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On Base

Open Bowling Tournament

Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

Located at the McCain Rec. Center

Story Time

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Located at the Andrew Triplett Library

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 7 at 8 - 10 a.m.
Rudders Pub & Grill

Tickets on sale
Nov. 25- Dec. 5!

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Welcome Commandant!



Photo by MC2 Molly Tice

We were proud and honored to welcome U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Eric Smith, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlos Ruiz to Naval Air Station Meridian, Nov. 20. This was a historic visit and the first time in the history of NAS Meridian that the Commandant has visited our installation. He visited our enlisted schoolhouse, Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One (MATSS-1) and Marine aviators at Training Air Wing One. Gen. Smith also awarded Sgt. Hunter Hill with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal as he is the Instructor of the year at MATSS-1. On average 800 enlisted Marines graduate from MATSS-1 each year and we train about 40 Marine aviators a year.



MWR Tree Lighting

Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

Field across from Bldg. 255

Aviators Earn 'Wings of Gold' in November Winging Ceremony

From Staff Reports

There was a naval aviator designation ceremony November 22 onboard Naval Air Station Meridian.

Thirteen aviators received their "Wings of Gold" during the ceremony. The naval aviator designation ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy regulations, but has emerged as an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It marks the culmination of nearly two years of specialized training, which has prepared these officers for the rigorous demands of aerial combat and carrier operations -- earning each the title of "Naval Aviator" and the right to wear the coveted "Wings of Gold."

LT Drake Alexander Alford, USN, is a 2012 graduate of Baylor University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. He was named to the Commodore's list during Primary Flight Training. LT Alford completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Maxime Paul Dannenmuller, French Navy, is a 2017 graduate of French Air Force Academy. LTJG Dannenmuller is also a 2021 graduate of the International Computer Sciences and Mathematics Engineering School, where he received a Master's degree in Computer Sciences and Mathematics. He commissioned in the French Navy and spent one year as OPSO onboard the French Navy Supply Warship the "BSAM Rhone." He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) on September 24, 2024. LTJG Dannenmuller completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Francois Xavier D'Arco, French Navy, is a 2021 graduate of the French Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Propulsion and specialized in Anti-submarine Warfare. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) on September 24, 2024. LTJG D'Arco completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Jonathan Taylor Hinds, USN, is a 2018 graduate of Oklahoma State University, where he received dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. While in Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy. LTJG



LT Drake Alford

Hinds completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

1stLt. Hunter David Johnson, USMC, is a 2019 graduate of the University of Arizona, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. 1stLt. Johnson completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Joshua Mark Leonard, USN, is a 2021 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. LTJG Leonard completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

1stLt. 1stLt. Christopher Sean Merrill, USMC, is a 2021 graduate of the University of Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He was named to the Commodore's list during Primary Flight Training. 1stLt. Merrill completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

1stLt. Lauren Nicole Modica, USMC, is a 2021 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. 1stLt. Modica completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

1stLt. Duncan Taylor Morris, USMC, is a 2021 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Quantitative Economics. While in Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy. 1stLt. Morris completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Oliver McDonagh Taylor, USN, is a 2021 graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering and Statistics. LTJG Taylor completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

ENS Hugo Tharot, French



LTJG Maxime Dannenmuller



LTJG Joshua Leonard



LTJG Oliver Taylor

Navy, is a 2019 graduate of University of PAU, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) on September 24, 2024. ENS Tharot completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

ENS Benoit Marie Adrien Toulon, French Navy, is a 2019 graduate of Louis Lumiere National School, where he received both a Bachelor and Master's degree in Cinematography. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) on September 24, 2024. ENS Toulon completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Karl William Joseph Troyer, USN, is a 2021 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. LTJG Troyer completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.



LTJG Francois D'Arco



1stLt. Christopher Merrill



ENS Hugo Tharot



LTJG Jonathan Hinds



1stLt. Lauren Modica



ENS Benoit Toulon



1stLt. Hunter Johnson



1stLt. Duncan Morris



LTJG Karl Troyer

Golden Stick Award



Photo by Evelyn Adams

Mississippi Council of the Navy League President Laura Carmichael has the honor of presenting the Golden Stick award to LT Drake Alford during a winging ceremony in the chapel onboard NAS Meridian, Nov. 22. The Golden Stick is awarded to the student with the highest composite score during training and sponsored by the Mississippi Council of the Navy League.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER:

27-Jan. 5: Winter Wonderland at the Children's Museum - Families can delight in fun and festive activities with weekly visits by Santa, sock skating in the Snowflake Village, reindeer workshops, and other holiday merriment. **Located in Downtown Meridian.**

27-Dec. 31: Trees of Christmas at Merrehope - The 56th Annual Trees of Christmas at Merrehope will take on a stunning new look as talented designers decorate over 60 fabulous trees and festive exhibits. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

DECEMBER:

1: CPKC Holiday Express, 4-8 p.m. - The CPKC Holiday Express returns to Meridian's Union Station on December 1st. This festive train features family friendly displays inside and out. Climb onboard and tour there festive cars and visit with Santa and his elves. **Located in Downtown Meridian.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

3: Christmas Tree Lighting, 6 p.m. - Join the City of Meridian as we illuminate our stunning 34-foot Christmas tree, creating a magical atmosphere filled with festive cheer and community spirit! **Located in Downtown Meridian.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

5: Holiday Sip & Shop, 5-8 p.m. - Downtown Meridian members open their doors for a night of wine tasting and after-hours shopping with Sip & Shop Downtown. \$20 ticket purchase includes ticket, wine glass, and 20% off downtown shops. Wine glasses (tickets) can be picked up outside Over The Moon at 5 PM. **Located in Downtown Meridian.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

7: Peppermint Pops Christmas Joy, 7 p.m. - Experience the magic of the season with 'Christmas Joy,' a heartwarming concert filled with the most beloved holiday music from past and present. **Located at the MSU Riley Center in Downtown Meridian.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

7: Sensory-Friendly Santa Meet & Greet, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come meet Santa, get a goody bag and have your picture taken in a sensory-friendly environment. To schedule your visit, call Ochsner Rush Rehabilitation at 601-703-4345. **Located at Ochsner Rush Ambulatory Care Center.**

AREA HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER:

29 - Jan. 5: 29th Annual Magic Christmas in Lights, 5 - 9 p.m. - Explore the enchanting 29th Annual Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens & Home—a festive paradise on the Gulf Coast. Wander through a dazzling 65-acre Garden estate adorned with thousands of lights. **Located in Theodore, AL.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

DECEMBER:

13-15: Ballet Memphis' The Nutcracker - Experience the magic again! Ballet Memphis' stunning new production of this beloved American holiday favorite opened last season to joy and delight in both familiar and unexpected ways! **Located in Memphis, TN.** [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)

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Roman Catholic Service at the NAS Meridian Chapel

Dec. 14 & 28
0930: Confession
1000: Mass

Roman Catholic
Services are held
the second and
fourth Saturday
of each month.



Sale... Or

HOMES/APARTMENTS

For Sale: 3 BD/2 BA home. 1,496 square foot heated and cooled. 200 square foot utility room/pantry. Poplar Springs Elementary school district. Huge fenced back yard and storage building. New roof Dec 2012. New AC April 2017 and remains under warranty until 2027. Around the corner from Northcrest church (North Hills). Asking \$150,000 but there are a few little cosmetic things that could be done so will take \$125,000 as is. Contact Jared or Felicia Monsour at (601) 938-4810 or (601) 934-0931

For Sale: 3 BD/4 BA home with 2965 sq ft of lake view home in beautiful, gated Lake Eddins in Pachuta. Entertainer's kitchen with huge eat at bar. Brick floors in main living areas, all new floor covering in remaining areas, total remodel. Gorgeous brick w/natural cypress home, 2 car garage w/bonus room.

Asking \$299,900. Will include additional lot on water for fishing/boat storage w/asking price. Call 601-720-1420.

For Rent: 3BD/ 2BA house offers beautiful lake views, perfect for fishing and relaxing by the water. This house has recently been remodeled. Monthly Rent: \$1,500. Deposit: \$1,000. Additional Fees: Dalewood Renter Privileges Fees. Please contact Carlos at 601-604-9986.

For Rent: 1 BD/1 BA. Entire House in North Hills District. Listed on AIRBNB or can book direct. Daily or Weekly rates plus cleaning fees. Contact: 601-504-5415

For Rent: 3 BD/2 BA, only 5 mins from main gate of NAS Meridian. Nice size private yard / garbage and water provided. Pets permitted with deposit. \$1,150 a month. Contact 601-480-1324.

For Rent: 3 BD/1.5 BA home 15 minutes from NAS at 4814 36th Ave. New refrigerator and 2-year old AC &

furnace. Call Terrance at 469-318-9769.

BOATS/CAMPERS/TRAILERS

21 foot - 2021 Jayco Travel Camper. Like new; beige & walnut interior. Selling to upgrade to larger size - Price is \$15,000 some accessories included. To view or request pics please contact: Gary 601-575-5062.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale: Double wall Frigidaire oven \$500; Bosch dishwasher \$500. Both three years old. Call 601-616-4242.

Nanny or caregiver services. Call Alice at 601-934-1866 or 601-679-8112. Has installation access; can take children to school and pick up and available days, nights and weekends.

Event Space for Rent: Deer Creek Banquet Hall. 6000 sq. ft. indoor with 1600 sq. ft. outdoor spaces for rent for gatherings and events. Call Reginald at 251-455-1559.

Listings in the "Sale...Or" column are free!
Submission deadline is the Wednesday prior to production.
Email information to nasmeridianpao@gmail.com

Bravo Zulu Chief Minto!



Photo by MC2 Molly Tice

Col. Cynthia Smith, Commander of the 186th Air Refueling Wing, left, stops by NAS Meridian to thank Chief Petty Officer Conor Minto for answering the call to help an elderly gentleman with his flat tire during his off duty time, Nov. 20. Minto, a member of the Blue Angels Team, is at NAS Meridian for the Chief Petty Officer Leadership Development Course (CPOLDC) with Chief Petty Officers from multiple installations. The elderly gentleman needed assistance and Chief Minto didn't hesitate to assist the gentleman who happened to be Col. Smith's father.



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Fair Winds and Following Seas Cecilia Boyer!



Photo by MC2 Molly Tice

Congratulations to Mrs. Cecilia Boyer who has worked at the NAS Meridian Navy Exchange for 25 years. She was honored for her service by NAS Meridian NEX General Manager Merritt McKenna and NAS Meridian Executive Officer CDR Michael Missler, Nov. 22.



Members of the 'Greatest Generation' Reflect on World War II Service at NUWC Division Newport

About 10,000 Sailors served aboard 130 landing craft support (LCS) ships during World War II. The last two surviving LCS Sailors, J. William Middendorf II and Eddy Desmond, visited the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport to share their stories on Nov. 18.

Middendorf and Desmond were the most prominent members of a panel, which also included Dr. Christopher Lehman, national security and naval warfare expert; Christine Pitts, granddaughter of U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. John Joseph Shea; and Stephen Waisgerber, a history teacher at Marshfield High School in Marshfield, Massachusetts. Stephen O'Grady, head of Technology and Strategy in Division Newport's Undersea Warfare Combat Systems Department, moderated the discussion, after Technical Director Marie Bussiere welcomed the distinguished guests.

"It's fitting that we are holding this event one week after Veterans Day," Bussiere said. "It is a reminder that every single day we benefit from the service and sacrifice of those who put their lives on the line to safeguard our nation and our freedom. No one day or celebration can capture our gratitude or repay the debt that we have and that we owe to our veterans, but events like ours here today give us all an opportunity to take a step back and reflect upon the real meaning of service and what each one of us can do to serve in our own way."

Middendorf's remarkable military service included



Photo by David Stoehr

World War II veterans J. William Middendorf II (from left), former Secretary of the Navy, and Eddy Desmond discuss their military service as part of "In Their Own Words: Reflections on World War II and Beyond" held at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport on Nov. 18. The men are the last two surviving Sailors who served aboard landing craft support ships.

serving as U.S. Secretary of the Navy from 1974-77, and as ambassador to the Netherlands from 1969-73, the Organization of American States from 1981-85, and the European Union from 1985-87. Middendorf, who turned 100 years old in September, was a successful businessman and published author.

He championed the Ohio-class submarine, the companion Trident missile, and the Aegis surface-launched missile system.

"One of the things I was most proud of as U.S. Secretary of the Navy, was when I took over in the early 1970s was I decided that no war that was ever fought, was ever won, and I had lived through several of them at that point," Middendorf said. "I decided that the only way we could win a war, in light of the huge Soviet buildup at that time which was threatening everybody at the peak of the Cold War, was to have peace through strength."

"In 1973, I started the

Trident submarine program, which is still, 50 years later, our overt deterrence in the battle between good and evil. At the same time, I was able to get through Congress the Aegis missile program, which is the fundamental program on the 88 Arleigh Burke destroyers, which exist to this day as our main surface combatant force. Also, the F-18 became the Navy's aviation arm and CH-53E heavy lift helicopter gave the Marines new mobility instead of them having to come ashore in small boats. Ten years later it paid off once these ships were built and came on deck. The Soviets couldn't match it and in the mid-1980s the Soviet Union collapsed as a result and we were able to achieve peace through strength, which was picked up by Ronald Reagan as his main theme."

-Public Affairs Office, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport

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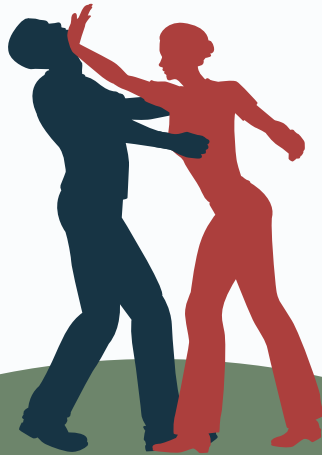
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Breakfast with Santa

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 0800-1000 \$7

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Tickets on sale Nov. 25-Dec. 5
 Contact Community Recreation
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- 1 pancake
- Sausage or bacon
- Orange juice or milk
- Scrambled eggs
- Festive decorations and fun holiday music
- Santa will be there and photos are encouraged



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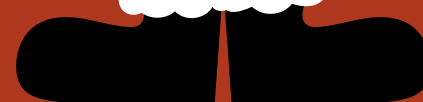
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NOV

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

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DEC 2-6

DEC 9-13

TAP CLASS

Located at The Fleet and Family Support Center, BLDG 405

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Chaps is teaming up with FFSC to present two classes in women's self defense! These classes will be held at Lakeside from 1430-1600.

DEC 3&5

DEC 1-15

LETTERS TO SANTA

Let your little one send a letter to Santa, and they will get a reply back!

COOKIES FOR SAILORS

Do you love to bake? Great! Sign up to bake cookies for our sailors for Christmas!

DEC 18

JAN 7

WELCOME ABOARD

Located at The Fleet and Family Support Center, BLDG 405

STALKING AWARENESS & FAP MONTH
 FAMILY EMPLOYMENT READINESS MONTH
 FINANCIAL WELLNESS MONTH

JAN