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Naval Support Activity Panama City wins Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence

From Naval Support Activity Panama City Public Affairs

Panama City Beach, Fla. ... A news release from Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced May 20 that Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City was one of the 2013 recipients of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

The Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The recipients of this highly competitive presidential award were selected for their exemplary support of Department of Defense missions.

Other recipients were the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Rucker, Ala.; Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.; Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio.

The release from the Office of the Secretary of Defense said that installation excellence enables better mission performance and enhances the quality of life for service members and their families. Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing and recreational conditions.

"Your hard work and innovative 'out of the box' solutions to complex problems have been recognized at the highest levels of our chain of command, and I have been blessed to lead such a focused and innovative group of professionals," said NSA Panama City Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Tony Anglin in congratulating the workforce. "Through your hard work and dedication, you have greatly enhanced the quality of life for our personnel and our tenant commands."

The Commander in Chief award follows NSA Panama City being named the winner of the Commander Navy Installation Command (CNIC) small installation category for 2013, announced last December. CNIC is comprised of 11 regions and 72 bases worldwide. Naval Air Station Jacksonville was the winner in the large installation category.

"This year's competition and all nomination packages reflected the great accomplishments that CNIC installations made worldwide," said Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, Commander Navy Region Southeast. "NSA Panama City has consistently been a leader in advancing the CNIC mission of enabling today's warfighter and supporting the force of tomorrow. In 2012 NSA Panama City excelled in the categories of energy conservation, environmental protection, community outreach and providing outstanding quality of life for Navy personnel. Cmdr. Anglin and his team are truly deserving of this recognition."

The NSA Panama City team exceeded the demanding requirements in support of the diverse operations of its 18 tenant commands and other activities, while providing excellent customer services and quality of life for service members and their families who live and work aboard the

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installation. Over the past year, NSA Panama City coordinated more than 13,000 mishap-free vessel missions while providing a full range of services to Fleet exercises, Joint Services diver training, research and development and advanced technology demonstrations.

As a leader in workplace safety, NSA Panama City reduced workplace mishaps by 27%, and civilian injuries have declined by 36% in the past year. In June 2012, NSA Panama City earned two Chief of Naval Operations awards and a Secretary of the Navy award for environmental stewardship. In October 2012, NSA Panama City earned the Secretary of the Navy Platinum Award for Energy and Water Conservation, reducing energy use with automated energy management and equipment upgrades. Military and civilian personnel executed 324 community relations projects totaling more than 9,400 hours of service. NSA Panama City and Bay County, FL were recognized by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for streamlining communications with local municipalities and the State of Florida, and made major strides toward full implementation of the highly successful Joint Land Use Study.

Cmdr. Anglin attributed the command's success to optimal use of available resources, while focusing on innovative management actions to increase overall productivity.

"Team NSA Panama City shares this award with our very supportive commands and our partners in the local communities of Panama City Beach and Bay County," Cmdr. Anglin stated. "We all worked together to accomplish our missions and objectives on both sides of the fence line, and we are all winners."

Each winning installation will receive a commemorative commander in chief's award trophy and flag, along with a congratulatory letter from President Obama.

Recently at the Courthouse

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast recently heard the following cases:

At a general court-martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, a Hospitalman was found guilty of assault and driving under the influence. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 446 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Fireman was found guilty of larceny. The military judge sentenced the Accused to five months confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman was found guilty of unauthorized absence and wrongfully using oxycodone, a Scheduled II controlled substance. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 94 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of fraternization and living with a married woman who was not his wife. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 45 days hard labor without confinement, 45 days restriction, reduction in rate to E-4, forfeiture of \$1000.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

At a general court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Corporal was found not guilty of committing indecent conduct.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of committing indecent conduct. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 110 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-3, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of false official statement, larceny, and knowingly executing a scheme to obtain moneys owned by or under the custody or control of a financial institution. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 60 days confinement and reduction in rate to E-5.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Third Class Petty Officer was found guilty of false official statement, wrongfully using amphetamines, wrongfully possessing amphetamines and methadone, a Schedule II controlled substance, and larceny. The military judge sentenced the Accused to one year confinement, forfeiture of \$1,010.00 pay per month for 10 months, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola. Therefore, the location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial. Adjudged sentences may be modified by pre-trial agreement or clemency.



CNIC Announces End of Vehicle Decals at Installations

From Commander Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

The Navy announced the discontinuing the use of windshield vehicle decals at bases across the US effective July 1. The elimination of the use of Navy vehicle decals for vehicle registration, in order to access Navy installations, was directed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (EI&E) memorandum dated March 18, 2011.



The Vehicle Decal Program registration process provided a simple way for base security to verify the vehicle had been properly registered with the state, confirm the driver had adequate liability insurance, and confirm the driver was authorized to operate the vehicle.

Navy Regions and installations have been provided guidance to develop implementation plans of the new policy and associated policies for vehicle base access, parking, etc. Implementation of those new policies will take effect across the entire CNIC enterprise upon receipt of the CNIC EXORD and NAVADMIN.

FACTS

According to a fact sheet from Commander, Navy Installations Command, in the past the decal has been viewed by some as a credentialing for base access. Credentialing for base access has always been based on individuals having proper identification, such as a Department of Defense-issued identification card.

Here are some of the main points of the new policy:

- Eliminating the vehicle decal requirement will improve security posture by providing electronic credentialing and/or increased scrutiny in the manual verification of an authorized credential or identification card.
- The new policy will result in cost savings and a reduction in administrative tasks.
- Savings realized with the new policy will be diverted to critical anti-terrorism and force protection programs.
- Vehicle decal elimination at Navy installations aligns base access policies with other military services.
- Elimination of the vehicle decal requirement does not eliminate the requirement for an individual to properly register and insure their vehicle.
- Regions and installations will locally manage parking and visitor control.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding the new policy:

Q1.) Why is the Navy eliminating the requirement for vehicle decals?

A1.) Since Sept. 11, 2001, 100 percent I.D. card checks have been implemented at all DoD installations. Authorization to access any DoD installation is based on verification of a valid credential or I.D. card. Vehicle decals were used to ensure vehicles on Navy installations complied with state requirements for vehicle registration and insurance. State programs have become more uniform and efficient, eliminating one of the main reasons for vehicle decals.

Other issues prompting the change in policy include: Expense in administering the program; decals being moved from vehicle to vehicle and are easily counterfeited and cars sold to non-DON personnel with current decal still attached, all posed additional security risks to Navy installations.

Q2.) Will this elimination change the requirement for proper licensing and registration for personnel entering the installation?

A2.) Persons using privately- owned vehicles on Navy installations will still be required to meet state and local requirements including valid insurance, vehicle safety inspections, registration, proof of motorcycle safety training (where applicable), etc.

Q3.) When will the elimination of these decals take place?

A3.) The elimination of the requirement for base decals will be effective 1 July 2013.

Q4.) How will this affect contractors coming on the base?

A4.) Contractors are managed separately. Contractors either receive a temporary pass for a one trip visit or they register under the Navy Commercial Access Control System that provides background checks and periodic reviews to allow them to be issued an annual valid credential for access to Navy installations for official business.

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Vehicle Decals (cont'd)

Q5.) Will this affect visiting procedures?

A5.) No. Visitors will continue to use the normal visitor procedures established by the installation commanding officer.

Q6.) What should drivers do with the decals currently on their cars once the change is implemented?

A6.) For frequent visitors to installations requiring decals, the current decal may be left on the vehicle until the expiration date. Otherwise, it is recommended that the decal be removed.

Q7.) How will the elimination of decals affect security on Navy installations?

A7.) In addition to our policy of conducting random Anti-terrorism checks, we will conduct command authorized administrative checks, similar to the way security departments conduct Driving-Under-the-Influence checks. These administrative checks will check identification, vehicle licensing, etc. We will also continue to rely on the assistance of the military community to report suspicious or abandoned cars, etc.

Q8.) Without the vehicle decal, how will security identify individuals who are eligible to park in reserved parking spaces (CO, CMC, O6, Flag Officer, etc.)?

A8.) Parking will be managed at the local level using a CNIC- generated template based on current color coding system (Blue: Officers; Red: Enlisted; Green: DON Civilians). The template provides for some standardization at all CNIC installations, but allows for minor changes to accommodate unique local circumstances.

Q9.) How will I be able to enter military bases that require decals if I don't have a vehicle decal?

A9.) This depends on the requirements of that particular service. You may be required to obtain a visitor's pass. If you frequently visit installations that still require decals, you may wish to check and see if that installation will allow you to register your vehicle (and obtain a decal) for that particular base.

Q10.) Will commissioned officers still be saluted?

A10.) Yes. After checking the I.D. card, the active duty Sailor gate sentry will render the proper salute, assuming traffic conditions and force protection conditions permit. As done currently, Navy Civilian Police and Guards will render appropriate respect and deference.

Q11.) How will Clean Air Act Requirements for Privately Owned Vehicles be verified?

A11.) Compliance with Clean Air Act requirements for Privately Owned Vehicles will be verified upon registration of the vehicle on-base in the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (CLEOC). The length of registration is determined by the length of time the state the installation is physically located in requires emission checks. At the end of that time the individual and their supervisor will be sent an e-mail notice for the individual to re-register their vehicle with their emissions certificate. Additionally Clean Air Act requirements will be verified by periodic administrative checks utilizing the Selective Traffic Enforcement and Random Antiterrorism Programs (STEP and RAM) where it will be verified that they are registered in CLEOC.

Golf Club Open for New Members

Did you know NSA Panama City has a Golf Club?

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Navy's Public Works Professionals Celebrate Contributions to Readiness

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Approximately 1,800 Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast public works professionals celebrated National Public Works Week, May 19 through May 25.

National Public Works Week started in 1960 as part of a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA). The week-long event seeks to raise the public's awareness about public works issues and public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations. This year's theme was "Because of Public Works..."

"When you think of this year's theme, it relates to every Navy installation we touch," said NAVFAC Southeast's Public Works Business Line Coordinator Jeff Killian. "One never has to ask how clean the water is, has the grass been mowed, or does the air conditioning system work? The public works team manages things like this every day on every base."



Environmental Program Manager Mike Clayton is interviewed by a production crew at one of the shoreline restoration sites along St. Andrew Bay. NSA PC and NAVFAC were recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as the winner of the Gulf Guardian Award in the Partnership category for the restoration project. The award will be presented in Tampa on June 26. (U. S. Navy Photo by Steve Applegate/Released)

NAVFAC has provided management and leadership of Navy public works for over 170 years. Globally, the Navy's public works officers, Civil Engineer Corps officers lead 68 Navy and Marine Corps public works departments (PWD) providing comprehensive shore installation facility engineering, acquisition, environmental, and transportation services to many supported commands and missions.

"In the Southeast, our team works hard to maintain the short infrastructure at 22 Navy and Marine Corps installations in the southeastern United States," said Killian. "They are vital in making sure the homefront is maintained for Navy families as well as ensuring our Warfighters are ready to serve."

This essential work usually goes unnoticed, but the behind-the-scenes work performed in providing vital public works services such as electricity, water, and wastewater management is a central enabler for a lot of what happens on Navy and Marine Corps bases worldwide.

NAVFAC's public works professionals are at the forefront of executing cutting-edge energy projects for Commander, Navy Installations Command to help meet the Secretary of the Navy's energy goals. Advanced metering, renewable energy, and residential energy conservation projects are helping to reduce the demand for energy on and off base.

"Public Works Department Panama City currently supports 13 different commands on the installation," said Cdr. Tony Anglin, Commanding Officer of the Naval Support Activity Panama City. "They provide outstanding customer support and keep the installation infrastructure running."

Because of Public Works, Panama City is meeting and exceeded the Secretary of the Navy's energy goals as evidenced by winning the 2012 Small Installation Platinum energy award for energy and water management.

"We are committed to protecting the environment," said Lt. Cdr. Kendall Chapman, Public Works Officer for NSA PC. "We completed a shoreline restoration project which has created a new marine habitat and stabilized the shoreline against erosion. This project earned recognition from the Chief of Naval Operations, Secretary of the Navy, and most recently we received first place in the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf Guardian Awards' Partnership category."

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Around the world, PWD personnel are always some of the first at the pier when a ship returns to base, providing berthing and hotel services that include electrical hookups to shore. They also enable Navy warfighters to conduct their missions by ensuring runways are in good working order and are clear of any foreign object debris, which can cause damage to planes and injury to personnel.

“Our public works team supports the fleet, fighter and family with the highest possible shore installation capability and quality of life within the frameworks of mission effectiveness, safety, environmental stewardship, and resource judiciousness,” said Killian.

This year’s Public Works Week theme is very fitting for the Navy. Because of public works, the Navy presently has 14 E85 (85% ethanol/15%gasoline blend) sites, four CNG (compressed natural gas) sites, 21 B20 (biodiesel) sites, and five standalone electric charging stations. Future plans call for the construction of seven additional E85 stations, five more standalone electric vehicle charging stations, and nine solar carport electric vehicle charging stations, consequently moving the Navy closer to meeting the federal government’s goal of having one alternative fueling site at each installation that has a federal fueling center. And finally, because of public works, more than 678,000 service calls and 83,000 emergency calls were recorded and completed in 2012, helping to keep naval facilities and infrastructure up and running.

Innovation, Leadership, Performance

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) manages the planning, design, construction, contingency engineering, real estate, environmental, and public works support for U.S. Navy shore facilities around the world. We provide the Navy’s forces with the operating, expeditionary, support and training bases they need. NAVFAC is a global organization with an annual volume of business in excess of \$18 billion. As a major Navy Systems Command and an integral member of the Navy and Marine Corps team, NAVFAC delivers timely and effective facilities engineering solutions worldwide. Additional updates and information about NAVFAC can be found on social media sites Facebook and Twitter. Become a Fan at www.facebook.com/navfac and follow us at www.twitter.com/navfac.



MA2 Gary Hall (NAM), PS1 Tina Cook (Sailor of the Quarter), GM2 Edwin Albuoy (Jr. Sailor of the Quarter), Holly Santoli (CAT I Civilian of the Quarter), Gary Smith (CAT II Civilian of the Quarter). (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray/Released)

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Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure:

What you need to know if you rent your home

By LT Matt Kozyra, JAGC, USN, Legal Assistance Attorney, Naval Station Mayport

It is an unfortunate fact of the modern housing world that homes across the country are going into foreclosure every day. Many of those homes are rental properties, and in many cases the tenant is the last one to know about it. If you rent your home and have come home to a “Notice of Sale” on your front door, or if you’ve started receiving court documents in the mail about your home going into foreclosure, this article is for you.

Luckily, there are steps you can take to make sure you’re protected against your landlord’s foreclosure, and resources available to assist you and your family.

How Can I Prevent This Situation?

There are simple steps you can take to make sure the home you’re about to rent is not going into foreclosure. Having this information up-front is one of the things you’ll want to consider, along with location, price, and whether there’s plenty of running space for your pet hedgehog, when you determine which house to rent.

The first and easiest is to ask your landlord whether his home is in foreclosure. It’s a simple step to take, but there is no guarantee that your landlord will be honest with you. Many homeowners will avoid giving out that information to their tenants for fear that they (a) won’t sign a lease, or (b) will stop paying rent on a lease they already have. Still, it doesn’t cost anything to ask, and it’s an easy early warning system for upcoming foreclosure issues.

If your landlord refuses to answer, or if you are still suspicious, you can always check your local newspapers. Foreclosure sales will be listed daily. The downside is that you have to check every listing regularly, and it will only list homes that are just about to be put up for sale. It still won’t give you any notice that your landlord might be headed for trouble down the road.

The best way to find out if foreclosure proceedings have been filed against your landlord is to call your local Clerk of Court. Foreclosure proceedings are public record, and you will be able to get all the information you need from your local courthouse. Different states have different procedures for getting access to those files, so make sure you give the courthouse a call.

Too Late – I’ve Already Gotten the Notice!

If you start getting notifications of a pending foreclosure in the mail or on your door, you will have to decide whether you want to terminate your lease early or stick around to the end. Many families want to avoid moving in the middle of a tour, but having a bank as a landlord can be a huge hassle. The bank probably won’t care that your plumbing is broken or there are roaches in the home. They may not fix the heating, and they probably won’t return your calls about the water heater. Many families decide that it’s better to just find a new place to live. Fortunately, the decision is yours to make.

I’ve Decided I Want to Stay

Until recently, a foreclosure nearly always meant that the tenants were about to be evicted. That all changed in 2009, when Congress passed the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act (PTFA). If you **don’t** have a lease, the new homeowner is required to give you 90 days’ notice before you have to move out. If you **do** have a lease, the PTFA requires the new homeowner to stick to the terms of that lease, unless the new owner wants to move into the home as their primary residence. Even then, though, the new owner is required to give you 90 days’ notice before you are required to leave.

In order to get the benefit of the PTFA, you should file a Notice of Tenancy in the court that’s hearing the foreclosure case. This lets the judge know that there is someone living in the property. If you are wondering whether to pay rent to the bank or to your old landlord, you can also file a Motion to Deposit Rent into the Court Registry, which will let you pay rent to the court, who will then figure out where it goes. For assistance in drafting either one of these documents, you should make an appointment with your local Legal Assistance office.

I’ve Decided I Want to Move

The Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure act does not automatically give you the right to terminate your lease if the property is foreclosed. The good news is that most banks don’t want to act as landlords. Some will even offer “Cash for Keys” programs that will pay you money in exchange for you moving out. The best way to get out of your lease if the home is being foreclosed is to talk to your landlord and the bank.

If you do decide to move, the Navy is here to help. In 2008, the Department of the Navy began authorizing funded local moves for military members who are breaking their leases as a result of their landlord’s foreclosure. You will need to bring a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure and a Notice of Lease Termination to either your command’s Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) or your local Legal Assistance office. They will be able to help you get the authorization you need.

That’s It!

Being a tenant in a home that’s being foreclosed can be a stressful and confusing situation. If you find yourself over your head, always feel free to make an appointment with your local Legal Assistance office. We’re here to help!



Community Relations Week: Sailors Volunteer for Projects in our Community

By Charles A. Longo, Police Training Officer

Sailors everywhere understand the importance of painting the ship and conducting regular maintenance on aircraft and machinery. They also know about “damage control” shoring up bulkheads and patching pipes during general quarters’ drills.

Several Sailors from the NSA PC Port Operations Department volunteered their time and skills during Community Relations Week, May 6-10, 2013 to help sustain a different kind of mission at Second Chance (SC), a local non-profit organization located in downtown Panama City that assists adults with traumatic and acquired brain injuries. Jon Cupp, Second Chance director, recognizes that strong community relations increases awareness of the services they provide to brain injury victims and their families. Although their office is moderate in size, they reach out to people in Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, and Holmes counties. Cupp’s vision is for sustainability and growth so survivors of traumatic and acquired brain injury can function at the highest level possible, both in the community and in their personal lives.

According to Religious Program Specialist Brett Persinger, this is the third year that NSA PC has assisted Second Chance. This year the Sailors caulked an exterior wall and several windows to prevent water from damaging equipment. They painted an interior bathroom, cleaned windows, planted flowers at the entrance of the parking lot, removed debris and landscaped the garden area.

“It’s always good to give back,” said Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Darnell Allen one of several volunteers who commented on why they enjoy volunteering.

“It’s fun and always good to help people out,” said Engineman 2nd Class William Thomas. “Volunteer projects give good exposure to the organizations in our community, and the services they provide.”

Community relations projects give military members the opportunity to demonstrate their care and compassion for the community where they live, work and play. “I would never have known Second Chance existed if I did not get involved this week,” said Navy Chaplain Jennifer Howe, who has spear-headed numerous community service projects.



A team of volunteers gather together for this group photo before they started their painting, preserving and beautification projects at the Second Chance organization that provides services to individuals with brain injuries.

Pictured from left to right are MM2 Darnell Allen, EN2 Cedric Jeffrey, MM2 Thomas McMaster, Jon Cupp Second Chance Director, EN2 William Thomas, Craig Lien Second Chance Staff member, Tom Ogden Second Chance Program Manager, RP3 Brett Persinger, Phillip Howe & Navy Chaplain LTJG Jennifer Howe. (U.S. Navy Photos by Charles Longo/Released)

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Community Relations Week (cont'd)



Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Jefferson Rosete mows the lawn during a community relations project with Catholic Charities during Naval Support Activity Panama City's volunteer week. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray/Released)



Religious Programs Specialist 3rd Class Brett Persinger and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Jefferson Rosete prune hedges during a community relations project with Catholic Charities during Naval Support Activity Panama City's volunteer week. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin B. Gray/Released)



Military spouses receive manicures and pedicures as part of Military Spouse Appreciation Day. (Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class



10 Costliest Hurricanes in U.S. History

Eight of the 10 costliest hurricanes occurred between 2004 and 2012. All these hurricanes directly impacted installations and communities within Navy Region Southeast's area of responsibility. More than 10 percent of the losses incurred from Hurricane Ivan were due to the devastation that impacted NAS Pensacola.

Hurricane Season begins June 1. Are you ready?

No. 1: Katrina Dates: Aug. 25–30, 2005 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$48.68 billion	No. 2: Andrew Dates: Aug. 24–26, 1992 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$25.56 billion
No. 3: Sandy Dates: Oct. 22–29, 2012 Regions Impacted: Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Insured Losses: \$18.75 billion	No. 4: Ike Dates: Sept. 12–14, 2008 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$13.43 billion
No. 5: Wilma Date: Oct. 24, 2005 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$11.07 billion	No. 6: Charley Dates: Aug. 13–14, 2004 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$9.15 billion
No. 7: Ivan Dates: Sept. 15–21, 2004 Regions Impacted: Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Insured Losses: \$8.71 billion	No. 8: Hugo Dates: Sept. 17–22, 1989 Regions Impacted: Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Insured Losses: \$7.83 billion
No. 9: Rita Dates: Sept. 20-26, 2005 Region Impacted: Southeast Insured Losses: \$6.66 billion	No. 10: Frances Dates: Sept. 3–9, 2004 Regions Impacted: Southeast/Mid-Atlantic Insured Losses: \$5.63 billion

Navy Region Southeast Prepares for Hurricane Season

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Greg Johnson
Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Navy Region Southeast completed participation in the annual hurricane preparedness exercise HURREX/Citadel Gale 2013 on May 23.

The U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Commander, Navy Installations Command exercise tested the region's ability to track, prepare for and respond to hurricanes should they threaten installations in the Southeast.

"In the Southeast Region, it's not a matter of 'if' a hurricane will strike, it's a matter of 'when' and 'where.' Of our 17 installations, 14 are located in a coastal location, so it is imperative that we conduct exercises like HURREX" said Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast. "Since last year's HURREX, we have had five named storms impact our region, so it is imperative that we train so we are ready when they strike."

"Each year, this exercise gives us an excellent opportunity to test our skills through authentic, challenging scenarios that go a long way to ensure we are ready in the event of an actual hurricane,.." Scorby added.

A number of major storms have affected installations throughout the region in recent years. Anyone on board Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in 2005 would remember the damage caused by Katrina. More recently, Hurricane Sandy made landfall just west of Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay last year before moving toward the northeast.

During this year's HURREX scenario, the NRSE Crisis Action Team (CAT) tracked two fictitious hurricanes, Kirk and Lay, from the Regional Operations Center on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville. Kirk crossed over NS Guantanamo Bay and eventually made landfall as a category two hurricane near the Georgia-South Carolina border, and Lay made landfall as a category four hurricane near NAS Pensacola.

The CAT consists of nearly 50 personnel with specific roles ranging from planning and logistics to family support services. In addition to the CAT, the region also deploys a Contingency Engineering Response Team (CERT)/Damage Assessment Team (DAT), led by Naval Facilities Engineering Command, which assesses damage after the storm, as well as an Emergency Family Assistance Center, which provides support to families. Throughout HURREX, these teams coordinated their efforts with local authorities and civilian agencies as they would in the event of a real hurricane.

"HURREX is essential training," said Scott Crossley, NRSE regional emergency manager. "We get lots of tropical storms, but as often as we get landfall, we still see far too many casualties from people forgetting some of the lessons we've learned in the past. We've learned that too many injuries occur, even with lesser storms, after the storm has passed because people are trying to drive through flooded roads or trying to repair storm damage. By doing these exercises, it helps reinforce the message that this is a real hazard."

The Navy classifies storms in terms of Conditions of Readiness (COR), which indicate the proximity of a storm and the likelihood that it will hit a given installation. At the beginning of the hurricane season, each installation is set to COR five. As storms approach, that condition will change at an installation based on when destructive winds are projected to hit. Installations set COR four when onset of destructive force winds is within 72 hours, COR three at 48 hours, COR two at 24 hours and COR one at 12 hours.

Once a storm is projected to make landfall at an installation, the decision must be made to evacuate or shelter in place. That decision is made based on a number of factors related to the intensity of the storm, Crossley said.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 21, 2013) - Members of the Jacksonville media videotape a teleconference between Navy Region Southeast leadership, installation commanders and the Fleet Weather Center Norfolk during HURREX/Citadel Gale 2013 on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Commander, Navy Installations Command hurricane preparedness exercise runs from May 13-23. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released)

