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## NMCRS celebrates with grand reopening

By **Brian Lamar**  
NCBC Public Affairs

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society celebrated National Thrift Shop week with a grand reopening of their thrift shop Aug 16.

The thrift shop underwent a makeover and reorganization, providing customers with a better shopping experience, said Alice Huffman, NMCRS director.

Military spouses, retirees and uniformed customers began streaming in the front doors soon after the thrift shop opened. Some were treasure hunting for a bargain, while others needed essentials, like new uniforms.

"I need to get some new uniforms before my next deployment. I've always found a good deal here," said CE2 Pretrena Phillips, a member of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11.

According to Danielle Edwards, a new volunteer with NMCRS, the thrift shop on base is one of 28 throughout the Navy and Marine Corps and is one way that the NMCRS raises funds for loans and grants for members in need.

NMCRS shoppers were also given the opportunity to participate in a silent auction for several big ticket items like vintage luggage and bicycles.

The hours for the NCBC Thrift Shop are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**Construction Electrician 2nd Class Pretrena Phillips, a Seabee with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11, sorts through uniforms at the Naval Construction Battalion Center Thrift Shop during the grand reopening Aug. 16. The grand reopening was held during National Thrift Shop Week. (U.S. Navy Photo by Brian Lamar/Released)**

## NMCB 133/22 Seabees complete airfield construction in Djibouti

By **Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton**  
Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 22 and 133 completed a logistics support area project at a nearby airfield July 28, 2016.

The project included parking pads for multiple vehicles and a road that allows fire trucks and emergency crews quicker access to different parts of the airfield, thereby cutting down critical response time.

"You name it – any vehicle will be able to operate on it without any weight restriction," said Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Peters, NMCB 133 heavy equipment operator. "It will be heavy-duty enough that they can bring in tractor-trailers with supplies [and] wide enough so fire trucks can turn without having to make multiple-point turns. No restrictions. It's all open-access roads."

The new parking pad will also give current facilities more breathing room for personnel by allowing fire trucks to park outside, giving them more real estate inside their containment area,



**A dump truck releases gravel onto the ground during construction of a Djibouti Airfield July 28. (U.S. Navy photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton/Released.)**

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- **Trifold:** <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/program-and-policy-support/Navy-Zika-Trifold.pdf>

Point of contact for Zika Virus information at Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport is HN Brian Masse, who may be contacted via email at: [brian.d.masse.mil@mail.mil](mailto:brian.d.masse.mil@mail.mil).

# Buzz on the Street

By Brian Lamar  
NCBC Public Affairs

## Have you made your family emergency plan?

**Chief Constructionman Electrician (SEL) Frankie Jackson**  
NCG 2

"I haven't prepared like I should, but I stay north of I-10 and out of the floodzone, which will help me."

**Carla Beck**  
Navy spouse

"Yes, it's on a list at home. We have extra water and an evacuation route"

# Back in Time: Seabee History

## August 15

1942: 19th Naval Construction Brigade (NCB) established at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia.

1944: Invasion forces landed on Guam in the Marianas, July 21. The initial objective was to take possession of Apra Harbor, together with the surrounding development area and airfield on Orote Peninsula. Landing forces struck north and south of the harbor. Seabees participated in the assaults: the 25th and 2nd Special NCBs on the beaches north of the harbor, and the 53rd and 13th Special NCBs, and CBMU 515 on the southern beaches. For three weeks, combat and construction continued until finally, on Aug. 10, Japanese resistance ended. Since considerable development had been planned for Guam, the 5th NCB was established. The Brigade assumed control of the construction and development of base facilities for both the Army and Navy. Guam became a great Army air base, as well as the principal naval base in the Western Pacific.

1944: 120th NCB inactivated at Davisville, Rhode Island.

1945: 38th Special NCB inactivated at Advance Base Depot (ABD), Port Hueneme, California.

1951: Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 established at Construction Battalion Center (CBC) Davisville, Rhode Island.

1971: Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 417 established at Naval Air Station (NAS), Whidbey Island, Washington.

## August 16

2009: NMCB 24 finished expansion and upgrade of entry control point on Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, with completion marked by ribbon-cutting ceremony. During construction, Alfa Company graded over 341,000 square feet of roadways and parking areas; excavated and hauled almost 2,400 cubic yards of fill dirt; and placed more than 400 barriers stretching approximately 6,000 feet.

## August 17

1969: Hurricane Camille wreaked havoc on the residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In her trajectory across the Gulf Coast, she destroyed or damaged 30,000 homes and hundreds of business, civic and religious structures; severed communications; and knocked out water, power and sewer service. At NCBC Gulfport, 29 buildings were destroyed and more than 90 percent of the structures were damaged. However, after the eye of the hurricane passed over the Gulf Coast, Seabees implemented a massive mobilization effort to assist the surrounding community in recovery operations. Seabees cleared roads; located bodies; rescued survivors; restored water, gas and electrical power; put out fires; set up mobile dispensaries; and unloaded food, supplies and medicine. On October 31, the Center's military population was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service before, during and after the devastating hurricane. In addition, there were numerous individual awards to military and civilian personnel at the Center.

# Navy announces adjustments to Time-In-Grade Waiver Policy

By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy announced an update to the policy for commanders and captains with at least 24-months time in grade (TIG) to request a waiver to retire at their current rank before completing their 36 month time-in-grade commitment in NAVADMIN 182/16 Aug. 17.

Rather than a blanket authorization for officer communities to forward a TIG request to the chief of naval personnel for approval determination as outlined in NAVADMIN 371/08, now every officer community will decide if TIG requests can be supported and only forward a request for consideration if community health would allow the early loss of that officer. However, hardship or special circumstance cases may be considered for all communities on a case-by-case basis.

The message also provides guidance on when an applicant should include a next-lower-grade (NLG) waiver request in the TIG waiver application. NLG waivers provide the option to retire at the next lower grade rather than the current rank. Navy Personnel Command (NPC) may authorize an officer to be retired the lower grade if they do not meet the time-in-grade requirement.

A spreadsheet of communities accepting TIG and NLG waivers is posted at [www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/communitymanagers/pages/officer-retirement-waivers.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/communitymanagers/pages/officer-retirement-waivers.aspx), click on Force Shaping Lever Chart to download the spreadsheet. This information will be updated by community managers as needed.

Officers are expected to meet their service obligations unless a TIG or NLG waiver is approved.

Retirement, TIG and NLG waiver requests for active component commanders and captains are made through NPC Officer Retirements Branch (PERS-835) by calling (901) 874-3180/3183 (DSN 882-3180), or emailing [pers\\_835\\_retirements@navy.mil](mailto:pers_835_retirements@navy.mil).

Reserve officers will submit their requests through NPC's deputy director for Reserve Personnel Administration (PERS-91B) by calling (901) 874-4482/4483 (DSN 882-4483).

For more information, read NAVADMIN 182/16 at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

## Djibouti Airfield Construction Continued

among other benefits such as dust control.

"The main reason is to get the fire station out from inside of the explosive accumulation point area. That way they can react if there's an issue with the ammo bunker," Peters said.

The road's main section is 25 feet wide, with the road section near the fire department being 35 feet wide to allow the truck to turn more easily. In total, the Seabees constructed around 1,500 feet of roadway.

In the project's early stage, one obstacle in particular proved to be a formidable challenge. Namely, a massive five-ton boulder made of basalt— an extremely heavy type of volcanic rock.

"Toward the end of May, as we were cleaning off the hillside, it was mostly large boulders," Peters said. "One wouldn't move at all and we had to excavate around it."

The excavation took three days of work to reach the bottom of the boulder.

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"We weren't able to push it out of the ground. We had to get all the way down to the bottom of it and push it straight across the ground," he said.

Without the excavation, even the team's massive D9 bulldozer was unable to move it.

"It was so big that one rock was basically all the D9 could push," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Tom Ross, an NMCB 22 heavy equipment operator who excavated and ultimately removed the boulder.

"Once I got the rest of the material out of the way, I was able to get started moving out of the area so we could put in the fire department pad," he said. "The rock out here is extremely tough. It's tough on the equipment."

With the boulder out of the way, construction continued on the road, allowing a faster route for emergency crews to save lives and give airfield personnel more room to work.

# NCBC hosts Charleston, S.C. civic leaders for tour



Naval Construction Battalion Center personnel hosted 42 civic leaders from the Charleston, South Carolina area during a civic leader tour with the 315th Airlift Wing. The Air Force Reserve unit transported

the civilians to the Mississippi Gulf Coast area to learn about the missions of Keesler Air Force Base and NCBC, Aug 12. (U.S. Navy photos by Brian Lamar/Released)

# Base Chaplain retires after 28 years of service

**Photos by Rob Mims**  
NCBC Public Affairs Officer

Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Ammie Davis, who has served as the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport chaplain since September 2013, retired in a ceremony at the Seabee Memorial Chapel Aug. 12 after 28 years of service. Davis enlisted in 1988 as a hospital corpsman, commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate Program Officer in the Navy Reserves in 2002 and commissioned for active duty in August 2005. Chaplain (Lt. j.g.) Glyn Turner, Naval Construction Training Center, has stepped in to handle chapel matters until Davis' replacement arrives.



Above - Chaplain Ammie Davis gives her retirement flag to her mother. Right, top - Chaplain (Cmdr) Maurice Buford, Marine Corps University, was the guest speaker. The Honorable Gay Polk Payton sings the National Anthem as the Naval Construction Training Center Color Guard presents the colors.



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# Seabee Memorial Chapel What's happening at the chapel?

## Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Protestant Service  
11 a.m. - Children's Church

## Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Praise Break (20 minutes of praise and worship through music)  
11:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study  
Noon - 1 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study



## Sunday

9 a.m. - Mass  
10 a.m. - CCD Class

## Monday, Tuesday & Friday

11:15 a.m. - Mass

## Thursday

5 p.m. - Holy Hour  
6 p.m. - Mass  
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

Please visit the Seabee Memorial Chapel Facebook page for updates on chapel events at: <https://www.facebook.com/nbcchapel>. We may be reached by email at [gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil](mailto:gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil) or by phone at 228-871-2454.

**NCTC Chaplain (Lt. j.g.) Glyn Turner**

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# 'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari  
Special Contributor

## Yard sale booty blues

"I'll give you thirty bucks for all of it," the man said in a heavy Rhode Island accent, gesturing to a table heaped with vintage toys from my childhood that I'd decided to sell at a recent neighborhood yard sale.

"Are you kidding me?!" I blurted incredulously.

"No way!" I continued, "I could get that much on Ebay for just the Dawn Dolls ... and you want my Holly Hobby sewing machine, my Sunshine Family, my Barbies, and my Bionic Woman Doll ... complete with the original box and accessories, too? What ... are you nuts?"

A crowd of yard sale-ers stopped milling about my folding tables heaped with used junk to witness our banter. As the Rhode Island con artist did his best to swindle me out of the beloved toys that I'd refused to part with through nine military moves, I realized that my inside hoarder was getting the better of me.

It's time to give up old things, I told myself.

But my inside hoarder resisted total surrender: "Gimme thirty-five at least!"

In the end, I settled for \$32 and stood back as he callously threw my precious relics into his van. "Be careful!" I shouted pathetically, "You almost dropped the Bionic Woman's Morse code translator!"

Two hours after our yard sale had ended, my husband, Francis, and I were headed to a Connecticut casino with a Ziplock baggie stuffed with \$276 of yard sale booty, along with tickets to the Counting Crows/Rob Thomas concert that night.

"Make it rain, baby!" I yelled from the passenger's seat of our minivan, jingling the baggie and envisioning a wild night of prime cuts of beef, top shelf cocktails, double-or-nothing winnings, and sweaty rock songs.

Mohegan Sun appeared quite suddenly in the Connecticut woods, and with our baggie securely stashed in my fanny pack, we found our way to the casino. I pictured us shouting excitedly over a crowded roulette wheel or muttering "Hit me" at a suspense-filled blackjack table, but we were lost in the indoor jungle of flashing lights, ringing bells and cigarette smoke. Overwhelmed, we found ourselves feeding bills into a lonely poker machine near the restrooms.

After five minutes, we cashed in our whopping \$8 winnings and went to one of the many casino restaurants, where we shared a delicious stack of chicken and waffles drenched in Vermont maple syrup and sprinkled with crispy onion straws



before heading to the concert.

Rob Thomas took the stage singing recognizable tunes such as "This Is How a Heart Breaks," "Her Diamonds," and "Someday." We would normally leap to our feet at a concert, but we'd gotten up early for the yard sale, and we were both feeling full from dinner.

Besides, most of the crowd of 40-to-60-year-olds stayed seated too, with the exception of a surprising number of women, whose peri-menopausal hormones were compelling them to gyrate their capri-ensconced hips quite enthusiastically. The women reached out longingly to Rob Thomas, and being a 40-something himself, he obliged with an excellent performance.

"Oh good grief," I cringed halfway through the show, after Francis let a

belch slip by that reeked of those crispy onion straws.

"Sorry," he confessed, "do you have any Tums in that fanny pack?"

The next act was the one Francis had been waiting for. Back in the 90s, he played Counting Crows' August and Everything After album a zillion times on our old CD player. "Time to get sweaty," he said as lead singer Adam Duritz took the stage.

But soon it was clear that we were all getting a little too old for these late-night endeavors.

Duritz, now 52-years-old himself and endowed with an ample gut, loped around the stage as if he suffered from joint degeneration. We felt Duritz's pain literally and figuratively, as we shifted in our seats to ward off hip numbness.

Although Duritz displayed his true artistry on the stage that night, the middle-aged crowd was not long for this world, fighting back yawns by ten o'clock.

"For criminy's sake, Honey!"

I winced on our way home after Francis expelled another pungent belch.

The strange combination of the day's events had taught me that, getting rid of old things in life won't stop the sands of time. Just like Francis' crispy onion straws, the years will just keep on repeating.

*A 21-year Navy spouse, Lisa and her family are currently stationed in Newport, R.I. Her self-syndicated columns appear on her blog, [www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com](http://www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com), and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites."*

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 NOFFS 4p; Yoga 4:15p;  
 Water Aerobics 5:30p  
 Wed - Yoga 9a; H2O Express 10:30a;  
 Zumba 10:15a & 5:15p  
 Thurs - Water Aerobics 10:15a; Circuit Training 12:15p;  
 NOFFS 4p; Yoga 4:15p;  
 Water Aerobics 5:30p  
 Fri - Yoga 9 a; Zumba 10:15a  
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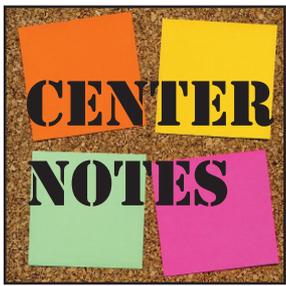
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**NMCB 11 FRG** invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the last Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Youth Activities Center on board NCBC Gulfport. Children are always welcome and child care is provided at no cost. Please join us for fun, food, and to meet and socialize with other NMCB 11 families and friends. For more information, please contact us at nmcb-11frg@gmail.com or like us on our Facebook page, NMCB 11 FRG.

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

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**Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc.**, is interested in reestablishing a club in the local area. If you are interested in joining an organization that

promotes the health and welfare of any enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, please contact Darlene Carpenter at 228-342-2271 or Tina O'Shields at 228-357-0513. Visit [www.navywivesclubsof-america.org](http://www.navywivesclubsof-america.org) for more information on NWCA.

**NMCRS** - The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

**Gamblers Anonymous** - The Fleet and Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000.

### TRAINING

**Naval Sea Cadets** - The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that helps youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, second-floor conference room. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at [Region63@juno.com](mailto:Region63@juno.com) or 850-890-6792.

### SOCIAL

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. For more information, contact Association president, CE1 Daniel Shaver, 228-871-2145.

**NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee** is seeking members. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at noon at the ECS, building 122 in the second floor conference room. Contact MCDC President, PS2 Handley at [natashia.handley@navy.mil](mailto:natashia.handley@navy.mil) or Vice President, BUCN Miller at [tariqah.miller@navy.mil](mailto:tariqah.miller@navy.mil) for info.

**VFW Post 3937 Long Beach** - Open Monday - Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Steak Night is every Friday, 5 - 8 p.m., and

breakfast is available every Saturday, 7 - 10 a.m. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602 for details.

**Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach now VFW Auxiliary** - Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 Long Beach, Miss., now invites men to join. The Auxiliary is now the **VFW Auxiliary**. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. We help in Veterans Affairs Hospitals, have voices in Legislation, help promote patriotism in our youth, offer scholarships to youth, teachers, and members. Members must be directly related to a veteran who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach, Mississippi. Contact Carol Fetters, President at 228-832-4893 or email [cfetters@cablone.net](mailto:cfetters@cablone.net) for more information.

**VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove** is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for information.

**NMCB 62 Alumni Group** - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966 and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member or for links to historical sites, visit: <http://nmcb62alumni.org>.

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 5** invites veterans and future veterans to monthly meetings held the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call service officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more information.

**Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1** - Gulfport is always happy to welcome new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5 building, 2600 23rd Ave., Gulfport, for the monthly Island X-1 business meeting and see what we're all about. For more information, visit [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org).

### HERITAGE

**The Seabee Gift Store** is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVDs. Contact them at [www.seabee-museum-store.org](http://www.seabee-museum-store.org) or call the gift store at 228-871-4779. The gift store is closed weekends and federal holidays.

## NCBC Helping Hands

**MISSISSIPPI CITY CEMETERY** - Volunteers needed to spruce up the Mississippi City Cemetery located south of Pass Road and Washington Ave in Gulfport. Point of contact is Chuck McKinley, 228-326-4006 or email [cmckinley@cablone.net](mailto:cmckinley@cablone.net).

**HOME REPAIRS** - Volunteers are needed to help a disabled widow of a retired Seabee with some home repairs. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Savage at 228-206-3367.

**GULFPORT SCHOOLS NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS** - The Gulfport Battalion of Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is looking for adult volunteers willing to help the area's youth succeed in life. NSCC is a non-profit, nautically-oriented, youth training and education organization, which is run by the Navy League with support from the U.S. Navy. Although a great plus, no prior military experience is required; all we need are adults who are passionate about mentoring America's youth.

Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at [Region63@juno.com](mailto:Region63@juno.com) or 850-890-6792.

**DISABILITY CONNECTION** - Disability Connection provides support to individuals with disabilities, including military veterans. Volunteers are needed to build ramps and provide home inspections for needed material lists. Call 228-604-4020 or email [office@disabilityconnection.org](mailto:office@disabilityconnection.org).

**NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY** - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. Call 228-871-2610 to volunteer.

**USO GULF COAST** - The USO Gulf Coast is seeking passionate volunteers to give their service at the USO Gulf Coast located on board NCBC Gulfport. Our lounge volunteers primarily serve as host, ensuring guests sign in, offer snacks and beverages, and sign out computers and gaming equipment. We do require that all volunteers go through mentor shadowing

training, which usually lasts two hours. Please visit [www.USOVolunteer.org](http://www.USOVolunteer.org) and register.

**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME** - Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of activities at AFRH. Please contact volunteer coordinator at 228-897-4417 to find out more information.

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER** - Volunteers needed for a 5K walk October 22 starting at the Biloxi Town Green. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the walk begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call 228-217-4613.

**COAST SALVATION ARMY** - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Point of contact is Shawna\_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org.

**HELP SENIORS/DISABLED CITIZENS** - Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled and unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/women. Point of contact is Mag Holland, 228-896-0412.