Joint Base police apprehend fence jumping suspect

BY JOSEPH P. CRONE
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WASHINGTON – Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) DOD Police apprehended a male suspect who was eluding members of the District of Columbia’s Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) on Tuesday.

At approximately noon, MPD officers approached the male suspect outside of the base perimeter in the area near JBAB’s Firth-Sterling gate to talk with him, for an unknown reason, he fled, according to police.

With MPD officers in foot pursuit, the suspect hid in bushes along South Capitol Street, then scaled and jumped over a fence onto JBAB, eluding the officers.

A “Be on the Lookout” (BOLO) request was radioed by MPD to its forces and JBAB’s DOD Police Department.

DOD police officers immediately began searching for the suspect and were joined by MPD officers entering the base.

At approximately 12:15 p.m., JBAB DOD Police Investigator Shawn Weissman and Police Sgt Daniel Johnson located and apprehended the suspect who was hiding under a parked van.

The suspect, identified by MPD as Johnny Head, 40, of the District and just days away from his forty-first birthday, was taken into custody, processed at MPD’s Seventh District and charged with unlawful entry (to JBAB).

At press time, additional charges for a violation of probation were pending, according to police. Head will be arraigned in D.C. Superior Court, according to information available at press time.

JBAB Commander, Navy Capt. Anthony T. Calandra, said, “This incident once again shows the level of professionalism, rapid response and dedication to duty put forth by our public safety personnel and the robust nature of our security operations, protecting the base and all of those who live, work or lawfully visit it.”

“The excellent cooperation between MPD and our DOD Police Department continues to be unparalleled and is something that we are all proud of,” Calandra concluded.

Former AFDW commander recognized for leadership

BY PAUL BELLO
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Jodice, most recently the commander of NATO Allied Air Command Headquarters in Turkey, served in the Air Force for more than three decades.

During his remarks Jodice said, “I’ve had an incredible ride. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat.”

During his 2008-2009 command of AFDW, Jodice was instrumental in the planning for what became JBAB, working alongside his Naval District Washington counterpart.

A native of Teaneck, N.J., Jodice entered the Air Force in 1976 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Parks College in St. Louis, Mo., after earning a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering.

He began a career as a propulsion structural durability engineer before attending undergraduate school to become a pilot, where he was the distinguished graduate in 1981. In 1986, he was the top pilot instructor training graduate in the F-30 Talon twin-engine, high-altitude, supersonic jet trainer program. He graduated the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1990 as its distinguished graduate.

In July 2004, Jodice was promoted to the rank of brigadier general; major general in 2008 and to his current rank in December 2009.

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U.S. Air Force ceremonial units welcome top enlisted leader

BY PAUL BELLO
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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and Band, two premier ceremonial units of the 11th Operations Group at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, welcomed Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. Cody, along with his wife, Athena, visited Airmen during an all day tour that included special visits with two enlisted service members.

Their tour included a walk through the Honor Guard barracks and technical school, followed by a mock funeral honors demonstration and a Drill Team performance.

In 2012, Drill Team members finished first in the Joint Armed Forces Drill Competition. A banner celebrating this accomplishment hangs above the team’s practice hanger – much to the delight of Cody.

“That’s quite an achievement. You should be proud.

Free baseball doubleheader tickets for joint base military and DOD civilians

BY JOSEPH P. CIRONE
JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA-BOLLING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON – Free tickets are now available for a joint base military and DOD civilian baseball doubleheader evening game, being played between the Bowie Baysox and the Richmond Flying Squirrels on July 12.

The tickets were made available by the local minor league baseball team to show appreciation for the contributions of military and civilian personnel in serving the nation, according to Sean Foy, of the Baysox.

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Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington ensured enough tickets were available so the offer could also be made available to personnel at JBAB.

The Baysox’s stadium gates open at 5 p.m., with the first game starting at 6 p.m. Because it is a doubleheader, each game is truncated to seven innings.

Immediately following the second game, fans will enjoy a fireworks display, Foy said.

Tickets are available to all military members, DOD civilians and their family members on a first come, first serve basis, while they last.

Tickets must be picked up in person by showing a DOD identification card at any of the following Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) locations at JBAB:

- Fitness Center 1 or 2
- Outdoor Recreation Liberty Center
- Information, Tickets and Tours office (ITT)
Spouse organizations connect commands to families

BY LEA JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA-BOLLING

WASHINGTON - Most military spouses will never don a uniform, but what happens in the command often affects them as much as anyone.

The Navy Family Ombudsman and the Air Force Key Spouse programs consist of a team of appointed spouses, volunteering to help bridge the gap between military leadership, service members and their families.

"An ombudsman is a resource for families within the command. They welcome new families, disseminate information from the command, and direct families to support resources as needed," according to Amy Inselmann, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling ombudsman coordinator.

The Ombudsman Program was introduced to the Navy by former Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt on Sept. 14, 1970. Ombudsman is a Scandinavian term for an individual who investigates citizen’s complaints against the government. The term’s use in the U.S. military is slightly different.

"The intent was to emphasize the importance of Navy spouses and establish a procedure that gave spouses the opportunity to present complaints, view points, and suggestions [to the command]," Inselmann said.

The Air Force Key Spouse program was developed as a quality of life initiative and became standardized in March 2009. It was modeled after the Navy Ombudsman program and works similarly. Inselmann said spouses may volunteer to be an ombudsman or key spouse.

"To become an official ombudsman representative, a spouse must first be interviewed by the command and then receive a letter of appointment to the position.

New ombudsmen must then complete Ombudsman Basic Training, which covers responsibilities, code of ethics, command relationships, crisis calls and disasters, deployment and mobilization.

There are suggestions for how an ombudsman interacts with the families they represent, but ultimately expectations for the volunteers are established by the commander, Inselmann said.

Ombudsmen are an asset to the commander. They help by being able to answer some of those questions that may otherwise be directed to a higher level," she stated. "Commanders and Ombudsmen work closely together."

Naval and Air Force instructions require every command to appoint an ombudsman or key spouse.

The JBAB ombudsman team is seeking volunteers who may be interested in representing their command and families.

"It would be ideal to have 100 percent participation in the program. That is my goal," Inselmann said.

For more information on the Ombudsman or Key Spouse program or to become a volunteer, call (202) 404-1640.

Volunteers needed for D.C.’s Navy-Air Force Half Marathon

BY ALLISON BOWMAN
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WASHINGTON - The Navy-Air Force Half Marathon and Navy 5 Milers is in need of 400+ volunteers for the race on Saturday, Sept. 14 on the grounds of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

In addition to providing race-day support, volunteers are needed on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 for the Runner’s Expo and Packet Pick-up at the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) Club. It is a great opportunity for individuals, families, organizations and communities to bond while developing Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Honor through hard work, integrity and pride that directly impacts the race quality for participants.

Courage by meeting the responsibilities of the position assigned with the highest standards of personal conduct and decency.

Commitment to yourself and the participants to create a fun, safe, competitive and memorable event.

Volunteers are an essential component to creating memorable moments for our participants. JBAB would not be able to hold the event without their support, according to the race director.

All volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt, coin and a certificate of appreciation, signed by the JBAB command.

The Navy-Air Force Half Marathon and Navy 5 Milers began in 2004 as the Navy 5-Miler, organized by the Naval Support Activity Washington Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) program, in celebration of the Navy’s Birthday.

In 2010, the event transitioned to the JBAB MWR program and has since expanded to include the Half Marathon, in honor of the Air Force’s birthday, as well.

Registration is still open for those who wish to run. The race is open to military and civilian runners. It features Chrono-Track timing.

Runners start and finish in the shadow of the Washington Monument. The route includes east and west Potomac Park and Rock Creek Parkway. The race will also be USAF-certified.

For more information or to register as a volunteer or a runner, visit www.navyairforcehalfmarathon.com.
Commissary furloughs, weekly closure begin July 8

**BY PAUL BELLO**
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON - The commissary at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) will close on Mondays, according to the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA). The closures will last up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30. The announcement comes as DECA follows Department of Defense (DoD) guidelines related to automatic federal government budget reductions known as sequestration, which began March 1. Like most DoD activities, JBAB is mandated to furlough its civil service employees.

“We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DECA’s director and CEO. “We understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who when furloughed will lose 20 percent of their pay. We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners.”

It’s unfortunate that it’s come to this, according to William Reynolds, store and grocery manager at the JBAB commissary, but the closures will affect the store’s manpower or quality of service to its customers.

“We will still have the same products,” Reynolds said. “We will also continue holding sidewalk sales throughout the week all summer.”

Store hours for the Commissary at JBAB will remain Tuesday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Reynolds said.

As sequestration continues, commissary customers can find out about any changes to a store’s operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com. Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DECA’s plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DECA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store, Jeu said.

Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who deliver products daily to DECA’s commissaries.

In January, DoD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs.

As a result, DECA later executed the following budget-cutting measures:

• A hiring freeze on all outside hires
• Reduction of official travel for all conferences, training and other events and activities
• Cancellation of the agency’s May widespread cost sales for all commissaries. Stores implemented smaller-scale events such as outdoor sidewalk sales
• Reduction of all overtime and compensatory time
• Review of contract services to restrict any increases
• Reduction of all monetary and non-monetary payments, unless legally required
• Postponement of all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8

Military Days Kings Dominion
July 5 | Noon | Kings Dominion VA | Sign up by July 3
Kings Dominion is paying tribute to our brave military service men and women by offering FREE park admission. Hop a ride with Liberty and enjoy a day of thrills and excitement! Please call 202-685-1802 for more information.

First Friday
July 5 | 5 p.m.-Midnight | Bolling Club – Washington Dining Room
Join us on the first Friday of every month featuring DJ Bob Ski. Club members will be given access to FREE hor d’oeuvres from 5 to 7 p.m., non-members can enjoy these items for only $10. In addition, the Club’s famous fried chicken and Chef’s specials will be available for purchase in the WASP lounge from 7 to 10 p.m. Please call 202-563-8400 for more information.

Tye Dye T-Shirts Weekend
July 5/6 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Youth Center 19-18 years old
Do you like swirls or stripes? Come and investigate the wonderful world of tie dye. Bring your white t-shirt to the Youth Center and explore the many varieties of tying knots to get the most interesting designs. We will do a weekend of dyeing to get your cool shirt ready to wear this summer. Please call 202-767-4003 for more information.

Summer Reading Wrap Party
Aug. 9 | 11:30 a.m. | Library
“Have Book- Will Travel” is wrapping up! We will hand out certificates, prizes and conclude with bouncy castles, water slides and, of course, ice cream! Please call 202-767-5578 for more information.

July Fitness Challenge Plank Hold
July 10 | Fitness Center
This event will test the deep core muscles. Each participant will hold the “plank” as long as possible on the dominant foot. Only Good Luck! Please call 202-767-5895 for more information.

Birthday Lunch
July 10 | 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Bolling Club – Washington Dining Room
For all Club Members with a birthday in July, show your Club card and proof of your July birthday and receive a complimentary lunch buffet and a slice of birthday cake. Please call 202-563-8400 for more information.

Ping Pong & Pool Tournament
July 11 | 5 p.m. | Liberty Center
Whether you’re a sharpshooter or you can unleash some balls of fury, put your skills to the test in either the Ping Pong Tournament and walk away with a prize! Please call 202-685-1802 for more information.

Reggaefest featuring Stable Roots
July 12 | 6 p.m. | Slip Inn Bar & Grill
Join Liberty for a night at the movies to check out the latest new summer hits. Cost: $7.50 Please call 202-685-1802 for more information.

Youth Bowling Night at Potomac Lanes
Preteen July 12 | 8-10 p.m. | Youth Center 19-12 years old | Sign up by July 10
Teen July 19 | 8-10 p.m. | Youth Center 13-18 years old | Sign up by July 17. Join the JBAB Youth Center staff for an evening of bowling at Potomac Lanes. The Youth Center will pay the first game and the member will be responsible for the next game and any food consumed. Current membership is needed for this event and preregistration is required. Sign up at the front desk. Call 202-767-4003 for more information.

Movie Trip
July 12 | 6 p.m. | AMC Hoffman
Join Liberty for a night at the movies to check out the latest new summer hits. Cost: $7.50 Please call 202-685-1802 for more information.

Youth Sponsorship and Monthly Birthday Celebration
July 13 | 6-7 p.m. | Youth Center | 9-18 years old
Join the JBAB Youth Center Staff for our Monthly Birthday Celebration. If your birthday is in July, this one’s for you. Current Youth Center Memberships are needed for this event. We invite youth new to the JBAB community to come and find out what the JBAB Youth Center has to offer to you. Come and meet fellow members and hear what they have to say about our programming, trips and activities. Please call 202-767-4003 for more information.

Missoula Children’s Theatre
Jack and the Bean Stark
July 15-20 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Youth Center Gym | (completed Kindergarten)–18
Missoula Children’s Theatre is holding an audition for Jack and the Bean Stark. The audition will be held at the JBAB Youth Center Gym. The cast will consist of 50-60 children to perform in the production. Rehearsals will be held throughout the week leading up to the performance. Please call 202-767-4003 for more information.

Liberty Dinner and Movie Night
July 17 | 6 p.m. | FREE
Call 202-685-1802 for more information.

Golf Tournament
July 19 | Tee Time: 9:30a.m., then ev- ery 10 minutes | Joint Base Andrez’s Golf Course- East Course
Participate in this year’s golf tournament and show us what you’ve got! Only $80 per person including green fees, cart, lunch buffet and prizes. Please call 202-767-5895 for more information.

Acoustic Night
July 19 | 5 p.m. | Slip Inn Bar & Grill
Come and see Barry Charlton perform live at the Slip Inn Bar and Grill deck this summer. Listen to some of Barry Charlton’s music at www.barrycharlton.com.
Call 202-767-1371 for more information.

Third Friday
July 19 | 5 p.m.-Midnight | Bolling Club – Washington Dining Room
Join us on the third Friday of each month featuring DJ Shawn Diggz. Club members will be given access to FREE hor d’oeuvres from 5 to 7 p.m., non-members can enjoy these items for only $10. In addition, the Club’s famous fried chicken and Chef’s specials will be available for purchase in the WASP lounge from 7 to 10 p.m. Please call 202-563-8400 for more information.
By Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Pagnard
U.S. Air Force Band

WASHINGTON -- A member of The United States Air Force Band was part of a team presented with an Emmy Award at the National Capital/Chesapeake Bay chapter of the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences gala at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel June 15.

Master Sgt. Jim DeVaughn, audio engineer with the U.S. Air Force Band, worked with Maryland Public Television (MPT) audio engineers James Bigwood, Gordon Masters and David Wainwright to produce the audio for a Veteran’s Day concert titled “America’s Veterans - A Musical Tribute.”

This special broadcast that originally aired on Nov. 11, 2012 honored those who have served in all branches of the military by featuring musical performances and short vignettes highlighting members who currently serve. “American Idol” Season 2 winner Rueben Studdard performed as well as world-renowned tenor, Anthony Kearns, the original founding member of The Irish Tenors. The Band’s Studio Orchestra and the Singing Sergeants rounded out the program.

“I’m humbled that our efforts were considered worthy of an Emmy, and I think it’s a great testament to the caliber of all the engineers, military and civilian, who were all involved as a team to get... mix on the air,” DeVaughn said. “I hope to continue on to new projects that will instill patriotism and inspire hope through our shared language of music.”

DeVaughn has been with the Band since 2001, and attended Virginia Tech receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Just prior to joining the Air Force, he served as the technical director for the Virginia Tech music department and worked as a freelance audio engineer for various collegiate choral groups.

“I’m thankful and feel blessed for the opportunity to do what I love while serving my country,” DeVaughn said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to honor our veterans through music, for their service, and for their sacrifices...”

The U.S. Air Force Band has partnered over the last several years with Maryland Public Television (MPT) to create a Veteran’s Day concert for broadcast by MPT. This wildly successful venture has resulted in performances that have reached almost the entire PBS viewing community.

The Emmy Awards judges viewed 774 entries from 93 categories of production and television crafts. The competition was open to any television station, company, production house or independent producer in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

From left to right, Master Sgt. Jim DeVaughn, of The U.S. Air Force Band, James Bigwood, audio supervisor at Maryland Public Television (MPT) and Gordon Master, freelance audio engineer, formerly with MPT, attend the local Emmy Awards ceremony.

U.S. AIR FORCE BAND PHOTO

Ceremonial Brass rehearsal for holiday

Members of the Air Force Band’s Ceremonial Brass section rehearse at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling before traveling to New York City to make an appearance at a New York Mets major league baseball game and on NBC’s The Today Show during the Fourth of July holiday.

For more news from other bases around the Washington, D.C. area, visit www.dcmilitary.com.
of that,” Cody told Honor Guard members. “What you do reflects greatly on the Air Force and those around you. Kudos on a job well done.”

During his first enlisted call with E-1 to E-6 service members, Cody said his visit was a good way for him to understand how the Air Force is shaping its Airmen. “Our present numbers show that our retention and recruiting is solid. Though, we can’t forget the importance of balance between life and service,” Cody said.

"Over the next five years, the Air Force will be smaller than it is right now. I think it’s important to start looking at the toll of service on our members. We need to make things reasonable for all who serve.”

Upon arriving at the Air Force Band headquarters, Cody and his wife were greeted by Col. Larry H. Lang, commander of the Band. There, Cody watched an outdoor performance by members of the Ceremonial Brass, rehearsing a trio of songs they would perform during a New York Mets baseball game and for an appearance on the NBC Today Show during the Fourth of July holiday.

Cody also watched rehearsals of the band’s Strolling Strings, Celtic Aire, Singing Sergeants and its own rock band – Max Impact, before ending with a rehearsal of the Air Force Concert Band and the Airmen of Note.

“It’s an honor to have someone in his position come visit us. He’s an extremely busy man, so for him to take time out of his day to do this means a lot to us,” Lang said. “Our members work hard and put in a lot of hours. They enjoy what they do and love to share it with others.”

Speaking to band members, Cody reminded them how important it is to connect with younger Airmen. “You can either shape the future or have it shape you,” Cody said. “We need to inspire young Airmen. I encourage you all to find out things that will change their lives. You may even inspire yourself along the way,” he concluded.

Week long summer camp for youth begins July 15 at Joint Base

BY LT. CMDR. JIM REMINGTON
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WASHINGTON - Registration is now open for a week long summer camp for youth begins at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) beginning July 15.

The summer camp, conducted by the Naval Support Activity Washington (NSAW) in coordination with JBAB and the Marine Corps Reserve Site Anacostia utilizes the Navy’s Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program.

Children of military members, civilian employees and contractors ages 9-12, are eligible to register and attend the camp, which ends on July 17.

The program begins with the summer camp and continues throughout the year with monthly meetings that ultimately culminate in a graduation for attendees.

DEFY addresses subjects designed to help keep children off of drugs and fosters good judgment, general social and self-management skills, and promotes the importance of physical activity, self-esteem, and more, according to Machinist Mate 1st Class, one of the NSAW DEFY coordinators.

The camp runs Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., with drop-off times starting at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up at 4:00 p.m., and is held at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center at JBAB.

Parents and guardians, not local to JBAB, have the option of dropping their children off at the Washington Navy Yard (WNY) in the lobby of Building 101 (opposite the Navy Exchange) for transportation to JBAB, which departs daily at 7:45 a.m.

Following completion of the day’s camp activities, return transportation will arrive at WNY at approximately 4:15 p.m., depending on traffic from JBAB.

All camp events will take place at JBAB with the exception of a self-defense seminar in Alexandria, Va. and a tour of the Display Ship USS Barry (DD-933) at WNY.

For more information or to register a child, call 202-433-0347.
Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Ombudsman-at-Large Monika French Visits Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB)

Kay Berube, JBAB’s Liberty Center program coordinator briefs Ms. French on the services and support the center and her staff provide to junior enlisted members on their liberty hours. Chelton C. Wynter, the Liberty Center’s program activities administrator looks on.

Yeoman Third Class Kerri Lewis of the of the Navy’s Ceremonial Guard describes his duties and life aboard JBAB with Chief of Naval Operations’ Ombudsman-at-Large Monika French while in line for lunch at JBAB’s Furnari Dining Facility.

Ms. French speaks with Naval Support Activity Washington Ombudsman Aubrey Stull and U.S. Navy Band Ombudsman Chris Armstrong before sharing lunch at JBAB’s Furnari Dining Facility.

Chelton C. Wynter, JBAB’s Liberty Center program activities administrator briefs Ms. French on the multimedia resources the center makes available to junior enlisted members on their liberty hours to include Internet access, gaming, and movies.

Yolander Sermon, JBAB Furnari Hall front desk supervisor, greets Ms. French during a visit to one of JBAB’s bachelor enlisted quarters as part of her day long visit to the joint base. Front desk clerk André Hudson looks on.

JODICE

Since joining the Air Force, his aviation assignments have included fighter pilot, instructor, flight examiner, commander and operations officer. “I can’t even begin to account for all of General Jodice’s contributions. He has represented the Air Force with outstanding class and is exactly the kind of leader this country can be proud of,” said Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, a longtime colleague and close friend to Jodice. “What he’s been able to accomplish is unparalleled. His passion and dedication are examples for our Airmen to emulate.”

Jodice has also commanded the 335th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Operations Group at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., as well as the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He also served on the Joint Staff Operations Directorate at the Pentagon and as a defense attaché at the U.S. embassy in Beijing, China.

He has earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, with oak leaf cluster, and four Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, with oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, with oak leaf cluster, French Legion of Honor, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, and a NATO medal for participation in Operation Unified Protector. “My parents once told me that if you do your best, the rest will take care of itself,” Jodice said. “They couldn’t have been more right.”

Jodice thanked his family, friends and colleagues for their love and support over the years, particularly his wife, Judy. “I couldn’t have done my job if not for her. She’s been my best friend and the best passenger anyone can ask for,” he said. Together, the couple has moved a total of 23 times in 37 years. “We have one more move to go and that’s it for this household,” Jodice said concluding his remarks.
A summer guide to safe driving

INDIAN HEAD, Md. - Could you stop in time to avoid a collision? As you head out on the roads and highways this summer, here are a few tips to keep in mind to keep you and your family safe.

Summer brings increased traffic to our roads and highways. During the summer, tourists and vacationers add to the usual amount of traffic we face on our everyday routes. The weekends are also busier than usual, with people travelling to cottages, golf courses or one of Virginia's and Maryland's great tourist attractions.

Safe driving practices
Like any time of year, safe driving practices are the best way to deal with increased traffic. It can get hectic out there, so try to stay calm. Drive at a safe speed and be courteous to other drivers. Speeding, tailgating, weaving in and out of traffic and not yielding the right-of-way can lead to collisions.

If you're tired at the wheel, stop at a safe rest area, or take a break and treat yourself to a coffee or an ice cream. You'll feel rejuvenated and more alert.

Always remember to buckle up
And as always, make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up, and babies and young children are in car seats and booster seats. Proper use of seat belts and child car seats, including booster seats, is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle-related injuries and fatalities.

Seat belts, child car seats and booster seats can save lives.

Packing your car
On Friday night and Saturday mornings, the highways are full of vehicles stuffed to the max with supplies for the weekend, as well as sporting and camping equipment. If you're heading out to the cottage, don't let these extra items block your view of the road. Make sure any loads are securely tied onto your vehicle, and if you are carrying a large load, slow down.

Tie down loads and make sure you have a clear view of the road.

Keep on the lookout
In addition to the number of cars on the road, cyclists and motorcyclists come out of hibernation in the summer and can be hard to spot. There is also increased activity close to the road. Once school is out, more children are playing outside. There are rollerbladers, skateboarders and scooters on sidewalks and streets, and all-terrain vehicles can appear unexpectedly by the side of the road. Watch for pedestrians and activity by the side of the road. In general, there are more people out enjoying the season, so you need to be on the lookout for pedestrians.

Don't drink and drive
Summer also gives us lots of opportunities to get together with family and friends. If you are going to have a few drinks at a picnic or barbecue, make sure you have a designated driver. Summer is also prom season. If your son or daughter is graduating this year, find out what the high school is doing to make sure students don't drink and drive during or after the festivities.

Construction season
And as everyone knows, summer also brings increased construction on our roads and highways. Keep road workers safe by being prepared to stop or slow down in construction zones. Be prepared to stop in construction zones.

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DoD helps military families avoid money scams

WASHINGTON - While dodging financial scams seem to have become a part of life, Defense Department officials have measures to protect the military community from such circumstances, a senior Pentagon official said in a recent interview.

Scamming incidents in the military parallel those in the civilian community, Barbara Thompson, director of the Defense Department’s office of family policy, children and youth, told American Forces Press Service.

But scammers might target military families because of service members’ dependable incomes and frequent moves, opening them up to potential scams that can affect their financial readiness when renting or buying a home and securing car loans, she added.

“It’s really important that we look at our entire [financial] readiness campaign as a way to empower our service members and their families to have the flexibility to meet the goals and dreams of their future,” she said.

It’s vital for military families to do their research and build their awareness against scams, she added, and myriad resources to help in this endeavor are available on and off military installations.

“You may decide to do a move on your own and find someone who doesn’t have liability insurance, or doesn’t deliver your household goods to your residence [and instead] goes off with them,” Thompson said.

She also warned against house closure, auto loan and credit and debit card scams. “Sometimes, they look official and as though they’re sponsored by a government agency, but it’s deceit,” she added.

Installation legal assistance officers can help when such issues arise, and certified financial counselors can provide support, guidance and advice at family assistance centers on military installations, she said. The counselors know the community and are likely to be aware of less-than-scrupulous vendors and service providers, she said.

The Better Business Bureau Military Line compiles information on businesses that are less than reputable, Thompson said, and installation commanders also have the ability to put unscrupulous businesses on a list, she added.

Getting references from friends and colleagues and staying away from businesses that have negative consumer feedback are important steps, she said. Using the installation’s credit union or bank also will help to ensure good choices in the community, she noted.

If a military family does find itself to be a victim of a scam, DOD also offers resources to help.

Consulting with the legal assistance officer on the installation only helps with recourse, Thompson said, but also advises the installation of a business that’s not reputable to protect other service members and their families.

“You learn a lesson, but you also make sure somebody else is not taken advantage of,” she added.

“The bottom line is you have to be a smart and savvy consumer,” Thompson said. “You need to really think about your purchases, your purchasing power, and do your due diligence to make sure you’re getting the right information and the right product for the money you’re going to spend.”
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JBAB Cyclists on Facebook
Basically a forum for all JBAB riders to get together. We organize group rides over lunch and during commuting hours. Visit us online at www.facebook.com/groups/jbabcyclists. For more information, email austin.pruned@afncr.af.mil.

Toastmasters Club seeks members
The Bolling Toastmasters Club is available for everyone on JBAB as a place to practice your leadership skills. Toastmasters Club seeks members and leadership starts with good communication. The program is self-paced, and it works. The Bolling Toastmasters Club meets Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at the JBAB Chapel Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Jim Queen at 301-452-6931. Navy-Marine Corps Thrift Shop hours: The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop has relocated to Enterprise Hall (building 72). The store hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 202-433-3364.

Boys and Girls Club volunteer opportunity
The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington needs volunteer coaches for their youth baseball league for 10-year-olds and 12-year-olds. For more information or to sign up, call 512-560-5548 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. or email Michael.martinez@afncr.af.mil.

NAVY 311
"NAVY 311" is the place to go for all types of information to help support Navy military, civilian and retiree personnel and their families.

NAVY 311 is the, single point of entry to the Navy’s many different help desks and support providers.

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Email: NAVY311@navy.mil
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Text: Type NAVY311@navy.mil into the “To:” line of text message
Chat: via NAVY 311 website

For more information, check out the video news report at: http://youtu.be/osyhla209rg.

Firth-Sterling Gate operations
The Firth-Sterling gate is closed on weekends. Once the gate’s automated features become available, the gate will be accessible by any CAC card holder 24/7 during normal FPCON “A” conditions.

JBAB Girl Scouts
Calling all Girls! Girls registered in Kindergarten - 12th grade this fall and interested in joining should contact JBAB-girls scouts@yahoo.com. The troop meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the community center on Chappie James Blvd at 6 p.m. Girl Scouts; building girls with confidence, character and courage for 100 years.

JBAB Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee Volunteers Wanted
The 11th Operations Group is heading up the JBAB Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. A team of volunteers is needed to help plan and organize several events to celebrate the month. The first planning meeting will be June 5 at 1215 in the USAF Band building, Hangar 2. Interested volunteers can call 202-404-6675.
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