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Happy 50th to the Seabee Courier

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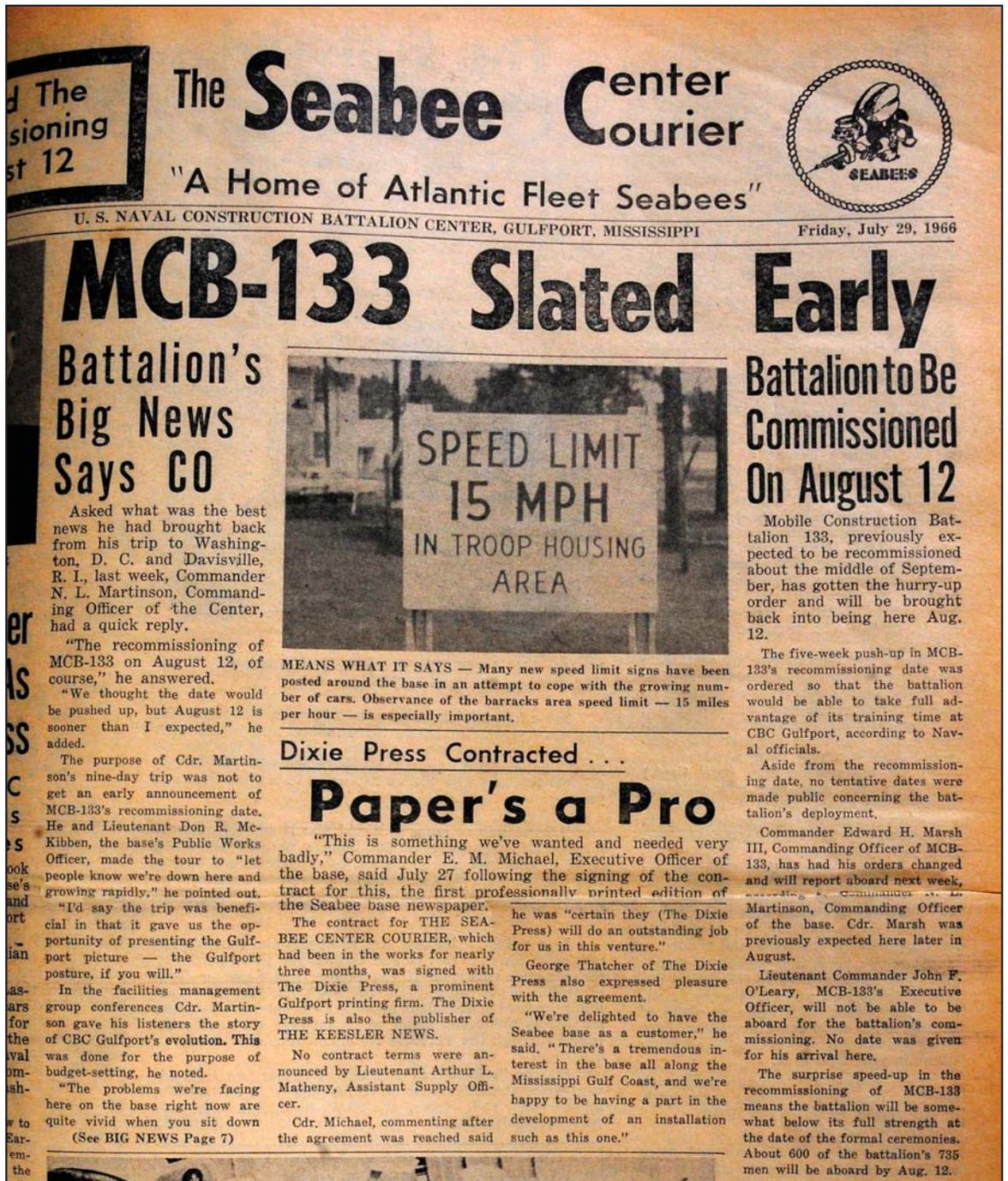
The Seabee Courier was born 50 years ago this week. Even though public affairs staff came and went, the Courier has been a constant living document chronicling the life and times of Naval personnel on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center.

The Courier has reported on dozens of base commander changes of command. The Courier has weathered numerous local catastrophic events like Hurricanes Camille and Katrina.

The Courier has also celebrated our homecomings from the Vietnam War and wished us luck as we went off to fight in the Middle East.

In its beginnings, the Courier was a hardcopy printed product that was distributed throughout the base personnel weekly. That's how troops got the news back then.

That's how the skipper conveyed their message to the troops. Today, the E-Courier is a .pdf document linked to the CNIC website and the base Facebook page. Throughout this issue of the Seabee E-Courier, we have taken shots of old Couriers to remind us of the chronicled heritage that we currently hold.



This is a picture of the front cover of the July 29, 1966 edition of the first Seabee Courier. (U.S. Navy Photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

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Navy Seabees complete projects in Bulgaria



TOP LEFT: Navy Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion 133 construct a pavilion at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria between April 25 and July 15, during Operation Resolute Castle. These Seabees deployed from Spain to Bulgaria to engage in military construction at the training area.

TOP RIGHT: Engineering Aide First Class Ryan Esmile, Builder Second Class Levi King, and Builder Third Class Steven Alianell, sailors with the NMCB 133, work to set a 10x10 inch post before concrete placement during Operation Resolute Castle on June 1, 2016, at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria. Operation Resolute Castle is a U.S. Army Europe-led multinational exercise to build engineering capacity, partnership, and training as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve. During Operation Resolute Castle, they teamed up with the 194th Engineer Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard.

ABOVE: Builder First Class Nicholas Brown, Builder Constructionman Sean Roldan, Utilitiesman Second Class Ashley Franklin, and Construction Electrician Third Class Jacob Miller, all sailors with the NMCB 133, move prefabricated trusses onto a forklift during construction of a 40x20 foot multipurpose shelter for U.S. and Bulgarian forces training at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria on June 17, during Operation Resolute Castle. These Seabees are organized under U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, and conducts a full spectrum of naval operations, often in concert with allied, joint, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests as well as security and stability in Europe and Africa. During Operation Resolute Castle, they teamed up with the 194th Engineer Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard. (U.S. Navy photos by Lt. Gregory Shultz, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command/Released)

Back in Time: Seabee History

July 24

1940: Rear Adm. Ben Moreell approves plans for Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. This will later become the first home for the Naval Construction Force in 1941.

1944: Tinian was invaded by United States Marines, accompanied by the 18th and 121st Naval Construction Battalions (NCB). The Seabees brought their bulldozers and pontoon causeways ashore on D-Day. Because Tinian's narrow beaches were covered with low coral cliffs, Seabees devised and operated special movable raps called Doodlebugs. These Doodlebugs made the landings possible.

1967: Seabee Team 7101 departed Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) for Davisville, Rhode Island for formal Seabee Team training.

1971: Seabee Team

0108 arrived at Davisville, Rhode Island from Palau, Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) for reassignment to NMCB 1.

July 25

1943: The 90th NCB was activated at Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Camp Peary, Magruder, Virginia.

1945: The 49th NCB was inactivated on Guam.

2014: NMCB 74 was decommissioned at Construction Battalion Center (CBC), Gulfport, Mississippi.

July 26

1965: NMCB 4 was relieved by NMCB 7 in Rota, Spain.

1971: Seabee Team 0109 arrived at Davisville, Rhode Island from Kusaie, TTPI for reassignment.

July 27

1942: 15th NCB was commissioned at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Virginia.

1967: NMCB 11 was holding a change of command ceremony at the Dong Ha Forward Combat Base in Vietnam,



Seabees are pictured leaving Incheon Harbor, Korea during the successful redeployment of United Nations troops to Incheon in September 1950. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Seabee Museum)

which had been dedicated to the memory of Senior Chief Equipment Operator Donald J. Barnes, who had been killed in action at Khe Sanh. During the ceremony, attended by many senior naval officers and distinguished guests, a reception for the new commanding officer usually followed a change of command ceremony, but in this case, the custom had to be set aside. Barely half an hour after the ceremony began, enemy forces dropped about five mortar rounds onto the base. After the first round exploded, members of the battalion and visitors ran for the nearest hole. This is significant because it undoubtedly was the first time that a Seabee brigade commander, Captain Albert Marschall, CEC, and six of his battalion commanders shared the same mortar hole during an enemy artillery attack. Thankfully, there were no casualties.

2002: Members of Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1 rushed to Somerset, Pennsylvania to assist in the rescue of nine coal miners trapped 240 feet underground. The Seabee divers provided transportable recompression chambers and emergency evacuation hyperbaric stretcher to safeguard the

miners once recovered.

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1971: UCT 1 departed Davisville, Rhode Island for deployment to Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey.

1989: NMCB 62 was decommissioned at CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi.

July 29

1943: The 12th NCB was commissioned at NCTC Camp Peary, Magruder, Virginia.

1944: The 12th NCB was inactivated at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.

1968: Second increment of NMCB 22's advance party, consisting of three officers and 25 enlisted personnel, departed Camp Haskins North, RVN for CBC, Davisville, Rhode Island.

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1946: 61st NCB inactivated at Guiuan, Samar, Philippines.

1971: Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 416 established at Naval Station Long Beach, California.



NCBC was significantly damaged over the years by several hurricanes. The most damaging storms were Hurricanes Camille and Katrina. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

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- County Farm Road 361 Shelter (Pets Allowed)**
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- D'Iberville Civic Center**
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 Status: Closed
- D'Iberville High School**
 15625 Lamey Bridge Road Biloxi, MS 39532
 Status: Closed
- Gulfport Central Elementary**
 1043 Pass Road Gulfport, MS 39501
 Status: Closed
- Harrison Central High School**
 15600 School Road Gulfport, MS 39503
 Status: Closed
- Lobouy Road 361 Shelter**
 9509 Lobouy Rd Pass Christian, MS 39571
 Status: Closed
- North Bay Elementary School**
 1825 Poppas Ferry Road Biloxi, MS 39532
 Status: Closed
- Salvation Army Building**
 2019 22nd Street Gulfport, MS 39501
 Status: Closed
- Saucier Lizana Road 361 Shelter**
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NCBC personnel deal with heatwave

By Brian Lamar
NCBC Public Affairs

The old unattributed saying goes "You can always put more clothes on, but you can only take so much off."

With the National Weather Service currently issuing heat advisories to nearly every corner of the nation during a crushing heatwave being referred to as the "heat dome," a little common sense, staying informed and being prepared can go a long way, said Betty Long, the Naval Construction Battalion Center Director of Safety.

The base system for detecting and disseminating hot weather starts with a device called a Wetbulb Globe Temperature Indicator. This device is used by base safety office staff. The WBGT is a measure of the heat stress in direct sunlight, which takes into account: temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle and cloud cover (solar radiation). This differs from the heat index, which takes into consideration temperature and humidity and is calculated for shady areas, according to the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Tulsa Oklahoma.

According to Long, determining if an activity on base is worth a risk comes from commanders and supervisors. The official WBGT flag system is located at the NCBC Fitness Center.

"The Skipper might call off a PT run during a black flag condition or an outdoor exercise or projects can be delayed," said Long.

Even though many days in the summer can hit black flag early in the morning here in South Mississippi, that doesn't mean the personnel on NCBC get to shirk their duties.

"Training still has to occur and work needs to be done. Gate guards get more breaks. The Child Development Center limits outdoor play for the children and NCTC students are still outside training, but they are monitored closely and are required to drink additional water," Long explained.

NCBC Safety Office personnel said that the system is in place to accurately detect heat categories and potential hazards, but constant vigilance is paramount to ensuring troops stay safe.

"We have literature that we give to supervisors and are constantly educating the base," said Long.

Safety Office personnel hand out reference cards that indicate signs and symptoms of heat stress and related heat illness like heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

According to Long, employees who find their working conditions unbearable can call the base safety office for a spot inspection.

The Safety Office will form a small inspection team with a member of preventative medicine or an occupational health nurse to determine if a work area is safe.

"We have gone in and found workzones to be too hot. In some of the areas, we have added cool mist fans and put in work orders for HVAC repairs," Long said.

1975: Seabees get new house of worship



In the April 11, 1975 edition of the Courier, Seabees establish a new Base Chapel. The Chapel currently stands across from Building 1, the Naval Construction Battalion Center Headquarters Building. (U.S. Navy Photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

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Flag Condition Guidelines		
Flag Color	WBGT Index ²	Intensity of Exercise
NO FLAG	< 80	Extremely intense physical output may precipitate heat injury. Caution should be taken.
GREEN	80 - 84.9	Heavy exercise for un-acclimated personnel should be conducted with caution and under responsible supervision.
YELLOW	85 - 87.9	Strenuous exercise and activity should be curtailed for all personnel with less than 3 weeks training in hot weather.
RED	88 - 89.9	Strenuous exercise curtailed for all personnel with less than 12 weeks training in hot weather
BLACK	90 and Above	Physical training and strenuous exercise suspended for all personnel (excluding operational commitments).

* Note 1: Add 10°F to the WBGT index for MOPP gear performing Easy Work and add 20°F to the WBGT index for Moderate and Hard Work.
* Note 2: Add 10°F to the WBGT index PPE, or body armor is worn. Minimize restrictive clothing/equipment and wear light colored clothing if possible.

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\$2 Million In Construction Adds To Center's Growth

Comfort, recreation and education keynote, \$2 million worth of construction currently underway at the growing Gulfport Seabee Center.

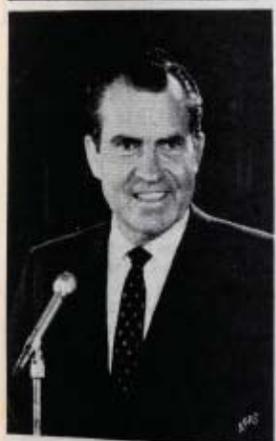
The work is a result of contracts awarded recently for additions and improvements to the Gulf Coast Navy command. Ten contracts cover the re-vamping and building. Included is air conditioning installation to rehabilitation of the gym to construction of a new Disaster Recovery Training school.

Serving as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction is Lt. (j.g.) J. W. Field, for the Gulf Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, headquartered in New Orleans. All of the work will be completed in 1969.

A contract for \$580,900 was awarded by the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command to J. O. Collins Inc., Biloxi, for construction of a center headquarters and operation building. It will be a two-story building of brick, steel and masonry, and will have central heat and air. The building will be near the Broad Avenue gate, and is to be completed by late November.

Also awarded was a \$457,100 contract to F. E. Booker Construction Co., Pensacola, Fla., for extensive repair and replacement of gas and water lines and extension of the center's electrical distribution system. It is due for completion in May.

Other contracts awarded were: Matthews Electric of Mobile, Ala., \$24,066 to install washers and dryers, coin operated, in barracks, with slated completion in



VICTORY — Richard M. Nixon will be inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States on Jan. 20, 1969.

Near the end of 1968, the base was growing. Little did it know that Camille was coming to wipe out all of the new facilities. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

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CENTER SEABEES CLEARING LAND FOR CITY PARK

Seabees are taking advantage of unusually ideal winter weather conditions to clear land on Switzer Road recently acquired by Gulfport to be converted into a city park.

The future park fronts on Switzer Road for 479 feet and on Bayou Bernard for 600 feet. It is nearly 1800 feet deep.

Eight student Seabee bulldozer operators from Mobile Construction Battalion 62, supervised by Equipment Operator Second Class Delos Oliver, an instructor in the Center's Construction Training Unit, are clearing out all vines and small trees. Petty Officer Oliver predicts that the work will progress more slowly than usual because the Seabee crew has strict orders to preserve all but the smallest trees.

Vines which climb to the tops of most trees, some are nearly 100 feet tall, must be carefully removed to prevent damage to the trees. When cleared of underbrush, the parksite will contain many pine trees, pecan, magnolia, oak, gum, bay trees and cedar trees.

City officials plan to install a launching ramp and a T-shaped pier at the bayou. They will also construct a covered pavillion with a half brick wall, barbecue pits and picnic tables, playgrounds, a ball diamond, basketball court and tennis courts.

"We plan to make it a real asset to our fine community, but we can't do a thing until we can get rid of all this underbrush so that we can do some intelligent site planning," is the way Commissioner J. H. McManus explained it. Construction of the park may take as much as a year, he said.

Captain James M. Hill Jr., Commander, 20th Naval Construction Regiment inspected the site with McManus recently.

MCB-121 NAMES MEN PROMOTED

Fifty Seabees in Mobile Construction Battalion 121 at Camp Wilkinson, Gia Le, Vietnam, are wearing smiles these days as a result of last August's Navywide Competitive Examinations for Advancement in Rating.

Throughout the decades, the Seabees assigned to battalions at the Naval Construction Battalion Center have taken on local community projects. The Courier is filled with hundreds of examples of how Seabees use their generosity and skills learned on the job to better the local community like this one from 1992. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)



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'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari
Special Contributor

Same as it ever was

"You just don't understand, Mom!" Anna bawled before slamming her bedroom door.

The theatrics would make one think that the galaxy was collapsing, but I had merely refused to allow Anna to sleep over at a girlfriend's house because Anna's boyfriend was staying there too.

I sighed heavily, slurped my now tepid coffee, and wondered if my 18-year-old remembered that science has actually proven that the Earth spins on an axis, and does NOT, in fact, revolve around her. But I knew better than to expect a teenager to imagine that she is anything less than the center of the known universe.

Back in the early 80s, I was a self-absorbed teen too, but countless mother-daughter talks have not convinced Anna that I had ever walked in her shoes.

To start, she is a world-traveling Navy BRAT, and I grew up in one small Western Pennsylvania town. Anna is stylish, and my favorite outfit in high school was an orange wool sweater with matching knee socks. She is long and lean, and I was short and chunky. It is true that Anna is smarter, more popular, more

artistic, more beautiful, and vastly more fashionable than I ever was at her age, but we still share certain universal adolescent experiences.

I'll admit that Anna's generation is different than mine. Today's kids spend a significant portion of their day staring into electronic devices, communicating wirelessly with their thumbs, taking digital photos of themselves, and guzzling the enormous deluge of 24/7 images and information on the Web.

By contrast, I grew up without instant information about my friends, because I only communicated with them in person or during calls from the rotary telephone in my bedroom. And, the only electronic screen I looked into with any regularity was our family's console television, which was usually broadcasting the six-o'clock news, "Magnum P.I.," "Three's Company," or "Hill Street Blues."

Regardless, when I was Anna's age, I was also plagued by the injustices and insecurities of youth.

ities of youth.

I'd lay on my mock-brass twin bed, ensconced in my Kliban Cat comforter, staring at the yellow walls. None of the billions of teenage girls who had lived before me had ever been through what I had been through. No one understood me.

The ordeal of puberty, the anxiety of social acceptance,

the surge of hormone-fueled emotions, the awkwardness of adolescence — it was all so overwhelming. Surely, no one since the dawn of time had ever felt the same. In my underdeveloped frontal lobe, I

thought the only way to solve all my problems was to somehow get a boyfriend. Or, lose ten pounds. And there was no one, except maybe my best friend Patti Frankovich and sometimes our golden retriever, Cinnamon, who could begin to understand my plight.

Especially NOT my parents.

I pressed play on my Walkman, and as Culture Club, Duran Duran, Men at Work

and Stray Cats washed over my teal-and-fuchsia-enamel-earrings and into my longing ears, I never felt so alone.

Although Anna already has a boyfriend and doesn't need to lose ten pounds, she still feels that same teenage angst that I felt over three decades ago. I tell her about my own adolescent feelings, and the experiences of generations of teenage girls, so she will see that she is not, by any means, alone.

But for some reason, this only makes things worse.

I hope that Anna's frustratingly existential mindset will compel her to ignore the bounds of previous experience and blaze her own trail, succeed in college, and do extraordinary things with her life that I could have never imagined.

And in the meantime, I'll sit back, slurp my coffee, and watch the world spin slowly around her.

*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, and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites."*



Zika Virus Information Update

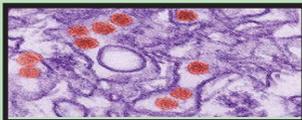
The links below will lead you to updated Navy Zika information sheet and trifold for Sailors, Marines and their families.

Info sheet:

<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/program-and-policy-support/>

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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@mail.mil.

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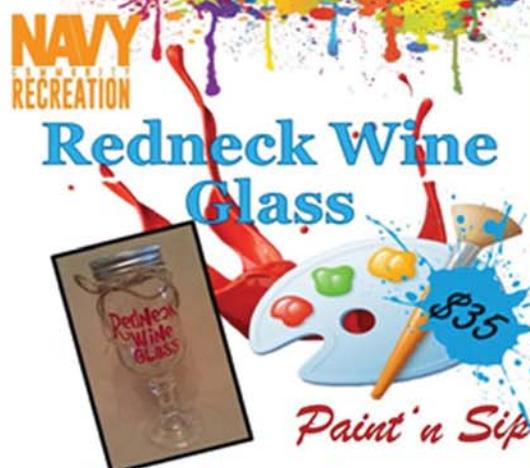
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Wed - Yoga 9a; H2O Express 10:30a; Zumba 10:15a & 5:15p
Thurs - Water Aerobics 10:15a; Circuit Training 12:15p; NOFFS 4p; Yoga 4:15p; Water Aerobics 5:30p
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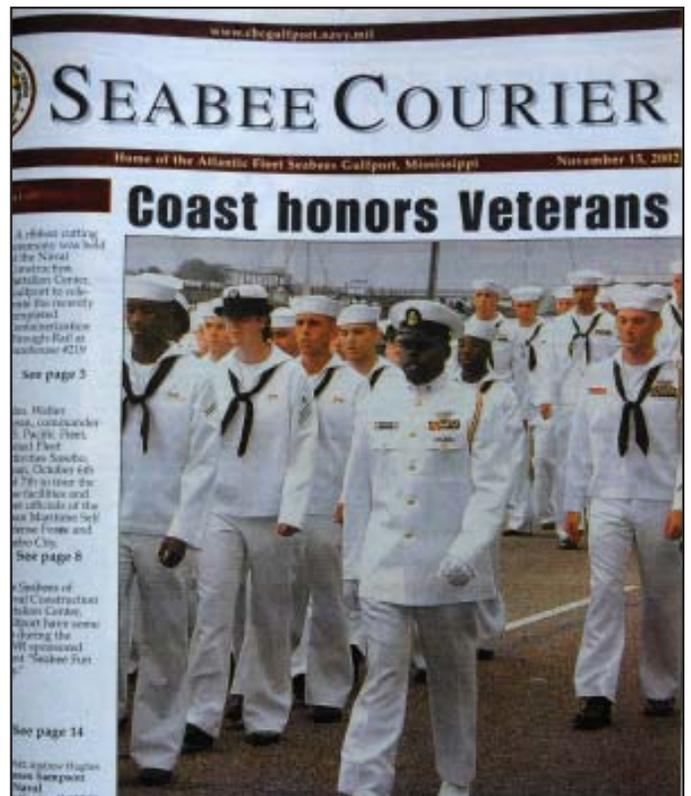
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In the early 2000s, some of the most touching moments of the Courier's pages were reunions of Servicemembers with their families. In April 2002, this family is reunited after a deployment to Afghanistan. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)



Naval Construction Battalion Center Sailors participate in the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Veteran's Day Parade in 2002. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

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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

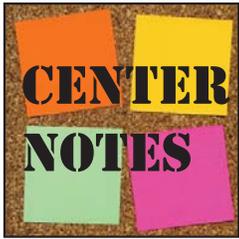
Thursday

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/ncbcchapel>. We may be reached by email at gulfportchapel.fct@navy.mil or by phone at 228-871-2454.

NCBC Command Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Ammie Davis

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SUPPORT
NMCB 1 Family Readiness Group (FRG) invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activities Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment.

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 nmcbl1frg@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/133fsg>.

FOCUS - Families Overcoming Under Stress provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228- 822-5736 or email Gulfport@focusproject.org

Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club is a social organization that has fun while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, email goscgulfport@gmail.com or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gosc.gulfport>. We hope to see you soon!

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 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 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 or Vice President, BUCN Miller at 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 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://nmc62alumni.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.

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 or call the gift store at 228-871-4779. The gift store is closed weekends and federal holidays.

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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.

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 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.

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 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.

FEED MY SHEEP - Feed My Sheep, 2615 19th Street in Gulfport is looking for volunteers to help feed the homeless who are in need of a hot meal. To volunteer call Christina Lipke, 228-731-4883.

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.

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