



(Oct. 16, 2014) FC2 Miguel Moreno performs maintenance on a rolling airframe missile system on the flight deck of the Nimitz class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73).

U.S. Navy photo by
MCSN Loni Mae



Navy program testing water at youth facilities

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy has issued new policy requiring testing of drinking water for lead worldwide at facilities on bases where children congregate.

Lead in Priority Areas (LIPA) testing is not in response to any reports, but is a program designed to monitor and take actions necessary to ensure the continued safety and wellness of children.

"The safety and wellness of our children is of utmost priority, and to that point, the Navy is implementing measures that will further assure we are providing the most healthful environment for our children who attend programs at Naval Air Station Key West facilities," noted NAS Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve McAlearney in a letter to parents.

NAS Key West will test water from sinks, faucets, fountains and hose bibs at the Child Development Center and Youth Center Nov. 3-5. Test results will be made available at loca-

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U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW/AW) Brian Morales

Naval Air Station Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve McAlearney hosted a Town Hall meeting for service members and their families at Sigsbee Park Tuesday. Those attending received updates on housing and information on the Navy's lead testing program and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's quality of life initiatives.

CO holds Town Hall meeting for military, civilians

BY TRICE DENNY

NAS Key West Public Affairs Officer

Naval Air Station Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Steve McAlearney held an all hands and families Town

Hall meeting Tuesday at the Sigsbee Park Community Center.

The Town Hall was a venue for the "Skipper" to update personnel on public/private venture housing improvements, Morale, Welfare and

Recreation quality of life initiatives in family housing areas and the Lead in Priority Areas (LIPA) program.

Sixty people attended the meeting, representing a cross-section of Key West service members and fam-

ily members and civilian housing residents. Attendees included NAS Key West and Balfour Beatty Communities staff, on standby to answer audience questions.

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Naval Air Station Key West's Search and Rescue team underwent Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic testing this week, surpassing standards. See more photos on page 8.

United gate open, shuttles available for parade

BY JOLENE SCHOLL

Southernmost Flyer

Service members and civilians at Naval Air Station Key West need to think safety if planning

to join the thousands of visitors pouring in town for Saturday's 35th Annual Fantasy Fest Parade.

Plans to improve safety include providing additional access to Truman Annex

and providing a shuttle from housing areas.

To ease congestion at the Truman Annex gate, security officials said the United Street Gate will open from 5 p.m. Friday until 2 a.m.

Saturday and then again from 5 p.m. Saturday until 2 a.m. Sunday. A military or DOD civilian ID is required for access.

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Oct. 24

1958 - USS Kleinsmith (APD 134) rescues 56 U.S. citizens and three foreign nationals at Nicaro, Cuba.

Oct. 25

1983 - Operation Urgent Fury - Grenada, West Indies - begins. By Nov. 2, all military objectives are secured.

Oct. 26

1921 - In first successful test, a compressed-air, turntable catapult, launches a N-9 seaplane.

Oct. 27

1943 - First women Marines report for duty on the West Coast, Camp Pendleton, California.

Oct. 28

1933 - The development of the PBY Catalina flying boat begins by awarding the contract to the Consolidated Aircraft Company.

Oct. 29

1989 - A pilot making his first carrier landing crashes on the flight deck of the training carrier Lexington (AVT 16), killing himself and four others.

Oct. 30

1799 - William Balch becomes the Navy's first commissioned chaplain.

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Be still and know

When is the last time you were still? A couple of things happened to me this week that reminded me of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God?"

The first was when I was driving down South Roosevelt on my way to work, listening to Pandora when suddenly my connection failed and my car went silent. There I was just quietly looking out over the Atlantic seeing the sunrise. Even though I was driving and people were running along the sidewalk, when I looked beyond what was in front of me, it was just still.

The other time was when the rain started pouring down. The outside world just goes still. The birds find shelter. People are sheltered inside. All I would see and hear was the rain. In the midst of the storm, there was a calm to be found.

The psalmist in the beginning of Psalm 46 reminds us that God is our refuge and strength, a very

present help in trouble. Even if the earth gives way, or the mountains be moved into the sea or the waters roar and foam, we have no reason to fear because God is with us. We need to be still and know that God is God.

We are a busy culture. And with all the information we have at

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NAS Key West
Command Chaplain

Lt.

Ethan Everts

the touch of our fingers, there is always something to do or something to read. We chatter on social media. We work long hours. We play taxi for our kids. We deal with crying babies through the night. We are constantly on the

move. We are overwhelmed by life's activities. However, we need to learn to be still. We must learn to invite God into our schedule. Whatever we are trying to achieve, we must know that strength comes from God not from a venti Pumpkin Spice Latte or a Bucci.

So, be still. Look beyond what is in front of you; and know God is there.

When storms roll in, we must

find our refuge in God as well. It is a survival instinct of nature to seek shelter when storms rage around us. So why do we not seek shelter when the storms of life come? Either it is because we do not know God or because we remember God only as a last resort.

When trouble comes, the first thing you should do is run to God. Then you either let God handle it or let God give you wisdom in how to handle it. To do that, you must first be still and know who God is. God has many names with promises attached to each one. It is hard to trust someone if you do not know them.

So no matter what, do not let this life get too busy or chaotic that you forget God. God is available to you wherever you may be. God is with us if we are willing to be with God. So be still and know that God is God.

If you need a refuge during the week, come to the Truman chapel on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. If you require any midweek sheltering, you can come see the chaplain. You can call us at (305) 293-2318 for Naval Air Station Key West, or (305) 292-8788 for Coast Guard Sector Key West. God bless.

Water

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tions where testing was conducted and on the internet at cnic.navy.mil/keywest under the heading "Water Quality Information."

"While current data indicates our youth program sites and

childcare facilities are safe, plans are progressing to sample and analyze the drinking water for lead to identify any potential concerns and take all actions necessary to ensure continued safety and wellness of your children," noted McAlearney.

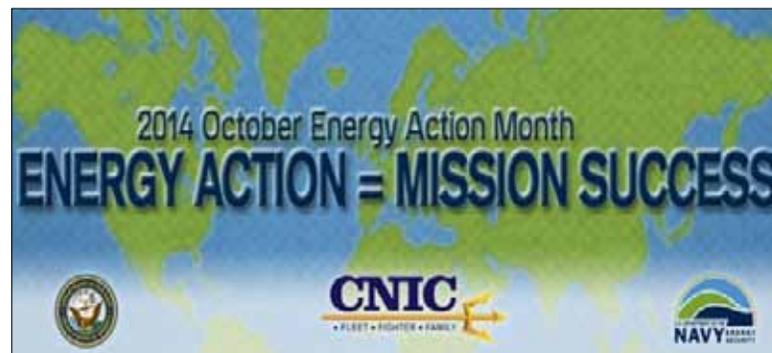
Parents are encouraged to contact the CDC staff, command lead-

ership or their health care provider if they have individual questions or would like assistance in understanding and interpreting the results.

The water testing at the CDC and Youth Center is part of an ongoing program that will include yearly updates and complete retesting every five years.

This proactive approach to the identification and elimination of potential sources of lead in facilities that cater to children reasserts the Navy's commitment to the safety and well-being of our Navy families, said McAlearney.

For more information on local testing, contact the NAS Key West Public Works Department at (305) 293-2304 or Public Affairs at (305) 293-2027.



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Navy launches Gold Star Program for families of fallen service members

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy has launched a program to assist Gold Star Families - those whose

family members have died in military service - as a part of an initiative started by Commander, Navy Installations Command.

The Navy Gold Star Program ensures that surviving families of

deceased service members are not forgotten and remain part of the Navy family for as long as they desire.

Gold Star Families consist of surviving family members of

those whose loved ones died on active duty or those designated as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action.

Survivors are not only primary and secondary next-of-kin, but may include other family mem-

bers. Those eligible for this program are the widow or widower, parents and the next of kin.

Parents include mother, father,

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Milligan reports as FLC SUPPO

FROM NAS KEY WEST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, Det Key West, welcomed a new supply officer.

Lt. Howard Milligan, from St. Croix, Virgin Islands, has 25 years of naval service. He reported in October from USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77), where he served as the principal assistant for services.

Milligan's words of wisdom befit leadership - "Be visible, accessible and approachable."



Milligan



Job Title: Patrolman

Hometown: Tamuning, Guam

Prior Duty Stations: Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Naval Submarine Base New London, Coastal Riverine Squadron 4

Hobbies: Softball, football and baseball.

Most Interesting Experience: Missions in the Fifth and Sixth Fleet.

Future Plans: To receive a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Words of Wisdom: History is made by those who break the rules.



MA2 (EXW)
Everett Kalgren

'Tonto' Thompson to retire after 33 years

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Cmdr. Ken "Tonto" Thompson retires Oct. 31 after 33 years of Navy service in an 11 a.m. ceremony at Bldg. A-936, Boca Chica Field.

Thompson is currently assigned to Fighter Squadron Composite (VFC) 111, where he serves as the contracting officer's representative, aircraft maintenance officer and supply officer for the fleet adversary squadron.

A native of Mackinac Island, Michigan, he enlisted in February 1982 and completed boot camp in Orlando, Florida, and Aviation Maintenance

Administrationman "A" School at Naval Technical Training Center Meridian, Mississippi. He then reported to his first duty station with The Dambusters of Attack Squadron (VA)-195 at NAS Lemoore, California.

His follow on tours included Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 195; advanced training at Naval Air Technical Training Center Millington, Tennessee; an instructor tour at Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group Pacific Detachment Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines; the



Thompson

Stingers of VFA-113, where he was promoted to chief petty officer; an instructor tour at NATTC Millington where he was promoted to senior chief petty officer; and The Fighting Marlins of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington.

After accepting commissioning as a limited duty officer aviation maintenance on Sept. 1, 1998, he attended the Naval Aviation Schools Command at Pensacola, Florida.

Once he completed Aviation Maintenance Officer School, he departed for Guam as detachment maintenance officer and mainte-

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For Sigsbee military housing, McAlearney told the group that the material condition of houses has Navy attention all the way up to the Chief of Naval Operations. He informed the crowd that many units will see improvements in the next year to include roof, window and door replacements. McAlearney also stressed improved communications between BBC, residents and the Navy.

In the next year, MWR will provide some new Sigsbee Park entertainment choices for families, such as playgrounds, arti-

cial turf on the ball fields, an expanded Youth Center, and possibly by the end of 2015, a splash park located near the car wash. MWR is also showing family movies twice a month at the community center, and offering up more opportunities for child care in order for parents to take advantage of date nights.

The LIPA program was introduced, with attendees learning that the Navy is testing for lead at Navy facilities worldwide where children congregate. In Key West, testing will begin in November at the Child Development Center and the Youth Center. The lead testing is beyond Environmental Protection

Agency standards, in order for the Navy to ensure that children are safe.

After the presentation, McAlearney answered questions, with the majority of the questions related to housing and security of Sigsbee Park. As the meeting concluded, McAlearney urged the group to attend the monthly Resident Advisory Committee meetings held by BBC, and thanked them for attending.

"Thank you for coming out tonight, and please continue to communicate with us your concerns," said McAlearney. "That's one of the main reasons we are here, to make our families' quality of life the best it can be."

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MWR Update

'Date night' child care

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child Development Center is offering a date-night, holiday shopping break.

Staff will be available for child care from 6 - midnight Nov. 1; 6 - 10 p.m. Nov. 14; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 29. The cost is \$4 per child per hour. Pre-registration is required (including shot records).

The registration deadline is by 5 p.m. two days before the date of child care.

For more information, call (305) 293-4498. Drop-in care is also available Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sigsbee Marina winter hours

The Sigsbee Marina has shifted to winter hours, 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. until March 1, 2015. The Sigsbee Marina has added new paddle boards and kayaks to its rental fleet. Patrons can also rent fishing gear, snorkeling gear, and center console or skiff boats. For more information, call the marina at (305) 293-4434.

'Lone Survivor' free download

Xbox Video is making the movie "Lone Survivor" (R) available for free to MWR patrons 18 years of age and older through a commercial sponsorship with Morale,

Welfare and Recreation.

The promotion is open to all MWR authorized patrons - active duty, retirees, DOD civilians and their dependents. To receive the code for the free download, email emma.harlow@navy.mil. In the subject line include "Lone Survivor download" and identify whether active, retired, DOD or dependent.

For more information, call (305) 293-2503.

Liberty activities

The Liberty Single Sailor Program is open to all single or unaccompanied active duty military personnel E-6 and below. Visit us on Facebook at "MWR Liberty Key West." For additional information email naskwliberty@gmail.com or call (305) 293-2682 or (305) 797-4468.

Monday - Free refreshments at Captain's Cup Football, 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday - Birthday Bash Celebration for Liberty patrons; text DOB to (305) 797-4468.

November highlight: the Liberty Program is taking a road trip to Orlando, Florida, Nov. 1 - 2, for Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights. A limited number of seats are available; call to reserve a seat.

Miami Heat tickets

MWR is selling Miami Heat basketball tickets for the 2014-2015 season. Tickets for the following games are in section 102. Liberty tickets, for registered single or unaccompanied Sailors E-6 and below, are \$85. All-hands tickets are \$90. The only excep-

tion is for the Dec. 27 game against Memphis, which are \$40 and \$45.

- Dec. 21 - Boston Celtics
- Dec. 27 - Memphis Grizzlies [section 405 Liberty - \$40/all hands - \$45]
- Jan. 4 - Brooklyn Nets
- Feb. 21 - New Orleans Pelicans
- Feb. 28 - Atlanta Hawks
- March 7 - Sacramento Kings
- March 29 - Detroit Pistons
- April 11 - Toronto Raptors

Dolphins tickets

MWR has tickets to three Miami Dolphins games this year. Transportation is not included. Contact the liberty coordinator for more information or to purchase your tickets: naskwliberty@gmail.com (305) 293-2682 or (305) 797-4468. Liberty

programs are for Sailors who are single or unaccompanied, E-6 or below.

- Nov. 2 vs. Chargers, all hands - \$50, Liberty - \$45 section 406
- Dec. 7 vs. Ravens, all hands - \$60, Liberty - \$55 section 406

MWR rentals

Need a tent? How about tables and chairs? A stage? Morale, Welfare and Recreation has the following items available for rent: 20-by-20 tents, 20-by-40 tents, 10-by-10 pop-up tents and a 15-by-15 stage tent. Note that all tents are for shade, not a camping tent. Also available are 6-foot tables, chairs, a 6-by-16 stage and bunting.

Rental prices are based

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on daily rates, on-base only. Prices include set up and break down. For more information, call Leroy Jackson at (305) 797-1275.

Social media

Here's how to get more information on MWR activities and events:

- Weekly Activities Sheet - sent via email; request to be added by emailing emma.harlow@navy.mil.
- Official website: www.cnic.navy.mil/keywest
- MWR website: www.navymwr.org
- Like us on Facebook - NAS Key West MWR
- Follow us on Twitter - NAS Key West MWR

Youth Center

The MWR Youth Center on Sigsbee Park serves dependents of active duty, retired military, Reservists and DOD civilians ages 10 - 18. The facility is open after school Monday - Thursday until 8 p.m., Friday after school until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 1 - 9 p.m. For information on how to register your child call (305) 293-4437.

The Youth Center also has a closed Facebook group online for children and parents to join - NAS Key West Youth Center. A request must be submitted to be invited into the group.

Sunset Lounge

The Sunset Lounge on Sigsbee Park offers entertainment as well as drink specials and an updated

menu. The Sunset Lounge bar is open Wednesday - Sunday 4 - 10 p.m. and the kitchen is open 4 - 9 p.m.

Beach Patio

Located on Truman Annex, Beach Patio Recreation Center is located next to the Truman Beach and is a prime location for special events under the new pavilion. Rent snorkel gear, beach chairs, grills, coolers and have lunch at the Beachside Grill.

The facility includes internet access, a gaming center, arcade games, a mini movie theater and more. Hours are Sunday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. For additional information, call (305) 293-5282.

Truman fitness

The Truman Fitness Center is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. For additional information, call the Beach Patio Recreation Center at (305) 293-5282.

Navigator's grill

Located at the Boca Chica Marina, Navigator's Bar and Grill is a full-service bar with food available for lunch and dinner. There is seating indoors and on the beach. The bar is open Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; the grill is open Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information or to find out the daily specials, call (305) 293-2468.

Runway Grill

The Runway Grill offers fresh healthy concepts on its menu. Choose from a wide selection of a healthy wraps or sandwiches; prices range from \$3.50 - \$7.50.

The Runway Grill opens at 11 a.m. Monday - Friday. Please use the side door on the deck to enter. The regular menu will be available with no daily specials until further notice. For more information call (305) 293-2116.

Landing Zone

The Landing Zone is your one-stop resource center for quality products at competitive prices. The office is in Bldg. A-350, next to Air Lanes Bowling Center on Boca Chica Field.

Looking for NAS Key West memorabilia? Visit the Landing Zone for a wide selection of polo shirts, hats, visors, post cards, stickers and the NAS Key West challenge coin.

Graphics services include custom, laser-engraved plaques, desk wedges, rubber stamps, name tags and more. Printing services include large-format printing, photo printing, banners, signs and standard printing/copying.

The Landing Zone also has a notary service and fax service. For more information, call (305) 293-2884.

Racquetball

A racquetball ladder league starts Nov. 3. Participants must register by Wednesday. A minimum of 12 participants is required to ensure the program. Self-officiated league

and participants set the match dates and times. For more information or to submit a roster email kwathletics@gmail.com or call (305) 797-7791.

Boca Chica gym

Fridays at 5 p.m. - open volleyball

Saturdays at 11 a.m. - open basketball

For more information, email bocachicagym@gmail.com, look for the gym on Facebook - NAS Key West MWR, or call (305) 293-2480.

Kick n' Core

Kick n' Core is Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. and Fridays from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Boca Chica Fitness Center. For a full listing of classes offered by MWR visit the MWR Facebook page at "NAS Key West MWR" or call (305) 293-2480.

Ball Flow

Pilates and yoga are fused and choreographed to music, while incorporating the stability ball. This new class is at Boca Chica Fitness Center on Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6 p.m. For more information, call (305) 293-2480.

PRT Prep

MWR Fitness is rolling out a PRT Prep fitness class on Wednesdays from 7 - 8 a.m. at the Boca Chica Fitness Center. Develop the strength and stamina it takes to complete the physical readiness test at your maximum performance level. The class includes running, cycling, curl-ups, foam rolling, stretching and more. The class is for active

duty only. For more information call (305) 293-2480.

Fitness schedule

Monday

- 11 - 11:45 a.m. - Retro Step (Boca Chica Fitness Center)
- 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. - Kick'n Core (Boca Chica Fitness Center)
- 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. - Yogalates (Boca Chica Fitness Center)

Tuesday

- 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. - Pump (Sigsbee Community Center)
- 6 - 6:45 p.m. - Cycling (Boca Chica Cycling Studio)

Wednesday

- 7 - 8 a.m. - PRT Prep (Boca Chica Fitness Center)

active duty only

- 11 - 11:45 a.m. - Yogalates (Boca Chica Fitness Center)
- 5:15 - 6 p.m. - Ball Flow (Boca Chica Fitness Center)

Thursday

- 7 - 7:45 a.m. - TRX (Boca Chica Fitness Center)
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Yoga (Sigsbee Community Center)
- 6 - 6:45 p.m. - Cycling (Boca Chica Cycling Studio)

Friday

- 10 - 11 a.m. - Kick'n Core (Boca Chica Fitness Center)

Saturday

- 9 - 10 a.m. - Xtreme Circuit (Boca Chica Fitness Center)

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For more information or to request services, call (305) 293-4408 or visit the center at 804 Sigsbee Rd., Sigsbee Park.

Navy program aids warriors in need

FROM NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor program is the DON's support program for critically wounded, injured or ill Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and with more than 3,000 served, it is a vital care network for those in need.

The program's objective is to resolve persistent non-medical concerns and arrange enrollees for transition back to active duty or civilian life so the service members can focus on getting well. To make this happen, the program facilitates assistance during three phases: recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

"The recovery phase is typically the hospitalization phase,"

said Lt. Daniel Simonds, the program manager for CNRSE Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor.

"Next is the rehabilitation phase, when a service member is out of the hospital and learning how to navigate through their injury, illness or wound," he said. "Finally, the reintegration phase is if the service member is found unfit for continued naval service we help with the transition into the civilian life, or if they are found fit, we help reintegrate them back into the Navy or Coast Guard."

The program currently has over 1,640 enrollees, with more than 1,500 additional service members who have received

assistance, though they did not qualify for enrollment.

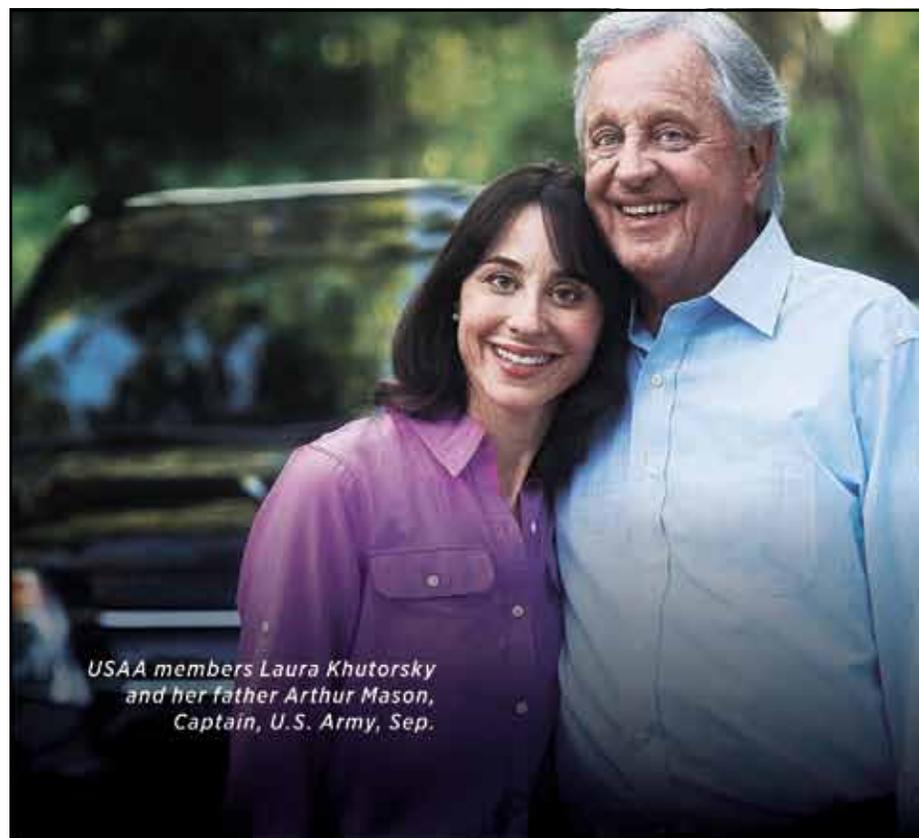
"If a Sailor or Coast Guardsman is considered severely wounded, ill or injured by a physician, then their parent command will submit information on their behalf and we receive the notification that there is a service member in our region who needs assistance," Simonds said. "From there an enrollment committee makes the determination on whether they will be accepted into the program. Regardless of the decision, they can and will receive assistance from us."

NWW Safe Harbor offers an extensive variety of services,

including assisting with employment and education opportunities, connecting them to benefits, hosting adaptive athletics events, and family and mental health resources.

The program was formally established in 2008 and since its founding, its mission has extended beyond offering support to service members wounded in combat. Currently, of its enrolled service members, half are injured and half are ill. The injuries may have been acquired while on liberty, training or on shipboard accidents.

For more information about NWW and how to enroll, call 1(855) NAVY WWP (628-9997), or visit <http://safeharbor.navy.mil> or email safeharbor@navy.mil.



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BCC website provides residents information

FROM BBC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Did you know Balfour Beatty Communities maintains a comprehensive housing website for both current and prospective residents here at Naval Air Station Key West?

Found at www.naskey-westhomes.com, Balfour Beatty Communities' housing website for NAS Key West allows current residents to access a wide variety of community information, housing policies and procedures, news, updates, important forms and contact information.

The website also provides prospective residents the opportunity to learn more about the available housing at NAS Key West and the community amenities it has to offer.

Here are some details on what you can find on the Balfour Beatty Communities website at NAS Key West:

In the 'Relocating Residents' section of the website you'll find important information on how to apply for housing, tips for planning a move, as well as details about current leasing spe-

cial. You can even perform a custom home search based on rank and number of bedrooms. Current residents who will soon be departing can also find the information they need about clearing housing in this section.

The website's 'Neighborhoods' section provides detailed information about all of the family housing areas and home styles available at the installation. The listings provide specifics on each home style's unique features, as well as floor plans, photos and an area map. This section also includes a complete list of community amenities available to residents, such as community centers, fitness facilities, and playgrounds.

Balfour Beatty Communities strives to provide quality housing and enjoyable communities for all of our residents. In the 'Community Life' section of the website you can find the latest information about what is happening in the housing community, including details on upcoming events and activities. This section also features an overview of LifeWorks, Balfour Beatty Communities' resident relations program, and even a

few activities for our youngest residents in the "Kids Corner."

In the important 'Resident Resources' section, you will find all the information you need about living in housing at NAS Key West. From policies and forms, to directions on how to submit a service request and community schedules for trash/recycling pick-ups and lawn care, this section has it all.

You'll also find extensive home, community and seasonal safety information as well as a detailed overview of housing utilities and related energy conservation programs. And for those still getting to know the local community, the 'Area Resources' page features a list of important contacts and links for everything from healthcare facilities to public transportation and school information.

If you currently live in housing - or are considering it - be sure to visit www.naskeywesthomes.com and stay in-the-know about every aspect of our community, from how to move in to how to move out and everything you need in between.

This Just In...

Halloween in housing

Trick-or-treating hours for Naval Air Station Key West's Balfour Beatty Communities housing areas are 6 - 9 p.m. Oct. 31.

Parents should accompany their children as they walk to homes. Trick-or-treaters should follow traffic rules and make they can be seen by passersby, either by wearing reflective costumes and/or carrying flashlights. BBC is providing glowsticks to resident trick-or-treaters. Motorists should drive with extreme caution during the trick-or-treating period.

ACT testing set

Active duty military members can register now for the American College

Testing exam scheduled for 8 a.m. - noon Oct. 30 in Bldg. A-718, Boca Chica Field.

The ACT exam is offered through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education program. The test is free to those taking the exam for the first time; those retaking the exam will pay a fee.

To register for the exam, or for more information, call ABHC Ian Daley at (305) 293-2720 or (646) 606-7334.

FKCC open house

Florida Keys Community College invites prospective students and their families to an open house at 5:30p.m. Thursday at the Key West campus. The event is designed to introduce future students to the academic pro-

grams available and to provide guidance through the enrollment process. The regular \$30 application fee will be waived for those who submit an application during the event. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Those interested in attending the Open House are asked to respond by calling Laura Estevez at (305) 809-3247 or email laura.estevez@fkcc.edu. To learn more about FKCC, visit www.fkcc.edu.

Parade seeks participants

Naval Air Station Key West's Veterans Day Parade organizers are looking for military units, veterans' groups and other patriotic units to march through

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stepmother, stepfather, mother or father through adoption and foster parents who stood in loco parentis. "Next of kin" includes children, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, and half-sisters and the term "children" includes stepchildren and children through adoption.

The program is enhanced by the active participation of new NGS region and installation coordinators, who are the lead agents for actions within the long-term casualty support process. Navy Region Southeast's coordinator for the Navy Gold Star Program is Rufus Bundrige.

"Survivors tell us that one of the greatest challenges they face in their grief journey is rebuilding resiliency as they transition

to their new normal," said Bundrige. "A huge help in the resiliency building process for survivors is the reassurance that their loved one will never be forgotten and that they still can maintain their link to the Navy culture. Navy Gold Star's mission is to deliver survivor assistance programs and services through a holistic approach."

All GSP personnel have been trained and supplied with the informational tools needed to standardize the process to effectively provide assistance to Gold Star Families.

The Navy Gold Star Program is all inclusive and will provide services to any branch of services qualifying survivors. For more information about the Navy Gold Star Program go to www.navygoldstar.com or to www.facebook.com/NavyGoldStar.

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SAR tests above standards

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Southernmost Flyer

Naval Air Station Key West's Search and Rescue Team completed its annual three-day evaluation of the unit's standard operating procedures Oct. 16.

Inspectors from Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic administered the evaluation.

Aircrew members, SAR medical technicians, pilots and the aircrew survival equipmentmen were tested on qualifications, fitness standards, equipment inventory and proper

uses. The SAR crews also were tested in several scenarios.

Last year, NAS Key West's SAR team scored an overall average of 370 points on the CNAL Type Commander Test/SAR Fitness Test. This year, the eight members being evaluated averaged six points higher.

"We're doing a lot better than last year and we'll continue to do better," said AWS2 Juan Sarango Castillo, SAR standardization petty officer.

The first day consisted of written exams and an administrative review of records and qualifications of the six naval aircrew and the SAR medical technicians.

Day two involved a physical fitness test that included pull-ups, a 100-yard dumbbell carry, a one-mile hike carrying a 40-pound backpack and a 500-meter swim. The test concluded with a 400-meter rescue swim.

The last day of evaluation ran scenarios testing pilots' mission briefing, rescue swimmers over land, rescue swimmers over water and a medical evaluation of crew coordination/emergency treatments of victims.

According to Sarango Castillo, the SAR team completed the evaluation above the fleet's average. Official results of the evaluation will be released at a later date.



Naval Air Station Key West aircrew members prepare to lower a search and rescue swimmer inside the rescue basket from the station's MH-60S Knighthawk.



A SAR air crewman inside a rescue basket is lowered from an MH-60S Knighthawk assigned to NAS Key West.



Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic SAR Evaluator AWSC Jim Woodward, left, simulates an over water plane-crash survivor scenario with NAS Key West SAR team members AWS2 Joseph Derry and AWS2 Jonathan Erd.



A SAR air crewman is lowered toward a simulated victim during the over water portion of CNAL Type Commander Test/SAR Fitness Test off the coast of Fleming Key.

LIVING DEAD HAUNT SIGSBEE PARK

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The Halloween spirit filled the air over Sigsbee Park when all souls came back from the dead ... or so it seemed.

The living dead infested Sigsbee Park during Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual Zombie 5K run Thursday.

All participants were given the option to chase or be chased as runners in the 5K, wearing flags on their attire or dressing up as zombies.

Fourteen runners "survived" by evading the 25 zombie volunteers and keeping their flags. The remaining 33 runners were declared casualties of the "zombie apocalypse."

Orange cones, warning signs and zombie

locations were set in place by 15 safety volunteers to prevent accidents along the running path.

Free movie tickets were given to the zombie who captured the most flags, ET1 Ricky Reeves, and a Publix gift card was presented to the best dressed zombie, BM1 James Norskow.

"I think it definitely represented the spirit of Halloween. Zombies are definitely synonymous of Halloween," said Norskow. "With the spirit of Halloween it made me want to put more effort into a costume. What came out of it was an amalgamation of zombies and Assassin's Creed, which is one of my favorite video games."

The event was sponsored by USAA, Fury Water Adventures and Keys Federal Credit Union.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN RUN TALLY: ZOMBIES 25, RUNNERS 47



Almost four dozen runners, far left, took off in the annual Zombie Run Oct. 16 at Sigsbee Park. ATAN Lauren Albury, above, paints makeup on zombie HN Koty Chelf before the run.



Volunteers, left, donned makeup to create obstacles for runners. Zombie ET1 Ricky Reeves, above, chases after a runner; once a zombie pulls all red flags, the runner is declared a casualty of the zombie apocalypse.

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the streets of Old Town Key West Nov. 11 to pay tribute to America's veterans, past and present, during the city's annual Veterans Day Parade.

Organizations wishing to participate may register or get more information by contacting Army Sgt. 1st Class Adam Van Natta, Joint Interagency Task Force South, at (305) 293-5782 or email adam.n.vannatta.mil@mail.mil. The registration deadline is Oct. 30.

USCG golf tourney

The Florida Keys Coast Guard Ball Committee is sponsoring a golf tournament Nov. 7 to raise funds for their upcoming ball. The tournament has a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Registration deadline is Oct. 30. For more information, email Gregory.P.Eagle@uscg.mil or call (305) 292-8707.

Commissary sells gift card

As the calendar flips toward the holidays, the commissary gift card is always an option for friends and family the military community.

Commissary gift cards come in denominations of \$25 and \$50. Anyone can pur-

chase a card for an authorized patron at the Naval Air Station Key West commissary.

The gift card can be used to pay for all in-store purchases or customers can use multiple forms of payments and coupons along with the gift card. Gift cards cannot be redeemed for cash and customers will not be able to receive change for any unused amount left on the card. With its declining balance, the gift card is used until it is "zeroed out."

NEX promotes electronics

NEX customers will have no down payment, no interest and no payments for 12 months when using their Military Star Card Nov. 5 - 18, to purchase any computer, TV or camera bundle valued at \$699 or more.

Military Star Card applications are available at any NEX. The application can be processed the same day at the NEX customer service desk. For more information, call 305 292-7200.

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NAS Classifieds

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Top 5 tips for wearing Navy ball caps

FROM CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Optional wear of the Navy and command ball caps was authorized Sept. 1 with Navy working uniforms, Type I, II and III, as well as with flight suits, coveralls, flame resistant variant coveralls and the Navy physical training uniform.

The Uniform Matters Office continues to receive a large number of questions and plenty of feedback on the optional wear of the Navy and command ball caps.

Based on Sailors' questions, here are the top five things Sailors need to know about wearing ball caps:

The Navy ball cap is a seabag-issued item first received by Sailors at boot camp. Replacements can be purchased using the annual clothing replacement allowance for enlist-

ed E1-E6 personnel. It is considered the property of the Sailor upon purchase.

The command ball cap is organizational clothing procured by the command - meaning that the supply officer buys them using operating target funds - and issued to the Sailor by their assigned command. Sailors may purchase command ball caps with their personal funds, just as they purchase command badges, patches, belt buckles, and other permissible uniform items. However, since the command ball cap is not a seabag item, Sailors cannot be required to purchase it.

If a Sailor is authorized to wear NWUs out in town, he or she may wear the Navy or command ball cap. Ball caps may be worn with civilian clothes provided they do not have rank insignia or command titles reflected, for example, CO, XO, CMC, CHENG, OPS, DECK

LCPO, etc. Command ball caps may substitute the Navy logo with the command name and logo and a Sailor's last name can be embroidered centered on the back of the cap in command colors. The ball cap is made of standard navy blue wool, synthetic, or blended fabric.

Commands may prescribe the eight-point cover with the NWUs for Sailors in formation at a ceremony or formal occasion. In this case, the ball cap shouldn't be worn.

The Navy and command ball caps may be worn with the NWU, Navy flight suits, navy blue coveralls, flame resistant coveralls and the Navy physical training uniform.

For more information on uniform regulations and a list of frequently asked questions relating to the ball caps, visit the Uniform Matters Office website at: www.public.navy.mil.

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nance/material control officer for The Providers of Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 5 (HC) 5, followed by aircraft intermediate maintenance detachment Key West where he served as officer in charge and was selected for redesignation as an aerospace maintenance duty officer. His next assignment was as the COR and AMO for the Windjammers of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 51 out of Marine Corps Air Station

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Thompson has also served at the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Maryland, as assistant program manager for logistics and project lead for all Navy and Marine Corps fleet and operational support aircraft.

In October 2011, Thompson reported to VFC-111.

During his career Thompson has served in squadrons with seven different model aircraft, cruised aboard five carriers and two combat support ships, been stationed overseas for 12 years, visited

54 countries, 28 territories/provinces and all seven continents.

His personal awards include five Navy/Marine Corp Commendation Medals, eight Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals and numerous individual, unit, campaign and civilian awards. He has also been designated as a master training specialist, enlisted aviation warfare specialist and professional aerospace maintenance officer.

He is married to the former LoriAnn Cummings of Corry, Pennsylvania.



Parade

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Although the Southard Street access to Truman Annex is open, Fantasy Fest officials caution the area will be congested because the parade floats stage at the Truman waterfront, across from the Eco-Discovery Center.

Vehicles parked legally on the Truman Annex station may be left overnight if revelers have been drinking and shouldn't drive, security officials said.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's parade shuttle will run from Sigsbee Park and Trumbo Point and is available to service members and DOD civilians. The shuttle is restricted to military ID cardholders; guests are allowed but must be with an authorized patron. The cost is \$3 each way and exact change is required.

The shuttles will run from 4 - 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Pick-up points are at the Trumbo Point gate and at the Information, Tickets and Travel office, Bldg. V-4113, Sigsbee Park. The shuttles drop off at the intersection of Simonton and Eaton streets. For more information, call (305) 293-4173. The last drop off is 8 p.m. Pick up resumes at 10 p.m.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. with floats leaving Truman Annex via Southard Street and turning north on Whitehead Street, rounding Front Street and then traveling the length of Duval.

Personnel are reminded the mix of revelers will include those who may attempt to pickpocket smart phones and credit cards. Local law enforcement this week arrested four Miami men who stole 14 cell phones from downtown visitors.

Fantasy Fest officials say

backpacks, coolers, packages, water guns, weapons or replica weapons are prohibited from the "Fantasy Zone," a boxed area that runs from Front to United streets, bordered by Whitehead and Simonton streets.

Key West law enforcement officials remind attendees that nudity is illegal and is prohibited on public property or in public view at any time. Participants wearing body paint are encouraged to bring a cover-up to wear when they leave the festival zone.

Additionally, lewd acts on public property or in public view are strictly illegal and won't be tolerated. Additional local, county and state law enforcement officers will be working to ensure public safety.

For more information on public transportation, event schedules, rules and regulations, visit www.fantasyfest.com.

THEY DIG IT!



U.S. Navy photo by Trice Denny

Naval Air Station Key West Community Plans and Liaison Officer Ashley Monnier, *left*, and Natural Resources Manager Carrie Backlund plant trees along old Boca Chica Road Saturday. About a dozen people, including neighbors and DOD civilians, planted 30 trees to replace those that had to be removed as part of the Boca Chica Field Clear Zones and Drainage System Restoration project, which is near completion.



Please join us at the beach on Truman Annex at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for a brief service. Bring a pair of shoes to represent and speak for a man, woman or child who may be in an abusive relationship...

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