

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY FOUR
Gulfport, Mississippi
FIRST EDITION



WELCOME ABOARD
UNITED STATES NAVAL
MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
SEVENTY FOUR
Homeport: Gulfport, MS

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WELCOME ABOARD!

Commanding Officer's Command Philosophy

Our Battalion is a critical combat unit in the defense of the United States of America and our way of life. Our responsibility to always be prepared to go to war and execute our mission successfully is inviolable. To that goal, EVERYONE in NMCB 74 is important. Our success will be achieved through the maximum development of: Individual skills and qualifications, small unit leadership, effective communication and "Can Do" execution. We will be guided by the following principles:

- a. **Safety:** Safety and informed risk decisions are integral to all we do.
 - b. **Positive Leadership:** Leaders at all levels will promote a positive, winning team spirit. Optimism is a force multiplier; we will always look for force multipliers.
 - c. **Integrity:** The Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, Commitment, will be embraced by all. They are a way of life, not something just reserved for time in uniform. There will be zero tolerance for drug abuse, discrimination, fraternization, harassment, and/or hazing.
 - d. **Professionalism:** Seabees of NMCB 74 will set the standard of professionalism for the Naval Construction Force. Everything about our Battalion will be stamped with pride.
 - e. **Balance:** Seabees always work hard; we will also work efficiently, ensuring all members live their lives in balance. Our families are part of the team. Whether in homeport or on deployment, participation in our families' lives is important for both unit and individual success.
2. I am most honored to serve you as your commanding officer. My goal is for each of you to personally realize, and contribute to, the profound accomplishments and legacy of the U. S. Navy Seabees.



SEABEES

"We Build, We Fight"

History of NMCB 74

United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 was activated April 28, 1943, at the Naval Construction Training Center in Camp Perry, Williamsburg, VA. LCDR Fremont G. Elliot assumed command and led the battalion through most of World War II.

"Fearless 74" served its country well in the dangerous island-hopping campaign to reclaim Japanese-held territory in the South Pacific. Often landing with Marine Corps combat troops and operating under heavy enemy bombardment, the battalion constructed support facilities on Tarawa, Kwajalein and the Berlin Islands. For its outstanding achievements, NMCB 74 received the Navy Unit Commendation Medal before being inactivated Oct. 31, 1945, while in Okinawa.

Two decades later, the U.S. Navy called upon NMCB 74 again. The battalion was recommissioned Dec. 6, 1966, at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, MS, and adopted the motto "Does More." From 1967 to 1970, the battalion made four deployments to Vietnam. NMCB 74 served in various locations, including DaNang, Cam Lo, Dong Hoa, Quang Tri, Quang Nagi, Chau Doc and Bien Hoa. During this time, the battalion was involved in constructing numerous base camps, a 575,000 square foot airfield, a 102 acre heliport, three Army Special Forces camps and a 730 foot bridge. NMCB 74 received a second Navy Unit Commendation Medal following its first Vietnam deployment. On Aug. 17, 1969, just before the battalion was scheduled to return to Vietnam, Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf Coast. The battalion received its third Navy Unit Commendation Medal for recovery actions following the storm.

Following the Vietnam War, NMCB 74 continued to serve her country. The battalion participated in peacetime construction efforts around the globe, including deployments to Diego Garcia; Guam; Okinawa, Japan; Puerto Rico; Rota, Spain; and Sigonella, Sicily. In April 1986, the battalion was awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Citation for supporting the construction of a new Loran C station in Guam during a nine-month deployment.

On Dec. 3, 1990 NMCB 74 was sent to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The battalion initially deployed to Suman Air Base, Bahrain, then redeployed in mid-December to Ra's Al Mish'ab in northeastern Saudi Arabia. Detail sites included Al Jubail, Al Kibirt, and Al Khafji in Saudi Arabia and Suman Air Base in Bahrain. Among the battalion's projects were the construction and maintenance of 30 miles of the 200-mile long main supply route, building one of the largest ammunition facilities in the world, a 1,500 foot stabilized soil runway for C-130 aircraft, two large camps for Marines, and support for NMCB 5 in building a 15,000-man camp known as "Wally World." The battalion's most notable achievement, however, was Bravo Company's construction of tank and artillery mock-ups in support of Task Force Troy, Commanding General Norman Schwarzkopf's successful decoy that was deployed to disguise the main thrust of the allied assault on Iraq.

During recent years, NMCB 74 has continued to live up to its superb reputation. The battalion received the Battle "E" award as Best of Type among Atlantic Fleet battalions in 1993 following an outstanding Okinawa deployment. In May 1994, while deployed to the Caribbean region, the battalion sent Air Detachments to Grand Turk Island and Guantanamo

Bay, Cuba to support the construction of migrant processing facilities. Once the mission in Grand Turk was complete, the first Air Det was transferred to Cuba, putting just over 200 of NMCB 74's finest in support of Joint Task Force 160. The battalion bore the brunt of constructing facilities to house 70,000 Cuban migrants. After returning to homeport in 1995, the battalion was selected to receive the Peltier Award, a highly prestigious honor given each year to the best active duty battalion among the eight mobile construction battalions.

In March 1998 the battalion readopted its original "Fearless" motto. In September 1998 the battalion provided cleanup assistance at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, MS, and throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast due to damage caused by Hurricane Georges. Secretary of Defense William Cohen presented more than 200 members of the battalion the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Deployed to the Caribbean again in 1999, NMCB 74 assisted the Special Operations Command South (SOCSOUTH) in its relocation from Panama to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Buildings were constructed from the ground up and renovations made to already-existing facilities. The battalion also responded to the Kosovo refugee crisis, constructing shelter for 500 displaced civilians in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For its efforts the battalion was again presented the Peltier Award as the best active duty battalion.

During its 2000 deployment to Okinawa, NMCB 74 sent a DFT to the Philippines and the Kingdom of Thailand as part of Cooperation and Readiness Afloat (CARAT) exercise 2000. The battalion also participated in recovery efforts after Typhoons Jelawat and Saomai on Okinawa, and set records for rock blasting as part of a joint construction operation on Annette Island, Alaska. In recognition of its superb construction efforts throughout the Pacific Rim, NMCB 74 was once again selected to receive the Battle "E" award, its fourth in eight years.

In 2001, NMCB 74 became the final battalion to deploy a mainbody to Camp Moscrip in Puerto Rico, with detail sites at Andros Island, Bahamas; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Jacksonville, Florida; New London, Connecticut; Norfolk, Virginia; and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. The battalion also sent DFTs to Great Inagua Island, Bahamas; Concepcion, Paraguay; and Salta, Argentina. The battalion completed substantial construction tasking throughout the Atlantic region and provided security support at Camp Garcia on Vieques in response to anti-Navy protests during several Composite Unit Training Exercises. On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists. Security measures were increased, and NMCB 74 was challenged with dispatching crew served weapons teams, constructing force protection barriers and establishing a Command Operations Center. While maintaining these measures, the battalion was simultaneously assigned to realign and consolidate Camp Moscrip facilities and equipment in preparation for a new six-month deployed/ten-month homeport rotation cycle. By deployment's end all facilities were either reassigned to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads or reconfigured for Detachment spaces.

For the Fearless Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) SEVENTY-FOUR the 2002/2003 deployment was one of the most dynamic in the history of the battalion. The battalion deployed to Camp Covington, Guam 5 October 2002 initially deploying five details from the Caribbean to the Pacific as well as a Civic Actions Team to Palau. Shortly after deploying to Guam in early October, the battalion's Air Det Heavy redeployed to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base in central Kuwait. The primary tasking was the construction of the F/A-18 Parking Apron and Taxiway project for the 3rd Marine Air Wing. The enormous 22-acre project had a mission critical, operational ready date of mid-January, 2003. Following the early November rollback of Details: Lemoore, San Diego and Hawaii, an additional 170

battalion personnel and equipment were redeployed from Guam to assist in completing the project. After the re-deployment of the Mainbody Super Typhoon Pongsona struck Guam providing the Seabees of the new Detail Guam a perfect opportunity to assist local commands and personnel. Just after Guam was back into shape the Battalion received the call once more to re-deploy their SLRP, AP, and OPP to Kuwait in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR made significant and critical contributions to FIRST Marine Expeditionary Force's (I MEF) successful campaign to topple Saddam Hussein's regime and liberate the people of Iraq. The battalion: completed the largest, pre-hostilities construction project in the entire operational theater; played a defining role in shaping the Naval Construction Force's operational scheme of maneuver for contingency, non-standard bridging; and provided superb contingency engineering support to First Marine Division during the war, enhancing mobility for assault forces' logistics and constructing countless force protection and battle space sustainment improvement projects. On the 30th of May 2003 the battalion returned to a hero's welcome at homeport Gulfport Mississippi.

NMCB 74 has been selected "Best of Type" among the Atlantic Fleet battalions eight times during its history. It was awarded this honor under CDR Gordon W. Schley for fiscal year 1968, CDR James E. Bodamer in 1973, CDR Daniel B. Leonard in 1976, CDR Arthur W. Fort in 1978, CDR B. Daniel Neal in 1993, CDR Ronald W. Hertwig Jr. in 1994, CDR William M. Peacock III in 1999 and CDR Francis P. Castaldo in 2000. The battalion also received the Society of American Military Engineers' Peltier Award, honoring the best active duty battalion, in 1978, 1994, and 1999.



COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMANDER CLIFFORD M. MAURER, CEC, USN



Commander Maurer is a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1984. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. His previous assignments include: Activity Civil Engineer at the Navy Public Works Center, Pensacola, Florida; Assistant Operations Officer, Air Detail Officer in Charge, and Sigonella Detail Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE; Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Marine Corps Combat Development Center, Quantico, Virginia; Environmental Action Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters; Operations Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FORTY; and Executive Officer, Naval School, Civil Engineer Corps Officers. Commander Maurer is a registered engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, and is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. His personal decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, three awards, Navy Commendation Medal, three awards, Army Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. In addition, he was awarded the 1996 Society of American Military Engineers' Moreell Medal. He is married to the former Cynthia Vest of Oxnard, California.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN A. KLIEM, CEC, USN



LCDR John Kliem is a native of Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in December 1989. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School, Newport Rhode Island in June 1990.

LCDR Kliem's first assignment was as the Environmental Compliance Division Director at MCAS El Toro from April 1991 to January 1993. His next assignment was to the Naval Construction Training Center where he was the Facility Officer and the Charlie Company Commander responsible for training members from the Army, Navy, and Air Force in vertical construction technology from January 1993 to August 1995.

Following this tour he was assigned to NMCB ONE from August 1995 to August 1997; where he served as Headquarters Company Commander, Communications Officer, Detail OIC on deployments to Rota, Spain and Fallon, Nevada. While deployed to Fallon, Nevada, LCDR Kliem led his detail in disaster recovery/mitigation operations in support of FEMA/BLM for a flood and a range fire.

Following his Seabee assignment, LCDR Kliem received orders to the Pennsylvania State University where he earned a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from August 1997 to June 1998. He was then assigned as the Assistant Community Manager for the Civil Engineer Corps at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee from June 1998 to September 2000. Following Italian Training at the Defense Language School in Monterrey, California, LCDR Kliem reported to OICC Naples as an AROICC where he led the Increment II Construction Team then was assigned to be Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for Southern Italy from May 2001 to May 2003. He is currently assigned as the Executive Officer for NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR.

LCDR Kliem is a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Tennessee. Among his decorations are the Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and various other individual and unit awards.

Lieutenant Commander Kliem is married to the former Diane Anderson of Cane, Pennsylvania; they have two children, Aly and John.

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



CMDCM (SCW) JOSEPH A. PERRONE

Master Chief Joseph A. Perrone was born 04 December 1960 in Syracuse, New York. He Joined the Navy 25 January 1981 and completed Recruit Training in Orlando, Florida.

His duty assignments include: Student at Naval Construction Training Center Gulfport, MS; Crew Leader CBU 411 Norfolk VA; Project Supervisor U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE Gulfport, MS, Project Supervisor and Q.C. monitor U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR Gulfport, MS; Division Head and Chief Instructor Military Training Department TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment Gulfport, MS; Operations Chief, Company Chief, and Q.C. Chief U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN Gulfport, MS; Operations Officer TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment Gulfport, MS. He is currently assigned as the Command Master Chief for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR Gulfport, MS.

His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with three Gold Stars, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Unit Commendation Award, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Unit Commendation Award with one Bronze Star, Navy "E" Award with two Bronze "E"s, Navy Good Conduct medal with four bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Armed Forces Service Award, Southwest Asia Service medal with Globe and Anchor and Two Bronze Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Sea Service Deployment Award with a Silver Star and four Bronze Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait, Navy Service Rifle Marksmanship Award with Expert Device, and Navy Pistol Marksmanship award with Sharpshooter Device. He is qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist and Master training Specialist.

He is married to the former Theresa Dawn Brown of Beaufort, South Carolina, and they live in Long Beach, MS with their four children Jason, Joseph, Brianna, and Calin.

NMCB SEVENTY FOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	GULFPORT	ROTA	OKINAWA	GUAM
Commanding Officer	871-2557	727-2458	732-4142	339-6185
Executive Officer	871-2558	727-2840	732-4142	339-6185
Command Master Chief	871-2634	727-2490	732-4142	339-6185
Career Counselor	871- 3236	727-2340	732-4017	339-7270
Quarter Deck	871-2149	727-2141	732-4016	339-3231
Disbursing	871-3309	727-3293	732-4074	339-2116
Personnel Office	871-2766	727-2737	732-4080	339-7174
Chaplain	871-2454	727-1589	732-4191	339-7173
Medical	871-2810	727-3230	732-4030	339-3151
Dental	871-2606	727-2845	732-4029	339-6232
Red Cross	871-2483	727-2333	734-1294	344-9260
Family Service Center	871-3000	727-3231	734-3366	333-2056/9
Navy-Marine Corps Relief	871-2610		734-3927	564-1879
Post Office	871-2258		732-4019	339-7271
Navy Lodge	800-NAVY-INN	727-2643	800-NAVY-INN	800-NAVY-INN
USO	NONE	NONE	734-3374	NONE

For Long distance calls to Gulfport, MS use (228) area code.

For Long distance calls to Camp Covington, Guam use (011-671-339-last four).

For Long distance calls to Camp Shields, Okinawa use (011-81-611-732-last four).

For Long distance calls to Camp Mitchell, Spain use (011-34-956-82-last four).

For DSN: Use 868 for Gulfport, 314 or Rota, Spain, 315 for Okinawa, 315 for Guam.

To call Spain or Okinawa, you must call the overseas DSN operator at 564-0111 (Norfolk, VA). Rota, Spain is six hours ahead of Gulfport time (CST), Okinawa is fourteen hours ahead, and Guam is sixteen hours ahead of Gulfport.

NMCB SEVENTY FOUR UNIFORM POLICIES

Maintaining a full seabag is a requirement for all Navy personnel, but as a member of NMCB Seventy Four you will also wear Camouflage Utility Uniforms (CUUs). Your CUUs issue will consist of four blouses, four trousers, four brown t-shirts, a belt with buckle, six pairs of green or black socks, two soft covers, two sets of blousing straps, one hard hat, two pairs of black combat boots, a field jacket, and a liner for the field jacket.

The wearing of CUUs holds several advantages, such as **NO COST** to the member, the opportunity to replace your uniform when damaged or worn, and no costly uniform upkeep (excluding t-shirts, socks and blousing straps; t-shirts and socks are issued once every six months). Though you will still be required to maintain all other Navy uniforms, CUUs will be the primary uniform while in NMCB Seventy Four.

The standard Navy PT gear consists of dark blue running shorts and brown T-shirt and/or navy blue sweats.

UNIFORM FOR MORNING QUARTERS

- Tuesday and Thursday: CUUs for morning quarters.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: PT gear for battalion PT.
- Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, duty personnel will wear prescribed uniform of the day.

PHYSICAL READINESS PROGRAM

We maintain an active physical readiness program. Three times a week the battalion runs a program of basic exercises and a mile and a half formation run. The battalion does its semi-annual test in April/May and September/October so be prepared. If you wish to know the exact dates of the test please ask your sponsor.

SEABEE COMBAT WARFARE (SCWS) SPECIALIST PROGRAM

How important is this program to you? The Seabee Combat Warfare Program recognizes the importance of the wartime mission of the Seabees. The program requires individuals to master a wide range of the Naval Construction an individual with all the contingency environment, day technical and



Seabees. Due to its importance, all E4 and above are required to enroll in the program and actively pursue qualification. Although E1-E3 personnel are not required to participate in the program, they are strongly encouraged to work toward qualification and their voluntary participation is weighed in their periodic performance evaluations. Our goal is to provide every member of this command the opportunity to qualify.

skills that specifically apply to Force. The intent is to produce requisite skills to survive in a as well as master the day-to-administrative aspects of the

What's the warfare device mean to you and what is its importance and its significance? The SCWS program is another path for self-improvement to excel in tactical and professional proficiency. You have attended, studied, practiced and demonstrated in all areas of combat readiness that Seabees are generally involved in. Having earned the Seabee Combat Warfare Device, puts you above others without one, in terms of advancement, selection for special duty assignments and in general prestige! How can you enter the program?

First of all, you must be in a qualifying unit in order for you to earn the Seabee Combat device. The battalion is a qualifying unit. Upon arrival to NMCB SEVENTY FOUR, E4 and above will be enrolled during your indoctrination period. The unit's program manager will be giving out a book called Personal Qualification Standard or PQS, and a checklist of criteria one must complete

prior to final qualification. The book is broken down into 13 different areas/topics: Safety, Basic First Aid, Weapons, General Military Tactics, Communications/Communications Security, Chemical/Biological/Radiological Warfare, Embarkation, Logistics, Administration, Civil Engineer Support Equipment, Outgoing Operations, Contingency Construction, Battle Damage Repair, Camp Support.

What one must do to complete the program:

Once enrolled, the enrollee has many different options to get the ball rolling. You must go to the Education Services Officer to order all of the correspondence courses listed in the checklist and complete the following course/exercise/qualification:

1. SEABEE COMBAT HANDBOOK (NAVEDTRA 12003/12004)
2. NAVAL SAFETY SUPERVISOR (NAVEDTRA 12971)
3. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE/SEABEE PO1/ CPO (NAVEDTRA 12543)
4. COMPLETE STANDARD MILITARY REGIMENTAL FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE
5. QUALIFY WITH TOA WEAPON NORMALLY ASSIGNED FOR THE POSITION HELD BY CANDIDATE
6. COMPLETE PQS BOOKLET WITHIN 24 MONTHS OF ENTRY INTO PROGRAM.
7. PASS MOST RECENT PHYSICAL READINESS TEST WHEN SUBMITTING THE PACKAGE FOR FINAL SCW BOARD
8. EVALUATION CRITERIA MUST BE OVERALL PROMOTABLE (E4 AND ABOVE MUST ALSO BE AT LEAST 3.0 IN LEADERSHIP)
9. ONE YEAR ON BOARD - DATE REPORTED
10. ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE PERSONNEL OFFICER OR DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY

1. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

2. Our most valuable resource is our "FEARLESS" NMCB-74 Seabee. We will ensure that each is able to work in a safe and healthy workplace.

3. A successful safety and health program enhances the well-being of our Seabees, reduces accidents, saves money, and improves mission effectiveness. Every member will incorporate the **5-Step Process of Operation Risk Management** (ORM, OPNAVINST 3500.39) into all activities, **both on and off-duty**.

4. Every member of the battalion will understand that they have the authority to call a **Safety Timeout** if we are doing something, or preparing to do something, unsafe.

5. The chain-of-command will be vigilant regarding the safety and well being of all personnel. No job will proceed unless all Safety precautions are followed. Supervisors will ensure Seabees properly use personal protection equipment and devices - without compromise. Unsafe or unhealthy working conditions will be corrected immediately.

6. The Safety Officer is my principal advisor regarding the NAVOSH and ORM Programs. Never hesitate to seek his counsel or expertise on matters pertaining to Safety. He has the training and knows where to get the answers.

7. The protection of our Seabees is critical - more so than any project or exercise the battalion may be tasked to execute. I insist on your complete support to help create and sustain a safe and healthy work environment for each one of our "FEARLESS" Seabees.

C. M. MAURER

NMCB SEVENTY FOUR deploys to the Pacific (Camp Covington, Guam), Europe (Mainbody at Camp Mitchell, Rota, Spain), and the Western Pacific (Mainbody at Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan).

Deployments are approximately six-months long and are followed by a ten month homeport period.

The deployment cycle is as follows:

	From	To
Guam, USA -	Oct 02	Apr 03
Gulfport, MS -	Apr 03	Feb 04
Rota, Spain -	Feb 04	Aug 04
Gulfport, MS -	Aug 04	Jun 05
Okinawa, Japan -	Jun 05	Dec 05
Gulfport, MS -	Dec 05	Oct 06

While forward deployed, NMCB SEVENTY FOUR will be tasked with completing many assigned construction projects in Europe, Central and Western Pacific sites. Past detail sites have included the following places:

Guam Detail Sites

- Lemoore, CA
- San Diego, CA
- Camp Pendleton, CA
- Hawaii
- Palau

Rota Detail Sites

- Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- Souda Bay, Crete Greece
- Sigonella, Sicily
- Thurmont, MD

Okinawa Detail Sites

- Iwakuni, Japan
- Sasebo, Japan
- Yokosuka, Japan
- Pohang, Korea
- Atsugi, Japan
- Chinhae, Korea

The above Detail sites are for informational purposes. When we are forward deployed, the word "forward" means we can be re-deployed anywhere as required, including areas of tension that affect the national interests of the United States. Detail sites vary from deployment to deployment due to tasking and operational commitments. Providing NMCB SEVENTY FOUR is not involved in vital tasks for the nation's security, leave periods of 14 days are usually authorized while on deployment. Personnel are responsible for purchasing their own airlines tickets and are also authorized to use Space-Available Military Airlift Command (MAC).

Prior to departure from the command, personnel using MAC must have ample financial means to return to NMCB SEVENTY FOUR at the end of their leave period in case a return MAC flight is not available.

Command Ombudsman Program

NMCB Seventy Four's Ombudsman Program reflects the Navy's commitment to you and your family. Our Command believes that the well-being of our service member's families greatly effects the over-all state of readiness of the command. The Commanding Officer has assigned select Navy wives as Ombudsman. Each Ombudsman is your direct link to the command while on deployment. They have resources available to them that can assist you and your family during emergencies.

Ombudsman:

Alice Huffman: (228) 831-3177

Shelly Williams: (228) 864-8783

NMCB 74 Family Support Group

NMCB Seventy four Family Support Group is an organization that was formed to promote and encourage a friendly and sympathetic social relationship among the members and loved ones of NMCB Seventy Four. The group provides opportunities for fun activities, To build new relationships and support for the family during the difficult times of deployment and the less stressful time of homeport. Membership is open to all family members and loved ones of personnel assigned to NMCB Seventy Four.

The group holds meetings on the third Monday of each month at the CBC Chapel in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.. Free babysitting is provided.

For additional information, please contact one of the board members or the command spouse advisor.

FSG Board Members:

President: April Ballis (228) 864-3280

Vice President: Melissa Smith (228) 868-2014

Secretary: Jody Klubnick (228) 539-4052

Treasurer: Heather Kennedy (228) 832-9175

Advisor: Cindy Maurer (228) 539-8365

Gulfport Area

Chosen as one of the top “up and coming” destinations by America’s travel agents, Gulfport and the South Mississippi has much to offer. From stately mansions to brightly lit casinos, There is a lot in the area to capture you and your family’s interest.

First settled by France over 300 years ago, South Mississippi’s rich and varied culture is celebrated in many museums and galleries.

Climate

The Gulfport area has an average of 219 clear or partly clear sunny days, compared to the U.S. average of 213. But when it rains it pours- an average of 59 inches of rain falls the coast each year, contributing to the areas lush, semi-tropical vegetation, The average low temperature in January is 50 degrees; the summer high temperature reaches into the 90’s.

Schools

Public schools in South Mississippi consistently rank in the 15 school districts in the state and compare favorably with nationwide averages. Each community has it’s own school district and the counties operate schools outside the incorporated areas. There are also plenty of private schools located in the area.

Call (601) 359-5615 or visit www.mde.k12.ms.us for a copy of The Mississippi Report Card. The following documents are needed for school registration: certified copy of birth certificate with raised seal, student transcript and report cards, social security number, immunization record and two proofs of residency. Children must be 5 years old before September 1 to enter kindergarten and must be 6 years old before September 1 to enter first grade.

Public School Districts

Hancock County

Bay St. Louis/ Waveland District, 201 Carroll Ave., Bay St. Lois,
(228) 467-6621

Hancock County District, 17304 Hwy. 603, Kiln,
(228) 255-0376

Harrison County

Biloxi District, 160 St. Peter Ave., Biloxi
(228) 374-1810

Gulfport District, 2010 15th St., Gulfport
(228) 865-4600

Harrison County District, 11072 Hwy. 49, Gulfport,
(228) 539-6500

Long Beach District, 111 Quarles St., Long Beach,
(228) 864-1146

Pass Christian District, 701 W. North St. Pass Christian,

(228) 452-7271

Jackson County

Jackson County District, 12210 Colonel Vickery, Vancleave,
(228) 826-1757

Gulfport Housing

Government owned family housing at CBC consists of seven sets of married officer quarters and 208 sets of married enlisted quarters. The officer quarters complex consists of three single houses and two duplexes. One of the single units is designed as quarters for the Center commanding officer. The other six units are assigned to eligible personnel from an established waiting list.

The 208 sets of married enlisted quarters consist of 16 five-bedroom units and 84 four-bedroom units that are all townhouses. There are also 80 three-bedroom houses and 28 two-bedroom houses that are newly constructed duplexes. Waiting lists for all the houses are maintained at the Housing Welcome Center.

Personnel receiving orders to CBC or its tenant commands can make advance application, in writing, for quarters. Control date is the date of detachment from prior command. Housing assignment is available to all pay grades based on family composition. DD Form 1746, Application for Assignment to Military Family Housing, should be available at any housing or personnel office. The same form can be used to apply for space in the mobile home park. In the remarks section, give the size of your mobile home. The application MUST be accompanied by a copy of the individual's transfer orders and Page 2, Record of Emergency Data.

The Housing Welcome Center provides a service to assist military of all grades moving into the Gulfport area in locating suitable off-base housing if government housing is not available. There are private rentals available on the local market. Three bedroom homes rent for \$600 to \$1,000 per month, plus utilities. Utilities average from \$125 to \$165 per month excluding telephone. A deposit must be made for utilities and the maximum deposit for all utilities is \$200. All personnel, regardless of organization to which assigned, must clear through the Housing Welcome Center prior to making a commitment for private rental housing in the local community.

Rates for temporary housing vary with the seasons. The Mississippi Gulf Coast is a popular summer resort area and finding temporary off base housing with the price range of many personnel becomes more critical from April through September.

The Rental Partnership Program assists military members with rental of suitable community housing at a cost below market rates. Contact the Housing Welcome Center to participate. For further information, write:

Naval Construction Battalion Center, Code 20.1

5209 Blower Street,

Gulfport, MS 39501-5001

or call 228-871-2586 or DSN 868-2586.

Hours of operation are 0700 to 1630, Monday-Friday. Their fax number is DSN 868-2453.

The Housing Welcome Center at CBC Gulfport can provide you with a list of apartments, rental houses, and trailer parks. Since dockside gambling arrived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August 1992, rental prices have increased. A rental Set-Aside Program is now available to assist in finding apartments at a reasonable cost with no deposit.

The Housing Referral Office also maintains listings of houses for sale, by owner and those listed with realtors. CAUTION: Do not enter into a sales agreement, or lease without first checking with the Housing Referral Office.

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USN Forces Marianas: Installation Commonly Referenced Numbers

Name Commercial DSN

AAFES 653-1136/1141/1280/7102

Barber Shop - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Navy Exchange 564-3131

Barber Shop - NCTS 355-2060 355-2060

Barber Shop - Naval Hospital, 1st Floor, Wing G 344-9479 344-9479

Beauty Shop - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Navy Exchange 564-3110

Beauty Shop - NCTS 355-2464

Billeting - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Central Billeting 339-5259 339-5259

Billeting - NCTS 355-5793

Body Works Fitness Center 344-9226

Chaplain - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-2126 339-2126

Chaplain - NCTS 355-5415/5439 355-5415

Chaplain - Naval Hospital 344-9127 344-9745

Club - Rumors 564-1833/34

Club - Top O The Mar 472-4606/4607

Commissary - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-5177 339-5173

Credit Union - Community First Guam 472-8219/16/15

Credit Union - Navy Federal 477-1055

Credit Union - Pentagon Federal 653-6492

Education Office - COMNAVMAR Education Specialist 339-5238 349-5238

Family Advocacy Representative 333-2056/7/8/9

Fleet & Family Support Center - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 333-2056/9 333-2056/9

Fleet & Family Support Center Annex - NCTS 355-5658/5124 355-5658/5874

Housing Office 333-2081 333-2081

Info, Tickets, & Tours MWR - NCTS 355-5534

Legal Office - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-3155 339-3155

Legal Office - NCTS 355-5712 355-5712

Legal Office - Naval Legal Service 333-2061 333-2061

Mini Mart - Apra Heights 565-3207

Mini Mart - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Barracks 20 564-3285

Mini Mart - Naval Hospital 344-9501

NAVPTO 339-7220/3203 339-6165

Naval Hospital-Family Practice 344-9630/9461

Navy Campus - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-8291-2 339-8291-2

Navy Exchange - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 564-3178

Navy Exchange - NCTS 355-2315/2062

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society 564-1880

Outdoor Recreation / Auto Hobby Shop 355-5630/5527 355-5630

Personal Property 333-2045/9 333-2045/9

Personnel Support Detachment - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-2311 339-2258

Personnel Support Detachment - NCTS 355-5080 355-5080

Quarterdeck - COMNAVMAR 339-7133 339-7133

Quarterdeck - NCTS 355-5333 355-5333

Quarterdeck - Naval Hospital 344-9340 344-9340

Raytheon Management 564-1847/48

Red Cross - Naval Hospital 344-9245 344-9245

Red Cross - Naval Hospital After Hours 344-9260/9340 344-9340

SATO 564-1636/9

Security - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas 339-6312 339-6312

Security - NCTS 355-5231 355-5254

Security - Naval Hospital 344-9744/5 344-9744/5

USN Forces Marianas: Local Community Cultural Attractions

The first settlers to arrive on Guam assimilated themselves into the Malay-Polynesian culture, and are ancestors to the Chamorro people, who are indigenous to the Marianas Islands. The present population is descended from the Chamorro; many have some Spanish blood from colonial days as well.

The Spanish left a legacy in terms of the Catholic religion, culture, architecture and family names. In 1898, Guam changed hands, following Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War. The U.S. set up a naval administration on the island with U.S. Marines acting as police. Local residents were subject to military rule. The island was only lightly fortified at the beginning of World War II, which made it easy for the Japanese to seize control. It took three years before the United States regained control over the island. Over 2,000 U.S. troops were killed and 5,000 wounded; Japanese forces lost 17,000 Japanese troops. Guam was transferred from Navy jurisdiction to the Department of Interior in 1950 through the Organic Act, enacted by the U.S. Congress. This made Guamanians U.S. citizens. Island governors were appointed by the President, with the first governor being elected in 1970.

Presently, the island has a 15-seat unicameral legislature, and each village has an elected mayor. Guam today is a melting pot where you'll meet a variety of people from Asia and the Pacific Rim. Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Micronesians, and many others now call Guam their home. The people are open and friendly and smiles come easily to them.

USN Forces Marianas: Local Community Recreation Opportunities

Guam offers a variety of recreational activities to choose from. For water enthusiasts the beaches are the star attractions, perfect for water sports or relaxation.

You can choose from a hotel-lined beach at Tumon Bay or a beach where you might find yourself alone with the sea birds and the hermit crabs. Some of the choicest recreational sites on the island can be found on base. If you're not amphibiotic, Guam still has a lot to offer. Just to name a few, other local recreational activities/hobbies/clubs/groups available are:

Guam Major League Baseball - play ball with the best on the island.

Guam Rugby Football Club - trains periodically for off-island rugby tournaments. (671) 649-1946

Guam Running Club - participate in sponsored events. (Walk/run, 2K, 5K, 10K, biathlon, triathlon, marathons, Island Perimeter Relay, and many more.)

Guam Special Olympics - contact Sports Director, (671) 646-9647.

Guam National Federation Tennis - (671) 472-6270.

Guam National Youth Football Federal - (671) 734-0530.
Guam Volleyball Federation - (671) 734-2011.
Guam Amateur Softball - (671) 477-7829/8333.
Guam Baseball Federation: (671) 653-7118
Guam Canoe Clubs - (671) 649-9053/646-7450.
Guam Soccer Association: (671) 477-5423
Martial Arts - black belt training (671) 646-1343.
Ultimate Frisbee - (671) 828-3630.
T-ball - for boys and girls five to seven years old. (671) 649-7502
Guam National Olympic Committee - (671) 475-0556 for information on games such as soccer, sailboarding, canoeing, volleyball, boxing, and golf.
Golf is very popular on island and Guam has over ten golf courses with two being located on base. You may find the prices off base prohibitive. Prices on base range from \$5.00 to \$10.00, depending on rank, the course and the day of the week.
Military commands have their own intramural leagues (Captain's Cup) for many of the activities listed above. For more info on base recreations contact MWR.

USN Forces Marianas: Support Services Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Admiral Nimitz Golf Course (671)344-5838/39
Auto Shop - Commander Naval Forces Marianas (671)564-1827
Auto Shop/Outdoor Recreation (671)355-5527
Big Screen - Commander Naval Forces Marianas (671)564-1831
Charles King Gym (671)564-1824/25
Clipper Landing Restaurant (671)564-2263
Club Rumors (671)564-1833/4
Gym - NCTS (671)355-5534/5623
Gym - Naval Hospital (671)344-9226
Lightning Lanes - NCTS 355-5273
MWR, Commander Naval Forces Marianas (671)564-1847/8/9
Orote Point Lanes - Bowling Center (671)564-1828/29
Swimming Pool (671)564-1822
The Point Club (671)339-5141
Top O'The Mar (671)472-4607

USN Forces Marianas: Education Colleges and Universities

Guam Community College
Phone: (671)735-4422, **Fax :** (671)734-5238
Web Address : <http://www.gcc.edu.gu>
Troy State University
Phone : (671)366-6226 **Fax :** (671)366-2603
DSN Phone : 366-6226
Web Address : <http://www.troyst.edu/tsup>
University of Guam
Phone : (671)735-2201/2202 **Fax :** (671)735-4245
Web Address : <http://www.uog.edu>
University of Maryland
Phone : (671)564-2304/355-2150 **Fax :** (671)564-2082/637-8671
Web Address : <http://www.netpci.com/~umguam>

USN Forces Marianas: Support Services Chapel Services and Programs

Commander Naval Forces Marianas Chapel
Phone : (671)339-2126

USN Forces Marianas: Support Services Single Member Services

Rec'n Crew

Phone : (671)564-1826/2812

NAVAL STATION ROTA

Installation Commonly Referenced Numbers

NOTE: The telephone numbers shown below are local Rota extensions. Telephone prefixes for Rota are: Commercial (from the United States) 011-34-956-82-xxxx. DSN: 727-xxxx.
Ambulance.. : 3300

Banking Facilities Banco de Andalucia.. : 2827/2832 (Bldg. 228)

Barber Shops Exchange Main Shop.. : 2507 (Bldg. 40)

Navy Federal Credit Union.. : 2986 (Bldg. 54)

NEX Cashier.. : 2755 (Bldg. 40)

PSD Cashier.. : 2032 (Bldg. 52)

Dry Cleaners: 1962 (by the commissary, open 10:00 - 18:00 (M-F) - 1700 (Sat)

Housing Annex.. : 4599 (Bldg. 134)

Beauty Shop.. : 4034 (Bldg. 134)

Billeting BEQ Central Billeting.. : 2460/2680 (Bldg. 569)

BOQ.. : 1750/1751 (Bldg. 39)

Navy Lodge.. : 2643 (Bldg. 1674)

Chaplain.. : 2161/2 (Bldg. 42)

Commissary.. : 2587 (Bldg. 40)

NEX Convenience Stores: Quick Stop.. : 4599 (Housing, Bldg. 134)

Education Office.. : 2711 (Bldg. 52)

Family Advocacy Rep.. : 3231/2 (Bldg. 1743)

Family Service Center.. : 3231/2 (Bldg. 1743)

Family Service Programs.. : 3232 (Bldg. 1743)

Hospital.. : 3305 (Bldg. 1802)

Housing Office.. : 2398/1349 (Bldg. 1960)

Human Resources Office (HRO) (Civilian Personnel): 2677 (Bldg. 52)

Legal Office (NLSO).. : 2531/2 (Bldg. 521)

Military Flight Information.. : 2411/2171 (Bldg. 2)

MWR.. : 1516 (Bldg. 1)

Navy Exchange.. : 2033 (Bldg. 40)

Personnel Support Detachment.. : 3011 (Bldg. 52)

Transportation Mgmt.. : 3045

Travel Office.. : 2034

Quarterdecks CNA/NAVSTA.. : 2222/2707 (Bldg. 1)

Hospital.. : 3560/1 (Bldg. 1802)

MCSFCo.. : 2472

NCTAMS Med Det.. : 2470 (Bldg. 8)

NEMOC.. : 2410 (Bldg. 532)

NSGA.. : 2705 (Bldg. 533)

VQ-2.. : 2185/6 (Bldg. 5)

625 AMSS.. : 3196 (Bldg. 1994)

Red Cross.. : 2333/68 (Bldg. 52)

Rota Coastline (Base newspaper).. : 2491/3786

Schools (DODDS On-base)
Elementary School.. : 4185/4187 (Bldg. 73)
High School.. : 4181/4183 (Bldg. 77)
Security.. : 3240/2001 on base 911, off base 82-0911

Naval Station Rota: Local Community Cultural Attractions

Festivals play a major role in Spanish life. They are eagerly awaited and planned well in advance. Each city and region has its own special fiesta, often in honor of a patron saint. Activities associated with fiestas include processions, fireworks, dancing, the wearing of the regional costume, bullfights, and amusement attractions. The official national holidays include New Year's Day, Three King's Day (6 January), Feast of San Jose (19 March), Holy Week and Easter (Semana Santa), Labor Day (1 May), Corpus Christi (June), the King's Birthday (24 June), Santiago Day (25 June), Rota Patron Saint Day (7 October), Columbus Day (12 October), All Saints Day (1 November), Immaculate Concepcion (8 December), and Christmas. Christmas gifts are not opened until the day of the Three Kings or Wise Men on 6 January.

Three Kings Celebrations are located at various neighboring towns 10-45 minute drive from Base. There is an Evening parade on January 5th on the eve of Three King's Day, the Christ child is placed in nativity scenes in local homes and stores. Men attired in Three Kings costumes ride on colorfully decorated floats & throw tons of candies to thousands of people lined up on the streets.

Carnaval Celebrations are held in Cadiz; El Puerto de Santa Maria; Rota; Chipiona; San Lucar de Barremeda and Jerez de la Frontera, which are 10-45 minute, drive from Base. The Spanish word "Carnaval" means "farewell to flesh." It is a period of feasting and revelry just before Lent. The church often refers to it as the "Devil's Feast." Most Americans know this celebration by the name "Mardi Gras", as it is called in New Orleans. Celebrations include wild masquerade dances, parades, fireworks, pinatas, elections of nymphs, burning of witches, singing contests, street-singing parties, patio decorations and costume contest.

There are Palm Sunday and Holy Week processions with a variety of colorfully decorated floats depicting Christ's Crucifixion, as well as other historically Christian statues. The participants in the processions dress in special robes and hoods which add color and somberness to the event.

Spring/May Festivals ("Ferias"): The importance and popularity of a given fair depends on the size of the town. Not only the decoration, lighting of the fairgrounds, number of bullfights, rides, shooting galleries and "casetas" (booths), but also the idiosyncrasies of the local people and area wines are the determining factors in gaining fame for certain fairs. Admission is free. Usually, all fair activity programs include at least one bullfight. Late in the evening, after the bullfights, the fair activities regain new energy and last until dawn.

Horse Fair: A week dedicated to horses. Jerez is famous for raising the best quality horses in Spain. Different competitions, including bullfighting on horseback, are held and awards presented. The annual evening gala featuring the famous Andalusian Dancing Horses is presented at this time.

Travel Planning can be done through The Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) office on board the Naval Station. ITT provides leisure travel/vacation information, local day and weekend trips, and international tours. Some of our tours include: Spanish Heritage tours to Granada, Seville, Cordoba, and Ronda; Shopping tours for Spanish Handicrafts such as brassworks, ceramics, paintings and basketry; Cultural tours include the Jerez Horse show, bodega tours and flamenco shows. Some over night tours include places such as Portugal, Paris, and other countries. ITT also sells tickets to area attractions and events when available.

Naval Station Rota: Local Community Local Community Overview

Spain lies in the southwestern part of Europe. It occupies part of the Iberian Peninsula bounded by the Mediterranean and the Canary Islands in the Atlantic. Its total surface area is 504,788 km. You will find that Spain is both European and Mediterranean in climate, vegetation, and culture. It is more than two-thirds the size of Texas with a population of over 39 million inhabitants. From the north to the south, from the east to the west, scenery, landscape, climate and accents in Spain vary almost unbelievably. Spain's most unique features are its beautiful and numerous mountains. Spain is the second most mountainous country in Europe, Switzerland being the first.

Spain is divided into 15 regions. Rota is located in the region of Andalucia, with its largest city being Seville. Rota is a town in the province of Cadiz. The Andalucians are known for their Flamenco music and their impressive religious ceremonies, as well as their distinctive architectural style derived from the Moors.

In addition to the Iberian mainland, Spanish territory includes the Balearic Islands, the Canary Islands, plus Ceuta and Melilla on the Mediterranean Coast of Africa. Each of these areas has its own unique character and culture.

While the regional areas in Spain represent a wide diversity of cultural patterns and languages, there is, nevertheless, a national feeling of identity very evident among Spaniards regardless of their level of society.

The population of Spain is 39.2 million and is growing annually at 0.2 percent. This includes the people on several islands that are part of Spain. The Spanish are a composite of Mediterranean and Nordic ancestry and are considered a homogeneous group. Madrid, the capital, has the largest population with 3.6 million people. Barcelona, the next largest, has 1.8 million.

The currency in Spain, until 1 January 2002, was the PESETA. In January 2002 the Euro was introduced. Spain, along with most European Union countries, use only the EURO as their currency. Other countries on the Euro are: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, and Finland.

Euro to dollar conversion rates vary, according to a variety of economic factors.

There are 8 Euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 Euros, then 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents. Every Euro coin will carry a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State will decorate the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the 12 Member States. For example, a French citizen will be able to buy a hot dog in Berlin using a Euro coin carrying the imprint of the King of Spain. The common European face of the coins represents a map of the European Union against a background of transverse lines to which are attached the stars of the European flag. The 1, 2 and 5 cent coins put emphasis on Europe's place in the world while the 10, 20 and 50 present the Union as a gathering of nations.

The 1 and 2 Euro coins depict Europe without frontiers. Final designs were agreed at the European Council meeting in Amsterdam in June 1997.

Availability: Coins can be obtained from banks and at retail outlets. There are 7 Euro notes. In different colors and sizes they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 Euros. The notes will be uniform throughout the Euro area; unlike coins, they will have no national side. The designs are symbolic for Europe's architectural heritage. They do not represent any existing monuments. Windows and gateways dominate the front side of each banknote as symbols of the spirit of openness and cooperation in the EU. The reverse side of each banknote features a bridge from a particular age, a metaphor for communication among the people of Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world. All notes will carry advanced security features. All Euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the Euro area. Availability: Notes can be obtained from bank cash machines and at the banking counter.

Naval Station Rota: Support Services

Single Member Services

The LIBERTY Program. MWR's Single Service Member Program benefits the single enlisted community, including geographical bachelors, and temporary duty personnel from other duty stations. The LIBERTY Program offers a wide variety of inexpensive activities, programs, and trips. The LIBERTY Program is a dynamic program offering you ways to be involved with the culture as well as life enriching classes and events. Examples are day trips to Ronda, Seville, Gibraltar, local malls, hiking, horseback riding, and occasional overnight trips and camping trips. Trips are also planned for local fairs and other Spanish celebrations/fiestas

Naval Station Rota: Support Services Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Recreational services on board Naval Station, Rota include the following:

Arts and Crafts Center - The Arts and Crafts Center offers a full service craft program with a large retail sales floor, work area, ceramic greenware and crafts, and supplies for most craft or art interests.

Auto Skills Program - Consists of the Auto Hobby Shop and Auto Used Parts. The Auto Hobby Shop features the latest equipment in modern technology allowing people to perform everything from a basic oil change to a complete engine overhaul. It has the Mitchell-On-Demand Computerized Automotive Repair System, three lifts, an engine and computer analyzer and a paint booth. Automotive repair classes are available. The Auto Used Parts operation sells used parts for many makes and models of automobiles at a fraction of the original cost.

Bowling Center - Bowlers will find automatic pinsetters, a pro-shop, rental lockers and shoes, house balls and plugging and drilling of balls at Rota's 16-lane bowling center. Men's, women's, and mixed league tournaments are held year-round.

Movies - The air-conditioned, indoor theater have a 360-seat capacity and operate seven days a week, 364 days a year. A drive-in theater located near the base housing area, show features on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, no admission fees - free.

Swimming - Two on-base pools serve the Rota community. One is located in the housing area, and the other is located on the main base, near the Fitness Center. The covered Aquatics Center is open year round and the Housing Pool is open from the end of May through September.

Golf Course - Situated on 200 acres, the Captain Jake Dennis Memorial Golf Course is an 18-hole par 72 course, 6,507 yards in length. It features a driving range and golf clubs/pull cart rental. The Golf Course clubhouse contains a fully equipped pro-shop.

Tennis Courts - There are 10 tennis courts located in several areas around the base.

Fitness Center - The Rota Fitness Center is open seven days a week and features a basketball/volleyball court, five racquetball courts, a free weight room, pro-shop and a complete Nautilus Center with state of the art aerobic equipment. The issue room provides equipment such as basketballs, volleyballs, tennis and racquetball equipment. Aerobics classes are held Monday through Saturday and range from traditional floor aerobics to step aerobics. The men's and women's locker rooms are equipped with free daily use lockers and lockers for rent on a monthly or annual basis, coed sauna, steam room, and Jacuzzi.

Marina - The Marina is open year-round and is located in the port area. Sailing enthusiasts may rent a variety of sailboats. There are also fishing boats and motors for rent, and camping equipment is also available. Additionally, scuba diving classes are offered year-round.

Wood Hobby Shop - Woodworking enthusiasts will enjoy the Wood Hobby Shop, which sells wood and other materials and provides a variety of tools and power equipment for customer

use. Staff is available to assist personnel with projects, and classes are offered throughout the year.

Aquatics - This program has two pools. The Aquatics Center is covered, heated and has locker rooms for men and women. It is open year-round primarily for lap swimming, military training and command PRTs. All of the Learn to Swim Classes and Aqua Jog classes take place at the Aquatics Center. The Housing Pool is open from Memorial weekend through the middle of September for recreational swimming. Both pools can be reserved for command or private functions for a nominal fee. We are always looking for qualified lifeguards and Water Safety instructors. If you or someone you know has either of these certifications stop by the MWR Personnel Office and drop off a standard form 171 application or OF612.

Rota Lanes Bowling Center: Recently completed a major renovation by installing brand new pinsetters, pin decks, lanes, approaches and seating for the 16-lane center. All lanes are equipped with Ball Wall gutters for bumper bowling. A pro-shop is available for all of your bowling needs.

Fees: Open Bowling \$1.65 per game League Bowling \$1.55 per game Shoe Rental: .75
Rota Lanes continuously offers discount bowling throughout the week and on holidays.

Rota Golf Club: This 18 hole golf course is the Mediterranean s best kept secret. The Club pro offers a variety of lessons for all skill levels. Lesson Fees: Mini (20 minutes): \$15.00
Regular (45 minutes): \$25.00 3 Series Lesson: \$60.00 9 Hole Playing: \$40.00

Fees: Daily: \$ 11.00 Twilight: \$ 6.00 12 Punch Card: \$ 84.00 Annual: \$540.00 Annual Family: \$700.00 Pull Cart: \$ 2.00 Electric Cart: 9 holes \$ 7.00 18 holes \$ 10.00 Rental Clubs: \$ 5.00

They also have a pro shop with a wide variety of merchandise to cover any golfer's needs.

Intramural Sports:

A wide variety of sports programs are offered in conjunction with the Captain s Cup Program. Contact your Command Sports Representative or stop by the Athletic Office located in the Fitness Center Bldg. #44 for detailed program dates and offerings.

Special Events: MWR Special Events offers a variety of activities throughout the year and some of the events are open to the entire community. Examples are the MWR Flea Market, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, The Country Fair, and the Community Christmas Parade.

Naval Station Rota: Support Services Chapel Services and Programs

Catholic Mass Location: Bldg. 42

Telephone: 2161

Hours: Sat 1800

Sun 0900 & 1200

Confessions are heard by appointment or 1/2 hour before Mass. For baptism and marriage preparations please contact ext. 2161. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) is offered every Sunday at 1030 at the DGF Elementary School. RCIA is held every Thursday at 1900 in the Chapel. Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) meet monthly.

Protestant Services Location: Bldg. 42

Telephone: 2161

Worship Services and Times:

1030 Contemporary Worship

1330 Gospel Worship

1900 Wednesdays, Protestant Communion

The Protestant Community offers age group Sunday school Classes and a wide variety of Bible Studies throughout the week to encourage spiritual growth.

Both the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) and Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) are active weekly to provide relationship building and growth opportunities. The Youth Group meets each Sunday night, is open to students grades 7-12. The Protestant Choir, Voices of Praise Gospel Choir and the Contemporary Praise Team enhance the worshipping communities with musical support.

Jewish Lay Service Location: Bldg. 42

Telephone: 2161

Hours: Fri. 1900 (first and third Friday of each month)

Church of Christ Lay Service Location: Bldg. 42

Telephone: 2161

Hours: Sun 1330

Bible Study meets Tuesday at 1830

Naval Station Rota: Education Colleges and Universities

Charles County Community College/Montgomery Colleges: 2917/18/2993

Accredited two year schools that offer courses leading to basic and advanced certificates and Associates in Applied Science of vocational areas including Criminal Justice, Legal Assistant, Early Childhood, and EMT.

City Colleges of Chicago: 2754

Offers a wide variety of lower level courses through their non-traditional independent study delivery system supported by videocassettes, CDROM, or delivered via the Internet. An Associate in Arts degree (with various possible concentrations) can be obtained through this program.

Emery – Riddle Aeronautical University Location: 2984

It is a part of the University's network of off-campus locations providing service members the opportunity to work toward a certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Aviation Safety, or earn an Associate or Baccalaureate degree in the aviation field. Coursework in preparation for the FAA written.

University of Maryland: 2917/18/2993

In Europe since 1949, the University enables students to complete course requirements leading to certificates, Associates of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Arts degree. A wide range of lower and upper level courses is offered with primary concentrations in business and management, government, history, psychology, and computer studies. Bowie State University, a part of the University of Maryland system, offers leading to a Masters degree in Public Administration and Management of Information Systems.

University of Oklahoma: 2799

A Masters of Human Relations is offered through an intensive class format, where classes meet over a one-week period. Extensive reading and preparation begins 30 days prior to the first class meeting. Home campus professors who are brought over to teach at one or two sites and return to campus to teach the majority of classes. There are usually three courses offered during a four-month period, nine per academic year.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

Here are some words and phrases that will assist you:

Hola- Hello

Adios- Goodbye

si- yes

no- no

Por favor- please

gracias-thanks

de nada- you're welcome

Hasta mañana- see you tomorrow



Hasta luego- see you later
senor- sir
Senora- madam
senorita- miss
el amigo- friend (male)
El amiga- friend (female)
Donde esta el bano- Where is the bathroom?
Cuanto cuesta- How much does it cost?
Habla ingles?- Do you speak English?
Hablo un poco de espanol- I speak a little Spanish.
Como se dice ... en espanol? - How do you say ... in Spanish
Como se pronuncia esta palabra? - How do you pronounce this word?
Que significa? – What does ... mean?
La bebida- beverage
Bien cocido- well done
La cuchara- spoon
El cuchillo- knife
La cuenta- bill
El nenu- menu
El plato- plate
Poco cocido- rare
El postre- dessert
La sal- salt
El salero- salt shaker

OKINAWA

ARRIVING IN OKINAWA

The flight from the United States to Okinawa is approximately 20 hours long. Usually there is a stop in Los Angeles and another in Anchorage, Alaska. From Anchorage, the flight generally goes straight to Okinawa. When you arrive in Okinawa, you will either arrive at the Naha Airport or on Kadena Air Force Base. Someone from NMCB 7 will be there to pick you up. If there are any changes to your itinerary prior to your arrival or if you arrive early, call the quarterdeck to notify your sponsor. If you should get stuck at the airport, tell a taxi to take you to Camp Shields. Be sure to keep a receipt for future travel claims. It's a long flight over, come prepared.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

How much enjoyment you'll get from a deployment here depends entirely on how you approach Japan. At first thought, it might seem that a speck of coral 67 miles long and 2-14 miles wide could offer few diversions. Okinawa's size is illusory. There are, literally, hundred of things to do and to see.

There are mountains to climb, forests to explore, hundreds of miles of beaches to laze on, streams to wade in, rapids to shoot, ancient castles to wonder at.

There are department stores and boutiques, a teeming farmer's market - with sights you'll not see in other Asian markets (dried, deadly poisonous sea snakes, for example, being sold as a health elixir) - discos, many as chic as those found in the fast lanes back home; hundreds of coffee houses where one can relax for hours for only the price of a cup; restaurants serving nearly every cuisine known to man; concert halls; parks; theaters, and athletic complexes which rival those anywhere with their modernization.

But, of all Okinawa's beauties, its people are most beautiful. They spring from a culture and

history that is long and colorful - among the most colorful anywhere in Asia, as a matter of fact. They are hard working, innovative, and infinitely friendly. They're possessed of an infectious humor that is earthy and consuming and so offhanded and natural that visitors often mistake it as sarcasm.

Every family whose roots are here was touched tragically by the War in the Pacific. But one of the wonders here is that the people have developed a tremendous capacity to forgive. Unless you are overbearing and singularly cloddish in your dealing with them they will overwhelm you with kindness and genuine friendship.

If you mind your manners here, keep an open mind and have a touch of adventure in your soul, a deployment in Okinawa can be the most rewarding and enjoyable anywhere in the world. Don't restrict yourself to the main island either. Okinawa is a collection of more than four score islands and islets, each offering plenty for adventuresome sprits. **Go out and explore!**

DRIVING IN OKINAWA

Okinawa definitely offers a distinct driving experience. To drive a military vehicle in Okinawa you must have a valid military license with a "KONJI Stamp." Be sure to check with the battalion's license examiner. Unlike the United States, people drive on the left side of the road, which requires some getting used to. The slow lane is on the left, and the fast lane is on the right, although there usually isn't a significant difference between either. All speed limits are marked in kilometers per hour and, except for the Okinawa Expressway, there is no authorized speed zone beyond 60 kilometers per hour, or about 37 mph. In addition, all traffic signs here conform to international standards.

Many roads are much narrower than standard American roads, traffic congestion is more the rule than the exception, and coral dust-laden roads can get slick fast after it rains. Needless to say, careful, defensive driving is an absolute necessity. Drinking and driving and illegal drugs are dealt with very severely by both Japanese and Military authorities.

Seatbelts -- Seatbelts must be worn at all times while driving on and off base.

Vehicle Checks -- Japanese police perform periodic vehicle and driver inspections to ensure vehicle conforms to safety standards and the driver is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Accidents -- Under Japanese law, all licensed drivers are professional drivers and, in the event of an accident, that causes personal injury to another, they could be considered professionally negligent.

Maximum penalties for professional negligence include up to five years imprisonment, or a fine of 500,000 yen or both.

Crime Stop -- Emergency number is 911 on Marine Corps Bases and 633-3333 on Kadena Air Base.

GETTING AROUND OKINAWA

While deployed to Okinawa, POVs are not available to Seabees. Here are a few varieties of public transportation that will be available to you:

SHUTTLE BUS: An inter-camp shuttle service picks up and drops off people on Kadena Air Force Base. This shuttle, which runs from 1800-2200 on workdays and from 1000-0200 during liberty is run by Alfa Company dispatch.

MWR SHUTTLE BUSES: MWR offers a shuttle bus on days of liberty to the various camps on the

island. It runs every few hours and rotates between Camp Shields, Camp Hanson, Kadena and Camp

Foster. Also, they offer a bus to White Beach, which leaves in the morning and arrives back at Camp

Shields later that evening.

TAXIS: If you don't want to wait for a bus ride home, taxis are another source of reliable public transportation. One advantage taxis have over buses is that most will accept Japanese or American currency. They usually carry a currency exchange rate chart with them, so it's not necessary to know Japanese. You can always look at the chart yourself if you want to confirm the fare charge.

You can usually pick up a taxi at one of many turnarounds near main gates at bases and camps throughout the island.

Before you choose a taxi to take you home, look on its outside to see if it is authorized to drive on base. If not, it will only be able to drop you off just outside of the gate and you will have to find another means of transportation to get you home from there.

SATO is located on Kadena Air Force base if you need to make travel arrangements. Plane tickets to the United State range from \$1400 - \$2200.

AMC SPACE-A is located on Kadena AFB. On a regular basis, flights are available to mainland Japan and the republic of Korea as well as Guam, Alaska and Hawaii. Space-A flights from overseas locations cost are free if flying to military bases, \$20.00 to civilian terminals. Before you can make reservations, you must show your approved leave chit and you must have resources to buy a one-way return ticket.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation System in Okinawa boast a wide range of excellent services and facilities. The activities provided by MWR include:

AT SEABEE CAMP SHIELDS- A complete gym, full service club, Coffee-House with pool tables and video games, and library.

CLUBS - Clubs are open to all service members from any branch. Most clubs are open to all ranks, but others may have some grade limitations. If you're going to a club for the first time, it's best to call in advance and ask what limitation, if any, might apply before you plan your entire evening around a function there. Club services and activities vary from complete dining and catering facilities to quick, convenient snack bars.

RESTAURANTS - If you're hungry for a snack and don't want to eat at the dining facility, one of the fast food restaurants on military bases or an off base restaurant. One of the four full-fledged family style restaurants can meet your cuisine demands.

BEACHES GALORE - Beaches and beach facilities are abundant on Okinawa. Some parts of the coast are made predominantly of sand, while others contain noticeable proportions of coral. Whatever the surface texture, though, all offer an exquisite view of the sea.

DIVERS' PARADISE - Diving remains one of the most popular sports among military people stationed on Okinawa. Few water enthusiasts can resist plunging through the sparkling emerald water off the Okinawa coastline.

DRIVING RANGE - The Kisaba Golf Driving Range is available to golfers seven days a week. A professional provides lessons to personnel desiring to learn or improve their skills.

POOLS - The Outdoor Recreation Department in Okinawa offers a great variety of activities for individuals who enjoy the outdoors. Nine swimming pools provide swimming and water aerobics enjoyment daily for thousands of people.

ARTS & CRAFTS - Another option of filling your days creatively is the Marine Corps Arts and Crafts program which can provide you with a sense of fun, enthusiasm and accomplishment.

Hobbies include:

- Auto body work
- Wood crafting
- Photography
- Pottery
- Cake decorating
- and many more. . . .



SIGHTSEEING

MWR offers several tours to Seabees throughout the deployment. Here are a few sites that the tours visit, **go out and explore!**

Mabuni Hill- on Mabuni Hill, next to quiet cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, there are 119 memorial monuments. Here memorials are in honor of the men who lost their lives during the Pacific Islands campaign of WWII. The cliffs are known to some Americans as "Suicide Cliffs, " because LT General Mitsuru Ushijima, the Commanding General of the 32nd Imperial Japanese Army, performed seppuku, or "hara-kiri," here, The other reason for the name is that it is believed many of General Ushijima's men jumped from these 500-foot cliffs when the Japanese were defeated. Okinawa's Peace Memorial Hall is just north of the cliffs. The Hall houses the Peace Buddha Statue.

Southeast Botanical Gardens- the Ryukyu Islands are known for their tropical beauty and lush foliage. The botanical gardens have more than 100 acres of palm trees, tropical flowers and rolling hills.

It is located just outside of Kadena's Gate THREE.

Shuri Castle- Shuri castle offers an opportunity to re-discover the Ryukyuan Kingdom.

Shuri, the capital city during the Ryuku dynasty, is a reminder of the history of the island.

WWII Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters- After WWII, only a few structures on Okinawa remained intact. The Japanese Naval Underground Headquarters, honeycombed beneath the hill above Naha, was one structure that stood solid during constant US bombardment.

Underwater Marine Observatory- The underwater Marine Observatory offers the opportunity to observe the Okinawa marine life close-up, without getting wet. Descending on a spiral staircase, visitors travel 25 feet into the East China Sea. There is also a shell shop, marine museum and a glass bottomed boat tour.

Expo '75- Ocean Exposition Memorial Park is dedicated to man's relationship with the sea and it's animals. The park features an indoor aquarium, dolphin shows, a museum, foreign pavilions, playgrounds, gamerooms, picnic area, a large amusement park and a sandy white beach. The park is located on the Montubu Peninsula.

Naha City Shopping Tour- Naha is the capital city of Okinawa. This tour offers a trip to the markets of downtown Naha and it is an exciting experience as well as a great chance to pick up souvenirs.

Several stores offer samples of traditional Okinawan liquors and foods. If you are looking for something to eat, you will find American style dining as well Japanese cuisine including several dishes containing Soba noodles.

FAMILY SERVICES CENTER

The Family Services Center helps the military service member enjoy a high quality of life while adapting to the uniqueness of life in a foreign land.

With offices at Camp Schwab, Hansen, Courtney, Lester and Kinser. The FSC offers many outstanding programs, including:

- * Information
- * Referral services
- * Counseling
- * Retiree affairs
- * Cultural programs

For more information contact your Family Service Center.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross plays a very active role in Okinawa, providing military communities with numerous services, including:

- Emergency communications
- Financial assistance

- Information and referral services

The Red Cross also holds many interesting and valuable classes including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, lifeguard training, stress management and first aid.

Many sailors and their families are already very familiar with the importance of emergency communication among relatives.

The American Red Cross staff offers several guidelines that can make these times easier for all family members. For example: make sure several family members at home have your rank, social security number and complete military address.

To get further information about the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** you can call the nearest Red Cross office in your local community or the battalion chaplain.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private, nonprofit organization that provides help to active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families in times of need and distress. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society focus its help on alleviating temporary hardship and helping Sailors, Marines, and their families get through an emergency situation by providing for their essential needs on a short term basis. Most NMCRS assistance is financial, but it's not a lending agency like a bank or credit union.

Assistance is limited only to providing for essential needs, rather than personal wants or luxuries. The following is a list of assistance provided by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

- * Pay errors or problems
- * Emergency transportation
- * Funeral Expenses
- * And many others

Each request for NMCRS assistance is handled on an individual basis, and the NMCRS staff makes every effort to resolve the problem in the best interest of the service member.

CLOTHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Since the weather here is semi-tropical for most of the year, it is recommended that you bring plenty of summer clothing, such as short sleeved shirts, shorts, slacks and sundresses. There is no particular style of clothing on Okinawa, so don't worry about having the right kind. People here wear everything from T-shirts and sandals to sport coats and oxfords. From the months of December through March the weather turns colder and calls for heavy sweaters or jackets/coats. Into the rainy months of April to mid June raincoats and umbrellas are a must. If you plan to travel to Korea or mainland Japan during the winter months, heavy winter wear will be appropriate. The climate in these two areas closely resembles the northern United States, complete with sub-zero temperatures and heavy snows.

IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADRESSES AND WEB SITES

- NMCB 74 Command Sponsor Coordinator: ballardbw@ncf.navy.mil
- NMCB 74 Web Page: <http://www.seabee.navy.mil/nmcb74>
- SITES Information for Gulfport, MS: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites/books/site3280.pdf>CBC
- Gulfport Web Page: <http://www.cbcgulfport.navy.mil/>
- City of Gulfport Web Page: <http://www.ci.gulfport.ms.us/>
- Gulfport City School District: <http://gulfportschools.k12.ms.us/>
- Harrison County School District: <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us/site2/DesktopDefault.aspx>
- SunHerald Newspaper: <http://www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/>
- WLOX TV (ABC Affiliate): <http://www.wlox.com/>
- WXXV TV (FOC Affiliate): <http://www.wxxv25.com/>
- Local Weather: <http://www.weather.com/weather/local/39501?GO=GO>

