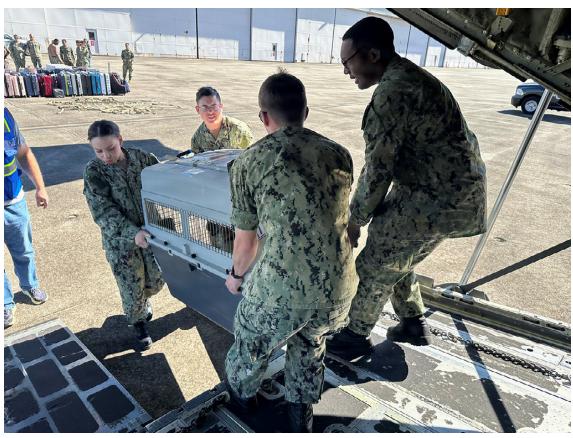


Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Non-Mission Essential Personnel Returning from NAS Pensacola





PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Service members transport a family pet to an aircraft ahead of a Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel return flight at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Sherman Field Nov. 12. Nearly 900 non-mission essential personnel from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay arrived at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Oct. 25 and 26 as part of a Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel movement ahead of one of the strongest hurricanes of the 2025 storm season. (Official U.S. Navy photo by Lt.j.g. Jonathan Merced)

By Lt.j.g. Jonathan Pitts and Lt.j.g. Jonathan Merced

PENSACOLA, Fla. – After nearly three weeks at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola during late October's Hurricane Melissa and the subsequent recovery phase of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay from the storm, non-mission essential personnel temporarily relocated to the air station are returning to Cuba Nov. 12 through 14.

The nearly 900 Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel temporarily relocated to NAS Pensacola have been residing in installation accommodations and – as eligible beneficiaries – have been able to use air station resources such as the Jet Port Café; Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities and services; and Navy Inn offerings.

"The dedicated and professional team at NAS Pensacola went above and beyond to ensure that these members of our Navy family were afforded every convenience we could provide," said Capt. Chandra 'Mamasan' Newman. "The support of our air station and tenant command service members, civilian employees and other volunteers has been amazing during our increased operational tempo with our Guantanamo Bay guests, and I couldn't be prouder of this team during what has been a challenging evolution."

Newman said the activation of the Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC), a temporarily activated entity in response to an event causing relocation, was critical to the success of the nearly three-week operation. Controlled by NAS Pensacola's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), several installation departments and community mutual aid partnerships such as the Pensacola-area American Red Cross and the United Services Organization (USO) were involved in the ongoing evolution.



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"Our FFSC personnel have manned the EFAC since we began this almost three weeks ago," she said. "Their dedication, perseverance and resilience speak volumes of just how engaged and willing NAS Pensacola and our tenant commands are in ensuring we take care of our Navy family."

Along with NAS Pensacola's Unaccompanied Housing employees, staff from the Navy Lodge; Navy Inn; the Navy Exchange (NEX); MWR's Child and Youth Programs; NAS Pensacola Religious Ministries and Public Works and the U.S. Army Pensacola Veterinary Readiness Activity Fort Eisenhower Pensacola Branch were integral parts of the EFAC. Additionally, organizations including the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) and USO as well as off-installation organizations such as the American Red Cross played a pivotal role in ensuring eligible beneficiaries were aware of available resources.

Newman added that the community support for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel was overwhelming, referring to the significant donations of pet supplies, suggested outings and community engagements.

"Being part of a community which has embraced its service members and their families for nearly two centuries is awe-inspiring," she said. "So many community organizations have reached out to provide assistance, to offer the opportunity to attend events, to just let these individuals displaced during a difficult time know that they care. The City of Pensacola and the surrounding communities are so much a part of our Navy, and we appreciate all they do."

The non-mission essential personnel movement allowed Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to minimize operations during Hurricane Melissa and expedited recovery operations. An estimated 5,500 personnel and families live and work onboard Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

NAS Pensacola, the only Navy installation in the Gulf with both a deepwater port and active airfield, previously received non-mission essential personnel during 2016's Hurricane Michael, and also serves as a safe harbor for numerous U.S. Coast Guard and USNS ships during extreme weather situations.

USO Northwest Florida, USCG Cutter Diligence Host Trunk-or-Treat Onboard NAS Pensacola for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Non-Mission Essential Personnel



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PENSACOLA, Fla. – More than 350 service members, family members and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel took part in a United Services Organization (USO) Northwest Florida-sponsored Trunk-or-Treat event Oct. 30 at the air station's Allegheny Pier.

The USO-organized event, originally scheduled as a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Diligence (WMEC-616) outing, was shifted to encompass additional attendees, specifically Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel currently onboard the air station.

"Our USO and Coast Guard presence here put together a fantastic event for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel temporarily displaced by Hurricane Melissa," said Capt. Chandra 'Mamasan' Newman. 'The outpouring of community support for these members of our Navy family has been truly spectacular, and giving some of these children the opportunity to still enjoy a favorite holiday speaks volumes of their commitment to our service members' families."

In the shadow of the pierside Diligence and buoy tender USCG Cutter Walnut (WLB-205) event participants had more than 40 stops at which to receive candy and treats, as well as participate in games, face painting and other activities.

"Our Trunk-Or-Treat started small, bringing together the families and crews of Walnut and Diligence, but our crew and the larger Coast Guard family jumped at the opportunity to support the Guantanamo Bay non-mission essential personnel and invite them to our event," said Diligence Commanding Officer Cmdr. Colin McKee. "We expected 50 attendees and ended up with 350, and it ended up being a wonderful evening for our larger military family.



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According to USO Northwest Florida Center Operations Specialist Mary Ellen Schaffner, the community support and flexibility provided a festive atmosphere for the estimated 350 attendees, mainly children, many of whom were in costume.

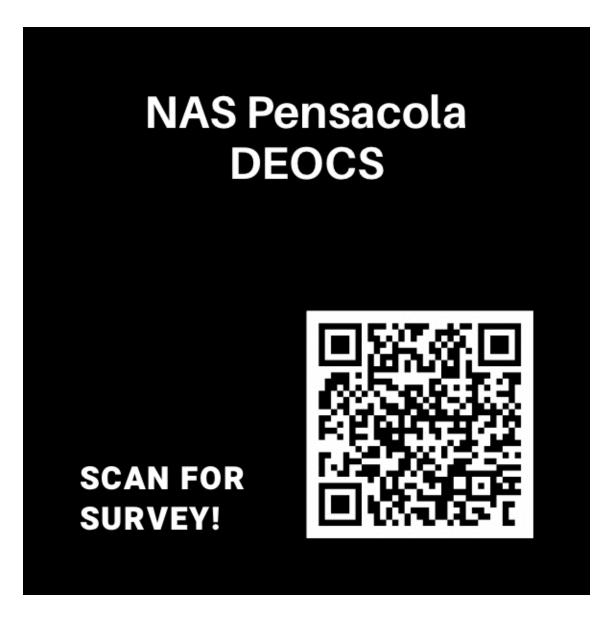
"Being able to put together an event on short notice to take care of our military family is keeping in line with the USO mission – to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country throughout their service," she said. "The volunteer efforts of so many community partners made this a truly special event."

The four-hour USO Northwest Florida-organized event included service members from numerous NAS Pensacola-based commands and community organizations such as the Pensacola-Area Chief Petty Officers Association (PACPOA); the United Cajun Navy; the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce; PenAir Federal Credit Union; Lowes; Pepboys; Pensacola State College's WSRE public broadcasting; St. John the Evangelist Private Catholic School; Diligence; and Walnut; and U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Reliance (WMEC-615).

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NAS Pensacola 2025 DEOC Survey Open

The 2025 DEOC Survey is open and awaiting your feedback! Please visit SurveysDRC.com/DEOCS to take the DEOCS for NAS Pensacola. You can log in using your email, DoD ID, or phone number. If you experience any issues with getting into the survey, please contact CSC Oliver and MA1 Zavala.





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As temperatures drop, drivers must also be alert to the first signs of frost and ice. Motorists can reduce risks and protect themselves, their passengers and their communities by anticipating these conditions and adjusting driving habits.

WET ROADS

In many regions, Fall brings increased rainfall. A light rain can make roads slippery while heavy downpours reduce visibility, raising the risk of hydroplaning. Checking windshield wipers, headlights and tire tread before the season sets in, is critical to staying prepared.





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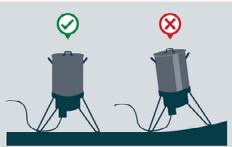






Turkey Fryer Fire Safety

Frying food puts you at the greatest risk of cooking fires. Before you fry a turkey, review these tips to keep you and your loved ones safe.



Turkey fryers can tip over easily, spilling hot cooking oil over a large area. Make sure your turkey fryer is on a sturdy, level surface and do not move it once it is in use.



Make sure it is at least 10 feet from your home and not under roof eaves.



An overfilled cooking pot will cause cooking oil to spill when the turkey is put in.

Test the amount of oil you need by filling your fryer with water. Place the turkey in the pot making sure the water doesn't get too close to the top. Measure the water and use that as a guide for filling the pot with oil.



A partially frozen turkey will cause cooking oil to splatter when you put it in the cooking pot.

Make sure your turkey is fully thawed without frost on it before you fry it.



Without thermostat controls, deep fryers can overheat oil to the point of starting a fire.

If your turkey fryer does not have a thermostat, use a kitchen thermometer that attaches to the side of the pot. This will help you monitor the temperature of the oil.



The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot.

Always use protective oven mitts. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet from the turkey fryer.



Consider using an electric or air fryer.







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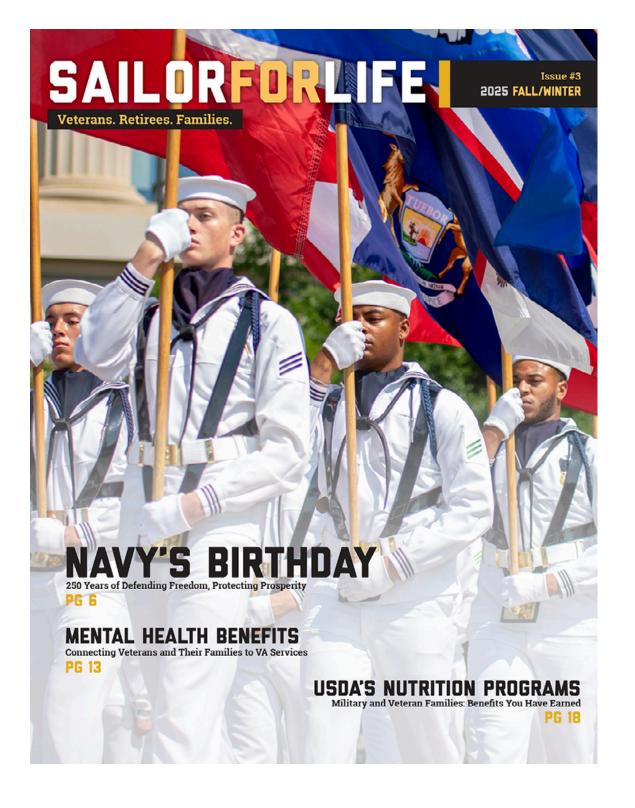


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The Morale, Welfare & Recreation mission is to contribute to the retention, readiness and mental, physical and emotional well-being of military personnel and to the welfare of their families by providing a variety of recreational activities. MWR supports the four geographic areas of NAS Pensacola Mainside, Corry Station, Saufley Field and the Blue Angel Recreation area with Fitness Centers and Pools, Marinas, Ballfields, Child Care, Golf Course, Bowling Center, Movie Theaters, Single Service Member Programs and multiple Club and Food and Beverage facilities.











The 2025 Army-Navy Game presented by USAA will be played on Saturday, December 13, 2025. The game will shown at the Mustin Beach Club on Radford Boulevard. All are welcome!



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The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides information and referral, education, and one-on-one assistance, all at no cost. Our programs include: New Parent Support, Exceptional Family Member, Family Advocacy, Personal Financial Management, Life Skills Education, Clinical Counseling, Transition Assistance, Relocation Assistance, Family Employment Readiness, Disaster Preparedness, and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. The main FFSC is located in Building 625 onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.

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26 November — 11 December 2025

Relocation Assistance Program:

Post-Deployment

December 3 from 0900-1000

Preparing families after deployments.

First Move

December 11 from 1130-1330 at Corry Station

Open to everyone who will be moving. Terminology explained and all questions wered. If you have orders you can use our computers and set up your move!

Life Skills:

Mind-Body Mental Fitness (MBMF)- Living Core Values, Module 3

December 1 from 0900-1100

Learn the importance of interpersonal connection and different communication styles. **Effective Communication**

er 2 from 1100-1230

The overall objective of this course is for learners to be able to use the power of effective communication as a vehicle for enhancing relationships at home and work.

Finding Calm in Chaos

December 5 from 1100-1200

Learn how to recognize stress and become more productive, happier, and healthier. This class explores different stress management tips and techniques, including breathing exercises.

From Clash to Collaboration December 10 from 0900-1000

Manage conflict by examining attitudes and behaviors when faced with conflicting situations; practicing skills that prevent conflict from escalating; and working with others to solve problems.

Personal Financial Readiness:

Vacation Planning

December 5 from 1400-1500

Vacations can be costly. This class provides information to help learners prepare financially for vacations in an effort to avoid over-spending and excessive debt accumulation. You will participate in an exercise where we create a comprehensive list of the potential costs associated with a vacation.

Exceptional Family Member Program:

The Road Ahead (LMS)

December 4 from 1000-1130

There is so much information and planning involved in our lives when we have a family member with a disability. This presentation will provide information on the many types of programs and service & supports that every family should be aware of and what considerations you should think of for future planning.

Transition Assistance & Employment:

My Career Options-First Term

December 1 & 2 from 0800-1530

This course gives you the opportunity to gather and understand information as you analyze your options to continue your service in the Navy or pursue a civilian career. My Education

December 3 & 4 from 0800-1530

This two-day workshop is designed for anyone interested in earning an academic degree. It will provide information, resources, and strategies to guide you with your pursuit towards an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Capstone Workshop

December 11 from 1330-1530

This workshop will ensure transitioning service members have met the TAP Career Readiness Standards (CRS) and are prepared to transition back to civilian life.

The Top Mental Health Tips For The Holidays

- 1. Be kind to yourself.
- 2. More is not necessarily better.
- 3. Keep expectations realistic.
- 4. Old patterns will naturally start to appear around the holidays, especially when you are with relatives or under stress.
- 5. Remember that other people cannot read your mind or anticipate your needs.
- Remember that "family" is another way of saying people who love, support, and care about me.'
- Pause and think through any major announcements or decisions you want to make during the holidays.
- 8. Plan sanity time-outs.
- 9. Choose your battles.
- 10. Do something silly.

Fleet and Family Support Center will be closed on November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day and closed to clients/customers on November 28th.

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Virtual TAP DECEMBER SCHEDULE

DATE:	ET	PT	SESSION
Dec 1st	2:00 PM	11:00AM	Pre-Separation Brief
Dec 1st	4:15 PM	1:15 PM	Managing Your Transition
Dec 1st	5:30 PM	2:30 PM	MOC Crosswalk
Dec 1st	7:15 PM	4:15 PM	Financial Planning for Transition
Dec 3rd	2:00 PM	11:00 AM	DOL Employment Fundamentals for Transition
Dec 9th	8:00 AM	5:00 AM	Pre-Separation Brief
Dec 9th	10:15 AM	7:15 AM	Managing Your Transition
Dec 9th	11:30 AM	8:30 AM	MOC Crosswalk
Dec 9th	1:15 PM	11:15 AM	Financial Planning for Transition
Dec 10th	8:00 AM	5:00 AM	DOL Employment Fundamentals for Transition
Dec 17th	11:00 AM	8:00 AM	DOL Employment Fundamentals for Transition
Dec 16th	11:00 AM	8:00 AM	Pre-Separation Brief
Dec 16th	1:15 PM	10:15 AM	Managing Your Transition
Dec 16th	2:30 PM	11:30 AM	MOC Crosswalk
Dec 16th	4:15 PM	1:15 PM	Financial Planning for Transition



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Conquering Civilian Interviews	12/1	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
Civilian Healthcare Foundations	12/1	3:00 PM	12:00 PM
Leveraging Websites for Career Transition Research	12/2	1:00 PM	11:00 AM
Demystifying Unemployment Compensation	12/2	4:00 PM	1:00 PM
Mastering the Civilian Resume	12/3	11:00 PM	8:00 PM
Al Resume Building: A Paradigm Shift	12/3	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
Leveraging AI for Your 2025 Job Search	12/5	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
Transferable Skills: Your Key to Career Mobility	12/5	5:00 PM	2:00 PM
Civilian Healthcare Foundations	12/7	9:00 PM	6:00 PM
Civilian Healthcare Foundations	12/15	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
Conquering Civilian Interviews	12/11	6:00 PM	3:00 PM
USAJOBS 2025	12/12	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
SBA Entrepreneurship Track Day 1	12/11	11:00 AM	8:00 AM
SBA Entrepreneurship Track Day 2	12/12	11:00 AM	8:00 AM
Transferable Skills: Your Key to Career Mobility	12/17	9:00 PM	6:00 PM

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Bounce Back Better	12/1	12:00 PM	9:00 AM
The Power of Connection	12/1	8:00 PM	5:00 PM
Run for Resilience	12/2	8:00 PM	5:00 PM
Stress Management	12/2	11:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mission Ready, Mentally Stro	ng 12/3	9:00 AM	6:00 AM
5 Love Languages 101	12/9	1:30 PM	10:30 AM
Conflict Management	12/11	11:00 AM	8:00 AM
The Bounce Back Blueprint	12/14	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Holiday Blues	12/18	5:00 PM	2:00 PM
Finding the Good in Conflict	12/22	5:00 PM	2:00 PM
Run for Resilience	12/22	8:00 AM	5:00 AM

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