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Willis Gate @Navy Rd.

24/7

24/7 Non-Emergency **Security Dispatch** 

(904) 542 - 3109

**Automated Vehicle Gate** 

Closed until further notice

(Includes Uniform Shop)

Mon-Fri 0900-1800

**NEX Main Store** 

Sat 0900-1800

Sun 1000-1800

Sun 1000-1700

Mon 1000-1700

Limited Services - Deli

Closed, Only Self Check Out

Tue-Fri 0900-1830

Sat 0900-1800

Subway

Mon-Thu 0900-1800

Fri 0700-1800

Sat 1000-1800

Sun 1000-1600

**NEX Mini-Mart** 

Mon-Fri 0600-1800

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Sat 0900-1800

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**Post Office** 

Mon-Fri 1000-1400

Notable upcoming events:

Supported Commands Monthly Meeting (formerly known as Host Tenant Meeting)

\*\* 27 March 2024 @ 1300\*\* Location: Pat

Thompson

5700 Attu Street-Bldg. 767

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# INSTALLATION NEWS

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- For all reservation and ceremony inquiries regarding Pat Thompson Bldg. 767, please contact NSA Mid-South Command Services, NSAMIDSOUTH\_PTCONFCENTER@US.NAVY.MIL
- Check out the CO Suggestion Box Answers weekly in the CNRSE App.
- Legal Office updated email address: LegalOffice@us.navy.mil

# **UPCOMING MWR EVENTS**

 www.navymwrmidsouth.com/events or check out our Facebook "NSA Mid-South Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department"

## **UPCOMING FFSC EVENTS**

- Check us out on Facebook "Fleet and Family Support Center NSA Mid-South" and our calendar on page 8!
- Fleet and Family Support Center on-the-go is coming soon to a quarterdeck near you!

## **UPCOMING CHAPEL EVENTS**

- The Chapel Sanctuary is open for silent individual prayer every Tuesday and Thursday 1100 - 1130. Chapel Worship Schedule: Protestant Worship - 1000 Sunday
- Jewish service assistance and materials are available at the Chapel.

## **CLINIC NOTES**

## **OPERATIONAL & OVERSEAS SCREENINGS**

- Upon receipt of overseas orders, report directly to the Operational Readiness Clinic.
- Members and dependents (if applicable) will be tracked through completion of Overseas Suitability.

# PHARMACY ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS

• A reminder that you may call the Pharmacy to activate your prescription (901) 874-6121.

# **INSTALLATION TRAINING DATES & INFO**

 Interested in being a role-player for our training exercises? Please email our Training Dept: NSAMidsouth\_ITO@us.navy.mil



Help for victims of sexual assault in the DoD community is a call, click or text away. The Safe Helpline provides live, one-on-one crisis support and information by trained staff; Call: (877) 995-5247; click: www.SafeHelpline.org

safety!

text: 55-247 CONUS or (202) 470-5546 OCONUS (may be extra charges for OCONUS).

# CHAPLAIN TAKEOVER

Having been onboard for a few months now, I am truly thrilled to be here and honored to serve as your Command Chaplain. Hailing originally from Memphis, I am committed to completing my 25-year journey in uniform right here. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve alongside some of our nation's finest men and women.

My foremost goal is to immerse myself within the fabric of this installation. Caring for others is not just my duty but my passion, the very essence of why I wear this uniform. So, don't be surprised if you find me walking the halls of your building, stopping by to check in and offer support.

Furthermore, I am determined to lead our installation towards one of its greatest strengths: service to our community. The significance of community service cannot be overstated, as it profoundly shapes our Navy's role as a good neighbor. With our remarkable team, we possess the opportunity to represent the Navy with distinction, potentially inspiring others to consider this path for their own lives.

Engaging in community service not only enriches our surroundings but also nurtures our own well-being and resilience. It grants us a clearer perspective, allowing us to realize our challenges are navigable and not insurmountable.

I am eager to dive into this work, and I look forward to crossing paths with each of you. -Cmdr. Paul Smith







# UH Room of the Month!

HM3 Kuch of NMRTU! Enjoy the parking spot and no room inspection for March!





Starting Saturday, February 3rd, United Way will be at Millington Public Library every Saturday, (except March 30th) offering free tax preparation for low to moderate-income households.

February 3rd - April 6th 10am-3pm





Thursdays at 11:00 am

Bring your toddlers to this fun and educational playtime! Each week focuses on a skill that helps kids be ready for kindergarten (sorting items, recognizing letters, etc.). Visit our website or stop by the library for more information!

# **Morning Storytime**

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

This month at the Millingto Public Library



Did you know with your Millington Public Library card, you can borrow library materials statewide FOR FREE? You can search the statewide catalog and request items by going here:

https://tenn.agshareit.com/home?cid=TENN&lid=MLT

You can borrow books and DVDs FOR FREE from over 200 hundred libraries across Tennessee! All you need is a library card!

Borrow Statewide with Shareit!



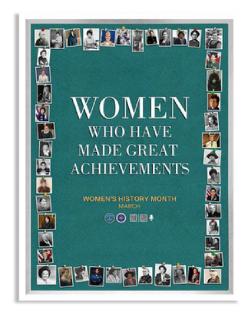
# March 2024

Workshops

Stop by the Fleet & Family
Support Center, Building 456,
3rd Fl. For more information
about our workshops
or call us at
901-874-5075 to register.

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Each year, the Department of Defense honors the women who have shaped U.S. history and made contributions to pave the way forward.

Women's History Month has taken place each March since 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, which authorizes the President to proclaim the observation every year. Before this, the event began as "Women's History Week" in 1981.

This year's theme, "Women Who Have Made Great Achievements," celebrates the women who left an impact on the United States through their sacrifices, public service, and inspirational work.

One of those women was Claudette Colvin. Nine months before Rosa Parks made her famous stand for civil rights, there was Claudette Colvin, a 15-year-old Black girl who challenged segregationist bus policies.

In 1955, Colvin refused to give up her seat for a White woman after the "Whites only" section was full. When asked why she would not give her seat up for the woman, she replied, "because it is my constitutional right."

The bus driver alerted the police, who forced her off and jailed her. She was the first person arrested for challenging Montgomery's bus segregation laws. After being mistreated by the officers, she was charged with disobeying segregation laws, resisting arrest, and assaulting an officer, which stayed on her record into adulthood.

In 2021, Colvin, then 82 years old, finally had her record expunged of the criminal charges.

Women have played a crucial role in moving progress forward throughout American history.

The innumerable accomplishments of women have shattered obstacles, warranting commemoration during Women's History Month and year-round recognition.

"I just couldn't move. History had me glued to the seat."
- Claudette Colvin

# **Every Sailor a Recruiter: Turning Experiences into Opportunities**

Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose Madrigal



Courtesy Photo | Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Roache bio photo. Courtesy photo by Hospital Corpsman Colin Roache)

MILLINGTON, Tenn. - Every Sailor is a recruiter even if they don't know it. For any sea story that a Sailor shares with people outside the Navy, is an opportunity to influence their opinion.

The goal of Navy Recruiting Command's Every Sailor a Recruiter program is to incentivize Sailors, whom are not on recruiting duty, to refer candidates to the Navy for recruitment. If the person referred joins the Navy, the referring Sailor earns a Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC), which also counts a point toward advancement. Every Sailor is an ambassador for the Navy and their stories and experiences hold weight and influence within their social circles. This influence could be the reason someone chooses military service.

Prior to enlisting, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Colin Roache had his family encourage and reinforce his decision to join the Navy the same way he is currently doing for others.

Roache knew he wanted the education benefits the Navy offers, but it was the experiences of his-

-retired aunt and uncle, as well as his active-duty sister who gave him the final push.

"I decided to join the Navy mainly because of the education benefits of the GI bill," said Roache. "I was fresh out of high school and could not afford to pay for college. My Navy-retired aunt and uncle and active-duty older sister all served as a positive reinforcement to support my decision to join the Navy. After seeing how successful their lives and careers have become ... I was convinced that joining the Navy was the best option for me."

Through accelerated programs in the Navy, as well as hard work and perseverance, Roache was meritoriously advanced to petty officer 3rd class within his first year of being a U.S. Navy Sailor. He also took advantage of the VA home loan program and purchased his first home at 21 years of age.

If that wasn't enough, Roache also turned his experiences at boot camp, "A" school and "C" school into college credits and received his Associates Degree in Health Science/Health Administration from American Military University within two years of being in the Navy.

Roache's successes in his short time in the Navy has reinforced the notion that joining the Navy was absolutely the right choice. He feels so adamantly about it, that he even encourages others to do so by simply sharing his story.

"I helped two good friends from high school join the Navy," said Roache. "Neither thought that the Navy lifestyle was for them. However, after seeing how the Navy positively impacted my life, they both decided that it would make a positive impact on their lives also. A piece of advice I gave to them was to take advantage of the education benefits such as the navy tuition assistance program when eligible and attend college as soon as possible. A college education is still good to have and having

a degree will go towards points on their advancement."

In addition to helping out friends join the Navy and improve their situations, he is also helping progress his career.

"After referring my two close friends to join the world's greatest Navy, I was awarded a Flag Letter of Commendation from Rear Admiral Walker," said Roache. "The Floc letter of commendation is worth one point on my advancement exam for petty officer second class."

Sailors like Roache are both helping themselves and the Navy by sharing genuine and real experiences to their friends and family and then bringing in quality and hungry future Sailors.

"I commend Petty Officer Roache for both his outstanding service and for helping bring in future Sailors to our Navy," said Rear Adm. Alexis "Lex" Walker, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. "Through the Every Sailor a Recruiter program, we are empowering Sailors like Roache to help bring us closer to meeting our recruiting goal, which provides critical manpower to the fleet."

Before FLOCs were awarded for helping bring in new Sailors, Roache was already sharing his experiences with his local community.

"Prior to this program being created, I aided others in their process to join the Navy," said Roache. "I assisted with Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) preparations at Blue Cypress Park Community center in Jacksonville, Florida. At this community center, I aided adults, teenagers, and children to prepare for the ASVAB test and GED preparation. I genuinely like helping people and I'm constantly telling people about the Navy and the process they would go through to join. In such a short period of time, the Navy changed my life! I would love for others to have a similar experience. So, for Sailors like myself, Every Sailor a Recruiter program is used to show appreciation to us for being ambassadors for the Navy in our spare time."

For more information on the program, visit NAVADMIN 290/22 or text FLOC to 764764.

Navy Recruiting Command consists of a command headquarters, two Navy Recruiting Regions and 26 Navy Talent Acquisition Groups that serve more than 815 recruiting stations across the world. Their combined goal is to attract the highest quality candidates to assure the ongoing success of America's Navy.

# U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters is Coming to Memphis!

March 13 University of Memphis March 14 West Memphis, AR

Get tickets at https://usnavyband.ticketleap.com

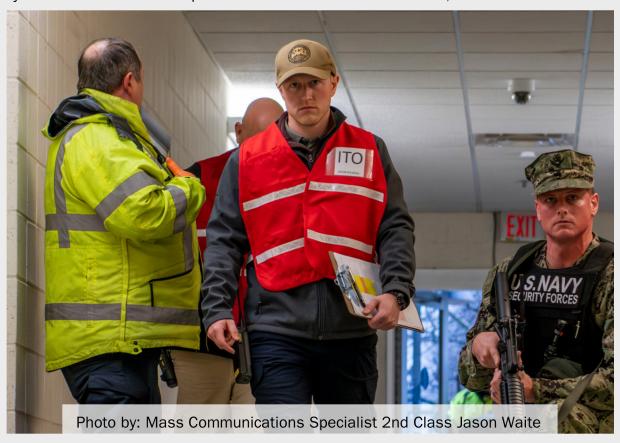






# <u>Jacob Poczekaj: From MA1 to NSA Mid-South Training Officer</u> A Transition Tale of Skill, Service, and Success

Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Austin G. Collins, NSA Mid-South Public Affairs



Jacob Poczekaj's career transition from an enlisted Master-at-Arms (MA), to a government civilian training officer is an account of adaptation and professional evolution. One filled with challenges, and achievements, providing insights into the seamless application of military skills in a civilian role.

"I joined the Navy in August of 2011," said Poczekaj, tracing his career from MA "Aschool" in San Antonio, to deployments in Bahrain and assignments in Yokosuka, Japan, and San Diego. His experience across various locales equipped him with foundational skills in law enforcement, leadership, and management within Navy security departments.

"The transition to go from active duty to government civilian was motivated by my marriage here in Tennessee." His decision was influenced by personal commitments and the opportunity to continue his career in a stable location, which led him to a role at NSA Mid-South as a training officer.

Addressing transition challenges, Poczekaj emphasized the learning curve associated with civilian policies and benefits.

"You have to learn a lot about the new policies that apply to civilians and the post-service benefits that you have as an active duty member," he stated, highlighting the importance of resources like the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for a smooth transition.

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In his role as a training officer, Poczekaj is responsible for coordinating training drills and managing yearly General Military Training (GMT) requirements.

"I'm tracking and coordinating training drills on the installation," he said, detailing his efforts to ensure all required training is conducted efficiently across departments.

Poczekaj discussed the execution of largescale drills, particularly an Installation Training Team (ITT) drill recently executed as a part of Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain 2024, as a significant achievement in his civilian role.

"That's the largest scale ITT drill we've done with the largest tenant command, and it went really well," he shared, attributing the success to his Navyacquired skills in management and coordination.

For service members transitioning to civilian roles, Poczekaj advises financial preparation and utilization of support services.

"Make sure that financially, you're set up," he recommended, "If you plan on separating, plan on being unemployed for possibly 3 to 6 months. Make sure you have a good nest egg to sit on."

Looking ahead, Poczekaj aims to enhance the realism and effectiveness of training exercises at NSA Mid South.

"My goals are to make training as realistic and effective as possible," he said, aspiring to improve processes and policies across departments through comprehensive training initiatives, "I want large scale-





-exercises that give the most beneficial outcome to all the departments, not just one".

Jacob Poczekaj's journey from a Masterat-Arms to the Training Officer aboard NSA Mid-South exemplifies the practical application of military experience in civilian service roles. His story offers a blueprint for service members seeking to navigate the transition to civilian careers, underscoring the value of preparation, adaptation, and the strategic use of available resources.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR SAILORS, MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES

2023

\*Statistics inclusive Jan-Dec 2023

# **NMCRS Millington**

Chelsea Crowell - Director 5722 Integrity Drive Chapel Building 777 Millington, TN 38054-5028

Monday-Thursday: 0900-1400

\$25,774



NSA Mid-South ADFD Fund Drive

Funeral

\$161,939



Total Assistance Rendered

1,849



Hours Volunteered

\$103,199

\$6,000

\$6,719

\$1,000

\$150

\$29,261

\$11,620

\$793

# **PROGRAMS**



(901) 874-7350

## **Financial Assistance**

133 service members were assisted to meet living expenses and other unexpected needs. NMCRS works to meet your need and develop a plan for a long-term solution. The Quick Assist Loan program is available to active-duty service members.



#### Uniform Locker

Over 600 Service Members utilized the uniform locker in 2023. The uniform locker contains new and lightly used uniform items.



# **Budget for Baby®**

Join our Budget for Baby workshop to effectively plan for an expanding family. Eligible attendees receive a \$50 Amazon gift card and handmade blanket.



## Emergency Travel

Expediated travel assistance in the event of an illness or death.



#### Disaster Relief

NMCRS stands ready to help when a disaster strikes.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Interest-free Loans and Grants

Basic Living Expenses (Food, Lodging, Utilities, Etc.)
Family Emergency
Command-Verified Pay Problem

Medical/Dental (Non-Military Medical Facilities)

Transportation Due to Family Member Illness/Death \$3,197

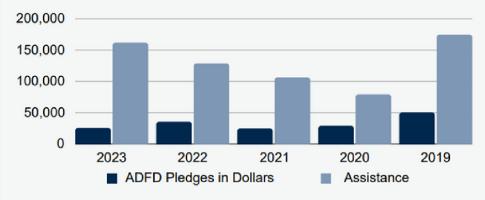
Personal Transportation Expenses (PCS, Gas, Local Moves)

Transportation (Car Repairs, Insurance, Car Payment, Rental)

Other (Other Military Pay Issues, Gov't Travel Card, Overdraft)

133 clients received financial assistance

# **Active-Duty Fund Drive - Millington**



# UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE

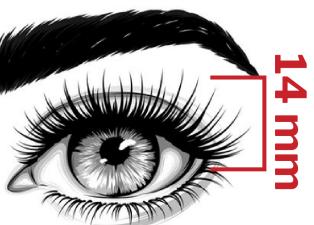
 HANDS IN POCKETS: SAILORS ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO PUT THEIR HANDS IN THEIR POCKETS WHEN IT DOES NOT COMPROMISE SAFETY OR PROHIBIT PROPER RENDERING OF HONORS AND COURTESIES.



- FEMALE COMBINATION COVER: THE FEMALE COMBINATION COVER, OR BUCKET COVER, HAS BEEN REINSTATED AS AN OPTIONAL COMPONENT FOR FEMALE SAILORS WHEN WEARING SERVICE DRESS AND DINNER DRESS UNIFORMS. IT IS ALSO OPTIONAL FOR FEMALE OFFICERS AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS WHEN WEARING SERVICE KHAKI AND SUMMER WHITE UNIFORMS.
- TIARA AS OPTIONAL UNIFORM COMPONENT: FEMALE SAILORS CAN WEAR THE TIARA WITH DINNER DRESS BLUE AND WHITE JACKET UNIFORMS, AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE VIA SPECIAL ORDER FROM THE NAVY EXCHANGE ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE.
- FALSE EYELASHES: FEMALE SAILORS ARE AUTHORIZED
   TO WEAR FALSE EYELASHES OR EYELASH EXTENSIONS
   THAT ARE NO LONGER THAN 14 MILLIMETERS IN
   LENGTH AND MATCH THE COLOR OF THE NATURAL
   EYELASH.







# MORE UNIFORM POLICY UPDATES

- LEGGINGS/TIGHTS WITH PT UNIFORM: BLACK OR NAVY-BLUE LEGGINGS/TIGHTS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR OPTIONAL WEAR WITH THE PHYSICAL TRAINING UNIFORM SHORTS AND FITNESS SUIT PANTS.
- OFFICER HEADGEAR CAP INSIGNIA: UPDATES TO THE OFFICER CAP INSIGNIA TO STANDARDIZE ACROSS RANKS. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024.
- FEMALE T-SHIRTS: INTRODUCTION OF T-SHIRTS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR FEMALE BODIES AS AN OPTIONAL WEAR FOR ALL UNIFORMS.
- BACKPACK POLICY: COYOTE BROWN BACKPACKS ARE NOW AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE NWU TYPE II AND III.
- MATERNITY PILOT PROGRAM: CONTINUATION OF PROVIDING FREE UNIFORMS TO PARTICIPATING PREGNANT SAILORS.
- SIZE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM: A MULTI-PHASE PROGRAM AIMED AT IMPROVING UNIFORM FIT AND SIZING. WITH AN INITIAL FOCUS ON FEMALE UNIFORM IMPROVEMENTS.
- SUMMER WHITE OVERBLOUSE AND SERVICE UNIFORM SLACKS FOR FEMALES:
  INTRODUCTION OF A NEW OVERBLOUSE FOR THE FEMALE OFFICER AND CPO SUMMER
  WHITE UNIFORM, AND EVALUATION OF SERVICE UNIFORM SLACKS WITH BACK POCKETS
  FOR FEMALES.
- UNIFORM SURVEYS AND HAT LINERS: THE NAVY WILL DISTRIBUTE UNIFORM SURVEYS
  FOR FEEDBACK AND INTRODUCE SYNTHETIC HAT LINERS FOR THE NWU EIGHT-POINT
  COVER TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING HAIR LOSS.
- CHAPLAIN RELIGIOUS FAITH EMBLEM AND SURFACE CHAPLAIN OFFICER QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA: SPECIFIC UPDATES TO CHAPLAIN INSIGNIA AND QUALIFICATIONS.
- AERIAL VEHICLE PILOT WARFARE QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA: FOR CERTAIN WARRANT OFFICERS. INTRODUCING A NEW INSIGNIA REFLECTING THEIR SPECIALIZED TRAINING.

# Indias Brown Career Achievement Recognized with Bronze de Fleury Medal

From US Army Corps of Engineers Logistics Activity Public Affairs



MILLINGTON, Tenn. - Throughout more than three decades of service, in and out of uniform, Indias Brown epitomizes the concept of professional engineer.

That's the opening of the citation for his Bronze de Fleury Medal, which was presented to Brown on January 9.

The Bronze de Fleury Medal recognizes those who have provided significant contributions to the world of engineering while emphasizing the history, customs and traditions of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The medal recognizes Brown's career achievements, but recently Todd Heuser, Resource Integration Division Chief at the USACE Logistics Activity (ULA), spoke to Brown's superior performance as the interim chief of the Logistics Assessment Branch (LAB).

Brown began working at ULA in November of 2019, and served as LAB Chief for 120 days from Sept. 15, 2023 until Jan. 7, 2024.

Indias volunteered to fill a critical gap as the LAB Chief," said Heuser. "This position is the ambassador for ULA to the supported garrisons as he is the senior ULA person most will see. Rather than taking a 'caretaker' approach he immediately owned the program. He assessed where we were at and began implementing solutions to fill the gaps. He absolutely set his successor up for success."

Heuser said that this level of performance is the standard which Brown seeks to maintain across any mission.

"He is a consummate professional who cares deeply about the mission and the people we support," said Heuser. "His focus is on the mission and his team, not himself. His professionalism is coupled with his vast experience, determination and skills. He owns his lane, looks for gaps and then works diligently to fill them."

While Brown had previously worked in the Facilities Maintenance Division (FMD) at ULA, he said he enjoyed the different experiences that his duty with the LAB brought him.

"My favorite part of the job was getting out to the division and districts and meeting the people who execute USACE numerous missions," said Brown. "Listening to the people in the field and helping to resolve their logistical issues was definitely another satisfying part of the job."

Whether working for the LAB or FMD, Brown enjoys that he can help a wide array of personnel supporting the Corps mission across the nation.

"What I really like about ULA is that we provide guidance and reach back support to the logistics personnel working all across the Corps of Engineers," said Brown. "Personnel in the field turn to ULA when they need assistance and answers to logistical challenges."

The Bronze de Fleury Medal recognizes the achievements of the recipient across their entire career.

#### The award cites:

His military career was equally distinguished, culminating as the deputy assistant to the 412th **Theater Engineer Command (TEC) G4 Maintenance Section Chief Warrant Officer. He** supported 96 subordinate Army Reserve Units maintenance personnel and over 5,000 pieces of engineer/ground support equipment. He identified faults/malfunctions of support facilities, vehicles, engineer/ground support equipment to determine repair and rebuild requirements. He ensured the quality and accuracy of repairs and modifications. He identified program deficiencies through monitoring subordinate units' maintenance metrics and implemented mitigating controls. His distinguished military career includes multiple deployments to include one in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

Brown says that one challenge he has overcome during his decades of service is shifting from an applied technical role to one of leadership.

"One of the biggest challenges for me has been transitioning into a support role from a hands-on role," said Brown. "For the greater part of my federal career, I have been the guy on the ground planning and executing but now I support those guys and gals who execute the work."



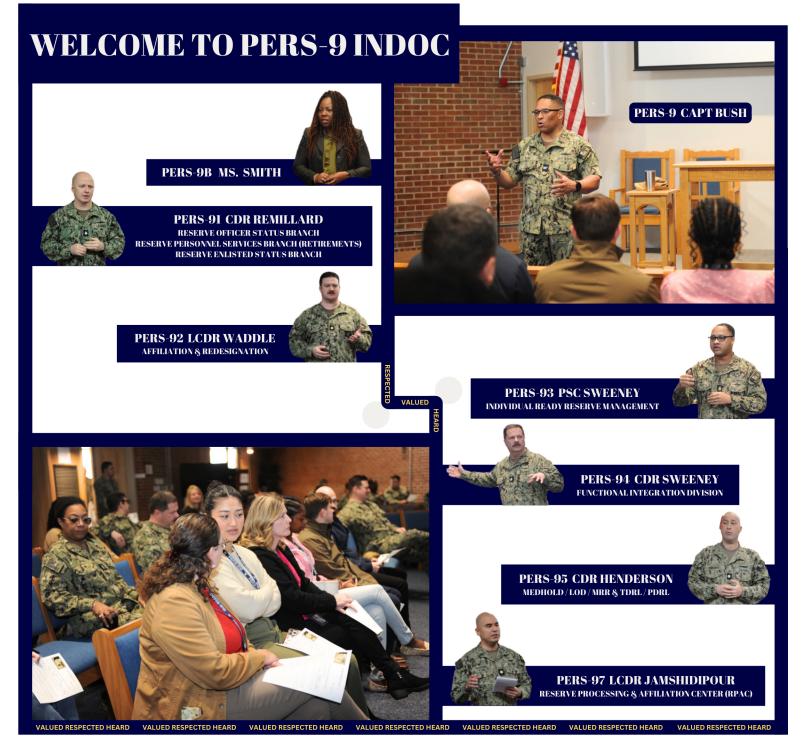






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Career Transition Office (CTO) has officially changed to



The Fleet and Family Support Center wants to come to your space!

# MARCH FFSC ON THE GO

NTAG NASHVILLE MARCH 30





# Health & Wellness News from NMRTU Memphis



# MARCH - NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Week 1 - March is National Nutrition Month ®, an annual public education campaign created and sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This year's theme is "Beyond the Table." "Beyond the Table" is referencing the "farm to fork" movement. Think about fresh food when evaluating your health and the environment. The life choices that we make daily can make a big difference now and in the future. Making healthy choices goes beyond the foods we eat and drink. Our food choices can affect the health of our planet. It's estimated that Americans throw away billions of pounds of food each year while eating out or at home. This amount does not include food that is uneaten in the grocery stores or the crops that are left in the fields. It has been proven that a lot of food waste can be prevented. A good place to start is at home in your kitchen. Plan meals based on the foods you already have on hand.

Week 2 - Develop healthy eating habits by consuming proper portions and using healthy cooking techniques. Start simple with MyPlate App to calculate the number of calories and the amount of each food group that you should consume every day. Then size up your usual servings and start estimating your healthy serving portions. Remember, fruits and vegetables have great nutritional value, can be satisfying and filling, and are low in calories. To increase your vitamin and mineral intake, eat a variety of colorful fruits and veggies every day. Finally, add flavor to your food by using spices and mastering different cooking methods. It can not only improve the taste of your food but increase the nutritional quality as well.

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Week 3 - Learn how to practice mindful eating so vou can long-term healthy achieve eating lifestyle. A healthy eating plan limits foods with added fats, sugar, and sodium while emphasizing nutrient-rich foods and beverages, such a s vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products. It also encourages eating lean meats and poultry, seafood, eggs, beans and peas, and nuts and seeds for protein. These foods also reduce your risk of developing heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and several types of cancer, as well as help you maintain a healthy body weight. Plan your meals before you go to the grocery store and choose foods that provide you with quality energy for the least number of calories. Stay attentive to your behavior while eating and only eat when you are hungry.

Reminder! The Pharmacy will close every 4th Wednesday of the month for training.

Week 4 - Include regular exercise in your daily routine to complement healthy eating for an active life. Paired with proper nutrition, exercise helps you maintain a healthy lifestyle. If you don't work out regularly, it's not too late to start! Try brisk walking, swimming, bicycling. Aim for 150-250 minutes of moderate intensity exercise every week to reduce chronic disease factors prevent weight gain, or 250-300 minutes of moderate intensity exercise every week to lose weight and keep it off. Prepare to eat right for peak performance before and after you exercise and be informed on supplement use. Check out these healthy eating tips for an active lifestyle to incrementally develop new habits. If already live an active lifestyle, you may be looking for additional challenge. Whether it strength training, building endurance, or rehabilitating, Navy Operational Fitness a n d Fueling System (NOFFS) has programs you can use today.



# **NSA Mid-South Junior Enlisted Association**

"Unity: Building connections one Junior Sailor at a time"

# NSA Mid-South JEA Junior Sailor of The Month



MILLINGTON, Tenn. (Feb 22, 2024) AE2 Kristal LaMotta pictured with her Triad: Commanding Officer CAPT Tyrone Bush, Deputy Robin Smith, and Command Master Chief PSCM Anton Barte after being announced NSA Mid-South JEA Junior Sailor of the Month for March 2024.

Aviation Electrician's Mate Second Class Kristal LaMotta was born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands and moved to Jacksonville, Florida where she graduated from Paxton School for Advanced Studies in 2015. After graduating, she attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida. In 2018, she enlisted in the Navy Reserve and afterwards, returned to Florida A&M University to complete her Bachelor of Science. Throughout her career AE2 LaMotta has served as a member of the Navy Security Force at Isa Air Base, Bahrain to being hand selected as Operations Leading Petty Officer with MSRON-1 where she provided port security for Navy and Coast Guard vessels.

She currently serves as a Canvasser Recruiter Program Manager in PERS-92. As a Canvasser Recruiter Program

Manager she has completed 150 Commander, Navy Recruiting Command billet screenings that directly affected mission readiness for the fleet. She also serves as a PERS-9 Command Fitness Leader, Navy Personnel SAPR Unit Victim Advocate, and Navy Personnel Command Advanced Warrior Toughness personnel. Her exceptional dedication and passionate work ethic resulted in four command Sailor 360 Physical Training events for 138 Sailors, 192 hours of SAPR UVA watch, and Warrior Toughness training for NRC Memphis personnel. These are just a fraction of accomplishments that inspired and motivated her peers. Bravo Zulu, AE2 LaMotta!



March 2024

# Happening a MID-SOUTH

# E-News! What's inside

- Event calendar highlights
- Activity schedules
- Ticket and Travel specials
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- **Facility Map**
- and more!

turday, March 30





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Outdoor Rec. Center 5671 Intrepid (Bldg. 797)

Discount tickets

Tennessee Florida California MWR Picks!





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# EGGSTRAVA

# Saturday, March 30 1000 - 1200

**Ellison Community Recreation Center** 5671 McCain Street | Rain location will be N82.

Help the bunny collect his missing eggs and he will reward you with a treat bag!

Find a golden egg and win an extra prize!

#### Egg hunt times

1015 - 0-4 year olds

1045 - 5-10 year olds

1115 - 11-16 year olds

1145-16+

#### **Event activities**

- Photo opportunity
- Free movie
- Crafts
- Coloring















Eagle's Peak Grill 6168 Attu Street Millington, TN 38054 (901) 874-5415











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JOE DUGGER FITNESS CENTER | (901) 874-5497 5671 MCCAIN ST. (BLDG. S-499) MILLINGTON, TN www.navymwrmidsouth.com/fitness f





# Thank you to everyone that participated in our Ladies Night Feb. 23! Be on the look out for more great events!









# NOFFS ZONE & FITNESS CENTER HAPPENINGS!

Press your Luck
Fitness Challenge!
Wednesday, March 13
Males will bench Press 70% of their
bodyweight for reps, Females will
bench press 50% of their
bodyweight for reps. Challenge
shirts while supplies last.



# THE NAVY TEN NAUTICAL MILER WEEKEND

1st weekend of June 2024!

#NAVY10NM EXPO >> June 1 and 2 1NM >> Saturday, June 1

10NM >> Sunday, June 2 5NM >> Sunday, June 2

REGULAR RATE

Nov. 2nd - May 15th

\$65 – 10NM ACTIVE DUTY

\$85 - 10NM ALL OTHERS

\$65 - 5NM | MINI MILER is FREE!

To sign up or for more information visit: www.thenavy10nm.com or https://thenavy10nm.raceroster.com/page/event-details1

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Facility closures and holiday hours for all MWR/CYP operations are posted at facilities and online at navymwrmidsouth.com/holidayhours





# **MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \* CYP: Youth Summer Day Camp enrollment on MilitaryChildCare.com (ongoing)
- \* FITNESS: Navy10NM Outreach Little Rock (March 1 & 2)
- \* FITNESS: Navy10NM Training Club Start (March 5)
- \* SPORTS: interest meeting (March 5)
- \* FITNESS: Navy10NM outreach at Fleet Feet Memphis (March 9)
- \* COMREC: Storytime (March 9)
- \* FITNESS: Navy10NM outreach at Joe Dugger (March 11)
- \* CYP: Shelby Co./Millington Schools Spring Break | 11-15 March
- \* FITNESS: Press your Luck Fitness Challenge (March 13)
- \* SPORTS: Pre-Season Basketball (March 11-15)
- \* GOLF: Superintendent Revenge 2-Person Scramble (March 16)
- \* FITNESS: Navy10NM outreach at Joe Dugger (March 25)
- \* CYP: Youth Play Day Good Friday (March 29)
- \* COMREC: EGGSTRAVAGANZA (March 30)

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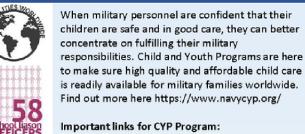
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#### **NAVY CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS**





https://militarychildcare.com - visit to get on the waiting list for military child care. https://usa.childcareaware.org - valuable to parents who cannot find care within our CYP.

# Youth Summer Day Camp enrollment begins on MilitaryChildCare.com.

#### COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Child Care Before & After School

# **AUTO SKILLS** (901) 874-5675 Monday: Closed Tuesday: 1000 - 1730 Thursday: 1000 - 1730 Friday: 1000 - 1730 Saturday: 0800 - 1530 Sunday: Closed

Federal holidays: Closed

**ELLISON COMMUNITY** 

RECREATION CENTER

Monday: 1100 - 1900

Tuesday: 1100 - 1900

Thursday: 1100 - 1900

Saturday: 1200 - 2000

Federal holidays: Closed

Sunday: 1100 - 1900

Friday: 1200 - 2000

Wednesday: 1100 - 1900

(901) 874-5455

#### RECREATIONAL LODGING (901) 874-5496 Monday: 0930 - 1800 Tuesday: 0930 - 1800 Wednesday: 1000 - 1730 Wednesday: 0930 - 1800 Thursday: 0930 - 1800 Friday: 0930 - 1800 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed

# Federal holidays: Closed TICKET AND TRAVEL OFFICE SCHOOL LIAISON (901) 874-5652 (901) 874-5343

Monday - 0800-1700 Monday: 0800 - 1600 Tuesday - 0800-1700 Tuesday: 0800 - 1600 Wednesday - 0800-1700 Wednesday: 0800 - 1600 Thursday - 0800-1700 Thursday: 0800 - 1600 Friday - 0800-1700 Friday: 0800 - 1600 Saturday - 0800-1500 Saturday: Closed Sunday - Closed Sunday: Closed Closed federal holidays Federal holidays: Closed

# CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	TEEN CENTER
(901) 874-5745	(901) 874-5494
Monday: 0600 - 1800	Hours vary, ple
Tuesday: 0600 - 1800	for current hou
Wednesday: 0600 - 1800	Federal holiday
Thursday: 0600 - 1800	
Friday: 0600 - 1800	YOUTH CENTER
Saturday: Closed	(901) 874-5155
Sunday: Closed	Before and Aft

Before and After School: Federal holidays: Closed 0600 - 0745 and 1545 - 1800 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed Federal holidays: Closed

Vacation Play Days and Summer Day Camp: Monday - Friday 0600 - 1800 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed Federal holidays: Closed

for current hours.

YOUTH CENTER

Hours vary, please call

Federal holidays: Closed

#### FITNESS & SPORTS

FITNESS CENTER

#### LIBERTY OFFICE (901) 874-5437 Monday: 1100 - 1900 Tuesday: 1100 - 1900 Wednesday: 1100 - 1900 Thursday: 1100 - 1900 Friday: 1200 - 2000 Saturday: 1200 - 2000 Sunday: 1100 - 1900 Federal holidays: Closed

(901) 874-5163

Monday: 0800 - 1700

Tuesday: 0800 - 1700

Thursday: 0800 - 1700

Saturday: 0800 - 1500

Federal holidays: Closed

Friday: 0800 - 1700

Sunday: Closed

(901) 874-5496

0800 - 1600

Monday - Friday:

OUTDOOR RECREATION NOFFS ZONE

Wednesday: 0800 - 1700 N-82 GYMNASIUM

(901) 874-5497
Monday - Friday: 0500 - 2000
Locker room cleaning closures
Women: 0900 - 0930
Men: 0930 - 1000
Saturday: 0800 - 1600
Sunday: 1000 - 1600
Federal holidays: 0800 - 1400

Monday - Friday: 0500 - 2000

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Monday - Friday: 1000 - 1330

Federal holidays: Closed

## GOLF PROGRAM **GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP** (901) 874-5168

WINTER HOURS Sunday-Saturday 0730-1600 Tee times start 0800

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

# PARK FIELD CAFE (901) 874-5841

Mon: 0700-1400 / 1630-2200 Tue: 0700-1400 / 1630-2200 Wed: 0700-1400 / 1630-2200 Thu: 0700-1400 / 1630-2200 Friday: 0700-1400 Saturday: CLOSED Sunday: 1630-2200

Federal holidays: Closed

# **EAGLE'S PEAK GRILL**

(901) 874-5415 Monday: 0700 - 1330 Tuesday: 0700 - 1330 Wednesday: 0700 - 1330 Thursday: 0700 - 1330 Friday: 0700 - 1330 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed Federal holidays: Closed

#### **EAGLE'S PEAK BAR**

Monday: 1100-1600 Tuesday: 1100-1600 Wednesday: 1100-1600 Thursday: 1100-1600 Friday: 1100-1600 Saturday: 0900-1600 Sunday: 0900-1600 Federal holidays: Closed

# SPLASH PARK

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

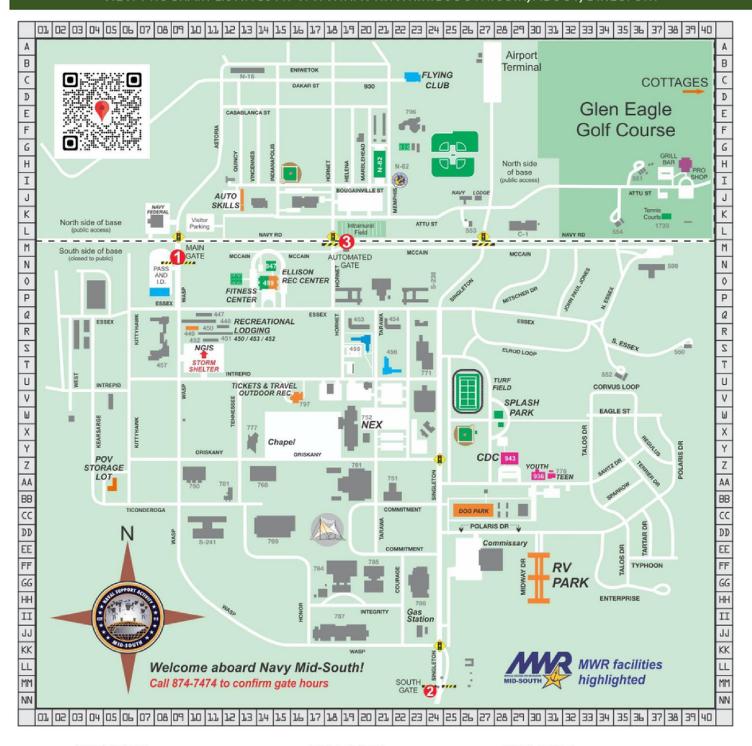
POV RESALE & STORAGE May - October: Tuesday - Sunday: 0800 - 2000 Mondays: Closed Federal holidays: Closed Federal holidays: Open

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#### GRID # FACILITY GRID # FACILITY GRID # FACILITY J 12 Auto Skills Shop (N-778/N-397) ID Office (S-456) X 20 Package Store (S-574) R 21 Bachelors Quarters (S-454) Joe Dugger Fitness Center (S-499) F 21 POV Storage Office (S-449) Y 13 Chapel (S-777) O 15 Liberty Program (S-499) F 21 POV Sale Lot Office (S-449) Y 28 Child Development Center (S-943) C23 Memphis Navy Flying Club S 10 Recreation Lodging Office (S-449) EE 27 Commissary (S-752) FF 30 Midway RV Park Softball Field Cottages at Glen Eagle (N-345/N-347) O 15 Movie Room (S-499) Splash Park (1903A) BB 26 Dog Park (S-1840) S 20 MWR Admin Office (S-455) R 10 Park Field Cafe (S-449) (H 39) Eagle's Peak Bar and Grill (N-939) Navy Exchange (S-752) X 20 Subway (S-752) X 20 O 15 Ellison Community Recreation Center (S-499) L 07 Navy Federal Z 31 Teen Center (S-770) T21) Fleet and Family Support Center (S-456) J 26 Navy Lodge (N-931) V 16 Ticket and Travel Office (S-797) Turf Field JJ 23 Gas Station Mini Mart (S-935) NGIS (S-450/451/452) Glen Eagle Golf Course (N-939) NOFF ZONE (S-947) P 08 Visitor Center / Gate Passes (S-938) Gymnasium (N-82) V 16 Outdoor Recreation (S-797) 30 Youth Center (S-936)

# **NSA Mid-South Legal Clinic**

Come join
the NSA Legal team and learn
about Power of Attorney
and Wills
Monday, March 25 from
0900-1100 at the
Pat Thompson Center









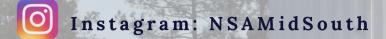
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