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A word from our Leaders

# Atlantic CMC conference concludes

Recently, with the help of the Atlantic Fleet's Force Master Chiefs, I had the pleasure of hosting more than 200 of the smartest, most dedicated people I know at the Atlantic Fleet Command Master Chiefs' Conference, held at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek. This was the first such conference I have hosted since taking over as the Fleet Master Chief, and I came away very impressed with the candor, ability, attitude and vast experience of the Command Chiefs, Senior Chiefs and Master Chiefs in attendance.

Our objective for the conference was simple ... a free flow of information. We didn't spend time on recreational activities, instead engaging in training on a variety of topics and attempting to address some of the issues facing our Navy today. To that end, we assembled a very distinguished group of speakers and panelists from throughout the Navy, our sister services and the civilian community to discuss issues ranging from Fleet Readiness and Manning to Family Relations and Uniform Matters. Our speakers covered a broad range of issues, and represented both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. One of our goals is to help to "unify" the fleets, and align our issues and messages.

Good communication is never "one way," and this conference was no exception. I was not concerned only with getting information out, but spent much of my time in a listening mode, hearing the concerns from this distinguished group of senior enlisted leaders. I was very impressed, as I always am, with the quality



By Buck Heffernan  
Atlantic Fleet CMC

of men and women in the CMC community, and took their input, ideas and concerns to heart.

I have discovered over the years that Command Master Chiefs tend to be very "territorial." Most CMCs have tremendous deckplate knowledge, and are intimately familiar with all of the issues within their commands, but I would like to see all of our CMCs involved with

Navy-wide issues, and helping to meet some of the challenges we face today as a Navy. This concept was very well received at the conference.

I think it's important that we, as senior enlisted Navy leadership, ensure that we keep our people informed about the issues with which we are dealing, many of which affect them directly. To that end, I plan on holding "Town Meetings" in areas of fleet concentration in the near future, where I can talk directly to Atlantic Fleet Sailors and hear their concerns.

Another goal I have, which I discussed at the conference, is to see that all Master  
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## Mission accomplishment is key

*Editor's Note: Calling our Navy "the greatest in the world," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark recently published his vision for the future. The following is the final installment of the CNO's Guidance for 2002.*

### CNO Guidance for 2002 Guidance for Leaders:

- \* We must fully realize Covenant Leadership throughout the Navy. (All)
- \* We must invest in our Navy family (All)
  - \* Increase Spouse employment services and recreational opportunities by 20%. (N1)
  - \* Create civilian personnel community management organization to enhance civilian workforce planning. (N1)
- \* We must improve training.
- \* We will accelerate the revolution in Navy training via TF EXCEL to provide our Sailors with enhanced methods and technologies for learning, leading to a career-long learning continuum:
  - \* Engage the entire Navy in the training revolution process. (All)
  - \* Evaluate the success of Task Force EXCEL pilot programs.
  - \* Provide recommendations regarding expansion of promising initiatives
  - \* Determine/recommend the optimum organization to develop, deliver and assess the effectiveness of Navy training. (TF EXCEL/CNET)
  - \* We must provide quality housing and work spaces to our Sailors.
  - \* Reduce the shore infrastructure recapitalization rate to meet DoD



By Adm. Vern Clark  
Chief of Naval Operations

- guidance by 2010. (N4/N8)
- \* Fund 100% facility sustainment across the FYDP. (N4/N8)
- \* Develop a plan to move all single sea-going Sailors to Bachelor Quarters. (N4/N8/CFFC)
- \* Accelerate

elimination of inadequate bachelor housing via MILCON, PPV, and private sector initiatives. (N4/N8/CFFC)

- \* Reduce BAH out of pocket expenses to zero by FY05. (OLA/N1)

**Alignment.** Optimal alignment leads to enhanced mission accomplishment. Our goal is to make the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets as unified as possible in their equipment, manning, and training. We are striving toward the day when we are one Fleet — uniform, interoperable, and supremely combat ready.

### Guidance for Leaders:

- \* We must adapt our organization to our mission.
- \* Employ the Navy Operations Group to develop innovative maritime operational concepts that enhance support to the global war on terrorism. (N3/N5)
- \* Establish a command to serve as the single point of contact for information technology, information operations, and space requirements. (N6/N7/DNS)
- \* Realign N6 and N7 into N6/N7

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## From our Fleet

# Six tons of cocaine off-loaded from Yorktown

By JO2 Renee Johnson  
Public Affairs Office

One day after USS Yorktown (CG 48) returned from deployment on July 1, more than \$300 million worth of cocaine was off-loaded from the ship, packaged and then transported to an undisclosed location where it will be held as evidence in a federal prosecution against nine men suspected of drug trafficking.

The tale behind the seizure of almost six tons of cocaine will be one that Yorktown Sailors remember for quite awhile.

Yorktown's crew of approximately 370 Sailors spent the first part of their five-month deployment participating with navies from Caribbean and South American countries in UNITAS, a month-long exercise held each year to improve the operational readiness and interoperability of U.S. and South and Central American naval forces.

During the latter part of the deployment they were directed to serve as central intelligence-collecting ship in the counter-narcotics operations of the Eastern Pacific ocean. The Yorktown was given the approximate location of the suspected vessel.

"We were the only ship that was close enough to do this particular intercept. We went across Joint Inner Agency Task Force (JIATF) East to the Western Pacific in support of JIATF West," said Executive Officer, Lt.Cmdr. Randy Reeves.

"We hung near the proximity for a night or two until we received the go-ahead to seize the ship," said Lt.j.g. Robert Lontz, the ship's legal officer.

In keeping with their motto 'Victory is our tradition,' each Yorktown crewmember was an essential element to the operation and did what was necessary to make this another victory.



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

***Bricks of cocaine await inventory and packaging by federal law enforcement officials.***

According to U.S. Attorney Paul Perez, Middle District of Florida, the crew of the Yorktown was responsible for tracking, locating, and then boarding a Columbian long-line fishing vessel in international waters several hundred miles south of Mexico on May 23. The Yorktown's law enforcement team boarded the vessel and then located more than six tons of cocaine hidden in a compartment inside a fuel tank.

"The whole ship participated in this," said Reeves. "Everyone from the engineering department, who located the drugs; the intelligence staff, who played a very big role in being able to find and locate the suspect vessel; and all of my watchstanders for getting the ship into position in order to perform the intercept and seizure. The Coast Guard law enforcement detachment also played a major role."

"We also had HSL 42 Detachment 4 on the ship, who

provided a cover for the helo, helped with the security, search, and part of the on-load," said FCC(SW) Joel Conrad, combat maintenance chief.

It was not an easy task transporting the nearly six metric tons of cocaine from the small fishing vessel to the AEGIS guided-missile cruiser.

"On that particular day the seas were four- to six-foot high, and it was very rough," said Conrad.

Once the drugs, and nine individuals suspected of drug trafficking, were safely on the ship, there were procedures and guidelines that had to be strictly followed.

"The drugs had to be kept in a restricted access area, under lock and key," said Lontz. "We could not allow anyone to go in without myself and a master-at-arms present."

The Ship Self Defense Force, (SSDF), provided secu-

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### About the cover:

***Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), U.S. Custom Service, FBI, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service, all gathered in the Supply compound at NAVSTA Pascagoula on July 2 to help package more than six tons of cocaine seized by the USS Yorktown (CG 48) while on a counter-narcotics deployment in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The cocaine was off-loaded from the ship after it returned from deployment on July 1. The drugs were then transported to Tampa, Fla., where they will be used as evidence in the prosecution of nine individuals facing federal cocaine smuggling charges.***

## From our Fleet

# Sloan takes over command of Yorktown

Cmdr. Steven E. Sloan relieved Cmdr. Robert S. Kerno Jr. as Commanding Officer of USS Yorktown (CG-48) in a traditional change of command ceremony at Naval Station Pascagoula on July 10.

Cmdr. Sloan reports to USS Yorktown from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., where he earned a Masters of Security Studies.

A native of Manchester, Conn., he earned his commission in 1983 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. His initial sea assignment was aboard USS Frederick (LST 1184), as Electronics Material Officer, Combat Information Center Officer, and Navigator, in San Diego, Calif. He reported to USS Badger (FF 1071), in 1987, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he served two years as Operations Officer. Cmdr. Sloan subsequently served as Operations Officer in USS California (CGN 36), in Alameda, Calif., and then as commissioning

Operations Officer in USS Hue City (CG 66), in Pascagoula and Mayport, Fla. During these tours his ships stood watch as anti-air warfare commander for the USS Nimitz and USS Theodore Roosevelt battle groups.

In January 1995, Cmdr. Sloan joined the Staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE where he served as Strike Operations Officer. While deployed in USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in 1996, Sloan fulfilled duties as launch area coordinator for Operation Desert Strike - the combined Tomahawk and air-launched cruise missile strike against Iraq in September 1996. Other afloat assignments include Executive Officer aboard USS Vandegrift (FFG 48) homeported in San Diego and Yokosuka, Japan, and Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN in Yokosuka, Japan.

Cmdr. Sloan holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs-Strategic Plan-

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Photo by Stacey Byington

**Cmdr. Steven Sloan, left, and Cmdr. Robert Kerno Jr., share cake-cutting duties after Sloan assumed command of USS Yorktown (CG 48) on July 10.**

## Cocaine off-loaded from USS Yorktown ...

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rity on the suspect vessel and were responsible for guarding the detainees while they were on Yorktown.

"We were in charge of taking care of the detainees," said GM2 Henry Guillotte, a Mark-26 missile technician who is part of the ship's security force. "We stood four-hour watches around the clock and also provided security for the ship while the drugs were being on-loaded," he added.

"I stood prisoner watches," said FC3 Christopher Coonce, a member of the ship's SSDF. "It was like nothing I had ever done before."

The detainees are now in Tampa, Fla., under federal in-

dictment charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. The charges carry a potential sentence, if convicted, ranging from mandatory 10 years to life imprisonment.

"The Coast Guard and the Navy decided to keep the drugs on the ship until we got back to homeport," said Lontz.

This was the first time that such a large amount of narcotics was off-loaded from a ship in Pascagoula.

The events of Sept. 11 made the success of the drug seizure two-fold.

"In a great percentage of the cases, money made from drug

trafficking, funds terrorist activities," said Reeves. "I think that one of the most satisfying parts of this (seizure), was that we were able to cut off some of the money flow to people who could harm our interests around the world."

Reeves believes that the success of the operation was due entirely to the teamwork among Yorktown's crewmembers.

"This was a team effort between the crew of USS Yorktown, a lot of other governmental agencies, and other agencies within the Department of Defense," said Reeves. "But most of all, what hap-

pened on board the USS Yorktown reflected the teamwork of the entire crew."

The crew's professionalism and hard work did not go unrecognized.

"We received numerous accolades from the DEA and other governmental agencies for our support — both in written messages and by direct communication," said Reeves.

"A warship like this does not function just because of the captain, the executive officer, or because of one or two people," added Reeves. "It functions because of the interaction and the teamwork of the entire crew."

## Around the Homeport

# 'Mudlump Challenge' a huge success

**Poker run** -- Naval Station Pascagoula celebrated its 10th birthday on July 3 with the 'Mudlump Challenge.' The days' activities began at 7:30 a.m. with a 1.5-mile poker run. It wasn't the fastest runner who won the race, but the participant with the best poker hand. Donna Wilgus, director of ISD, was one of the last runners to cross the finish line, but had the best poker hand with a full house -- eights and kings. YN1(SW) Ralph Smith, Admin department, took second place, also with a full house -- twos and jacks.



Photos by Stacey Byington and JO2 Renee Johnson



**Birthday cake** -- Cmdr. Terry Rea, NAVSTA commanding officer, hands one of the first pieces of birthday cake to CMDCM(SW) Terry McIntyre, command master chief, as Lt.Cmdr. Stroud looks on.

## 'Mudlump Challenge' Winners

### Events

- 1.5-mile Poker Run** -- Information Systems Dept.
- Paintball Tournament** -- Weapons Dept.
- Softball Tournament** -- Branch Medical Clinic
- Yard Golf** -- Public Works Dept.
- Spades Tournament** -- Fleet/Family Support Center
- Sand Volleyball** -- Branch Medical Clinic
- Horseshoes Tournament** -- Public Works Dept.
- Basketball Competition** -- NAVSTA Admin (tie)  
Branch Medical Clinic (tie)
- Tug-of-War** -- NAVSTA Admin (tie)  
Branch Dental Clinic (tie)
- Wacky Relay** -- Public Works Dept.

### Place Winners

- Public Works Dept.** -- 41 points
- Branch Medical Clinic** -- 30 points
- NAVSTA Admin** -- 28 points
- Fleet/Family Support Center** -- 25 points
- Information Systems Dept.** -- 22 points
- PCU Mustin** -- 11 points
- Branch Dental Clinic** -- 8 points

## Around the Homeport

# More photos from the 'Mudlump Challenge'



*Field golf -- Information System's Lynn Garofalo, front, and Irene Stone, try their hand at yard golf.*



*Media interview -- Kristen Kea, MWR director, talks with local media about various events involved in the 'Mudlump Challenge.'*



*Wacky relay -- Public Works Officer, LT Steve Bukoski, spins 10 times around a bat in the first leg of the 'Wacky Relay.' The Public Works team earned enough points throughout the days events to be declared the 'Mudlump Champions.'*



*Climbing wall -- Katy Bolger, daughter of Port Operations Officer, Lt. Norm Bolger, beats the challenge of the climbing wall.*

Photos by Stacey Byington  
and JO2 Renee Johnson

## Around the Homeport

# FFSC offers many services to Sailors

By JO2 Renee Johnson  
Public Affairs Office

The staff at Naval Station Pascagoula Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides Sailors and their family members with the same quality service expected from a much larger command.

"The staff I have is a director's dream," said FFSC director Carolyn McCorvey. "This center shines because of the people who work here. A director can only be as good as the people who are actually on the front-line — they are ultimately the ones who perform the front-line work."

The center has four clinical counselors, who in addition to providing counseling and other collateral duties, are each assigned an individual command to which they provide assistance and act as a liaison between that command and FFSC. FFSC's counselors are Rachel Thomas, the stress and anger management facilitator; Cheryl Hall, the Family Advocacy Program (FAS) Specialist; Barbara Jones, Family Advocacy Representative (FAR) and Robert "Chip" Peaks who is also a certified addictions counselor. FFSC counselors may see an average of 175 clients each month for clinical counseling.

"It is most rewarding, knowing that you have somehow positively affected not only the life of a particular individual, but the lives of their children, other family members and people they may work with," said Thomas. "As a counselor, one of the things I try to do is to help individuals learn things about themselves so that they can take some responsibility for making some of the changes that they need to make in order to make their lives easier. If their lives are easier, they will be more productive and



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

***Chip Peaks is one of four clinical counselors available at NAVSTA Pascagoula's Fleet and Family Support Center.***

happier, which will make supporting the mission of the Navy a lot easier."

As the Family Advocacy Specialist, Hall counsels families involved in the trauma of domestic violence.

"I was the primary therapist for 25 to 30 crewmembers aboard the USS Cole who had extreme post-traumatic stress after the bombing," she said. "Although I primarily work with children, I also work with people who have depression, anxiety, panic attacks, childhood trauma, and any type of marital issues."

FFSC also has four Education Specialists who each have their own unique expertise.

Carol-Lee Harshner, the Relocation and Education Specialist, provides assistance to families coming into or leav-

ing the commands. She also conducts hurricane, pre-deployment, post-deployment, and returning reunion briefs.

"The more information you can give someone new to the area, the less stress they will have, and the more prepared they will be for their new situations," said Harshner.

"Carol-Lee is a Navy spouse with many years experience dealing with Navy moves," said Johnnette Wilkerson, FFSC's project manager. "She has a great deal of information on the local community, for incoming personnel, and she gives very detailed tips on the necessary steps to prepare for a move, and assists with getting people information concerning their next command."

Gerri Warden is FFSC's Marketing and Information

Referral Specialist.

"Gerri is the one who can find answers for people," said Wilkerson.

She is responsible for putting out the FFSC monthly calendars, flyers, and conducting marketing training. These are all things she enjoys, but she still has one regret about her job.

"My biggest regret is that many Sailors don't take the time to see what services we have to offer," said Warden.

John McAnally is the FFSC Programs Supervisor and the supervisor/coordinator of the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) and Spouse Employment Assistant Program (SEAP).

"I talk to Sailors about the outside job market and try to ease their transition into the civilian work force," said McAnally, who retired from the Navy in 1997.

"Many Sailors decide to stay in. In a sense, TAMP serves as a retention tool. Sailors realize that the job market is not all that perfect on the outside and life isn't so simple on the other side," he added.

With the fluctuating economy, having someone with a professional background in finances is an essential tool for many Sailors. Here at Naval Station Pascagoula, that person is Jeff Isabell, FFSC's Personal Financial Management Program Specialist.

"My goal is for every service member here to know that they have a resource person that can help them with their personal finances," said Isabell. "It would be very unfortunate if they did not take advantage of the many resources they have here."

FFSC is like many departments within any Navy command. There are a mixture of both contractors and civil ser-

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## Around the Homeport

# College scholarships awarded to sailors

The Navy College Office of Naval Station Pascagoula last month hosted an open house and presented scholarship awards to two area sailors.

Mrs. William Cheek presented two scholarships in memory of her husband who

spent 20 years in the submarine service. Receiving the William Cheek Memorial Scholarships were ET3 Teneita Solanto with the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Pascagoula, and RP3 Jason Mullenix, at Naval Station Pascagoula.



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

*College scholarship recipients ET3 Teneita Solanto, left, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pascagoula, and RP3 Jason Mullenix of NAVSTA Pascagoula, pose with Mary Cheek who presented each with a William Cheek Memorial Scholarship.*



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

*Force Master Chief -- CMDCM(SW) Terry McIntyre, Naval Station Pascagoula command master chief, welcomes CINCLANTFLT command master chief FORCM(SW) Jim Monroe, left, at an 'All Hands' held July 22 in the base gymnasium. Monroe spoke with more than 100 area Sailors about present and future Navy programs, Navy-wide advancement, and the significance of watch-standing. He encouraged Sailors to "invest in their future" and take advantage of the Thrift Savings Plan. Monroe also commented on the importance of communications in the Navy, saying, "Communication in the Navy is weak at best; getting information out is important."*

## FFSC offers many different services ...

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vice personnel. Other personnel who contribute to the overall success of FFSC are Perry Barnes, secretary to the FFSC Director; Tamara Marks, the administrative assistant to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and Transition Assistant Management Program (TAMP); and Automatic Data Processor (ADP) and Direct Customer Provider, Jennifer Starnes.

"Despite the difference in the rules that we each must follow, and even the differences in our pay scales, or our benefits, the clients who walk through the doors here at FFSC

are the primary concern of everyone in this department," said Wilkerson.

McCorvey is very proud of the quality of services her staff provides and states "although we are a small installation, our FFSC offers something that money can't buy — that's a family atmosphere."

Anyone interested in exploring, or taking advantage of the many programs offered by the FFSC, can call (228) 761-2096. FFSC's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

*Gerri Warden is FFSC's Information and Referral Specialist.*

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**Barracks renovations** -- Junior permanent party sailors moving into newly renovated rooms in the west wing of the Lakeside barracks complex should feel a little more 'at home.' The first of four phases of a \$3.1 million renovation is nearing completion. The rooms are designed as studio apartments for individual sailors. The new rooms have full kitchenettes, depicted by the photo, with large refrigerators and microwave-convection ovens. They each have new furniture and new bathrooms, fire-protection sprinklers, upgraded electrical circuits and new windows.

Photo by Stacey Byington

### Navy IG team to visit station

During the week of Sept. 9 - 13, a Navy Inspector General (IG) team will conduct a "Readiness and Quality of Life (QOL)" visit to Naval Station Pascagoula. A wide range of functions may be reviewed during the visit, including mission readiness, resources, work environment, fleet support, training, facilities management, environmental and QOL programs (FFSC, MWR, NEX, medical/TRICARE, legal assistance).

The team will be scheduling focus group sessions covering the full spectrum of our area population -- officer/enlisted, military/civilian, ship/shore, station/tenant. Attendees will be selected randomly and notified of times and places as the dates draw closer. If you are selected, your attendance will help make the IG's visit successful.

The IG has also asked about any issues that impact the

readiness or QOL of Sailors, their families or civilian employees. Do you have one? If so, the IG has asked for issue papers in the following format:

- **Issue:** Brief statement saying what's wrong.

- **References:** List them, if any.

- **Discussion:** Facts that explain the essential points of the problem.

- **Action taken:** Previous actions taken to solve the problem, and the results.

- **Recommendations:** What you would recommend as a solution.

- **Point of contact:** Person who can provide more details (name, activity, DSN and commercial phone, email address).

Email issue papers to Brian Silas, the naval station's management analyst and visit coordinator, by Aug. 8. His email address is [mgmt\\_analyst@ns-pascagoula.navy.mil](mailto:mgmt_analyst@ns-pascagoula.navy.mil), and the phone number is 761-2235.

### NAVSTA Pascagoula 'Bravo Zulus'

**25 years of Service:**

*Sara Stockfleth*

**10 years of Service:**

*Anthony Patton*

**Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal:**

*BMI(SW) Derrick Henry*

**Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal:**

*BMI(SW) Derrick Henry*

*ETI(SW) Cory Moore*

*QM1 Phillip Weekley*

**NAVSTA Letter of Appreciation:**

*Tamara McDonald*

**Navy Housing Certification:**

*Dale Faulkner*

**On-the-Spot**

**Cash Awards:**

*Ben Barker*

*Charles Dale*

*Elmer Driver*

*Joseph Fletcher*

*David Gooch*

*Judy Hill*

*John Hinote*

*Betty Hughes*

*Herbert Lund*

*Stephen Mederios*

*Tommie Robbins*

*Brian Silas*

*Stephen Smith*

*Sara Stockfleth*

*Kevin Sullivan*

*Roy Tisdale*

*Michael Weathers*

*Claude Williams*

## SIMA Happenings

# 'Safety first,' SIMA receives SECNAV award

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

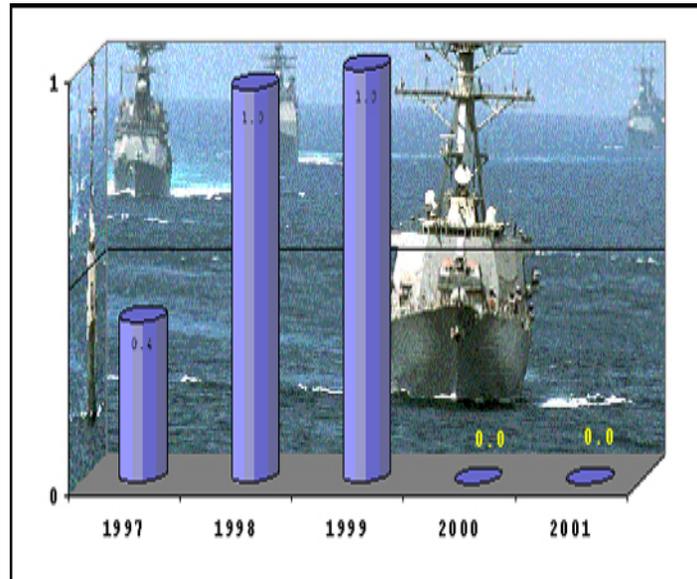
'Safety first' is the motto of Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pascagoula, and the commitment the command's sailors have made to this motto has realized a significant achievement — SIMA Pascagoula has been named one of the very best commands in the Navy in the area of safety.

SIMA Pascagoula has been selected for the Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety Ashore in the small industrial-continental U.S. category for fiscal year 2001.

In his message announcing this year's selectees, the Honorable Gordon England, Secretary of the Navy, said, "Top-down emphasis on safety establishes a command culture that promotes operational excellence through effective risk management processes and hazard recognition and correction. The worth of proper training, and command emphasis on proactive and innovative safety programs and incentives, is unquestionable."

The nomination package submitted by SIMA up the chain of command to the SECNAV level was 16 pages detailing the command's successes in the area of safety. At each level — Navy Region Southeast, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Chief of Naval Operations, and finally to the Secretary of the Navy, SIMA Pascagoula was determined to be the best nominee to be forwarded to the next higher level.

"This has been an extraordinary year for SIMA Pascagoula," said former commanding officer Lt. Cmdr. Victor Rhoades, submitting the nomination package. "Without exception, each oversight activity cited significant improve-



***SIMA Pascagoula has achieved its second consecutive year of no lost time due to off-duty mishaps. This result allowed the command to achieve a 45 percent reduction in its off-duty mishap rate.***

ments over previous inspections and no major safety discrepancies were identified. With total commitment to quality while focusing on continuous improvement, our safety program excels in meeting the constantly changing needs and technical requirements of an industrial work center."

Categories in the package included mishap reduction, occupational safety and health training, traffic and motor vehicle safety, personal protective equipment, hearing conservation and noise abatement, sight conservation, respiratory protection, workplace inspections, recreation/athletic and home safety, community partnerships, cardiopulmonary resuscitation program, safety incentives, and new program initiatives.

Mishap rates at SIMA have dropped dramatically over the past several years. The command's total mishap rate dropped from 32.3 incidents in FY98 to 12.9 in FY01, a negative 60 percent change over four years.

Mishaps are categorized as on-duty and off-duty. Despite a 31 percent production increase in man-hours worked, SIMA's on-duty mishap rate dropped by 42 percent, from 13 incidents in FY 98 to 7.5 in FY01, a decrease of 42.3 percent.

Historically, off-duty recreational mishaps account for the majority of mishaps and lost-time cases. One of SIMA's goals was to reduce its off-duty mishap rate by 25 percent.

"SIMA was able to realize this goal and then almost double it by reducing its off-duty mishap rate by 45 percent," said Lt. Cmdr. Gary Thomas, SIMA's safety officer. "I am extremely pleased to report that SIMA has achieved its second consecutive year with zero lost time for off-duty mishaps, thereby reducing its off-duty mishap rate by 45 percent since fiscal year 1998."

Another SIMA milestone has been achieved in the area of government motor vehicle safety. For the eighth consecutive year, SIMA Pascagoula

has not had a single government motor vehicle mishap.

SIMA's safety program is very aggressive in all areas under consideration. It goes "above and beyond" the minimum safety requirements designed to protect the safety and health of the command's most valuable resource, its personnel.

Rear Adm. Jay Foley, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, praised SIMA's safety program saying, "Your continued exceptional efforts in safety and occupational health program improvements for ashore safety are both challenging and mission essential. Our ships thrive because of the talents of the sailors serving proudly in our SIMAs."

Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, added his praises to those of Rear Adm. Foley, and said, "Your recognition by the Secretary of the Navy is commendable. Only through your command leadership's personal commitment and all hands involvement has your NAVOSH program excelled. Please accept my most sincere congratulations — and pass on to the entire SIMA Pascagoula team — their efforts to provide a safe working environment are appreciated and recognized throughout the Southeast Region."

"I am extremely proud of the superior effort that each SIMA sailor has made to improve the command's safety program," said Cmdr. Derrick Mitchell, SIMA's commanding officer. "This team effort has produced a safe and healthy work environment in which all personnel can be proud. Every member of my command, from the most senior officer to the most junior deck plate sailor, fully embraces the philosophy and policy of 'Safety First.'"

## Navy News

**CNO says 'Future begins now'**

By Don Kennedy  
Editor, *The Flagship*

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (NNS) — Anyone who has ever worked on a puzzle knows that finding and putting into place the pieces with the flat edge on one side will allow you to frame the big picture.

Over the past two years, the Navy has identified and placed the obvious pieces of its puzzle. Those obvious pieces with the flat edges — increasing retention, reducing attrition, increasing pay and benefits for personnel, improving current readiness, realistically funding training and operations, and a slew of other initiatives that have seen remarkable progress over the past two years — have been set in place.

Now, with skill and patience, the puzzle builder can move forward, placing the abstract-shaped pieces in a logical order to form the big picture.

The big picture, according to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, revolves around the Navy of the future, and he presented his vision of what the big picture will look like June 12 when he unveiled "Sea Power 21" at the Navy War College in Newport, R.I. On July 12, he sat down with *The Flagship* to talk about that vision and how the successes of the past have allowed the Navy to look to the future.

Based on Sea Power 21, the Navy will accelerate, redefine and transition into a capabilities-based Navy, built on a "solidly joint bedrock." The vision revolves around three core concepts, "Sea Strike," "Sea Shield," projecting defense; and "Sea Basing," projecting sovereignty.

During a May speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., President George



Photo by PHAN Chris Desmond

***Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations visits with Sailors for an "All Hands Call" in Singapore.***

W. Bush talked about the requirement of the military to "take the fight to the enemy."

"Sea Strike is about taking the fight to the enemy. What we have learned in Afghanistan is the importance of persistent combat power and the ability to project that power at great ranges — to increase combat reach. That's what Sea Strike is all about," Clark said.

The concept involves developing better ways to project offensive power with Marines, special operations troops, carrier-based aircraft, guns, missiles, lethal and non-lethal weapons, seizing and holding the initiative. Clark predicts new developments in unmanned aircraft, miniaturized munitions and sensors to guide munitions.

The idea for Sea Shield is for the Navy to extend homeland security to the fullest extent possible. This will include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets; mari-

time patrol aircraft; and a mix of manned and unmanned systems operating on, above and below the sea.

"Just two years ago we were thinking only about our own defense," Clark said. "Anti-air, anti-sub, anti-surface. Sea Shield is about achieving access. It is about projecting that defense as far as we can over the combined and joint force." Sea Shield is much broader than simply defending Navy ships.

"Sea Shield will also be about sea-based missile defense," Clark said. "I haven't said much about this since I've been CNO, but I believe this nation cannot make it without us having this capability. And so, it's time for me to start talking about it."

Two tests of the sea-based missile defense system, the second just last month, have shown incredible success in sea-based missile defense. The sea-based platform for the mis-

sile defense system has surpassed expectations, and quieted those who contend missile defense won't work.

The third leg, Sea Basing, focuses on using the sea as a maneuvering space for joint combat and control, fire support and logistics. This concept includes aircraft carriers, logistics ships and the Navy's program to develop a future maritime pre-positioning force. Sea Basing is all about taking the sovereignty of the United States to the far reaches of the earth.

That, in a nutshell, is the big picture.

Framed by puzzle pieces like Task Force EXCEL (Excellence through Commitment to Education and Learning), which promises to revolutionize training and education for sailors, efforts to deliver a communications network that allows those in the fight to coordinate in real time, and a ro-

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## Navy News

# Bluejacket's Manual now 100 years old

By JOC Rhonda Burke  
and Helen Concepcion  
NTC Great Lakes PAO

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — Students in training at the Service School Command's Seamanship Training Division became part of Naval history Friday, as they observed the 100th anniversary of the Navy's Bluejacket's Manual.

The Bluejacket's Manual is celebrating a century of teaching sailors the basics of Navy seamanship and life in the Navy— including terminology, rank structure, jobs, military drill, and proper wearing and stowing of uniforms.

"This book has staying power," said Tom Cutler, current author of the manual and a retired Navy lieutenant commander. "You'll find some things have not changed in 100 years. There is a lot in this book that will teach you about honor, courage and commitment, and Naval heritage."

Cutler and retired Rear Admiral Thomas Marfiak, chief executive officer of the U.S. Naval Institute, gave a brief presentation on the book and its history to students in the Seamanship school. Prior to their presentation, the students demonstrated their enthusiasm for Naval training during their Friday liberty briefing.

"The Navy will change (during your time in service) but what won't change is the heart and spirit of the American sailor and the courage he shows around the world," Marifak told the sailors in training. "I hear and see your commitment to the Navy."

Coincidentally, there are 23 chapters in the Centennial edition of the Bluejacket's Manual, which is the 23rd edition. Cutler said significant changes have been made in this edition, including the inclusion of many additional Internet links



Photo by JO1 Mark Faram

*Carefully preserved and cataloged historical copies of the U.S. Navy's Bluejacket's Manual (BJM), sit on the shelves at the Navy Library located in the Navy Yard's Naval Historical Center. The center's library collection of historical Naval literature and reference material is one of the most complete, rivaled only by the Nimitz Library at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The manual first appeared in 1902 and provided the first handbook of practical information for new recruits.*

and the focus of chapter two on Naval missions and history.

The Bluejacket's Manual gets a major overhaul every four years and is printed every six months. Each edition includes minor updates that ensure the manual is as accurate as possible.

Recruit Division Commanders at the Recruit Training Command were instrumental in reviewing the 100th anniversary edition to ensure the material presented is relevant to what is being taught in boot camp. Recruits are issued a Bluejacket's Manual during their inprocessing days.

The first Bluejacket's Manual was printed in 1902 and authored by Lieutenant Ridley

McLean. By World War I, the Bluejacket's Manual was issued to every recruit in boot camp, a tradition that has continued to this day.

Following the presentation,

Marifak served as reviewing officer for the Recruit Graduation. Both Cutler and Marifak then hosted a book signing for the Bluejackets Manual at the Burkey Mall Navy Exchange.



*Landscaping -- A new look for Building 10.*

# CNO says the future of the U.S. Navy is now ...

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bust increase in funding new weapons systems, ships and aircraft, the Navy now has an idea of where it wants to go in the future.

But, the puzzle still needs to be pieced together to reach that end, which presents many challenges.

Not the least of which is funding. How does a Navy that has had to compete for every additional cent over the past two years pay for such an ambitious plan?

"We have to get in the practice of divesting in things that we can get somebody else to do," said Clark during a July 12 interview. "Streamlining – and then, using the cost savings to pay for what is really needed.

"I said two years ago that we had to have \$12 billion a year to build new ships," Clark said. "Last year we had \$8 billion, the year before that we had a little less than \$7 billion. This budget we're bringing up next year is going to have \$12 billion in it."

So, where does the additional money come from?

"One thing," Clark said, "is that we're overprogrammed. We've got programs that are dragging along. We're putting money in them every year, and they aren't going to deliver — I'm finished with this. It's time to get rid of programs that are on life-support. I don't want to put money in these programs when we have so many other investment challenges today.

"We've got to, in a very disciplined way, set aside investment streams and say we are investing that much in ship-building, and this much every year in buying new airplanes.

"What we've found out in the past two years is that we've got airplanes (EA-6Bs) that cost \$15,000 an hour to fly because they are so old. We have got to get these old airplanes out of the inventory."

Clark doesn't shy away

from the challenges ahead. When he took over as CNO, he went to Washington with a "top five" list of priorities.

The first priority, manpower, has seen dramatic improvement in the past two years. Retention has skyrocketed from about 39 percent of first term sailors to the current mark of more than 65 percent, while attrition numbers declined sharply by 14 percent over that same period.

His second priority, current readiness, has improved in part due to realistic requirements and realistic budgeting for those requirements, an additional \$4 billion to the Navy's readiness accounts.

At the root of all these improvements, Clark insists, is the principle of "Covenant Leadership."

"It all springs out of the covenant," he explained, "the promises that we make to people and people make to us. It's leaders committing themselves to the growth and development of people, giving people the tools they need. It's about leaders committing to giving young people the chance to make a difference and, ultimately, a chance to lead."

With regard to current readiness, Clark pointed out "we could not be performing like we are in Operation Enduring Freedom had we not increased the readiness accounts by \$4.2 billion in the past two years. Since Sept. 11, battle group deployment dates have been moved up. Under the old scheme, those ships wouldn't have had the people to deploy. Now, every battle group is manned six months out from deployment."

According to Clark, forgetting about manpower and readiness to concentrate on future readiness would be a mistake.

"I am not going to move off current readiness, and say 'OK,

that's done, now I'm going over here.' The principles that we've operated by are sticking. We are going to take care of the Navy that the taxpayers of this country paid for. That's current readiness."

"We're are going to keep the heat on priority one and priority two, because if those things slip, it will affect our ability to give the president of the United States options.

"That's what we are about. The president said 'we are going to keep this enemy on the run' (in the global war on terrorism). We're going to take the fight to the enemy. You can't do that without a Navy. By not knowing where we are going to show up next, you keep the enemy on the run."

And so the focus is shifting to the future. Last year, Clark told The Flagship that in order to keep step with demands of current readiness in years past, future readiness had to take a hit. No more. The future begins now.

Framed by an increase in quality of service and current readiness issues, Clark said the Navy will now move forward. The road ahead, he insisted, will not be easy.

"We make no proclamations that all of our problems are solved, that there are no challenges left," Clark said, "I can promise you there are plenty left. That's part of the covenant. We promise there are

going to be some hard days. There are going to be some days that are really difficult.

"But, because those sailors on the deckplate have got pride, and because they're about service, they're going to rise to the challenge. Their leaders are making sure they feel ownership for their work, making sure they're as self-sufficient as they can be. That's what the covenant is all about."

As an example of the covenant, 108 naval officers, including 64 aviators, pulled their resignations, and 27 others (including 10 aviators) pulled their retirement papers since Sept. 11. Nearly 150 senior enlisted personnel pulled transfers to the Fleet Reserve.

"Our people really do understand the call to service," Clark said proudly.

"They respond when life has purpose and meaning in it, and there is real purpose and meaning in what is going on in their lives right now. Along with that incredible sense of purpose, is an understanding that includes sacrifice.

"These numbers tell me, that, as an institution, we're doing better keeping our part of the promise. Leaders are understanding what the responsibility is toward our people who serve."

Part of that promise of leaders is providing an atmosphere of growth for individuals who serve under them.



Photo by Stacey Byington

***Causeway Classic -- More than 80 area runners from various commands and running clubs in the area took part in the 10th annual Causeway Classic.***

## CNO details 'guidance for our leaders, part 4 ...

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leveraging the warfighting capability of the network across all warfighting platforms. (N6/N7/DNS)

\* Pursue CFFC/Fleet TYCOM initiatives to increase Fleet integration, standardization, and streamlining. (CFFC/CPF/CNE)

\* Conduct a zero-based review of the Navy-wide organization by July 2002; develop a Plan of Action to enhance alignment. (DNS/Echelon II)

\* We will increase our communications clarity and consistency.

\* Accelerate investment in web-based management tools to streamline administrative processes. (TF Web/N6/DNS)

\* Continue development of metrics to evaluate CNO's Top Five priorities. Schedule CNO Executive Boards prior to Summer 2002 to review/discuss resultant metrics and influence the POM-04 process. (DNS/N8)

\* We will align better for joint warfare.

\* Develop a plan to align IT-21 afloat network and NMCI ashore network into one seamless Naval network. (N6/N7/DNS)

\* Strengthen our most important joint partnership — the USN-USMC Team — by:

\* Improving warfighting capabilities to the greatest extent possible through effective integration, especially in the areas of aviation, engineering, and C4I;

\* Developing an updated Naval vision that provides strategic guidance; and

\* Drafting a Naval Operational Concept to serve as the basis for Fleet doctrine and programmatic decision-making. (N3/N5/N4/N6/N7/N8/CFFC)

\* Conduct USN/USAF and USN/USA Warfighter Talks during 2002. (N3/N5)

### On Leadership

Throughout this document I

talk about the importance of leaders. In our institution, we value leadership as the foundation of success.

Leaders make our Navy work. We count on their influence; they are the difference between winning and losing in battle.

We expect a great deal from our leaders, from the most senior to the most junior. I will never apologize for that. Our people promise to serve. In return, our Navy provides the opportunity to lead. Some days are victorious; some days are difficult.

We do not promise an easy life. Anyone can lead when the going is easy; it takes strength and character to lead when circumstances are challenging...but the rewards are immense.

I could not be more proud of our Sailors and civilian shipmates. Today's Navy is performing superbly in the war against terrorism and all around the world. This guid-

ance for leaders updates you on the tremendous progress made to date. We must now build on that progress in 2002.

We are the greatest Navy in the world because of our people. Our future is bright because we are a service that sets goals and strives to become better.

Final point: we need a standard for the way we evaluate leaders. This is it: I want every leader — from myself to COs, to CPOs, to LPOs — evaluated on how we keep two promises. First is our personal commitment to mission accomplishment. Second is our dedication to the growth and development of the men and women entrusted to our leadership.

America's Navy proves every day that we are ready. As we sail into 2002, we will do so together to **fight and win!**

The entire text can be viewed online at: <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/clark-guidance2002.html>.

## Fleet Master Chief wants to solve problems together ...

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Chief Petty Officers are treated with the respect they deserve. Our sister services are very good at that, but sometimes we in the Navy fall a bit short of what we should be doing. I believe that all Sailors must be treated with dignity and respect, and that should start at the highest levels...on the enlisted side, our Master Chiefs.

I think we have too many navies in our Navy, and I asked the Atlantic Fleet's enlisted leadership to take a round turn on this. We have the Surface Force, the Submarine Force, the Aviation Community, SEALS, Seabees, EOD--all of these different communities, but we need to realize that we are all one Atlantic Fleet, and all one Navy, with common issues and concerns. We need

**"We must work through our differences ... speak with one voice."**

*Buck Heffernan,  
Atlantic Fleet CMC*

more interaction at the Command Master Chief level to work through our differences, find common ground and speak with one voice to address the many challenges facing the Atlantic Fleet and the Navy.

I asked the Atlantic Fleet's Force Master Chiefs to use the talents of the CMC community. We have a lot of very smart CMCs. They are a resource which has been, in my opinion, seldom tapped. The Force Master Chiefs have agreed to

reach out and use these resources.

The bottom line is that we need to get back to basics. We have a great Navy, but working together, we can make it even better. What we need to do as senior enlisted leadership is ensure we have daily face-to-face contact with our Sailors. We need to know their concerns and their problems, and if we know about them, we can point them in the right direction to solve them.

I would like to thank the

Force Master Chiefs, the MCPON and all of our speakers for their invaluable assistance in making this conference the great success that it was.

Our next conference will be in early December, and I hope to have an even better turnout of Command Master Chiefs, collateral duty Command Master Chiefs and Chiefs of the Boat. If you are a CMC, or collateral duty CMC, within the Atlantic Fleet area of responsibility, you are more than welcome to attend. If you are not on my e-mail distribution list, let me know so I can add you to it. Talking together, training together, learning together and solving problems together, we will make our great Navy even better.

## MWR Activities

# MTV is new program offered through ITT

By Ruth Rotton  
MWR's ITT Specialist

MTV become part of Information, Tickets and Tours program. MTV is the Military Travel Voucher program. It is one of the latest and greatest additions to the ITT office.

More than 180 hotels and resorts, and more than 80 theatres, and other attractions throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico have joined with the Armed Services to support the Military Travel Voucher (MTV) program. The program offers savings for pre-paid reservations and admission at major destinations. The program is restricted to eligible patrons of DoD Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs, including active duty, active reserve and National Guard, retired military, DoD civilian employees, and family members.

It's easy to use, and it saves money. Eligible patrons simply go to the ITT office and choose which hotel, resort, theatre or attraction they wish to visit. Have travel dates ready, because the ITT assistant will be making the reservations for you. Pay MWR with cash, credit card or by check. Once the reservations are made, the patron will be given a voucher, which will be given to the vendor at the registration desk/box office for your room or admission. The best part about the MTV program is that you can pay for your vacation long before you leave home.

This program is a wonderful addition to ITT's military-discounted Disney, Universal, SeaWorld and Busch Gardens tickets. Not only can you pre-purchase your attraction tickets, but you can plan and pay for your hotel accommodations, dinner at "Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show", a day at Water Mania and/or even go to "Ripley's Believe it or Not!



MWR Photo

*OSI(SW) Ralph Jones plans an upcoming vacation with ITT's Ruth Rotton utilizing the Military Travel Voucher (MTV) program.*

Museum.

At the end of July I am on my way to "New York City". I will be visiting some of the many hotels, attractions like "Madame Tussaud's Wax Mu-

seum" and theatres that are vendors with the MTV program. I plan to come back with lots of great information and tips for you and your family's next vacation or weekend get-

away.

Come by and see me. I'll show you what ITT has been missing, and how ITT will be better able to serve you.

## Alaskan cruise winners announced

MILLINGTON, TENN - Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is proud to announce the "Sailor of the Year Alaskan Adventure" winners. Rear Admiral Annette E. Brown of Navy Personnel Command, drew the 10 winning names on Wednesday, July 10.

And the winners are...**AD1 Daniel Baldwin**, HSL 45, San Diego, Calif.; **EN1 Vance Monroe Edwards**, USS Bulkeley; **IT1 Tammy Jo Flannery**, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Silverdale, Wash.; **HT1 Scott William Harville**, Naval Inter-

mediate Maintenance Facility, PacNor West Det, Everett, Wash.; **MM1 Donald Lee Huson**, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Roanoke, Va.; **SK1 Susan Roberts**, Navy Recruiter District, Miami, Fla.; **HM1 Tony B. Robinson**, Special Boat Unit 22, Stennis Space Center, Miss.; **AD1 Sherry Lynn Sanders**, NR Naval Air Base Support Unit 0170, Ft Worth, Texas; **HM1 Hosea Smith, Jr.**, USS O'Brien; and **AB-HAN Bobby A. Teague**, USS Juneau.

The winners have been notified and will embark on

Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas Aug. 9-18.

When asked about how she was notified, IT1 Tammy Flannery stated, "I was very surprised. My Commanding Officer (CO) called me down to her office to deliver the news personally. I thought I was in trouble."

EN1 Van Edwards received the news via a "Publisher's Clearing House" style event. The CO of USS Bulkeley called the entire crew to report to the helo deck, had Edwards stand at attention in front of everyone, and then gave him the exciting news.

## MWR Activities

# Take advantage of ITT's football ticket prices

Naval Station Pascagoula's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has a wide range of activities and events planned for August. They include:

**Aug. 3** -- Liberty trip to Pensacola Beach. Depart from Cyber Cafe at 9 a.m., lunch provided. Free transportation. RSVP not later than July 30. For more information call 761-2293.

**Aug. 4** -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the Brickyard 400, Indianapolis Speedway, begins 12:30 p.m. Pick the winner and win a prize.

**Aug. 5** -- Pre-season Monday Night Football at Cracker Jacks. Hall of Fame game features Houston and the N.Y. Giants. Free pizza.

**Aug. 10** -- Football trip to the Superdome in New Orleans for the Saints vs. Houston football game. \$50 fee includes admission, transportation and parking. Sign-up not later than July 31. Call ITT at 761-2432.

**Aug. 11** -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the Sirius Satellite at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y., begins 11:30 a.m. Pick the winner and win a prize.

**Aug. 12** -- Fall Softball League begins play. Games are held at the main softball field on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Aug. 14** -- Dart tournament at Cracker Jacks, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee. Cash prizes for winners.

**Aug. 15** -- Navy Pascagoula Day at Waterville USA. Admission to the park is \$16 (adult military and dependents), \$12 (children under 42 inches tall), and 21 (all others). Transportation cost is \$5 per person. RSVP not later than Aug. 8. For more information, call 761-2432 or 761-2102.

**Aug. 18** -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the Pepsi 400, Michigan Speedway, begins 12:30 p.m.. Pick a winner and win.

**Keep track of favorite NASCAR drivers and race teams at Cracker Jacks every Sunday. Pick the winner and win a prize.**

**Aug. 19** -- New hours for Outdoor Recreation begin: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Aug. 19** -- Pre-season Monday Night Football at Cracker Jacks. San Francisco vs. Denver. Two for one hot dogs.

**Aug. 21** -- Pool tournament at Cracker Jacks, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee. Cash prizes for winners.

**Aug. 24** -- ITT trip to New Orleans Aquarium. Cost of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children includes admission and transportation. RSVP not later than Aug. 20. For more information, call 761-2432.

**Aug. 26** -- Pre-season Monday Night Football at Cracker Jacks. Cleveland vs. Green Bay. Free nachos.

**Aug. 26** -- Labor Day Golf

Tournament. For more information call 761-2107.

**Aug. 29** -- Liberty cookout, 6:30 p.m. at the Cyber Cafe.

**Aug. 30** -- 60-minute triathlon at Fitness Center. For more information call 761-2107.

Tickets for most activities and events are available through the Information, Tickets and Tours office, 761-2432. ITT also has tickets to Disney World, Universal Studios, Jazzland, Six Flags, Busch Gardens, Sea World, the Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium.

The Sports and Fitness Center at the gymnasium is open seven days a week and holidays. The telephone number is 761-2107. The Sports and Fitness Center also has group cycling on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; ABS classes on

Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.; Aerobics on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.; Cardio-kick-boxing, Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Thursdays at 4 p.m.; Intramural softball on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

The swimming pool is open for lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6 - 8 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open swimming Monday through Thursday 1 - 7 p.m., and on Friday from 1 - 4 p.m., weekends and holidays, noon - 5 p.m.

The Cyber Cafe is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 10 p.m.

MWR's Outdoor Rental is open Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Effective Aug. 19, closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Phone 761-2038.

Cracker Jacks is open Monday through Friday, 5-10 p.m., and on Sundays, noon - 7 p.m.

MWR's Auto Hobby Shop is open Wednesday through Friday, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Sloan takes command of Yorktown ...

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ning, International Relations and Negotiations from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Masters of Security Studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. He has been awarded the two Meritorious Service Medals, six Navy Commendation Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal and other service and campaign ribbons. Sloan is a former Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year.

Cmdr. Kerno assumed command of USS Yorktown in August 2000. Under his guidance, the Yorktown crew has been operating underway or away from homeport 65 percent of

the time, on several short exercises, a U.S. Southern Command deployment, and to support Homeland Defense for Operation Noble Eagle.

Cmdr. Kerno commanded Yorktown through two Panama Canal transits, and 30 port visits or brief stops outside of homeport, including visits to seven different countries. He is responsible for a significant drug interdiction presence in the Eastern Pacific, seizing an estimated \$300 million worth of cocaine and nine detainees. Cmdr. Kerno brought the ship through several emergent drydockings and an intense,

truncated training schedule in preparations for the recent deployment.

Originally from Crofton, Md., Cmdr. Kerno is a 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Sea duty assignments include tours aboard USS Austin (LPD 4), USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51), USS Valley Forge (CG 50), and USS Hopper (DDG 70).

He earned a Masters Degree in Information Systems from George Washington University and a Masters Degree in Foreign Policy and International Relations from the Naval War College.