



# THE MATSG NEWS

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## COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Dear Marines, Sailors, and Families,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous success in mission accomplishment this past Fiscal Year, 2010. We successfully met the needs of the Operating Forces during a time of war ensuring that we sent the most qualified Marines possible to the next level in our Corps. Additionally, your extremely generous contributions back to the community, volunteerism, and your huge generosity through the Navy and Marine Corps Relief and the Combined Federal Campaign have been extraordinary. This year was truly remarkable; accomplishments that the entire Group, both the Staff and Marines in training, of which we can be truly proud.

The new fiscal year is upon us with essentially the same mission requirements ahead of us. The Marine Corps Ball season is in full swing, Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season is rapidly approaching. As always, lead by example, take care of our Marines and Sailors and plan accordingly to eliminate risks in all our upcoming events, both on and off duty. Leadership, proper planning, and time management will enable us to thoroughly enjoy the season ahead.

Our new Commandant, General James F. Amos, has recently published his planning guidance. His priorities directly relate to our MATSG-21 mission:

- We will continue to provide the best trained and equipped Marine units to Afghanistan. This will not change. This remains our top priority.
- We will rebalance our Corps, posture it for the future and aggressively experiment with and implement new capabilities and organizations.
- We will better educate and train our Marines to succeed in distributed operations and increasingly complex environments.
- We will keep faith with our Marines, our Sailors, and our families.

As we follow the Commandant's Guidance, we need to focus on our role in the Group. I want to reenergize our Family Readiness Program, back towards the individual Marines and their families. Please think about what we can do to make a better Marine, a better family more prepared for Operational Forces. I look forward to hearing your thoughts ideas as we prepare MATSG-21 for the future.

**Happy 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

Semper Fidelis,  
COL JOSEPH P. RICHARDS

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## **SERGEANT MAJOR'S MESSAGE**

To the Marines and family members,

It is amazing how quickly the summer has gone by! I want to pass on my appreciation to all the Marines and families for staying safe this summer. We have had very few injuries both on and off duty which is always great to see and be a part of. Keep it up! Training has continued as planned and our extraordinary staff continues to capture every spare moment outside the classroom to professionally develop the Marine Students. Our student numbers have decreased over the summer so the instructors have been able to take even more opportunities to mentor the future leaders of our Corps. For the families, we had another great Luau this year out at Ski Beach in which even more family members attended than last year and look forward to a great Christmas party this year. If you have not heard, a Marine Spouses Organization has formed on the base, so if you would like to be a part of it and don't know who to contact, have your Marine contact me for more information. This was also a great quarter for recognizing the accomplishments of our young leaders, Sergeant Depriest was promoted to his current rank meritoriously and more recently Cpl Nunn was meritoriously promoted to his current rank in September. The command also nominated a new Marine of the Quarter and NCO of the Quarter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters, Sgt Pliegoflores and Cpl Patterson now reign as our top Marines.

So that is where we have been and we are headed into another Marine Corps Ball season, celebrating our 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the San Destin Resort. Get your tickets early as I don't think they will last and the same applies to room reservations. The hotel is offering very low rates for up to 6 nights around the ball date, so don't wait to take advantage of the opportunity. I am very excited about this year's celebration; it will be a great time. Traditionally, this time of year is all about retirements and this year was no exception as many seasoned leaders began a new life as retired Marines, my best wishes goes out to all of them.

Marines, as we move toward the end of another year I ask that you continue all the great work for the Corps and stay safe, we all must be ready to answer our country's call at any time.

**Semper Fi!**

*Sgt Maj Richard Lewallen*  
SgtMaj Richard Lewallen



**COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE****Safety & Force Preservation Policy  
of the Commandant of the Marine Corps****“I NEED YOU READY FOR THE FIGHT”**

The Marine Corps is America’s Expeditionary Force in Readiness — we are “always faithful” to answer our Nation’s call. This requires every member of the Marine Corps Team to maintain a constant posture of readiness for whatever may come.

Safety is central to the idea of readiness and must not be an afterthought of our actions in combat, in training and while on liberty. All leaders must guard against reckless behavior; both at the unit and individual level, because it jeopardizes the health, safety, and combat readiness of our entire Corps. While risk is inherent in many things that we do, we must learn to manage it by controlling and mitigating risk regardless of operational complexity. We must continue to provide realistic training balanced with a strong emphasis on risk mitigation while applying the same principles and procedures equally to our off-duty activities.

To do this, we will mentor Marines and Sailors with a mindset of selflessness and heroism in battle, and one of discipline and judiciousness in garrison. There is no single solution for force preservation. Rather we must employ a range of tools to help us in our efforts. Risk mitigation is one of the best means available as we fight to eliminate senseless and needless loss of life and injury, both on duty and on liberty. I charge all Marines to ensure risk mitigation strategies are included in the planning and execution of all on-duty and liberty activities; we do it in combat ... we need to do it in garrison.

I need you and your equipment in the fight when our nation calls. With the active participation of every Marine within our Corps, we can preserve our most precious asset — the individual Marine, Sailor and Civilian Marine — to be the “most ready” when the Nation calls.



Semper Fidelis,

James F. Amos  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

## **AMS-1 COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE**

### **Marines, Family, and Friends,**

Hello again. I hope your summer was as enjoyable as I found it. AMS-1 found itself very busy this summer. First, please join me in welcoming home both GySgt Langford and SSgt Harrypersaud from a successful Individual Augment (IA) tour to Afghanistan. Job well done! We also had the pleasure of welcoming 3 baby boys and 2 baby girls into our family and the families of SSgt Heider, Sgt McQuain, Sgt Rexach, Sgt Youngblood, and Sgt Johnson. Congratulations!

This summer also brought the usual transfer of personnel and I would like to welcome all the newly joined staff members and their families to AMS-1. With arrival of personnel, there is the departure as well. Capt Morrow turned over his duties as executive officer to Capt Puckett in August as he moved up to MATSG-21 headquarters. We bid farewell to him as well as: CWO3 Rominger, MSgt Cooper, MSgt Salisbury, MSgt McFadden, SSgt Kinsey, SSgt Gay, SSgt Heider, SSgt Ramirezlanda, and their families. Best wishes in their next endeavors!

Additional congratulations to the following Marines and their families: Sgt Pliegoflores for NCO of the Quarter in July and assignment as the AMS-1 Color Sergeant, Sgt Chapa's acceptance into the Enlisted Commissioning Program, Sgt Dodson's selection for Drill Instructor duty, and all the Marines that were promoted and/or received awards during this period. I would also like to congratulate the following Marines on their selection to SSgt: Sgt Hunt, Sgt Betts, Sgt McQuain, Sgt Mead, Sgt Dorfman, Sgt Kerschner, Sgt Mahany, Sgt McTague, Sgt Geffrard, Sgt Whiten, Sgt Pogodzinski, and Sgt Wasylkowski.

Though it was a busy summer, I hope you found those opportunities to recharge and spend some time with your family and friends. If not, do so. You and your family have earned it. I look forward to seeing all during this season of Marine Corps Birthday Balls and the holidays. I anxiously await celebrating these events with you and I ask that all continue to keep safety in mind, be it traveling to see family and friends for the holidays or putting holiday decorations out. Take care of each other and your families.

## **AMS-2 COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE**

Semper Fidelis.

*Major Michael Graziani*

### **Marines and Friends,**

Congratulations to SSgts Rodriguez (Avionics) and Sanchez (Maintenance Air Traffic Control) on their recent selection to Warrant Officer, well done gentlemen. Congratulations are also in order for all of our SSgt selects: Fleming, Chase, Lucio, Pedrianes, Quick, Randall (MATC), Pfaffman, Garcia, Kammerer, Neighbors, Rey, Riggs, Ross, White (Avi) and Hardison (ATC). Bravo Zulu Marines.

Recently joining AMS-2 are LDO Captains Chris Marvin (MATC OIC) and Benny Jones (Avi OIC), welcome aboard! We also have a new member of the AMS-2 family in the presence of Lilah June Mock, who was born on 0752 10/09/16, weighing 8lbs 4oz 21 inches. Congratulations Sgt Mock (Avi). Deserving of recognition is MSgt Mitchell (MATC) who was recently named the Military Big Brother of the Year. MSgt Mitchell's award is just one example of the countless volunteer hours the AMS-2 Marines actively contribute to the Pensacola community on a weekly basis. The most prominent community service this quarter was our contribution to Operation Clean Sweep, in which AMS-2 Marines combined forces with the Escambia County Sheriff's Department and cleaned numerous streets in the city of Pensacola.



In true Marine fashion (although technically proficient) we are all warriors at heart. Pictured are SSgt's Clark (ATC), Alaniz (Avi) and Weaver (Avi). These Marines are Martial Arts Instructor Trainers and are currently conducting a three week course in which they are making future leaders in the form of Martial Arts Instructors. Great work, gents! As always, thanks to all the families for supporting your Marine.

Semper Fi!

*Major Damon Hickey*



## MATSG-21 FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

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If you would like to be added to the Family Readiness distribution list and receive weekly employment updates, upcoming events and other important information via email, please send me your request.

To be more cost effective, there will now be two different newsletters distributed. If you are permanent staff and married, you will now see a shorter version of the MATSG News delivered to your home, however, a more detailed version of the MATSG Newsletter will be emailed out to everyone and posted on the MATSG website <http://www.matsgfl.usmc.mil> Under Family Readiness/Newsletters. This website is currently being updated daily so please be patient with us during our revisions. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see on this website, please feel free to send your thoughts my way.

### **Interstate Compact for Military Children**

If you are a parent of a teenager in high school, this is a must read! Congress has finally passed the Interstate Compact for Military Children which has been adopted by 35 states! One of the main issues military families face is being able to transfer state assessment tests from one state to the other, well this law mandates that these tests are now transferrable! For more detailed information on this and other opportunities this law covers, go to:

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=1000-099/1000/1000PARTIIIContentsIndex.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-099/1000/1000PARTIIIContentsIndex.html)

Below is a link to the Council of State Governments new website that is solely devoted to the Interstate Compact for Military Children. Url: [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net) Here are some other helpful links:

### **Other National Links for Military Families**

[Military Moves & Education Changes](#)

[USA4MilitaryFamilies](#)

[National Center for Interstate Compacts](#)

[10 Things Military Teens Want You To Know](#)

[Operation Military Kids](#)

### **MATSG Spouse Association of Pensacola!**

MSAP is now offering their Food Angel Program to our Marines and their families. If you are interested in learning more about the Angel Food program or have a request, please email:

[matsgspouse@yahoo.com](mailto:matsgspouse@yahoo.com)

You can also log onto their Facebook site to get the latest of what's going on with this wonderful Association!

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=132586386779086&ref=ts>

It's not too late to join MSAP If you are still interested in becoming a part of MATSG-21's very first spouse association and getting more involved with the command, please email: [matsgspouse@yahoo.com](mailto:matsgspouse@yahoo.com).

### **DoD will resume the MyCAA program**

**Starting 8 a.m. (EDT) Monday October 25, 2010**, Military OneSource career and education counselors will have a much more active role in supporting military spouses. In addition to understanding resources available via DoD's financial aid support, they will provide support and assistance to identify and gain access to other federal, state and local programs. Military spouses of active duty service members will be eligible for career counseling and support. The new program will:

- Be available to spouses of active duty service members in pay grades E1-E5, W1-W2, and O1-O2
- Offer a maximum financial benefit of \$4,000 with a fiscal year cap of \$2,000. Waivers will be available for spouses pursuing licensure or certification up to the total maximum assistance of \$4,000
- Require military spouses to finish their program of study within three years from the start date of the first course
- Be limited to associate degrees, certification and licensures

If you are currently attending school under the old MyCAA program, your benefits will remain the same. Please contact Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 for more information.

## MSSCN Partnership Dramatically Increases Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses and Veterans

The Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSSCN), a 501(c)(3) non-profit is pleased to announce its partnership with DirectEmployers Association, Inc. and their membership in the National Labor Exchange (NLX). This cooperative partnership aligns the MSSCN with like-minded corporations, organizations, universities, and colleges. Through this partnership, the MSSCN will provide access to an additional 500,000 fresh job opportunities per month on its website at <http://msscn.org/> to military-affiliated jobseekers – military spouses, transitioning military, veterans, war wounded, and caregivers of war wounded – from every branch of service, including the Guard and Reserve beginning in August, 2010.

Military-affiliated applicants can upload their resumes, apply to positions with corporate partners, and receive personalized employment assistance from MSSCN's team utilizing MSSCN's secure talent management gateway powered by Kenexa Corporation. For additional information contact: Stacy Bayton (850) 725-1873 or [stacybayton@gmail.com](mailto:stacybayton@gmail.com)

## SOARS!

### Free SAT/ACT Online Test Preparation Courses!

Registered SOAR users now have access to the first generation of The Princeton Review's online coursework for students preparing for the SAT and/or ACT test. Online courseware includes:

- \* Information about the SAT and ACT
- \* Test Taking Strategies
- \* Tips and Techniques
- \* Practice Problems

**Is your child studying to take the SAT or ACT?** The SAT and ACT each have 3 more test dates in 2010! Register for SOAR today and your child will immediately have access to online Test Prep courses that will help them as they prepare for either test. **Where will I find the Test Prep on SOAR?** Registered students can access either the SAT or ACT courses by clicking Program Materials from the SOAR Student site. Once a student logs on to the course (with the listed username and password), and reads the 'Quick Instructions', he or she is ready to begin. Register for or Login to SOAR today for access to online SAT and ACT Test Prep [www.SoarAtHome.org](http://www.SoarAtHome.org)

### How to Access SOAR SAT/ACT Test Preparation:

- Parents register for SOAR at [SoarAtHome.org](http://SoarAtHome.org). During registration, parents are prompted to create student accounts for their child or children.
- Students use their login and access SOAR at [SoarAtHome.org](http://SoarAtHome.org) by clicking the 'Returning Students' button.
- Once on the SOAR student site, students will click 'Program Materials'.
- Click on 'SAT and ACT Test Prep Site'. \*PLEASE NOTE\* - The username and password for this site is listed on the 'Program Materials' page - it is NOT your SOAR login.
- When you have been successfully logged onto the site, you will choose 'SAT Online or 'ACT Online'.
- Before you start the course, read the 'Quick Instructions' link. This contains information regarding navigating the course content.
- Remember these important instructions as you work through the course:
  - Each time that you use the SAT/ACT course, please make note of your place in the course—your place is not saved. Upon returning to the site, click the link of the next lesson and begin.
  - Use the left and right black arrows to move through the lessons.
  - During some lessons, click the yellow 'next step' to continue the instruction.
  - You may repeat a lesson as many times as you wish.

## Federal Programs

### **Federal Student Aid Scholarship Search**

<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/v3browse.asp>

This page of the Federal Student Aid Web site offers a scholarship search. The Student Aid site also offers a Financial Aid and Scholarship Wizard.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school.

We consistently champion the promise of postsecondary education to all Americans—and its value to our society.

### **GI Bill Web site**

[www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/)

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.

### **GovBenefits.gov**

[www.govbenefits.gov](http://www.govbenefits.gov)

GovBenefits.gov is the official benefits website of the U.S. government, with information on over a thousand benefit and assistance programs. They include education grants and loans, health, housing, and other types of assistance. To obtain a tailored list of benefit programs for which you may be eligible, complete the free and confidential questionnaire on the GovBenefits.gov homepage. Or search for all programs by state, category, state, or federal agency by going to "Benefits".

### **Students.gov**

[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

This U.S. Department of Education site links students with information on financial aid, tuition assistance, and scholarships. There is a section for military members and their families. Start your search by going to "Pay for your education"

### **U.S. Department of Education**

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

U.S. Department of Education Web site provides information on educational programs and financial aid regulations.



## **MSCCN has launched the 'Volunteer to Career' program for military spouses**

Helping military spouses find volunteer and internship opportunities that are a match for their skills, experience and career paths. These positions are for all military spouses who would like to continue working in their industry while they are looking for work, fulfilling internships required in their field of study, or simply looking to give their time to a worthy cause. All positions offer recommendations and a recording of their time, and all work is for non-profit organizations who are affiliated with the military. They are currently looking for volunteers for the following types of positions: Marketing, Website development, Writers (blog and social media), Fundraising, & Grant writers

Please contact Stacy Bayton at (850) 725-1873 or email [stacybayton@gmail.com](mailto:stacybayton@gmail.com)

## Tuition Payment Plans

Tuition payment plans are short-term (12 months or less) installment plans which split your tuition into equal monthly payments. Many such plans are essentially interest-free, but some have fees or finance charges. Ask about the costs to you before using a tuition installment plan.

- **FACTS Tuition Management**  
[www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com)  
FACTS Tuition Management offers tuition management and budgeting services for educational institutions at all levels, from pre-school through post-graduate institutions.
- **Sallie Mae Tuition Pay**  
<https://tuitionpay.salliemae.com/>  
Sallie Mae's Tuition Pay lets you pay your tuition bill in small, monthly installments at more than 1,500 schools nationwide. The service is interest-free. An application fee is required. 1-800-635-0120.
- **Tuition Management Systems**  
[www.afford.com](http://www.afford.com)  
Tuition Management Systems provides tuition payment programs for kindergarten through college.

**The Military Child Education Coalition**

501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization, the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)'s work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition. The Military Child Education Coalition is proud to partner with many wonderful organizations, including [The USAA Educational Foundation](http://www.usaa.edu).



Go to <http://www.militarychild.org/> for more information about the different services they can offer you and your family.

**Military One Source can help!**

Military One Source can assist you in searching for hundreds of other Scholarships available for all Military branches of service, spouses and dependents.

Call Military One Source for more information at 1-800-342-9647  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)



**TRICARE Suspicious Calls**

Recently there has been a rash of calls to military personnel from individuals who claimed to be with DoD and requested information under the guise of it being a TRICARE national survey. They are asking for information such as your Social Security Number, home address, date of birth, etc. Additionally, the caller asked about deployment status and length of deployments. The phone number that these calls have been tracked from (312) 258-4260, however, there may be others. An investigation has been processed and the national and local TRICARE offices were contacted and verified they do conducted surveys and **they never request the above type personal information.**

If you receive a call from anyone about a TRICARE survey and believe it to be false, contact TRICARE at 800-444-5445. The below link is some added safeguard measures from the TRICARE website.  
<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Medical/RightsAndResponsibilities/ProtectingPersonalInformation>

**Remember your personal information is yours and you need to protect it.**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CENTER – MATSG-21**

**Services:** Substance abuse screenings, assessments, education and referrals

**Contacts:** James Pelzer, 452-9460 ext 3110, [james.pelzer@usmc.mil](mailto:james.pelzer@usmc.mil)

**Nancy Hull:** 452-9460 ext 3139, [nancy.hull@usmc.mil](mailto:nancy.hull@usmc.mil)

**Location:** MATSG-21, Building 3450, rooms B102 and B103

**100% PURE MARINE – NO ADDITIVES, NO PRESERVATIVES, DRUG FREE”**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we approach the holiday season, let me tell you a story about gratitude and thanksgiving.

"A ship was wrecked, and the only survivor washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He was exhausted. He cried out to God to save him. Every day he scanned the horizon, searching for help. Finally, he managed to build a rough hut and put his few articles in that hut."

"One day, coming home from hunting for food, he was stung with grief to see his little hut in flames and a cloud of smoke. The worst had happened. But early the next day, a ship drew in and rescued him."

He asked the crew, "How did you know I was here?"

They replied, "We saw your smoke signal."

Often when things are not going our way it is easy to get down and feel that all hope is loss. All we can see is the trouble in front of us. We focus on the trouble and can often miss the opportunity to see something good. If we can learn to give thanks even when all seems hopeless, we start to develop an attitude of gratitude.

## L.I.N.K.S. UPDATE

Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills provides information to all Marines and family members on the resources available and methods for meeting the challenges of the military lifestyle.

### **Upcoming Sessions for Spouses:**

- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ; 0830 - 1200;  
CO's Conference Room
- November 16<sup>th</sup>; 0830 - 1200;  
CO's Conference Room
- December 4<sup>th</sup>; 0830 - 1200;  
CO's Conference Room

### **Upcoming Sessions for Kids:**

- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> ; 1800 - 2100;  
CO's Conference Room
- December 5<sup>th</sup>, How the Grinch Stole Christmas Movie/Party; Ages 5 – 12;  
1300 – 1600; CO's Conference Room

Just maybe the difficulty you are experiencing now is a smoke signal that will lead to a greater blessings and opportunities.

I would like to extend a welcome aboard to RP1(FMF) Dorothy Bannister. RP1 Bannister checked on board the command on September 2, 2010. She is joining us from 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. Although RP1 has been in the United States Navy 15 years, she is no stranger to the Marine Corps. Her previous duties include MCB Hawaii, 1st MAW, 3rd MAW, MCAS Yuma, and 2D MARDIV. She deployed to Afghanistan with II Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

*Chaplain Tim Hall*  
(850) 452-9413



**A wild time was had by everyone who attended the 2nd annual MATSG-21 movie night/pajama party featuring Madagascar 2 and hosted by MCFTB!**

**To Register for MCFTB Programs or if you are interested in becoming a Family Readiness Assistants or a LINKS mentor, Contact Beth Austin at 850-452-9460 ext. 3012**

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# 2010 MATSG Luau



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# 2010 MATSG-21 MARINE & SPOUSE SOCIAL



**Thank you to all of the models and escorts and volunteers that assisted & participated in the Ball Gown Fashion Show!**



**A taste of fashion along with good company, entertainment, food & friends!**





# MATSG-21 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: 10 Dec 2010

WHERE: NATTC AS Hangar

TIME: 1800 - 2000

WHO: All MATSG-21 Permanent Staff & families

COST: FREE!

MATSG-21 Family Readiness would like to invite you and your family to our Annual Holiday Celebration!

This year we will have a celebration for all MATSG Marines and family members of all ages combined into one party!

There will be moon bouncers, and crafts for children of all ages and most importantly, Santa Clause will make his guest appearance to meet and greet the children.

Each child will receive a little something special from Santa himself and have an opportunity to take a picture with Mr. Clause himself!

As always, we will have a delicious Holiday Dinner prepared with all your favorite Desserts and refreshments!

Please don't forget to RSVP for this fabulous event! Be sure to include the number of adults and children that will be attending along with the children's ages.

(850) 452-9460 x3111

[Deborah.salerno-maye@usmc.mil](mailto:Deborah.salerno-maye@usmc.mil)

We look forward to seeing you there!



## HELPFUL NUMBERS

### NAS PENSACOLA

AMERICAN RED CROSS	(877)-272-7337
AMS-1 DUTY DESK	(850)-452-7090/7089
AMS-2 DUTY DESK	(850)-452-7092
BOQ	(850)-452-7076/7077/2755
CHAPLAIN	(850)-452-9413
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	(850)-452-2161/2211
DENTAL	(850)-452-5600
DEERS	(850)-505-6325
FAMILY HOUSING DEPARTMENT	(850)-452-4412
FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER (FFSC)	(850)-452-5990
FITNESS CENTER (RADFORD)	(850)-452-9845
FITNESS CENTER (PORTSIDE)	(850)-452-7810
GOLF COURSE	(850)-452-2454
HEADQUARTERS	(850)-452-3100 ext o
HOUSING	(850)-452-4412
HOUSING MAINTENANCE	(850)-452-5555
HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE (HRO)	(850)-452-3511
INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL (ITT)	(850)-452-6362
LEGAL	(850)-452-3733/3734
MATSG-21 HEADQUARTERS	(850)-452-9460
MORAL WELFARE AND RECREATION (MWR)	(850) 452-3806
NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM	(850)-452-3604
NEX AVIATION PLAZA CUSTOMER SERVICE	(850)-458-8884
NAVY HOUSING	(850)-452-4412
NAVY LODGE	(850)-456-8676
NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY	(850)-452-2300
NEWSPAPER (GOSPORT)	(850)-452-3100 ext 1490
PERSONNEL SUPPORT DETACHMENT (PSD)	(850) 452-3419
PHOTO LAB	(850)-452-4641
POST OFFICE	(850)-452-3391
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (PAO)	(850)-452-3100 ext 1519
QUARTERDECK (NASP)	(850)-452-3100
QUARTERDECK (NATTC)	(850)-452-7300
RED CROSS	(850)-452-2492
SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER	(850) 458-6588
STARBASE ATLANTIS	(850)-452-8287
UNITES SERVICES ORGANIZATION (USO)	(850)-433-2475
VETERINARIAN	(850)-452-3530
YOUTH CENTER	(850)-452-2423/2417

### CORRY STATION

CORRY MALL BARBER SHOP	(850)-458-8893
CHAPLAIN	(850)-452-6376
CILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	(850)-453-6286
COMMISSARY	(850)-452-6875/338
EXCHANGE	(850)-453-5311
FITNESS CENTER	(850)-452-6198

### NAVAL HOSPITAL

APPOINTMENTS	(850)-505-7171
INFORMATION	(850)-505-6601

American Red Cross: [www.Floridaredcross.org](http://www.Floridaredcross.org)

Childcare program available to all service members [www.sittercity.com/dod](http://www.sittercity.com/dod)

Employment Opportunities: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov);  
<https://www.donhr.navy.mil>  
[www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/](http://www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/);  
[www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc/](http://www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc/);  
[www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com);  
[www.jobstoponestop.com](http://www.jobstoponestop.com); [www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org);  
[www.careernet.com](http://www.careernet.com);  
[www.careeronestopshop.org](http://www.careeronestopshop.org);  
[www.careershop.org](http://www.careershop.org); [www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov) ;  
[www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com);  
[www.floridajobs.org/pdi.jobsearch](http://www.floridajobs.org/pdi.jobsearch);  
[www.jobsfed.com](http://www.jobsfed.com); [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com);  
[www.hotjobs.com](http://www.hotjobs.com); [www.employmentguide.com](http://www.employmentguide.com);  
[www.nationjob.com](http://www.nationjob.com) (for more listings, please contact the FRO)

Escambia County School Ratings:  
[https://ese2.escambia.k12.fl.us/eval\\_svc/sch\\_grades\\_all.asp](https://ese2.escambia.k12.fl.us/eval_svc/sch_grades_all.asp)

Fleet and Family Support Center:  
[www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc](http://www.naspensacola.navy.mil/ffsc)

Department of Veterans Affairs: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Discount vacations: [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)

Department of the Navy Civilian Human Resources: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil/>

Disaster Preparedness: [www.ready.gov/america/](http://www.ready.gov/america/)  
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>

Escambia County of Public Safety:  
[www.myescambia.com/Bureaus/PublicSafety/](http://www.myescambia.com/Bureaus/PublicSafety/)

List your home & view homes for sale or rent in locally and nationwide: <http://www.ahrn.com/> :  
<http://www.militarybyowner.com/> or  
<http://www.REmilitary.com/>

Marine Corps Community Services: [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org)

Military Child Organization: Ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children  
<http://www.militarychild.org/>

Military Home Front:  
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

Military OneSource: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

Military Spouse Employment Journal:  
<http://msccn.org/PDFs/MSEJ2009-v5-i1.pdf>

Military Spouse Network:  
[www.military.com/military-spouse-network](http://www.military.com/military-spouse-network)  
My Pay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

NAS Pensacola:  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/Pensacola/index.htm](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Pensacola/index.htm)

National Military Family Association:  
[www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org)

Operation Homefront:  
[www.operationhomefront.net/florida/default.aspx](http://www.operationhomefront.net/florida/default.aspx)

Operation Purple: [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org)

Helpful website for parents:  
<http://www.cdac.info/savvy-parent-forum.html>  
<http://www.militarychild.org/>

Pensacola Calendar of events:  
<http://www.visitpensacola.com/calendar/>

Pensacola Chamber of Commerce:  
<http://www.pensacolachamber.com/>

Pensacola Enlisted Spouse Organization:  
<http://hub.homefrontonline.com/peso/>

View all Officer Spouse Organization through cinchouse:  
<http://www.cinchouse.com/Hubs/tabid/90/Default.aspx>

Spouses of Student Aviators at NAS Whiting Field:  
<http://cinchouse.com/sosa/Home/tabid/2308/Default.aspx>

Tri-care: [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) Tri-care for expectant mothers: [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/parents](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/parents)  
or call 1-800-444-5445

USO: <http://www.uso.org/pensacola/>

USMC: [www.marines.mil/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.marines.mil/Pages/Default.aspx)