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NAS Meridian Galley Wins Ney Award

By Cash Matlock  
Queen City Newsfeed

The LCpl Roy M. Wheat Galley at Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian has earned the prestigious Captain Edward Ney Award for Excellence for the first time in its history.

This notable achievement comes after the galley maintained five-star ratings from the Navy evaluation team for 15 consecutive years.

The Captain Edward Ney Memorial Awards Program, established in 1958 by the Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA), is designed to recognize outstanding food-service operations within the U.S. Navy. The award honors the best general messes, with winners selected from both Afloat and Ashore General Messes.

In 2025, there were seven award recipients across the Navy, divided into Afloat and Ashore categories. Afloat General Messes had four categories: submarine, small-medium afloat, large afloat, and aircraft carrier. Ashore categories were split into West Coast, East Coast, and outside the continental United States.

NAS Meridian's galley was awarded the top honor in the East Coast Ashore General Messes category, marking the first time it has received the Ney Award.

The Meridian Galley serves approximately 1,000 meals per day, totaling over 30,000 meals annually. Known for its commitment to quality service, the galley has built a reputation for excellence among service members stationed at NAS Meridian.

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Photo by MC2 Molly Tice

Naval Air Station Meridian's LCpl Roy M. Wheat Galley is the 2025 recipient of The Captain Edward F. Ney Award (East Coast) for food-service excellence. The award is presented to the best U.S. Navy galleys among those who earn a five-star rating from a Navy evaluation team.

238th ASOS Leaves Legacy of Warrior Ethos, Bravery, & Comradery

By Maj. Sabrina Dalton  
186th Air Refueling Wing,  
Chief of Public Affairs

Humble, brave, valiant, selfless, and highly decorated are just a few words to describe members of the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS), Key Field Air National Guard (ANG) Base in Meridian, Mississippi. Comprised of Special Warfare Airmen known as TACPs or Tactical Air Control Party, Air Liaison Officers (ALO), operations support, and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC), the ASOS was recently redesignated as the 238th Contingency Response Squadron (CRS) on April 1.

"Having the most motivated, adaptive and lethal special warfare airmen take on the new mission of Contingency Response, only makes sense," said Lt. Col. Scott Duckworth, commander of the 238th ASOS. "It is a relatively new mission for the Air Force with personnel who are already combat proven and capable of being the benchmark of what a Contingency Response Squadron should be."

On the heels of escalating Al Qaeda terrorist activity, the 238th ASOS stood up on Oct. 1, 1999, following the restructuring of the 238th Combat Communications Squadron (CCS), which activated in 1953.

Since activation, ASOS members deployed in support of United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), United States Central Command (CENTCOM) and United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM), including operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. They conducted combat operations in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003; the liberation of Fallujah, Sadr City, and Karbala in 2004; counter insurgency in Afghanistan; and the Defeat ISIS campaign in Syria.

Over the years as world geopolitics evolved, the mission of the 238th evolved to meet the needs of the National Security Strategy (NSS).

As the only Air Force Special Warfare squadron within the Mississippi Air National Guard (MSNG), the federal, wartime mission of the

●Key Field page 4



Photo by Tech Sgt. Adam Vance

In November of 2019, Airmen with the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron received Bronze Stars during a ceremony at Key Field Air National Guard Base, Meridian, Miss.

NTTC Welcomes New XO

From Staff Reports

Naval Technical Training Center Meridian welcomes their new Executive Officer, LCDR John W. McCauley in April.

McCauley is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's of science in General Science. He also earned a master's of science in Manpower Systems Analysis from Naval Postgraduate School in March 2020.

He was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer upon graduation from USNA in May 2012. He was designated a Navy Human Resources Officer in December 2015.

His operational tours includes duty with USS BARRY (DDG-52) serving as the Operations Intelligence Division Officer from 2012- 2013.

Ashore, he served with Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic in both the N1 and N6 departments in 2013.

He then completed his Department Head tour with Navy Recruiting District Chicago, serving as the Operations Officer in 2016. Was hand selected to attend Naval Post Graduate School in 2018. After earning his graduate level education, he was assigned to Recruit Training Command, serving as a Ship's Of-



McCauley

ficer, Fleet Commander, and finally as Student Control Director and Senior Watch Officer in 2020. As Student Control Director and Senior Watch Officer, he executed the duties and responsibilities of an O-4 HR milestone billet and O-4 collateral duty for one of the Navy's largest watch teams; served as the Military Manpower Officer for Naval Supply Systems Command in Mechanicsburg, PA in 2023.

McCauley is a certified Professional in Human Resources and a Joint Professional Military Education I (JPME PHASE I) Qualified Officer. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards) and various unit and service awards.

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# Thirteen Aviators Earn Wings of Gold in April Ceremony

## From Staff Reports

There was a naval aviator designation ceremony April 11 on-board 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.”

Ensign Theo Michel Azzolin, French Navy, is a 2020 graduate of ESTACA Engineering School, where he received an Engineer’s degree in Aeronautics. During Primary Flight Training, ENS Azzolin was named to the Commodore’s List. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on December 14, 2024. While in Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned a Navy “E” for bombing accuracy. ENS Azzolin completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG John Lee Bonner, USN, is a 2018 graduate of the University of South Alabama, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. LTJG Bonner selected for E-2’s and underwent Multi-Engine Training in Corpus Christi, TX before training in Meridian. LTJG Bonner will continue training in Norfolk, VA where he will learn to fly the E-2 Hawkeye. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LTJG Bonner completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

1STLT Tanner James Bower, USMC, is a 2021 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. 1stLt. Bower completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

Ensign Simon Émile Abraham Choukroun, USN. In 2019, he joined the French Navy flight Selection Squadron, where he was selected to become a Fixed Wing Pilot. After completing training in France, he



Azzolin



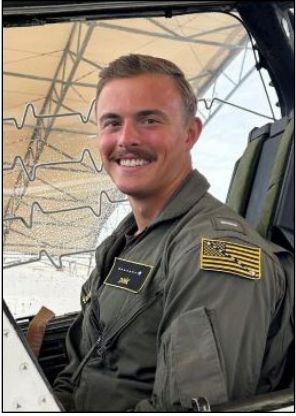
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was then selected to fly Strike Jet. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77) on December 14, 2024. ENS Choukroun completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Jacob Dwight Foster, USN is a 2022 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. LTJG Foster selected for E-2’s and underwent Multi-Engine Training in Corpus Christi, TX before training in Meridian. LTJG Foster will continue training in Norfolk, VA where he will learn to fly the E-2 Hawkeye. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LTJG Foster completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

LTJG Benjamin Thomas Hardy, USN, is a 2022 graduate of North Carolina State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. LTJG Hardy selected for E-2’s and underwent Multi-Engine Training in Corpus Christi, TX before training in Meridian. LTJG Hardy will continue training in Norfolk, VA where he will learn to fly the E-2 Hawkeye. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LTJG Hardy completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

1STLT Alexander Ross Hernandez, USMC, is a 2021 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. While in Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned a Navy “E” for bombing accuracy. 1stLt Hernandez completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Lincoln Edward Kilgore, USN, is a 2021 graduate of Eastern Ken-



Hardy



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tucky University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Professional Flight with a minor in Aviation Management. LTJG Kilgore completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LT Louis Yves Marie Le Masson, French Navy, is a 2019 graduate of the French Naval Academy, where he received a Master of Computing Science. In 2020, he served on board FS COMMANDANT BLAISON (F793), as Officer of the Watch. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LT Le Masson completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

Ensign Astap Theo Osmond, French Navy, is a 2021 graduate of The Technology Institute of

Cachan of Paris Saclay University, where he received a Associate degree in Electrical Engineering and Industrial Data Processing. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on December 14, 2024. Ensign Osmond completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LT Ivan Borissovitch Ovtcharenko, French Navy, is a 2019 graduate of the French Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Underwater Acoustics and Signal Processing. After one year, LT Ovtcharenko served as Officer of the Watch on-board LA MOTTE-PICQUET (D645). He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27.

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## Golden Stick Award



Photo by MC2 Molly Tice

**Mississippi Council of the Navy League President Joe Mercado has the honor of presenting the Golden Stick award to Ensign Simon Choukroun during a winging ceremony in the chapel on-board NAS Meridian, April 11. 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

APRIL:

**18 and 20: Annual Easter Egg Hunts** - Hosted by the City of Meridian Parks and Rec. For ages 3 to 10-year-olds only. Dates are April 18 at 10 a.m. at Velma Young Park and April 20 at 4 p.m. at Highland Park. Join Us for an Egg-citing Event! Over 4,000 eggs filled with golden egg prizes, candy, and surprises! Bring the kids and enjoy music, a bounce house, and plenty of fun.

**22: Paint the Plaza Purple, 5:30-9 p.m.** - A dining, shopping, & entertainment filled night with the portions of proceeds going to the Alzheimer’s Association to fight against the darkness of Alzheimer’s. For more info, contact 601-282-0083. **Located at the Dumont Plaza in Downtown Meridian.**

**26: Sip and Sway Charity Event, 7-10 p.m.** - Wildflowers, Wild Horses, and Whiskey nights with music by the Livestock Band! Our inaugural Sip & Sway fundraiser for Illuminations Center for Dyslexia promises fun for all with a lively dance floor, sports lounge, and a saloon. Grab your friends, dust off your cowboy boots, and join the herd to raise some money for Dyslexia Scholarships. **Located at Castle Grove Plantation. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

MAY:

**01-04: My Fair Lady** - Lerner and Loewe’s award-winning story of a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady is widely considered one of the greatest musicals of all time. **Located at the Meridian Little Theater. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

**03: Meridian Symphony Beethoven & Blue Jeans, 7-10 p.m.** - Embark on a heroic journey with our concert, ‘Heroes,’ where the spirit of courage and triumph comes alive through music by Beethoven, Rossini, & John Williams! Led by Guest Conductor Lawrence Golan, this evening of musical heroism will inspire and uplift your soul. **Located at the MSU Riley Center in Downtown Meridian. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

**03: Meridian’s 4th Annual Bud N Boilin, Noon - 5 p.m.** - Join us for Meridian’s 4th Annual Bud N Boilin Crawfish Competition presented by Mitchell Distributing and Community Bank! Whether you’re cooking crawfish to win cash prizes or you’re sampling from the participating teams, it’s a day you don’t want to miss! Amazing live music all day, ice cold beer, and you’ll be able to vote for your favorite boil! **Located in Downtown Meridian. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

**06: Wings and Tails hosted by the Mississippi Council of the Navy League** - 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner. Scott McQuaid and The Tomcasts will perform. Tickets can be purchased at the gate, available from any Navy League member or by calling 601-917-2697 or 601-479-8013. **Located at the at Key Brothers Hangar at the Meridian Regional Airport. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

# AREA HAPPENINGS

APRIL:

**23-27: Crawfish Music Festival** - This event offers a blend of live music, delicious boiled crawfish, and family-friendly activities. Attendees can enjoy headline entertainment, a variety of food options, and exciting midway rides. A highlight of the festival is the Crawfish Cook-Off on Saturday, April 26, where teams compete for cash prizes and the title of best boiled crawfish. **Located at the MS Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, MS. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

MAY:

**03: Lil Wayne, 7 p.m.** - Concert includes performances from Quavo and Anella. **Located at the BJCC Arena in Birmingham, AL. [Click here for tickets, entries, & info.](#)**

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# Teacher Salute Awards



Photos by Penny Randall

**Left: Larry Mullins, left, Naval Air Station Meridian’s School Liaison, joins Courtney Ashcraft, a gifted teacher at Northeast Lauderdale Elementary School, as Captain Luke Davis, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Meridian, presents Ashcraft with the “Teacher Salute” award, April 8. Her nomination said, “She not only brings creativity to learning activities, but she also creates a learning environment that welcomes students and becomes the highlight of the week for her students.” NAS Meridian honors teachers who have gone above and beyond for military children in our local school system. Northeast Elementary is also a Military Star School. Right: Beverly Litchfield, left, a third-grade math and science teacher at Lamar School, is presented the “Teacher Salute” award by Captain Luke Davis, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Meridian, April 8. Litchfield has taught in the public and private school system for nearly 50 years. Her nomination said, “Her strength lies in her dedication to her students and the ability to guide them through engaging and detailed lessons.” NAS Meridian honors teachers who have gone above and beyond for military children in our local school system. Lamar School is also a Military Star School.**

●Galley

The official award presentation will take place in Chicago on May 17, 2025. This achievement highlights the hard work and dedication of the team behind the LCpl Roy M. Wheat Galley, reinforcing its reputation as one of the

best food-service operations in the Navy. The Ney Award continues to serve as a benchmark for excellence in Navy food services, recognizing outstanding performance and the continuous drive for improvement.

# Sale... Or

HOMES/APARTMENTS

**NEW! For Sale:** 3 BD/3 BA, 2,804sqft home in Collinsville. Upstairs is a large bonus room that can be used as a 4th bedroom or recreational space. 1 acre of land. House is WL school District. Low interest rate assumable VA loan. Asking \$399,000. For additional info please txt or call 601-479-0888

**NEW! For Rent:** 2 BD/1 BA, 600 sq. ft. Rent is \$1275/Month with a \$1275 Security Deposit. Rent includes an 8x11 Storage Unit, In Unit Stackable Washer/Dryer, granite countertops and Stainless Steel appliances. Pets are negotiable. No Smoking.

**NEW! For Rent:** 3 BD/2 BA, 1100 Sq. Ft. Rent is \$1425/Month with a \$1425 Security Deposit. Rent includes an 8x11 Storage Unit, In Unit Stackable Washer/Dryer, granite countertops and Stainless Steel appliances. Pets are negotiable. No Smoking.

**For Rent:** 2 BD/1 BA unfurnished home in North Hills. Available May/June. Call 601-504-5415.

**For Rent:** 3 BR/2 BA

home in a quiet family neighborhood comes with all appliances (incl. W/D), and is convenient to NAS Meridian, schools, shopping, activities and major employers in the area. Recently updated with all new floors and paint, several new appliances, ceiling fans and 2-inch blinds throughout. The open, split floor plan has large rooms and features a bright and airy sunroom for relaxing. Outside, there’s a large fenced yard with patio and an attached 2-car garage with keypad entry. All electric with central AC/heat. Contact Leslie Turner, 601-527-4670 to view. See Zillow listing for more information and to submit applications. Rent \$1,750 per month.

**For Rent:** Water front home in Dalewood Shores located at 8992 Lake Flora Dr. Lauderdale, MS. Spacious two-story home facing the Lake; great for fishing and relaxing. Remodeled kitchen and new appliances. Rent is \$2,000; please call 813-406-9687.

**For Rent:** 1BD/1 BA furnished apartment. Has day room, kitchenette, washer and dryer, smart tv’s, central heat

and air conditioning. Very clean and private, good location. \$1200/month includes utilities and wifi. No Pets. Text or call 601-527-4098.

**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:** 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.

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# ASF, Civilan Guard Graduations



Above: Three Sailors and one Marine graduate from the Auxiliary Security Force Academy (ASF) onboard NAS Meridian, April 4. The academy is a 3-week course that provides certifications for military members to conduct security force operations as watch standers. ASF members are valuable to NAS Meridian’s Naval Security Forces on the installation and are called upon to assist when needed.



Below: Michael Teesdale graduated from Naval Security Forces Civilian Guard Academy onboard NAS Meridian, April 11.

Photos by Evelyn Reese and MC2 Molly Tice

# TW-1 Spotlight



CAPT Justin Kuch, Commodore of Training Air Wing ONE, presents Kimberly C. Smith, who serves as secretary for the Commodore and Chief of Staff Officer, a Letter of Commendation for selection as Civilian Employee of the Quarter (2nd Quarter). As secretary for the Commodore and Chief Staff Officer, her sound guidance in the field of Naval administration set her apart and proved invaluable to the Administration Department and front office alike. During an eight-month period of administrative manpower challenges, she stepped up to the plate to ensure operations continued unimpeded, and she continued to redefine the integral role of her position played in our mission.

Courtesy Photo

## ●Key Field

ASOS is to provide liaison and expertise to United States (U.S.) Army combat units. However, ASOS members worked with all U.S. military services to include the Marines, Navy and Air Force, calling in close air support (CAS) or airstrikes, artillery fire, and naval gunfire – amplifying the mission as a force multiplier. They also conducted medical evacuations and set up overseas drop zones for equipment resupply.

Their stateside or peacetime capacity consisted of supporting domestic operations as air advisors, providing reconnaissance support such as searching for missing persons; participating in natural disaster and hurricane relief efforts for Katrina and Irma; and supporting counterdrug operations.

The year 2003 hailed the first of many deployments for the 238th, when six TACPs deployed within seven days of notification in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). One of the original members of the unit, Retired Col. Billy Murphy who served from 2000 – 2008 as a Battalion ALO, deployed to Iraq. Then Major-Murphy and five other Airmen to include then-Major Scott Snively, deployed with Fort Campbell’s 19th ASOS.

“We were responsible for providing close air support, and I spun up the Apache pilots on emergency CAS who were my eyes on target. We had combined armed effects on different targets throughout Iraq,” Murphy detailed. “Apaches were on target, Army long range missiles, and 2,000-pound bombs dropping all at the same time, and everyone made it home.”

On Dec. 3, 2003, when the 238th returned from their deployment,

both Murphy and Snively, were awarded the Bronze Star for their actions during OIF.

Murphy said that his time spent with the 238th was instrumental in developing him to be a valued staff member at every command level, setting the stage for the remainder of his career where he later progressed to serving as commander of the 186th Air Operations Group at Key Field ANGB.

In 2004 during the Iraq conflict, four, 6-member teams deployed for three-month combat tours, supporting the 39th Brigade Combat Team. During this deployment, the campaign to liberate Fallujah, Iraq, occurred.

Former ASOS member, then-Senior Airman James Munn, deployed alongside the unit’s U.S. Air Force JTACs and members of a U.S. Navy special operations team. The team was tasked to insert into Fallujah, during Operation Phantom Fury to provide direct action and CAS operations. While there, Munn survived being hit in the chest by the spoon of a grenade with the event leading to a two-hour long firefight. In totality, the operation lasted 17 days. Munn was awarded the Bronze Star, with Valor, following his return from the deployment. This is just one of the many acts of bravery exhibited by ASOS members throughout the unit’s activation.

From 2004 – 2020, 238th ASOS TACPs traversed the world 14 times, fighting the war on terrorism. They’ve been accredited for the defeat of ISIS, were instrumental in Baghdad, had more than 2,000 enemy kills, and dropped more than one million pounds of bombs, all in defense of U.S., coalition and host nation forces.

California resident Lt.

Col. Frank Monterrosa, who serves as a fireman in his civilian career, began his military career with the 238th in 2007 as an enlisted ROMAD and later commissioned to become a TACP officer. In all, Monterrosa deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan twice each, and to Syria from 2018-2019.

“The reason I stayed with the 238th is the people,” explained Monterrosa. “Living in California, I could have gone to Washington State or Houston. At one point, at least 20 members all lived out of state. That really drives home the point of brotherhood. I’ve always loved the atmosphere and culture.”

Most every year, at least 20% of the unit was deployed at any given time, speaking to the legacy of not only bravery, but also of comradery fostered by shared deployments, experiences and adversities.

For the past 26 years since the inception of the 238th ASOS, one Purple Heart, more than 20 Bronze Stars, one with Valor, numerous Army Combat Badges, at least three Combat Action Medals, and hundreds of other decorations have been awarded to members for support during training exercises, acts of bravery, and for injuries received while in combat with enemy forces. In fact, the 238th garners the record of the most Bronze Stars and Combat Action Ribbons of all Mississippi Air National Guard units.

With the ASOS redesignated, the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron’s legacy persists in perpetuity due to the 26 years of heroic actions and accomplishments embodying the Air Force warrior ethos through deterrence and the defense of our freedoms and national security.

## ●Winging

LT Ovtcharenko completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

LTJG Andrew Manning Jackson Rivers, USN, is a 2021 graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Language and Literature. LTJG Rivers is selected for E-2’s and underwent Multi-Engine Training in Corpus Christi, TX before training in

Meridian. LTJG Rivers will continue training in Norfolk, VA where he will learn to fly the E-2 Hawkeye. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LTJG Rivers completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

LTJG Christopher Jay Sanguinet, USN, is a 2021 graduate of Old Dominion University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Me-

chanical Engineering. LTJG Sanguinet selected for E-2’s and underwent Multi-Engine Training in Corpus Christi, TX before training in Meridian. LTJG Sanguinet will continue training in Norfolk, VA where he will learn to fly the E-2 Hawkeye. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) on March 27. LTJG Sanguinet completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

# NAS Meridian Chapel

## Easter Service

April 20 at 9 a.m.

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FFSC Spotlight



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Christen Alarcon, left, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, witnesses CAPT Luke Davis, NAS Meridian Commanding Officer, signing proclamations for Child Abuse Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention. These proclamations serve as a vital reminder of our commitment to supporting survivors, raising awareness, and fostering a culture of prevention. Together, we stand united in promoting education, advocacy, and support for those affected.



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Marie Brinston, Personal Financial Manager, collaborated with LS1 Walton, CFS from NAS Meridian, to teach a TSP class at NTTC. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a retirement savings and investment plan designed for federal employees and members of the uniformed services, including the Ready Reserve. For more information, please reach out to Mrs. Brinston, Personal Financial Manager, at the FFSC by calling (601) 679-2360.



Courtesy Photo

Marie Brinston, Personal Financial Manager at FFSC, conducted a credit management and spending class at NTTC and MATSS-1. Following the session, Mrs. Brinston met with several students at the Commissary, encouraging them to purchase items in bulk rather than relying on vending machine purchases. Kudos to the students who embraced the lessons and took steps to manage miscellaneous and impulse spending effectively!



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Fleet and Family hosted Chalk the Walk at FFSC and NTTC! Thank you to everyone who came out to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month and spread positivity!

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FFSC Upcoming Events.

APR 02 PAINT THE BASE TEAL Decorate your area in TEAL for Sexual Assault Awareness.	APR 15 PURPLE UP DAY Show your support for our Military Kids by wearing purple!
APR 02 GO BLUE DAY Let's come together to show our support for individuals with autism and their families by wearing blue!	APR 17 NAVIGATING USA JOBS WORKSHOP This workshop will be held at FFSC at 8am.
APR 04 FAVORITE FOOTBALL TEAM Show your support for our Military Kids by wearing gear from your favorite football team.	APR 18 CAMO DAY Show your support for our Military Kids by wearing camo!
APR 08 WELCOME ABOARD Held at FFSC. Join us to learn more about NAS Meridian!	APR 21 MINDFUL MOVEMENT YOGA Join us at the Sonny Montgomery Fitness Center at 6pm for a relaxing yoga session!
APR 09 TOGETHER IN BLUE Join us in wearing blue to raise awareness for child abuse!	APR 25 PURPLE LEMONADE I&R DRIVE THROUGH Drive through the FFSC parking lot at 11am to pick up lemonade and an informational bag!
APR 11 ROCK PAINTING Join us for family bonding and meaningful conversations about building safe and supportive environments for our children.	APR 30 DENIM DAY Show your support for Sexual Assault Survivors by wearing denim!
APR 14 CHALK THE WALK Join us at FFSC at 10am to spread positive messages!	Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all FFSC events!

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For more information on any of the above events call 601-679-2360 or email kasie.d.mcinnis.naf@us.navy.mil

Rudders

STAFF AND GAME NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS 1700-2000

Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, UNO and Phase 10

AXE Throwing by reservation at Community Rec 601-679-2526

1 pizza and 9 wings for \$25

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