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Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

EO2 Karel Alvarez of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202, directs EO3 Marquevious Ussery to maneuver a front loader to lift and remove a tire jack from a TBM Avenger aircraft as Bill Mosley looks on. Mosely and a team of volunteers are currently restoring the aircraft at Hangar 117

Volunteers Restore Historic Aircraft at NAS Jax

By Kaylee LaRocque

NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

Naval Air Station Jacksonville's (NAS Jax) Heritage Park is home to many of the old aircraft that have flown from the station throughout the years. The park began in the 1990's as part of the station's 50th anniversary celebration with the dedication of the P-3C Orion and a SH-3H Sea King helicopter. Other aircraft currently displayed include the A-4 Skyhawk, A-7 Corsair, F/A-18 Hornet, F-8 Crusader, P-2V Neptune, PBY Catalina, S-2F Tracker, S-3 Viking, SH-60F Seahawk, EA-6B Prowler, TBM Avenger, N2S Stearman and an

F-14 Tomcat.

Over the years, these aircraft have deteriorated due to weather conditions and lack of upkeep. But, thanks to a group of historical aviation enthusiasts, the aircraft are being restored to their original condition. The first aircraft currently undergoing restoration is the TMB Avenger which was flown from NAS Jax and NAS Cecil Field during World War II.

"This project came about because of years and years of neglect of these aircraft which are on loan from the Naval Aviation Museum," said NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Brian Weiss. "We worked with Commander, Navy Region Southeast and the legal department to

receive a gift from the U.S. Military Airpower Museum in Jacksonville for a specific amount of materials to restore the aircraft."

"Preserving naval aviation and its heritage is extremely important to us and the future of naval aviation so we decided to get the aircraft into preservation and found a group of volunteers who are willing to do the work," added Weiss. "They are procuring equipment and materials to bring the aircraft back to life."

Heading up the team is Bill Mosely, a retired Navy chief who works as a contractor at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

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VP-45 and Japan Maritime Defense Forces Conclude ANNUALEX 2019



Photo by MCSN Thomas A. Higgins

Patrol Squadron 45 Sailors conduct an anti-submarine warfare exercise aboard a P-8A Poseidon during ANNUALEX, Nov. 13.

By MCSN Thomas A. Higgins
VP-45 Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) completed their largest bilateral exercise, ANNUALEX in the Sea of Japan, Nov. 21.

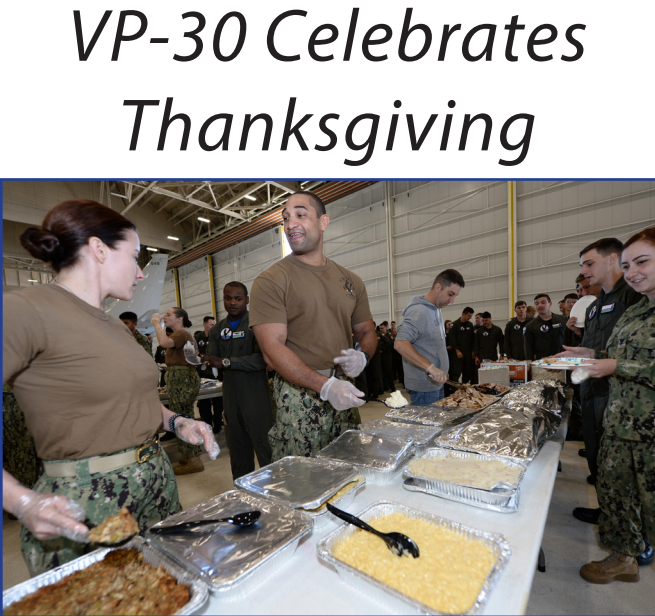
ANNUALEX is a bilateral training exercise between the Navy and JMSDF conducted in air, surface and subsurface battlespaces. The exercise allows the nations to practice and evaluate the interoperability elements required to effectively and cohesively respond to the defense of Japan or to a regional contingency in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, while continuing

to build bilateral relationships. Commander, Task Force (CTF) 72 participated in the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) portion of the exercise, sending P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 45’s “World Famous Pelicans” and VP-10’s “Red Lancers”. The squadrons conducted more than 15 ASW flights throughout the course of the event. “For CTF-72 and VP-45, ANNUALEX 19 provides another great opportunity to participate in high level exercises that build confidence with our maritime partners and reinforces those internationally recognized norms, rules, standards and practices of maritime law,” said Commander Paul W. Nickell, Commanding Officer, VP-45. “The challenges in the INDO-PACOM area of responsibility require closer integration than ever before, and ANNUALEX optimally allows us to align our warfighting capabilities with our hosts here in Japan.”

The U.S. and our JMSDF partners practiced a wide range of war fighting capabilities to include ASW, long range maritime strikes, as well as surface-to-air and air-to-air combat exercises. Around 8,500 U.S. Sailors, 13 ships, submarines and various shore-based aircraft participated in ANNUALEX. VP-45, based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, is operating from Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron is conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.



Photos by MC2 (SW/IW/AW) Yolonda Williams
AWOAN Joseph Valdivia, a Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 student, eats a turkey leg during the annual Thanksgiving meal at VP-30, Nov. 27



The Patrol Squadron(VP) 30 Chief’s mess serve the Thanksgiving meal for VP-30 Sailors during the annual Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 27.



Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 Commanding Officer-Capt. Thomas Grady helps serve students and staff at the annual VP-30 Thanksgiving Day meal, Nov. 27.

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Naval Hospital Jacksonville Staff Return from Humanitarian Mission

By Yan Kennon

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

Twenty-six staff from Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Jacksonville returned on Nov. 19 from a humanitarian deployment aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH-20) in support of U.S. Southern Command's Enduring Promise initiative.

"Our staff deploy to support DoD missions around the world, anytime, anywhere," said Capt. Matthew Case, NH Jacksonville commander and NMRTC Jacksonville commanding officer. "They all did amazing work and left many citizens of this world in a better place because of their life-changing, and in some cases life-saving work."

Deployed personnel from NH Jacksonville and NMRTC Jacksonville included clinical and non-clinical staff: physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, the director of nursing services, a physical therapist, a dietitian, a nurse case manager, an environmental health officer, hospital corpsmen, culinary specialists, information systems technicians, a logistics specialist, a personnel specialist, and a yeoman.

The experience brought joy and tears to NH Jacksonville's Cmdr. Mary Gracia, a nurse practitioner who commonly saw children who were malnourished and with stunted growth.

"We've impacted lives with our presence," Gracia said. She recalled that one father and his seven-year-old son walked three days to get to a



Photo by MC3 Kryzentia Richards

Lt. Scott Dummett, a dentist assigned to the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), fills a patient's cavity at a temporary medical treatment site. Comfort crewmembers worked with health and government partners in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean to provide care on the ship and at land-based medical sites, helping to relieve pressure on national medical systems strained by an increase in Venezuelan migrants.

medical site. Gracia also noted that the medical team created culturally-appropriate care plans, unique to the living conditions of each patient, since some families were homeless, didn't have utilities, or didn't have a refrigerator or stove. A physician in Colombia told Gracia, in Spanish, "You have touched me in ways I did not expect to see. You genuinely care for my people."

Comfort's Enduring Promise initiative included a crew of more than 900 military and civilian personnel, with medical specialists from the U.S. military, volunteers from non-governmental organizations, and personnel from partner nations.

During the five-month mission, USNS Comfort

visited 12 countries in 154 days, including Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Peru, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, Jamaica, and Haiti. The embarked medical team treated 68,935 people; conducted 1,257 surgeries; distributed 30,862 prescription glasses; and conducted over 60 subject matter expert exchanges and 40 community relations events.

The deployment reflects the United States' ongoing commitment to friendship, partnership, and solidarity with partner nations in the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.



Photo by MC2 Julio Martinez Martinez

Capt. Gabriel Lee, a Navy pediatrician assigned to the hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), examines a young boy with scabies at a temporary medical treatment site.



Photo by Spc. Dedrick Johnson

Cmdr. Mary Gracia from McAllen, Texas, assigned to hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), examines a young girl for hernia at a temporary medical treatment site assigned to the USNS Comfort (T-AH 20).

VP-10 and Japanese Forces Conduct Anti-Submarine Training

By Lt.j.g. Samantha Michel
VP-10 Public Affairs

The “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 participated in a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedure (CMPOP) with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), Oct. 29-31.

The exercise took place over three days and included coordinated mission planning, communication systems checks, and a culminating anti-submarine warfare (ASW) event. The purpose of this exercise was to provide an opportunity to conduct coordinated maritime training with the Japanese Squadron, VP-2.

The ASW event took place on Oct. 31 and included one U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon and two JMSDF P-3C Orion aircraft. The P-8A and the P-3C are both equipped for maritime operations and utilized across the Indo-Pacific. This event was an example of impressive communication and coordination between the United States and Japan.

“I am truly humbled to be given the

opportunity to strengthen the interoperability between the United States Navy and the JMSDF,” said Lt. Jimmy Boyd, the Tactical Coordinator onboard the P-8A Poseidon. “Increasing the effectiveness of our communication and the ability to fight will make us all stronger.”

One of the P-3C Orion’s dropped an MK-39 Expendable Mobile Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Target (EMATT). This training target was used to conduct a full ASW mission with three separate aircraft in the operating area. Coordination with VP-2 proved to be an excellent training opportunity, and provided an avenue to strengthen relationships with the JMSDF.

The Red Lancers, based in Jacksonville, Florida, are operating out of Misawa, Japan conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater security cooperation operations across the Indo-Pacific in support of Commander, Task Force 72 (CTF-72), Commander, 7th Fleet (C7F) and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region.



Photos by MCI Louis Rojas

Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 Executive Officer Cmdr. Russell White, debriefs VP-10 aircrew members and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force service members during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedure exercise.



AWO3 Jeannette Albarran, attached to Patrol Squadron 10, exchanges a patch with a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force service member during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedure exercise.



Lt. Ryan Lluy, left, and Lt. Chris Dunn, right, both attached to Patrol Squadron 10, prepare a mission brief with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force servicemembers during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedure exercise.



ASIST

Suicide Intervention Training

WHEN: Dec. 12-13 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Participation for BOTH days is required.

WHERE: NAS Jacksonville Chapel Complex, Building 749.

WHO: Military members, DoD, and military contract personnel are eligible. Participants should be motivated, mature, and interested in being a part of a command’s suicide prevention network. E-4 and below will need recommendation from an E-7 or above.

UNIFORM: Civilian clothes, casual.

REGISTER: Contact Dr. Walter Brown Jr. at CREDO Southeast
Email: walter.m.brown1.ctr@navy.mil
Phone: (904) 542-3923/5645

****For more information about the ASIST program, visit:** www.livingworks.net/programs/asist

USS Harry S. Truman Operates in U.S. 6th Fleet



Photo by MC3 Kaleb J. Sarten

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) departs Naval Station Norfolk, Va. as seen from USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

From U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is conducting operations in U.S. 6th Fleet to support maritime security operations in international waters, alongside our allies and partners.

Deploying ships and aircraft of the strike group, commanded by Rear Adm. Andrew J. Loiselle, include flagship USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), commanded by Capt. Kavon Hakimzadeh; the eight squadrons and staff of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1, staffs of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 8, and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28.

"We are ready to continue our steadfast commitment to our allies and partners in U.S. 6th Fleet," said Loiselle. "These vital sea lanes must remain open for global commerce and prosperity, and nothing in the world is able to



Photo by MC3 Katie Cox

AWR2 Rachel Crepeau, assigned to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 72, pre-flight checks the tail of a MH-60H Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to HSM-72 on the flight deck of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) during a sustainment exercise. Lassen is a part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group.

foster regional security like a carrier strike group."

Squadrons of CVW-1, commanded by Capt. Robert Gentry, embarked on Truman include Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 11 "Red Rippers," VFA-81 "Sunliners," VFA-136 "Knighthawks," VFA-211 "Fighting Checkmates," Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137 "Rooks," Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 126 "Seahawks," Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 72 "Proud Warriors," Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 11 "Dragon Slayers," and a detachment from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 "Rawhides."

The Harry S. Truman strike group last operated in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in 2018, demonstrating its ability to operate from the High North to the East Mediterranean.

Select Reenlistment Bonus and Pay for Performance Pilot Update

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

How does a little extra cash sound? The Navy is looking to retain talented and skilled Sailors by offering reenlistment bonuses for critical billets; some as high as \$100,000.

For Sailors coming up on their reenlistment date, MyNavy HR recommends they talk to a career counselor as soon as possible and chart out their career course.

"Incentives are just one way we are retaining and managing top talent as part of Sailor 2025. To those eligible and re-enlisting, we're excited that you are staying Navy," said Rear Adm. Jeffrey Jablon, director of military personnel, plans and policies.

With the December changes, there are 62 award-level additions and 46 bonus increases, making this a significant update since July and a great time to go see your

career counselors.

The Navy also announced the expansion of the Pay for Performance (P4P) pilot program (a Sailor 2025 initiative) for Sailors in seven engineering ratings and now two additional ratings: naval aircrewman (helicopter) and culinary specialist (submarine).

To be eligible for this superior performance kicker, you must have received two early promotes (EP) on your three most recent regular periodic evaluations. Transfer, concurrent, or special evaluations will not qualify. It goes without question, a Sailor cannot have received non-judicial punishment and have not failed any part of the physical fitness assessment within the last three years.

To find out more about the Navy's critical billets and Pay for Performance pilot, read NAVADMIN 272/19 or go to <https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/pay-and-benefits>.



20th Chief of Naval Operations Leaves Behind Legacy of Service



Courtesy photo

Cmdr. James L. Holloway III, seated in the cockpit of a Douglas A4D-2 Skyhawk attack aircraft, while serving as commanding officer of Attack Squadron 83 (VA-83) Rampagers aboard USS Essex (CVA-9), 25 June 1958.

From Naval History and Heritage Command Public Affairs

Adm. James L. Holloway III, former chief of naval operations (CNO), died Nov. 26 in Alexandria, Virginia. He was 97.

Holloway, a native of Charleston, South Carolina, served as the 20th CNO July 1, 1974–July 1, 1978. He was a combat veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

"Our Navy mourns the loss of Adm. James Holloway," said current CNO Adm. Mike Gilday. "He was a trailblazer who led the Navy through difficult times and a visionary leader who profoundly impacted the naval aviation community of today."

"Adm. Holloway's far-reaching impacts include advocating for the Navy's future F-18 aircraft and developing the Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) program, which we still use today," Gilday said. "While our ships, submarines and aircraft are made of steel, it is the Sailors, like Adm. Holloway, who give our Navy its lifeblood." "He was a true warrior, man of honor and committed patriot. We have truly lost a great leader and shipmate."

Relieving Adm. Elmo Zumwalt as the Navy's top military leader in 1974, Holloway served at a time of great transition for the United States, as the nation and the Navy were healing from the trauma of Vietnam and transitioning from the draft to an all-volunteer force. He also served as acting chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1974.

"Adm. Holloway was both a warrior and a true believer in the importance of our Navy knowing our history," said retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, director of Naval History and Heritage Command. "For decades after his retirement, he was a highly visible advocate for the preservation, study and use of the history of the United States Navy."

During his tenure as CNO, Holloway faced the challenges of inflation and defense spending cuts during the height of the Cold War. After the fall of Saigon in 1975 and rising tensions with the Soviet Union, Holloway persuaded President Gerald Ford to end the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT)

II proposal to ban the cruise missile, still the Navy's principal weapon for a number of surface and underwater platforms.

Holloway established the Battle Force Fleet organization, which would exploit the expanded warfare capabilities of surface combatants and enable a full range of naval abilities to handle hostile threats. This is now considered one of his most significant contributions to the Navy as CNO.

Holloway's leadership and ability to advocate for the Navy were also evident during the early days of the F/A-18 Hornet. In 1975, he successfully argued to Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger to sign

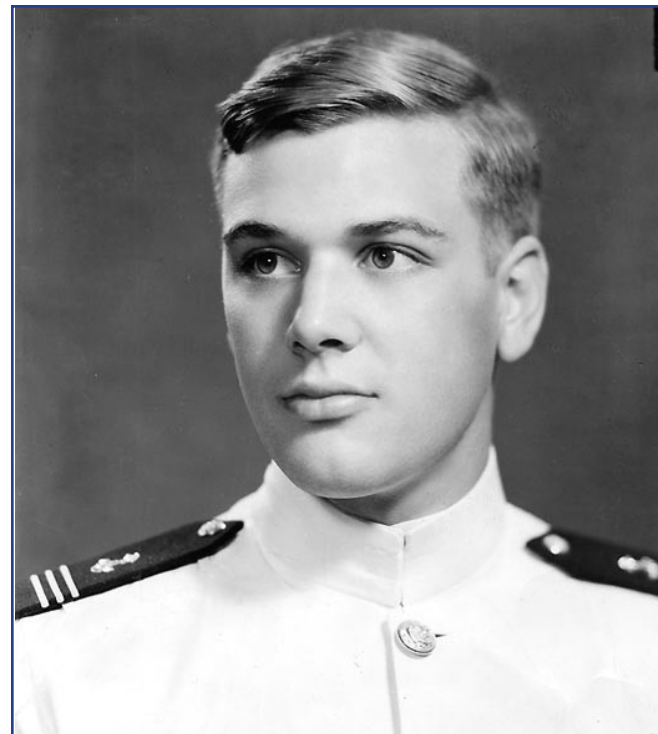
off on the Navy's fighter-attack F-18 type rather than the Air Force's preference of the F-16 Light Weight Fighter (LWF). The F-18 type was designed for the all-weather capable AIM-7 Sparrow III missile, while the F-16 LWF was designed for the Sidewinder missile system, which operated best under clear-air conditions. The F/A-18 replaced both the A-7 attack plane and the F-14 Tomcat, with the Hornets coming into the fleet in 1983.

When Holloway's tenure as CNO ended in 1978, he had served in that role under three presidents: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. Born in Charleston in 1922, he and his father, Admiral James L. Holloway Jr., both served as four-star admirals in the U.S. Navy on active duty—the only son and father to do so.

Holloway began his naval career when he graduated as a member of the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1943. During World War II, he served aboard destroyers in the North Atlantic and African waters. In the Pacific, he participated in the Saipan, Tinian, Palau and Leyte Gulf campaigns as gunnery officer of the destroyer USS Bennion (DD-662).

Following WWII, he became a naval aviator and flew missions during the Korean War and served as commanding officer of Attack Squadron 83. In 1959, as the deputy CNO for Air Warfare, he developed the Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) program. This program is still in effect more than 55 years later and has been credited with substantially reducing naval aviation accidents.

He served as commanding officer of USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) for two combat cruises in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War. In 1968, he returned to the Pentagon where he established the Navy's Nuclear Powered Carrier Program, and in 1970 was promoted to rear admiral. With his promotion, he was assigned as the commander of U.S. Seventh Fleet where he directed strike operations against objectives in North Vietnam during Operations Linebacker I and II. In 1974, he was named by President Nixon to be the next CNO.



Courtesy photo

A file photo of Midshipman James L. Holloway III taken in August 1941.

In 1978, Holloway retired from the Navy with 36 years of service. Still closely involved after retirement, he served as president of the Naval Historical Foundation (NHF) from 1980–1998 and 10 years more as chairman. In 2007, Holloway published *Aircraft Carriers at War*, and was instrumental in the online publishing of the Naval History and Heritage Command's Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships project.

During his lifetime of service, Holloway received 28 American military personal decorations, unit awards and campaign and service medals and ribbons. He received 20 foreign decorations as well.

As a civilian, he received the Distinguished Public Service Medal for his service as president of the NHF and was technical advisor to the movie "Top Gun."

In addition, a dormitory at Saint James School in Washington County, Maryland, was named "Holloway Hall" in honor of him—one of the high school's most notable alumni.



Photo by G.D. Hughes

A photo of former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. James L. Holloway III taken July 18, 1974.

Commissary Patrons Give High Marks in Annual Survey

By Kevin Robinson
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

Helpful and courteous employees, store cleanliness and layout, and convenient hours topped the list of what commissary patrons liked most about their stores, according to the 2019 Commissary Customer Service Survey (CCSS).

More than 20,000 shoppers rated the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) an overall 4.51, a 4.9-percent increase from last year’s mark of 4.30. The score is based on a 5-point scale, ranging from 1, “Poor,” to 5, “Excellent.”

“These are the highest marks the agency has experienced since 2012, so we are encouraged by the improvement,” said Rear Adm. (retired) Robert J. Bianchi, DOD special assistant for commissary operations. “We believe our new programs are moving the needle – the Your Everyday Savings! program, renewed focus on customer service and an increased emphasis on getting more products on the shelf.

“However, there’s always room to do better, and that’s our mission as the providers of the commissary benefit,” he said.

DeCA conducted this year’s survey over 10 straight operating days at each commissary, beginning July 29. Commissary analysts crunched the results by store, zone and area to produce reports on trends, year-to-year comparisons and patron demographics. This information gives the agency a better idea of who is shopping and what patrons think of their benefit.

The overall score is a weighted average of the 14-item scores based on store sales:

<u>CCSS Item Scores</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
1. Low prices/overall savings	4.20	4.42
2. Well stocked, full shelves	4.09	4.29
3. Convenient hours	4.36	4.62
4. Cleanliness	4.37	4.62
5. Produce quality/selection	4.08	4.28
6. Meat quality/selection	4.39	4.57
7. Deli quality/selection	4.23	4.45
8. Bakery quality/selection	4.15	4.36
9. Selection, other food items	4.28	4.49
10. Store layout and time required to shop	4.34	4.58
11. Checkout waiting time	4.35	4.50
12. Attractive displays/store décor	4.31	4.53
13. Courteous, friendly and helpful employees	4.57	4.75
14. Overall satisfaction (How did we do?)	4.44	4.60
Overall Score	4.30	4.51



From its inception in 1991, DeCA has surveyed its customers. The current Commissary Customer Service Survey has been in place since 2000.

Since July, DeCA has used ForeSee, a robust survey platform, to host and manage a new purchaser receipt survey to augment the annual results captured by the CCSS. With ForeSee, patrons submit a link, <https://mydeca.me/receipt>, printed at the bottom of their sales receipt into a browser to access the survey. They have seven days from their purchase date to log on and complete the survey. ForeSee gives commissaries a real-time snapshot of patron feedback throughout the year, while the CCSS is an annual comprehensive overview.

Both survey tools ultimately allow commissaries to give patrons a voice in improving their benefit, Bianchi said.

“The CCSS is our annual deep dive, our report card, on how we are doing as we deliver the benefit every day worldwide,” he said. “And like any evaluation we learn from it so that our patrons continue to receive the best shopping experience possible in their commissaries.”



Photos by Yan Kennon

Sixteen hospital corpsmen from across the Navy graduated from Navy Medicine’s Hospital Corpsman Trauma Training program at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Nov. 26. This is the third evolution at NH Jax, which is the Navy’s second site to host the program.

Hospital Corpsmen Complete Navy Medicine Trauma Training



Steve Fetzter, a former Marine Corps helicopter pilot, speaks to the 16 corpsmen graduating from Navy Medicine’s Hospital Corpsman Trauma Training program at Naval Hospital Jax, Nov. 26.

Restore

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“We currently have about 16 people on the team - all retired military members who love historical aircraft,” said Mosely. “We’ve been cleaning the aircraft at the park for several months because they were in pretty bad shape with mold and now we’ve moved on to fully restoring the aircraft. We started with the TBM Avenger which was recently moved into Hangar 117. It currently has the incorrect color scheme on it, so we plan to repair it and have it repainted with the correct

color and markings.”

The team worked with base historian Ron Williamson to research the aircraft.

They learned that the TBM Avenger actually had several different paint schemes in

the 1940s but by researching the aircraft’s bureau number, they tracked down an original photo of the aircraft.

“This particular aircraft was actually blue on top and gray on the bottom. Currently, it’s all dark blue. It’s not in bad shape for as long as the aircraft has been sitting out in the elements. We just put new tires on and now we’ll move to the next step which is to bring in a team of airframers

to work on the sheet metal and another team to work on the canopy, engine and prop,” said Mosely.

“We hope to have this restoration project completed in six to seven months if everything goes as planned,” said Ned Tua, who is also working on the aircraft restoration. “This is based on what we find during the process and the work schedule. It’s taking a lot of coordination as the aircraft is in the ceremonial hangar which is used for various events.”

The TBM Avenger was placed in Heritage Park on April 21, 1998. It was previously flown by Navy Sea Control Squadrons during and after World War II. The aircraft was initially on display at NAS Cecil Field and moved to NAS Jax when Cecil closed.



By Mike Perron

DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

The Scholarships for Military Children Program for the 2020 – 2021 school year kicks off Dec. 16, marking its 20th year of awarding grants to military families and celebrating the commissary’s role in enhancing their quality of life.

The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps service members and their families, and is funded primarily through the generosity of manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries worldwide.

“The foundation underwrites all the expenses for administering the program so a company donating \$10,000 for example, would be assured that their donation resulted in five scholarship grants of \$2,000 each,” says Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president, and administrator of the Scholarships for Military Children Program. “And we have done this for 19 years now. In those 19 years, there have been more than 100,000 applications submitted, with 11,314 recipients selected, sharing a total of \$19,126,000. The program is truly a success story.”

There will be at least one recipient selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are received, and additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more

applicants will be selected from those commissaries with larger numbers of applicants.

For scholarship year 2020-21, Fisher House Foundation will award 500 scholarship grants of \$2,000 each. The selection process begins immediately following the Feb. 24, 2020, deadline for entries.

“For 20 years commissaries have been selected by the Fisher House Foundation to offer these scholarships to the deserving sons and daughters of our military members,” says Marye Dobson, the Defense Commissary Agency’s scholarships program liaison. “We are honored to be associated with Fisher House and the efforts they put forth, and we thank the many industry partners that continue to make the scholarship grants happen each year.”

This year marks the second in which applications are being accepted entirely online. The application, including essay question, will be available for download from the Scholarships for Military Children website beginning Dec. 16. There, you’ll also find answers to frequently asked questions and other information about the program. Fisher House also maintains a custom scholarship search engine on the site, tailored to military families, called “Scholarships for Service.” It’s free and available on mobile devices or computers at militaryscholar.org.

Qualifying for selection to be awarded a grant is straightforward. Requirements include completing

the application; submission of the student’s official transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants, or college transcript indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for students already enrolled in college; and an essay of 500 words or less, no longer than two pages.

“The hallmark of the program is the 500-word essay,” says Weiskopf. “It is always on a topic that does not have a right or wrong answer, but one that makes applicants think, and possibly have a conversation with their parents over the dinner table.”

Eligibility for the program is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current U.S. Uniformed Services Privilege and Identification Card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2020 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship to attend a college or university or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

Ring the Bell for ‘20/21: Scholarships for Military Children Begins

Disposing Household Hazardous Waste

By Scott Dombrosky
Water Program Manager

Half empty cans of paint, an aerosol can without a spray tip, unwanted insecticides, and old containers of transmission fluid – chemicals that you will probably never use again but don't know what to do with - these are all examples of what is commonly termed household hazardous waste (HHW). An average home contains a vast array of hazardous products used for cleaning, painting, maintaining, lubricating and disinfecting the house, yard, car, and pool. Because they are so commonplace within the community, the cumulative effect of HHW, if not properly discarded, can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

The average household throws over 15 pounds of hazardous materials into the trash each year. HHW is also occasionally drained on the ground, dumped down storm drains, and poured into sinks. While it might seem like a temptingly easy solution to your waste problem, neither oil nor other household chemicals should ever be discarded down any drain or on the ground. Likewise using the street as a disposal location is a bad practice as anything dumped in the street will eventually get into nearby streams and rivers. HHW should not be placed in your household trashcan for curbside pickup either.

To properly dispose of HHW throughout the year, Duval County residents may take materials to the HHW Facility, 2675 Commonwealth Avenue. The HHW Facility is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. In addition, the city provides HHW mobile collection events at various locations throughout Jacksonville. Base housing residents must follow Duval County HHW rules and must dispose of their HHW with Duval County. There is not a HHW disposal option for residents on the base.

Wastes that can be taken to the HHW Facility and HHW mobile collection events include paint, paint thinner, vehicle & household batteries, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, pesticides, waste oil, fireworks, fluorescent bulbs, computer monitors, and televisions, among others.

Check the City of Jacksonville's website (www.coj.net) under Public Works/Solid Waste/Disposal Operations for additional information on the mobile collection site schedule and for the type of HHW they will accept. Naval Air Station Jacksonville departments and other Navy organizations must arrange for disposal of hazardous waste through the Public Works Department Hazardous Waste Facility (Bldg. 147) – call 542-5979. To report improper dumping of household hazardous waste on the station, please call 542-5251/8129.

Wreaths Across America Dec. 14

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. The Jacksonville National Cemetery event needs volunteers to unload trucks starting at 0730. Wreaths will be placed at 1000. The official ceremony starts at 1145. The cemetery is located at 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville.



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Christmas Service

Protestant service
Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

St. Edward's Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.
New Year's Day Mass
Jan. 1 at 10 a.m.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!"



December Promotions Provide Holiday Value and Savings

By Matthew Perry

DeCA Marketing/Media Specialist

December has its own special charm that brings back cherished memories of holiday celebrations and traditions, and shopping the commissary provides savings and value that make today's celebrations just as memorable.

"Family, food and friends are the perfect ingredients for making new memories that you'll cherish over the years," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka N. O'Neal, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "Save your time and money by shopping at the commissary. It has everything you need for your holiday meals, allowing you to spend more with those who matter most to you."

Save even more time and money by visiting the online customer portal, [MyCommissary](#). The portal makes it easy to access your Commissary Rewards Card account and see the current sales flyer.

Patrons are reminded to check the ends of aisles in their store for themed items with extra low pricing. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers should check with their store for details or visit their store page to verify what's available. Here are a few areas to consider for commissary savings:

- ❑ **Super Soda Savings.** Special holiday price of four 12 packs of soda for \$11. *Promotion only available in states, including Alaska and Hawaii, from Dec. 23 to 27.*

- ❑ **Exclusive savings on select frozen turkeys.** Commissaries worldwide will offer limited weekly quantities of frozen turkeys at 48¢ per pound. Plan ahead for your holiday meals and take advantage of these special seasonal savings while

supplies last.

Check your commissary for brand availability.

Promotion runs through Dec. 31.

- ❑ **Turkey booklet.**

The commissary and its industry partners are teaming up to offer a coupon booklet offering savings of more than \$21 off a turkey with qualifying holiday meal purchases. A limited number of these booklets were distributed only to stateside stores (including Alaska and Hawaii) at the end of October. They can be redeemed at any commissary worldwide through December.

- ❑ **Holiday Sparkle Text-To-Win.** Don't miss your chance to save and enter for a chance to win a \$25 commissary or exchange gift card. Look for the text-to-win signs on shelves in front of your favorite brands such as Kellogg cereals, Frosted Mini Wheats, Raisin Bran, Eggo's, Reynolds, Hefty, Oscar Mayer, Bush's, Pillsbury & Garnier Fructis. *Promotion ends Dec. 31.*

- ❑ **Kellogg's Super Savings and \$500 Text-To-Win.** Kellogg's is providing "holiday savings" on Frosted Mini Wheats, Raisin Bran Crunch, Cheez-It Crackers, Cheez-It Snap'd, Rice Krispies Treats, Rice Krispies Treats Poppers, Pringles Wavy, Pringles Turkey, Pop-Tarts (5/6/8 count), and Eggo Waffles (6/8/10 count). Additionally, patrons can enter to win a Kellogg's-sponsored Text-to-Win prize.



Fifty families will win a \$500 commissary gift cards. Details on how to enter and win are on posters and banners in participating stores. *Promotion ends Dec. 15.*

- ❑ **Featured 'dietitian-approved' recipe.** Save up to 20 percent on select ingredients for [Cranberry Turkey Sandwiches](#).
- ❑ **Commissary beef and pork savings.** Check with your meat department for the commissary beef and pork savings:
 - **Fall Favorites Power Box** – Offers a 25 percent savings to our patrons on select cuts of beef
 - **Whole Sub Primal Beef Sold at Cost** – customers can save 14 to 26 percent on sub primal beef. Cut upon request for free
 - **Healthy Alternative Power Buy Box** – Save 29 percent on 20 pounds of select cuts of lean beef and pork
 - **Economy Power Buy Box** – Save 31 percent on 15 pounds of select cuts of beef and pork

"Our commissary staff and industry partners wish all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday season," O'Neal said. "We are proud to be part of the military community, and it is our honor to serve you."



MyNAVYHR wants you to know...

The best holiday gift to yourself is advancing to Chief Petty Officer.

Use your holiday downtime to study for the E-7 exam.



The January exam is right around the corner!



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Community Recreation

Call 542-3227

Holiday Tree Lighting

Dec. 6, 4 – 7 p.m. at Patriots’ Grove

Join us for our annual lighting of the holiday tree! There will be live entertainment by Navy Band Southeast Brass Band and fun for everyone, featuring a photo booth for the whole family, meet & greet holiday characters, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, holiday crafts and more all for free. Don’t forget your camera!

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 14, 9 – 11 a.m. at Dewey’s

Celebrate the season with the big man from the North Pole! Santa invites all families to a delectable breakfast buffet. Little ones can munch along and enjoy some festive holiday crafts. There will even be an opportunity to meet and take pictures with Santa! Tickets are \$10 per person. Purchase yours today from the Tickets & Travel Office or Community Recreation in Bldg. 622.

Movie Night

Dec. 21, 7 p.m. at Dewey’s

Come to Dewey’s Bingo Hall to watch “The Polar Express” on the giant screen and everyone is encouraged to wear their pajamas to board! Bring your own picnic blankets or chairs and hangout in the hall free! Dewey’s will also have chairs available if needed. Free popcorn and hot chocolate will be available and Dewey’s will have food for purchase. If you believe, do not forget to pick up a bell as you are leaving the event!

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

Children’s Holiday Bingo Dec. 20, 4 p.m.

Open to children ages 3 - 17 years of age. Doors open at 4 pm and games begin at 5 pm. \$10 per child player includes bingo cards, dauber, soft drink, hot dog, chips and a cookie. Enjoy prizes, face painting and a balloon artist.

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

King Triton & His Merry Mermaids

Dec. 7, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Indoor Pool

Children & families can meet & take photos with mermaids & even King Triton all for free! There will be light refreshments & a craft area to design a personal photo frame.

Captain’s Cup Jingle Bell Jog 5K

Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Antenna Farm

Race day registration will be from 10:30 -

11:15 am. Earn Captain’s Cup points just for participating. Awards will be given to the top men and women in each division.

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

Indoor Pool and Outdoor Pool

Visit 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.

Dec 6: Ice Skating

Dec 7: WWE Live

Dec 8: Jags vs. Chargers

Dec 10: Burger Hunt: Col. Mustards Phat Burger

Dec 13: St. Augustine Nights of Lights

Dec 14: Archery Range

Dec 15: Spanish Pond Hike

Dec 19: Christmas Feast

Dec 20: Mall and a Movie

Dec 22: Paintball

Dec 28: Jacksonville Zoo

Dec 29: Jags vs. Colts

NAS Jax Golf Club

Golf Course: 542-3249

Mulligan’s Restaurant: 542-2936

Santa Says Golf Tournament

Dec. 20, 10 a.m.

There is a \$70 entry fee. Food will be provided, participants will receive a souvenir tee gift, prizes and certificates will be awarded after play. Remember to sign up at the Pro Shop by Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Appreciation Days

Dec. 12 & 26 for all Military members & DoD employees. Play 18-holes with cart for \$20.

Swing It & Wing It Special: Play 18 holes with a cart and enjoy 10 wings and two draft beverages for only \$35 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

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Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318, Email nasjaxtickets@navy.mil

Jacksonville Jaguars Sections 147 & 148: \$101.25.

Jax Icemen—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, ALL HOME GAMES: \$12-\$33.

Orlando Magic Basketball—Amway Center

Orlando, ALL HOME GAMES: \$10.75 and up.

Nights of Lights, St. Augustine—Nov. 23 to Feb. 2: \$11.50 Adult, \$5 Child (3-12).

WWE Live! Holiday Tour—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, Dec. 7: \$32/\$43.

The Isley Brothers – Times Union-Moran Theater, Dec. 22: \$87.50.

Taxslayer/Gator Bowl—TIAA Bank Field, Jan. 2: \$35.

PBR (Professional Bull Riders) Velocity Tour—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, Jan. 4: \$32.25/\$43.

Monster Jam—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, Feb. 29: \$32/\$42. Pit passes also available.

Diana Ross—Times Union Center, March 4: \$95.

Jeff Dunham—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, March 5: \$60.

Josh Groban—Times Union-Moran Theater, March 13: \$148.50.

Michael Buble—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, March 17: \$166.50.

Disney On Ice-Mickey’s Search Party—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, April 3-5: \$19.50.

My Little Pony Live!—Times Union Center, May

2, 2020: \$47.

Lit AF Tour ft. Martin Lawrence, Rickey Smiley & more! Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, May 8: \$70.75.

Jo Jo Siwa—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, May 28: \$56.

Hella Mega Tour ft. Green Day, Fallout Boy, and Weezer—TIAA Bank Field, Aug. 6, 2020: \$113.

Journey—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, Aug. 24: \$94-\$116.

Jimmy Buffett—Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, Dec. 8, 2020: \$100.

FSCJ Artist Series – Broadway in Jacksonville: Rent, Bandstand, Anastasia, and more.

Prices vary depending on date and show time. Call or visit the Ticket Office for further details.

Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:

Adventure Landing Dry pass: \$22.

Alhambra Dinner Show: Prices range \$40 - \$50.

Autobahn Indoor Speedway: (28% Savings) \$25 Gift Card - \$20. \$50 Gift Card - \$40.

Biltmore Estates Ashville, NC—Premium Season now – Jan. 5: Adult - \$70, Youth - \$35; includes Christmas at Biltmore, Downton Abbey, Visit Santa & more!

Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary: \$8.50 - \$13.50.

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 through 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, and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

“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).

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 Pirates Museum: \$3 - \$8.

St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum: \$5.75 - \$8.

St. Augustine Sight Seeing Train: \$5.50 - \$12.

Universal Orlando Military Special EXTENDED through 01/31/20 (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.

Velocity Air Sports Jacksonville: 1 Hr. (socks included): \$15.50. 2 Hr (socks included) \$26.

Wild Adventures (Valdosta, Ga.): Gold Pass – \$81 Special—use now until the end of 2020. 1 Day: \$36. 2 Day: \$42 (must be used consecutively).

World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum: \$14.75.

**All shuttles depart the base from the Barracks Quarterdeck and depart the airport from the USO.
Dec. 12-24**

- Airport drop off only.
- Shuttle runs at 0400,0800,1200,1600, and 2000
- NOTE: No shuttle operations on December 25th

Dec. 26-31

- Airport drop off and pick up
- Shuttle runs at 0400, 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000, 2400
- NOTE: No midnight shuttle Dec. 31/Jan. 1
- NOTE: No shuttle operations on Jan. 1

Jan. 2-10

- Airport pick up only
- Shuttle runs at 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000, and 2400



DEC 12 - JAN 10

Flying home for the winter holidays? Catch a ride on the Liberty Shuttle to the Jax International Airport. Bring a copy of your itinerary to the Liberty Center in Bldg. 816 beginning Dec. 1 to sign up. Patrons must register at least 24 hours in advance.

****E1 - E6 single & unaccompanied personnel only****