



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

VP-45 aircrew display their patriotism by waving American flags as they taxi in on the Naval Air Station Jacksonville flight line, Oct. 4.

VP-45 Returns Home After Successful Deployment

By Lt.j.g. Kyle Hering
VP-45 PAO

“The World Famous Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 returned to Naval Air Station Jacksonville Oct. 4, following a six-month deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations.

VP-45, consisting of 304 personnel and seven P-8A Poseidon aircraft, deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan in May 2021 and assumed command of Task Force 72.2, which is responsible for conducting anti-submarine warfare, theatre security cooperation, and intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance operations in 7th Fleet.

The deployment was led by the squadron’s Commanding Officer (CO) Cmdr. Charles Larwood and Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger, the executive officer at the time, who ‘flew up’ as CO during the deployment.

“VP-45 is no stranger to the Pacific or the geo political intricacies of the region”, said Eisenmenger. “We proudly represented American values in the region and reinforced the importance of international law through operations that ensured freedom of movement in the maritime domain. It is inspiring that we not only provided regional stability but had a positive impact on the global stage.”

The squadron was an essential asset in 7th Fleet, accomplishing over 440 sorties, totaling 2,750 flight hours, leading to increased cooperation with our partners and providing a forward presence which ensured a free and open Indo-Pacific.

On June 7, VP-45 held its 79th change of command ceremony, during which Eisenmenger relieved Larwood as commanding officer and Cmdr. Stephen Bruner became the new executive officer.

“My first impressions of VP-45 were that everyone on the team displayed refreshing, well-placed pride—pride in the mission, and pride in each

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VP-10 Comes Home after Six-Month Deployment

From VP-10 Public Affairs

“The Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 “Red Lancers” have returned home from a six-month dual-site deployment in support of the Navy’s 4th and 7th Fleets. Throughout the deployment, VP-10 safely executed 516 sorties and flew more than 2,800 hours across 11 locations. They successfully executed 26 detachments from its Misawa, Japan hub, El Salvador and reestablished operations in the Philippines.

The Red Lancers conducted anti-submarine missions, search and rescue efforts, humanitarian and disaster relief flights, and counter-narcotics missions while assigned to Command Task Force (CTF) 47 and CTF-72.

Operating primarily out of Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, VP-10 supported 7th Fleet efforts around the Indo-Pacific region. Throughout deployment, the squadron successfully executed multiple detachments to the Republic of the Philippines, Australia, Sri Lanka, Alaska, Singapore, Atsugi, Okinawa, Wake Island, Iwo Jima, and Guam.

During their detachments, VP-10 flew in support of multinational exercises Talisman Sabre, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Sri Lanka, and Pacific Griffin.

VP-10 also took the lead on a ‘first of its kind’ four-squadron detachment to Wake Island in support of high interest anti-submarine warfare (ASW)

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Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Russell from Patrol Squadron 10, hugs his sons as he returns home to NAS Jacksonville from a six-month deployment. The squadron did a split deployment to 4th and 7th Fleets.



NAS Jacksonville Celebrates Navy's 246th Birthday



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

From left, Naval Air Station Jacksonville prospective Command Master Chief Shane Edwards, CSSN Janae Dews, ADAR Jesus Sanchezmartinez, NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Marcos Cantu, Safety Training Officer Jim Butters, and CS2 Kevin Celestino, cut a cake in commemoration of the U.S. Navy's 246th birthday at the Flight Line Cafe, Oct. 13.



CS2 Kevin Celestino, serving cake in celebration of the U.S. Navy's 246th birthday cake to Sailors eating at the Flight Line Cafe, Oct. 13.



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Rear Adm. Rune Andersen, Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy, greets 1st Lt. Rokkervo, a member of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, who is currently stationed at Patrol Squadron 30 during a visit to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 14.

Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy Visits VP-30

Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy Rear Adm. Rune Andersen visited VP-30 Oct. 14 to meet with Patrol Squadron 30 Commanding Officer Capt. Jon Spore and Royal Norwegian Air Force aircrew participating in P-8A Poseidon training at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

Andersen visited the squadron part of a series of visits centered around the integration of the Royal Norwegian Navy frigate HNoMS Fridtjof Nansen (F310) as the ship joined the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group under the Cooperative Deployment program. The United States Navy trains with NATO allies, to reinforce capabilities of protecting the strategic lines of communication that connect Europe and North America.



Photo by Lt. Jesse Holian

Patrol Squadron 30 Commanding Officer Capt. Jon Spore, left, presents Rear Adm. Rune Andersen, Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy, with a plaque during his visit to the squadron, Oct. 14.

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Important information from the Postal Service

From the Postal Service

The Postal Service is expecting to process more than 12.6 million pounds of mail for APO/FPO/DPO destinations this holiday season.

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From the Combined Federal Campaign Office

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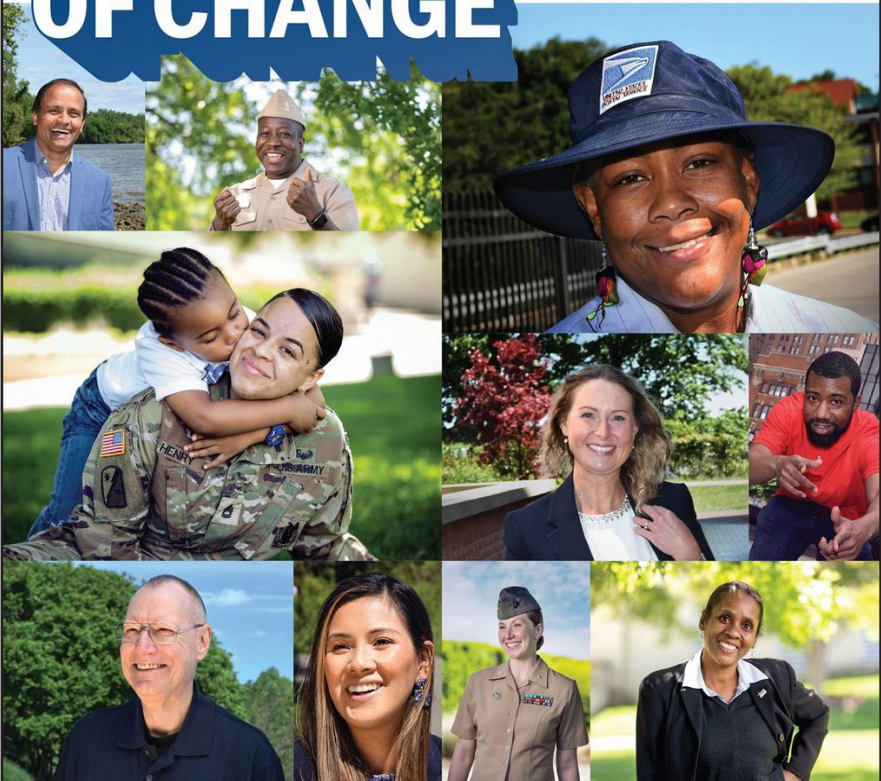
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CPO Selects Hold Annual Chili Cook-off



Chief petty officer (CPO) selects explain what ingredients were used in the USS Maine Boat Team’s chili as they present it to the judges during the annual CPO Select Chili Cook-off aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 22.



Chief petty officer (CPO) selects present chili from the USS Connecticut Boat Team to the judges during the annual CPO Select Chili Cook-off at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 22. The team placed first in the competition.



From left, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven Command Master Chief William Eason, Capt. Matthew Pottenburgh, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, and Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Commanding Officer Capt. Jeff Hill sample and judge bowls of chili during the annual CPO Select Chili Cook-off aboard NAS Jax, Oct. 22.



From left, Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Commanding Officer Capt. Jeff Hill, NAS Jax Command Master Chief Dylan Inger and Patrol Squadron 30 Command Master Chief EJ Hopper sample and judge bowls of chili during the annual CPO Select Chili Cook-off aboard NAS Jax, Oct. 22.

Photos by Kaylee LaRocque



Chief Petty Officer Selects from the USS Connecticut Boat Team gather with the judges after winning the annual CPO Select Chili Cook-off aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 22.

Chief Petty Officer Season is Underway at NAS Jacksonville



Courtesy photos
Chief petty officer selects from Naval Air Station Jacksonville and tenant commands use their motivation blocks during morning physical training.



Chief petty officer selects from NAS Jacksonville and tenant commands wash the historic planes in Heritage Park, Oct. 18.

Volunteers clean Mulberry Cove Nature Walk



OS1 David Crider (left), AT3 Jeremiah Prendergast (center), and AT2 Gillian Mitchell (right) begin to scrub a vinegar and water solution onto a wooden bridge in an effort to remove algae growth.



AT1 Ralph Topps (left) pours out a vinegar and water solution as ET2 Spencer Smith (right) begins to scrub the solution onto the wooden deck at the Mulberry Cove Nature Walk.



AT3 Crisela Banks (left) and ET2 Spencer Smith (right) scrub the vinegar and water solution to remove algae growth on the wooden walkway.

*Photos by
AN Nick
Davis*



AC1 Carey Smith follows behind the scrubbing team with a blower to blow off remaining debris left on the walkway.



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AO3 Dana Boretzky of VP-10, hugs her daughter after returning home from a six-month deployment. The squadron conducted a dual-depoment to U.S. Navy 4th and 7th Fleets.



Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Portzer of Patrol Squadron 10, hugs his wife Lt. Cmdr. Joelle Portzer and their daughter after returning home from deployment, Oct. 12.

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operations. The month-long prosecutions took the Red Lancers to new latitudes in the North Pacific and included recurring aerial refueling operations, continuing to expand the P-8A's ASW reach.

VP-10's ASW proficiency and tactical innovation exceeded all expectations of multiple supported Command Task Forces under the purview of Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet. Along with ASW missions, VP-10 continued to conduct maritime intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

Operating out of Forward Operating Location Comalapa, El Salvador, the Red Lancer team flew missions in support of joint, interagency Operation Martillo.

Their mission was the detection, interdiction, and seizure of illegal narcotics in both the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Throughout deployment, VP-10 coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard and partner nation assets to seize more than 19,284 kilos of cocaine valued at \$1,349,880,000.

When Haiti was devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on Aug. 14, the El Salvador detachment's ready launch provided the first aerial images of the impacts to U.S. Southern Command. Over the next 17 days, all three of VP-10 El Salvador based aircrews, assigned to CTF-47 executed 241.1 flight hours in support of Haiti Humanitarian Aid



Lt. Alex Delgado of reunited with his wife Megan, and their son Charlie, Oct. 12

and Disaster Relief (HADR) missions by providing ground ISR and air communication and coordination for JTF-Haiti.

Following the HADR flights, VP-10 participated in Teamwork South 2021, a bi-lateral exercise with partner nation Chile. Operating out of Santiago, VP-10 executed multiple ASW training flights in coordination with both American and Chilean units.

Primarily stationed at Misawa AB, though spread throughout detachment locations, VP-10 maintenance continued their exemplary performance, expertly handling the day-to-day maintenance operations of a deployed

squadron. They managed rigorous scheduled maintenance inspection evolutions for seven theater P-8A Poseidon aircraft. VP-10 maintainers were integral to ensuring that each and every mission succeeded throughout the entirety of deployment.

The Red Lancers defined an expeditionary force this deployment with its global reach of agile and lethal maritime patrol P-8A Poseidon aircraft. VP-10's contributions led to strengthened partnerships with numerous allies which will have lasting impacts in the Indo-Pacific, Latin America, and Caribbean areas of responsibility.

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other,” said Bruner. “The genuine care and ownership I observed in VP-45 immediately put me at ease, and I knew then that even with the burdens of deployment, COVID, and dynamic tasking, the Pelican team would not let the mission or each other fail.”

As to highlight the dynamic and fast-paced environment, VP-45 conducted a search and rescue mission on the same day as the change of command, which resulted in the successful rescue of a lost mariner.

On July 14, VP-45 joined Talisman Sabre, a large-scale, bilateral military exercise between Australia and the U.S. involving more than 17,000 participants from seven nations. The biennial event is designed to strengthen relationships and interoperability with allies and partners as well as enhance the U.S. military’s ability to address the full range of potential security concerns in the Indo-Pacific.

The next major milestone was the 25th iteration of Malabar, an exercise off the coast of Guam. Beginning Aug. 24, its primary focus was on advanced maritime tactics as well as improved interoperability between the four major naval forces in the Indo-Pacific region, the Royal Australian Navy, Indian Navy, and the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force.

Throughout the entirety of its deployment, VP-45 continued to execute missions that were critical to America and its allies’ interests. This included conducting 52 live weapon carries, dropping 4,250 sonobuoys, and receiving over 1.5 million pounds of gas in air-to-air refueling.

Operating out of nine different detachments required a dedicated maintenance department. VP-45’s pivotal role in 7th Fleet could not be accomplished without the 88,844 maintenance hours from 164 Sailors who worked endlessly to ensure the aircrews were able to accomplish missions on station.

As VP-45 returned home and the Sailors reunited with their loved ones they will take a moment to reconnect and become acclimated.

Eisenmenger considered the squadron’s new



AWO1 Jerry Schatz, of Patrol Squadron 45, reunites with his wife Crystal and 18-month-old daughter Kingsley after returning home from a six-month deployment, Oct. 4.

Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

priorities for home cycle.

“Transitioning from the operational tempo of a deployment into a work up cycle does have its challenges but this team has built a solid plan to meet the requirements,” said Eisenmenger. “Once the team returns from some well-deserved time off, our focus returns to building the combat force ready to execute our nation’s needs.”

Bruner looked to the future, bearing in mind the lessons of this deployment.

“We continue to take care of each other while we re-build the next deploying maintenance and aircrew teams that will honor and swell the winning Pelican reputation,” Bruner said.

Bruner also highlighted the ‘Pelican pride’ as the core of each Sailor of VP-45, which he says represents the perseverance and unequivocal devotion to duty that the Sailors display and allows VP-45 to be the best patrol squadron in the United States Navy.

“I’m most proud of the dedicated VP-45 Sailors, who, together, consistently muster the pride and put



Photo by AN Nick Davis

Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger, commanding officer of VP-45 gifts his wife and children some Hawaiian leis upon his return home to NAS Jacksonville, Oct. 12.

forth the effort to win—no matter the conditions or complexity,” said Bruner. “The Pelican Sailors bring it, always. They are the strong foundation of the squadron and reliably deliver superhuman results every single day.”

Eisenmenger is looking to the future and says his Sailors are the key to continuing a great tradition.

“The Pelicans have a long standing history of operational excellence and the team we have now whole heartedly embraces this legacy and continues to hold the standard,” he said.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

AZC Delvon Glover of Patrol Squadron 45 checks out a welcome home sign made by his girlfriend AZ2 Cintia Chicon’s son after returning home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Oct. 4.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Aircrews head into Hangar 511 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville after arriving home from a six-month deployment, Oct. 4.

Counseling Resources

At this time, Fleet and Family Support Center is offering counseling services to active duty service members or those beneficiaries involved in the following programs: Family Advocacy Program, Sailor Assistance & Intercept for Life, Problematic Sexual Behavior Among Children & Youth, and Sexual Assault Prevention & Response.

Counseling services for children are also offered.

To schedule an appointment, please contact centralized scheduling at 866-293-2776.

Those requesting marriage/couple's counseling are encouraged to utilize other resources including TRICARE, Military OneSource, and the chaplain.

To access counseling through TRICARE for ADSM:

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To access counseling through TRICARE for beneficiaries:

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 - Go to <https://www.tricare.mil/FindDoctor> and follow steps to find a network provider
 - Call TRICARE at 1-800-444-5445

To access counseling via Military OneSource

- Call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647
- Go online to explore all other counseling resources including telehealth and text/chat options at www.militaryonesource.mil

Mental Health Emergencies

- Fleet and Family Support center is not a crisis resource for active duty or beneficiaries. If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, go to the nearest emergency room or contact 911.
 - If you are in crisis and want to talk to someone, contact the National Suicide Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. This lifeline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Get Fit - NAS Jacksonville

From the Base Chapel

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Always looking at the BIG picture, leaders know that their success is only as great as their goals. As David Schwartz said, "Where success is concerned, people are not measured in inches, or pounds, or college degrees, or family background; they are measured by the size of their thinking."

If we consistently show the people we are developing the BIG picture and keep stressing possibilities rather than problems, they will start thinking BIG themselves!

A quality leader does not focus on just themselves and their individual success. They think BIG about the

organization in which they serve and the people surrounding them. To mature others, we must teach them to think in terms of how they can promote others, mold others, and take along others.

How BIG we think determines the size of our potential accomplishments!

If we think BIG, and others around us invest into our vision, far greater things are yet to come!

*Reverend Dr. Zachary
C. Parker Chaplain, U.S.,
Navy*

NEX Holiday Return Policy extended to for early gift buying

From NEXCOM

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Active, retired Department of Defense, Coast Guard civilian employees now have NEX online shopping access

From NEXCOM

Active and retired Department of Defense (DoD) and Coast Guard civilian employees now have access to shop online at myNavyExchange.com per a DoD directive. That same directive also extended in-store shopping access to active DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees at all military resale activities on May 1, 2021.

“We are excited to welcome these new customers to our NEX online store,” said Robert Bianchi, chief executive officer at the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM).

“Expanding online shopping to a new group of authorized customers will allow us to increase our contribution to Navy quality of life programs which will greatly benefit our military community.”

To access the NEX online store for shopping, DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees

will need to sign up for an account at myNavyExchange.com using their DoD ID or last four digits of their social security number and birthdate. For account creation questions or issues, customers can contact 877-810-9030.

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86 Nease NJROTC cadets promote at fall ceremony

From NEASE High School NJROTC

Nease NJROTC held four separate Promotion & Award ceremonies spanning two days recognizing the cadet corps for exceptional performance during the first quarter.

Of the 211 cadet battalion, 86 cadets earned promotions for successfully passing a rigorous promotion exam as well as meeting conduct, fitness and performance requirements. Additionally, cadets received more than 445 individual awards for exceptional achievement in the areas of community service, school service,

physical fitness and participation on one or more of the program's competitive teams.

Cadet company commanders directed formal military ceremonies during their respective class periods. As part of their hands-on leadership training, Cadets organized, planned and executed the entire ceremonies.

"Attending (Area-12) Leadership Academy last summer helped me prepare for moments like this," said

Delta Company Commander Emmelie Neff. "Sitting in a classroom and learning how to put together a major ceremony on paper is one thing, but actually leading one in front of the parents, military recruiters and school administrators was both nerve-racking and exhilarating."

In addition to Neff, Company Commanders Daniel Mahoney, John Alves and Anthony Tucker led their cadets in ceremonies with all of the formal customs and courtesies seen in active duty events. Proud parents pinned the new ranks on their cadets. Local recruiters from the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps presented many of the



Naval Science Instructor Gunnery Sgt. Duane Hanson presents the Sailor of the Quarter trophy to Cadet Ruhi Shanbhag during Nease's Fall Promotions and Awards Ceremony.

awards. "Nease NJROTC is a living, breathing leadership lab," said Senior Naval Science Instructor Capt. Scott LaRochelle. "Cadet leaders organized these ceremonies demonstrating the same leadership skillsets that junior officers in the fleet possess."

The most prestigious awards presented during the day were the Sailors of the Quarter awards – given to the top performers from the past quarter. Cadets Ruhi Shanbhag and Theresa Thomas received these esteemed awards.

Nease NJROTC has been recognized as the #1 NJROTC unit in Area-12 (northern Florida and Georgia) for four consecutive years, and was the #2 Most Outstanding Unit in the nation this year.



Courtesy photos

Staff Sgt. Meyers from the United States Army Recruiting Office presents Nease Cadet Gabrielle Espedido her Unit Service Ribbon during the NJROTC Promotions and Awards ceremony, Oct. 15.

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Jacksonville Zoo, Total Experience: \$13 - \$17.50.

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

Legoland FL: \$67.25 one day w/2nd day free; Legoland \$84.25 one day plus waterpark w/2nd day free; active duty free at the gate with ID.

Orlando Magic Basketball: \$29.75-\$249; 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 (Includes Admission) \$32.

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

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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 until Dec. 31, 2021, Adult \$235,

Child (age 3-9) \$230; Eligible service members

- active or retired U.S. military, National Guard or Reservists and 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. DoD IDs also qualify. Visit the Ticket Office for further details.

Whitewater Express (Columbus, Ga.): Rafting \$30 - \$40; Zip-line \$35 - \$50. Reservation required at the time of purchase.

Wild Adventures (Valdosta, Ga.): 1-day \$35.75; 2-day \$42.25; Gold Pass - \$86.50

ALLIGATOR SAFETY



- American Alligators are a native protected species of Florida.
- It is **ILLEGAL** to feed or harass an alligator. Subject to 6 days in jail and \$500 fine if you feed an alligator. (*Fla. Admin. Code R. 68A-25.001.*)
- Once an alligator is fed it associates food with humans and become too friendly. Then, it begins to approach people and must be removed. When removed, it will be killed by trappers.
- While on the Installation be alert and aware of your surroundings especially near any body of water. If you are walking a dog, be sure to keep it on a leash and away from the water.
- DO NOT** throw food scraps, trash, fish scraps, etc. in or near any body of water.
- If you encounter an alligator it is best to leave it alone and give it space. Alligators are shy and tend to avoid human contact.

MOSQUITO SAFETY



- Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.
- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your house.

- Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

To determine which repellent is right for you, consider using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [search tool for skin-applied repellent products](#).

DOH-Clay continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, Malaria, and Dengue. For more information, visit DOH's website for [mosquito-borne and other insect-borne diseases](#) or call your local county health department.

Florida residents are encouraged to [report sightings of dead birds](#) via the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website for surveillance of wild-bird die-offs.

Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557

Public Information Emergency Support Function: 850-921-0384