lessons: Open to all first-timers by appointment only. Free & taught by a World Paddleboard Association Certified Instructor.

### Auto Skills Center

Call 542-3681

The center has 22 work bays, wheel balancing, tool checkout, paint booth and welding ASE certified mechanic onsite.

### Youth Activities Center

Call 778-9772

Before & After School Care

Open to children 5-12 years. Register today!

### Family Fitness Center

Call 771-8469

The Family Fitness Center is open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your children! Children 5 and older are welcome to workout with you. Group classes are available from 10 – 10:30 a.m.

### Jax Navy Flying Club

Call 542-8509

Learn to fly at NAS Jax

Call for introduction flight

Additional ratings are available including instrument, complex and commercial

Find more info online at [jaxnfc.net](http://jaxnfc.net)

### Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318, Email directly at [nasjaxtickets@navy.mil](mailto:nasjaxtickets@navy.mil)

Jacksonville Jaguars Sections 147 & 148: \$101.25.

Gator Football – Ben Hill Griffin Stadium,

Gainesville Nov. 9: \$35. Nov. 30: \$82.

Florida/Georgia Baseball Game: Nov. 1– concert

following the game with Brett Young & friends and fireworks!! Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville: \$20.  
 Guns N Roses – Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, October 1: \$171  
 Sesame Street Live Let's Party! – Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena, October 26-27: \$19.50, \$25.  
 Five Finger Death Punch – Veteran's Memorial Arena, November 18: \$92.50.  
 The Isley Brothers – Times Union-Moran Theater, December 22: \$87.50.  
 Halloween Horror Nights: Sept. 6 – Nov. 2; \$67.50 - \$104.25.  
 FSCJ Artist Series – Broadway in Jacksonville: Wicked, Rent, Bandstand, Anastasia, and more. *Prices vary depending on date and show time. Call or visit the Ticket Office for further details.*

*What to do this year? Local Fun Trips! Come join us on our scheduled trips. Relax and let us do the driving!*  
*All trips will leave NAS Jax at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m., unless stated otherwise.*  
 35th Annual Mount Dora Craft Fair, Saturday, October 26: \$25. Returning at 3 p.m.  
 Yalaha Country Bakery, Saturday, November 23: \$25.

**Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:**

Adventure Landing Dry pass: \$22. Adventure Landing Waterpark: \$20.50. Combo (dry pass and waterpark): \$32.50.  
 Alhambra Dinner Show: Prices range \$40 - \$50.  
 Autobahn Indoor Speedway: (28% Savings) \$25  
 Gift Card - \$20. \$50 Gift Card - \$40.

Biltmore Estates Asheville, NC: Adult - \$59.50, Youth - \$29.  
 Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary: \$8.50 - \$13.50.  
 Daytona Lagoon Waterpark: Wet or Dry Pass \$20.00 each.  
 Disney World Orlando Armed Forces 2019 Salute 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$236.50; 4-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$285.25. 5-Day ticket with hopper option - \$252.00; 5-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more - \$300.75. Tickets valid Jan. 1, 2019 and expire Dec. 19, 2019. Only Active and Retired U.S. Military Personnel (including Active or Retired members of the National Guard, Reservists, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "or" their spouses are authorized to purchase Military Promotional tickets. - (6) Promotional Maximum purchase per service member, including member- If service member has an annual pass or multi-day ticket they can purchase (5) Promotional Maximum and Must enter with party.  
 Jacksonville Symphony: \$31.  
 Jacksonville Zoo, General admission & admission w/unlimited train rides: \$12.50 - \$21.50.  
 Sea World Orlando Military Special: \$49 (limit 4 tickets per member ID).  
 Six Flags: \$46.50.  
 Spanish Military Hospital Museum: \$5 - \$7.50.  
 St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zipline: \$37, Park admission \$9.50 - \$15.  
 St. Augustine Aquarium: Adult \$8. Child

Admission - \$5. Snorkel Adventure (Includes Admission) \$32.  
 St. Augustine Old Town Trolley: \$7.50 - \$21.25 BOGO.  
 St. Augustine Oldest Store Museum: \$5 - \$8.  
 St. Augustine Pirates Museum: \$3 - \$8.  
 St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum: \$5.75 - \$8.  
 St. Augustine Sight Seeing Train: \$5.50 - \$12.  
 Universal Orlando Military Special Redeemable through 12/31/19 (Not available at the gate! Maximum of 6 tickets per valid military ID) Ticket Option #1: 2-Park, 4-Day Park to Park Ticket, Adult \$200, Child \$196 (Redeemable through 12/31/19, ticket expires on this date). Valid for 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure. Ticket Option #2: 3-Park, 4-Day Park-to-Park Ticket, Adult \$240, Child \$235.75 (Redeemable through 12/31/19, ticket expires on this date). Valid for 4 days of admission to Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal's Volcano Bay Water Park. Visit the Ticket Office for further details.  
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# MWR Hosts Barracks Crash

*Photos by Demi Cruz*



MWR Sports Coordinator Bill Bonser hosted a pull-up competition and the winner received a gift card to the Navy Exchange.



Sailors operate a flight simulator and talk with John Barnard to learn more about MWR's Jax Navy Flying Club.



NAS Jax service members gather in the Barracks Courtyard to sign up for prizes and giveaways from the Liberty Center and other MWR facilities at the Barracks Crash on Sept. 19.