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NAS Fallon graced with new chaplain

By JO1 Patrick Lane

Many base residents are familiar with Father Tom Freidl who has served NAS Fallon as command chaplain since Jan. 2001 and has contributed numerous articles to the Desert Roundup. The energetic and jocular chaplain has become a fixture in the lives of Fallon Sailors and their families. Now, Fr. Friedl will team up with Lt Cmd Daniel Roysden who reported for duty here recently and will serve NAS Fallon through 2007.

Roysden brings a wealth of experience to the Fallon Chapel team. He has served 22 years in the Navy, including five years when he served as a reservist while working as Associate Pastor in Chattanooga, Tenn. for a year and as a Pastor in Knoxville for another four years. Roysden also has a year of missionary service to his credit, having served in Europe and Japan.

His denominational grouping is with the United Methodists Conference and he is endorsed by the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches. Born in Sharon, PA, and raised in Tifton, GA, Roysden attended Asbury College and Asbury Seminary where he earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree, respectively.

Though the span of experience covers a broad swath of counseling and therapy, Roysden makes it clear that ministry is a priority with him. "When you become a chaplain many people think you've left the ministry. I've actually had that said to me. There are those who believe that chaplains are not involved in ministry because they don't understand what we do," he said.

Roysden further explained, "the five years of ministry experience that I had as a civilian pastor was probably exceeded in six months at Pearl Harbor. I did more in Pearl Harbor in six months, as a pastoral counselor as well as being aninterventionist with people who suffered suicidal tendencies to name a few than I did as a civilian pastor.

He explains that a civilian chaplain has limited access to his parishioners, but as a military chaplain he has more "face-time" with people. "That's one of the things we want to do here is make sure we get around to all the nooks and crannies of the base so that people see who we are … there's not going to be that fear of people coming up to us and asking, 'do you have a moment?' I want people to know they have that moment," he said.

Roysden said that there are differences between serving as a civilian pastor and as a Navy chaplain. He explained that a civilian pastor usually ministers to a congregation composed of people local to the church, sometimes going back several generations. As a Navy chaplain, he is challenged with a melting pot of people and ideas. "I rub elbows with so many people whose theologies are different; and whose perspectives on life are different; and I may not like those people, but it really has challenged me to love those people as their chaplain. I have to look past those things and to provide for them the type of services that I need to," he said.

Providing those services has been his foremost goal throughout his career. From conducting "holy helo" missions from the USS San Jose, a supply ship out of Guam,

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Navy Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr Daniel Roysden recently reported to NASF for duty (Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane).

Base NEX plans some expanding ideas

NEX shoppers can already see some of the stores upgrades such as the expanded shoe department (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)

By JO2 Eric D. Ritter

The NAS Fallon Navy Exchange is by far smaller than larger command's NEX stores. However, it's got some big ideas for its store in the near future.

Our local Exchange plans to grow—not so much physically. But, by re-arranging and adding new fixtures, the store will be able to offer far more than it has in the past.

"We've listened a lot to the customers," said NEX Visual Merchandise Coordinator, Alinna Tierno, "and we're going to offer them a lot more of the merchandise they want here."

She said some of the re-arranging may be subtle moves and some more obvious.

For example, guys, before you go to the section where you always bought your T-Shirts before, be sure the one you're considering doesn't say "cutie pie" on it. The entire men's section will now be switched with the women's and jewelry section. Tierno says they will be able to offer the men more products that way. Plus, the jewelry department will move into the current men's section where it was supposed to go in the first place because of the overhead lighting that is available there.

Tierno said that the shoe department will now be totally self-service.

"We're bringing all of the shoes out from the back storage now," she said. "That way the customer will be able to have more choices which will also make it quicker to shop for shoes."

A lot of younger sailors will be happy with another change. The electronic's department is going to triple in size. The luggage racks that were there are moving to where the gift's section are located. The music CD selections, DVDs, computer software, TVs, radios, media players of all sorts and basically everything electronic already there is going to swell in numbers.

Confused yet? It'll all make sense once it's finished.

A lot of people have already been confronted with the change in the sporting good's section. Some people coming into the store with intentions of buying a fishing rod come face to face with the new expanded toy section. The sporting goods are now in the lawn and garden section. Tierno said the toy expansion was an easy choice to make. She said the exchange has been hearing from parents for years that they have to travel some distances to get a wider selection of toys for their children.

For those of you who have pets: pet supplies now cover the entire side of the wall on which they were displayed. The tool section that was there is now out in the lawn and garden section.

Lots of things are moving into

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SECNAV's Independance Day Message

Honorable Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy

WASHINGTON — The following is an Independence Day message from the Honorable Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy:

More than two centuries ago, a young nation loosened the chains of an oppressive tyrant and set about building a government based upon "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Thousands of Americans took up the challenge and risked their lives in the pursuit of their freedom.

A dozen years passed between their declaration of independence and the establishment of an effective government. During that time, our Founding Fathers experienced both successes and setbacks. But they never gave up hope or their dedication to the cause of freedom.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "The ground of liberty is to be gained by inches, and we must be contented to secure what we can get from time to time, and eternally press forward for what is yet to get. It takes time to persuade men to do even what is for their own good."

His words echo in our actions today. Americans are risking our lives in Iraq and throughout the world in the continued pursuit of freedom. The task will be difficult, and we will experience setbacks along with our successes. But inch-by-inch, block-by-block, town-by-town, we will help secure the freedom of the Iraqi people and all who suffer under the burden of terrorism.

Our nation is extremely proud of your service. Your daily actions inspire us and affirm our continuing defense of ideals set forth 227 years ago, today.

My warmest wishes for your happiness and well being on this greatest of American holidays. God Bless each of you, your families and the United States of America.

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A Gambler's Prayer: A sailor's experience

By: JO3 Denise Morris

Editor's Note: This article first appeared in the Desert Roundup in October of 2000. JO3 Morris is a Staff Journalist for the Base Public Affairs Office and will be transferring soon to Diego Garcia. 'The gambler's prayer' is a personal account of hers and she hopes her story will aid others who may face the same experience while stationed here.

Remember when you received your orders and they read "Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada" the desert? The first thought that came to mind was probably, "What is there to do for the Navy in the desert?"

On the way to Fallon, from many places in America, there are several casinos you can visit along the way. They are in Las Vegas, Reno and the smaller business casinos of Fallon or Fernley. For those who keep their money in their pocket and drive on by, it's no big deal. For those who stop and go inside with the big dreams that it will end their money troubles, it's a different story.

Ever since I have been here, there have been two things I have noticed people complain about: One is the heat and the other is the thought that there isn't anything to do here. Many will not admit it, but to pass the time, some frequent the casinos ... sometimes every day.

Here's a story about gamblers. It is the story of many gamblers forged into one from people I have encountered in the casinos.

I'm down $200 ever since I arrived to this place. What else is there to do? Besides, I have the money. Everyone around me is "hitting" the lucky numbers like crazy and signing receipts attendants give them for money the slots cannot give. But the gamblers continue to stay and choose not to take home their winnings. Why don't they get up and leave?

After several days, I finally 'hit,' too. Eventually two attendants come to assist me. I win and I'm finally signing the receipt because the slots don't pay over $100. But, I don't leave either. I move from one slot to the next, 'hitting' and 'hitting' again. I can't lose. "Would you like something to drink?" asks the lady pushing a beverage cart. Instead of my usual, "No thank you," I ask for some water because I plan to stay awhile.

Then I finally get two black cherries in a row and one black cherry underneath and the attendants come again. This time they came with a bag of nickels because I took the rest from the machine to fill up my three happy buckets. "Two black cherries in a row. I need three in a row to win. I'm so close ... I can't leave," I said as my anthem for not departing.

An older lady, sitting afar, suddenly moves to sit next to me and rubs my arm like a genie's lamp, "Maybe that luck will rub off on me," she laughed. I told her "You know how it goes. Somedays you're hot, some days you're dry."

Not for me, though. I won't stop until I hit the jackpot.

Then I move to the next one and all of the sudden I don't know how, but I have emptied the three happy buckets worth $60 into the machine. But I keep my $100, satisfied, and go home. "I'll come tomorrow, because I'm going to win that jackpot," I thought to lift my spirits again.

The next day, to the sound of the beeps and rings of winners all around me, I knew I would be next, because "I can never lose." I get the $10 worth of change to start with from the cashier who offers me the automatic "good luck," pushes me the stack of coins and I sit at the same giving machine.

Not too long and I win $50, but that's not enough, I think. My hands shake, almost burn, from the anticipation, as my heartbeat multiplies as if preparing for a heart attack because I almost get the tree black cherries in a row to get the jackpot ... but I don't. I don't know how I did it, but all of a sudden, not only did I lose the $50, but I place the rest of the coins from my happy bucket directly into the machine.

I sometimes set an amount that I will not go past, but this is different. I'll just go home and get the rest of the $100 I haven't spent. If I do lose, it won't matter because it's the casino's money I've already won.

Maybe if I win that $10,000, I can put it away and in 10 years I won't have to work. So, I continue. I hit the button and the beeps and rings go off. I promise myself I will keep hearing them until I win big. But I don't. I don't know how I did it, but I put all I won into the same machine, the machine that loved me yesterday. I turn my hands over and look at the black print the coins have left on the tips of my fingers. I rubbed two fingers together at the thought that someone had said it was a sign of greed.

" ... Twenty dollars in quarters please," I ask, placing a fresh $20 on the counter, one just received form the ATM machine and not a slot machine. I take the bucket of quarters and go to another machine, and before I realize it, that's all gone, too. Well, I can't go home with less money than I came with. I stand in front of the guaranteed cash machine and it spits out 20 of my dollars. This time I stop at the machine granting more jackpot money. After sitting there for a while, it spins a few good ones, but it never spits out the three sevens I need to win the jackpot.

For a change of pace from the spinning rolls of numbers in front of me, I watch as smiling faces and couples stand in a small line waiting to be seated in the connected restaurant.

I race to the teller machine to take out another $20, even though it's almost time for my car payment and bills to automatically come out of my bank account. But, it doesn't matter, because I'll win it all again soon.

As I sit there and watch my new money slowly dispense into the slot machine, I make a prayer, any prayer to raise the money up again. "Dear Lord, I promise if I win this jackpot, I will never go back into the casino again. I swear." With that prayer said and done, I push the button to

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Healthwatch: Vision Research Looks To Safeguard Your Sight

By Aveline V. Allen, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Can you see clearly? Your vision is one of the most important and vital senses you have. Maintaining good vision health is paramount to your overall health, and research efforts continue to ensure we preserve our vision as we grow older in the years ahead.

According to Lt. Tyson Brunstetter, research optometrist at Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (NAMRL), Pensacola, Fla., "Navy vision scientists focus heavily on the warfighter, but we also make every effort to positively impact society as a whole."

He points out that Navy studies have developed advances in ocular diagnostic, treatment and surgical techniques.

"Future work will be focused on promoting and/or accelerating the healing of the cornea and retina," said Brunstetter. "We are very concerned that 12 million Americans currently suffer from some form of irreversible visual impairment."

Currently, a very large effort is being made to make people aware through a program called "Vision Research…A National Plan: 1993-2003." This effort is co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Eye Institute (NEI), and the National Advisory Eye Council. The major goal of this initiative is to preserve eyesight by conducting research, training and informing people of the most recent advancements in visual health.

Vision research experts are working towards achieving the following goals through this plan: assessing the impact of eye disease and visual impairment on the nation's health, developing effective strategies for screening of eye disease and visual impairment in children and adults, and determining the most appropriate diagnostic and treatment options to improve vision and preserve sight.

In addition to vision research information and facts, this plan will also focus on certain eye-related conditions, such as cataracts, glaucoma, retinal and corneal diseases, and visual impairment and rehabilitation.

"Over 70 percent of our body's sensory input enters through the eyes, so any visual impairment can drastically affect a person's quality of life," said Brunstetter. "My best advice is to protect this vital sense, and take advantage of the latest advances in vision research, by regularly visiting your family optometrist or ophthalmologist."

Further information on vision research can be found at www.onr.navy.mil or www.nei.nih.gov/health/index.htm.

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There's nothing cool about fireworks

Fireworks are hot. Deadly hot. One simple string of firecrackers packs the explosive power of at least three sticks of dynamite. That innocent looking sparkler burns at a maiming 3000 degrees F. And it's the young people who suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, most frequently injuries to the hands and eyes. Losing a finger or your sight is a tragic price to pay for a few minutes' fun with fireworks.

Fireworks injuries reported to U.S. hospital emergency rooms jumped by 29% in 2000, from 8,500 in 1999 to 11,000 in 2000. Injuries are only part of the problem. In 1998, an estimated 21,700 fires involving fireworks were reported to fire departments. Those fires caused property damage totaling $15.6 million. And yes, people do die from fireworks injuries, and from fires started by fireworks. Twenty-six people died this way in 1985. That's a lot better than in 1902, when fireworks were legal in most states. That year, fireworks and fireworks related fires killed more than 200 people.

Mark D. Widome, MD Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics states, "The burns caused by the intense heat of fireworks leave lifetime, disfiguring scars. Eye injuries, many leading to permanent visual loss, account for 20% of fireworks injuries." For all these reasons, those who see the injuries and damage from fireworks, physicians and firefighters, agree on this strong warning: It's much safer to leave fireworks to the professionals.

All fireworks are illegal in the state of Nevada. They are also illegal aboard the Station. All fireworks will be confiscated by the Security Police and NAS Fallon Federal Fire Department.

Parents should note, they can be held liable for any damage caused by their children using fireworks.

A safe and sane way to enjoy the Fourth of July is to attend one of the many public firework shows run by professionals. See spectacular pyrotechnic displays light up the sky.

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DeCA streamlines returned check process

FORT LEE, Va. – New streamlined processing procedures for returned checks are viewed as a win-win situation for commissary shoppers and for store employees looking for better ways to provide customer service.

That's because the new centralized returned-check processing won't affect the way shoppers write checks but will substantially reduce the number of paper checks returned to commissaries for insufficient funds.

Returned checks normally routed back to commissaries for collection will instead be routed to a centralized processing site run by a business that has successfully performed this service for a variety of businesses that process a high volume of low-value transactions, said Jimaye Sones, DeCA's director of accounting.

Instead of commissary employees having to contact customers who wrote insufficient-fund checks, the centralized processor will electronically deduct the checks from customers' checking accounts and will start procedures to assess the insufficient fund administrative fee. These deductions have a high success rate because pay cycles have sufficiently replenished customers' accounts to cover the checks.

This more efficient process, which won't cost customers any more money in insufficient-fund service charges, will standardize redemption processes within commissaries and allow store employees to devote more time to customer service, said Sones, who called it a "win-win situation."

Only commissaries in the United States will institute the process, and it should be in place in all those stores by the end of summer. The initial rollout begins the last week of March at five commissaries: Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Calif.; Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla.

The new process results from a collaborative effort between DeCA, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bank of America and Solutran, the firm that will provide the returned check processing services.

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make the numbers spin again and again and again.

A group of young men arrives and stands near the slot machines waiting to sit down to eat. One of them points at the one slot machine and pronounces to the others, "One time when I went to Las Vegas, after only putting $2 dollars worth of quarters in, I won $150." Obnoxiously he added, "I knew better than to go any farther." What does he mean he knew better?

After my dollars are dispensed coin by coin, never to return, I get up with leaden legs and leave. I can't get any more money out because I have to use all the rest to pay my bills.

The next day I watch the clock's hand lazily idle by. I make a decision: I'm going to the casino to win all of the money I have lost. I have nothing to do anyway. This time I return to the machine that loved me so much. It didn't love me yesterday because it was a dry day for me.

But, it doesn't love me this day either. "My bank will over draw. I can't let that happen. I'll keep on going until I break even at least," I think as my heart drops.

Twenty more dollars and I go to another. I sit next to a person hitting the button with his fist, cursing at it. He must be under, too. I look and watch, still playing my machine, as he huffs and puts $10 into his.

"What is going on with me?" I sit and think. I have money coming out tomorrow, rent is due, and I'm putting away 20s belonging to the bank. It's too late to call the bank to not take out my money; it's too late to get all of the money I lost this week. "Lord, can you let me revisit the day I won't that money and then tell me to get up, leave and never return?"

I never understood how people could be addicted to drinking, smoking or other things and wondered why they couldn't stop. Now I understand. While I was gambling, all reasoning was absent. With every coin placed into the open slot, I wasn't myself, until I left and wondered, "What is wrong with me?"

Maybe everyone else is just lucky.

A security guard working in one of the casinos said, the casinos are good if people see it as just fun, like a lottery ticket. He added, "It all evens out one way or another. I thought this one lady was the luckiest woman on earth. She would win $4,000 all at once and the next day she would put it back into the machines. Then she told me that in one week she won a total of $12,000 and she put all of that back in, too. Well, her husband told her that if she didn't stop, he would leave her."

The gambler's prayer is a collection of true stories from people I have met in the casinos who have lost more than "the gambler," people who have talked about their gambling in Fallon, and one main person, me.

Is gambling an addiction'?

Carolyn Brek-Bender, the family advocacy representative at the Family Service Center said, gambling is more of a compulsive behavior than an addiction. She said addiction is taking a substance into the body and altering its biology, but some argue gambling is an addiction because of the adrenaline rush one gets from gambling.

She made it clear that going to the casinos in itself is not a problem, but when it causes someone to lose manageability of his or her life, such as bouncing checks, going into debt, it's a problem.

Brek-Bender said a person feels everything is great while they are winning and that creates a series of falsehoods, "'If I could just hit this jackpot, I'll be a millionaire-I will have value.'" She also said, "But, when there is no more money or the person is sober or when they are no longer winning, they think 'I'm left with me' and they have to look inside oneself." She added, they are confronted with what brought them there in the first place.

The very first step Brek-Bender suggested is to absolutely stay out of the casinos. "The first step is to be ready to accept the fact that 'my life is unmanageable.' That cracks the illusion that you have control over this ... because once you are at the point where you say, 'Oh no, I have to get control over this,' you're already out of control," she said.

Active duty military personnel can contact the Counseling and Assistant Center (CAAC) at the Branch Medical Clinic for additional information by calling 426-3139.

Editor's Note: NAS Fallon is JO3 Morris' first duty station. Petty Officer Morris states she has learned a lot while stationed here and is grateful for the opportunity to enrich her life and become a better Sailor, journalist and person from her experiences here. After her tour in Diego Garcia she aspires to live in Southern California where she hopes to pursue a career in screen writing.

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CDC accreditied by NAEYC

NAS Child Development Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of young children-the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said **Cassandra Porter-Runnels, Director, NAS Child Development Center**. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences." "Our mission is to provide an optimal environment for the development of young children that enhances the quality of life for the military family as well as Department of Defense Civilians and DoD Contractors. We provide this program for children aged 6weeks to pre-Kindergarten age. Our program has maintained Accreditation since 1997. Highly trained and dedicated staff have influenced our ability to reach six years of Accreditation status.

More than 8,000 early childhood programs – serving nearly three-quarters of a million children – are currently accredited by NAEYC. "In recent years, we've seen a growing number of child care and preschool programs earning NAEYC Accreditation," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. "By earning accreditation, the Child Development Center has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start."

Responding to the growth of the system, in 1999, the NAEYC Governing Board appointed a National Commission on Accreditation Reinvention to conduct a comprehensive review of NAEYC's Accreditation system. Building on their work, NAEYC is making many changes to prepare the system for the future, and to ensure the integrity and reliability of the process that programs go through to earn NAEYC Accreditation.

NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality child care and early education programs. To earn the accreditation, a program conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the standards. After necessary improvements are made, the program is observed by independent, professional validators, and then reviewed by a national panel. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a three-year period.

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NASF to hold 'Thank you' base-wide party

By JO1 Patrick Lane

There will be something for everyone at the 'Thanks For All That You Do' Community Party scheduled for July 12 at the NEX parking lot. Open to all active duty, DoD civilians, contractors, family members and guests, the celebration is a joint effort of all departments on the Naval Air Station, Fallon, Quality of Life team.

Dee Haberthur, MWR Operations Assistant, is very excited about the event and is even more pleased about the message behind the celebration. "We're trying to say thank you for all the hard work that has taken place here," she said.

Haberthur described the event as something "you don't want to miss," explaining the wide variety of attractions that will be offered. "It's going to be so much fun for everyone. We'll have live music and celebrities, a beer garden and wine tasting for the adults and several activities for the kids as well," she said. Haberthur further explained that, "the whole Quality of Life Team has pulled together to provide a good time for the NASF community," she said, adding, "the bigger the better."

Nationally syndicated radio personality, Rusy Humphries will be broadcasting here

The celebration is possible, in large part, because of the efforts of John Stadler, MWR Recreation Director, who obtained funding through a Naval Personnel Command (NPC) special grant. "It's something we've been talking about for a while," he said, adding, "We needed to do a big community event."

The funding from NPC out of Millington, TN, where MWR Headquarters is located, can only be received through special request. "This is how we can offer events without cost to the sailor or family member such as the World Wrestling Entertainment specials seen at Planet X," said Stadler.

Aside from the extra funding, Stadler explained that the cooperation of all the Quality of Life providers on base is what really makes the event possible. "We're trying to highlight the unity and focus of the quality of life providers here," he said. Those participating in the celebration include the Commissary, Exchange, Child Development Center and Youth Center, the Navy Ball committee, Housing, Medical and Dental, Federal Fire Department and Recycling.

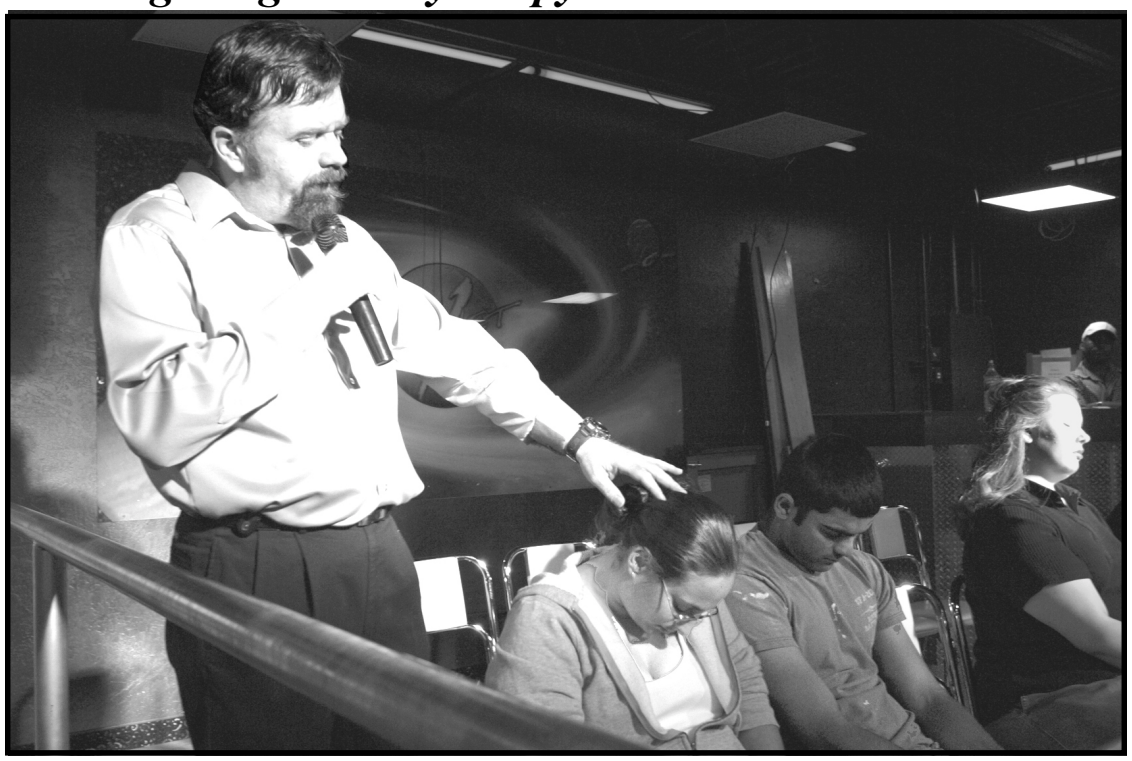
Stadler said that when all these organizations come together to show their thanks for the troops, "it's a win-win situation.

"Sister Christian" will be performing patriotic songs

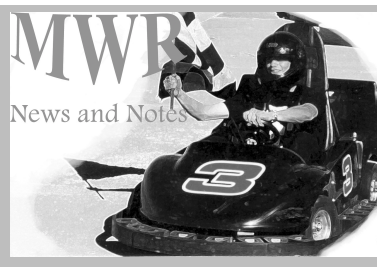
Other attractions to look for at the celebration include live music by the Route 66 Band, a radio broadcast by KOH radio personality Rusty Humphries, youth games and face painting, water slides, 'Beepers' the clown, Farmer's Market vendors, adult tricycle races and the Navy Ball Committee's dunk tank and barbecue. The dunk tank and barbecue are fundraising activities and will be the only events that are charged.

For more information about the "Thanks for all that you do," Community Party call MWR at 426-2550.

"You're getting verrrrry sleepy..."



Master hypnotist, "SZELES" hypnotises some willing volunteers during his recent performance at Planet X. SZELES was able to convince some victims that they had different names, that he was their favorite celebrity, that they were martians and several other things that they will never remember. The event brought in about 200 spectators (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).



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Beach Night at the Bar
Hawaiian Pig Roast Buffet $12.95
Band starts 8pm
ITT EVENTS: 426-2865
July 25/26
Six Flags
Magic Mountain Trip
Call 426-2865 for details
HEALTH & WELLNESS
OASIS FITNESS CENTER:
New Weekend Fitness Center Hours starting July 12 8am – 4pm
All Month…Captain's Cup Softball
Every Tues/Thur 5:30pm – 10pm
July 7, 14, 21, 28 Captain's Cup Golf
Fallon Golf Course
INDOOR POOL :
Swim Lessons
Call 426-2791
SAGEBRUSH BOWL:
"ABC" League…Summer League
Every Wed. at 7pm, 426-2451
Lunchtime Bowl
Everybody's Invited…
Monday – Thursday 11am-1pm
Bowl 2 games w/ shoe and get a 6"
single topping pizza with a medium
drink for $6 per person.
LIBERTY EVENTS!
"Liberty Program"
All Single Military & Geo-bachelors welcome…
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July 15
Rock n' Bowl
Extreme bowling/pizza for $1 per patron
July 17
Movie/Wings Night
Hot Wings/Breadsticks FREE
Starts 6pm at the base theater
July 24
Go Kart/Pizza Night
6pm – 8pm
$1 per patron
July 26
River Rafting in Tahoe
$25 per person includes transportation
AUTO HOBBY SHOP:
July Special
426-2575
OUTDOOR RECREATION:
July 4 Weekend
50% off all rides for 15 years and younger at the Go Kart Track
July 11
ALL HANDS
Horseshoe Tournament
At the CPO Club
½ Off all weekend BBQ rentals during this month!
SPINNERS'CYBERCAFE
Cool off with our famous homemade milkshakes!
Call in orders…426-3672
YOUTH ACTIVITIES:
426-3777
Monday, July 7
Extreme Bowling
1pm – 3pm
Thursday, July 24
Trip to "Wild Waters
LIBRARY:
Stop in for a good book !426-2599

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Did You Know…

- The first Family Service Centers opened in 1979, with Information and Referral (I&R) as their primary service.
- I&R is not only the Fleet and Family Support Center's oldest program. It's The Center's most popular program. Approximately one out of every three service contacts reported by the FFSC in 2002 requested I&R.
- The Center operates a 24-hour I&R hotline out of Norfolk. For answers around the clock, call (800) FSC-LINE.
- Every minute spent with an I&R specialist saves the service or family member six minutes of their own research time.
- Assuming the ratio above and an average of seven minutes per service contact, in 2002 the I&R program saved service and family members 723,694 hours of time they would have spent finding the same information on their own. That time was instead spent on the mission, thanks to I&R.
- Assuming the above totals and that the average customer is an E-5 with an hourly rate of $19.79, the I&R program provided a manpower savings of more than $14.3 million in 2002.
- During the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, the I&R program at Hampton Roads received 60,000 calls in one month, February 1991.
- I&R will respond to your question in one of three ways: 1) provide the answer; 2) research to find the answer; 3) refer to other resources in the community.
- Most I&R calls are requests for information about services offered at The Center or resources in the community.
- The Center offers more than clinical counseling. In fact, its most popular service has nothing to do with clinical counseling. Calling or visiting an I&R specialist is not an indication of dysfunction or any other problem. It is a request for information. If you don't know, ask us.
- I&R respects your privacy and honors confidentiality. Those who request I&R may remain anonymous, if they choose.
- Before the establishment of the Family Support Program in 1979, service members and families depended on word-of-mouth advice to access military and civilian support services. There is now an easier, better way. Ask I&R.
- You pay nothing to use I&R, or any of the other services offered at The Center. They're your benefits – free for service members and their families.

Desert Moon Theater

Thursday, July 3	6:30pm	Daddy Day Care (PG)
Friday, July 4	4pm	Matrix: Reloaded (R)
Saturday, July5	6:30pm	Bruce Almighty (PG 13)
	9pm	Wrong Turn (R)
Sunday, July 6	2:30pm	Lizzie McGuire (PG)
	5pm	The In-Laws (PG13)
	7:30pm	It Runs In The Family (PG13)
Monday, July 7	6:30pm	Down with Love (PG13)
Tuesday, July 8	6:30pm	The In-Laws (R)
Wednesday, July 9	6:30pm	Daddy Day Care (PG)
Thursday, July10	6:30pm	Confidence (R)
Friday, July 11	6:30pm	Bruce Almighty (PG13)
	9pm	The Italian Job(PG13)
Saturday, July 12	6:30pm	Wrong Turn (R)
	9pm	Matrix Reloaded (R)
Sunday, July 13	2:30pm	Finding Nemo (G)
	5pm	Down with Love (PG13)
	7:30pm	Lizzie McGuire (PG)

Movie dates and times after July 13 can be found by calling the Theater for up-to-date times at 426-2552

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the lawn and garden section. However, there's been only one problem with that so far. It gets hot in there…really hot.

"We've recognized that problem," she said. "We're looking into a way to be able to control the air in there more easily."

If you'll be having a party, the food and spirits' section has grown also. It's still located toward the back of the store, but the items and shelves have expanded to meet the growing demand.

Register 4 at the store checkout will be removed. In its place, a clearance section will be erected.

Tierno said that the project physically began three months ago. She added that she hopes that they can be finished by Thanksgiving.

"All we ask is for a little patience, " she said. "Once we go through these growing pains, it's all going to be worth it in the long run."

When it comes to heart and customer appreciation, those bigger Exchange services are dwarfed by the NAS Fallon NEX.

"We just want to be able to offer more to our customers and show them that we can offer the same products that the bigger department stores off-base offer."

Don't forget, too, that the money you spend at the NEX goes right back to the sailors through several projects such as MWR events.

The Early Years Are Learning Years! At NAS Fallon CDC We Help Make Them Count!

You don't need research to tell you that children's early years are a crucial period of learning and development. You see it every day in your own young child. At NAS Fallon Child Development Center we care for each young child in ways that are appropriate to his or her age and level of development – helping them all get a strong foundation for learning and growth.

In 1997, NAS Fallon Child Development Center earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – a widely recognized mark of high-quality. We have maintained Accreditation status through June of 2006.

Our program provides care for children ages 6 weeks to pre-kindergarten. Eligible patrons include Active Duty and Retired military as well as Department of Defense Civilians and DoD Contractors. Our mission is to provide an optimal learning environment for the development of young children that enhances the quality of life for the military family and DoD Civilians in support of military readiness.

We currently have openings for children, 11mos through 5 years. Registration packets are available upon request. Please contact us at:

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1001 Juniper Dr.
Fallon, NV 89496-5000
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where he visited ships of the fleet, to responding to the Korean and Alaskan Airlines crashes as a debriefer for post traumatic stress syndrome, he has always put his people first.

While stationed in Hawaii he served as Senior Protestant at the chapel and on Ford Island as well as brig chaplain. Royden relied upon a message of hope to reach inmates at the brig. "Even though you've done something wrong and have ended up in this place, it doesn't mean the end of your life," he would tell inmates. "God will transform you if you let him. People will try to stigmatize you … and I kept reminding them God can do whatever he wants with your life if you're willing to let him. I think they responded to that message of hope. You have to have hope in the midst of those kind of circumstances to go on," he said.

While with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines out of Camp Lejeune, Roysden made it a point to be where the Marines were to minister to them. "The time I spent with the Marines out in the field was very worthwhile. A lot of good ministry can go on if you're just out with the people and they know that you're there because you want to be, not just because you have to be."

Through it all, Chaplain Roysden has remained true to his beliefs and has ministered according to the doctrine of his church. "I'm not a rabbi and I'm not going to pretend to be a rabbi," he said, adding that the same is true of being an imam or a priest. "I believe we (chaplains) are in the Navy to represent our faith groups. In that context, I will do everything I can for anyone who's not in my faith group," he said. " I've gone to bat for Muslims who needed rations in kind because we couldn't provide the right kind of sustenance for them," he added as an example. Roysden has counseled people of all faiths and denominations and is careful to make it clear at the outset that he is a Christian chaplain and will counsel from that perspective. He says no one has ever declined his counsel for that reason. "They tell me, 'if you're up front with us, and we understand that, we don't have a problem'," he said.

"There is no need to be antagonistic with people. We can have our faith stance and stand very strongly for what we believe and still work with people very well," he said.

Supply Community Merges Resources

By JO2 Edward Flynn, Naval Personnel Development Command Public Affairs

ATHENS, Ga. — In an effort to streamline training and education, and to reduce redundancies within the supply community, the Navy recently completed the merger of the Aviation Storekeeper (AK) rating with the Storekeeper (SK) rating.

The merger will give Sailors within these supply ratings a clear career path and increase professional development opportunities.

"The objective of the merger is to create a multifaceted, highly trained, professional rating, with increased flexibility to support functions both afloat and ashore," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Supply Community, CNOCM (SW) James Smith.

A study conducted by the Supply Training Requirements Review, who partnered with the Fleet and the Navy Manpower Analysis Center, determined the 94 percent commonality in occupational standards and technical training within the two ratings warranted a combined training effort, that would give the Navy a more versatile talent pool to draw from.

Additionally, the study determined that advances in shipboard logistics practices and technology, created an environment that allowed the two ratings to merge without diminishing support to the fleet or Sailors.

The merging of the AK and SK ratings is part of an ongoing effort to optimize manning and adopt the best business practices now used by private industry. Through shared automated systems, the Navy will minimize redundancy in functions and training, resulting in better customer service and quality of life for the Sailor.

The AK and SK A schools were combined in October 2002 and the merger was completed in January 2003.

"This effort will ensure the supply community is constantly improving and integrating the latest resources, training, and education into the developmental pipeline," said Commander Naval Personnel Development Command, Rear Adm. Kevin Moran. "The output of tha process is a better trained workforce arriving in the Fleet, which directly contributes to increased operationa readiness."

To learn more about develop ments in supply training, visit Navy Knowledge Online at https:/ www.nko.navy.mil then click on the Center for Service Support (under the Centers header) and look for the Storekeeper header on the left.

For related news, visit the Na val Personnel Development Com mand/Task Force EXCEL Navy NewsStand page a www.news.navy.mil/local/tfe.

National Broadcasts Featuring the Navy

Friday, July 04, 2003

8PM & 11PM, CBS—The Price is Right Salutes the United States Navy

The longest-running game show on TV kicks off the first of six prime-time editions that salute U.S. military personnel, firefighters and police officers.

"All of us associated with The Price Is Right are just delighted to have the opportunity to show our appreciation to these brave men and women," says host Bob Barker, who served during WWII in the Navy, the military branch honored in tonight's hour. The studio audience consists solely of Navy personnel and their families. Shows in coming weeks are slated to feature members of the U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and Army. Also planned is a program including firefighters and police officers from New York City, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles.

Saturday, July 05, 2003

8:00 PM, History Channel—History Undercover: U.S.S. Eagle 56: Accident or Target?

In April 1945, a subchaser Eagle boat, a WWI remnant, was towing targets off New England's coast, when suddenly it exploded, killing 50 of her 63 men. Survivors reported a U-boat surfacing afterwards, but a Navy Court of Inquiry concluded the PE-56 was victim of a boiler blast. In 2001, the Navy Secretary ruled that a German U-boat had sunk the ship, and in 2002, awarded the men Purple Hearts. This is the story of the ship and crew, as well as their families who pursued the truth for 56 years.

Sunday, July 06, 2003

*2*PM & 5PM, History Channel—Mail Call: Civil War Rifles/1st Missile Sub/ Navy Divers' Gear/Field Strip/Bowie

R. Lee Ermey compares Civil War rifles from both sides; learns about the first missile fired from the deck of a sub; compares the Navy's Mark 21 deep-sea suit, used for depths as far as 300 feet below surface, to "crush-proof" suits used in extreme missions that can go almost 2,000 feet down; performs a field strip, breaking down a weapon; finds out why the Bowie knife is so special; and explains the evolution of a hedgechopper, used on tanks during D-Day.

Monday, July 07, 2003

7:30 AM, Bio channel—George Bush: A Sense of Duty

A profile of the former President focuses on his "commitment to public service," from his Navy days in WWII through his Presidency. Included: interviews with his brother Prescott Bush; his mother Dorothy Walker Bush; author Gail Sheehy; author Richard Ben Cramer.

11:00 AM, Travel Channel—Famous Homes and Hideaways

A former navy ship purchased by wealthy shipping magnate Aristotle Onaissis, the Christina Yacht was transformed into the most opulent yacht in the world. Tour the beloved Michigan estate of automaker Henry Ford.

The Desert Classifieds

Pets:

--If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

Autos:

1993 Dodge Intrepid ES

3.5L V6, Automatic, Great Condition, 95K, CD Player, Power Everything, Leather, Trip Computer, Original Owner, $2800 obo.

Call Eric at 426-3879 or email, bialeke@nsawc.navy.mil

--'93 Ford Explorer 4x4 Sport 2D. Forest green w/ tan leather. AC, power everything, cruise, alarm. Excellent condition at NASF Lemon Lot, $4,250 -- email: wannabebob@yahoo.com or call bill at 426-3162

Truck: 1997 Dodge Ram 1500, extended cab, 4x4, 5.9L V-8, automatic transmission, power everything, 3.5 inch lift with off-road tires, sprayed in bed liner, asking $16,500.00 or best offer (O.B.O.) Contact Dustin Wiggans anytime. Work (775) 426-2319 or Home (775) 428-1122.

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Roper brand Dryer. Almost new works perfectly. $200. Call Ruben at 775 428-1501.

--Kenwood stereo system with cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking $500. Please call 423-2624.

--1995 G.E., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking $650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after working hours.

--2 barstools $12 or $6 ea., Toddler bed and mattress (Tiny Toon bed sheet included) $45, Computer desk and chair $45, White rocking chair with baby blue cushion for seat and back $25, Loveseat $100, Baby crib comforter set (blanket, mattress sheet, around the side cushioning, bedskirt) $25, car seat $25, toddler bicycle $10, Computer subwoofer and speaker $10, keyboard, $5, mouse $2.50, 2 Pioneer house stereo speakers $10 ea., Mini tape recorder $10, Little Tikes mini wagon $2.50, 3 cordless phones (need batteries) $25, Water hose holder $10, RCA old fashion camcorder and case $110, Winnie the Pooh toddler bed comforter set (blanket, fitted, and spread sheet) $10. Please contact Mardie at home 423-2246

Misc.:

--Roommate wanted for house. House is located within five minutes from base. Please call AG2 Stephanie Gilbert (w) 426-2816, (h) 428-1064 for more information.

--Purebred Miniature Dachshunds, six weeks old.

Red in color with /1st shots. Call JoAnn at Ext. 2700/867-2029.

--300watt Max 2 OHM

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2 subwolfers Pioneer ready to install $400.00 obo

Child's bunk bed with desk attached. Metal and wood frame. Metal is black.$300.00 obo

Phone 867-5361

Also, I have two labrador mix puppies for free to a good home 25 weeks old on the June 24. They have all of there shots. Willing to talk about asking prices on the items for sale.

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Uniform survey online through July 8

By Journalist 2nd Class Eric Brown, Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean Public Affairs

NAPLES, Italy — Sailors looking for a way to improve or change their current uniforms now have the opportunity to provide their opinions. Until July 8, they can go online to provide input about what uniform items and accessories they'd like to see put into, and kept out of, their future sea bags.

By logging onto the Bureau of Naval Personnel's Web site (www.bol.navy.mil), Sailors can take the uniform survey questionnaire, one prong of a Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)-directed initiative, called Task Force Uniform (TFU), implemented to bring the sea bag into the 21st century.

According to NAVADMIN 154/03, dated June 11, the survey is "designed to obtain the fleet's perspective on the sea bag and the uniform regulations. All ranks, genders, specialties and geographic locations are encouraged to provide input."

After logging on, Sailors answer 35 multiple-choice questions about various uniforms and uniform regulations, and are given the opportunity to type in responses, as well. The questionnaire should only take a few minutes to complete, said Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Annette Leasure of Commander, Task Force 67 in Naples, Italy. She represented the U.S. Navy in Europe at the Washington Navy Yard, where TFU convened in March.

Leasure, along with about 25 other Sailors, ranging from paygrades E-5 to O-6, participated in the task force board, led by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/AW) Terry Scott.

"The survey asks you about the comfort of your uniform, and its versatility and durability," Leasure said. "It asks if you are satisfied with your ability to perform your duties in different uniforms, their cost-effectiveness, and the changes you would like to see in the sea bag.

"It also asks about the uniform regulations: how easy is it to find information? Is it easy to find information in the table of contents? Do you find it easy to decipher the contents of the uniform regs? Are the regs enforceable?"

When the task force met in March, they divided into three teams, to review the current sea bag requirements.

"Some of the issues addressed were developing a working uniform that can be used at sea and shore across all communities; establish a service uniform for E-1 through E-6 that can be worn year-round; streamline the Navy's uniform regs, and make it more user-friendly and easier to read; and design or redesign uniforms to accommodate various body shapes and sizes," Leasure said.

"The survey is going to go alongside - and hold the same weight - as our board recommendations to MCPON," she explained. "The survey is extremely important. It allows the people who weren't there at the board to voice their opinions and recommendations about their uniforms."

Leasure also said the task force is expecting thousands of responses from all over the world.

Once the results are compiled, "the task force will finalize its work and submit recommendations and a proposed timeline to the (Chief of Naval Operations) on 1 October 2003," states NAVADMIN 154/03.

Leasure strongly encourages Sailors to spend a few minutes filling out the online TFU survey. "It's pretty much the same thought process as when you're voting for president," she said. "It's your chance to voice your opinion, and if you decide not to take that opportunity, then there's really nothing you can say if things don't change the way you'd like to see them change."

47th annual Tailhook reunion

The **TAILHOOK ASSOCIATION** will hold its 47th annual reunion and professional symposium at the Reno/Sparks home of John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel September 18 –20, 2003. The theme of this years convention is "Carrier Aviation in the New Millennium". The Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General Michael W. Hagee, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet Saturday evening. The symposium will feature Carrier Operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Help Wanted

The Not New Shop is in need of a new Director(s).

This position will take approximately 15 hours per week, with main duties being, light bookkeeping and sorting of donated items.

This is a volunteer position- with paid childcare—Will train!

For more information please call the Not New Shop at 426-3440.