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## NAS, Tenants celebrate Women's History Month



Photos by MC2 Molly Crawford

**Left:** Sailors from the NAS Meridian MultiCultural Committee served food in honor of Women's History Month at the Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat Galley onboard NAS Meridian, March 17. **Right:** To commemorate Women's History Month, NTTC Meridian and NAS Meridian's Multi-Culture Heritage Committee hosted a program March 23. The guest speaker was Mrs. Ellen Mustain who currently serves as the secretary for the commanding officer and executive officer for Naval Technical Center Meridian (NTTC). Mustain was stationed at NAS twice during her naval career -- from 1986-1990, when she was NTTC's Admin Chief and from 1998-2000 as Command Master Chief. She retired from the U.S. Navy with 32 years of service.

## Army tests new program giving recruits second chance

By Lolita C. Baldor  
AP News

Last August, Daysia Holiday decided to try one more time to join the Army.

She'd taken the academic test and failed three times. So, when she was offered a slot in a new Army prep course to help improve her scores and qualify for basic training, she jumped at the chance.

Seven months later, Pvt. 2nd Class Holiday is a proud graduate of Army basic training, and is finishing her advanced in-

struction at Fort Lee, Virginia, to become a power generation specialist who will maintain engines and other equipment for the service.

Holiday is an early beneficiary of the new program, which gives lower-performing recruits up to 90 days of academic or fitness instruction to help them meet military standards. In place for only eight months, it is already making a significant difference for both the Army and those who want to serve in it.

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## U.S. responds to attack that killed U.S. contractor in Syria

By Jim Garamone  
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

The U.S. response to the attack on a coalition base in Syria that killed a U.S. contractor and wounded six others highlighted that the U.S. military will do what it must to protect its personnel.

Iranian-backed militias in Syria were responsible for the drone attack on the coalition base near Hasakah in northeastern Syria. The coalition base houses personnel working to ensure the lasting defeat of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III, at the direction of President Joe Biden, authorized U.S. Central Command forces to conduct precision strikes into eastern Syria against facilities used by groups affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, said Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder during a news conference today. "The airstrikes were conducted in response to yesterday's attack, as well as a series of recent attacks against coalition forces in Syria by groups affiliated with the IRGC," he said.

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## NEX honors Vietnam Vets



Photo by MC2 Molly Crawford

Robbie Wells, the director of NAS Meridian's Navy Exchange organizes coins and other items provided to customers on March 29, as the nation recognizes National Vietnam War Veterans Day on the 50th anniversary of the date the last combat troops left South Vietnam.

## ASF Graduation



Photo by MC2 Molly Crawford

Sailors from NAS Meridian pose for a picture during a graduation ceremony for Naval Security Auxillary Forces Basic course in the Administration building onboard NAS Meridian, March 24. These Sailors will augment NAS Meridian's Security Forces.

## Awards Quarters



Photo by MC2 Molly Crawford

Sailors and civilians were presented with awards during a ceremony at Air Operations onboard NAS Meridian, March 16. The awards included multiple Navy Achievement Medals, Junior Sailor of the Quarter and Junior Civilian of the Quarter.

## US Navy deploys more chaplains for suicide prevention

By Giovanna Dell'orto  
AP News

On Navy ships docked at this vast base, hundreds of sailors in below-deck mazes of windowless passageways perform intense, often monotonous manual labor. It's necessary work before a ship deploys, but hard to adjust to for many already challenged by the stresses plaguing young adults nationwide.

Growing mental health distress in the ranks carries such grave implications that the U.S. chief of naval operations, Adm. Michael Gilday, answered "suicides" when asked earlier this year what in the security environment kept him up at night.

One recently embraced prevention strategy is to deploy chaplains as regular members of the crew on more ships. The goal is for the clergy to connect with sailors, believers and non-believers alike, in complete confidentiality – something that has allowed several to talk sailors out of suicidal crises.

"That makes us accessible as a relief valve," said Capt. David Thames, an Episcopal priest who's responsible for chaplains for the Navy's surface fleet in the Atlantic, covering dozens of ships from the East Coast to Bahrain.

The families of two young men

who killed themselves in Norfolk said chaplains could be effective as part of a larger effort to facilitate access to mental health care without stigma or retaliation. But they also insist on accountability and a chain of command committed to eliminating bullying and engaging younger generations.

"A chaplain could help, but it wouldn't matter if you don't empower them," said Patrick Caserta, a former Navy recruiter. His son Brandon was 21 when he killed himself in 2018, after struggling with depression and being "told to suck it up and go back to work."

Mental health problems, especially among enlisted men under 29, mirror concerns in schools and colleges, which are also increasingly tapping campus ministry for counseling. The isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated depression and anxiety for many.

But chaplains, civilian counselors, families of suicide victims, and sailors from commodores to the newly enlisted say these struggles pose unique challenges and security implications in the military, where suicides have risen for most of the past decade and took the lives of 519 service members in 2021, per the latest Department of Defense data.

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# Local Happenings

## APRIL

**1: Sipp & Savor** from 5-9 p.m. at the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience (MAX). Sipp & Savor Food & Drink Experience is the major annual fund raiser for The MAX in downtown Meridian, and features dozens of award-winning chefs, master brewers and craft distillers. Call 601-581-1550.


**1-2: Maker Faire Meridian** from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Soule Steam Feed Works. Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum will join Maker Faires from around the world for a great show and tell. Event is free; call 601-693-9905.

**13: Tig Notaro** at 7:30 p.m. at the MSU Riley Center. Comedian, writer, public radio contributor, podcaster, frequent talk show guest and actress, Tig Notaro returns to her native state. Born in Jackson and raised in Pass Christian, Notaro wrote, produced, and starred in "One Mississippi," a semiautobiographical comedy series on Amazon. Call 601-483-9810 for ticket information.

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**27: Earth's Bounty + The MAX: NightMarket** from 5- 8 p.m. at the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience. The MAX and Earth's Bounty invite you to Night Market and to celebrate The MAX's five year anniversary. Stop by The MAX for great food and drink, artisans, farm vendors, food trucks, children's activities, music and more. Free to the public; call 601-581-1550, ext 35.

**28: Petals and Prosecco at Merrehope** from 5-9 p.m. at Merrehope. Demonstration & reception with Dr. Jim DelPrince Horticulture Specialist with MSU Extension and leader of the Master Floral Designer Program. Tickets are \$40; limited seating available; call 601-483-8439.



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New Rules For CMV Drivers About Hand-Held Mobile Devices

## SECNAV awards Navy Cross to retired Korean War Veteran

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro awarded the Navy Cross Jan. 20 to retired Navy Capt. Royce Williams for his exploits during the Korean War at a ceremony at the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

The Navy Cross is an upgrade of the Silver Star Medal previously awarded to then-Lt. Williams on May 7, 1953, while assigned to the "Pacemakers" of Fighter Squadron (VF) 781, for combat action against seven Soviet Mikoyan Gurevich (MiG) 15 aircraft.

"Royce Williams was a Lieutenant in the United States Navy when he took the lead of an incredibly critical mission during the Korean War, resulting in the protection of Task Force 77 from enemy attack," Del Toro said. "His actions almost 70 years ago earned him recognition, and he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. However, as the Sec-

retary of the Navy, I have the authority to consider proposals to upgrade awards. Among the many cases I have reviewed, Captain Williams' case stood out. It was very clear to me that his actions were extraordinary, and more closely aligned with the criteria describing a higher award ... and sir, what a tremendous honor it was to tell you in person, that after all these years, your courageous actions would finally get the recognition they deserve."

On Nov. 18, 1952, Williams was flying with two other members of VF-781 from Essex-class aircraft carrier USS Oriskany (CVA 34) when they encountered seven MiG-15 aircraft. Before they could engage, the team's flight leader had to return to Oriskany due to a fuel pump issue, leaving only Williams and his wingman.

-- From MC3 Aleksandr Freutel

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## U.S. Navy, EU Naval Forces conduct combined patrol in Arabian Sea

A guided-missile destroyer from U.S. 5th Fleet completed a combined patrol in the Arabian Sea, March 23-24, with ships from Spain and Italy operating under European Union Naval Forces Operation Atalanta.

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), Spanish Navy frigate ESPS Reina Sofia (F 84) and Italian Navy frigate ITS Carlo Bergamini (F 590) participated in a two-day professional exchange on boarding procedures, ship navigation and training designed to improve interoperabil-

ity and integration.

"We improved our overall ability to integrate and operate together as a multinational maritime force," said Cmdr. Jake Ferrari, Paul Hamilton's commanding officer. "The experience was extremely valuable for me and my crew."

Paul Hamilton is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to help ensure maritime security and stability in the Middle East region.

-- From US Navy

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## Navy, Coast Guard begin Oceania maritime security patrol

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard began their joint patrol in the Western Pacific under the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) to reduce and eliminate illegal, unregulated, unreported fishing, combat transnational crimes, and enhance regional security, March 20.

"OMSI is imperative to ensure that the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Convention (WCPFC) agreement is upheld within the Indo-Pacific region," said Cmdr. Richard Skinnell, Mobile's commanding officer. "This initiative allows us the opportunity to work jointly with other branches of the military as well as our allies and partners."

OMSI, a Secretary of Defense pro-

gram, improves maritime security and domain awareness by enabling Coast Guard law enforcement personnel to conduct maritime law enforcement operations from Navy ships. These joint and combined operations ensure the U.S. military honors its security commitments to allies, partners, and friends.

The WCPFC international fisheries agreement prioritizes the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

"The U.S. Coast Guard is always ready and looking forward to executing the OMSI mission alongside our U.S. Navy partners," said Bryant.

-- From US Navy

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# Sale... Or

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for information..

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# Competition with China drives FY24 budget request

By Terri Moon Cronk

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

The \$842 billion fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Defense Department is driven in large part by strategic competition with China, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said.

The budget also focuses, he said Tuesday, on furthering the department's three priorities: defending of the nation, taking care of service members and families and developing stronger relationships and cooperation with partners and allied nations.

"This is a strategy-driven budget — and one driven by the seriousness of our strategic competition with the People's Republic of China," Austin said during testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee. "At \$842 billion, it's a 3.2 percent increase over [the] fiscal year 2023 enacted ... and it is 13.4 percent higher than [the] fiscal year 22 enacted. This budget will help us continue to implement our National Defense Strategy and the president's National Security Strategy."

With China as a pacing challenge, Austin said, investment in the Indo-Pacific region is a big part of the FY 2024 budget. In the Pacific, he said, the department is investing in a more resilient force posture and is also increasing the size and complexity of exercises with partner nations there.

The FY 2024 budget request also includes a 40% increase for the Pacific De-



Photo by MC2 Alexander Kubitzka

**Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III testifies on the fiscal 2024 defense budget request before the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee in Washington.**

terrence Initiative. This year's \$9.1 billion request for the PDI — the largest ever — funds a stronger force posture, better defenses for Hawaii and Guam, and deeper cooperation with allies and partners there, Austin said.

Also in the Pacific, Austin said, the department is forward-stationing and deploying more forces, while also investing in airfields, logistics, domain awareness and resilience in places like Japan, Australia, Guam and the sovereign states involved in the Compact of Free Association.

The FY 2024 budget request, Austin said, also marks the department's largest investment in research and development. This year, the request for R&D efforts stands at \$145 billion.

The department is also requesting some \$170 billion for procurement to maintain the nation's air, sea and land dominance. About \$61 billion funds things like the newly revealed B-21 Raider, for instance, while \$48 billion supports construction of nine battle force ships for the U.S. Navy, he said.

"We'll also continue to modernize all three legs of our nuclear triad ... and bolster our strategic deterrence," Austin told senators.

The FY 2024 request includes \$37.7 billion to fund the nuclear triad, along with nuclear command, control, and communications.

Just six months ago, Austin signed a memorandum outlining plans to take better care of service member and their families. That memorandum discussed efforts to, among other things, make military moves easier, help military spouses find employment, and ease the burden associated with the cost of child care.

The most recent budget request continues that effort to take care of military personnel and their families, Austin said.

"We're going to remain the strongest military in the world," Austin said. "As we mark the 50th anniversary of our all-volunteer force, I'm enormously proud of the brave men and women who choose to wear the cloth of our nation. We owe it to them and to their families to take the best possible care of all of our people."

This year's budget request funds an increase in housing allowances, improvements to military housing, continued efforts to make child care more affordable, and the launch of universal prekindergarten at Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

The secretary also said the budget request supports the department's efforts to curb suicides and sexual assaults.

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## ● Recruits

In place for only eight months, it is already making a significant difference for both the Army and those who want to serve in it.

So far, 5,400 soldiers have made it through the prep course since it started in August at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. That's an important boost since the Army fell dramatically short of its recruiting goals last year, due to low unemployment and general wariness about military service. And at least one other military service, the Navy, took notice and is setting up a similar course.

For those who make it through the program, it can be life-changing. Holiday, 23, said many of her peers in her hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, didn't make it out of high school, with some "dead or in jail." Sitting outside the class building in her Army fatigues last summer, she talked about trying to pass the academic test for two years with no success.

She said she wanted to set an example, especially for her younger siblings. The prep course gave her a second chance. She raised her academic score by more than 20 points.

The course, she said, was like "basic training without the yelling." It also allowed her to bond with fellow students. "We helped each other out throughout basic training, so it was easy," she said. "All of us actually passed, so it was a good experience. And we all keep in touch."

Army leaders say the program — it involves classroom instruction and training ranging from how to wear the uniform and properly make a bed to fitness and discipline — gives recruits like Holiday an advantage.

"I think an interesting thing we've seen is that the kids coming out of that course, who go into basic, actually seem to have a little bit of a leg up," said Army Secretary Christine Wormuth. "During basic training, certain young individuals who show a little bit more leadership skills than others get selected to have leadership positions. And what we're seeing is the kids coming out of the prep course are often the ones who are being chosen for that."

As of March 17, nearly 8,400 people had been admitted to the prep course and more than 5,400 had graduated and gone on to basic training. Army Lt. Col. Randy Ready, spokesman for the Army Center for Initial Military Training, said about 6% of those recruits don't make it through

basic and advanced individual training, about the same attrition rate as for those who don't go through the prep course.

Ready said almost 4,000 of the graduates were in the academic track and about 1,400 were in the fitness track. Students in the academic program increased their test scores by an average of 19 points, he said.

"It has been largely very, very successful," said Maj. Gen. Johnny Davis, head of Army Recruiting Command, adding that students who go through the prep course come out more prepared. "It instills a level of positivity and confidence in those future soldiers."

Gen. James McConville, Army chief of staff, told a House committee on Tuesday that students in the program are improving their academic scores and losing 4% to 6% of their body fat.

"We're really giving them discipline," he said. "They're getting in shape. We're giving them a head start. So when going into initial military training, where they were at the lowest category, they're actually excelling and in some ways exceeding the standards — becoming the student leaders."

## Moby: The best dog that ever lived

Eight years ago, we brought him to our base house from a cranberry farm near New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was eight weeks old — a mere baby — taken from a puddle of litter mates with loose skin and soft pink bellies. He was very white for a yellow lab, so we named him "Moby."

The first two weeks, I slept on our bedroom floor beside Moby's crate. I started with my arm inside cradling Moby when he whimpered for his siblings. Each night, I made progress, until the crate door was closed, I was in my bed, and Moby was fully acclimated.

During the day, he followed me around, sitting on my feet while I cooked in the kitchen, chewing on weeds I pulled from my garden, turning his head adorably sideways when I spoke to him.

He was impossibly cute, like the lab puppies one sees in an L.L.Bean catalogue.

Our base neighbors stopped by to catch a whiff of Moby's sweet puppy breath. All the attention made him sleepy. He'd fall sound asleep on his back, the perfect opportunity to kiss his belly without suffering the wrath of his needle-sharp teeth.

To avoid separation anxiety, I took Moby with me to run errands at first. One day, he fell asleep in the back of my minivan beside an enormous bag of puppy chow, so I left him there while I ran into a store. I returned and found that he'd chewed a hole in the bag and gorged himself. He looked up at me pitifully, his belly round and tight. I soon learned that labs are seemingly bottomless pits, eating everything with a sense of starved urgency until it's gone. Food rationing became absolutely necessary.

Another day, I put gates up our kitchen and left Moby in the enclosure to run errands. Twenty minutes later, my neighbor called my cell. "What are you doing to that dog?!" he asked, explaining that he heard wailing.

I rushed home and found Moby exhausted and relieved to see me again.

Then I noticed that he was smeared in stress-induced diarrhea. I spent the next two hours scrubbing and disinfecting the gates, bedding, toys, floors, cabinets and Moby. I don't remember when he turned the corner, but he did soon enough. He became my beloved constant companion.

It's taken me this long to be able to write about this, but who months ago, Moby died unexpectedly after failing to recover from emergency disk surgery. I was there when he took his last breaths. He looked straight into my eyes as I whispered his favorite words. "Ball, walk, beach, night night, apple, toy, treat." I repeated the phrase I'd said for nearly eight years, believing it made Moby feel loved, "You're the best dog that ever lived."

All humans become attached to their pets, but pets also fill a special need for military spouses, who often cope with the loneliness, isolation and stress that comes with deployments and military moves. It's easier to fight the blues when you're adored unconditionally, every day, 24/7. This daily dose of positivity and ego-boosting affirmation is useful therapy for military spouses.

But in the weeks after Moby's passing,

I realized that he'd brought positivity to my life in another way. Moby made me a better person by requiring me to nurture him. Not just walks, feeding, petting, and vet visits. Every day, pet owners offer their animals spoken and physical affection. When I told Moby he was a "handsome boy" or a "good dog," and scratched his ears or sniffed his Frito paws, it lifted my spirits. I'd always thought I was nurturing Moby, but really, he was the one nurturing me.

When our kids come home for Easter, we'll gather in a spot in our yard where Moby had loved to lay among the clover and watch me weed my vegetable garden. We'll dig a hole and bury Moby's ashes along with our letters, his leash, tennis balls, biscuits, and a few apples. I'll mark the grave with a painted stone memorializing the positive daily affirmation that lifted me up for the last eight years: "Moby, You're The Best Dog That Ever Lived."

Lisa Smith Molinari's self syndicated columns appear on her blog, [www.themeatandpotatoesofflife.com](http://www.themeatandpotatoesofflife.com) and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life* Follow [Lisa@MolinariWrites.com](mailto:Lisa@MolinariWrites.com).

### COLUMN



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