

Shoreline



2003 CHINFO Award Recipient



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Battling Bass Tourney sees a big turnout. see page 8



Elementary school boasts Teacher of the Year

Story and photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson
Navy Charleston Shoreline

What do you get when you add a lifelong educator, media specialist and librarian to a school full of young students with enormous potential and an Absolute Rating of "Excellent"? The answer: Karen Cookson, Media Specialist at Marrington Elementary School and this year's Berkeley County School District Teacher of the Year.

For the first time in the history of Marrington Elementary School, they have a teacher who has not only made it to the top three in the district, but was also awarded the Berkeley County School District's Teacher of the Year. Each of the 36 schools in the district submit their individual Teacher of the Year as nominees for the District Teacher of the Year, then the group goes to the final eight, then the final three, and finally number one is chosen. This year, the entire process started in January, and by the end of March, a decision was made.

"I was very surprised to learn I had won the award, but very honored," Cookson said.

Cookson is the librarian and media specialist for Marrington Elementary, and she has been for 22 years. Not only does she spend time teaching four-through ten-year-olds about using a library, checking out books and reading stories to them, but she also directs and produces the school's "Mid Week With Marrington" TV show that airs Wednesday mornings at the school and on WEPS-TV2 several times each day.

Not only does Cookson get the honor of being the 2004 Berkeley County Teacher of the Year, but she also will be in the running for the statewide competition for Teacher of the Year. She also has several new and challenging responsibilities that come with this wonderful award.

One of her duties includes being on the Teacher



Karen Cookson, Berkeley County's Teacher of the Year, reads a story to one of the kindergarten classes at Marrington Elementary School on Naval Weapons Station Charleston. Cookson is the first teacher to be selected for the honor in the 25 year history of Marrington Elementary.

Forum, a committee designed to provide communication between the school district and the teachers. As chairperson of this committee in the 2005-2006 school year, she will also be responsible for organizing an instructional fair, an event designed for all the teachers in the district. "This is a very large task to take on and takes a lot of people, but I'm really looking forward to it," said Cookson.

Cookson takes a very proactive role in the education of her students, and though she does not

teach a math or a science class all day long, she provides extremely important services to her students. "It is so easy to say so many good things about her," said Marrington Elementary's principal, Roy Hoyle.

So, congratulations Mrs. Cookson, we are all very proud of you. For parents whose children attend Marrington Elementary, know that your kids are getting their education, in part, by the 2004 Teacher of the Year for the entire Berkeley County School District.

PWC works hard to achieve ISO certification

By Bart Jackson

Navy Charleston Shoreline

Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Public Works Department, was recently certified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), obtaining ISO 9000:2000 certification.

This award culminates 18 months of hard work by the entire NWS-Charleston team and was achieved through independent certification of Charleston's production, environmental, transportation, and utilities departments. ISO 9000 certification is a major accomplishment for any maintenance and service organization.

ISO 9000 certification verifies that the PWC JAX - Charleston Site is customer driven, process focused and that the employees truly know their business. It also demonstrates the site's commitment to customer satisfaction, planning, motivation, training, documentation and continually improving their performance in support of the warfighter.



Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Public Works Center (PWC) personnel received certificates in recognition of ISO 9001 Certification May 12.

The NWS Charleston site is the first NAVFAC entity to receive this comprehensive ISO 9001:2000 certification. "The people have always done a great job here, we've always said that, and this certification just reaffirms that commitment," said Cmdr. Manny Bautista, NWS Public Works Officer.

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Naval Weapons Station Charleston



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Captain's Log



By Capt. Robert M. Zalaskus
Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station

Not that long ago I read a magazine article in our barber shop waiting area asking the question, "Where are our heroes?" with the gist of the article suggesting that there were few to be had.

To be fair, the author was focused on the woes of a couple of current popular sports celebrities, but my reaction was still the same-how shortsighted...(and perhaps we need some new magazines!)

We can debate definitions and argue the value of being popular versus being respected, or the difference of being in full public attention or contributing to society behind the scenes, but regardless of how you frame the argument, I think many would agree that a hero is one that impacts our lives in a positive way, and to those editorials searching for heroes, I offer that they are all around us, if we would only take the time to notice.

Recently we took some time to notice a few of the many heroes here on Station. At our annual Fleet and Family Support ombudsman and volunteer appreciation luncheon and our Morale, Welfare and Recreation child care provider appreciation dinner, we acknowledged the scores of folks who work quietly behind the scenes making a difference in the lives of so many. At the Federal Executive Association, Employee of the Year awards luncheon we recognized the best of our Federal workforce in eight categories including personal heroism.

Across all the groups, the accomplishments of each of the award recipients had a common thread-a willingness to go beyond what was expected of them, a drive to make a lasting contribution. In every case, I see a positive attitude that seeks out the "how" instead of the "how hard" in their efforts to not only do things right, but to do the right things.

These platitudes are not always easy in the work place, especially as we are facing work force restructuring and alignment. Maintaining a positive attitude, however, is not just unrealistic ideal, it is a powerful tool that heroes seem to master-a tool that benefits them and the overall workforce, especially in the face of challenge.

Over recent weeks we have been challenged; not necessarily new challenges, but a continuation of fiscal limitations that have been building for several years. The cost of war and our commitment effort to find the resources needed to recapitalize the Navy require that we look closely at how we manage the Navy's infrastructure. The impact of this effort

has been seen in budget adjustments and offers made to the work force enabling them to make personal choices about their future.

Although the work force here in Charleston has seen all this before, it is still unsettling. To summarize some of what I have recently discussed for all hands, we are currently working toward two objectives-completing FY04 and preparing for FY05. Specifics are being handled at the program level, but in general the Navy is looking at the work force (military and civilian) to find long-term savings. Since the cost of war bill has emerged late in this fiscal year (FY04), immediate relief was sought by offering incentives to the civilian work force who might be inclined to accept early retirement. In these cases, the job left behind would not be filled with a new hire. A number of our work force have decided that this incentive is right for them. Budget adjustments have also been implemented that are visible in several ways. For example, some government vehicles have been turned in and our grounds mowing cycle has been adjusted. These efforts will help us get through FY04.

I expect our FY05 budget numbers to be released within a few weeks. Again program managers at the Regional level are working with Station departments to plan how we will meet the new controls. It will be important to follow the numbers as they emerge, but not to jump to conclusions on any single data call or survey. I am confident that this Station will weather the current challenges and continue to fulfill its role as a significant enabler of national defense needs. Every significant visitor that has seen what this Station does has come away with a new respect and value for what the work force accomplishes here.

If there is a common trait among the many heroes we have here in Charleston it is the positive attitude they maintain even in the face of challenge. That positive attitude is based on confidence in themselves and the meaningfulness of their contribution in the workplace and being realistic about changes we face. It is said that there are three types of folk-those who watch things happen, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. I believe heroes are those who go beyond what is expected of them to make things happen in constructive ways. Heroes encourage those around them to focus on moving forward and look for the opportunities in the midst of challenge.

The heroes we acknowledged recently in various luncheons are just a fraction of many here that qualify for the title. I thank all of you for your sustained commitment and willingness to lead. I'll work on getting new magazines in the barber shop, you keep proving the author of that article needs to look a little harder.

Employees of the Year awarded on Station

By Susan Piedfort
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Naval Weapons Station Commanding Officer and 2004 Federal Executive Association (FEA) Chairman Captain Robert M. Zalaskus honored two members of his own staff during the FEA Employee of the Year Awards luncheon held at the Redbank Club May 7.

Lieutenant Commander Wesley S. Smith, NWS Executive Officer, and Linda Miller, Housing Manager, were honored as runners up in the Outstanding Managerial/Executive and Outstanding Supervisor categories, respectively.

Winners were Lieutenant Commander Keith B. Janssen, Executive Officer, U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office, Outstanding Managerial/Executive; Ronald Westall, Traffic Management Specialist, Charleston Air Force Base, Outstanding Supervisor; Dr. Craig S. Noble, Clinical Psychologist at the Naval Consolidated Brig, Outstanding Scientific/Professional Employee; Thomas

Socha, Engineering Technician, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Outstanding Technician/Assistant; Technical Sergeant Jeffrey A. Jones, Non-commissioned officer in charge of electrical systems, Charleston Air Force Base, Outstanding Trade/Craft Employee; Staff Sergeant Amanda M. Hardy, Naval Consolidate Brig, Charleston, Outstanding Clerical/Administrative Employee; Gregory E. Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Examiner, Outstanding Safety/Security Employee; Brenda-Flanigan-Tyson, RN, VA Medical Center, Charleston, Heroism/Valor award; and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Operations Control Center Transition Team from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston, Team Award.

The awards luncheon was emceed by Channel 4 weather anchor Tom Crawford and featured keynote speaker Mayor Joe Riley. Winners and runners-up in each of eight categories received plaques from the Association and a \$100 check

presented by South Carolina Federal Credit Union.

The 2004 awardees were selected from 54 Charleston area Federal agencies nominations screened by a committee of Federal employees led by FEA Vice-Chairman John Tucker, National Park Service, Superintendent, Fort Sumter Group Parks.



Lt. Cdr. Wesley Smith, right, Naval Weapons Station Executive Officer receives an award from Capt. Robert M. Zalaskus.

Statistics show traffic wrecks still leading killer

Derek Nelson

Naval Safety Center

National statistics show that car wrecks kill more people than AIDS, drugs, or gun violence. Navy data is equally disturbing.

From fiscal year 2000 through 2003, 251 Sailors and 212 Marines died in automobile crashes—more than half of all accidental deaths during the period, and more than one and a half times the number killed in all operational mishaps. According to traffic-safety experts at the Naval Safety Center, nearly all of these traffic mishaps are preventable.

“Reining in traffic mishaps, the number one killer of our Sailors and Marines, is a matter of changing the culture,” said Capt. Bruce Crisler, director of the Naval Safety Center’s Shore Safety Programs Directorate. “We simply can’t keep doing things the same way if we’re going to meet the Secretary of Defense’s challenge to reduce mishaps by 50 percent by 2005. It’s going to take some new intervention

strategies and leadership from the top down.”

But traffic crashes happen with such regularity that people grow numb to the overall consequences and costs. People describe the aftermath of the attack on USS Cole, which killed 17 Sailors and injured 39, as “devastating” and a “tragedy.” Yet when the Navy lost five times that many Sailors to traffic wrecks in FY03, the news reports usually treat the events as almost routine.

When it comes to changing the behaviors that cause traffic deaths, one of the biggest challenges is a culture of widespread acceptance of the inevitability of traffic accidents. Crashes are not inevitable—they’re preventable, often with the application of some common-sense risk management. A typical recent mishap involved a first-class petty officer driving an SUV with three shipmates as passengers. A Ford Supercab F-250 suddenly changed lanes and hit the SUV’s right front fender, causing the Sailor at the wheel to lose con-

trol. His SUV rolled four times and was totaled. However, all four Sailors walked away. Why? Because they were wearing seat belts, which kept them in the vehicle.

Seat belts reduce the chances that a front-seat passenger will be injured or killed in a car crash by 45 percent. Every Sailor must learn to think of the seatbelt as the best free “life insurance” available. Research shows that once people develop the 2-to-3-second habit of buckling their seat belts, they usually keep it for life. Nevertheless, between FY01 and FY03, 42 percent of the Sailors and Marines who died in traffic crashes weren’t wearing seat belts.

Numerous service-wide and local initiatives are underway to prevent traffic wrecks. The Navy and Marine Corps Safety Council’s Shore working group has traffic safety as a primary target, focusing on those factors most often reported as causes in automobile crashes: not wearing seatbelts, driving while fatigued or after drinking alcohol, speeding and losing control. Impaired driving and underage drinking are under special scrutiny. Current rules mandate that Navy personnel found guilty of DUI lose their base-driving privileges for a year, but cooperation between local police and military police sometimes has gaps. The working group is studying the question of standardized enforcement by local commands, and is working to make sure that every Sailor understands the consequences of a DUI.



Fours cars collided at Naval Weapons Station Charleston on Redbank Road last spring. Luckily no one was fatally injured in this accident. National statistics show that car wrecks kill more people than AIDS each year.

Tricare undergoes new contract

Express Scripts of Maryland Heights, Missouri has been awarded the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy contract, which will take effect June 1, 2004.

The new retail pharmacy program will be fully portable, allowing beneficiaries access to network pharmacies while traveling outside of their regions. Retail pharmacies comprise one of three venues through which pharmacy services are available. TRICARE beneficiaries may also obtain prescription medications from their military treatment facility pharmacies and the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, which Express Scripts also administers.

One of the largest pharmacy benefit management (PBM) companies in North America, Express Scripts,

Inc. currently provides PBM services to over 50 million members through facilities in eight states and Canada. Express Scripts

neighborhood pharmacies in a mailing that went out at the end of April. That mailing included a copy of the new TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Benefit Guide. Learn more about Express

Scripts and the retail pharmacy contract on the Express Scripts Web site www.express-scripts.com. The new retail network will be closely monitored to ensure patient safety and provide continuity of services.

For more information on TRICARE contracts, interested parties may visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

If you need more information about this article or any other TRICARE questions, contact the Naval Hospital Charleston Health Benefits Advisors at 743-7600 or the Health Benefits Advisor at the Naval Branch Medical Clinic at 743-7813.



serves thousands of client groups, including managed care organizations, insurance carriers, third-party administrators, employers and union-sponsored benefit plans.

Express Scripts informed TRICARE beneficiaries about network coverage and procedures for filling prescriptions at their

Navy program makes casting your ballot easy

**By JO2 Christal A. Bailey
Navy Charleston Shoreline**

Voting season is approaching and questions about registration and ballots plague military members as they prepare to cast their vote. The Navy Voting Assistance Program offers answers to these questions and more to assist Sailors and their families during the upcoming election.

According to Naval Weapons Station Charleston’s voting assistance officer (VAO) Lt. Rodney Boyd, it is important for Sailors to vote. “The biggest mistake Sailors can make is to not register and not exercise their right to vote,” he said.

The Navy’s voting program makes it easy for Sailors to register and vote. The main purpose of the program is to provide as much information as possible to Sailors and families. The information provided by the program includes new registration, absentee voting, as well as any changes or updates.

It is the responsibility of Sailors to decide to vote, but the VAO is there to inform them

of the process. Boyd said that information regarding registration was disseminated to various departmental representatives earlier this year. The process begins with the Standard Form 76, which is generic. Each state has various directions to fill out the form and where to send it upon completion. A complete listing by state can be found at <http://www.fvap.gov/links/statelinks.html>.

Boyd said the program is highly effective. The Station’s voting program is taking the same approach as the command’s Combined Federal Campaign drive, by having the departmental representatives provide feedback with the number of new registers as well as those already registered.

“Although I pass out the information, the ultimate measure of effectiveness will be determined in how many actually vote,” Boyd commented. “Getting registered is only the first step.”

For more information on how to cast your ballot, contact Boyd at 764-7904, or visit www.fvap.gov/links/statelinks.html.

State lottery assistance helps military, family members

By ET3 Jeanna Gibson
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Editor's note: This article is the final of a two-part series focusing on tuition assistance.

Military Tuition Assistance is great for active duty members, but what about dependants and spouses?

Military members, dependants and their spouses can use the South Carolina Education Lottery program to supplement tuition costs. Military members that have already

used their 12 semester hours of assistance through the Navy Tuition Assistance program can use this to continue taking additional classes.

As long as the active duty member's permanent duty station is in South Carolina, all family members qualify to benefit from this program.

The South Carolina Education Lottery Tuition Assistance program provides tuition assistance for any resident or active duty military member

and their dependants in South Carolina for a degree path of their choice at any two-year technical institution. "Once military members and dependents realize this funding is available, they think it's great and want to use it," said Joe Daning, Trident



Technical College representative who visits the Navy College Office at Naval Weapons Station Charleston twice each week.

The program is designed to supplement federal grants; in other words, whatever amount of tuition the federal government won't provide, the lottery assistance will kick in to cover, up to \$876 for the summer 2004 term. This amount changes each semester, so be sure to check the current amount when

applying.

To be eligible for the Education Lottery Tuition Assistance, you must first apply and be accepted to a two-year technical institution, then file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You must also maintain at least six credit hours each semester, make reasonable progress toward completion of a certificate, diploma or associate degree program and not be in default on any government student loan program. "These

requirements aren't too tough. The hardest part is filling out the FAFSA, and we provide a free class at Trident Tech to help you do it," said Daning.

If the South Carolina Education Lottery Tuition Assistance program could benefit you or your spouse, stop by the Navy College Office, go online to www.sceducationlottery.com or www.tridenttech.edu to find out more information.

Certification takes hard work for PWC

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"ISO 9000 Certification is a reaffirmation of the quality of work, and the performance of the overall workforce here on Station, and I'm proud to have been a part of the team," said Charlie Rosebam, deputy project manager.

In order to achieve this certification, the organization and its employees

had to develop a system that has the full support of management and is continuously checked and corrected to ensure the most efficient processes are utilized.

Through the development of best business practices, the customer is offered the best service possible.

"ISO 9001 certifica-

tion shows our commitment to excellence and gives our shop personnel a roadmap to become even better," said Carter Hayes, site manager, PWC JAX - Charleston.

PWC is also a Most Efficient Organization, or MEO. "The fact that we can reach this level of quality, and actually save The Navy money, is quite the accomplishment," said David Kelly, deputy director.

Bautista added, "This was an overall team effort, and all personnel involved deserve to be recognized, way to go!"

For more information about the Public Works Center and the work they perform, log on to www.pwcjax.navy.mil.

"ISO 9000 shows our commitment to excellence..."

*-Carter Hayes
Site Manager*

Around the Station



photos by JO2 Christal A. Bailey

Left, Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Dexter Green is pinned to E-8 May 10 by Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Donald Williams and Master Chief Master at Arms (SW) Alvin Buckner at the Station galley. Green, a native of Columbia, S.C., has been in the Navy for 18 years. Above, Chaplain (Capt.) Roy Bebee speaks during his retirement ceremony April 30 at the All Saint's Chapel. Bebee served the Navy for 27 years. He and his family plan to move to Colorado, where Bebee will continue working with the church.



Leisure

Recreation News For Naval Weapons Station Charleston

Fishermen from 10 states, Canada compete in Battling Bass tourney

Story and photos by Glenn M. Cox
MWR Publicity Specialist

The 2004 Battling Bass open fishing tournament at Short Stay Navy Outdoor Recreation Area on Lake Moultrie, Moncks Corner was a tremendous success.

This year's tournament was held May 1 and consisted of 117 two-person teams. Teams from as far away as Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, California, New York State, and even Canada competed in this year's tournament for their share of the \$18,000 total paycheck.

All fishing was done on Lake Moultrie, Lake Marion and the Cooper River, and largemouth bass were the only fish recognized at weigh-in. Between the fishermen who won first through 15th place, 87 fish were caught weighing a total of 284.91 pounds. A cookout and awards ceremony were held after the tournament, and the following teams were recognized:

The first-place team with six fish (25.27 lbs.) was Cook and Cook. Wolfe and Cox won second place with six fish (24.18 lbs.). Coming in third with six fish (22.43 lbs.) were Miller and Bronson. The fourth-place team was McFadden and McFadden, also with six fish (21.44 lbs.). Johnson and Johnson won fifth place with six fish (21.26 lbs.). Sixth place went to Ellis and Howard with six fish (20.78 lbs.). Harmon and Cook



Battling Bass tournament director and Short Stay assistant manager, Richard Hahn (right), shakes hands with Lisa Kolb of Moncks Corner. Kolb won the Lady Angler Award.

won seventh place with five fish (19.72 lbs.). The eighth-place team was Sacora and Malin with six fish (17.45 lbs.). Coming in ninth with six fish (17.44 lbs.) were Johnson and Clark. The 10th-place team was Grooms and Pieper with six fish (17.01 lbs.). Eleventh place went to Lotte and Drew with six fish (16.12 lbs.). Singletary and Drew won 12th place with six fish (15.99 lbs.). The 13th-place team was Thornhill and Witt with six fish (15.91 lbs.). Coming in 14th were Grainger and Faulk with six fish (15.15 lbs.). The 15th-place team was Coers and Coers with four fish (14.76 lbs.). The team of Eller and Fennell caught the big fish (6.68 lbs.).

"We look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year, which will be held May 7, 2005," said Richard Hahn, tournament director and Short Stay assistant manager. "Thanks to Ray Sedgwick (B.A.S.S. Professional) for taking time out of his schedule to emcee the tournament. Thanks, also, to all of the participants, volunteers and sponsors of this year's tournament." This year's sponsors* were: Summerville Marine, McElveen Pontiac, KeelShield, Lake Hawk Products, Cook's "Go To" Tackle System, Thompson Signs, Custom Lures by Maxwell and Hamby's. *No federal endorsement intended.



Fishermen line up to weigh in their fish after the Battling Bass Fishing Tournament. More than 115 teams participated in this year's tourney.

Camp Grinning Gator

Summer will be here before you know it. At the Youth Center, summertime means Camp Grinning Gator time.

Camp Grinning Gator is open to dependent children (ages 5-12) of active duty military, retirees, reservists, DoD civilian employees, and DoD con-

tractors. Sessions are June 1-25, June 28-July 23, and July 26 until school starts.

Campers will participate in drama, music, nature activities, skating, bowling, field trips, movies, sports and much more! Camp fees are based on a sliding fee scale and a \$25 non-refundable deposit with our layaway plan will

ensure your child of a place in camp. Only 150 slots are available per session.

With the Youth Center's special Camp Grinning Gator layaway plan, there's no reason why your child can't have a blast at camp this summer! Stop by the Youth Center today to register your child, or call 764-7809 for more information.



Pool Tournaments, May 18 & June 1, 5:30 p.m.



Stop by The Dive and compete for great prizes in our biweekly pool tournaments. The only charge is the cost of the game. Prizes include gift certificates to the NEX. For additional information, call 764-7002. These tournaments are open to all active duty.

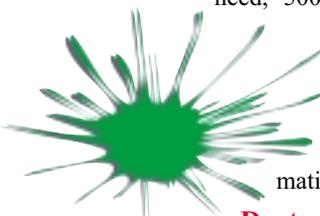
Hot Air Balloon Bash, May 21, 5 p.m.

Go for a ride in a hot air balloon and enjoy hot-dogs and hamburgers, all from Liberty and all at no charge. This event is open to NNPTC students only and will take place at the NNPTC multi-purpose field. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 764-7002.



Paintball, May 23, 9:30 a.m.

Just \$25 includes all the equipment you will need, 500 rounds of paintballs and transportation to the field. So what are you waiting for? Sign up in the Liberty office (Building 206) by May 17. For more information, call 764-7002.



Daytona Beach Trip, May 28-31

Take a Florida vacation with Liberty and enjoy three nights of oceanfront lodging, as well as transportation to the sunshine state. The hotel includes a daily newspaper and continental breakfast. The cost is \$150 and the deadline to sign up is May 14. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206).

Scuba Diving, June 5, 7:30 a.m.

Explore the Edisto 60, an artificial wreck where you can see triggerfish, spadefish and many others. You must be a certified scuba diver to attend. The cost is \$85 if you have your own gear and \$105 if you need to rent gear. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206) by May 28. Call 764-7002 for more information.

Horseback Riding, June 6, 9 a.m.

Enjoy a one-hour trail ride through the woods for \$30. Experienced and inexperienced riders are welcome. The deadline to sign up is May 28. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206).

Splash Party, June 9, 5:30 p.m.

This party will be held at the New Wave Aquatic Center and if you have any interest in scuba diving, this is where you need to be! Freedom at Depth will be there with scuba gear to let you experience the dive. Divers will be on hand to answer questions about certification, and free pizza will also be available. Call 764-7002 for more information.





Information & Referral (I&R)

What is an I & R person? Do they have current information about the base and in the community? Call and we can help you with your questions. Is moving time again. Do you need information about your new area? For answers to your questions, Call 764-7294, ext. 10, 12, or 25.

Counseling Services

Need to talk to someone in confidence? Are you feeling stressed or angry? Just call and make an appointment for our free counseling!

We have trained counselors to help you through this time. You can make an individual appointment or with your spouse. We visit some commands during the day to talk.

If you are an active duty or retiree, spouse of an active duty, retiree, widow, widower or POW family member survivor, you qualify for our free and confidential services. Call 764-7294 for an appointment.

Command Family Ombudsman

Ombudsmen are information and referral people. A command family ombudsman is there to answer questions. Each command has an ombudsman.

If you have questions such as, special needs of family member, moving, childcare or about activities within your spouse's command, call your command ombudsman or Tommie Provost, 764-7294, ext. 48 to find the name of your ombudsman.

WORKSHOP

	DATE	TIME
Anger Management	May 20	9-11:30 p.m.
Advanced Resume	Monthly	
Breastfeeding Support	May 17	1-3 p.m.
Pre-separation	Monthly	
Playmornings	Every Wed.	9-11:30 a.m.
Spouse Orientation	Every Tues.	10 a.m.
Stress Management	May 18	1-4 p.m.
Teen Jive	May 19	4-5:15 p.m.
Volunteer Opportunities	Mon.-Fri.	8-4 p.m.

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Visit The Fleet and Family Support Center on the Web at

www.nwschs.navy.mil

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Swimming pools to open this month

MWR is counting the days before we open New Wave Aquatic Center and Eastside Pool for your splashing pleasure.

New Wave Hours

Mon-Fri, 12:30-5:30 p.m.
Sat, Sun & Hol, 12 noon-7 p.m.
Military Lap Swim
Mon-Fri, 5:30-7:30 a.m.

Eastside Pool Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri, 12:30-6 p.m.
Tu & Th, 12:30-8 p.m.
Sat, Sun & Hol, 12-7 p.m.
Military Lap Swim
Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FEES

Daily Entrance Fee: \$2 (\$1.50 for E-4 & below)
Single Season Pass: \$55 (\$45 for E-4 & below)
Family Season Pass: \$100 (\$90 for E-4 & below)

Pool Parties

\$45 per hour (up to 30 people)
\$55 per hour (31-45 people)

The pools will open for the season on May 29. Following are the pool hours of operation and fees:

\$65 per hour (46-60 people)

\$75 per hour (61-75 people)

Instructional Classes

Children Level 1-7
Pre-School (4 & 5 years old)
Beginners (Level 1)
Advanced Beginners (Levels 2-5)
Intermediate (Levels 6 & 7)
Swimmer (Levels 6 & 7)

The cost for instructional classes is \$35.00* and registration will be held at New Wave for the following class sessions:

Class	Registration Dates
June 7-18	May 24-26, 9 a.m.-Noon
June 28-July 9	June 21-23, 9 a.m.-Noon
July 19-30	July 12-14, 9 a.m.-Noon

*An additional \$10 per hour will be assessed if the pool slide is desired because an extra lifeguard must be assigned.

Get fit with water aerobics classes and Delta Bells

Water exercise classes, featuring Delta Bells water fitness equipment, offered at New Wave Aquatic Center provide a fitness program for non-swimmers and swimmers alike. This fitness program is designed to enhance the resistance of water pressure during exercise. Class instruction and exercise are done with Delta Bells-

water exercise equipment that gives a person the ability to adjust the pace to a low or high intensity. Classes will start June 1 and will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of each week from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is only \$35 per person (\$30 for seniors). Call New Wave at 764-7033 for more information.

Barracudas swim team registration announced

Registration for the Barracudas summer swim team will be held through June 1 at the Weapons Station Youth Center. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fee is \$35 for children of active duty and retired military, DoD civilians,

retired DoD, and contractors. The swim team is open to swimmers ages 5-18. The swim team season will run from June 1 to July 31. June 1 is the age cut off date. For more information on the Barracudas swim team, call the Youth Center at 764-7809.



photo by Glenn M. Cox

Happy Mother's Day!

Children in the Tiny Tots program at the Youth Center pose for a picture with their mothers May 7. Children in the center's Tiny Tots program honored their mothers with a luncheon, crowns and shoulder sashes and red carnations for Mother's Day. The Tiny Tots program is for children ages 3-5 and is held at the Youth Center. For more information about the Tiny Tots program, call the Weapons Station Youth Center at 764-7809.

Family & Housing News

Guests

Our Family Housing residents are reminded of command policy concerning visiting guest(s). Residents, whose guest(s) will be visiting for more than 48 hours, are required to register them with the Housing Welcome Center by completing a "Guest Information Form" that is signed by the resident and his or her guest. Any guest(s) desiring to stay beyond 30 days must have written permission from the Housing Director. One week is generally considered a normal visit.

Navy Family Housing is provided solely for our military families and their guests in compliance with the above stated requirements. Subleasing or joint tenancy of assigned quarters is strictly prohibited and may result in the termination of assignment to Navy Family Housing.

If further information or assistance is needed regarding this policy, please contact the Housing Welcome Center at 764-7218/7219.

Residents with medical problems

Family Housing residents are reminded that the Housing Welcome Center maintains a listing of residents with medical problems or who have special requirements. The purpose of the listing is to provide priority response and repair to air conditioning, heating, and electrical service required by residents due to a medical condition. The listing also provides a means whereby these residents can be contacted in the event of scheduled or unscheduled utility interruptions to determine assistance requirements. To be placed on the list, submit a statement of need from your attending physician to the Housing Welcome Center.

Grounds maintenance contractors at work

Small children don't often see the dangers of large pieces of mowing equipment. This is particularly true when the equipment is operating within or near the various playground areas.

Parents are strongly urged to caution their children on the dangers involved in playing near tractors and mowers while they are in operation. Contractor equipment operators are well aware that there are many small children within the Housing Community; however, children can be difficult to see from the seat of a large cutting machine. Family pets, especially unleashed dogs, tend to be a nuisance by disrupting contractor personnel who are performing their duties. Stray pets, such as dogs and cats, will be picked up by Goose Creek Animal Control.

Inoperable vehicles in housing

Residents are reminded that inoperable vehicles, or vehicles not displaying current license tags, are prohibited in Housing areas. Vehicle repairs of a major nature are also prohibited. A good rule of thumb is if your vehicle is not "road ready" and will not be for an extended period, it cannot be located within the Housing areas. The Auto Hobby Shop is available for major repairs. Owners of inoperable vehicles found within Housing areas are subject to receive discrepancy notices and possible towing of these vehicles.

Children and Vacant Quarters

Parents are encouraged to caution their children against playing in close proximity to vacant quarters located within the Housing area. This is especially true at the quarters that have a large yellow caution label attached to the front door.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

The Yard of the Month program was established to recognize residents who maintain the appearance of their lawns and exterior of their homes in an outstanding man-

ner. The program begins in April and continues through August. Congratulations to the following residents on being April's recipients of the Yard of the Month award.



**ET1 and Mrs. Matthew Breckel
1 Hamilton St.**



**ETCS and Mrs. Brandon Buckley
1 Petrel St.**



**Cdr. and Mr. Melanie Marr
13 Keklico Ct.**



**MM1 and Mrs. Nathan Willimas
20 Von Steuben St.**

The label states "AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY" for several reasons. First, since these quarters are not being re-assigned at the present time, the intent is to caution against unauthorized access and to prevent possible vandalism. Secondly, and of greater concern to parents, is the possibility of injury to their children caused by door or window glass accidentally broken during play. Vacant quarters are monitored by the maintenance contractor to identify and prevent deterioration and by the Security Department to prevent vandalism. Again parents, please assist us by reminding children to stay clear of vacant houses. If they are unable to read, tell them not to play at houses with a yellow sign on the door. Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

Lockouts

If you are locked out of your house during regular office hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, please come to the Housing Welcome Center and borrow a key.

Except for extreme emergencies, e.g. a child has been locked inside the unit, range has been left on, etc., the Housing Welcome Center is not staffed to send personnel to provide this service.

After hours, you may call the Security Department at 764-7555, and personnel from that office will meet you at your house. There is a \$2 charge for this service.

You are expected to pay this amount without further notice. Your payment should be made before close of business the work day following the incident.

Attention Bachelor Housing residents

This is a friendly reminder to all Bachelor Housing

Residents that the most common place for house fires is in the kitchen or your clothes dryer. Below is a list of items to help reduce the risk of fires in the kitchen. Please keep the clothes dryer lint trap cleaned after every use.

Housing Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Senior Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) John Grimes and his wife Brenda, on the birth of their daughter, Akayla Sharice, born May 2.

Akayla weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Akayla has two older sisters, Erica and Monica, and a brother Johnathan.

If you would like your baby's birth announced in the *Shoreline*, call Laurissa Kennedy at the Housing Welcome Center at 764-7218/7219.

