

Neptune Park dedicated in honor of aircrew



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Capt. Matt Pottenburgh, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, and Capt. Jeff Hill, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, along with family members and representatives from Clay County, stand for the playing of the National Anthem to officially open Neptune Park in Fleming Island, Florida, June 17. The park was created in memory of those who lost their lives during a P2V Neptune aircraft crash on June 14, 1951.

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

Clay County Board of County Commissioners, along with leadership from Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax), participated in a dedication ceremony to officially open Neptune Park in Fleming Island, Florida, June 17. The new park is named in honor of the seven aircrewmembers who were killed with their P2V Neptune aircraft crashed in the woods near the site on June 14, 1951.

The crew from Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron (FASRON) 795 were on a routine training mission conducting simulated single engine landings in Palatka, Florida. While en route back to NAS Jax, an explosion occurred in the electrical gear causing the pilot to attempt a landing at Fleming Island Auxiliary Field. The aircraft unable to land due to mechanical issues and livestock on the runway, attempted to ascend, hitting the tops of pine trees.

Those killed in the crash were FASRON 795 Commanding Officer Lt. Cmdr. Lester Kee, Lt. Cmdr. L.B. Worley, Aviation Mechanic 1st Class Clair MEEK WALIZER, Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Milton Trower, Aviation Radioman 3rd Class James Logwood Jr., Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Turner Jones, and Airman William Stewart. Two crewmembers survived the crash – Lt. j.g. Ralph Jones and Apprentice Airman John Barnett.

Capt. Matt Pottenburgh, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, was one of the guest speakers for the dedication ceremony and gave the crowd a short history lesson.

“In 1950, during the post-World War II drawdown, Fleet Air Wing (FAW) Eleven shifted homeports from San Juan Puerto Rico to NAS Jax,

Karen Key Pierce and Michael Trower Carlucci unveil a monument with their father’s names at Neptune Park in Fleming Island, Florida. The monument recognizes the area where a P2V Neptune aircraft from Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 795 crashed during a routine training mission killing seven crew members including Lt. Cmdr. Lester Key and Aviation Radioman 3rd Class Milton Trower.

and transitioned from the Martin PBM Mariner and PBY Catalina to the P-2V Neptune. Throughout the 50s, Wing Eleven’s squadrons patrolled vast areas of water right here off the East Coast in support of long-range reconnaissance and anti-submarine missions,” said Pottenburgh. “Operational commitments grew as the Cold War intensified, and patrol aviation continued to refine warfighting competencies in anti-submarine warfare, aerial mine warfare, search and rescue, and aerial photographic intelligence.”

“To meet this new Cold War demand and as a direct result of the Korean War, FAW Eleven grew in size with the addition of new squadrons. One of those squadrons was FASRON 795 flying the brand new P2V Neptune – they were stood up and assigned to FAW-11 on April 1, 1951 and its first commanding officer was Lt. Cmdr. Lester Kee,” continued Pottenburgh.

“I am honored to be a part of today’s ceremony as we dedicate this park to the men who slipped the surley bonds of earth one last time on June 14th, 1951. At the time of the mishap, the P2V Neptune was the premier anti-submarine aircraft in the U.S. arsenal,” said Pottenburgh. “About 10 years later, the Neptune would be replaced by the P-3C Orion that served (and has continued to serve) as a U.S. Navy workhorse throughout every major conflict from the Cold War to as recent as Operation Inherent Resolve in Syria.”

Also in attendance was Karen Key Pierce, daughter of Lt. Cmdr. Key, who travelled from Tennessee with her family to pay tribute to her late father.

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Deputy CNO for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5) visits NAS Jax



Photos by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim
 Vice Adm. Phillip Sawyer, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5), left, speaks to Sailors from Naval Hospital Jacksonville during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, June 11. The visit allowed Sawyer to personally thank several of the seven Naval Hospital Jacksonville Sailors who emergently deployed to USS Kidd (DDG-100) while recently underway, to conduct COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and mitigation efforts. He also thanked Patrol Squadron 8 aircrew for transporting hospital personnel to El Salvador.

Vice Adm. Phillip Sawyer, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5), left, speaks to Sailors from Naval Hospital Jacksonville, while Capt. Teresa Allen, commanding officer of Naval Hospital Jacksonville, and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11 Capt. Matthew Pottenburgh listen, during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, June 11. Sawyer thanked several of the seven Naval Hospital Jacksonville Sailors who deployed to USS Kidd (DDG-100) while recently underway, to conduct COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and mitigation efforts. He also thanked Patrol Squadron 8 aircrew for transporting hospital personnel to El Salvador.



NAS Jax leadership honors vets at local Memorial Day festival



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque
 NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Jeff Hill and Congresswoman Kat Cammack greet retired Machinist Mate 1st Class Cliff Lamson, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1976, at the 33rd annual Memorial Day River Fest in Green Cove Springs, Florida, May 31.

Naval Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. Jeff Hill thanks the crowd and City of Green Cove Springs for honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice serving their country during the 33rd annual Memorial Day River Fest at Historic Spring Park in Green Cove Springs, Florida, May 31.

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VP-10 conducts change of command in Misawa

By Lt.j.g. Michael Pahissa
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Cmdr. John Houston relieved Cmdr. Russell White, becoming the 85th commanding officer of the "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10, during a change of command ceremony at Misawa Air Base, June 9.

VP-10, which operates the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, is one of the original naval aviation squadrons and one of the oldest patrol squadrons in the Navy. It traces its official heritage to 1930 with the commissioning of Patrol Bombing Squadron 10S, and operating as an instrumental asset during the Battle of Midway.

This ceremony marked the conclusion of a successful tour for White. Over the course of his career, he accumulated over 2,500 flight hours in the P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon aircraft. While under White's command, VP-10 won the 2020 Battle "E", 2020 Retention Excellence Award, and the VP Golden Wrench Award for Maintenance Excellence.

White recently led the squadron in preparing VP-10 for deployment to the 4th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. During his time as commanding officer, White inspired VP-10 to reach high levels of operational excellence while conducting anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions in support of 2nd, 4th, and 7th Fleet objectives.

Houston joined VP-10 as the executive officer in June 2020. His other flying tours include VP-45, VP-30, and VP-4, where he qualified patrol plane mission commander, instructor pilot, and AAR PF. His personal awards include the Air Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, and various campaign, unit, and service awards.

Houston takes command of VP-10 on deployment as they continue to execute missions in support of 4th and 7th Fleet commanders' objectives.

Capt. Matthew Rutherford, commander, Task Force 72, presided over the change of command ceremony and offered his thanks to White for



Photo by MCI Louis Rojas

Cmdr. Russell White, pins Cmdr. John Houston with the Command at Sea insignia during the Patrol Squadron 10 Change of Command Ceremony, June 9.

a successful tour. He also thanked VP-10 for their continued success in deployment operations.

Capt. Matt Pottenburgh, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11, participated in the ceremony and awarded White the Meritorious Service Medal on behalf of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group.

VP-10 also welcomes Cmdr. Marc Hines as the squadron's new executive officer.

The VP-10 "Red Lancers" are based in Jacksonville, Florida, and currently operating out of Misawa Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron is conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theatre outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.



Photo by MC3 Thomas A. Higgins

AO2 Tyler Metts, of Patrol Squadron 45, delivers weapons safety training to III Marine Expeditionary Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel on Kadena Air Base, June 4. The training was organized to familiarize the EOD personnel with the P-8A Poseidon weapons

VP-45 hosts III Marine Expeditionary Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal team

By MC3 Thomas A. Higgins
VP-45 Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 hosted members of the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team, conducting training to familiarize themselves with the

P-8A Poseidon's weapons systems and aircraft hazards, June 4.

The training consisted of aircraft safety and egress familiarization training and ordnance familiarization led by the 45's Aviation Ordnance team.

The purpose of this joint training evolution

was to expose marine EOD personnel with the P-8A weapons system and capabilities, to include safe handling of munitions should joint operations between units occur in the future. Secondly, this exercise was to increase and promote interoperability between forces.

The EOD team's Officer in Charge, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nathan Stuhr, said "Our goal is to better understand the weapons systems and hazards of the P-8A in order to better assist during emergency operations or in future fighting concept of operations; and to strengthen interoperability between blue and green forces."

When asked about future endeavors between the two units, Stuhr commented, "We are looking to continue forging relationships, as well as integrating and better understanding one another's platforms moving forward."

Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger, executive officer of VP-45 at the time, and now commanding officer of the squadron, spoke to the III MEF EOD personnel, stressing the importance of, "Interoperability between units as well as establishing strong relationships between people in order to accomplish the mission."

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VP-10 hosts Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group



Photos by MCI Louis Rojas

Rear Adm. Lance Scott, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, gathers with Combat Aircrew 7, attached to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron 10, after an operational intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance flight during Scott’s recent visit.

By Lt.j.g. Michael Pahissa

VP-10 Public Affairs

The “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 hosted Rear Adm. Lance Scott, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group (CPRG)/commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific during his trip to Misawa Air Base, June 14-18.

Scott was eager to share his knowledge and experience with all Commander, Task Force (CTF) 72 Sailors to include VP-10 and Mobile Tactical Operation Center 9. With his finger on the pulse of maritime aviation, Scott is uniquely situated to be able to provide a thorough overview of the state of affairs within the maritime patrol and reconnaissance Force.

CPRG’s mission is to ensure optimum and uniform training, readiness and effective command, control and coordination of 12 land-based, operational multi-mission capable patrol squadrons, two reserve patrol squadrons, one fleet replacement training squadron, one operational special projects unit, one special reconnaissance squadron, one unmanned patrol squadron, and operational task unit commands.

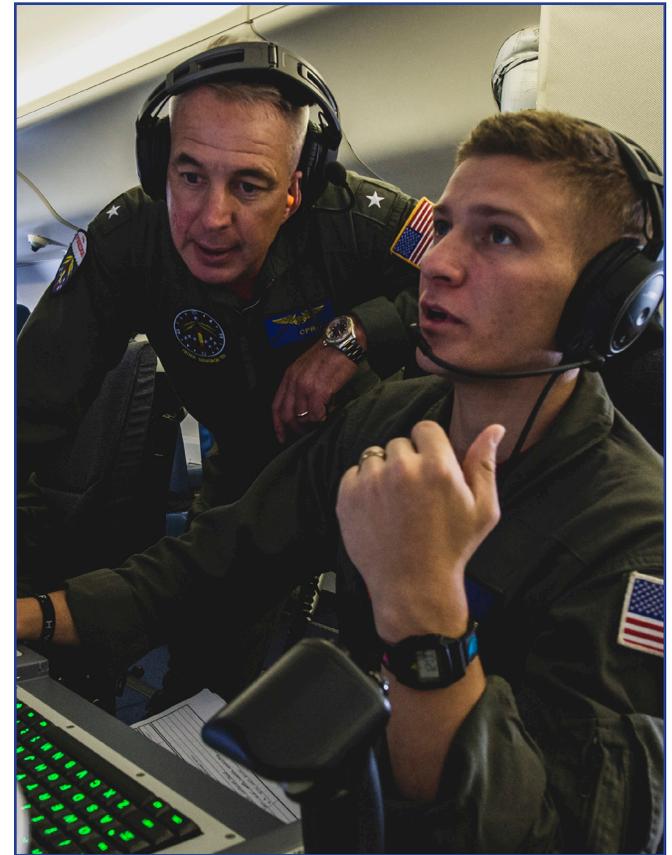
During Scott’s visit, Sailors from the command took the chance to interact with the leader of the Maritime Patrol community on a professional level, benefitting from his extensive military experience.

Scott also took the time to lead a conversation with VP-10 and CTF-72 Sailors concerning the Sailor 360 program, as well as the Navy’s Learning and Development Roadmap (LaDR). Sailor 360 is the Navy’s newest leadership training program designed to enrich the professional development of its enlisted force and officer corps, while LaDR’s focus is to standardize a program Navy-wide by featuring the existing skills necessary to be successful in the Navy.

“Sailors are our greatest asset, so the Navy takes great care in simplifying the route to success to better enable our men and women to make the most of their careers,” said Scott.

Additionally, the officer cadre of VP-10 invites Scott to join the wardroom for dinner and engage in professional development. Conversation topics included the Navy’s fitness report process, optimal career progression, detailing, future capabilities of the P-8A, peer leadership, difficult decisions, and creating and optimizing mentorship opportunities.

For Scott, the highlight of his visit centered around joining the “Red Lancers”

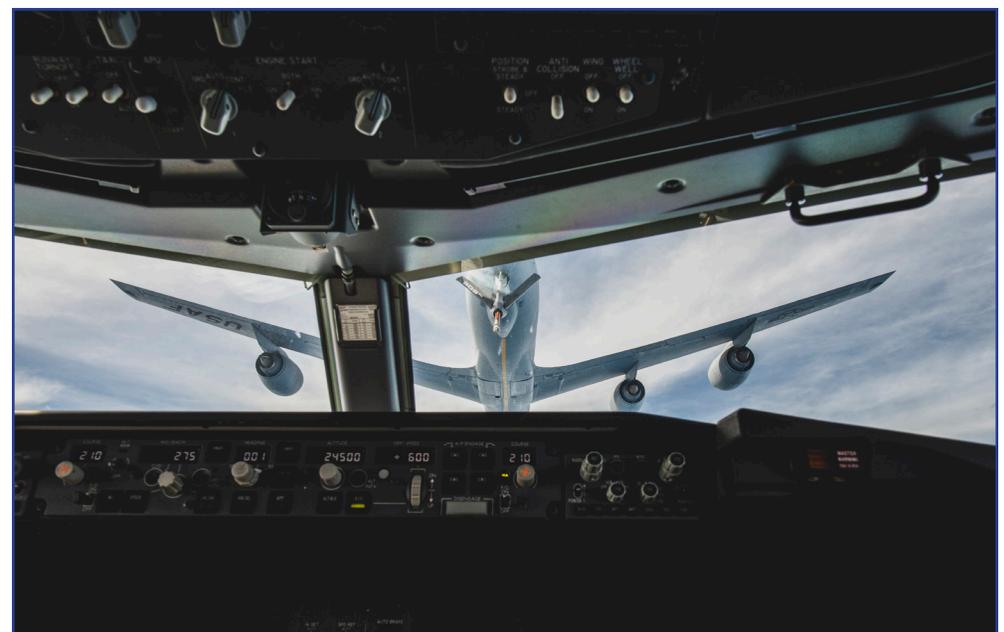


AWO3 Camden Baye, attached to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron 10, gives Rear Adm. Lance Scott, commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, an orientation of his mission crew workstation and aircrew duties aboard a P-8A during Scott’s recent visit.

for an operational intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance flight in theater. During the flight, the P-8A demonstrated its multi-mission capabilities, most notably its long on station times supplemented through aerial refueling operations. Scott witnessed firsthand the precise airmanship of VP-10’s pilots in the complex event, showcasing how important the training and joint planning facilitates these critical support evolutions.

“My fellow ‘Red Lancers’ and I are honored by Rear Adm. Scott’s visit,” said Cmdr. John Houston, commanding officer of VP-10. “Anytime a commander takes the time to travel across the world and synchronize with their units, Sailors are shown how much they matter to the Navy and our country,” he said.

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A U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon approaches the boom of an Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker during a combat air refueling evolution during a flight in theater, June 16.

Feds Feed Families runs through August as commissaries continue role as DOD's lead

By Mike Perron

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The USDA's Feds Feed Families (FFF) campaign for 2021 began June 1 and continues through Aug. 31 for federal workers and commissary customers and employees who want to donate to food banks and pantries in their area.

For the second straight year, the Department of Defense has designated the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) the leader of the campaign for the military, said Randy Eller, the agency's director of logistics.

"We're proud to be taking the lead for a campaign held across the Department of Defense, which allows us to showcase how caring and giving our people and patrons are, and also demonstrates the Department's commitment to helping people in need," Eller said.

Last year DOD and DeCA together collected over 2.3 million pounds of donated goods. So far

this calendar year, DeCA has already collected over 1.3 million pounds from commissaries according to Eller. Since DeCA's donation program operates year-round its total is eligible to be counted in the final number for the annual food drive, Eller explained.

Participating installations help collect items most needed by food pantries and then donate them to area food banks. Commissary customers and employees have a couple options to participate:

- by purchasing needed food and personal hygiene products for donation while shopping at stateside commissaries, or bringing items from home and dropping them off at donation bins at the store

- by purchasing prepackaged donation bags available in stateside commissaries for less than \$10. The bags include Freedom's Choice products such as canned meat, pasta meals, popcorn and water.

Once collected, installation officials work with the commissary to deliver donations to local food banks.

Some of the most-needed items include:

- Canned vegetables – low sodium, or no salt
- Canned fruits – in light syrup or their own juices
- Canned proteins – tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter and beans
- Soups – beef stew, chili, chicken, turkey or rice
- Condiments – tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing or oils
- Snacks – individually packed snacks, trail mix, dried fruit, granola and cereal bars

- Multigrain cereals
- 100 percent juice – all sizes, including juice boxes
- Grains – brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgar, quinoa, couscous, pasta, and macaroni and cheese
- Paper products and household items – paper towels, napkins and cleaning supplies
- Hygiene items – diapers, deodorants, feminine products, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste and shampoo

"The annual Feds Feed Families food drive is a great way for commissaries and military families to give back to the communities that host us around the nation," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, senior enlisted advisor to DeCA's director. "The summer months typically see a drop in food bank donations, so it's the perfect time to set aside a few items to donate. A little goes a long way."

For more information on this campaign, please visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website.



Enhanced online ordering/curbside delivery service moving to all stores

By Rick Brink

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It's not an overstatement to say that the new and improved Commissary CLICK2GO™ is, well, very much new and improved.

Now featuring online payment and more product information than ever before, the online ordering/curbside delivery service is being expanded to all stateside commissaries by the end of the year, and to overseas stores soon thereafter.

"We've learned a lot about what our customers want during our initial 11-store rollout the past two years, and thanks to recent innovations to our e-commerce platform we've made tremendous service and user-interface improvements that customers expect in today's retail environment," said Bill Moore, director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency. "We're going to deliver this great service to all commissaries as quickly as possible."

Because of grocery shopping trends, DeCA has been galvanized to bring online ordering, payment and pick-up options to all commissary-eligible patrons.

The Food Marketing Institute recently reported that online grocery shopping has escalated to previously unpredictable rates since the COVID-19 pandemic broke out. FMI had estimated that 20 percent of all U.S. grocery shopping would be done online by 2025. However, the rates of e-grocery sales expected to occur over a 10-year timeframe actually occurred in just six months.

Here's a brief rundown of Commissary CLICK2GO's new features:

- Improved navigation and search functions to help customers plan healthy meals and take care of their family's needs
- Enhanced product information

- Robust recipe features
- Featured sales and promotions
- Upgraded mobile-friendly experience, to include seeing order history for ease in re-ordering desired products
- Online payment

"Perhaps the most significant enhancement is online payment," Moore added. "You place your order and pay online, and then it's simply a matter of driving up to the curbside delivery area of your commissary to have your groceries loaded into your vehicle – that's a streamlined process our customers expect in this information age."

Information on how the service works and the rollout status is found on commissaries.com with dedicated sections such as "How CLICK2GO Works." First-time customers will need to create an account.

Moore said the agency-wide expansion of online ordering/curbside delivery service aligns with DeCA's strategic goals to make the commissary benefit accessible to as much of the patron base as possible.

"Our CLICK2GO rollout has been long desired by our patrons and we fully grasp that they expect us to deliver this convenient method of grocery shopping as soon as possible – they want to know when they will see it at their commissary," Moore said. "I can assure you that we're working as hard as we can to make this happen as quickly as possible."

"We'll have the schedule on our website to keep people updated as best we can," he added. "Our promise is to get it to all U.S. stores this calendar year – maybe sooner – and we are committed to getting it to our overseas stores soon thereafter, as we work through international challenges like COVID restrictions."

"Commissary CLICK2GO builds on the vital benefit we deliver exclusively for our military community and their families – we deliver the savings but we have to improve on convenience and CLICK2GO does just that," Moore said. "With it, patrons near and far can plan, order and pay for their purchases on-line and simply swing by the store to get them. It makes the commissary worth the trip and I envision it will enable us to eventually offer delivery – where our patrons can enjoy their hard-earned benefit from the comfort of their homes or barracks."

VP-45 holds change of command in Kadena

By MC3 Thomas Higgins
VP-45 Public Affairs

The “Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 held a Change of Command ceremony on Kadena Air Base, Japan, June 7.

As part of naval tradition, Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger relieved Cmdr. Charles Larwood III as commanding officer of VP-45 while forward deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

Larwood assumed command of the VP-45 Pelicans upon returning home from a deployment to U.S. 7th Fleet in June 2020. Taking the reins in a very dynamic COVID environment, he accepted the challenge head-on. To adapt and succeed, his priority as skipper was to develop a climate that enabled Sailors to overcome complacency and maintain focus on the mission while balancing the overall health of the force.

“I wanted the squadron to be empowered to exercise the limits of their authorities; create an environment where every Sailor has an equal opportunity to showcase their talents, an environment that appreciates their time and efforts, and one where teammates care for one another – a team whose members were experts in their craft and ultimately forge and sustain a unit ready and willing to lead and win in combat operations,” Larwood said. “Through our mutual leadership, I believe we have achieved those objectives through our character, competence and relationships we’ve built.”

He also reflected on the importance of preserving their achievements.

“The squadron has absolutely succeeded in my vision for what we owe ourselves and the American ideals we protect,” Larwood said. “However, we cannot become complacent from those victories. We strive to continuously maintain those high standards which we have set as well as shore up blind spots. It takes caring leaders at all levels to seize initiative in owning and maintaining a strong force.”

Larwood is passing the torch as commanding officer of VP-45 to Eisenmenger.

Eisenmenger is native to Clifton, New Jersey. He received his commission through the Naval



Photo by MC3 Thomas A. Higgins

Col. Jeffery Hammond, commanding officer, Headquarters and Support Battalion, pins Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger, commanding officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, with the command at sea pennant signifying his position as the newly appointed commanding officer of VP-45, June 7.

Reserve Officer Training Corp at the State University of New York, Maritime College in 2003, and subsequently designated as a naval flight officer in December 2005. His operational tours include time with VP-8, VP-45, VP-47 and VP-30. Most recently, he served as a future operations planner while assigned to U.S. Southern Command J35. It was during this tour that he was selected for operational command and ordered to report to VP-45 as the executive officer in June 2020.

When asked about taking command of VP-45, Eisenmenger was confident in his squadron’s abilities. “Over the last year I have watched this command operate in a fast-paced, dynamic, and demanding environment. The Pelicans have performed remarkably. We will continue to be a high functioning squadron focused on development, efficiency, and a positive work environment.”

Eisenmenger’s vision for the Pelicans under his leadership will be that “the command will continue its legacy of excellence and continuously seek out opportunities to excel at our profession. We owe it to our shipmates, families and nation to uphold the highest standards of character, competence, and resolve to win. We have not gotten here alone and will continue to develop the relationships needed to maintain our tactical effectiveness.”

Larwood will assume the position of commanding officer, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero, based out of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

In his final message to the Sailors of VP-45, Larwood said, “You are the reason why our squadron has been so successful despite the challenges we received. We do not have the luxury of choosing those challenges, but only choose our dedication, attitude, and response while tackling them. You have bought into the mission, the process, and each other. We continue to conquer each problem through your competence, work ethic, and teams you have formed. You are tough and resilient – no one can take away your fighting spirit. When I’m old, talking to my grandkids, and they ask me about my life I will proudly respond I was the commanding officer of the World Famous Pelicans and led with the finest group of Sailors this world has to offer.”

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VP-45 finds missing mariner near Micronesia

From VP-45 Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 located a missing mariner during a successful search and rescue (SAR) mission through Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Guam, June 7.

A mariner onboard a 19-foot long skiff was reported missing on June 5 off the coast of the Federated States of Micronesia. VP-45 received tasking from the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) Guam and executed a search of an assigned search box 900 nautical miles south east in the waters off the coast of Guam.

The crew launched from Kadena Air Base, Japan before dawn, stopping at Andersen AFB to refuel before entering their search grid. Combat Aircrew (CAC) 7 began their search pattern at approximately 1 p.m. local time.

After searching for nearly one hour, CAC-7 reported sighting a vessel fitting the description given of the missing mariner. According to Lt. Michael Clark, CAC-7's Tactical Coordinator, "An open white 19 foot long skiff with a single outboard motor and a chainsaw onboard."

AWO2 Peter Shephard spotted a small vessel on the surface while utilizing the P-8A Poseidon's radar system. Shepard captured an Inverse Synthetic Aperture Radar (ISAR) image of the small skiff.

ISAR is a radar technique using radar imaging to generate a two-dimensional high-resolution image



Courtesy photos

The FSS Micronesia rescues a stranded fisherman during a joint Search and Rescue mission with U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron 45, off the coast of Micronesia, June 7.

of a target. From the imagery, the crew was able to determine that the radar contact was a small vessel drifting with the ocean currents. Although outside of their generated search area the crew determined it was worth investigating.

The crew flew inbound at 200 feet above the water to investigate the contact. After several low passes over the skiff, AWO3 Tyler Wooldridge, operating the camera, was able to confirm it was the missing mariner.

Clark went on to explain the poor condition of the mariner, "He looked totally depleted; it was unclear whether he had any food or water in the last couple of days. He just slumped over and basically collapsed once it was clear we had seen him," said Clark.

The crew then proceeded to tactically deploy a SAR kit containing a raft with food, water and first aid accessories, in the vicinity of the isolated skiff. CAC-7 then contacted FSS Micronesia, the surface vessel participating in the search, roughly 25



A Patrol Squadron 45 P-8A Poseidon aircraft spots a missing mariner during a Search and Rescue mission off the coast of Micronesia, June 7.

nautical miles from their location. The Micronesia arrived at approximately 3:15 p.m. local time to rescue the stranded mariner.

Clark said, "It was enormously satisfying for all the crew to be working together to save a life. We expertly developed and executed a search plan in coordination with the Federated States of Micronesia National Police and found the missing mariner within an hour of searching."

CAC-7 remained on scene throughout the rescue by the Federated States of Micronesia National Police and were "thrilled to hear that the mariner is doing well after receiving medical attention," added Clark.

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NAS Jax welcomes new MWR director

By Julie M. Lucas
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Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has rolled out the red carpet to usher in a new leader. With almost 18 years of experience, Kelley Harkins has reported for duty, coming from Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, where she also served as MWR director.

"There is a lot of energy here (in Jacksonville) and a level of excitement. I'm enjoying all the tradition and culture aboard the base," she said.

Harkins, a Norfolk, Virginia native, began her government career working at base pools and as a swim coach when her dad circled a job in the newspaper after she graduated from Old Dominion University.

"When I applied, I didn't even know what MWR stood for," Harkins said.

Harkins chose to come to NAS Jax because she was ready for a new challenge.

"I always want to learn as much as possible about what we do and heading to another region was the next logical step," she said. "Of course Jacksonville's great reputation made it even more enticing."

Some of her goals while in Jacksonville include looking at programs with fresh eyes and reinventing some programs.

"I'd like to push Jax just a bit further. I'm going to challenge people as we come out of COVID and reopen to not fall back into, 'that's how it's always been done,'" she said. "I'm ready for more innovation."

According to Harkins she has a variety of programs and wants to make sure they open smartly and safely. "We want to make good use of our funding and maximize the potential of our programs that generate revenue that help us make improvements and enhancements to facilities and programs."

In her free time, Harkins is a dog mom to Belle and Lulu, is a huge Notre Dame football fan and is planning an October wedding.

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's first apprentices hit the production floor



Photos by Toiete Jackson

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Trades Apprentice Eric Gray works on building a power supply during a performance lab session at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, June 2.

By Ashley Lombardo

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Public Affairs

The first round of apprentices with Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's (FRCSE) Trades Apprenticeship Program recently began the third phase of their education, ranging from one to two years of on-the-job training on the production floor.

"This is a huge milestone for the apprentices and instructors since the first two years the students provide only indirect support to the depot, which means we haven't benefited from the program up until this point," said Mark McManus, FRCSE's Apprentice Program Branch Head. "Now that we have apprentices on the floor, they have finally started to perform in support of the FRCSE mission."

The program has seven areas of interest, spanning from aircraft electrician to painter, and each track is different. Despite an apprentice's specific area, each student spends the first nine months in the classroom, between St. Johns River State College and FRCSE, learning the basics. Instruction comes in the form of hands-on training, lecture and lab.

Courses like writing, manufacturing and processes, mechanical measurements and more are just a few of the requirements that apprentices must meet before breaking off into trade theory, which is the second portion of the program and consists of classroom and lab work. Trade theory can last between nine and 12 months and begins each apprentice's track.

"Instructors and leadership are excited to see our first class of apprentices hit the floor, but I don't think anyone is more eager than the students," said Angello Evans, FRCSE's Apprentice Program Division Director. "Some of these folks got a taste of the production floor during the height of the pandemic because of personnel shortages, but now they get to delve into their area of interest."



Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's (FRCSE) Commanding Officer Capt. Grady Duffey observes a demonstration by Aircraft Mechanic Instructor, Kenneth "KP" Poythress, on an aircraft landing gear training aid during a tour of the apprentice training spaces at the FRCSE facility at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, June 2.

Of the 88 total apprentices, 51 are currently on the floor - 21 aircraft mechanics, nine electricians, 11 machinists, five painters, and five pneudraulics systems mechanics. They will spend the duration of their training rotating between production lines or corresponding shops. The remaining 29 sheet metal mechanic and eight electronics mechanic apprentices will begin their final phase of on-the-floor training in June and July, respectively.

"This 4-year program is challenging even during ideal and predictable times," said FRCSE's Commanding Officer Capt. Grady Duffey. "As we all know, this year has been anything but ideal and predictable, but our apprentices have adapted to their new environment and exceeded all expectations. I look forward to seeing what they accomplish on the production floor."

The first Trades Apprenticeship Program class will graduate between June 2022 and summer 2023. After graduation, they will begin full-time employment at FRCSE. Graduates are placed among the depot's six production lines as needed and may request a different FRC or detachment if job openings fit their experience.

"Our apprentices have been chomping at the bit for two years to actually do their job, and the vast majority are ecstatic to be working on aircraft finally," said McManus. "They are down there learning their job, and the support we've gotten from Production personnel has been fantastic. We have room to grow in terms of curriculum and lab, but we are thrilled with the progress and the program's continued success."

About Fleet Readiness Center Southeast's Trades Apprenticeship Program

The Trades Apprenticeship Program is a paid four-year combination work/study program encompassing seven different fields of study, including aircraft electrician, electronics mechanic, machinist, sheet metal mechanic, painter, aircraft mechanic and pneudraulics mechanic. While in school, tuition and fees are provided for by FRCSE. Upon successful completion of the program, each student will earn a college credit certificate as an Engineering Technology Support Specialist and be offered a full-time position within the federal workforce. Recruitment for the program begins during the fall each year.



Neptune

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“My daddy met my mother when he was stationed in Australia. They got married and moved to the U.S. When the war was declared with Korea, my daddy was sent to NAS Jax. He left early to find lodging. My favorite color was pink so he came home and told me that he got us a pink apartment. I was very much a daddy’s girl. Then one day when I was 4 years old, my daddy didn’t come home,” said Pierce. “My mother took me back to Australia and I lived there until I was 15. I’ve been here ever since. Two years ago, my nephew who is into genealogy, call

Karen Key Pierce recalls her childhood with her father Lt. Cmdr. Lester Kee before he was killed while flying a P2V Neptune aircraft on June 14, 1951. Pierce was four years old at the time but remembers him fondly.

me and said someone is looking for me regarding a cemetery. He had a lot of information about my father and wanted to create a park in honor of those died here. I came down in November to see it and it brought so much peace to me. So thank you to those who built it, it means so much.”

Michael Trower Carlucci, son of Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Trower, also attended the dedication. “My parents were having financial problems, so my uncle suggested that my father go into the Navy Reserves. So he did. I was 3-years-old when he died so I really didn’t get a chance to know him but my family always told me stories about him.”

After all the speeches, Pierce and Carlucci unveiled a grey granite monument with a bronze plaque engraved with a photo of the Navy P2V aircraft and the names of the aircrew. The park, located at 2070 Thunderbolt Road, Fleming Island, was completed in March 2020. It consists of three ball fields, concession stand and restrooms.

Nease High School NJORTC program named second in the nation

From Nease NJROTC Public Affairs

The Naval Service Training Command selected Nease NJROTC as the Second Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation for 2020-2021. Unfazed, unaffected and undaunted by the restrictive COVID environment this past school year, Nease took its NJROTC citizenship development and leadership building program to new heights.

This announcement came on the heels of Cmdr. Johnathan Shaw, Navy JROTC Area-12 manager, announcing Nease as the Most Outstanding Unit in Area-12, a region encompassing 60 schools covering the 13 NJROTC programs in northeast Florida and 47 across the entire state of Georgia.

“They say it takes a village to feed a child, well in the JROTC world, it take a community of cadets, parents, school administrators and instructors pulling in the same direction to ascend a program to this level,” said senior naval science instructor Capt. Scott LaRoche.

This marks the third time in the past six years Nease has cracked the top

five in the nation. In 2018 Nease was named the fifth program, and in 2015 Nease was the Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation.

This also marks the ninth time in the past 10 years that Nease has been named Area-12’s top program.

The award is based on the total achievement of the program, which includes academic performance, community outreach, campus leadership, graduation plans, physical fitness and competition results.

Nease’s main identity is its Drill team that competes in a compilation of 10 academic, athletic and drill individual events at 12-16 school meets. This past year Nease placed 1st at Terry Parker, Mandarin, Stockbridge (GA), Area-12 State Championship and 3rd overall at the Navy National Academic, Athletic and Drill Championships.

Nease also won first place in athletics, academics, orienteering, drone and air rifle at competitions across North Florida and the state of Georgia, and placed third at the National Brain Brawl (academic) Championships.

“There’s pressure every year for the seniors to keep the unit on top,” said former Battalion Commander Brandon Donovan who will be attending Embry Riddle University on a full Navy ROTC scholarship in the fall.

“We don’t rebuild our program every year at Nease,” said naval science instructor Command Master Chief Duane Spears. “We reload – and we’re already back to work getting ready for next year.”



Nease NJROTC’s senior class celebrates a successful year at the annual Navy Ball.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville graduates 50th class of family medicine physicians

By Yan Kennon

Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's award-winning Family Medicine Residency Program, now in its 50th year of continuous accreditation, graduated 24 physicians (12 residents and 12 interns) at a ceremony on June 25 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Hangar 117.

The graduation also served as a kick-off to the program's new academic year, which begins July 1 with 45 residents and interns.

All program participants are physicians who have completed medical school. By the end of the first year, each has completed training rotations in primary and inpatient care, emergency medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, urology, and dermatology.

"It is a distinct privilege for me to celebrate our 50th class of graduates," said Capt. Teresa Allen, NH Jacksonville's commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Jacksonville's commanding officer, and a family medicine physician. "As a proud graduate of this residency program myself, I share with you the honor of caring for our nation's heroes and their families."

To become board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), physicians must be licensed and successfully complete three years of residency training in a program (like NH Jacksonville's) that's accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Additionally, physicians must meet all board requirements and pass the ABFM board certification exam.

Upon completion of the first year of study, some residents choose to go directly into the fleet to serve as general medical officers, flight surgeons, or undersea medical officers. Those who stay continue for two additional years of training in key areas of family medicine such as obstetrics, pediatrics, internal medicine, sports medicine, neurology, mental health, trauma, and intensive care.

After completion of the residency, the residents become board certified family medicine physicians, assigned as staff — providing care to active duty, retirees, and families across the globe.

NH Jacksonville and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Jacksonville deliver health care and readiness. NH Jacksonville (which includes



Photos by Deidre Smith

Interns from Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Family Medicine Residency Program graduated on June 25 during a ceremony at Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Ceremonial Hangar.



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five branch health clinics across Florida and Georgia) serves 175,000 active duty, active duty family members, and retired service members, including 57,000 patients enrolled with a primary care manager.

NMRTC Jacksonville (which includes five units across Florida and Georgia) ensures warfighters' medical readiness to deploy and clinicians' readiness to save lives. To find out more, visit <https://jacksonville.tricare.mil>.

Fisher House awards 500 scholarships to military children from pool of over 3,600 applicants

By Mike Perron

DeCA public affairs specialist

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on college and university academic schedules nationwide this year, the Scholarships for Military Children program once again came through for 500 students from military families who were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship grant for the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year.

The program, created in 2001, recognizes the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrates the commissaries' role in enhancing the military's quality of life. It's administered by the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps service members and their families.

It was Fisher House's efforts in recent years to modernize the entry process and bring it fully online which left it well prepared for a year complicated by a global pandemic, according to Marshall Banks, Fisher House Foundation's director of community relations.

"We were very happy with the application process for the 2021-2022 scholarship programs," he said. "The quality of applications received this year was exceptional. We received a total of 3,657 applications from 220 commissaries."

While the application process went off without a hitch, the usual celebratory ceremonies held at commissaries for local scholarship winners had to be cancelled due to COVID.

"While we would normally hold a ceremony at the commissary, during these uncertain times with social distancing, ceremonies could not be held this year," said Marye Dobson, the Defense Commissary Agency's scholarships program liaison. Instead, scholarship winners were notified by mail and will receive an official certificate mailed to them by the commissary where they were selected as the recipient.

Scholarship applicants submit their official transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants, or 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.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants must ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current



military dependent ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2021 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.

All rules and requirements for the program, as well as links to frequently asked questions are available at the Scholarships for Military Children website, as is the full list of this year's winners.

"The window to apply for the 2022-2023 Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children should open in December and close in February, but the exact dates have not been determined yet," said Dobson. "Be sure to check the scholarship page in mid-December for the opening of the program."

Fisher House also recently added a custom scholarship search engine to the site, tailored to military families, called "Scholarships for Service." It's free, easy to use, and available on mobile devices or computers at militaryscholar.org.

5 WAYS TO GIVE

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Balfour Beatty Communities use solar project to benefit military housing area

By Kaylee LaRocque
NAS Jax Public Affairs Officer

Military homes at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) are becoming more energy efficient thanks to a renewable energy initiative using rooftop solar panels. Balfour Beatty Communities, which oversees the property management of the homes, is contracting Sunrun, Inc. to install rooftop solar systems to 185 homes aboard the station.

The company is currently installing .90 megawatts of photovoltaic (PV) systems, generating approximately 880 kilowatt-hours of electricity each year. This means these military homes would draw up to 20 percent of the total amount of electricity used from renewable energy, reducing their carbon footprint. While this initiative doesn't directly impact resident costs, it will result in cost savings to the community as a whole. Those extra funds generated will be used for community enhancement projects.

"I think it's great that Balfour Beatty is installing solar panels in our housing area. Their dedication to renewable energy is a great step in the right direction. And one that will benefit the Sailors of NAS Jax, specifically, and the nation's taxpayers for years to come. This is just one small piece of the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy's commitment to investing in 'green energy' technologies which provide energy resiliency and contribute to a cleaner environment," said NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Jeff Hill. "At NAS Jax, we are continually looking for ways to harness reliable green energy to ensure mission effectiveness and, probably more importantly, to be a 'good neighbor' with the folks of Northeast Florida; helping to find a way for a better environment for our children."

The PV systems at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Air Station Pensacola and Naval Station Mayport will reduce each installation's overall environmental impact, while bolstering its resiliency by decreasing reliance on non-renewable energy sources. The project supports goals set forth by the Department of Defense, as well as Balfour Beatty's sustainability strategy to continue implementing measures to reduce the environmental

footprint and create a positive impact on the community.

"I think this is a great project that the base is doing to enhance the environment and make our homes more energy efficient," said Darrian Luce, a military spouse living at NAS Jax.

These rooftop solar systems are expected to be fully operational by fall 2021 and will be maintained by Sunrun, Inc. Several other bases within Navy Region Southeast are currently undergoing the same solar power initiative in housing areas.

"Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to deploying our sustainable solutions that bring both economic and environmental benefits to our military housing operations," said Ed Lopes, vice president, Project Development for Balfour Beatty Communities. "The installation of solar energy systems allows us to take advantage of a renewable and resilient energy supply while reducing utility costs. Those savings are directly reinvested into our military communities to ensure the homes, amenities and services we provide continue to meet the needs of today's military families."



Courtesy Photo

Stephen Mack with Sunrun, Inc., installs a solar panel on top of a roof in the Balfour Beatty Communities Housing Area aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, June 16. The project consists of placing solar panels on 185 homes to use up to 20 percent of renewable energy, reducing their carbon footprint.



GO JUICE: CARE

John MacArthur states, "Teams that don't bond can't build. Because they never become a cohesive unit."

Legendary football coach, Lou Holtz, described a television program that examined why men and women died for their country. In the program, observing United States Marines, the French Foreign Legion, and the British Commandos, it was noted that men and women died for their country because of the love they had for their "team."

In the show, Holtz described, they interviewed a soldier who had been wounded in combat and was recovering in a hospital when

his unit was going back out on a dangerous mission. The soldier escaped from the hospital and went served alongside them, only to be wounded again.

When asked why he did it, he said that after you work and live with people, you soon realize your survival depends on one another. In order for any team, squadron, unit, or command to be successful, we have to believe that we have shipmates who care and look out for us.

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Reverend Dr. Zachary C. Parker
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