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## Fallon: Station a model of joint use

By Susan Piedfort  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Commander, Fleet Forces Command Admiral William J. Fallon paid a visit to Naval Weapons Station Charleston March 24, calling it a model example of a military installation's joint use and cooperation among the services.

Admiral Fallon started the day with a brief from Naval Weapons Station Commanding Officer CAPT Robert M. Zalaskus, and following a brief from Naval Space and Warfare Systems Center Charleston Executive Director James Ward, toured various Southside facilities. After looking at equipment used by Explosive Ordnance

Disposal Mobile Unit Six Sailors in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), the admiral viewed the Station's waterfront piers from which 30 percent of all Army combat equipment used in OIF was loaded in 2003. More than a million measurement tons of Army heavy equipment and armored vehicles were loaded to and from 48 vessels on Southside last year.

During a visit to Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Eleven (MOMAU 11), CDR Steve Anderjack outlined the east coast mine operations conducted in his facility pointing out MOMAU 11 is the only facility in the continental U.S. that produces warshot mines. At the

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photo by JO2 Christal A. Bailey

Admiral William J. Fallon, Commander, Fleet Forces Command speaks with Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Eleven Sailor MN2 Reubin Stretch during his visit to Naval Weapons Station Charleston March 24. Fallon toured the Station, and visited the Station's tenant commands to learn about the base and how it operates.

## New Sailors contribute to local military history

Story and photo by Bart Jackson  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Stepping into the American Military Museum in downtown Charleston is like stepping into a



Museum curator, George Meagher, right, stands with volunteer, Nat Robb in front of the American Military History Museum on Fountain Walk.

time warp. Military memorabilia and artifacts from days gone by immediately surround you.

Such was not always the case. Originally the space was in dire need of a make-over and some serious work; far more than any one man could possibly do. Enter the U.S. Navy.

Chief Machinist's Mate Jeff Muniz, former instructor at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, thought it would be a good idea to get some students involved in the project. Little did he know that 22 students in a class of 26 would volunteer. "It was a project of teamwork and pride," said Muniz. "It was a great opportunity to spend off time doing something productive and beneficial to the community," he added. "It's a great family experience, with no costs, and great rewards." His class, 41A, was so taken by their involvement, the class presented Mr. George Meagher, and The American Military Museum a ceremonial "class flag" that is proudly displayed along with a class picture.

The *Shoreline* recently sat down with George Meagher, chief curator for Charleston's American Military Museum. To say he is anything less than enthusiastic would be an understatement. "This is fun, but we take it very seriously, to preserve (not restore) the past and present it to the public" said Meagher. "This museum is dedicated to those

brave men and women who have served, are serving or plan to serve the military."

"We have no fakes and no repro's in here. If it can't be documented, then it's not put on display," said Meagher.

The collection has displays ranging from The Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. One of Meagher's favorite questions he asks of visitors is, "Who did we fight in The Revolutionary War?" "It never ceases to amaze me, at how many people get it wrong," Meagher said. He added this general lack of knowledge of history is what drives him and his team of volunteers each day.

"Being able to teach and make people aware of the military's role in our history is what I love most about this job," said Nat Robb, a retired Major general who volunteers at the museum. "I really enjoyed my (40-year) career in the military, and I'm proud to share that with visitors, each day."

Next time you find yourself downtown, near the IMAX theater or the South Carolina Aquarium stop in and check out the American Military Museum, and see for yourself the fruits of labor by fellow shipmates. Their credo, "Dedicated to those who serve, have served, or will serve," are not just words, but a way of life.

## Naval Weapons Station Charleston



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*To provide ordnance and waterfront management, quality of service and logistic support in a secure multi-service environment.*

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# Chaplains' Corner

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After three weeks in the theatres, I finally went to see Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. I waited for a number of reasons: (a) to hear reactions of others who had seen it first; (b) because my wife, having read the reviews, felt it was a little too violent for her constitution; and (c) simply due to all the hullabaloo, I just resisted fighting the crowds.

But despite all this I was certainly moved by this powerful portrayal of the final 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life. Hollywood normally makes movies for entertainment value-comedies, romances, adventures, thrillers, historical interpretation, etc. The primary motive of most movie-making is to make money. This film, as I understand, was made for none of these reasons. While it was an intense saga, it was not filmed to entertain but to provide an realistic view of the final hours of the most revered (and perhaps the most controversial) person in world history.

From my perspective, Gibson simply sought to get a handle on the biblical account of the betrayal, trial and death of Jesus, and show it as real and as gory as it probably was. One cannot take in this film without being either drawn to the life and ministry of Jesus or being outright repulsed. There seems to be no middle ground.

One can't go away from this movie and simply say-"Well, that was a great film!" While it may have excellent casting and clarity, anybody who faces this 'story' has to come to grips with the awful reality of

human nature. Internally, we ask the question "Who am I?" in this tragedy-the Pharisee, who wanted to be rid of the trouble maker, the Roman proconsul or the soldier who was 'just doing his job,' or the friends and disciples of Jesus who helplessly witness their savior being executed in a most horrible fashion.

And timing is everything, isn't it? Right now in the Christian calendar, we are approaching another Holy Week and Easter Season. If you have not seen *The Passion*, I certainly encourage it for those who haven't made up their mind about what they are to think of this Jesus. Jesus didn't come into the world to please us, to entertain, or even 'shock us' by his death, but to save us. There's really no entertainment value in looking at a semi-naked torso being tortured and placed on a first century cross.

*The Passion* cannot be construed as a martyr's mess-ups or the poor judgment of those in control of the justice system. It was meant to happen and the value this film had for me is that it draws me to the Cross and looks beyond to the Resurrection. That is my hope and my promise as a child of God's grace.

During this Easter time, I invite you to reread the Gospels and take the opportunity to see that the death of Christ was not simply a horrible chain of events. In truth, the whole 'event' was orchestrated by Divine Sovereignty and brought to us for a reason—to be redeemed and to celebrate the possibility of being changed by the story of the cross.

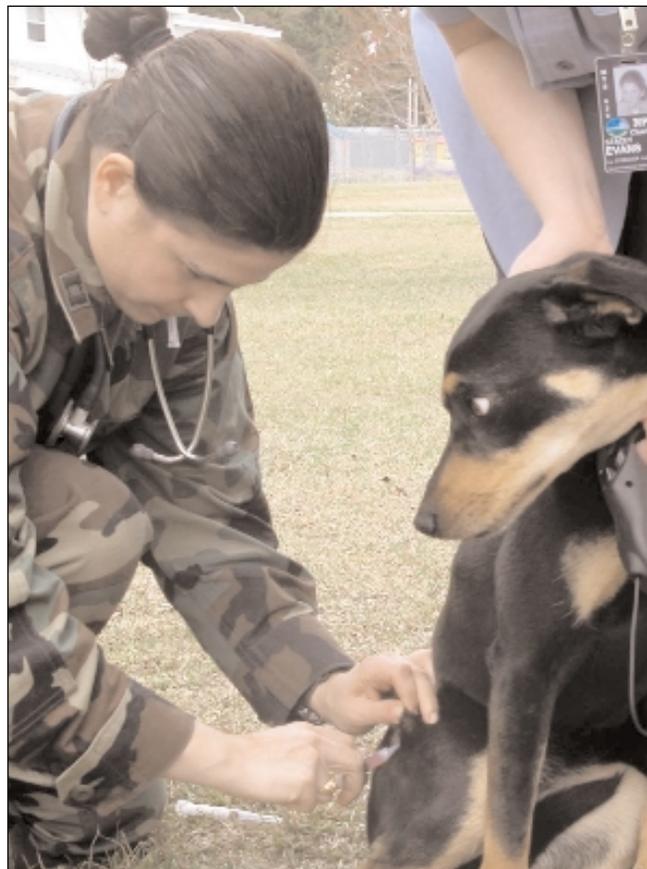


photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson

**Capt. Rebecca Hava Benisch administers a vaccination to Mandy as her owner Stacey Evans holds her pet. Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Housing Welcome Center held its first veterinary clinic of the year March 17. The Charleston Air Force Base (CAFB) Vet Clinic holds these clinics on Station throughout the year. For more information about the CAFB Vet Clinic, call 963-4264.**

## Around the Station



photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson

**Naval Weapons Station Charleston held an awards ceremony March 31 to recognize Sailors achievements. Sailors pictured above were awarded the following medals: Good Conduct Medals, CS2 Jason Csullog, GM2 Joseph Wisely, MA3 Jennifer Oliver, STS2 Shaun Stebbins, AO2 Jeffery Mihan, MA1 Michael Fisher, SH1 Carlton Carrington and CS1 Daniel Stokes; Letters of Appreciation, ET3 Jennifer Gora, CS1 Daniel Stokes, CS1 Michael Fox, MA2 James Forester, SM1 Johnny Jackson and MA2 Amanda Williams; Letters of Commendation, MA3 Jennifer Oliver SN Roger Powell; Navy Achievement Medals, MA3 Chris Winsor, MA2 Samuel Ferguson, CS2 Elwin Hurst, MM1 Michael Summerlin, CS1 Daniel Stokes, MA1 Michael Fisher, CSC Timothy Mills. The following civilians were recognized at the ceremony: Christine Rattley, Leo McKenzie, Cheryl Mertins, James Green, Terry Fletcher, Christie Starling, Stephanie Whitingham, Melvin Carson, Riddick Craven, Mark Wilson, Mark Senyk, Sheryl Washington, Robert Ray, Rita Eckert, Richard Tisdale, Howard Crosby and Leroy Carpenter.**

# Child care program gives parents alternative

**Electronics Technician Third Class  
Jeanna Gibson**

**Navy Charleston Shoreline**

Flexible hours; nutritious meals and snacks; individual attention. Are these the type of things you look for when searching for childcare? If so, the Naval Weapons Station Child Development Homes (CDH)

Program may be just what you need.

Parents choose a CDH to care for their children instead of out-in-town daycare for a variety of reasons. "The Child Development Home program offers benefits to anyone working on Station - active duty and civilian. Many homes care for children of various ages, so siblings can

receive care from the same person in the same home," said CDH Director Krista Thomas.

The program offers parents flexible hours of service to accommodate changing military schedules, a variety of services, healthy and safe atmospheres for their children and a warm and friendly home environment. Children in Child Development Homes are provided with age appropriate educational activities and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved meals and snacks.

"Placing your child in a CDH is considerably less expensive than daycare out in town, and is much more convenient for many military members," said CDH provider Christina Renfro. The Navy also offers a subsidy program to offset some of the expenses of having a child in a CDH when the child is less than three years old.

There are however, many other benefits of CDH. Providers must have at least 25 hours of classroom instruction on health, safety, child abuse and neglect, CDH management, and CPR/First Aid before they are certified. They must also attend two hours of continual training each month. A thorough background check is completed prior to certification, and CDH employees conduct unannounced visits at least once a month to monitor conditions in each CDH home. Renfro said, "Child Development

Homes are a wonderful opportunity for parents looking for less expensive care in a home environment. The setting is more comfortable and the care is much more individualized than in a regular daycare setting. If the children get hungry before normal lunch time, I can feed them early; they don't have to wait for 20 other kids to eat."

So what are the steps needed to place a child in a CDH? First, parents must contact the Centralized Enrollment Waiting List (CEWL) and fill out the appropriate paperwork. Once complete, they will receive provider referrals and contact information to set up an interview in the provider's home. This gives parents the opportunity to meet the provider, view the environment, and select a home they feel comfortable with. Renfro also said, "When trying to find the right provider for your child, make sure you ask questions. The interview between the parents and the provider is the most important part of choosing the right person to care for your child."

Through Child Development Homes, parents can also find a provider that will watch a child for a couple hours, or for just one day. This comes in handy when a parent has an appointment and cannot take their child with them.

For more information, call the Child Development Homes office at 764-7984.

photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson



**Child Development Home Provider Christina Renfro plays with the two children she cares for, 11-month-old Payton Woodruff and 18-month-old Mikaylen Svoboda, after their morning snack.**

## Fallon praises Station for joint use

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same stop, Atlantic Ordnance Command (AOC) Operations Manager Joe Schipmann and American Federation of Government Employees Local Representative Bill Walls briefed the admiral that all U.S. Marine Corps pre-positioned ordnance was prepared and staged at NWS Charleston. More than 3,600 tons of ordnance were processed for 409 inbound and outbound trucks on the Station in 2003 as part of the USMC pre-positioning program. More than 16,000 tons were processed for 419 inbound and outboard railcars.

The admiral was then guest of honor at a Redbank Club luncheon that included area commanding officers, Charleston Navy League members, National Defense Transportation Association members and Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Shortly after assuming command of Fleet Forces Command six months ago Admiral Fallon stated that one of his major goals is to identify efficiencies that can be reinvested in other key areas. "We must champion a more efficient use of resources by incorporating the business dimension into planning and execution at every level of command," he said.

Noting these ongoing efforts to



**Admiral William J. Fallon listens as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Six Sailor shows him equipment used at the command.**

realign the fleet to become more efficient, the admiral told more than 130 attending the Redbank Club luncheon that his visit to the Naval Weapons Station has shown him that Charleston is the template for a future of all the services working together. "It is an example of cooperation to get the job done," Admiral Fallon said. He praised the Weapons Station team for successful joint use of installation assets and efficient execution of major missions sup-

porting our national defense as an intermodal logistics hub and for training and engineering and ordnance support.

After visiting three Pinckney crewmen recovering at the Medical University of South Carolina, the admiral was given a tour of the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command by Commanding Officer CAPT Russ Keller, and toured Combat Equipment Group-Afloat with Commanding Officer COL Doug Glover, USA.

## Briefly Speaking

### Easter Services

The All Saints Chapel will host the following holy week Catholic Liturgy services: April 4, 8:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Palm Sunday Mass; April 5, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Mass; April 7, 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross; April 8, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass; April 9, 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Passion Liturgy; April 10, 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass; April 11 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Easter Mass. The following Protestant services: April 4, 10 a.m., Palm Sunday and Choir presentation; April 8, 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday communion service; April 11, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., breakfast at Redbank Club, and 10 a.m. worship service.

### 2004 Spring/Submarine Ball

The 2004 Spring/Submarine Ball will be held April 17 at the Embassy Suites. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for E-7 and up, \$25 for E-5 and E-6 and \$20 for E-1 to E-4. For more information contact LT Sean Ferguson at 574-8111 or EMC (SS) Greg Roberts at 574-8187.

### Armed Services Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood Program collection team will be conducting blood drives at Naval Weapons Station Charleston to support wounded service members from the global war on terrorism April 14 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the old Youth Center, bldg. 777. All blood types are encouraged to donate. For more information, call 863-5352.

## ...From Your Perspective

### What's your favorite Easter tradition?



"We enjoy taking the kids for an Easter Egg Hunt. It's all about the kids. Jennifer loves getting the candy."

--Shannon and Jennifer Cline  
Family members

"When I was a kid, the most fun I ever had was going on an Easter Egg Hunt."



--Cpl. Michael Crump  
U.S. Army

"We always smoke a turkey the day before Easter and attend the sunrise service."



--Senior Chief Electronics  
Technician Brandon Buckley  
NNPTC

"I enjoy spending time with my grandkids and going to church. I always cook a good dinner and give candy out to all my grandkids."



--Lorie Hansen  
Family member

"Every year, I like to watch the kids go on Easter Egg Hunts."



--Sgt. Africo Smalls  
U.S. Army Reserve

# Galley takes pride in food service excellence

## From Naval Weapons Station Charleston Rainbow Row Galley

The Captain Edward F. Ney Award for food service excellence is awarded to galleys that earn a five-star rating from a Navy evaluation team. Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Rainbow Row Galley was runner up for this year's award.

"We've been working for one year to achieve this level of service," said Senior Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Donald Williams. "Right now we are on top of our game. The division has done a tremendous job, and this would not be possible without the superior leadership of our chiefs, Goodwill Industries and CMC Thomas of NNPTC along with his staff," Williams continued.

"It was a team-oriented goal which we felt was attainable," said Williams. The Station's galley was ranked two of 42 galleys in the entire east coast region, "The Ney Award is the considered the "Superbowl of Food Service Excellence" and to just get there is indeed an honor. Like all runners-up, we will be back next year," Williams commented.

Naval Weapons Station Galley food service ranges from taking care of 2,500 NNPTC students and instructors (4,000 meals daily) to catering social events, VIP visits and dignitaries. Williams said he is quite proud of his division and the effort and dedication they demonstrated to earn the runner-up designation in this year's Ney award.

"All sailors involved has something to take away from this experience and will sustain the knowledge throughout their career, it will help them to develop into better and more efficient Culinary Specialist," he said.

The Ney Award for food service excellence is given to galleys which earn a five-star rating from a Navy evaluation team. The Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association



Photo by Bart Jackson

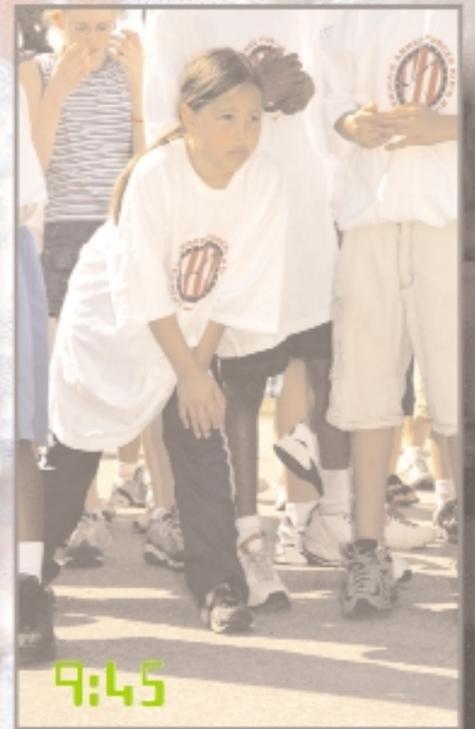
**Letty Broughton, a cook for Rainbow Row Galley, helps prepare lunch for more than 2,500 hungry students recently.**

(IFSEA) established the Ney Awards Program in 1958. The award is designed to improve food service operations and recognize the best general messes in the Navy. Ney served as head of the Subsistence Division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts between 1940 and 1945. After the year 1999, the Ney Awards are determined by a one-day, surprise inspection conducted by evaluation teams made up of senior Navy mess management specialists and members of the IFSEA. Prior to that, the inspections were scheduled. This is the second consecutive 5-star award the galley has won, and it won the Ney award in 2001.

To qualify for the Ney award, ashore general messes receive an onsite review of the overall dining experience, customer satisfaction, quality of service, safety and sanitation. The galley's financial and administrative capabilities are also assessed to include a spot inventory, auditing of all records and cash sales.



U.S. Army Combat Equipment Group-Afloat (CEG-A) Educational Partnership Volunteers (left to right) include Joe Kirby of CEG-A, Angie Smith, Sedgefield Elementary employee, Janet Rein, and Ralph Green of CEG-A. Rein announced the CEG-A Educational Partnership with Sedgefield Elementary School during a recent PTA meeting at the school. As part of their partnership, CEG-A volunteers work with individual students and groups of students to improve their reading and math skills. Each volunteer works one hour a week during school hours or in after-school programs. According to Rein, the CEG-A volunteers are very excited about helping Sedgefield Elementary and the students achieve their goals.



# Fleet Feet 5K Run



## Fleet Feet 5K results

- 1st Place Overall - Male: Emery Lloyd (17:10)
- 1st Place Overall - Female: Sasha Azevedo (22:26)
- 1st place Overall - Kids - Boys: Brandon Tate
- 1st Place Overall - Kids - Girls: Leah McConnell
- 1st Place - Intramural: Michael Parker (17:58)

Total Participants - Adults: 118  
 Total Participants - Kids: 40

Story and photos by JO2 Christal A. Bailey  
 Navy Charleston Shoreline

With spring weather creeping in, now seems the perfect time to hold a 5K race. Morale, Welfare and Recreation did just that March 27 as they hosted the 20th Annual Fleet Feet 5K Cross Country Race at Marrington Plantation on Naval Weapons Station Charleston.

The Fleet Feet 5K Cross Country Race is a challenging competition between military runners at the Weapons Station and its tenant commands, as well as military family members, DoD employees and the general public. One hundred eighteen participants enjoyed excellent weather and scenery as they ran the course through Marrington Plantation, which consisted of various surfaces, predominately unpaved wilderness

trails and roadways.

First place overall male went to Emery Lloyd with a time of 17:10; Michael Parker took home second with a time of 17:58 and Jonathon Kulper claimed third with a time on 18:33. Sasha Azevedo finished first place over female with a time of 22:26, second place went to Dell Toomer with a time of 23:09 and Emily Barker was third with a time of 23:39.

In addition to the Fleet Feet 5K, a children's Fun Run was held. More than 40 children, ages eight to 16 ran a one-mile course. Brandon Tate was won first place for the boys and first place girl, finisher was Leah McConnell.

First Command Financial Planning, AT&T, Naval Weapons Station's Outdoor Adventure Center and Short Stay Navy Outdoor Recreation Area sponsored the annual event. Proceeds from the Fleet Feet

5K Cross Country Race go to support Navy youth activities on Station.

For complete results, visit [www.actioncarolina.com](http://www.actioncarolina.com) and check out the April 16 issue of the *Shoreline*.





### Information & Referral (I&R)

Have you heard? April is the Month of the Military Child! Fleet and Family Support Center New Parent Support Center department is having a drop in...Come on by! The date is April 14th. There are free baby information classes for new parents. Are you moving soon? Need information about your move? More information is added daily on the [www.nwschs.navy.mil](http://www.nwschs.navy.mil) website, take a look! Do you want to volunteer in your community or on the base? Need information about free Income Tax Preparers on base? Need to talk to a financial counselor? Are you moving and need information about the new location? If you need answers to questions, call 764-7294/7480 or go to the website, [www.nwschs.navy.mil](http://www.nwschs.navy.mil).

### Counseling Services

Are you having trouble focusing on your life's goal or school? 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 appoint-

ment 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.

### Do you know your 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
Advanced Resume	Apr. 14	1:30-3 p.m.
Anger Management	Apr. 9	1-4 p.m.
Baby Basics	Apr. 6	9-12 p.m.
Pre-separation Counseling Monthly		Call
Playmornings	Every Wed.	9-11:30 a.m.
Spouse Orientation	Every Tuesday	10 a.m.
Stress Management	Apr. 6	1-4 p.m.
Teen Jive	Apr. 7	4-5:15 p.m.

# Leisure Times Lite

### Easter Fun Week at Youth Center

Are you looking for something fun for your children to do during their Easter break from school? Don't let them miss out on Easter Fun Week, April 5 through 9, at the Youth Center. Qualified counselors will keep the children constructively busy with movies, field trips, games and crafts. Easter Fun Week is for all children ages 5-12, and the cost is on a sliding fee scale. To sign up your children or for more information, call the Youth Center at 764-7809.

### Thumper-Grams offered

Call the Youth Center today and order a Thumper-Gram. On April 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., you can have an Easter Bunny deliver a chocolate egg to your special someone for only \$15. If there is more than one person per household or office who will receive a chocolate egg, the cost is only \$2 more per person. Deliveries will be made in MenRiv housing and on Station only. Call 764-7809 to place your order.

### 2004 Easter Eggstravaganza

Get ready for the big Easter Eggstravaganza at Marrington Plantation coming up Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Get ready for the Easter bonnet contest and best decorated Easter basket contest at 10 a.m. Age groups for these two contests are 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12 (basket should be decorated by the child).

At 10:30 a.m., get ready for the big Easter egg hunt for the same age groups. Bring a container to collect your eggs. There will be special eggs with prizes inside. You might win a chocolate bunny, Easter basket, stuffed animal or an Easter surprise!

Then get ready for two more hours of fun with the exciting Easter Carnival and Bunny Land from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come out and enjoy the Tiger Aircastle and face painting. For more information about the Easter Eggstravaganza at Marrington Plantation, call the Youth Center at 764-7809.

### Easter Ham Shoot golf tournament

On April 10, there will be an Easter Ham Shoot golf tournament at Redbank Plantation Golf Course. Tee off by 9 a.m. Make your own foursome and compete against

members of your own foursome. Two hams will be awarded per foursome to the lowest net in that group. The cost is \$5 plus cart and greens fee. Sign up at Redbank Plantation Golf Course or call 764-7802 for more information.

### Easter racquetball tournament

An Easter racquetball tournament will be held April 14 and 15 at the Racquetball Center. The tournament is open to active duty, DoD civilians and contractors, reservists, retirees, dependents, and guests. Divisions are Men's A, B, C, and novice, and Women's Open. Ball caps will be given to all first place winners. All matches are self-officiated, single elimination. The tournament is free for active duty, reservists and retirees. The cost is \$15 for DoD civilians, contractors and guests. Registration must be made by April 9 and pairings will be announced April 12. For more information, call 764-7530.

### Battling Bass Open Fishing Tournament

The 2004 Battling Bass Open fishing tournament will be a one-day tournament to be held Saturday, May 1 at Short Stay Navy Outdoor Recreation Area, Lake Moultrie, Moncks Corner. The tournament is open to the public and will include cash prizes, a cookout, door prizes, a Big Fish Pool and trophies. Participants will also be offered a chance to win a brand new truck from McElveen.

Registrations will be limited to 150 boats and an 80 percent prize payback of total entry fees will be in effect. The entry fee, if received before 4 p.m. on April 15, is \$100 per two-person team. The entry fee, if received after 4 p.m. on April 15, is \$130 per team.

Lodging reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. When you call, tell the reservationist that you are fishing in the Battling Bass tournament. Reservations are currently being made for the spring months, so it is recommended that you make your reservations early.

For entry forms, lodging reservations, or for more information, call Short Stay at (843) 743-2608 in Charleston; 761-8353 in Moncks Corner; or toll free at 1-800-447-2178. Entry forms are also available at the

Outdoor Adventure Center, 764-2123, and online at [www.shortstay.nwschs.navy.mil/new\\_page\\_3.htm](http://www.shortstay.nwschs.navy.mil/new_page_3.htm).

### LIBERTY Program

Unless otherwise indicated, Liberty trips and events are open to All Hands of WPNSTA Charleston and its tenant commands (active duty, civilian, and dependents, ages 18 and up). Sign up for these events at the NNPTC Activity Complex or the Liberty office (building 206, NNPTC Circle). The Liberty office is open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 764-7002 visit at [www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil](http://www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil).

### Charleston Museum, April 10, 10:30 a.m.

Join Liberty on a self guided tour through America's first Museum since 1773. Learn about the history of Charleston and surrounding areas, first settlers and Native American Tribes. The cost is \$11 per person. Sign up in the Liberty office (Building 206) by April 7. For more information, call 764-7002.

### Carowinds Amusement Park, April 11

Come out and enjoy roller coasters, thrill rides and 3-D Adventures at this 105-acre theme park that straddles the North Carolina/South Carolina border. The cost is \$25 per person. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206) by April 7. Call 764-7002 for more information.

### Pool Tournament, April 6, 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.

### Skydiving, April 17, 7:30 a.m.

Experience 5,000 feet of free fall with a tandem jump from 10,500 feet in the air or take a static jump from 3,500 feet and complete the first step in becoming a certified skydiver. The cost is \$49-\$135. The deadline to sign up is April 14. Sign up is in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206). For questions, please call 764-7002.

### Isle of Palms Beach Day, April 18, 9:30 a.m.

The cost of \$5 includes transportation to the Isle of Palms beach. Enjoy a relaxing day of fun in the sun. Open to NNPTC students only. The deadline to sign up is April 14. Sign up in the Liberty office Bldg 206). Call 764-7002 for more information.



**We're going PPV**

Public Private Venture (PPV) is being implemented worldwide at Navy and Marine Corps bases. Both the Air Force and the Army are also implementing the privatization initiative. The Air Force program is called "Housing Privatization" and the Army program is the "Residential Community Initiative." All follow certain Department of Defense policy guidelines. Our housing program at Naval Weapons Station Charleston is currently programmed for PPV in Oct. 2005.

The program is based on the Military Housing Privatization Initiative of 1996, which authorized private sector developers to own, operate, maintain, improve and assume responsibility for military family housing. Simply stated, PPV allows the Department of the Navy to use private sector knowledge, expertise, and funds to provide high-quality, affordable housing to military families.

What does this mean to residents of family housing? Residing in PPV housing is comparable to living in an apartment or house in the local community.

\* Housing units are managed and operated by a private property management company.

\* Service members must sign a lease.

\* Service members receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and pay rent directly to the property manager. Rent is based on BAH.

\* Residents may also be responsible for utility usage if they exceed a prescribed average outlined in the PPV Agreement.

\* The Property Management Company handles all resident matters, including maintenance.

\* Navy and the private sector developer develop com-

munity rules.

\* Service members continue to visit the Family Housing Welcome Center for housing information.

\* If military families do not occupy units, the developer may have the right to make the units available to personnel in the civilian community.

The Housing Department will continue to provide information as we transition to PPV. Questions and comments may be directed to Linda G. Miller (Housing Director), or John Forsythe (Facilities Manager) at 764-7218. For more information on the Navy's Public/Private Venture Program, visit [www.housing.navy.mil](http://www.housing.navy.mil) or [www.acq.osd.mil/housing](http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing).

**Adopt-A-Plant Program is coming soon**

Our annual spring Adopt-A-Plant Program will be held April 10 at 8 a.m. The plants available are Bradford pear trees, camellias, boxwoods, azaleas and gardenias. The bedding plants available are petunias, portulacas, coleus, salvia and marigolds. The initial issue is one tree, four shrubs and 24 bedding plants. Bring your I.D., or if you are a new resident, your quarters assignment sheet with you.

**Area Inspections**

The Housing Department conducts area inspections every Tuesday in an effort to enhance the appearance of WPNSTA Charleston Housing areas. When all residents adequately perform their duties and responsibilities, Navy Family Housing ensures a "quality of life" that is noteworthy and further ensures an environment whereby all Navy families may be proud of their homes.

Maintaining the exterior of quarters is a time-consuming and strenuous activity; however, all residents are

required to maintain their quarters and ground areas in an acceptable manner. Weekly area inspections are publicized in your Navy Family Housing Manual. The intent is not to "nitpick." The Housing Department's goal is to provide quality housing service to all Family Housing residents.

So that you will not be caught by surprise, here is a list of items we look for during an inspection:

- \* Grass cutting and trimming.
- \* Grass/soil on sidewalk/curb.
- \* Climbing vines on quarters/screens.
- \* Lawn raking and trash pick-up.
- \* Shrub pruning.
- \* Dog houses in the rear of quarters.
- \* Dog droppings on porch/lawn.
- \* Dog holes.
- \* Exterior lights left on in daytime.
- \* Grease/oil on carport or driveways.
- \* Cluttered carports.
- \* Vehicles parked on the grass.

Noting of discrepancies is not limited to Tuesdays. Any time discrepancies are observed, they will be brought to your attention with a request for correction. Receipt of three Quarters Discrepancy Notices warrants a letter of warning. Additional notices may result in eviction. If you leave on vacation, be sure to make arrangements for your yard to be cared for. Even though you may be out of town, your yard is still your responsibility.

The Self-Help Store has available for check out all the items needed to maintain your unit in an acceptable manner. The store has gas-powered mowers, edgers and weed eaters. Also available are grass seed, fertilizer, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and other yard tools.

**Bachelor Housing inspection scheduled for residents**

The next Bachelor Housing Quarterly Inspection for Naval Weapons Station Charleston residents is scheduled April 14 at 9 a.m. The following information is provided to assist in preparing for the command inspection:

\* Smoking is not authorized inside Bachelor Housing units. Smoking is authorized on back patio areas; however, cigarette butts must be disposed of

properly. Also, ash trays/containers must be emptied daily.

\* Thermostats are to be maintained at 78 degrees (cooling) and 68 degrees (heating). Units are equipped with programmable thermostats. Tampering with the thermostat program is not authorized.

\* The legal age for alcohol consumption in South Carolina is 21. All alcoholic beverages (including empty bottles/containers) must be secured, so as not to be visible when others are in the Bachelor Housing unit.

\* Materials that are not in keeping with the highest of Navy tradition and principles, and which may be considered offensive and inappropriate must be removed so as not to be visible, when others are in the quarters. This includes items which blatantly display or allude to intimate sexual acts, male nudity below the waistline, and female nudity of the breasts and below the bikini line, or materials that suggest or support tolerance of practices, such as, drug use, child abuse, prejudice, etc.

Please feel free to contact Bob Ladue, or SHCS (SW) Grimes at 764-7646 if you have a suggestions, comments, or concerns. A locked suggestion box is available for residents at the Front Desk in the Bachelor Housing Office.



**Fleet and Family Fun Day**

Join Fleet and Family Support Center as they host this year's first Fleet and Family Fun Day April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Locklear Park on Webster Street. Free food and drinks will be available. Meet base service providers and local celebrities, and play games for prizes. Music will be provided by 105.5 The Bridge and 98 Rock. Call 764-7294 for more information.



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South Carolina Swamp Fox's mascot, jokes around with a family during Fleet and Family Support Center's Family Fun Day last year. FFSC will host its next Fun Day April 8 at Locklear Park.