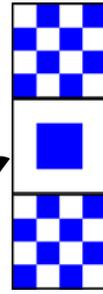




The **October 2012**

# Navigator



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## CO's Comments

Leadership,

I appreciate the feedback (both goods and others) that I'm receiving from many of our tenant commands at NSN – this is a very big part of improving our support to the Fleet, our War Fighters and their families. The XO, CMC and I are currently working a command engagement schedule that will allow us to get around and visit with you and your commands on a routine basis. Ships on the waterfront, aviation squadrons and core tenant commands will be our focus. These engagements will allow us to better understand your issues/concerns, while also allowing us the opportunity to give you some feedback on areas where we need your support and engagement. I'm also looking to start a quarterly CO/XO breakfast club that will provide us an opportunity to discuss issues as a leadership forum. Again, thank you for your superb support to Naval Station Norfolk. V/R, Killer

## TAP GPS

Beginning in November, Transition GPS/TAP will become mandatory for all separating and retiring Sailors. Since Transition GPS was piloted, almost half of the registered students failed to attend. We need your assistance in ensuring that registered Sailors attend this vital transition training. Command Career Counselors register their assigned Sailors to attend Transition GPS/TAP. Command Career Counselors must communicate class convening dates and continue to remind Sailors of their obligation to attend. Transition GPS has required prerequisites that must be completed before class. All FFSC in Hampton Roads have established "Document Fridays" where they will assist Sailors with these prerequisites if the CCC cannot. For more information contact: Deb Cauley at 444-1149

## Clean the Station Day

Naval Station Norfolk's semi-annual Clean the Station Day will be held Thursday, Oct. 11 from 0815 to 1130. All Naval Station Sailors as well as those attached to home ported ships, squadrons, and tenant commands are encouraged to participate in this event. Combined efforts such as these are essential to keeping Naval Station Norfolk in pristine condition. A clean base promotes a positive work environment and maintains critical mission readiness.

Naval Station's Special Operations Department will be patrolling the base and collecting all bagged trash for disposal. PT gear is authorized for this event.

Naval Station's MWR Committee will have lunch for sale at the N-26 Flag Plaza following the event.

## **October is Energy Awareness Month!**

### Energy Update

October is Energy Awareness Month. If each person in the Department of the Navy changed one incandescent light bulb for a Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb, we would reduce energy consumption by over 30 million kilowatts. Over the course of one year that's the equivalent of using 43 million fewer imported barrels of oil. And it's only one light bulb per person. Join with me in pledging to lower your personal energy and water consumption every day, because it makes sense for national defense.

### Hampton Blvd Traffic Note

Southbound Hampton Blvd. will be decreased from three lanes to two from Gate 5/B Ave to 90th St (the current construction area) through Oct. 14.

## Events of Interest

- 3 Oct - EMWG Meeting** (1000, Bldg B-30)
- 3 Oct - Monthly Giant Voice test** (1200)
- 4 Oct - Hampton Roads Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner** (1800-2100, Virginia Beach Convention Center)
- 5 Oct - Gate 3A reopens on the weekends**
- 9-20 Oct: [Fleet Week Hampton Roads](#)**
- 11 Oct: Clean the Station Day** (0700)
- 12 Oct: Navy Birthday Bell Ringing** (0915 via Giant Voice)
- 12 Oct: Navy Birthday Historical Reflection and Cake Cutting** (0945, Naval Station Norfolk Galley)
- 13 Oct - Navy 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- 13 Oct: CDR Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.) signing [Front Burner](#)** (1100-1300, NEX)
- 13 Oct- Navy Ball Norfolk Waterside Marriott**
- 14 Oct: RADM Terry McKinght, USN (Ret.) signing "[Private Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia](#)"** (1100-1300, NEX)
- 14 Oct: [USO Day at the Zoo](#)**
- 15 Oct- Uniform shift**
- 16 Oct - Military Family Appreciation Night** Main Gate Cinemas (Bldg. CD-12) 444-4033
- 17 Oct: Base-Wide CMC/SEL Breakfast** (0700, Galley)
- 17 Oct - Hampton Roads Surface Navy Association Luncheon** (1300, Vista Point)
- 18 Oct - [Great Southeast Shakeout Earthquake](#) exercise** (1018)
- 20 Oct - [2nd Annual Fleet Fest](#)** (0900-1500, Pier 12 and 14 area)
- 26 Oct- [Monster Dash 5K](#)** (1130 @ N-24 Gym. 444-2276)
- 30 Oct - "The Haunting of Devary Hall"** (Bldg. C-9). 444-4033
- 31 Oct: \$1.50 bowling and free shoes to those in costume.** Pierside Lanes. 451-0600

## ID Card Scanning

[ID Card Scanning](#) has been initiated at all Naval Station Norfolk gates. Because it is a pilot program, we have the ability to flex the process to ease traffic backups.

If an ID Card problem arises, please [make an appointment](#) at an ID Card Lab to have the problem remedied. Full implementation of the program is tentatively scheduled for 1 DEC.

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## **Bicycle Regulations**

Between sunset and sunrise, bicycle operators riding on Naval Station Norfolk roadways shall ride with the traffic, in single file while obeying traffic rules. All riders shall properly wear brightly colored, fluorescent or reflective clothing and a bicycle helmet approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission or Snell Memorial Foundation. It is prohibited to wear portable headphones, earphones, cellular hands-free devices, radios, recording devices or other portable listening devices while bicycling, running, jogging, walking, skating, or skate boarding in roadways and streets as it impairs recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, and the approach of vehicles.

## **AUTORAMA**

Naval Station Norfolk MWR has established a used automobile resale area (AUTORAMA) on the northern edge of the Q-83 parking lot, adjacent to Massey Hughes Drive. (Across from the dirt parking lot between the Q-Area ball fields and Vista Point Conference Center.) For more information contact the MWR impound lot at 445-5837.

**Comments or feedback encouraged: Contact [NSN PAO](#).**

### **Links**

[NSN](#)  
[Navy News](#)  
[The Flagship](#)  
[FFSC](#)  
[CCC](#)  
[Safety News](#)  
[MWR](#)  
[Family Housing](#)  
[Navy College Office](#)

### **Info**

[SNA](#)  
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[HR Navy](#)  
[League](#)  
[USO HR](#)

## **Federal Survey Cards**

Please remind your Sailors to be diligent about completing the Federal Survey Cards.

For areas heavily affected by a military presence, the Federal Government offsets the loss of personal property taxes by offering Impact Aid dollars. Every military and DOD connected student is a potential source of extra money for local schools. For information on the School Liaison Program please contact Naval Station Norfolk School Liaison Officer (SLO) [Asha Williams](#).

## **Government Travel**

Beginning Oct. 1, any travel authorization that includes air travel must be approved and ticketed at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled flight departure to avoid airline reservations from being cancelled. This [new policy](#) applies to domestic City Pair and non-contract government flights that are either booked through DTS or through a Commercial Travel Office (CTO). Those travelers making travel plans at least 72 hours of departure must have their authorization approved and tickets issued within 24 hours of creation to avoid cancellation. If making plans within 24 hours of departure, authorizations must be approved and ticketed at least 6 hours prior to flight departure time to avoid cancellation.

If your airline reservations are cancelled, you should follow your normal ticketing process to rebook the flight. If you arrive at the airport to find your reservations cancelled, do not rebook at the airline counter. Often, counter agents are not familiar with GSA's City Pair Program and may book you on a full priced fare at a much higher cost. Remember to take your travel itinerary with you to the airport. Your itinerary will provide contact information for your Commercial Travel Office (CTO).



## **Fleet Week Hampton Roads Events**



Fleet Week Hampton Roads honors the long-standing relationship between the community and the military in the region through a wide variety of events. These events celebrate and honor the service men and women and their families who are neighbors, volunteers and citizens actively working to enhance the quality of life for Hampton Roads.

### **Oct 12**

[Military Citizen of the Year](#) - Luncheon will be held from 12-1:45 pm. at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 E. Main St. The Samuel T. Northern Military Citizen of the Year Award is presented to the enlisted military individual who's personal and public contributions have had the most positive effect on the Hampton Roads community.

### **Oct 13**

[Chili Cook-Off](#) - Dam Neck Annex Park beginning at 11:30am. Come sample some of the best chili on the East coast with more than 20 chili teams. There will also be activities for the children.

[Hampton Roads Navy Ball](#) - The Flagship, Inc. invites you to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 237th birthday at The Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA. This event is open to all hands. Ticket sales end Oct 5th. Admiral William Gortney, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, will be the guest speaker.

### **Oct 14**

[Military Appreciation Day at the Zoo](#) - From 10am to 4pm, free admission for military, retired military, DoD civilians (with proper ID).

### **Oct 20**

[2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fleet Fest](#) - Naval Station Norfolk will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fleet Fest" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

The event is free and open to the public and includes ship tours, static displays, live entertainment by the United States Fleet Forces Band, a car show and a Chowder Cup Challenge. Headlining this year's Fleet Fest will be amphibious assault ship, USS Bataan (LHD 5), the guided missile destroyer, USS Ross (DDG 71) and the guided missile frigate, USS Nicholas (FFG 47). The ships will be open for public tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. New this year, a Chowder Cup Challenge where commands compete for the best Naval Station Norfolk Chowder.