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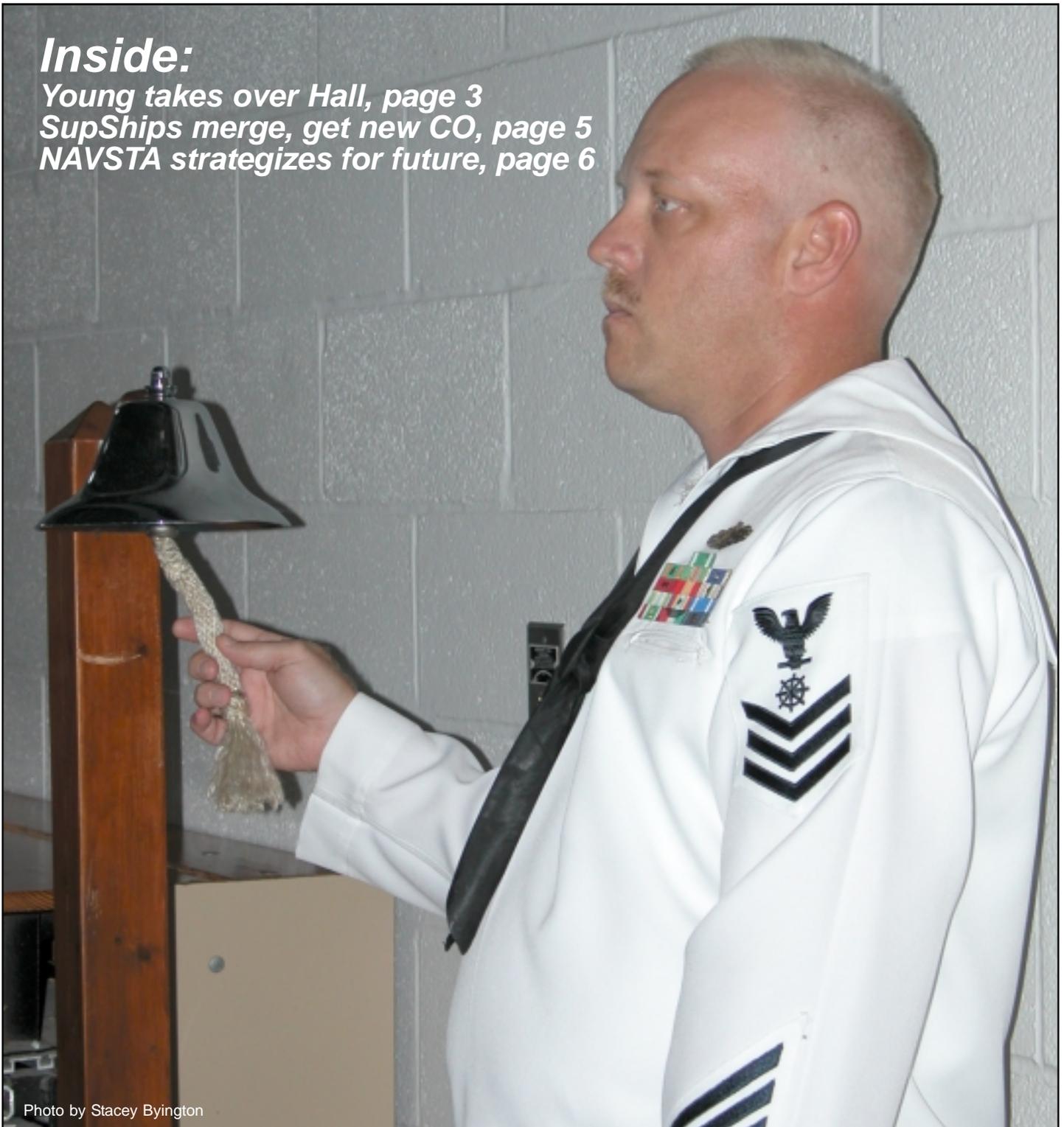


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A word from our Commanders

# CNRSE prepares for budget adjustments

By Bob Nelson  
CNRSE Public Affairs

NAS Jacksonville, Fla.- Faced with a more challenging FY04 budget, Rear Admiral Annette Brown, Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), is prepared to make tough choices that will promote recapitalizing the Fleet without compromising the Region's support of the Warfighter.

Budget adjustments follow the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vernon Clark's (CNO) and the prospective Commander, Naval Installations, Rear Admiral Chris Weaver's (CNI) recent announcement that Navy-wide Shore Installation Management (SIM) functions will undergo budget adjustments designed to help recapitalize the fleet.

"We will continue to provide support to the Warfighter with exceptional SIM," said Brown. "The CNO has outlined his plan for reshaping the Navy in his Seapower 21 vision, and CNRSE will be an integral part of supporting that vision. There will be changes Navy-wide in the near future, but I assure you, the CNRSE management team will not lose sight of the Southeast Region's mission and the possible impacts on our people while attaining our goals," added Brown.

Included in Seapower 21 is "Sea Enterprise," the CNO's vision for resourcing tomorrow's fleet. Admiral Clark states, "Among the critical challenges that we face today are finding and allocating resources to recapitalize the Navy. We must replace Cold War-era systems with sig-

## Workforce Reshaping

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nificantly more capable sensors, networks, weapons, and platforms if we are to increase our ability to deter and defeat enemies. Sea Enterprise, led by the Vice-Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Michael Mullen, is key to this effort. Involving the Navy Headquarters, the Systems Commands, and the Fleet, it seeks to improve organizational alignment, refine requirements, and reinvest savings to buy the platforms and systems needed to transform our Navy. Drawing on lessons from the business revolution, Sea Enterprise will reduce overhead, streamline processes, substitute technology for manpower, and

create incentives for positive change."

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"The goal of the recapitalization outlined in Sea Enterprise is to streamline current monies spent on salaries and infrastructure and reinvest them into the Fleet (ships and planes)," according to Galen Carver, CNRSE Executive Director. "We have been tasked to produce savings and we will ensure our Comptroller, Commanding Officers, Program Managers and Business Managers are looking into every cost-saving efficiency to create those savings."

Carver explained that any cost-saving measure will be thoroughly analyzed to make sure savings are measurable and will support the Navy's long-term requirement and investment in the recapitalization efforts. This will include labor and non-labor program dollars.

"The Region management team is looking at every CNRSE program from the bottom up to identify better business practices," he said. "The FY04 CNRSE Strategic Business Plan will lay the groundwork for restructuring the Region under

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## Chaplain's Corner

# New Chaplain reports to NAVSTA

Chaplain Wayne Hatman is the new Chaplain for Naval Station Pascagoula, reporting from Naval Air Station Jacksonville, where his family -- his wife of 32 years, Shari, and 18-year-old daughter, Maegan, still reside.



LCDR Wayne Hatman, CHC

A civilian Pastor for nine years, and Navy Chaplain for 17 years, LCDR Hatman brings a wide variety of clergy experience to the station. Although a Protestant Chaplain, he serves as the station's resident advisor for religious concerns

regarding all faiths.

"I think people will find me to be pretty positive and rather down to earth," Chaplain Hatman said. "To me, the journey is just as important as the end. I think that is why the Lord has enabled me to enjoy every assignment, and I'm looking forward to meeting the Saints and sinners stationed at Pascagoula."

Chaplain Hatman's office is co-located with the DESRON 6 Chaplain, LT Randy Williams, in Bldg. 63, near the ITT office. RP3 Jason Mullenix is the Chaplains' assistant.

A religious service is held every Sunday, 10 a.m., at the Learning Resource Center, with both Chaplains sharing service responsibilities.

Chaplain Hatman's thought for the month: "Every good thing you experience comes from God, who is always good."



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## From our Fleet



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**MUC -- Rear Adm. D.C. Curtis, Commander, Naval Surface Group 2 and Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, presents a Meritorious Unit Commendation to CDR Glenn Zeiders III, Commanding Officer of USS Ticonderoga (CG 47). The citation was presented for the extraordinary effort demonstrated by the crew of Tico during the ship's most recent deployment.**

## Young takes command of USS John L. Hall

While the ship was underway, and with just his new crew in attendance, CDR Eric Young, USNR, assumed command of the USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) on Sept. 8 from CDR Thomas Flisk, USNR.

CDR Young was born and raised in Abilene, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Angelo State University in 1984,



**CDR Eric C. Young,  
CO,  
USS John L. Hall**

and was commissioned in the Navy after completing Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., in February 1985. He was selected and designated a Training and Administration (TAR) Offi-

cer after completing his first division officer assignment.

His sea duty assignments include tours aboard USS Reid (FFG-30) as the Ordnance Officer, USS San Jose (AFS-7) as the Navigator, USS Wadsworth (FFG-9) as the Operations Officer, on the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 as the Combat Systems Officer, and as Executive Officer of USS Ford (FFG-54).

His shore assignments include duty as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center,

Terre Haute, Ind.; Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center Danville, Ill.; Manpower Analyst in the Surface Warfare Directorate, on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (N76); and Manpower and Personnel Director in Naval Reserve Readiness Command South. In December 1997, he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Science degree in Financial Management, and more recently in June 2002, he was awarded a Mas-

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# SupShips merge into one, get new CO

By Stacey Byington  
NAVSTA Public Affairs

A change of command and change of name for Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair (SupShip) Pascagoula took place Sept. 18 when CAPT David W. Bella, USN, relieved CAPT Philip N. Johnson, USN, in a traditional ceremony at Naval Station Pascagoula. Just prior to the official change of command, the 52-year-old SupShip Pascagoula was merged with SupShip New Orleans, a sister command, becoming SupShip Gulf Coast.

CAPT Bella returns to Pascagoula following a two-year tour as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan. Just prior to that assignment, he was the LHD Project Officer and Program Manager's Representative at SupShip Pascagoula, in charge of the construction of the USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) from the keel up. He was also instrumental in the initial design work to convert the LHD 8 from steam propulsion to diesel electric with gas turbine assistance.

CAPT Johnson, who commanded SupShip Pascagoula from September 2000 until its merger into SupShip Gulf Coast, is being assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, in Washington, D.C.

CAPT Johnson headed the command during a critical time in its history when it had a leading role in the repair and return to the fleet of USS Cole (DDG 67) after the ship was crippled by terrorists' bombs in Yeman in October 2000.

For its efforts, the command was recognized in July 2003 with a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation presented by Acting Secretary of the Navy Hansford T. Johnson. During a 17-month timespan, the command developed an un-



Photo by Stacey Byington

***CAPT David W. Bella, USN, (left) reports to RADM Charles Samuel Hamilton II, USN, that he has assumed command of Superintendent of Shipbuilding (SupShip) Pascagoula from CAPT Philip N. Johnson, USN (hidden behind CAPT Bella).***

precedented \$250 million reconstruction package, completed all ship repairs and upgrades, and returned the Cole to the Fleet.

RADM Charles S. Hamilton II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command, was the guest speaker at the change of command ceremony.

"Throughout the past three years, CAPT Johnson has led his organization in the construction and delivery of 18 magnificent ships -- USNS Impeccable (T-AGOS 23), USNS Mary Sears (T-AGS 65), USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), USS Lassen (DDG 82), USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Shoup (DDG 86), USS Preble (DDG 88), and, most recently, USS Mus-

tin (DDG 89), all delivered to the Navy under CAPT Johnson's watchful eye," said RADM Hamilton.

To CAPT Johnson RADM Hamilton said, "Your stewardship of 300 civilian and 40 military personnel, administering contracts dispersed in 11 shipyards located in three states, is an incredible feat which is all in a day's work for SupShip Pascagoula's fine workforce. You have been a key player in our surface force's legacy of achievement, and you will be an invaluable asset to the Chief of Naval Operations as he leads us all in the challenges ahead."

The headquarters of SupShip Gulf Coast will be in Pascagoula, co-located with the Gulf Coast's major defense

contractor, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, with a captain-grade deputy in New Orleans.

The consolidation is consistent with regionalization of other shore activities occurring throughout the Navy in order to reduce shore infrastructure and increase the shipbuilding budget. Other expected benefits of the consolidation include support of the Chief of Naval Operations' Sea Enterprise initiative, improved organizational alignment and increased future readiness.

"I cannot over-emphasize the importance of this new organization, which will coalesce the efforts of SupShip Pascagoula and SupShip New Or-

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## Around the Homeport



*LT Kevin Hillard, NAVSTA Pascagoula's Public Works Officer, leads a discussion about preparing strategies for effectively overcoming resource challenges. LT Hillard is the team champion for the strategy relating to developing long- and short-range plans to effectively utilize NAVSTA facilities and equipment resources.*

Photo by Stacey Byington

# NAVSTA begins future strategic planning

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

All hands at Naval Station Pascagoula are involved in strategic planning for fiscal year '04, and execution of those plans.

From senior leadership down to the deckplate level, all hands are now aware of the station's mission, vision, and guiding principles developed as part of the FY04 strategic business plan.

NAVSTA's Commanding Officer, CDR Terry Rea, outlined those plans, updating command members on progress during an "All Hands Call," Sept. 25.

"Our department heads, after gathering input from all their people, and guided by a facilitator from Navy Region Southeast, recently developed key strategies that are being implemented and built upon over the next year," said CDR Rea. "We reviewed and modified our mission and vision statements, and reviewed and recommitted ourselves to our guiding principles."

NAVSTA Pascagoula's mission is to "Enable warfighter readiness by providing support

**Mission:**  
*Enable warfighter readiness by providing support to the Fleet and to Sailors*

**Vision:**  
*We are the Station of Choice*

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Its vision: "We are the Station of Choice."

The guiding principles:

- ▶ *Be committed to the success of our people;*
- ▶ *Have the courage to do the right thing;*
- ▶ *Provide efficient and effective services;*
- ▶ *Perform as one team with one focus;*
- ▶ *Employ new and better processes.*

During two days of strategic planning, station department heads and/or their designated representatives determined top critical issues relating to the command and developed strategies for ensuring those issues would translate into our vision for the future.

"We came up with two stretch goals, and six strategies to help us obtain those goals" said NAVSTA Executive Officer, LCDR Nancy Fink.

The two goals the planning committee felt were the most important revolved around communications and resources.

"We determined that our most critical issues related to funding, future requirements, workforce reshaping and communications," said LCDR Fink. "We want to ensure our voice is heard by Regional Program Managers (PMs) and by our leadership up the chain of command. We also want to ensure that our manpower, financial, and facilities/equipment requirements are identified and

justifiable."

The communications goal is to develop relationships with CNRSE empowering NAVSTA Pascagoula in business decisions.

The resource goal is to effectively overcome resource challenges.

Three communications and three resource strategies were identified and team champions volunteered to lead the teams working on those strategies.

Communications strategies included developing both an internal and external communications plan to coordinate and consolidate NAVSTA's position and facilitate exchange with PMs, and identify those areas where NAVSTA needs a greater voice in the Regional decision-making process and develop an approach to gain greater input.

LCDR Fink is the team champion for the external communications plan strategy, Stacey Byington, Public Affairs Officer, leads the internal communications plan team, and Carolyn McCorvey, FFSC Director, heads the team seeking to identify those areas where NAVSTA feels it needs a

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Photo by Stacey Byington

**CPO promotions -- Congratulations to all our newest area Chief Petty Officers. They are: EMC(SW) Edward Hall, MSC(SW) Walter Coghlan, and QMC(SW) Rickey Brandon at NAVSTA Pascagoula; HMC (SW/AW) Eddie Couillard at Branch Medical Clinic Pascagoula; ENC(SW) Cleotis Dean, FCC(SW) Brian Hashman, and MRC(SW) Jeffrey Fischer at SIMA; OSC(SW) Jeffrey Walters at DESRON 6; DKC(SW) Patrick Menc, FCC(SW) David Thompson, FCC(SW) Anthony Woody, GMC(SW) John Carter, GMC(SW) Patrick Romero, ITC(SW) Brandon Generes, MSC(SW) Kevin Floyd, and YNC(SW) Gerry Jackson on USS Ticonderoga; CTO(SW) Peter Thomas, DKC(SW) Edward Phillips, OSC(SW/AW) William Pride, and OSC(SW) Michael Schurdell on USS Yorktown; ETC(SW) David Miller, GSMC(SW) Shane Hightower, OSC(SW) Eric Collins, and YNC(SW) Daryl Lavigne on USS Thomas S. Gates; BMC(SW) Daniel Bates, BMC(SW) William Crowell, EMC(SW) Terry Woodfin, FCC(SW) Jack Wix, GSMC(SW) Vincent Crawford, OSC(SW) Brian Reasoner, and QMC(SW) Larry Lawrence on USS Stephen W. Groves; ETC(SW) Reinhard Binek and SKC(SW/AW/SCW) Donald Bunch, USS John L. Hall; DCC(SW) Michael Harrison, OSC(SW) Jonathan Hightower, QMC(SW) Steven Pappas, STGC(SW) Joseph Brown, and YNC(SW) Jimmy Mouser on PCU Pinckney. After a very difficult six-week training period, the latest group of Chief Petty Officers were pinned and frocked or promoted on Sept. 16.**



**Special visitor -- NAVSTA Commanding Officer, CDR Terry Rea, points out aspects of the new barracks project to Eric Clark, Secretary of State for Mississippi. Clark, accompanied by two members of his staff, received a briefing and toured the station during a recent visit by the Secretary to the Gulf Coast. Assisting CDR Rea were LT Kevin Hillard, Public Works Officer, and Brian Silas, NAVSTA's Business Manager.**

Photo by Stacey Byington

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# Pascagoula Navy Birthday Ball on Oct. 18

Celebrate the Navy's 228th birthday at the Naval Station Pascagoula's Navy Ball, held this year on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Grand Casino in Biloxi.

Ticket prices per person are as follows:

- \* E-1 through E-3, \$10
- \* E-4, \$15
- \* E-5, \$25
- \* E-6 through E-9, \$30
- \* O-1 and above, \$35

Government civilians, NAF employees, and retirees pay military equivalencies. Other civilians pay \$35 per person. Only two tickets may be purchased at the reduced prices. Additional tickets purchased for guests of junior Sailors will cost \$35 each. Command-sponsored 10-person tables can be reserved for \$350 per table (10 tickets).

Uniform is Service Dress Blue, or better, with miniature medals, and appropriate civilian attire (coat and tie).

Ticket stubs will be drawn for door prizes, and attendees must be present to win.

First Command Educational Foundation is donating, as door prizes, two 3-day, 2-night vacation packages to any of more than 70 different destinations worth between \$500-\$800 or more depending on the destination.

Another door prize, offered



Photo by Stacey Byington

***Cutting the cake is part of every birthday celebration. Navy tradition determines that the oldest and youngest active duty Sailors present at the ball cut the cake before it is served to guests. Last year's oldest and youngest Sailors were Seaman Kali Bolten of NAVSTA Pascagoula and FCCM(SW) Louis Harshner, formerly Command Master Chief of SupShip Pascagoula, and now aboard USS Thomas S. Gates.***

by Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, Fla., is a 2-night stay at the resort in central Florida. The stay includes accommo-

modation in one of the "Deluxe Atrium-View Rooms, overlooking a grand four-acre glass atrium with lush gardens and wondrous waters."

A professional charter boat captain has donated a half-day fishing and sightseeing trip in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Kicks on the Styx has donated a fun-filled day at on the Styx River in Alabama. Many other door prizes are planned.

One of the last fund raisers, to help offset the cost of tickets for junior Sailors and their spouses or significant others, is a chili cook-off, to be held Thursday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Skeeter's.

There will be an entry fee of \$5 to get a favorite chili recipe entered in the contest, and \$2 for a bowl to test the samples. A distinguished panel of judges will award prizes for first, second and third places. All proceeds benefit the Navy Ball.

So mark your calendar, tell your favorite lady or guy to buy a new dress or tie, and celebrate the Navy's birthday with your shipmates.

See a Navy Ball representative for tickets:

CMDCM(SW) Laurel Davis;  
EM1(SW) Daniel Ring;  
NC1(SW) Mary Dunleavy;  
FC1(SW) Richard Underwood;  
PN2 Gary Macalusa;  
YN2(AW) Tamara Hollis; or  
Carol-Lee Harshner

**About the cover-- Remembering 9/11:** Chief-selectee, QM1(SW) Rickey Brandon, from NAVSTA Pascagoula, tells the ceremonial ship's bell in remembrance of the more than 3,000 people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and on the airplanes that were hijacked to commit those attacks. The Chief selectees hosted a 9/11 remembrance commemoration which featured guest speaker DCC(SW) Charles Curreri, right, a reservist aboard USS Stephen W. Groves. Curreri, a member of the Mobile fire department, went to New York City immediately after 9/11 and was part of the recovery effort at 'Ground Zero.' In the photo on the right, Chief Curreri presents pieces of the World Trade Center rubble to CMDCM(SW) Daymon Morris, Groves' Command Master Chief.



## Around the Homeport

# Trash clean-up nets more than 1,000 pounds

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

Volunteers from Navy commands at Naval Station Pascagoula joined forces with boaters and other land-based volunteers to take part in the 15th annual Mississippi Coastal Clean-up.

Singing River Island (Naval Station Pascagoula) was just one of 57 designated clean-up sites along 233 miles of coastal waterways in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock counties and related barrier islands. Navy active duty and government civilian volunteers picked up more than 1,000 pounds of trash and debris along a 1.5-mile stretch of beach on Friday, Sept. 19. Many of the Navy volunteers then joined their local community volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 20, to help clean up other coastal areas.

This year, more than 4,500 volunteers collected almost 73,000 pounds of trash -- more than 36.5 tons of marine debris.

Debris collected on Singing River Island included broken plastic chairs, several plastic buckets, aluminum cans, styrofoam cups, packaging material, tobacco tins and cigarette butts, plastic bottles, several animal and fish carcasses, paper and rope.

Along other parts of the coast volunteers collected broken light bulbs, plastic sewer pipe, an aircraft tire, televisions, car parts, shotgun shells, a microwave oven, computer printer, a bag of chicken feet and rope. There were six bird entanglements reported, one dead sea turtle, an injured seagull and an injured egret caught in fishing line that were both taken to the WRANPS Wildlife Center. The most peculiar item was a voodoo doll with a pin stuck in it found in Jackson County.



Photo by Stacey Byington

***Navy and government civilian volunteers pick up trash along the beaches of Singing River Island. Taking part in the annual Mississippi Coastal Clean-up, the volunteers collected more than 85 bags of trash weighing more than 1,000 pounds.***

The mission of the clean-up is to remove debris from shorelines, bayous, bays, rivers, waterways and beaches, and collect valuable information on the amount and types of debris collected. Over the past 15 years, information gathered from the clean-up

data cards has been used to enact local, state and national legislation.

"People need to realize that trash travels," said William Walker, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. "A piece of trash thrown out of a car win-

dow washes into a storm drain and eventually winds up in the Gulf of Mexico, washing up on our shorelines."

At 28 sites in Jackson County, more than 1,300 volunteers collected more than 1,025 bags of trash.

***Ombudsman appreciation -- IS1(SW/AW) Michael Starnes presents his wife, Jennifer Starnes, with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her service as a Command Ombudsman. Jennifer is the Ombudsman for USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51). Area Ombudsmen were recognized recently at a dinner hosted by FFSC as part of Ombudsman Appreciation Month.***

Photo by Stacey Byington



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Photo by Stacey Byington

**Blue Jacket of the Quarter** -- NAVSTA Pascagoula's Command Master Chief, CMDCM(SW) Laurel Davis, presents HM3 Jobe Hoffmeister with a plaque representing his achievement at the quarterly Sailor of the Quarter luncheon. Hoffmeister, attached to Branch Medical Clinic Pascagoula, was among approximately 20 Sailors from Pascagoula area commands who were recognized. The luncheon was held at the LaFont Inn in Pascagoula and was jointly sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Pascagoula Rotary Club and the Pas-Point Council of the Navy League of the United States.



Photo by Stacey Byington

**Fleet Manager of the Year** -- NAVSTA Pascagoula's Transportation Manager, Fred Blair, was recently selected as the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's 2003 Navy Transportation Fleet Manager of the Year in the small fleet category. The award was presented at the Navy Transportation Conference held in Portland, Ore.



Photo by Stacey Byington

**Retirement** -- J02 Renee Johnson, receives a certificate of appreciation from President George W. Bush, presented by LCDR Nancy Fink. Johnson, who worked in the station Public Affairs Office, retired from the Navy on Sept. 5, terminating a 20-year active-duty career.



Naval Station Pascagoula, its tenant commands, and SupShip Gulf Coast are commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month with a salsa contest and lunch hosted by the American Heritage Committee. The event is being held at the NAVSTA gymnasium on Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The salsa contest begins at 10 a.m. Anyone can enter. Prizes will be awarded for first and second places. Lunch, catered by El Saltillos in Ocean Springs, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets for lunch are \$5. The guest speaker will be Professor Deloris Keenum, a Spanish educator at both William Carey College in Gulfport and at Moss Point High School.

## Around the Homeport

# October is domestic violence awareness month

By Gerri Warden  
**FFSC Information & Referral**

The definition of domestic violence or spouse abuse is the act of physically or emotionally harming a husband and wife, or other individuals involved in intimate relationships. Domestic violence is sometimes referred to as *intimate violence*. It includes violence that occurs in dating and courtship relationships, between former spouses, and between gay and lesbian partners.

Abuse between intimate partners can take many forms. It may include emotional or verbal abuse, denial of access to resources or money, restraint of normal activities or freedom (including isolation from friends and family), sexual coercion or assault, threats to kill or to harm, and physical intimidation or attacks. In extreme cases, domestic violence may result in the death of a partner.

According to a study published in 1998 by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), women in the United States experienced about 840,000 non-lethal incidents of violence committed by an intimate partner in 1996. These incidents consisted of physical assault, robbery (theft that is accomplished by a threat of violence or actual violence), and rape or other sexual assault.

The DOJ report indicated that intimate violence occurs almost equally among women of all races and is slightly more likely to occur among women with low incomes. The report showed that the most common victims of intimate violence are younger women, between the ages of 16 and 24.

Experts widely disagree over the extent of male victimization. According to the Department of Justice, men in the United States were victims in

about 150,000 incidents of intimate violence in 1996.

The department's data indicates that women are about six times as likely as men to experience victimization by an intimate partner. Many private studies indicate the number is much higher, with males more reluctant to report the abuse.

In some cases, domestic violence results in homicide. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), more than 500 men were killed by their wives and girlfriends in 1996, representing about 5 percent of all male homicide victims in the United States.

That same year more than 1,300 women were killed by their husbands or boyfriends — approximately 30 percent of all female homicide victims in the United States.

Murder by intimates accounts for about 9 percent of all homicides in the United States each year. No single factor explains why men and women assault and abuse their partners.

The factors most closely related to spouse abuse are the young ages of the offenders and the victims (between 18 and 30 years old), low income, growing up in a violent family, alcohol or substance abuse, unemployment, sexual difficulties, and low job satisfaction.

Offenders committing the most serious abuses tend to have anti-social personality disorders. People with such dis-

orders have an impaired ability to feel guilt, remorse, or anxiety.

Treatment is available, but the offenders have to be encouraged to seek help.

Victims of domestic violence experience both short-term and long-lasting effects.

Physical injuries can range from bruises, cuts, and burns to broken bones, stab wounds, miscarriages (in women), and death. Also, victims experience depression and other psychological distress, eating disorders, and alcohol and substance abuse problems, and they are more likely than other people to contemplate or attempt suicide.

Children who witness domestic violence experience depression and psychological distress and are more likely than other children to be physically violent.

Spouse abuse often involves repeated episodes of violence.

Research indicates that most victims are not passive in response to abuse. Victims call the police, they go to social workers or mental health agencies, they flee to the homes of friends or parents, and they fight back physically.

However, studies find that many factors—economic, interpersonal, cultural, and social—prevent victims from leaving violent relationships.

Victims who seek help from community services often find that agencies are overwhelmed

and limited in their resources.

A variety of programs and services, both for victims and offenders, exist to treat and prevent domestic violence.

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) has a Family Advocacy Representative (FAR) who can assist with treatment programs for those with issues either as a victim or an offender.

Courts, and military review committees, often require offenders who are found guilty of physically or sexually assaulting their partners to attend these programs as a condition of their sentences.

The programs presented by FFSC seek to educate male and female offenders about domestic violence prevention. The programs also encourage offenders to examine their attitudes about what it means to be a partner.

Many treatment programs also emphasize anger management for offenders. Counselors teach participants to recognize cues of anger and then use various techniques to calm down before reacting, to control the anger and avoid violent behavior.

Anyone involved in domestic violence issues can contact Barbara A. Jones, FFSC's FAR, by calling 761-2096. Confidentiality is a priority and a requirement of FFSC.

FFSC counselors can assist in building a safe plan and could possibly save a life—yours.

## READINESS BEGINS AT HOME

Domestic Violence Hurts Us All.  
 Family Advocacy Program



## Military News

# Teddy bears needed for military children

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, 2003 — It's not easy being a kid whose mom or dad is deployed overseas to a combat zone. It can be confusing and lonely, and sometimes, downright scary.

That's why a California-based non-profit group wants to put into every affected military child's hands that quintessentially American yet internationally understood symbol of comfort and friendship: the teddy bear.

Operation TeddyCare, the labor of love of a disabled Vietnam veteran and his wife, already has donated 2,500 teddy bears to military children of deployed service members. Each bear, presented through military family service centers, comes with a personalized certificate of appreciation "for being brave and helpful while your parent served in the line of duty."

Family service centers are so enthusiastic about the program that they've already requested another 6,500 teddy bears — but Operation TeddyCare has no bears left to donate.

"We've gotten to the point where we are flat-out of teddy bears," said Barbara Moran, who runs the program with her husband, psychologist Dr. Bob Baker. "And if there's one word in our vocabulary we hate when we get requests from military bases," Moran said, "it's 'no.'"

To help meet increasing requests for teddy bears, Operation TeddyCare is soliciting donations of teddy bears as well as checks to purchase teddy bears and cover the cost of printing certificates of appreciation and shipping.



Photo by Susan Bungard

**Marine Corps Cpl. Darrel James from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 at Camp Pendleton, Calif., holds his daughter and her Operation TeddyCare teddy bear after returning from Iraq.**

Moran and Baker go to great lengths to get teddy bears to military children. At once point, they drove two carloads of bears from their home near San Francisco to Camp Pendleton, Calif., when the operation had run too low on shipping funds to mail requested bears.

"It's a wonderful thing they're doing," said Hugh Cooper, deputy assistant chief of staff for community services at the base. "The kids here really appreciated getting the bears."

"They were a big hit," echoed Robin Colangelo, family readiness coordinator for the Air National Guard in Phoenix, who presented teddy bears to children of the 161st Air Refueling Wing.

"Operation TeddyCare is such a nice program, because it recognizes that kids share in the hardships when their parents are deployed," said Colangelo. "It's especially hard on

the very young ones, because they really don't understand what's going on."

Moran said Operation TeddyCare is committed to recognizing these children's sacrifices. "Military children are expected to be extraordinary — to be brave, to do their homework, to do their chores, and to handle the stress of their parent being away from home," Moran said. "Operation TeddyCare is a way to express appreciation to these kids, and to tell them, 'You're being a great kid.'"

But Moran said the teddy bears convey more than just appreciation. "Teddy bears are all about comfort," she said. "They're good listeners, and they're nice to hold. They're so associated with America, with comfort, with friendship, and with both celebrations and consolations.

"We all know that when the going gets tough, it really helps

to hug a teddy bear."

Baker recognized the therapeutic power of teddy bears in his practice as clinical coordinator of the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, where he worked until his retirement.

Since then, he and Moran continue to spread those healing powers. Since 1995, Operation TeddyCare has distributed more than 30,000 teddy bears donated by local citizens to counselors, police, firefighters and other emergency workers. They, in turn, present the bears to children affected by conflicts, war, violence, abuse, neglect, natural disasters, accidents or life-threatening illness.

The effort has moved into high gear during crises, beginning in 1995 when Operation TeddyCare sent teddy bears to children in Kobe, Japan, after a 6.9 magnitude earthquake left almost 5,500 people dead. Since then, Operation TeddyCare has donated teddy bears for children affected by the Oklahoma City bombing, the World Trade Center attacks, and most recently, Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Moran said she's even heard from service members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, asking if there was a way to get teddy bears for the local children.

"I guess you could say we've become the Red Cross of teddy bears," she said.

To contribute, send teddy bears or checks to: Operation TeddyCare, Suite Q, 80 N. Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Designate contributions "For military kids." For more information about the program, visit <http://teddycare.coastside.net>.

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### NAVSTA conducts strategic planning ...

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greater voice in Regional decision-making.

"My team is tasked with identifying those areas where NAVSTA needs a greater voice in region's decision making," McCorvey said. "It is a critical task and one that my team and I are taking very seriously. We are committed to finding those catalytical decisions made by Region and further up the chain of command where our voice is essential for successful implementation."

Resource strategies revolved around developing three long and short-range plans utilizing NAVSTA manpower, financial and facilities/equipment resources, respectively.

LCDR John Zollo, Supply Officer, leads the manpower team; LTJG Brian Carroll, Admin Officer, leads the financial team; and LT Kevin Hillard, Public Works Officer, leads the facilities/equipment team.

"The manpower team's number one priority is to provide information and create tools that can better assist the workforce in their mission to support the Fleet and sailors," said LCDR Zollo. "This could be by any means -- through training opportunities, use of automation and new technologies, or simply with better management of our current resources."

### MWR events ...

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military, active duty reservists, National Guardsmen, and Coast Guardsmen through Dec. 19, 2003. Companion tickets for up to 5 family members or friends can be purchased for \$49.99 (plus tax) each.

Specific details regarding these and other offers are available through the ITT office. Call 761-2432 or 761-2384.

**NAVSTA personnel are invited to become members of strategic planning teams.**

Each team has specific deliverables, measurements of success and due dates for completion of tangible outputs.

CDR Rea said everyone had a stake in planning and execution of the strategies, and wanted to insure all hands became familiar with the command's mission and vision statements.

"As you entered today, you were handed a business card," she said. "On one side are the mission and vision statements for NAVSTA Pascagoula, and on the other side are the mission and vision statements for Navy Region Southeast. Be-

come familiar with these."

She also invited all hands to feel free to volunteer to work on any one of the teams, but said everyone should know up front that any volunteers would be expected to contribute their fair share to the planning and execution effort.

"You will work, and you will work hard," Rea said. "It will be like having a second job."

LCDR Fink said that by implementing the strategies and obtaining the goals set for the command, "We will be able to provide leadership up our chain as a strategically managed installation, and we will be able to influence our fate in a context of massive change throughout the Navy. We will also be able to link these strategies to other improvement efforts as they arise."

### SupShips merge, new CO ...

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leans to encompass new ship construction and repair work extending from the Florida Panhandle to Louisiana," said RADM Hamilton. "By consolidating administrative and support functions of the two SupShips, this organization will increase efficiency and allow the Navy-industry team to focus all of its energy and resources on the critical work of building and maintaining our nation's warships."

To the the men and women

of SupShip Gulf Coast, RADM Hamilton said, "While you have a new name, a new leader, and new and unknown challenges ahead, your vital mission remains the same -- building and maintaining the very best. Working hand-in-hand with the shipbuilder, it is you who transition each ship from concept to reality, employing your passion, skill and energy to brings these great ships -- the very heart and soul of our Navy -- to life."

### Young commands Hall ...

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ter of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

CDR Young's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy

Achievement Medals, and various unit and campaign awards.

He is married to the former Chaun Theng Cha (Candy) of Seoul, South Korea, and they have two children, a daughter, 14, and a son, 12.

### Workforce reshaping ...

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CNI, and how our current and future business functions within the Region will be managed," Carver added.

Carver emphasized that any employee who would like to know more about what is being done to achieve the required budget cuts, should ask their supervisors for factual information.

"It's very important that our workforce have the correct information about what business practices are either being developed or re-designed. We care about our people and their future, and any false impressions about our future that are being circulated by rumors are counter productive," he said.

Already, the Region is making some necessary changes.

As directed, CNRSE must reduce the number of full-time equivalent civilian positions by 92 in FY04 from the more than 2300 current full-time CNRSE employees.

"Region leadership, together with the regional union consortium, is working to achieve that requirement by restructuring our workforce positions and ensuring new hires fill positions that meet our long-term needs, offering eligible employees early retirement and separation incentives, and through natural attrition," said Captain Jay Mullally, CNRSE Comptroller.

Carver noted the importance of the union's involvement in this process.

"Working closely with our union consortium representatives will make sure any efforts are consistent with the rules and regulations that are in place to protect our civilian employees' rights."

He concluded, "Our management team is working diligently to reach our goal with minimal negative effects to our workforce."

## MWR Activities

### **MWR Facilities Hours of operation**

#### **Outdoor Rental** 761-2038

Boats, campers, travel trailers, land and garden equipment, outdoor grills, propane, hunting and fishing licenses, and much, much more. Mondays, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays

#### **Cracker Jack's** Lakeside 938-0439

Serves lunch Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Food and beverages, five TVs, including a big-screen, free pool tables, free computers with internet capability, playstations, patio with view of the lake. Mondays-Thursday, 5-10 p.m., Fridays, 5-11 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### **Sports/Fitness Center** 761-2107

Mondays-Fridays, 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-6 p.m.

#### **Cyber Cafe/ Liberty Center** 761-2402/761-2293

Food and snacks, 12 free computer stations with internet capability, playstations, free pool tables, big-screen TV, movies. Mondays-Fridays, 10a.m. -10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### **ITT** 761-2432

Ticket outlet for Gulf Coast Coliseum, theme park tickets, worldwide cruise packages, vacation and travel planning, information on local attractions. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### **Skeeter's**

Main Softball Field  
Open for breakfast Monday through Friday, 6 - 9 a.m. Also open for softball games, other sporting events, and for other special occasions.



Photo by Stacey Byington

**MWR star -- Clintonia Sellers receives a Shining Star certificate presented by NAVSTA Commanding Officer, CDR Terry Rea. Mrs. Sellers, involved with the Liberty Program at the Cyber Cafe, was nominated by Richard Davis, who said, "Great work with the Cyber Cafe, and a great job with transportation. Thanks, (Tonia) for the great work." A Shining Star certificate was also presented to ITT Manager Ruth Rotten, who was nominated by MIDN 2/C Antonucci, who said, "Went beyond what is expected. Even thought of personally giving us a ride. Spent more than an hour with us on the telephone, and gave us a great deal -- even better than what we had planned."**

**Golf winners -- Milt Salter, left, of First Command Financial Planning, sponsor of the golf tournament held Sept. 9 at Gulf Hills, presents Brad Vogel of SupShip with a cash award of \$25 for getting closest to the pin on hole no. 3. The 4-man team from SIMA won first place, at 10 under par. They each received a driver and a dozen golf balls.**



MWR Photo

## MWR Activities

# Celebrate Octoberfest on NAVSTA pier

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

### Paintball

**Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
4:30 p.m.

### Paintball Field

Feel like changing the normal afternoon routine? Grab a couple of friends and head to the Paintball field every Wednesday afternoon for a couple of games of "Capture the Flag." It's fun and exciting. The field is available every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Play for up to four hours for only \$10 per person. Includes protective clothing, guns and 200 paintballs. Call 761-2293 or 761-2038 to reserve the field.

### Flag Football

**Coaches' Meeting**  
**Oct. 1, Noon**  
**Fitness Center**

Fall and football go together. Instead of just watching the action, join in. Flag football teams are now forming. Round up a gridiron crew and send a representative to this meeting, then make a run for the championship.

**Monday Night Football**  
**8 p.m.**

### Cracker Jack's

Make the most of Monday night football and join your friends for all the Monday night football games at Cracker Jack's. Don't miss one thrilling moment of the action on the big screen and four smaller ones. Get all the buffalo wings you can eat for \$5. To add to the fun, there will be prizes given away during the games, and if you can predict the score, take home an NFL t-shirt. The Hot Wings Special - all you can eat for \$5 - will be offered at all Monday night

games.

**Oct. 6,** Indianapolis vs. Tampa Bay.

**Oct. 13,** Atlanta vs. St. Louis.

**Oct. 20,** Kansas City vs. Oakland

**Oct. 27,** Miami vs. San Diego

Cracker Jack's is open every Saturday and Sunday, noon to 10 p.m. Enjoy all the college and professional football games, and other sporting events on the big screen television.

### Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

**Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m.**

### NAVSTA Softball Field

Showcase your gridiron prowess. Where does your strength lie? Points will be given for the distance achieved in each activity -- punt, pass or kick. The person accumulating the most overall points wins the event and a prize. Open to all active duty, and no cost to enter. For more information, call the Sports & Fitness Center at 761-2107.

### Liberty Spades Tournament

**Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Cyber Cafe**

Entry is free. First and second-place teams receive a prize and everyone enjoys the challenge. The tournament is open to all eligible patrons.

### Navy Pascagoula Night with the Sea Wolves

**Oct. 25, 7 p.m.**  
**Mississippi Coast Colliseum**

The Commanding Officers for all Pascagoula area Navy commands (including the pre-commissioning units) have been invited by the Sea Wolves to participate in the game-opening ceremony. Navy personnel are planning other activities prior to the start of the

game that pits the Sea Wolves against the Columbus Cottonmouths. Advance tickets for this game have been specially priced at \$5 and are available at ITT through Friday, Oct. 24.

### Octoberfest on the Pier

**Oct. 30, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### NAVSTA Pier

Two hours of play and fun. Be prepared to get involved, there will be fun activities for everyone. The highlight of the event will be a Bed Race. Beds will be mounted on wheels, and groups of five will compete to see which group can push the bed across the finish line in the quickest time. MWR will provide the beds, and groups may customize its own bed for the competition. Pre-register a team by calling Ruth at ITT (761-2432). Other activities include an antler hat toss and a keg roll (empty kegs). And what would an Octoberfest be without German food. Private groups are invited to sell food such as Bratwurst, German potato salad, and other German favorites. Any group wishing to man a food booth, or has other fun-tastic suggestions, call Ruth at ITT no later than Oct. 20.

### Halloween Party

**Oct. 31, 9 p.m.**  
**Cracker Jack's**

All creepy-looking characters invited. Be prepared to have some fun. The best costume will win a prize (modest costumes only). Entertainment includes a popular horror movie and a spooky karaoke contest. Karaoke contestant are required to wear a costume. Contest winner will receive a prize.

### Free Admission to Popular Theme Parks

Popular theme parks --

Busch Gardens, Sea World and Sesame Place -- are offering a one-time complimentary admission for all active duty military, active duty reservists, National Guardsmen, Coast Guardsmen and/or including four direct dependants through Nov. 11, 2003.

Walt Disney World (Orlando) is offering one complimentary 5-day pass for all active duty military, active duty reservists, National Guardsmen, and Coast Guardsmen through Dec. 19, 2003. Companion tickets for up to 5 family members or friends can be purchased for \$99 (plus tax) each.

Universal Studios (Orlando) is offering a free 5-day bonus pass for all active duty military, active duty reservists, National and Coast Guardsmen through Dec. 19, 2003. Bonus passes for up to 5 family members or friends can be purchased for \$49.99 (plus tax) each.

Disney/California Adventure (California) is offering a free 3-day ticket for all active duty

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## Personal Classifieds

### Pets for Sale

**FOR SALE:** Two neutered and descented ferrets, one male, 7 months old, one female, 11 months old. Nice tempered, do not bite, very shy. Great with children. Indoor pets only, shots up to date. Sold as a pair only. Includes all accessories -- cages, waterbottle, hammocks, litter, litter pans, food, shampoo, and leashes. Paid \$120 each. Current owner looking for good home, \$100 firm for pair. Call FC1 Underwood at 761-2380.