



(Feb. 19, 2018) ADAN Ryan Johnson tightens a bolt on an engine aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Theodore Roosevelt and its carrier strike group are deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations.

U.S. Navy photo by
MC3 Victoria Foley

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Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 2nd Class Faith Phillips signals to an MH-60 Sea Hawk helicopter pilot, assigned to the "Sea Knights" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22, as it approaches the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) during Exercise Cobra Gold 2018.

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1 island, 2 airports leaves 0 room for recreational drones

BY JOLENE SCHOLL

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Flying drones for recreational purposes can be a lot of fun. But drones, identified as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) by the Federal Aviation Administration, aren't toys and because they present a

hazard to training, Naval Air Station Key West has prohibited their use on all Navy properties in the Lower Keys.

The policy was initiated by COMUSFLTFORCOM directive O211900Z sent Navywide in June.

"Because of the unique geography of the Lower Keys, all commercial drone

activity that takes place within either NASKW or EYW Class Delta airspace requires an FAA Certificate of Authorization," said NAS Key West Air Traffic Control Officer Lt. Bradley Bennett.

The Navy property, including land and over water, falls under NAS restricted air space. The

military operations air-space, which extends to 30,000 square miles, is used for combat air training.

The rules for recreational flying in the City of Key West are also restrictive because the entire island falls within a five-mile perimeter of Key West International Airport (EYW). Any pilot wanting

to fly a drone - whether on Key West or off the coast of Key West - must contact Key West International air traffic control.

Officials at Key West air traffic control say they discourage recreational drone flights because of the small island's busy air space.

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SGLI now found online; no more paper

FROM NAVY PERSONNEL
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sailors and families who log into the Servicemember's Group Life Insurance Online Enrollment System for the first time may be surprised when they see there is no beneficiary information listed.

"Your SGLI coverage is still in place," said Ann Stewart, director, Pay and Personnel Department, Navy Personnel Command. "Sailors who log into SOES for the first time will have to input their beneficiary information manually. That is why there is no infor-

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TESTING THE WATERS



U.S. Navy Photo by MC3 Arnesia McIntyre

AWSS2 Jake Speckhals, Columbia, Missouri, assigned to the Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron (HM) 14, conducts lookout during airborne mine countermeasures training out of Naval Air Station Key West. HM-14 and HM-15, from Norfolk, Virginia, fly MH-53E Sea Dragons, and are here for Helicopter Advance Readiness Program training.



Feb. 24

1959 - USS Galveston (CLG 3) fired the first Talos surface-to-air missile.

Feb. 25

1933 - USS Ranger (CV 4), the US Navy's first true aircraft carrier, is launched.

Feb. 26

1944 - Sue Sophia Dauser, Superintendent of the Navy's Nurse Corps, is the first woman in the Navy to receive rank of captain.

Feb. 27

1973 - First airborne mine sweep in a live minefield takes place in Haiphong, Vietnam from Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Twelve.

Feb. 28

1893 - The first true U.S. Navy battleship, USS Indiana (BB 1), launches.

March 1

1991 - Following USS Missouri's (BB 63) bombardment of Faylaka Island during Operation Desert Storm, hundreds of Iraqi soldiers wave white flags and surrender to the battleships Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) flying overhead.

March 2

1973 - The first four female U.S. Navy pilots begin training. The women are: Lt. j.g. Barbara A. Allen; Lt. j.g. Judith A. Neuffer; Ensign Jane M. Skiles and Ensign Kathleen L. McNary.

A legacy moves on

Today I heard that one of my spiritual heroes had passed away,

Born in 1918, the Rev. Billy Graham has died at 99 years of age.

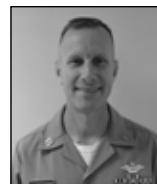
It was hard to hear the news this morning as I was driving from Bible Study to my office.

I first saw the Rev. Graham when I was 16 years old and attending one of his crusades in Columbia, South Carolina. That evening I made a decision to go into full-time ministry.

The impact that Billy Graham had on me then has remained inspiring to this day. From the

books he has written to his children's ministries, I am forever thankful and blessed to have seen such a Godly individual.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



NAS Key West
Command Chaplain

Lt. Cmdr.

Scott Mason

This is almost akin to watching our friends move away in the military. The great thing is that we will always be able to say we were blessed by that person and we may one day see them again.

With that, I would like to leave you with a quote from Billy

Graham himself:

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

Thank you, Billy Graham, for being a servant for God's kingdom.

Please join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the Sigsbee Community Center for worship service with our praise band and children's church. Visit our Facebook page (Truman Chapel) for upcoming events.

If you are in need of chaplain care, please call your chaplains at 305-293-2318, Naval Air Station Key West, or 305-292-8788, Coast Guard Sector Key West.

UAS

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There is also concern for the hazard drones present to bystanders.

The FAA requires UAS "pilots" be at least 16 and have passed the FAA aeronautical test. The UAS also must be registered with the FAA.

If the UAS flight is for com-

mercial purposes - to film a parade, a wedding or even photograph a house for insurance or real estate purposes - must submit a COA request to the FAA.

"The average time to obtain a COA is four - eight months," Bennett noted.

Information on recreational and commercial requirements can be found at the FAA's website, www.faa.gov/uas. The FAA also has a smart phone appli-

cation, B4UFly, which provides information on a UAS user's planned operational area.

If someone spots a drone flying over Navy property, they should notify security personnel and provide the following information: Location, description of the UAS, direction of travel and a description of the person operating the drone. If possible, they should also try to take a photo or film of the drone.



CONCHY'S FAMOUS!

Conchy, the wild flamingo that settled in along the runway at Boca Chica Field in 2015, is contributing to research by scientists who are trying to determine if flamingos are native to Florida, not exotic visitors from the Bahamas or runaways from introduced groups. The American Ornithological Society journal 'The Condor,' published a paper Feb. 21 on the subject and NPR followed up with a story about that research. Read the story at <http://wlrn.org/post/case-not-missing-flamingos-south-florida-detective-story>.

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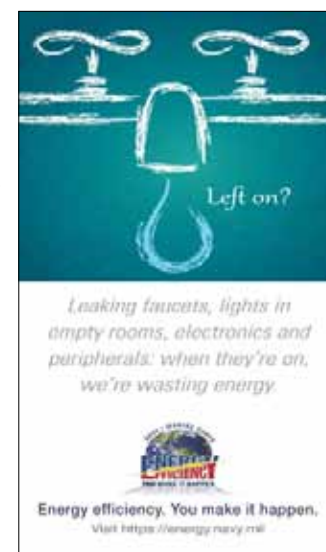
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Team Navy trials begin for 2018 Warrior Games

BY MC2 MICHAEL LOPEZ
Navy Region Southeast

The Team Navy trials for the 2018 DOD Warrior Games began Monday at Naval Station Mayport, where over 70 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coastguardsmen are competing for a spot to represent the Navy in this year's DOD Warrior Games.

Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor and NAVSTA Mayport are hosting the trials, in which athletes will qualify in eight adaptive sports: archery, cycling, wheelchair basketball, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field.

The top-performing athletes will fill 40 competi-

tive spots and five alternative spots on Team Navy.

"We hope the trials and the DoD Warrior Games pull athletes out of whatever they may be struggling with," said Lt. Cmdr. Therese Pederson, Navy Region Southeast Warrior Games Trials coordinator. "We hope this gives them something to focus on while achieving success in a sport that they may not have thought they could do before."

Both first time and returning athletes from all over the country will be competing in the trials to participate in sports they're familiar with while also trying their hands in sports they've never attempted.

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VIGILANTE REPAIR



U.S. Navy Photo Jolene Scholl

AM1 Dennis Crawford of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, Naval Air Station Key West detachment, examines the tail panel of an RA-5C Vigilante Feb. 16 in preparation to repair damage from Hurricane Irma. The Vigilante, on display at Boca Chica Field, flew at the airfield in the 1960s and 1970s.

Briefly...

Black history event set

The Multicultural Heritage Committee hosts an African American/Black History Month Celebration from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday at Bldg. A-515, Boca Chica. The celebration will feature history and a guest speaker, Search and Rescue Officer Lt. Cmdr. Napoleon "Poison" DeVeaux. For more information, email PRC Michael Dees at michael.dees@navy.mil.

FSA tax help at FFSC

Facilitated Self Assistance for tax preparation provides taxpayers with the resources to file taxes electronically, with guidance from an IRS-certified volunteer. FSA volunteers will be available at Fleet and Family

Support Center through April 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For additional information, or to volunteer, call ACC Kathleen Arcan at 305-293-2840 or email kathleen.arcan@navy.mil.

Bible study resumes

Naval Air Station Key West Religious Ministries Department is once again hosting men's and women's Bible study on a weekly basis. The Men's Ministry (studying "33 Series") will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Fleet and Family Support Center. The Woman of the Chapel program (studying "Uninvited") will meet from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Sigsbee Community Center and from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at FFSC. For information, call 305-293-2318.

Cleanup on BPK

Volunteers are needed to assist Reef Relief for another cleanup at the Big Pine Key Avenues on Saturday. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Big Pine Key Park and Community Center. For more information, visit the Reef Relief events page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/956342087865352/?ti=icl>

CSADD seeks members

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions is currently looking for new members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Air Ops Conference Room.

For more information, email AZCS (AW) Amy-Shirelle Santos at amy-shirelle.santos@navy.mil.

Naval Air Station
KEY WEST

Meet a Teammate

Job Title: Mass Communications Specialist

Hometown: Pensacola, Florida

Prior Duty Stations: ACB-1, Coronado, California, and USS America (LHA 6)

Hobbies: Reading, traveling and shopping.

Most Interesting Experience: Riding a camel in Dubai.

Future plans: Get my bachelor's degree.

**MC3
Arnesia McIntyre**

MWR Update

MSW bingo

Military Saves Week is now through March 2 and Fleet & Family Support Center, MWR and Keys Federal Credit Union have teamed up to provide training classes, special events and giveaways throughout the week to promote savings by military members and DOD civilians.

Military Saves Bingo Night is 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Sigsbee Community Center. Eight games will be played.

The event is open to MWR authorized patrons.

CC softball

Games start March 19 and are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 & 6 p.m. Rosters are due March 12 and can be submitted to kwathletics@gmail.com. The league is capped at eight teams because of limited game time availability.

For additional details, call 305-797-7791.

Craft night

MWR Community Recreation offers a number of crafting opportunities each month at the Sigsbee Community Center. All supplies are provided and patrons are welcome to bring their favorite beverages. Most activities are open to children unless stated otherwise.

Pre-registration is required. To register, make full payment at the Tickets & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park.

Wednesday: Craft Night - Nautical Wreath

Recreation events

MWR Community Recreation offers events each month that offer the opportunity to explore Key West and other sites. All transportation departs from the Sigsbee Community Center across from the dog park.

To reserve your seat, make payment at the Ticket & Travel Office on Sigsbee Park. For pricing and more event details call 305-563-0364 or visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events.

Saturday: Islamorada Nautical Flea Market Shuttle

Saturday: Snorkeling 101

Tuesday: Military Saves Bingo Night

March 3: Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters Trip

March 11: Calla Ocho Festival Trip

Navigator's music

Navigator's Bar at the Boca Chica Marina has live entertainment during the season from 6 - 9 p.m. For additional details, call 305-293-2468 or visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/events

Saturday: Tom Taylor

March 3: Roger Jokela

March 9: Brian Fields

Sunset Lounge

Live entertainment and free events are at the Sunset Lounge in Sigsbee Park overlooking the water. All events are from 6 - 9 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

Friday: Karaoke with DJ Gunz

March 2: Karaoke with DJ Gunz

March 8: Karaoke with DJ Gunz

Pickleball

Open pickleball is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays on the Sigsbee Tennis Courts. Pickleball is a racket sports that combines the elements of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. For more information call 305-293-2480 or email kwathletics@gmail.com.

Single Sailor

The Liberty Program offers events and activities for single or unaccompanied E-6 and below. Follow on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MWRLibertyKeyWest or register for text updates by texting request to 305-797-4468. Contact Maria for upcoming events at 305-797-4468. This month's activities:

Saturday: Southernmost Room Escape - \$25

Sunday: Art, Craft & Eat at the Barracks Courtyard from noon - 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Military Saves bingo at Sigsbee Community Center from 6 - 8 p.m.

Exercise classes

The fitness center on Boca Chica has returned to regular hours: 5 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

All fitness classes are free to authorized patrons and are designed for all fitness levels, from beginner to advanced. The fitness schedule is subject to

change without notice due to base schedule changes and shifts as well as staffing. Call 305-293-2480 for more information.

Monday

Yoga - 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

Wednesday

Cycling Power Hour - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Boca Chica Cycling Studio

Thursday

Gentle Yoga - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Sigsbee Community Center

Cardio Caliente - application form visit www.NavyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

Job opportunities MWR Website

There are currently a number of open positions within MWR and NGIS. There is an urgent need for full time and flex Child Care Workers, bartenders and maintenance workers but many other positions available. For a full list of open positions and a PDF

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MWR SPORTS

CAPTAIN'S CUP
SOFTBALL
★ 2018 ★

Rosters due Monday, March 12
Games start Monday, March 19

Games played every Monday & Wednesday at 5 and 6 p.m.
League capped at 8 teams.

Email rosters and/or questions to: kwathletics@gmail.com
or call 305-797-7791

Trials

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"I've always been active and athletic," said Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Cassidy Busch, a first-time Team Navy athlete. "I've really missed getting to be involved in sports and fitness like I was before, and the DoD Warrior Games just kind of fell into my lap as a way for

me to be better and push myself at something new and exciting."

The Team Navy athletes, their families and caregivers arrived in Jacksonville Feb. 16, for informational events before beginning training for the trials. The athletes trained until the trials, then go into competition mode to earn their spot in the various sports until the final day of the trials Friday.

"This is something that pushes me mentally and physically," said Busch. "We're all doing things adaptively that we may have never even tried before and it makes you utilize your mind and body in a different way than an able-bodied person would attempt the same thing, but the people here really make it a bonding experience as a healing process we're all going through together."

With athletes competing at NAVSTA Mayport's fitness facilities, and the nearby Hannah Park, Fletcher High School and Jacksonville University, many local spectators are expected to attend the events to show their support.

"The important thing is that athletes get to become part of a team again," said Meagan McAllister, an adaptive athletics coordinator. "Many have been in places where they feel isolated, so it's important that they're around their Navy family and community in a fun team-building environment. I think this environment can show these athletes how much hope they have around them."

After the conclusion of the trials, active duty service members and veterans representing teams from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and U.S. Special Operations Command, as well as the Australian Defence Force and the United Kingdom Armed Forces, will go head to head at the DOD Warrior Games at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2-9.

The DOD Warrior Games is an annual event recognizing the importance adaptive sports plays in the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans.

Participation in the DoD Warrior Games allows service members and veterans to build a supportive social network and develop relationships with other athletes, giving them a sense of community on their path to recovery.

This week at FFSC

IA Spouse & Family

Monday, 9 - 10 a.m., FFSC

Meet and catch up with other IA families in the area and explore some of their unique challenges. The time together helps make connections with other families facing similar issues. Register with Amanda Slater by calling 305-293-2766 or email amanda.slater@navy.mil.

Military Saves Week

Friday - March 2

Attend a Personal Financial Management (Workshop offered at your command or department throughout the month of February. Explore the basics of credit, money management, saving/investing, and TSP. Learn how military members just like you are committing to financial goals and building the foundations for a lifetime of financial freedom. See the POW, your CFS, or call Dave Patrocky for additional details at 305-293-3770.

FSA Tax Help

Facilitated Self Assistance for tax preparation provides taxpayers with the resources to file taxes electronically, with guidance from an IRS-certified volunteer. FSA volunteers will be available at Fleet and Family Support Center through April 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information, or if you'd like to volunteer, call ACC Arcan at 305-293-2840 or email kathleen.arcan@navy.mil.


FFSC offers many services including deployment support, relocation assistance, family employment readiness, life skills education, personal financial management, crisis incident response and training, sexual assault prevention and response, ombudsman support, transition assistance management, family advocacy and professional counseling. For more information or to request services, call 305-293-4408 or visit the center at 804 Sigsbee Rd., Sigsbee Park.

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has to offer: restaurants and bars, sports and fitness, child care, leisure recreation, pool and splash parks, special events, gear rentals, marinas, lodging, discounted attraction tickets and more.

Go to the Apple or Android store and search for: NavyMWR Key West. Have it all at your fingertips and make the most of what MWR has to offer. Other sources of information are Facebook and Twitter "NAS Key West MWR" and the Weekly Activities Sheet. Email mwrnaskw@gmail.com.



NAS KEY WEST 2018 MILITARY SAVES WEEK

TUE, FEB
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BINGO NIGHT
Prizes, raffles, snacks & fun from 6-8 p.m.
at the Sigsbee Community Center.

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MILITARY SAVES FAIR & COOKOUT
Chiefs Mess Parking Lot at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Win \$500
& other prizes in the Keys Federal Credit Union Money Booth.

Events are open to all-hands.
For info call 305-293-4409.

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mation the first time you use the system. But rest assured, that that form you previously filled out to designate your SGLI beneficiaries remains valid, until you register with the SOES.”

The Navy announced the launch of online SGLI enrollment in NAVADMIN 085/17 in April 2017 as part of a DOD and Veterans Administration joint effort, to allow active duty and eligible reserve and National Guard members to review their group and family coverage online.

SOES is the online replacement for the paper form SGLI Election and Certificate, SGLV 8286. The new system eliminates unclear designations and missing or incomplete forms

and problems identified with the paper-based system as well as ensures all insurance holders receive the latest information about changes affecting their coverage.

The goal is for all Navy members to provide beneficiary name(s), share(s) of proceeds and certify their record with a digital signature by April 2018.

While the SOES enables active duty and eligible reserve members to manage their group and family coverage online, there are some Sailors who shouldn't use the system. Sailors who already have a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account created by a Regional Legal Service Office attorney should not use SOES to update their SGLI designations. Sailors with a testamentary trust or a testamentary custo-

dial account who have registered with SOES should see their RLSO to reinstate their trust and/or account. Sailors interested in creating a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account should also see their RLSO and not use the SOES.

Here's how to input beneficiary information in SOES:

1. Visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect.
2. Sign into milConnect on this page with your command access card (CAC). The green button is located in the upper right corner.
3. After signing in, you will be sent back to the milConnect front page. The menu bar will now display multiple options, one of which is 'BENEFITS.'
4. Click on the 'BENEFITS' drop-down menu and click on 'LIFE INSURANCE.'

5. On the following page, scroll down to the blue continue button and click it (it may take two tries).

6. The following page provides you with your current Defense Eligibility Enrollment System information that must be verified. When finished reviewing, click continue.

7. The following page is where you can make your beneficiary selections. If this is your first time logging in, you will not see any beneficiary information listed. This does not mean

you are not covered. You remain covered if you have previously filled out and signed an SGLI paper form. Please input your beneficiary selections into SOES. 8. After making your selections, click on the 'YOUR COVERAGE' tab and select the blue 'CONFIRM AND CERTIFY' button in the bottom right.

9. The next screen will ask you to make some legal declarations. Review and check the appropriate boxes and click 'CONTINUE.'

10. You will be asked if you

want to print a preview of the document. This is an uncertified copy for review. A certified copy is available at the end of the process. Click to continue.

11. Next, you will be asked for an electronic signature. Provide your full name and email address and click to continue.

12. The system will provide you an effective date for your SGLI election.

13. Print or email your certified document by navigating to the "Print/Save Certificate" tab.

NAS Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Bartender - The Navigator Bar at Boca Chica Marina seeks a part-time bartender. Pick up an application at The Navigator or download a copy at www.navyMWRKeyWest.com/jobs. Follow directions on the website to turn in applications to MWR/HR. Call 305-293-2402 if you

have questions.

Sloppy Joe's Bar seeks security staff. Candidates must possess customer service skills, sound judgment and good decision making. Prior security, martial arts or military experience is a plus. Sign-on bonus after 90 days. Contact Jodi Novosel at 305-296-2388, ext. 123

or email jodi@sloppyjoes.com.

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Affairs Office by email, jolene.scholl@navy.mil; mail, P.O. Box 9001, Key West, FL 33040-9001; or fax submissions to 305-293-2627. Unless otherwise directed, ads will run for four issues. Name and phone number must accompany all requests in order for them to be considered for publication. Ccall 305-293-2425.

Safety is everyone's job!

2018 Total Military and Civilian Mishaps: 0
Military - 0; Civilian - 0

Days since last civilian DART* mishap: 111

Days since last military mishap: 305

* **DART** (Days Away, Restricted/Transferred) – a mishap that results in light duty, days off or work transfer due to injury.



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