

## NAS Jacksonville named Navy's finest air station



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**Sailors attached to the NAS JAX Transient Line conduct routine maintenance on the flight line arresting gear to maintain mission readiness, Sept. 14, 2020.**

**By MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim**  
*Editor*

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) began 2021 on a high note after being named second in the 2021 Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Installation Excellence Award (IEA) (large category), announced by VADM Yancy Lindsey, CNIC, Jan. 6. Naval Support Activity Bahrain took first place. CNIC comprises 10 regions and more than 70 bases worldwide.

Receiving second place names NAS Jax as the finest naval air station in the world, which exemplifies the high standard of excellence in operations, mission readiness, training and response, as well as the stellar work by our Sailors and civilians.

“Not only is this a tremendous achievement,” said Capt. Brian Weiss, NAS Jax commanding officer, “But our placement also gets at the undisputed fact that NAS Jax consistently performs and remains at the top, locking in our position as the number one naval air station in the world.”

“Simply put, ‘we serve the fleet’, providing the very best customer service to the warfighters and their families,” Weiss added. “Each of you had a role in this achievement, and I would be remiss if I didn’t thank you for your hard work and dedication. Stand proud – you continue to set the standard that all other

installations are measured by.”

By maintaining its status as the world’s top naval air station, NAS Jax continues to demonstrate its unwavering excellence in supporting the Navy’s mission worldwide, despite the hurdles of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operationally, NAS Jax and tenant commands served as the launching point for two Naval Hospital Jacksonville Expeditionary Medical Facilities in response to COVID, provided warfighter support to the USS Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Composite Training Exercise (C2X), controlled more than 44,000 incident-free flight operations for 16 tenant squadrons; CSG C2X; and five training detachments, supported 132 search and rescue training evolutions-qualifying 842 rescue swimmers.

In addition to mission operations, NAS Jax hosted visits by Vice President Mike Pence, Second Lady Karen Pence, Secretary of Labor, two Secretaries of the Navy, and the Norwegian Prime Minister, among others.

Quality of life and morale met the challenges of the pandemic as Unaccompanied Housing and Navy Gateway Inns and Suites managed and housed more than 800 Navy Region Southeast Sailors during restrictions-of-movement, the galley served nearly 200,000 meals while maintaining COVID mitigation standards, and NAS Jax leadership held five pandemic-friendly



**Naval Air Crewman (Helicopter) 2nd Class Zachary Moore jumps from a MH-60R “Seahawk” belonging to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74 during a water rescue training in the St. Johns River near Naval Air Station Jacksonville, July 30, 2019.**

outreach events to honor Sailors of the Quarter; ombudsmen; and recently frocked petty officers.

Beyond the mission, operations, and personnel, NAS Jax also reduced its energy consumption by 2 percent from FY19 - a savings of \$830,000; teamed with Balfour Beatty Homes to install solar panels to on-base housing, and saw more than 240 volunteers retrieve 2.5 tons of debris from the installation shoreline along the St. Johns River.

In addition to these achievements, First Coast Navy Fire and Emergency Services received recognition as the Navy Large Fire Department of the Year, CNRSE Fire Prevention Program of the Year, and Paramedic of the Year.

Lindsey congratulated the winners on a job well done, adding that the nominees were highly competitive. “It was very difficult to select only three finalists in each category this year,” said Lindsey. “To all of our installations and activities across the enterprise, thank you for your outstanding leadership and world-class support of the fleet, fighter and family. I am extremely proud of all you do, day-in and day-out, for our Navy and our nation.”

The third place winner in the large category was Naval Base Coronado, while the leader in the small category was Naval Air Station Whiting Field, followed by Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and Camp Lemonnier, in second and third place respectively.





# McCullough to take helm of VP-30 Squadron Augment Unit

By Lt. Cmdr. William Ross  
VP-30 Squadron Augment Unit

Cmdr. Matthew McCullough will relieve Cmdr. Matthew Tans, to become the eighth commanding officer of the Squadron Augment Unit (SAU) at Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30.

The Change of Command ceremony will commence aboard a P-3C Orion launching from the VP-30 flight line Feb. 6. VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. T. J. Grady will serve as the presiding officer.

With McCullough taking command, the SAU welcomes an experienced leader within the VP community who leverages unrivaled familiarity with VP-30's core mission and seasoned expertise in the area of pilot training. As the Navy's largest squadron operates at a historic pace, McCullough has been a mainstay at VP-30, having served many roles at the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) – both on active duty and as a Selected Reservist (SELRES) – for most of the last 10 years.

Tans leaves the SAU after an impressive tour, which saw increased contribution and impact from its members within the FRS. He oversaw the completion of more than 1,000 sorties and 1,250 student flight events, accounting for 23 percent of all flight events at the schoolhouse. A testament to his leadership, the SAU expertly executed these events with zero incidents and a perfect safety record. Tans, is headed to Atlanta where he will pursue a law degree.

McCullough inherits a talented and experienced cadre, consisting of 20 officers and 100 enlisted Sailors – comprised of Full Time Support (FTS) and SELRES aircrew and maintenance personnel – with the aim of continuing to support current and future



**Cmdr. Matthew Tans**  
MPRF missions involving P-3C Orion, P-8A Poseidon and MQ-4C Triton.

SAU pilots, naval flight officers (NFOs) and enlisted operators are assigned to the P-3C and P-8A Fleet NATOPS Evaluation teams, P-8A Fleet Introduction Team and assist with the training of personnel and transition of squadrons to the MPRF's new primary platform. SELRES aircrew also augment the VP-30 Training Department syllabus events for the pilot, NFO, and enlisted aircrew training tracks.

The VP-30 SAU exemplifies the Navy Reserve



**Cmdr. Matthew McCullough**  
motto of, "Ready Now, Ready Always" and will continue to provide support to the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation Force through FRS training and NATOPS Model Management for many years to come.

McCullough's decorations include two Navy Air Medals, two Navy Commendation Medal, two Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign service and unit awards. He has amassed over 5,000 pilot hours with over 2,500 hours in the P-3C Orion.

## NAS Jax administers flu shots to Sailors

Photos by MC2 (SW/IW) Nick A. Grim



HN America Rochester injects ET2 Michael Avila with his seasonal flu shot at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jan. 19



HN Matthew North gives ABE2 Reginald Jeffcoat his seasonal flu shot at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jan. 19.

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# NAS Jax COVID-19 vaccine: A few facts



HN Shakirah Peterson-Wall prepares to give Lt.j.g. Nicholas Falatko, of USS Tennessee (SSBN 734), the first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jan. 15.

We're currently vaccinating on-base healthcare personnel and first responders assigned to NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport, critical national capabilities forces, deploying forces, frontline essential workers, and beneficiaries age 75 and older with an appointment.

### *Who Can Get the Vaccine?*

- COVID-19 vaccines are not available by walk-in for non-hospital personnel.
- For critical priority active duty and essential workers, appointments are scheduled for each command (via each command's leadership).
  - For beneficiaries age 75 and up, schedule a vaccine appointment by



HN Shakirah Peterson-Wall gives Lt.j.g. Kade Kristen of Patrol Squadron 30, the first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jan. 15.

visiting <https://Navy.Care> or by downloading the free "Navy Care" app to your smart phone, tablet, or desktop computer. Select the COVID Vaccine Waiting Room, and schedule an appointment on the calendar.

We will continue to follow DoD's distribution priorities, which are consistent with data-driven guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for national prioritization.

When vaccination becomes available to additional populations, we will update our website at <https://jacksonville.tricare.mil> (click on the COVID banner), Facebook, and our COVID Vaccine Information Line (904-250-6053).



## NAS Jacksonville Senior Sailor of the Quarter AC1 (SW/AW) Kody Dannelley

AC1 (AW/SW) Kody Dannelley is being recognized as the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter. He is also the Commander, Navy Region Southeast nominee for the VADM William P. Lawrence Naval Air Traffic Control Technician of the Year award. He will now participate in the Commander, Navy Installations Command competition.

A native of Thayer, Kansas, Dannelley joined the Navy to serve his country and to see more of the world than his home state.

During his 16-year career, he has been assigned to USS Carter Hall (LSD 50), NAS Meridian, Mississippi, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Virginia Capes, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). He currently works as an air traffic controller

and radar branch chief at NAS Jax Air Operations Department.

He is thankful to those who have supported him in his career. "First of all, my wife NC1 Summer Dannelley, who is currently stationed at Patrol Squadron 26. I'd also like to thank Air Traffic Control Facilities Officer Lt. Greg West, my mentor ACCS Nicholas Langevin, and ACC (Sel) Jones."

"And, definitely my chain of command for giving me the opportunity for this recognition and for believing in me. I'd also like to thank my junior Sailors, who I work for!" he said.

When he's off-duty, Dannelley enjoys spending time with his family, running and playing disc golf (Frisbee golf), watching sports and collecting sports cards.

*\*\*Due to mission requirements, the Sailor of the Quarter, MA2 Justin Roach, has been delayed in having his profile created. MA2 Roach will be featured in the next edition of Jax Air News.*



NAS Jacksonville  
Junior Sailor of the Quarter  
MA3 Michael Call



MA3 Michael Call of the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Security Department is being recognized as the NAS Jax Junior Sailor of the Quarter (JSOQ) for the first Quarter.

Call, a native of Simi Valley, California, joined the U.S. Navy because he wanted to be a role model for his younger siblings. "I wanted a fresh start and wanted to be someone my siblings can look up to," he said. "I am excited about the opportunities the Navy offers and plan to take full advantage of them throughout my career."

He joined the Navy three years ago and NAS Jax is his first duty station. Working in

the Security Department, Call responds to a myriad of security issues aboard the station and conducts anti-terrorism and force protection measures.

Call, is appreciative of being selected as JSOQ. "It feels good to be recognized for all the hard work and countless hours our team puts in. I would like to thank the whole Security Department for making me the Sailor I am today."

He offers this advice to his peers. "Don't let your past hinder your future," he said. When not working, Call enjoys spending time with family and friends.

NAS Jacksonville  
Blue Jacket of the Quarter  
MASA Angel Moore



MASA Angel Moore, a member of the NAS Jacksonville Security Department has been recognized as the Blue Jacket of the Quarter (BJOQ) for the first quarter.

Moore, a native of Junction City, Oregon, joined the Navy in November 2019.

"I remember telling my parents that I wanted to be in the military at a very young age. And that was the plan after I graduated," she said. "However, plans changed - which I wouldn't change even if I could. I ended up being a teen mom at age 17. With that being said, I had to throw in the towel of my dream to serve my county. I had to do what was best for my family at the time."

Her life took another turn when she met her husband. "He decided to join the Navy and we ended up being stationed here. Once we got to NAS Jax, I took about eight months to focus on myself and be a stay-at-home mom. Then, we agreed it was my turn to join so here I am."

As a master-at-arms, Moore's job consists of controlling access to the installation, conducting random anti-terrorism measures, responding to alarms, personnel/funds/weapons escorts, traffic enforcement and assisting emergency medical services with calls.

Moore is grateful for the recognition. "I feel so honored to be chosen to represent NAS Jax," she said. "Being chosen as BJOQ this early in my career just motivates me to work even harder than I have been and has shown me just a glimpse of what I am capable of accomplishing. I couldn't have done it without the help and support of my chain of command. They have been instrumental in motivating me to push myself and my goals. I can't thank my chain of command enough."

Moore also acknowledges her husband for her success. "I would like to thank my husband for always pushing me to do better," she said.

In the future, her goals are to go to college for criminal science and forensic psychology. "I also want to increase my knowledge for my rate to better perform my job duties," said Moore.

When she's not working, Moore spends time with her family, loves being outdoors, and doing woodworking projects such as building home décor, furniture, etc.

She offers this advice for her peers, "Always strive to surpass the expectations set on you. Don't limit yourself to the minimum qualification of your paygrade."



# Navy Region Southeast installations receive encroachment protection funding

From Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Three Florida Navy installations received in excess of \$4 million in funding to support future buffering projects.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) monies were allocated to Naval Air Station Jacksonville (\$2.4 million), NAS Whiting Field (\$1.5 million) and NAS Pensacola (\$179,000). REPI funding is used exclusively to help protect military installations from incompatible development around the base.

“The protection these funds provide to the base missions are essential toward ensuring the long-term viability of the installations,” Admiral Gary Mayes, Commander, Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) said. “Programs like REPI offer great opportunities for the commands, the community and the property owners around the bases.”

Utilization of REPI funds requires cooperation with other agencies, specifically, the state of Florida, governmental offices, or non-profit organizations who provide matching funds. The funds are then used for the purchase of restrictive use easements that ensure mission-compatible land-use on properties around and adjacent to our installations.



File photo

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville is comprised of 28,000 acres of land which includes the air station, Outlying Field Whitehouse, and the Pinycastle Range Complex. NAS Jax recently received encroachment funds to protect the installation's assets with incompatible development through restrictive easements. The NAS Jacksonville flight-line and facilities along Yorktown Ave. are seen from above in this photo, May 20, 2018.**

REPI funds buy restrictive-use easements as a less expensive way to protect our military missions. Landowners participate in the program because it provides immediate income, and allows the traditional use of the property. Farmers can still farm. Orchard owners can still harvest their trees. Residents can still live in their homes.

NRSE has protected more than 25,000 acres

of land around installations in five states using approximately \$113 million in REPI funds.

“REPI is a key tool for limiting encroachment that can hinder our training, testing and operational readiness,” Mayes said. “It helps tremendously in avoiding land-use conflicts near our installations and is a national defense and region priority.”

## Future of the Benefit: Commissaries set vision, refocus mission to be military’s ‘grocer of choice’ for 2021 and beyond

By Keith Desbois  
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

Defense Commissary Agency leadership came together Dec. 2-3, to create a new vision for the agency and refine the mission and direction for 2021 and beyond. Looking forward to the future and using lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, the new vision will embrace ways to better serve the military community in line with Department of Defense direction.

DeCA has identified the need to improve its long-term revenue trend and, by implementing the new vision, make the strategic changes required to sustain the slight increase in sales seen in 2020, primarily attributed to the pandemic-buying in March and April.

"2020 was a challenging year, and the pandemic reinforced the commissaries' critical mission in delivering to our customers the essential items they wanted and needed," said Bill Moore, DeCA director and CEO. "Moving forward, and using what we have learned, we will work with our industry partners to ensure we have a steady distribution of product and the personnel available to get these items on the shelves, meeting the needs of our deserving patrons in more convenient ways."

The commissaries' updated mission statement of "deliver a vital benefit of the military pay system that provides grocery items at a significant savings in order to enhance quality of life and readiness" focuses on the agency delivering congressionally mandated annual patron savings of 23.7 percent or more. DeCA leaders discussed several potential initiatives to ensure this savings goal is met.

"Our mission statement and vision were outdated compared to where the industry is going and where our agency needs to go, so we got together as leaders and developed a better focus that takes us into 2021 and beyond, and

also leverages advancements in delivering the benefit," Moore said.

DeCA's new vision, "to be the grocery provider of choice for eligible patrons - delivering a vital benefit exclusively for the military community and their families," reaffirms the agency's commitment to superior customer service and providing the items patrons want and need at the best price, he added.

To achieve this vision, the agency established priority focus areas for improving the way it delivers the benefit. Some of those areas include the following:

- Increasing sales, as DeCA owes it to its customers to deliver an efficient and effective commissary shopping experience
- Expanding patronage by educating and conducting outreach events to get more of the newest eligible patrons - first term troops and younger service members along with disabled veterans - into the stores
- Valuing customer feedback by responding to comments provided on the annual Commissary Customer Service Survey and ForeSee customer feedback tool to determine what attracts and maintains new customers
- Adding e-commerce options such as expanding CLICK2GO curbside service to more locations and accepting online payments are just a couple of ways DeCA is looking to make shopping more convenient

Improving the supply chain by increasing DeCA's order fill rates and bettering the agency's relationship with its suppliers and distributors to ensure commissary customers have what they want, when they want it

Also, as part of this refocusing process, DeCA refined its values, emphasizing a greater focus on trust and treating all with dignity and respect.

"Overall, our overriding goal for 2021 and beyond is to ensure every eligible patron has the opportunity to enjoy the benefit," Moore said. "This goal will be the basis of our corporate push to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our commissary operations. We will lean forward to achieve our future goals, while ensuring an agency culture, focused on our deserving patrons."



# DLA Aviation-Jacksonville named EEO Organization of the Year



Photo by Fleet Readiness Center Southeast

**Defense Logistics Agency Aviation-Jacksonville employees pose for a group photo in front of the F-14 Tomcat at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.**

**By Cathy Hopkins**  
DLA Aviation Publics Affairs Office

Winners in the 53rd annual Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Recognition Awards program were announced Dec. 5. DLA Aviation-Jacksonville won the 2020 Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity by an Organization.

The competition evaluated organizations in demonstrated commitment from agency leadership, management and program accountability, proactive prevention of unlawful discrimination, and efficiency for the period from Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020.

“The Jacksonville team is honored and excited to receive this award,” said Navy Cmdr. Curtis Ceaser, the site commander for DLA Aviation-Jacksonville, which is located on Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. “The team’s commitment to equal opportunity and diversity inclusion is a point of pride for the organization.” He said their commitment is specifically highlighted in robust Special Emphasis Program initiatives in which the entire team participates and enjoys.

With the challenges created in the last half of

this award period by COVID-19, the DLA Aviation-Jacksonville [workforce] demonstrated exceptional resiliency in sustaining momentum for continuing with their remarkable accomplishments in a virtual environment, said Sylvester Abramowicz in his narrative write-up for the award submission. Abramowicz was the deputy commander of the activity during the award period; he retired from federal civil

service at the end of December.

He said the command remained committed to embracing the commander’s “One Team One Fight” esprit de corps motto and focused on methodically tackling the various initiatives outlined in the organization’s culture plan.

Award period accomplishments included:

- No EEO cases or union grievances for two consecutive years.
- Seventy-nine percent of promotions being filled by targeted women and minority groups.
- Weekly professional development training for supervisors, senior- and junior-level employees.
- Employee recognition was a key emphasis area. This award period two of its’ Employee of the Month nominees won honors as DLA Aviation Employee of the Month, and one additional employee was recognized for the DLA director’s “You Done Good” program.
- More than 80 percent employee participation in quarterly diversity and inclusion events planned by employee volunteer committee members.
- Monthly Hail/Farewell and team building events to foster team unity for a workforce dispersed

across the widespread facilities.

This past year, the activity expanded participation in its SEP program by sponsoring and coordinating an inclusion event with Fleet Readiness Center Southeast in recognition of the National Disability Awareness Employment Month and by participating in a community out-reach event in the city of Jacksonville at the Clara White Mission in recognition of the National Women’s History Month.

According to Ceaser, the volunteer committee members also delivered a hugely popular Women’s History Month program and facilitated a virtual Jeopardy-style competition between teams.

John Villanueva, a customer support manager in Jacksonville, agreed that a strong, dynamic SEP contributed to the activity receiving the award.

Carmelo Sustache, a demand planner with the activity, agrees Villanueva, and said regardless of ethnic background the team’s can-do attitude contributes to each event celebration.

“Another reason is because of the “Peer Pat” recognition program wherein employees recognize their peers,” said Villanueva. “In addition, there is the “Center Stage” wherein employees get to be featured monthly and we get to know aspects of their lives outside the confines of daily work.

Bennora Simmons, a supervisor cell chief for Industrial Planning and Support Branch at Jacksonville, said leadership’s goal is that everyone has a voice, so it does not matter who is over the program, everyone is encouraged to participate or spearhead different events they feel passionate about.

“The activity exemplifies the feeling of togetherness,” she said. “I think we won this award because the folks like being able to recognize and celebrate each other's past and present and contribute to the future. The information learned helps us to appreciate what each one of us can bring to the table to make our organization a success.”

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the award ceremony will be recorded and released to the DLA workforce Jan. 26.



## GO JUICE: DETERMINATION

*Someone once asked a famous athlete to reveal his secret to success.*

*He replied confidently, “I get up when I fall down.”*

*If it appears as if the sky is falling and your new year’s resolutions have already failed or are beginning to slip away, sometimes it can be as simple as deciding to get back up.*

*It takes determination to reach goals. And with discipline, determination will be the source to push you through.*

*Decisions fueled with determination can lead to extraordinary outcomes.*

*It’s not too late to get back on your diet. It’s not too late to get back into a routine at the gym. It’s not too late to get back on your budget.*

*Make a decision with determination and celebrate the development of discipline in your lifestyle.*

**Reverend Dr. Zachary C. Parker**  
Chaplain, United States Navy



# Nease High School NJROTC cadets return in peak form; capture title in first 2021 competition



*Courtesy photos*

**Nease High School NJROTC's Color Guard team (l-r) Dylan Dosio, Kaitlyn Boggs, Isabella Rivera and Brandon Donovan perform their routine at the Terry Parker Drill Meet, Jan. 23.**

## **From Nease High School NJROTC**

After winning 2019-2020 Navy Area-12 (State) Championship in early 2020, the Nease High School (HS) NJROTC Academic, Athletic and Drill team had their National Championship hopes dashed due to COVID-19. Despite the delay, the team was able to compete at the Terry Parker High School Drill Meet, Jan. 23. The time off did little to diminishing their excellence, as the team captured first place in 9 of the 12 events.

With the victory, the team qualifies for the Area-12 Drill Championships in Georgia in March where they competes against the best programs in Georgia and northern Florida.

"This competition has been a long time coming," said Cadet Battalion Commander Dylan Dosio. "To say the team was ready to bust out is the understatement of the year."

Drill championships include a series of events

including unarmed and armed marching, color guard, personnel inspection, academics, pushups, situps, and running relays. Points awarded in each event are combined to determine the day's overall winner.

This year, Nease won first place in personnel inspection, athletics overall, sit-ups, push-ups, 16x100 relays, overall drill, color guard, armed basic and Armed Exhibition Drill.

Of the 25 individual medals awards for academics, push-ups and sit-ups, Nease cadets garnered 16 including: Lauren Villareal first in female push-ups (90), Anthony Tucker first in male sit-ups (309), and Emmelie Neff first in female sit-ups (325).

"Few things have seemed normal this year," said senior Cadet Michael Winczner, anchor of the 16x100 Relay. "But today felt like old days."

Nease is currently the #1 ranked NJROTC drill team in Area-12 (59 programs covering northern



**Nease NJROTC Armed Basic team members (l-r) Colby Hemingway and Brandon Donovan perform precision drill maneuvers during a performance at the Terry Parker Drill Meet, Jan. 23.**

Florida and the state of Georgia), having won the Area-12 Drill Championship for the past six years.

"Despite all the trophies, we've got a lot to work on before our next competition," said Color Guard commander Isabella Rivera. "Everyone wants to beat Nease and they give us their best shot every time."

Other top schools in the competition were Orange Park High School second place, Valdosta, Georgia High School third place, Mandarin High School fourth place, and Bishop Kenny High Scholl fifth place.



**Nease High School NJROTC cadets execute high rifle tosses during the Armed Exhibition event at the Terry Parker High School drill competition, Jan. 23. The cadets use full weight, firing disabled M-1 rifles in competition.**



**Nease NJROTC cadets Anthony Tucker and Emmelie Neff receive the overall 1st place team trophy for Situps at Terry Parker High School during a drill competition, Jan. 23. Tucker and Neff placed first in Male and Female events.**



## Community Recreation Tickets & Travel Office

Call 542-3318 OR email [nasjaxtickets@navy.mil](mailto:nasjaxtickets@navy.mil)

Backstreet Boys—Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena, June 21, 2021: \$115.  
Impractical Jokers—Vystar Veteran's Mem. Arena, July 11, 2021: \$79 & \$62.  
Dude Perfect—Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena, July 31, 2021: \$47.  
Hella Mega Tour ft. Green Day, Fallout Boy, and Weezer—TIAA Bank Field, July 31, 2021: \$113.  
Motley Crue, Def Leppard, and Poison w/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts—TIAA Bank Field, Aug. 7, 2021: \$121.25 & \$186.  
Michael Buble—Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena, Aug. 13, 2021: \$166.50.  
Lit AF Tour ft. Martin Lawrence, Rickey Smiley & more! Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena, Oct. 1, 2021: \$70.75.  
Jimmy Buffett—Vystar Veteran's Memorial Arena, Dec. 7, 2021: \$100.  
Elton John—Vystar Veteran's Mem. Arena, Apr. 23, 2022: \$78.50, \$138, \$246.

### Current Ticket Promotions Include the Following:

*Autobahn Indoor Speedway*: \$25 Gift Card - \$20. \$50 Gift Card - \$40.

*Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary*: \$10.50-Day Pass Only.

*Disney World Orlando* Armed Forces 2020 Salute 4-Day ticket with hopper option - \$259.75; 5-Day ticket with hopper option - \$277.75; 6-Day ticket with hopper option - \$294.75. Tickets must be purchased by 02/14/21 and are valid for use NOW through 09/26/21. Only Active and Retired U.S. Military Personnel (including Active or Retired members of the National Guard, Reservists, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "or" their spouses are authorized to purchase Military Promotional tickets. - (6) Promotional Maximum purchase per service member, including member- If service member has an annual pass or multi-day ticket they can purchase (5) Promotional Maximum and Must enter with party.

*IFLY Jacksonville*: \$60.50 for two flights.

*Jacksonville Icemen*: \$12 - \$33.

*Jacksonville Symphony*: \$31.

*Jacksonville Zoo*, General admission: \$13 - \$17.50.

*Kennedy Space Center* Annual Pass: \$64.50 - \$79.25.

*Legoland FL*: \$63 one day w/2nd day free; Active Duty free at the gate with ID. Must be purchased by Mar. 15, redeemable until Mar. 25.

*Orlando Magic Basketball*: \$26.50-\$147; prices vary depending on date and seating. Call or visit the ticket office for more details.

*Spanish Military Hospital Museum*: \$5 - \$8.75.

*St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zipline*: \$37, Park admission \$10.50 - \$16.

*St. Augustine Aquarium*: \$5 - \$8. Snorkel Adventure (Incl Admission) \$32.

*St. Augustine Old Town Trolley*: \$12.25 - \$23 BOGO.

*St. Augustine Oldest Store Museum*: \$5.75 - \$9.50.

*St. Augustine Pirates Museum*: \$4.50 - \$8.25.

*St. Augustine Potters Wax Museum*: \$5.75 - \$9.50.

*Universal Military Freedom Pass* (Not available at the gate! Maximum of 6 tickets per valid military ID): 2-Park, Park to Park UNLIMITED USAGE (Valid for unlimited admission to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure from now until Dec. 31, 2021), Adult \$200, Child (age 3-9) \$195;

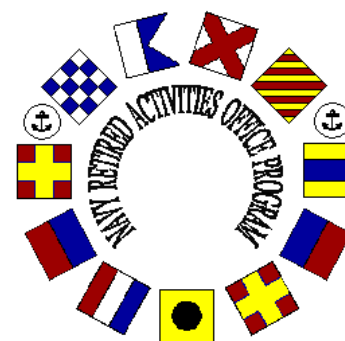
3-Park, Park to Park UNLIMITED USAGE (Valid for unlimited admission to Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure, and

\*Volcano Bay Waterpark\*opens Mar. 1\* from now until Dec. 31, 2021), Adult \$235, Child (age 3-9) \$230; "Eligible Service Members"-Active or Retired U.S. Military, the National Guard or Reservists and the U.S. Coast Guard. Spouses of eligible service members also qualify with valid and active U.S. Military ID. Department of Defense (DoD) employees with valid U.S. Military/DoD IDs also qualify. Visit the Ticket Office for further details.

*Velocity Air Sports* – Flight Fit N Fun Jacksonville: 1 Hr: \$15.50. 2 Hr: \$26. (socks included)

*Wild Adventures* (Valdosta, Ga.): Gold Pass – \$81 Special—use now until the end of 2021.

## Retired Activities Office



The Retired Activities Office (RAO) aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville serves the needs of retired military members and their families throughout the Northeast Florida/Southeast Georgia area.

The RAO is located within the Fleet and Family Support Center in Building 27 on Ranger Street. The office is manned Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but a phone message can be left at any time - (904) 542-5790.

RAO personnel are trained to assist retirees and family members with a wide variety of issues, ranging from pay problems to questions about programs and benefits available to retired military families. Among the many issues the RAO can assist with are:

- Assistance in Preparing Claims
- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Claims for Unpaid Compensation
- Death Benefits and the process for reporting retiree deaths
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation
- Government Life Insurance
- Disability
- Education opportunities
- Concurrent Receipt of VA/Retired Pay
- Combat Related Special Compensation

When the retiree's problem is outside the scope of the RAO to handle, referrals are made to appropriate federal/state/local and/or private agencies.

RAO personnel are volunteers from within the retiree community, and include both retirees and family members who served in any branch of the military. More volunteers are always needed to fulfill the RAO mission of taking care of our own.

### Dine on the Go

Order to go meals from Mulligan's between 6:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. every day. Download the Dine on the Go Jacksonville app or visit <https://www.dineonthegojacksonville.com/> to place your order.

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