



(Feb. 12, 2018) BMSN Tyler Aytes strips paint from a bulkhead 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.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Michael Hogan

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An MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the 'Battlecats' of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 73, lands on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

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NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST, FLORIDA

NAS observes Presidents Day

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Naval Air Station Key West administrative offices are closed Monday in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Presidents Day was originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, which was traditionally celebrated on Washington's birth date of Feb. 22.

The holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after the observance was moved to the third Monday in February as part of the 1971 Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which created more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all presidents past and present.

In addition to the installation offices, All Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities also are closed, except for the following:

Fly Away Café, Boca Chica Marina: 10 a.m. - 7

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PREPPING FOR FLIGHT



U.S. Navy photo by Jolene Scholl

Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadrons 14 and 15 are at Naval Air Station Key West for the Helicopter Advanced Readiness Program. The squadrons, from Norfolk, Virginia, have seven MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopters.

Flags to fly at half-staff for victims of Florida school shooting

FROM NAVY NEWS SERVICE

President Donald Trump signed a presidential proclamation Thursday honoring the victims of Wednesday's school shooting in

Parkland, Florida. Flags will fly at half-staff until sunset Monday.

Seventeen students and adults were killed and another 14 hospitalized after a former student opened fire on students at

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School near the end of the school day. Parkland is northwest of Miami, near Coral Springs.

The proclamation reads: "Our Nation grieves with those who have lost loved

ones in the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of vio-

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Feb. 16

1815 - The frigate Constitution captures British ship Susannah, despite the War of 1812 being over six weeks earlier. Word is slow getting to the fleet.

Feb. 17

1942 - The first Construction Battalion (Seabees) arrives in the Pacific during World War II at Bora Bora.

Feb. 18

1846 - Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft issues the General Order to change Larboard to Port for identification of the left side of a sailing vessel.

Feb. 19

1945 - Following pre-invasion naval gunfire and aerial bombardment, Marines land on Iwo Jima, securing the island on March 16.

Feb. 20

1962 - USMC Lt. Colonel John Glenn is the first American to orbit the Earth.

Feb. 21

1991 - During Operation Desert Storm, AV-8B aircraft from Marine Attack Squadron (MAS) 331 conduct the first of 243 sorties off the deck of USS Nassau (LHA 4).

Feb. 22

1974 - Lt. j.g. Barbara Ann (Allen) Rainey becomes the first Navy-designated female aviator. She died in an aircraft crash in 1982 while performing her duties as a flight instructor.

'Stay classy'

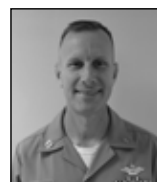
I really enjoy watching the Winter Olympics and watching young, as well as seasoned, athletes participate and represent our wonderful nation.

With today's technology I am able to watch many of the interviews of these great men and women. They expressed gratitude and a humbleness, speaking of the support of family, friends, coaches and their communities. It was refreshing and encouraging to see these "classy" examples of those who are making a difference in our society.

I am reminded of another person in scripture who was a good example of "classiness" - Ruth. Ruth, 1: 16 - 17, "But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you.

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.'"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



NAS Key West
Command Chaplain

Lt. Cmdr.
Scott Mason

"Look, I'll go with you. Don't ask me to leave you, or to forsake you, or to return back to my family. Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people will be my people; your God will be my God.

God forbid if anything but death should separate us."

We see this verse used in marriage vows. We can also use this example in everyday life so as not to stray from what God intends us to do and be good examples of His kingdom.

As Ron Burgundy once said to his city, "I want to say to Children of God, 'Stay classy.'"

Please come and 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. Please 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.

CIVILIANS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Navy photo by Jolene Scholl



U.S. Navy photo by Gidget Johns

Naval Air Station Key West Lead Administrative Assistant Johan Flores, *above left*, and Child and Youth Programs Director Christina Chaves, *at right*, were recognized Feb. 14 by Commanding Officer Capt. Bobby Baker with the "Civilian in the Spotlight" awards for their hurricane recovery efforts. Flores helped military members and civilians with travel claims and Chaves managed the Child Development Center move to the Youth Center while the CDC building was being repaired.

Holiday

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p.m.

Navigator's Bar, Boca Chica Marina: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

NGIS front desk, Bldg. A-648

on Boca Chica Field: Open 24 hours

Sigsbee Marina: 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Vacation Rentals, Trumbo Point: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The MWR **Auto Skills Center** will close at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The **Navy Exchange** on Sigsbee Park and the **mini-marts on Trumbo Point and Boca Chica Field** are open for holiday hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The **Commissary** on Sigsbee Park is closed Mondays and unaffected by the holiday.

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NEX A-OK program open

FROM NEXCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy Exchange Service Command has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997.

The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be at the end of March 2017.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the

student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include dependent children of active duty members, reservists and military retirees. Students must be enrolled in first through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual dependent identification card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID which entitles the student to discount coupons for NEX products.

SHINY SIGHT TO SEA



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cody Babin

The USNS City of Bismarck moors at Naval Air Station Key West's Mole Pier Feb. 13 to pick up supplies while on a routine cruise. The Bismarck, the same class ship as the USNS Spearhead, is expected to be in Key West for about a week.

Briefly...

Cleanup on BPK

Volunteers are needed to assist Reef Relief for another cleanup at the Big Pine Key Avenues on Feb. 24. 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>.

CFSA 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. - 4 p.m.,

Monday - Friday. For additional call ACC Arcan at 305-293-2840 or email Kathleen.arcan@navy.mil.

CSADD wing cook-off

Southernmost CSADD (Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions) will be hosting its 2nd Annual Chicken Wing Cook-off, on Feb. 23. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. A command trophy will be awarded to the division of the first place winner for a year's worth of bragging rights.

Southernmost CSADD is also actively looking for new members to join. Meetings are at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Air Operations Conference room, Boca Chica Field. For more information on the cook-off or becoming

a CSADD member, contact ET2 Dennis at 305-293-2734 or email socorro.m.dennis@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. Wednesdays 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 the Fleet and Family Support Center.

For more information, call the chaplain's office at 305-293-2318.

Naval Air Station
KEY WEST



Meet a Teammate

Job Title: Port Ops

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

Prior Duty Stations: USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77)

Hobbies: Football, working out, painting and music.

Most Interesting Experience: Deployment 2016 - 2017, Dubai, London - my homes-away-from homes.

Future plans: Future firefighter, fitness trainer.



**DC3
Brad Graham Jr.**

MWR Update

Lawn movie

Community Recreation is hosting an outdoor movie night on Saturday featuring "Justice League," rated PG-13. The film will begin at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lounge on Sigsbee Park.

The movie is free and open to all MWR authorized patrons. Enjoy the Sunset Lounge kid's menu and dinner specials - no outside food or beverages. Bring a chair to enjoy from row lawn seating. For more information, call or text 305-563-0364.

MSW bingo

Military Saves Week is Feb. 26 - 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., Feb. 27, at the Sigsbee Community Center. Eight games will be played. The event is open to MWR authorized patrons.

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: String Art Workshop, 6 - 8 p.m.

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.

Feb. 24: Islamorada Nautical Flea Market Shuttle

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: Island Time

Feb. 23: Tom Taylor

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

Feb. 23: Karaoke with DJ Gunz

March 2: 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:

Friday: Game Night at the Barracks at 6 p.m.

Saturday: Jet Ski Tour - \$99

Sunday: Musician Jam Session at Beach Patio at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Arts & Crafts Night at Sigsbee Community Center at 6 p.m.

Thursday: Movie Night at the Barracks "The

Snowman" at 6 p.m.

Feb. 24: Southernmost Room Escape - \$25

Feb. 25: Art, Craft & Eat at the Barracks Courtyard from noon - 3 p.m.

Feb. 27: 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 fit-

ness schedule is subject to change without notice. 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 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sigsbee Community Center

MWR Website

MWR has a new website and APP that provides our

patrons with a full list of facilities, programs, services and current employment opportunities. Visit www.navymwrkeywest.com to find out what MWR has to offer: restaurants and bars, sports and fitness, child care, leisure recreation, pool and splash parks, special events and more.

Visit your Apple or Android APP 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.

MWR FACILITY UPDATE



Airlanes Bowling Center is now open. Its hours of operation are 3 - 10 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and noon - 6 p.m. Saturdays. For parties and functions, call 305-293-2976.

Airlanes Grill is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 - 11 a.m. (breakfast) and 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. (lunch and dinner); and Saturdays from noon - 6 p.m.

The Child Development Center (CDC) has reopened; its hours of operation are 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Friday. The SAC will transition back into the main building but the Youth/Teen Center will remain closed until further notice.

Navy Getaways Vacation Rentals: All reservation remain canceled through April 1. Reservations aren't available at this time.

Navy Getaways Campgrounds are open. Reservations are required by calling 877-NAVY-BED. The campground office is open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. The office number is 305-293-4432; please note, reservations won't be taken at this number.

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MAKING FINANCIAL SENSE



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Fleet and Family Support Center's Work and Family Life Specialist Dave Patrocky, *far left*, discusses how to save money by shopping at the Commissary with Sailors and Coast Guardsmen attending the Command Financial Specialist Training this week at Bldg. A-515, Boca Chica Field. Once certified, each will serve as the CFS for the command or department. The training is a precursor to the annual Military Saves Week, which is Feb. 26 - March 2.

Nine ways to make your tax refund count

FROM AMERICA SAVES

Depending on your unique financial goals, that money could be put towards debt reduction, college savings or growing your retirement fund. Here are nine ideas of what you could do with your tax refund this year.

Get ahead of loan payments: Prioritizing high-interest debt can help reduce how much you'll end up paying overall by decreasing or eliminating the interest that would otherwise accrue.

Prepare for the unexpected: Nearly six in 10 Americans don't have enough savings to cover a \$500 or \$1,000 unplanned expense. While experts recommend keeping three-

nine months of take-home income in an emergency fund, even \$500 can be helpful in the case of unexpected health care, housing, or auto expenses.

Contribute to your retirement savings: Consider setting aside some or all of your tax refund in a savings account or individual retirement account (or IRA) for anticipated retirement expenses.

Grow college savings: The sooner you start to save for education, the less debt you're likely to have to take on when the tuition bill arrives.

Build an investment portfolio: If you're already investing or looking to get started, you could use a portion of your tax refund to contribute to or start an

investment portfolio. While investments can be a more reliable savings medium over the long-run, it does involve risk.

Remodel your home: You might be able to increase the value of your home, and therefore your net worth, by using your tax refund to pay for upgrades or repairs. Consider installing energy-efficient features to save both energy and money on your monthly utility bills.

Donate to charity: Pay it forward by donating a portion of your tax refund to a philanthropic cause. If you decide to use your tax refund for something else, remember that time can be just as valuable as money! You can always volunteer yourself instead of cutting a check.

Invest in your career: If you're looking for the next step in your professional life, consider using your tax refund for professional training or continuing education classes. Investing in yourself and your career can help increase your long-run financial stability.

Take a vacation: If all of your financial obligations are taken care of, treat yourself to a vacation to help you relax and recharge for this upcoming year.

Let Military Saves help you make the most of your refund. It all starts when you make a commitment to save. Military Saves will keep you motivated with information, advice, tips, and reminders to help you reach your goal - <https://militarysaves.org/bog/>.

This week at FFSC

Welcome Aboard

Wednesday, 8 - 9 a.m., FFSC

Participants will learn to locate community and base resources, helping them to adjust to their new area with minimal stress and maximum success. Register with Amanda Slater by calling 305-293-2766 or email amanda.slater@navy.mil.

IA Spouse & Family Discussion

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.

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.



Presidents DAY

All MWR facilities will be closed on Mon., Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents Day except the following:

- Fly Away Cafe at Navigator's: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Navigator's Bar: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- NGIS Bldg. A-648 on Boca Chica: 24 hours
- Sigsbee Marina: 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Vacation Rentals: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NOTE: The Auto Skills Center will close at 1 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 17, 2018



Kids Fun Day = family

**FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

It was a busy afternoon Saturday as military families flocked to Sigsbee Park for Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual Kids Fun Day. An estimated 650 people attended the event, which featured carnival rides,

giant inflatables, games, music and other activities. The event was supported by: USAA, Waste Management, Fury Water Adventures, Navy League Key West Council, Military Affairs Committee, Key West Area Chief Petty Officers Association and the Southernmost VFW Post 3911.





U.S. Navy photos by Danette Baso Silvers

ASF GRADUATES



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Cody Babin

Naval Air Station Key West Executive Officer Cmdr. Greg Brotherton, *far left*, and Commanding Officer Capt. Bobby Baker, *far right*, are shown Thursday with Sailors who completed the Auxiliary Security Force training program. The AFS graduates will support security forces in various duties, including manning access gates at NAS annexes.

Flags

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lence perpetrated on Feb. 14, 2018, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that

the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories

and possessions until sunset, Feb. 19, 2018.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations."

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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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. Call 305-293-2425.

Energy myths and realty

FROM NAVY ENERGY

Myth: Always fill up your tank with premium gasoline to ensure the optimal performance of your car.

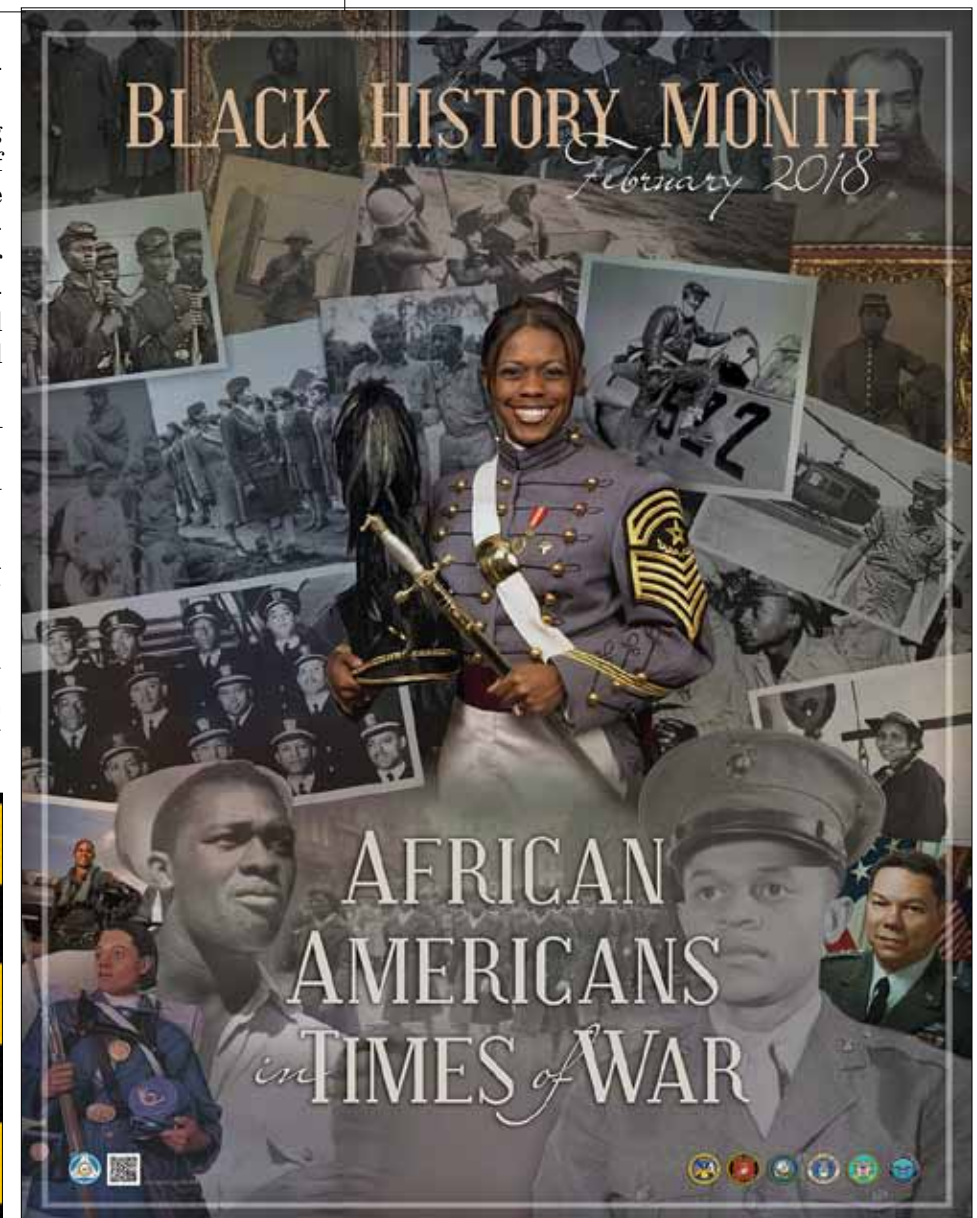
Reality: Different engines have different octane requirements. Octane is not a measure of the fuel's power or quality.

Using a higher octane does not necessarily increase the engine's performance, so check your

owner's manual to find out what's right for your car.

Not only could you be spending too much for your gasoline by buying too high an octane gasoline, but producing higher octane fuels uses more crude oil than producing lower octane fuels.

For more information on how to conserve energy and learn more about your energy choices, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/energy/energywarrior/>.



Safety is everyone's job!

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

Days since last civilian DART* mishap: 104

Days since last military mishap: 298

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

Edward P. Donohue
NAS Key West Safety Manager
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Information as of Feb. 14, 2018