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USS Eisenhower Deploys Upon Completion of COMPTUEX

From Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet Public Affairs

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and the ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group Ten (CSG-10), departed for deployment after successfully completing the Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX).

“The Sailors of the Eisenhower Strike Group are trained and ready to execute the full spectrum of maritime operations in any theater,” said Rear Adm. Paul Schlise, commander, Carrier Strike Group 10. “Carrier Strike Groups are visible and powerful symbols of U.S. commitment and resolve to our allies and partners, and possess the flexibility and sustainability to fight major wars and ensure freedom of the seas.”

COMPTUEX is designed to fully integrate CSG-10 as a cohesive, multi-mission fighting force, and test the group’s ability to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea. During Eisenhower’s COMPTUEX, several international allies, including ships from the Royal Canadian Navy, the French Navy and the Danish Navy supported and were integrated into the exercise.

“There is simply no substitute for our integration among our Navies,” said Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis, commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet. “It is the bedrock of our ability to assure our allies, respond to threats and enable global operations. Our Allies’ participation in COMPTUEX directly enhances defense relationships and improves overall coordination and interoperability among our militaries.”

French anti-submarine frigate FS Normandie (D651), Royal Danish Navy frigate Iver Huitfeldt (F361) and Canadian Halifax-class frigate HMCS Ville de Quebec (FFH 332) participated in several events throughout the exercise. Their participation



Photo by MC3 Ashley Estrella

A Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 74 MH-60R aircraft sits on the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). The squadron recently deployed and is conducting operations in the Atlantic Ocean with the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

brought a new layer of depth and increased the training value for all units.

“Exercises such as COMPTUEX demonstrate the importance of interoperability between allied nations,” said Cmdr. Michael Eelhart, commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Navy’s Halifax-class frigate HMCS Ville de Québec (FFH 332). “Specifically, the requirement to integrate allied assets and capabilities in order to achieve a common mission.”

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group is a multiplatform team of ships, aircraft and more than 6,000 Sailors, capable of carrying out a wide variety of missions around the globe.

Deploying ships and aircraft of the strike group include flagship USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), commanded by Capt. Kyle P. Higgins; the nine squadrons of Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW 3), staffs of Carrier Strike Group TEN (CSG 10) and Destroyer Squadron TWO SIX (DESRON 26), the guided-missile cruisers USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), the guided-missile destroyers of DESRON 26, USS Stout (DDG 55), USS James E. Williams (DDG 95), and USS Truxton (DDG 103) stationed at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

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Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command Visits Fleet with Focus on Readiness

Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

With a focus on fleet readiness, hurricane preparedness, and Sailor toughness, the United States Fleet Forces Command (USFFC) commander conducted several fleet unit visits, Mar. 2-4, 2020.

Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, USFFC traveled to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax), and Naval Station Mayport, to visit with Sailors and Marines about readiness topics that affect the fleet.

In Kings Bay, Grady visited commander, Submarine Group 10, the Trident Training Facility, the Nuclear Regional Maintenance Depot, the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Maryland (SSBN 738), and the Kings Bay dry dock, the largest covered dry dock in the United States. Grady was also briefed on warrior toughness initiatives and hurricane preparation.

“Our Sailors and Marines are our greatest competitive advantage in a naval force that is the most ready and capable in the world. It is our obligation to give them, the center of the universe, everything they need to be safe and ready to carry out our Nation’s business,” Grady said.

To do that, it takes a strong team, working together to ensure our Navy and Marine Corps team continues to be a global force for security and stability.

“Our Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and civilians are dedicated to our Department of Defense’s top mission of strategic deterrence,” said Rear Adm. Mike Bernacchi, commander, Submarine Group 10. “We all take extreme pride in our mission, and we’re thankful to have the opportunity to showcase the expertise we have at Team Kings Bay to Adm. Grady.”

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is homeport to all East Coast Ohio-class submarines, to include five ballistic-missile and two guided-missile submarines.

“The accomplishments that are achieved here every day makes me incredibly proud to be a part of this team,” said Capt. Chester Parks, commanding officer of the base. “Every person here is an invaluable asset, and we are focused on ensuring our submarines are ready for tomorrow’s fight.”

During his visit to NAS Jax, Grady met



Photo by MCI Jerome D. Johnson

Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, center-right, discusses maritime patrol and reconnaissance with Capt. Craig Mattingly, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, during a visit to the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) flight line, March 3. Grady met with Sailors and Marines at NAS Jax, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia and, Naval Station Mayport to talk about readiness topics that affect the fleet.

with leadership at Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 11, Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, and Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19, where he viewed the Triton operations center.

“It was a privilege to host Adm. Grady,” said Capt. Craig Mattingly, commander, CPRW-11, who discussed the important missions of VUP-19 and VP-5, which are part of the vital Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF).

MPRF is the U.S. Navy’s long-range anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability.

VUP-19 is the Navy’s first unmanned ISR squadron currently executing early operational capability deployment in Guam supporting Commander, Pacific Fleet. VP-5 recently returned from deployment to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command with MPRF’s newest capability, the advanced airborne sensor.

“Both of these squadrons are critical to the overall

Navy integrated readiness synchronization and collective lethality to the global fleet standard in the era of great power competition; VP-5 and VUP-19 represent the core naval functions of maritime security and all-domain access. The platforms of MPRF deliver the competitive advantage because of the women and men who execute the missions both home and abroad,” said Mattingly.

While in Mayport, Grady visited commander, Naval Surface Squadron 14 and ships on the waterfront including the Cyclone-class patrol ship USS Zephyr (PC 8), the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58), and the Freedom-class littoral combat ship USS Detroit (LCS 7). Grady also toured Mayport’s Littoral Combat Ship Training Facility, which trains Sailors in the operation and maintenance of ship systems with courses specializing in navigation, surface warfare, air warfare, electronic warfare and intelligence.

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NAS Jax Sea Cadet Unit Welcomes New Leadership, Visits Space Center

From Staff

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps unit, FD Roosevelt Squadron and its Navy League companion unit, Training Ship Roosevelt, recently held an overnight drill where they welcomed new leadership and visited Kennedy Space Center, Feb. 12-14. The unit drills aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville.

During the drill, Cadet Kamryn Houlihan received a promotion to chief petty officer. Houlihan has been in the program for more than eight years, beginning her journey as a member of the Navy League Corps of Cadets in 2012 at Training Ship Bora Bora in the Coronado Battalion. Her father, Navy Region Southeast Command Master Chief Bill Houlihan, had the honor of pinning his daughter. Kamryn had the first taste of commanding her own unit the following day as FDR visited Kennedy Space Center. Forty-three cadets spent the day visiting the facility, learning about the pioneering days of space travel, shuttle program, and the future of space exploration.

Squadron Commanding Officer Lt. Bryan Jennings attributes the success of the unit not only

to the volunteers, cadets, and their parents, but also to the unwavering support of the Navy League Council of Jacksonville and NAS Jacksonville.

“So much of what we do is made easier by the support of the Navy League. They literally clear the decks for us so that we can concentrate on providing high quality youth programming designed to develop the character and patriotism of the next generation,” said Jennings. He also noted that the Sea Cadet unit at NAS Jacksonville is the oldest commissioned unit in the nation.

“NAS Jacksonville has been our home for almost 60 years and in that time has seen more than 1,000 cadets benefit from its program,” said Jennings. “The active duty and retired volunteers provide high quality education and mentorship to these young people. The base leadership has worked hard to provide a physical space and a broad range of experiences of life and work in the Navy. We couldn’t be prouder to be a part of the history of this installation.”

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, ages 13-18, and the Navy League Corps of Cadets, ages 10-13, are the only federally-sponsored nationwide youth association within the Department of Defense. For more information, go to: www.fdrseacadets.org.



Photo by Karen Bunner

Navy Region Southeast CMDCM Bill Houlihan adjusts his daughter, Kamryn's, cover during a Chief Pinning Ceremony of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville Sea Cadet Unit, Feb. 12.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

Remember to set clocks forward one hour starting at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.

CPRW-11 Family Member Appointed to Naval Academy

Courtesy photo

Congressman John Rutherford, left, congratulates Thomas Pottenburgh II, on his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

He will join the class of 2024 in early summer. Nominated by

Rutherford, Pottenburgh competed first locally to obtain a nomination and then nationally to secure an appointment. The academy receives over 16,000 applications but only accepts about 1,200 students. Applicants are generally top students from every state in the country. These students serve as class leaders, are members of various honor societies, have impressive community service hours, play athletics, and score between 1230 and 1520 on the SAT. A student at Stanton College Preparatory High School, Pottenburgh takes all honor, advanced placement and International Baccalaureate classes and has a 4.0 GPA. He is the team captain of the school's track and field and cross-country teams. He received the Track Leadership Award and the Cross-Country Coaches Award for Leadership. Additionally, he is a member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society. Pottenburgh earned his Eagle Scout Award and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society for the Boy Scouts of America. He has amassed over 400 hours of volunteer service and earned 81 merit badges. He is the son of Capt. Matt and Laura Pottenburgh.



NAS Jax, Tenant Commands Honor Sailors

By MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim
Editor

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) and tenant command leadership honored 70 of their Sailors of the Quarter during a luncheon at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center, Feb. 28. The Sailors represented those selected for the second quarter of FY2020.

The Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon is a way to recognize Sailors achievements, and included words from NAS Jax Command Master Chief (CMC) Dylan Inger and guest speaker CMC Cynthia Baker of Patrol Squadron 30.

“The Navy will always have modern ships, aircraft, advanced weaponry, but the people are our most precious resource,” said Baker. “We must continue to pass on knowledge and tools to encourage our Sailors to be successful”

Baker praised the Sailors for continuing the tradition of excellence set forth by Sailors of the past. “Our candidates exemplify the standards set forth all of those years ago, and



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

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Command Master Chief Dylan Inger speaks to assembled guests at the start of the Sailor of the Quarter Lunch at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center aboard NAS Jax, Feb. 28.

they are the best of the best in our fighting force today,” said Baker.

Sailors and their guests were treated to a lunch and were praised by command leadership for their hard work. The Sailors also received a certificate signed by NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Brian Weiss, a \$25 gift card from VyStar Credit Union, a 10 percent Navy

Exchange discount coupon, and various Morale, Welfare and Recreation discounts.

“It’s an honor to be nominated amongst my peers, and being selected presents the opportunity to show those who follow what to expect when it comes to maintaining excellence,” said HN Samantha Barkley of Naval Hospital Jacksonville.



Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 Command Master Chief Cynthia Baker speaks to Sailors of the Quarter and guests while during the Sailor of the Quarter Lunch at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center, Feb. 28.



Sailors of the Quarter and their guests enjoy lunch with command leadership during the Sailor of the Quarter Lunch at the River Cove Catering and Conference Center at NAS Jax, Feb. 28.

Sailors Honored at Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon

Transient Personnel Unit /Pre-Trial Confinement Facility Jax

RS1 (SW) Tyrell Rudolph
ABE2 (SW/AW) Kennon Jackson

Navy Region Southeast & Navy Band Southeast

OS1 (SW/IW/AW) Cynthia Duarte
AE2 Norman Honeyghan Jr.
MU3 Teresa Perrin

Naval Air Station Jacksonville

NC1 (AW/SW) Sean McCormick
CS2 (AW/SW) Jazmen Wilkerson
MASN Laura Donovan

Navy Oceanographic ASW Detachment

AWO1 (NAC/IW/AW) Erich Kohler

Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11

OS1 (AW/SW) Kalena McLeod
AWO2 (NAC/AW) Brady Joslin
AWO2 (NAC/AW) Samuel Herrejon
ET3 Macgregor Gerhold
LS3 (SCW/EXW) Edward Jackson
OSSN Emily Leshinsky
LSSN Thomas Jacob

Deployed - AWO1 (NAC/AW) Ryan Bitz

Patrol Squadron 5

AWO1 (NAC/AW) Johnathan Lawrence
AO2 (AW) Jessica Merritt
YN3 (AW) Mackenzie Walker
AOAN Ethan Nichols

Patrol Squadron 8

AE1 (AW) Kyle Starkey
AM2 (AW) Alex Zifra
YN3 (AW) William Stevens
AN (AW) Tylee Allen

Unmanned Patrol Squadron 19

AT1 (AW) Jennifer Araujo
YN2 (AW) Cameron Brown
GM3 Albert Tuazon

Patrol Squadron 16

AO3 (AW) Shakara Silas

Patrol Squadron 26

AT1 (AW) Brett Mikota
AE2 (AW) Alina Venero
AT3 (AW) Roy Case Jr.
AMAA Victoria Franklin

Patrol Squadron 30

AE1 (AW) Ryan Dahlin
LS2 (AW/SW) William Burns
AT3 Adam Logue
LSSN (AW) Doran Barr

Naval Hospital Jacksonville

HM1 (FMF) Adrian Dewayne Paschal
HM2 Ronald Ray Rhea Jr.
HN Samantha Annmarie Barkley

Reserve Component Command Jacksonville

LS2 Nathaniel Allen

Navy Munitions Command CED Det Jax

GM1 (SW/AW) Breana Dajer
AO2 (AW) Taylor McQuinn
GMSN Sierra Wilson

Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School

AWO1 (NAC/AW) Kennan Brunson
AWO2 (NAC/AW) Jennifer Prince

Navy Operational Support Center Jacksonville

NC1 (EXW) Leslieann Lowder

YN2 George Bojorquez
HM3 Ethan Toyllens

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

AT1 (AW/SW/IW) Elaine Lowery
AD2 (AW/SW) Tyler Coale
LS3 Eric Campbell
AD3 (AW) Evan Gallagher
LSSN Stephanie Taylor

Coastal Riverine Squadron 10

GM1 (EXW) Ryan Rhodes
MM1 (EXW/SW/AW) Isaias Ojeda
EN2 (EXW) Caylanalan Ross-Camanse
BM3 Sawyer Weidig

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Detachment Jacksonville

ET1 (IW/SW) Caitlin Kennedy
ET3 (SW/AW) Natasha Breeden

Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jax

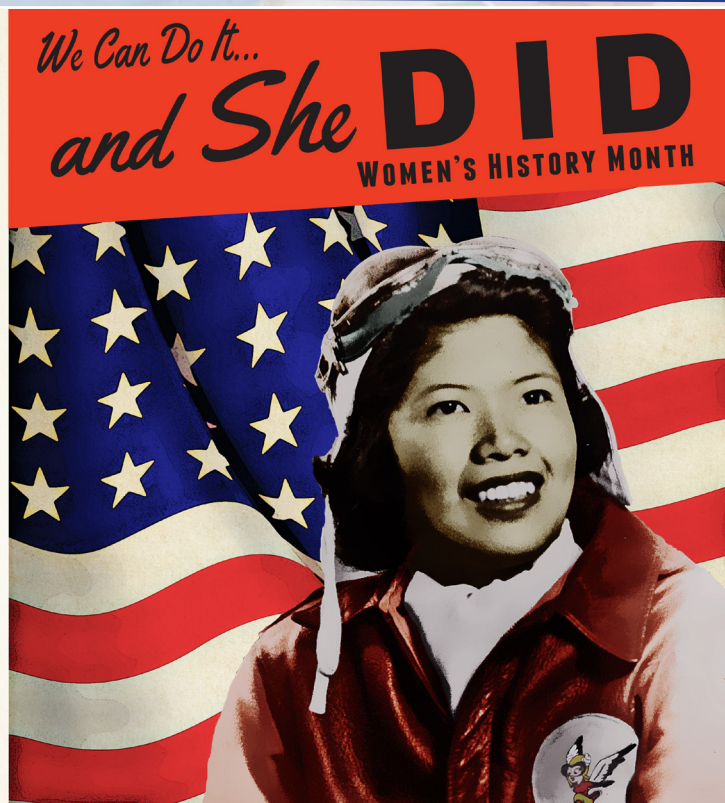
OS1 (SW/AW) Chelsea Fisher
LS2 (SW/AW/IW) Joshua Millsap
AC3 Kobe Kienke

Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 60

AD1 (AW) Justin Gaddis
AWR1 (NAC/AW) John Arbuckle
YN2 (AW) Jacqueline Evans
LS2 (AW) Cindy Rosado
AO3 Miggyboy Gamboa

Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70

AM1 (AW) Junior Lyn
AE2 (SW) Joshua Weatherbee
AM3 (SW) Treginald Wilson



We Can Do It...
and She DID
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HONORING THE PAST,
SECURING THE FUTURE!**



Women's History Month Celebrates Women in the U.S. Navy

The first women to serve in the U.S. Navy were nurses, beginning with the "Sacred Twenty" appointed after Congress established the Navy Nurse Corps on May 13, 1908. The first large-scale enlistment of women into the Navy met clerical shortages during World War I, and the second came months before the United States entered World War II.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Public Law 689 creating the Navy's Women Reserve program, July 30, 1942, which paved the way for officer and enlisted women to enter the Navy. On Feb. 22, 1974, the Navy designated the first woman aviator. On March 7, 1994, the Navy issued the first orders for women to be assigned aboard a combatant ship, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69).

Today, women serve in every rank from seaman to admiral and in every job from naval aviator to deep-sea diver.

HSM-70 Hosts Elementary Students

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

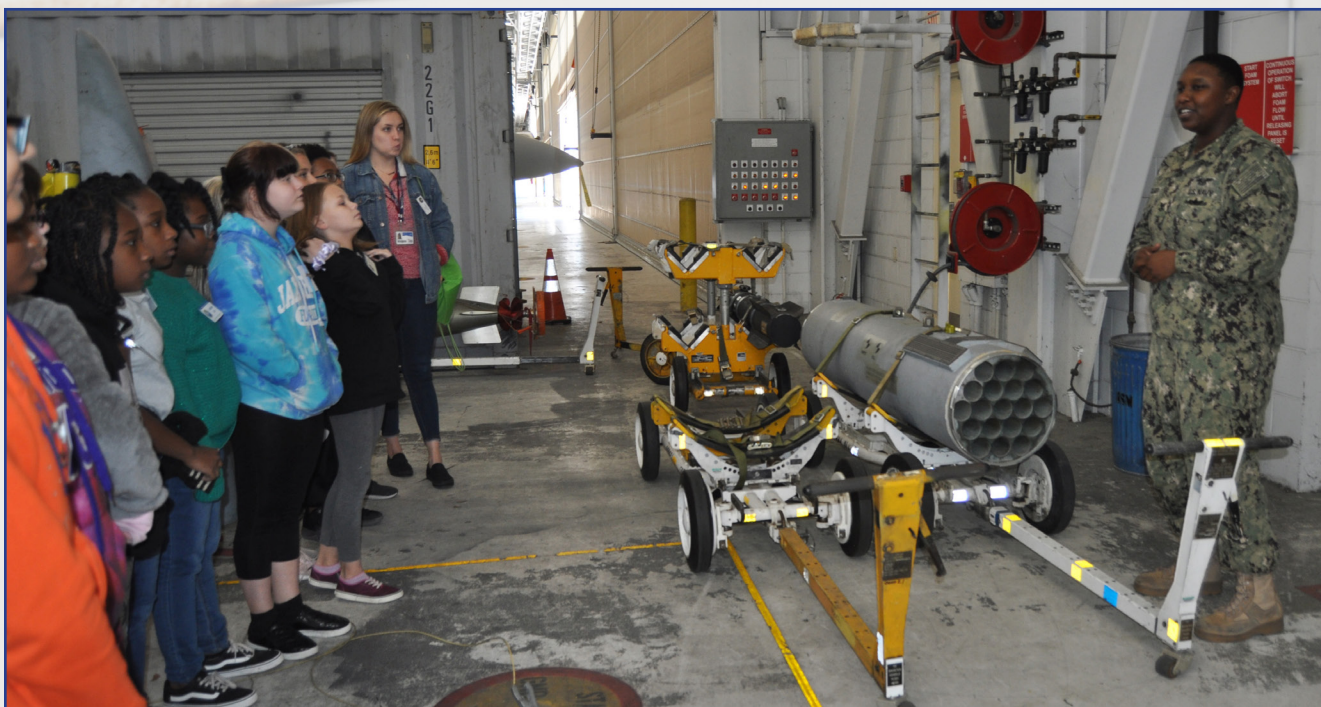
Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70 Sailors hosted a group of fifth graders from Chimney Lakes Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida, Feb. 28 for a tour of the squadron.

The Sailors have been volunteering for school events and mentoring the students for the past six years and wanted to show them what they do while serving in the U.S. Navy.

“Our command sponsors Chimney Lakes Elementary School so we go help out at different functions each month. We welcome the kids to school on Mondays to prepare them for the week, and participate in fun-day events, breakfast and lunch events. Some of our Sailors mentor the students and help with schoolwork. It’s really a great partnership between our command and the school,” said AM1 Jason Bruce of HSM-70 who coordinated the visit. “We wanted to bring them in so they could see what we do every day because it’s much better to see it than just hear about it.”

The students spent the morning trying on rescue swimmer gear, climbing in the helicopter to learn about the instruments, learning about weapons and watching helicopters on the flight line.

“This is a very good hands-on opportunity for



Photos by Kaylee Larocque

AO2 Shadoe Culclager of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70, explains some of the weapons that the MH-60R helicopter can carry to a group of fifth graders from Chimney Lakes Elementary School, Feb. 28.

our gifted students,” said Lexi Taylor, a teacher at Chimney Lakes Elementary School. “We’ve been talking to them a lot about what the military does and all the opportunities it has to offer. The Sailors come into our school and the kids see them and ask questions all the time. So, for them to come here and see what they actually do is really amazing.”

The students seemed excited to see what the Sailors showed them in the hangar.

“I’ve never been on a base before. I’m learning how a helicopter works and what tools and weapons they have. I never imagined how interesting this would be to see,” said Dashayton Phillips, a student at Chimney Lakes Elementary School.



AWR2 Colin Echelbarger, a rescue swimmer with Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70, shows a group of fifth graders from Chimney Lakes Elementary School some of the equipment he uses during rescue missions.



AD1 Luis DeJesus of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70, explains the mission of the squadron and capabilities of the MH-60R helicopter to a group of fifth graders from Chimney Lakes Elementary School, Feb. 28. The squadron has partnered with the school to participate in school functions and the Sailors wanted to show the students what they do every day at work.



AT1 Matthew Hawkins of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70, explains some of the instruments in the MH-60R cockpit to a Mark Tolentino, a student at Chimney Lakes Elementary School, Feb. 28.

Motorcycle Courses Improve the Safety of Riders



Photos by MM2 Symonne Patrick

Two students attending the Basic Rider Course, execute a riding exercise that focuses on maneuverability and clutch usage, Feb. 27.



Brandon McKnight, instructor, demonstrates a riding exercise to students during the Basic Rider Course at NAS Jax, Feb. 27.

By MM2 Symonne Patrick
NAS Jax Public Affairs Office

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) offers American Motorsports Training to increase the safety of novice and experienced motorcyclists on highways reducing crashes and injuries.

Jay Spendley, Navy Region Southeast regional manager, is focused on maintaining a safe environment for riders on the road. “Mental and physical skills gained will provide riders with a high degree of expertise to help prevent bad situation from happening while riding,” said Spendley.

The Basic Rider Course (BRC) is designed for new riders who have minimal experience on motorcycles or for motorcyclists in need of an endorsement on their license. “It introduces them to motorcycle components and the basic operating skills needed to safely interact with traffic,” said Jay Spendley. The BRC is offered to active duty service members and their dependents, reservists, retirees and certain DOD civilian personnel. Training motorcycles are provided for students taking this course.

The Navy currently provides two Level II classes for students to take. The Basic Rider Course II (BR2) is a follow-on class that compliments the Basic Rider Course. BR2 does not offer classroom time and riders must use their own motorcycles.

Motorcyclists with an enhanced skill set have the Advanced Rider Course available for them. Spendley states that the class is designed to enhance rider’s skills with special emphasis on self-assessment, risk management, rider behavior, riding strategy, and overall skill development.

All classes available offer essential techniques needed to maintain the safety standards on the road. Amongst the most important lifesaving skills that are taught are quick stops and swerving. These skills used together have the potential to prevent horrific accidents.

“Riders should remember that there is a great deal of value in the continued practice of all these skills on a regular basis,” Spendley said. “Skills we learn are perishable and we get rusty if we don’t use them periodically.” “I personally take a class once a year to maintain my motorcycle skills.”

Courses provided are free and riders are encouraged to attend even if they have before to maintain knowledge of skills learned.

Active duty members can sign up for the courses through their command’s motorcycle safety representative. Any other personnel should contact their local safety office, or register via ESAMS (CAC required) if they have access.

CPRW-11 Commander Takes Last P-8 Flight



Courtesy photos

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Craig Mattingly gathers with Patrol Squadron 5 aircrew after his last flight aboard a P-8A Poseidon aircraft, March 5. Mattingly will relinquish command to Capt. Matthew Pottenburgh on March 12 and will then report as the executive assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy in Washington, D.C.



Aircrew from Patrol Squadron 5 douse Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Capt. Craig Mattingly with water after his final flight aboard at P-8A Poseidon aircraft, March 5.

Deploy

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Squadrons of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, commanded by Capt. Trevor Estes, embarked on Eisenhower include the “Fighting Swordsmen” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32, the “Gunslingers” of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-105, the “Rampagers” of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-83, “Wildcats” of VFA-131, the “Screwtops” of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 123, the “Zappers” of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 130, the “Dusty Dogs” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 7, and the “Swamp Foxes” of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74.

C2F exercises operational authorities over assigned ships, aircraft, and landing forces on the East Coast and the Atlantic. When directed, C2F conducts exercises and operations within the U.S. European Command area of operations as an expeditionary fleet, providing Naval Forces Europe an additional maneuver arm to operate forces dynamically in theater.



Photo by MC3 Sawyer Haskins

A MH-60R Sea Hawk, assigned to the "Swamp Foxes" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74, takes off from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). The squadron is conducting operations in the Atlantic Ocean as part of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

Nease NJROTC Wins Dual Championships

From Nease High School NJROTC

Nease High School NJROTC won two championships during a double competition at Bishop Kenny High School, Feb. 22.

The Nease cadets dominated in the academic Brain Brawl and the Drone Challenge Championship.

Brain Brawls are similar to Jeopardy contests with teams ringing in the fastest and with the correct answer score points. Teams compete in qualifying rounds with the top four advancing to the finals. Nease bested the other 19 teams and took home first place honors.

“The finals were intense,” said team captain Ben Prohofsky. “We were trailing the whole time before rallying in the final minute to pull out the win.”

Brain Brawl team members included cadets Elkhan Bagirov, Benjamin Prohofsky, Brody Mongon, Isabella Rivera and Daniel Mahoney.

The team will next compete at the Area-12 Northern Florida - Georgia Championships, Feb. 29 at Clay County High School.

In addition to the Brain Brawl, Nease competed in its first ever Drone Challenge competition, and came out on top as overall champions. Drone Challenge competitions involve four individual events maneuvering the drones with speed and precision through a series of tight obstacles.

Drone Challenge team members included cadets Dylan Dosio, Braden Holmes, Jordan Mayberry and Daniel Mahoney.

Nease is presently ranked as the #1 program in NJROTC Area 12 (59 school region that covers northern Florida and the state of Georgia).



Courtesy photo

Nease NJROTC Brain Brawl competition champions Elkhan Bagirov, Ben Prohofsky, Brody Mongon, Isabella Rivera and Daniel Mahoney receive their first place trophy at the Bishop Kenny Brain Brawl, Feb. 22.

March Sales Promotions Offer Commissary Customers Extra Discounts

From DeCA Corporate Communications

As winter gives way to spring, commissary customers will see significant savings with March sales promotions linked to Frozen Food Month, National Nutrition Month, St. Patrick's Day, NFL ProCamps, the college basketball playoffs and more.

"March is a busy time for commissaries, and that's good news for customers who want to save more on frozen food, snacks and whatever menu you're planning for your college basketball tournament watch parties," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka O'Neal, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "Besides the everyday savings, our customers gain from the ancillary benefits available through our industry partners in the way of giveaways and promotional events."

With March being National Nutrition Month, customers can shop their commissary for plenty of nutritious choices, said DeCA Health and Wellness Program Manager Deborah Harris, MPH, RD, CDE (Masters of Public Health, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator).

"A full library of dietitian-approved recipes is available on commissaries.com to help plan your meals, improve the nutritional quality of your diet, and get the most out of your commissary benefit," Harris said. Patrons can also use the website to learn more about the Nutrition Guide Program and Thinking Outside the Box recipes under the Healthy Living link.

store page to verify what's available.

Here are a few March promotions to consider for

extra commissary savings:

- **General Mills "Salute to Savings.** This promotion features high value in-store coupons and premium giveaways. Promotion goes from March 1-31.

- **Welcome Home Veterans Text-To-Win Giveaway.** MyMilitarySavings.com is sponsoring a "Text-to-Win" opportunity for a \$25 commissary or exchange gift card to welcome home the disabled veterans now able to take advantage of their expanded military resale shopping privileges. Commissary customers can find details at the commissary. Promotion goes from March 1-31.

- **White Castle/Palermo – Buy Two, Get One.** Look for the in-store coupon offer for a free White Castle four-pack or six-pack (\$3.19 value) with the purchase of any two Palermo's Primo Thin Pizzas. Promotion goes from March 1-31.

- **ProCamps for Kids.** Procter & Gamble, in collaboration with ProCamps, is sponsoring two-day football camps in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency and the exchange services for winning military bases worldwide. The camps, led by NFL football players, are open to first through eighth-grade children of active duty military, reservists, retirees and DOD civilian employees. Installations qualify for a camp based on sales of designated P&G products at their local commissaries and exchanges, and customers can also vote online and through mobile texting from March 16 to April 12. These camps will be hosted by NFL players such as Alejandro Villanueva, Kyle Rudolph, Andre Roberts, Graham Gano, Christian McCaffrey and Tyler Eifert among others. Campers experience various skill development stations to learn

football fundamentals, participate in games and competitions, and receive coaching from the NFL player on the finer points of the game and more. Campers also receive camp packs containing autographed cards, team photo, limited edition ProCamps t-shirt, backpack, water bottle and P&G product samples. Look for the P&G and ProCamps for Kids displays in your local commissary for details on how to enter and win. Customers can also look for the latest information about ProCamps on the DeCA website. Promotion begins March 16 and ends April 12.

- **Smithfield – Race to the Table.** One lucky commissary shopper could win a grand prize including a trip to a race and a meet and greet with Smithfield No. 10 car driver Aric Almirola. One grand prize winner will receive a three-day/two-night trip for two to the stock car race of their choice in the continental United States, hotel stay, spending cash, a personal meet-and-greet with Almirola and more. To enter for a chance to win, text "DECA" to short code 55678 using your SMS-enabled cellphone along with a photo of your receipt from a commissary showing the purchase of any three or more Smithfield brand products in a single transaction during the sweepstakes period. In addition to the grand prize, 15 first prize winners will each receive one \$50 commissary gift card. Look for Smithfield displays at your commissary. Go to the Smithfield website to learn more the official rules. Coupons will also be available in CONUS commissaries, value \$3 when you buy three participating Smithfield products. This promotion begins March 2 and ends April 26.

Grady

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"We are grateful for this opportunity to demonstrate the Center for Surface Combat System's LCS training capability to Adm. Grady," said John Zuzich, Center for Surface Combat Systems, LCS Training Facility director. "Today he was able to see the tactical warfighting scenarios used by LCSRON 2 and LCS Surface Division 21 to certify USS Little Rock (Blue) as fully ready for their upcoming maiden deployment."

From submarines to training facilities, Grady was able to see all of the great work taking place around the fleet to support the readying forces for combat operations. And with that mindset, Grady stressed to each Sailor and leader the importance of being relentless on readiness.

"Being combat ready means being relentless on readiness. We must dispense with the mentality where we build readiness just-in-time for the next deployment, and instead adopt the mindset where we are constantly preparing ourselves for operations at sea," said Grady. "Being relentless on readiness means upholding our high standards and maintaining a steady strain in areas such as preservation and preventative maintenance, while refusing to live with temporary workarounds or leaving any redundancy on the pier."



Photo by MCSN Austin G. Collins

Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, addresses the crew of the Cyclone-class patrol coastal ship USS Zephyr (PC 8) homeported at Naval Station Mayport, March 3.

VP-5 Conducts Torpedo Training Flight Exercise

By Lt. Reed Arce
VP-5 Public Affairs

Combat aircrew from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 completed a training flight with a practice torpedo loaded aboard their P-8A Poseidon, Feb. 28.

As part of proficiency and training for both aircrew, and aviation ordnancemen, the squadron occasionally conducts readiness training flights employing these exercise-only weapons at designated ranges at sea.

Combat Air Crew (CAC) 8 departed Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville with a Recoverable Exercise Torpedo (REXTORP) inside the aircraft's weapons bay in route to the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluations Center (AUTECE) Weapons Range. These types of flights provide crucial training and practice for the "Mad Fox" ordnance team on the ground as they stay up-to-date on proper weapon pre-flight and post-flight procedures. Additionally, the aircrew can run simulated attack scenarios in flight for real-life proficiency, as compared to a conducting the training synthetically, in a simulator.

"Flying with practice weapons aboard is an excellent training tool for our crews, and it involves a lot of responsibility, as well as careful planning, to execute



Photo by MC3 Sergio Montanez

U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron 5 conduct loading operations of a Recoverable Exercise Torpedo before a training flight at NAS Jacksonville, Feb. 28.

correctly and safely", said Lt. Ridgely Riggs, the Aircraft Commander for CAC-8.

The MK-54 REXTORP is a lightweight practice torpedo which is buoyant by design, allowing it to be recovered through coordination with surface ships following employment. This anti-submarine training capability is one method that allows Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft to remain fully trained, and worldwide deployable.

The "Mad Foxes" are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently taking part in the year-long Fleet Readiness Training Program in preparation for their next operational deployment.

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Slated

The NAS Jacksonville Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 at the Holiday Inn, 620 Wells Road in Orange Park.

The RAB is made up of concerned citizens who expressed an interest in cleanup actions on the station. The purpose of the meeting is to brief RAB members on the status of remedial actions underway at NAS Jacksonville and for the community to provide input to the cleanup process.

The meeting is open to the public and will include representatives from the Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information, plan to attend the meeting or call the station's Installation Restoration Program Manager David Ford at 542-4228.

BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!



safeTALK

suicide alertness for everyone

When: Wednesday, 18 March 2020 (0830-1130)

Where: NAS Jacksonville Chapel Fellowship Hall

Who: Military, DoD and NAS JAX Civilian Employees

To Register: Contact CREDO SE and provide rank, name, contact information, and supervisor's name. You must be able to participate in the entire workshop!

For Registration Contact:

CREDO SE Contact Information:

Work: (904)-542-3923/5645

Email: walter.m.brown1.ctr@navy.mil

The SafeTALK workshop prepares helpers to: identify persons with thoughts of suicide, talk about suicide, and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide, either directly or indirectly, invite help to stay safe. Alert helpers know how to identify and work with these opportunities to help protect life. In the SafeTALK workshop powerful videos illustrate both non-alert and alert responses, as well as provide great discussion and practice which stimulate learning.



ASIST

Suicide Intervention Training

25-26 March 2020 at NAS Jacksonville

WHEN: 25-26 Mar from 0830-1600 *Participation for BOTH days is required.*

WHERE: NAS Jacksonville Chapel Fellowship Hall.

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 M. Brown Jr. at CREDO Southeast

Email: walter.m.brown1.ctr@navy.mil

Phone: (904) 542-3923/5645

Over one million individuals have participated in this two-day, highly interactive, practical, practice-oriented workshop. Participation in the full two days is required.



All Authorized Patrons Now Have Access to DeCA Portal; Register rewards cards, view sales flyers, use CLICK2GO where available

By Keith Desbois
DeCA Public Affairs

With the launch of the new patron access initiative on Jan. 1, customers in the new categories of disabled veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and their certified caregivers can now sign up for an account on the Defense Commissary Agency's eCommerce portal.

System changes now allow everyone in the new customer categories to create an online account on the MyCommissary portal so they can register for their Commissary Rewards card, view commissary sale flyers with prices and use the curbside CLICK2GO service where available.

The registration fix came through cooperative efforts by DeCA and the Defense Manpower Data Center, which is used to confirm shopper privileges.

"In the event a new shopper is still receiving an error message when trying to create an account, they should check with the Veterans Administration to ensure their information and privileges are correctly entered into the system," said Clayton Nobles, a DeCA system engineer. "For those receiving a new Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC), there may be a delay between when the veteran receives the card and



when the system allows them access. This delay can take up to 30 days."

On Jan. 1, millions of new shoppers became eligible to shop their local commissary thanks to the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. Commissaries welcomed these new customers back to the store, or in some cases for the first time, and tens-of-thousands are taking advantage of their new benefit.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) GET THE FACTS

Symptoms:

- For this mild to severe illness, symptoms can include: fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- Seek medical advice, if you develop symptoms **and:** you've been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 (or you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19).

Call ahead, before visiting your doctor:

- Call the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line at (800) TRICARE (800-874-2273) or chat at www.MHSNurseAdviceLine.com
- A nurse will assess your symptoms and guide you to care. Open 24/7, including federal holidays.

Learn more:

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: www.CDC.gov/COVID19
- Florida Department of Health:
call (866) 779-6121 or email: COVID-19@FLhealth.gov
www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/
- Georgia Department of Health:
<https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>



Town Hall Meeting

with NAS Jax Commanding Officer
Capt. Brian Weiss

Wed., March 18, 5-7 p.m.

**River Cove Catering & Conference Center
(Mustin Road across from the golf clubhouse)**

All residents are encouraged to attend.

New Parent Support

Tiny Tots

Parent Resource Playgroup
for military parents and their children

- Enhance Parent Resilience
- Develop Social Connections
- Build Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Offer Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Foster Social and Emotional Competence

Where: NAS Jax Youth Activities Center
Dates: Mar. 3, 17, 31, Apr. 14 and 28, May 12 and 26
Time: 10 a.m. - Noon
Call Fleet and Family Support to register at
(904)-542-5745

NAS Jax Sports

Winter Golf Standings

As of Feb. 28

Captains Cup Greybeard Softball League Forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, military spouses age 30 and older assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville and retirees. The games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at the McCaffrey Softball Complex. All interested personnel should contact the gym to obtain a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due by March 13 and the season is scheduled to start March 24.

Captains Cup Intramural Softball League Forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, and military spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville and retirees. The games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evenings at the McCaffrey Softball Complex. All interested personnel should contact the gym to obtain a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due by March 13 and the season is scheduled to start March 24.

Captains Cup Womens Softball League Forming

The league is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, and military spouses assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville and retirees. The games will be played in the evenings at the McCaffrey Softball Complex. All interested personnel should contact the gym to obtain a copy of the rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league. The entry form and roster is due by March 13 and the season is scheduled to start March 24.

Captains Cup Leprechaun Dash 5K - March 13

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 be festive for the run. 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 overall male and female winner and the top male and top female runner for age groups: 19 & under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; and 50 over.

Captain's Cup Tennis Mens and Womens Singles Tournament - March 30

The tournament is open to active duty, selective reservists, DoD civilians, DoD contractor, and dependent spouse women assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. Participants will earn participation points for their command toward the captain's cup and can earn additional points for finishing first, second or third. Call the gym to sign up by March 27.

For more information, call Bill Bonser at 542-2930/3239 or

e-mail bill.bonser@navy.mil

Visit the MWR website at www.cnic.navy.mil or www.facebook.com/nasjaxmwr

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
CPRW-11	3	0	
MPRWS	3	1	
GEMD	2	1	1
SRSS	2	1	1
FRCSE	2	2	
NOSC	2	2	
SERCC	2	2	
VP-62 Tweet-Tweet	2	2	
FACSFAC 2	1	3	
FACSFAC 1	0	4	

Ultimate Frisbee Standings

As of Feb. 28

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
CNATTU Larry's last leg	3	0
NAS Jax Disc in a box	3	0
FRCSE Trons	1	2
NAVFAC	1	2
NOSC Disc Slingers	1	2
RLSO/DSO	1	2
VP-16	1	2
VP-5	1	2

Intramural Winter Basketball Standings

As of Feb. 28

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
CBJTC/JFHQ	5	1
VP-16 War Eagles	6	2
FRCSE 600	5	2
VP-8	4	2
HSM-70	4	3
NAS JAX	4	4
FRCSE Jets	3	4
FRCSE	2	6
VP-62/TPU	1	5
NAVHOSP	1	6

4-on-4 Flag

Football Standings

As of Feb. 28

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
FRCSE Gold	6	0
VP-26 Tridents	5	1
HSM-70	4	1
FRCSE Blue	4	3
NOSC/TPU Wasted Youth	3	4
NAVHOSP	2	3
NAS Jax Flightline	1	2
Stewburners		

Badminton

Doubles Standings

As of Feb. 28

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
NAVFAC Clear	4	0
NAVFAC Flying Gravity	4	0
NAVFAC Lightning	3	2
NAS Jax Double Trouble	2	1
NOSC Half-cocked	1	4
NOSC	0	3
NAVFAC Birds the Word	0	4



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Community Recreation

Call 542-3227

DIY Crafts: Romantic Springtime Wreath

March 10, 7 – 9 p.m. at Dewey's

Open to ages 18 & older. Tickets available at Community Recreation in Bldg. 622 or online through myFFR. Take a night out to create your own wreath by following an instructor. The cost is \$15 per person which covers all supplies, as well as one soda, beer, or wine per person. Food & beverages available for purchase. No outside food or beverage.

Movie Night

March 27, 7 p.m. at Dewey's

Come watch "Jumanji: The Next Level" (PG-13) on the giant screen! Doors open at 6 p.m. Bring your own picnic blankets or chairs and hangout in the hall for free! Dewey's will also have chairs available if needed. Free popcorn will be available and Dewey's will have food for purchase.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, 6 p.m. at McCaffrey Softball Complex
 Ages 0 – 12 years come hunt for your share of 25,000 candy-filled Easter Eggs! Staggered start times for age groups. EFMP registered families can hunt at 5:30 p.m.

River Cove Catering & Conference Center

Call 542-3041

Mother's Day Brunch

May 10, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Treat your mother to a buffet style brunch with option to add a bottomless drink. Tickets are available for purchase at the Tickets and Travel Office. Adults: \$35, Children ages 11-17: \$17, Ages 10 & under are free! The registration deadline for this event is May 4.

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

Spring Bingo: On Saturday, April 25 & tickets are

on sale now!

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!

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

Lifeguard Classes

Duval County Spring Break: March 9 – 14, call for times

Clay County Spring Break: March 23 – 28, call for times

Students must be 15 years or older to participate in the class and must complete the following: a 300 yard consistent swim, free or breaststroke only; a 10 lb. brick test in 12 ft. diving, well within 1:40 seconds; tread water for 2 minutes with no hands. The cost is \$55 and participants must register at the Base Gym prior to first day of class.

Captain's Cup Leprechaun Dash 5k Run

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

The run is free and costumes are encouraged!

Race day registration will be from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Awards given to the top men and women in each division. Captain's Cup points awarded to participating commands.

15th Annual Captain Chuck Cornett Navy Run

April 4, 8 a.m. at the NEX Convenience Store Parking Lot

Register online before March 29! Sign up now: <http://1stplacesports.com/events/race-calendar/>

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 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.

March 6: Lunch-Time Launch

March 7: Big Talbot Hike

March 13: Edge Rock Gym

March 14: St. Aug Day Trip

March 15: Santos Mountain Bike Park

March 20-21: Disney Trip

March 26: Group Yoga

March 27: Mall and a Movie

March 28: Discover Snorkeling

March 29: Kayaking Group Paddle

March 31: Smash Tournament

NAS Jax Golf Club

Golf Course: 542-3249

Mulligan's Restaurant: 542-2936

Billy Hurley III Sweepstakes

Feb. 18 – March 16

Visit the Pro Shop and enter for your chance to play in the Billy Hurley III and the Brave Golf Tournament on April 20 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. For active duty service members only. To enter, please visit bh3.golf/sweepstakes.

Wing Down Wednesday

March 18, 4 – 5 p.m.

Free wings available on a first come, first served basis. Limit is 5 wings per person. Mulligan's will also have a full menu available for purchase, including drink specials & a frozen margarita machine.

Women's Golf Clinics

Held every Sunday from 2 - 3 pm during the following dates: March 22 - April 19, May 10 - June 7 & during the entire month of August. The cost is \$150 per lady, which includes all sessions. Limited to the first ten ladies. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

Twilight League

March 31 - July 2, 5 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per player per week. Teams comprised of seven players. Submit team rosters to the Pro Shop by March 24.

Appreciation Days

March 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

Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318, Email directly at nasjaxtickets@navy.mil

Travel Fair

March 14, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the NEX Courtyard

Come out and support the Travel Fair show by

meeting one on one with the vendors who offer

special pricing through the Tickets & Travel Office.

You make a difference! Visiting the vendors entitles

you to enter free drawings of the many prizes

offered by the vendors. Learn about new products

and additions to the attractions and hotels. It is a

fun and exciting day for everyone!

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.

The Color Purple—Thrasher-Horne, March 17: \$47.

No Limit Reunion Tour ft. Master P, Mystical,

Silk the Shocker, Mia X, and more! –Vystar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, March 21: \$95.

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

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

Dude Perfect—Vystar Arena, May 29: \$47.

Motley Crue, Def Leppard, and Poison w/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts—Vystar Arena, June 18:

\$121.25.

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

Impractical Jokers—Vystar Arena, Aug. 7: \$79.

Backstreet Boys—Vystar Arena, Sept. 25: \$115.

Jimmy Buffett—Vystar Arena, Dec. 8, 2020: \$100.

FSCJ Artist Series – Broadway in Jacksonville.

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. Call or visit the Ticket Office for further details.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Tampa:

Multiple dates

Paula Deen’s Lady & Son’s Restaurant, Savannah:

Multiple dates

Ikea Orlando: Aug. 15

Mount Dora Craft Fair: Oct. 24

Yalaha Country Bakery: Nov. 21

Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:

Adventure Landing Dry pass: \$22.

Alhambra Dinner Show: Prices range \$43 - \$51.75.

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

Disney World Orlando Armed Forces 2020

Salute 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$259.75;

4-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun & more

- \$308.50. 5-Day ticket with hopper option -

\$277.75; 5-Day Hopper ticket with water park fun

& more - \$326; 6-Day ticket with hopper option

- \$294.75; 6-Day Hopper ticket with water park

fun & more - \$343.50. Tickets valid Jan. 1, 2020

and expire Dec. 18, 2020. 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.

IFLY Jacksonville: \$55 for two flights.

Jacksonville Symphony: \$31.

Jacksonville Zoo, General admission & admission w/unlimited train rides: \$12.50 - \$21.50.

Kennedy Space Center Annual Pass: \$64.50 - \$79.25.

Sea World Orlando Military Special: \$51.75 (limit 4 tickets per member ID).

Spanish Military Hospital Museum: \$5 - \$7.50.

St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zipline: \$37, Park

admission \$10.50 - \$16.

St. Augustine Aquarium: Adult \$8. Child

Admission - \$5. Snorkel Adventure \$32.

St. Aug. Old Town Trolley: \$12.25 - \$21.25 BOGO.

St. Augustine Oldest Store Museum: \$5.75 - \$9.50.

St. Augustine Pirates Museum: \$4.50 - \$8.25.

St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum: \$5.75 - \$9.50.

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

Universal Orlando Military Special (Not available at the gate! Maximum of 6 tickets per valid military

ID): 2-Park, 5-Day Park to Park Ticket: Adult

\$208, Child \$203 (Redeemable through 12/31/20,

ticket expires on this date). 3-Park, 5-Day Park to

Park Ticket: Adult \$248, Child \$243 (Redeemable

through 12/31/20, ticket expires on this date).

Must be purchased by 12/27/20. “Eligible Service

Members”-Active or Retired U.S. Military, the

National Guard or Reservists and the U.S. Coast

Guard. Spouses of eligible service members also

qualify with valid and active U.S. Military ID.

Department of Defense (DoD) employees with

valid U.S. Military/DoD IDs also qualify.

Wild Adventures (Valdosta, Ga.): Gold Pass – \$81

Special—use now until the end of 2020.

USO Hosts “No Dough” Lunch



Photos by MM2 Symonne Patrick

Sailors eat a free lunch during a “No Dough” lunch event at NAS Jax, Feb. 26. Its a monthly event hosted by the USO and participating sponsors.



From left, Mike Pasquale, Mia Beasley, Gladys White, Darius Spencer IV, employees of Freddy’s Frozen Custards and Steakburgers, volunteer at the “No Dough” lunch event hosted by the NAS Jax USO, Feb.26. (No U.S. Navy endorsement implied or intended)