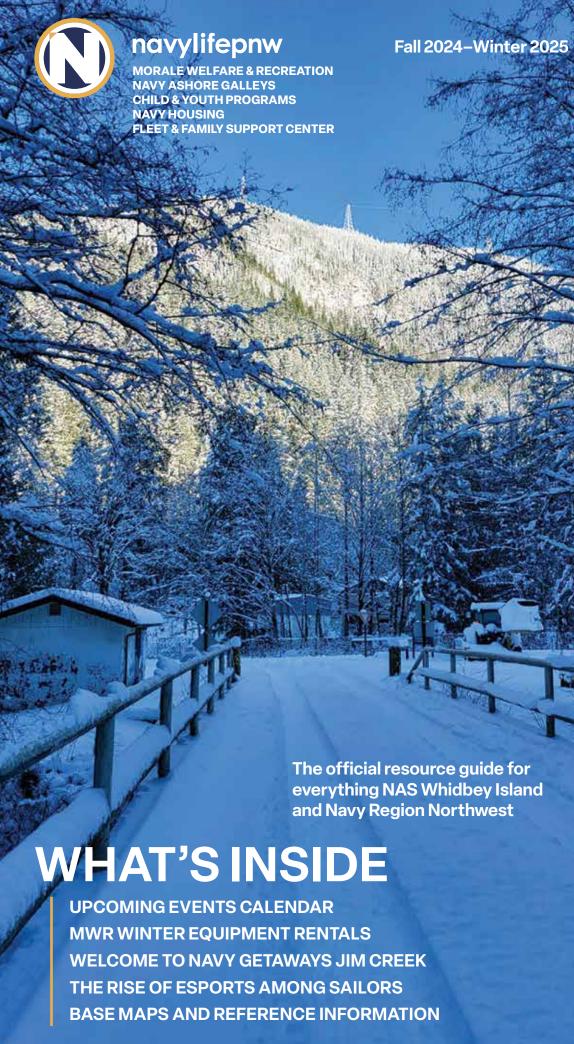
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### FFSC Virtual Clinical Counseling CONNECT to GET CARE

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) now provides in-person and virtual clinical counseling! Sailors and families can access virtual clinical counseling from the privacy of their own homes. Virtual clinical counseling is a nonmedical, clinical, short-term solution-focused service. It is available to individuals, couples and families.

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- Deployment
- Relocation
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### Robert Lattanzi CNRNW N9 | FFR Director NAS Whidbey Island

ear Sailors and Families, welcome to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island! As we transition into Fall and Winter seasons, we want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning service members and their families. Our community is vibrant and offers a range of activities and events that make Whidbey Island a unique and enjoyable place to be during these cooler months. Seasonal activities and events include but not limited to: Fall Festival, hiking and nature walks, ski/ snowboard trips, Winter Wonderland, holiday celebrations, workshops and classes, exceptional recreational facilities, Family Readiness programs, Childcare Services, Wellness programs, Base Housing and much more.

We are excited to have you here and look forward to a season filled

with memorable experiences and community camaraderie. Whether you are new to Whidbey Island or have been here for a while, we encourage you to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to engage, connect, start new family traditions, and enjoy all that our base and surrounding area have to offer.

Welcome once again, and let's make this fall and winter season unforgettable!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to any FFR program team members. We're here to make your time as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Join us on NASWI Facebook and Instagram (@WhidbeyFFR) or at whidbey.navylifepnw.com.

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### FFR DIRECTOR WELCOME MESSAGE



MWR is proud to offer you dining, entertainment and recreation options conveniently located on base, as well as three DoD lodging facilities in Navy Region Northwest. MWR fitness centers offer state-of-the-art equipment, expert instruction and team sports, and activities for every age, interest and fitness level.

### **CHILD & YOUTH**

Child & Youth Programs (CYP) provide high-quality child care and support services close to

### HOUSING

Your Housing Services Center team knows the area and will help you make the most of your housing benefits.

### **FFSC**

Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) is here to meet the needs of Sailors and Navy families at home and at sea with helpful programs and resources.



Official Resource Guide for everything Navy Region Northwest Fleet & Family Readiness (FFR)

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### ADMIRAL NIMITZ HALL **GALLEY**

360-257-2469 1040 W Intruder St., Bldg. 382

CHIEFS' CLUB

360-257-2505

Conference Center

Admiral Nimitz Hall is conveniently located in the center of Ault Field, near unaccompanied housing and flight-line workstations. We pride ourselves in offering high-quality food and service. Call or scan this QR code to learn more.

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1080 W Ault Field Rd., Bldg. 138

The finest Chiefs' Club in the

fleet with members spanning all

generations, from the World War

Il era to present day. Call or scan this QR code to learn more.



### **KEGLER'S BAR & GRILL**

360-257-1567 Located in the Convergence Zone, 3535 N Princeton, Bldg. 2510

A casual eatery located in the community recreation center (Convergence Zone), offering lunch, snacks, happy hour and more from our large selections of craft beers.

Bring your friends for a round of pool or darts at Kegler's Bar. So long as you are 18 and older,

stop on in and always be on the look out for themed nights and evening specials. Scan this QR code to download our Dine on the Go PNW app for convenient online ordering!



### **CONVERGENCE ZONE**

360-257-2432

Located on Ault Field, 3535 N Princeton, Bldg. 2510

The Convergence Zone is truly a place where a range of interests, an array of people and a variety of entertainment come together. We have bowling lanes, an indoor playground with toddler play area, a multipurpose room and gathering areas for groups and organizations, pool tables, air hockey, table tennis, computers, video gaming, and a library and resource center with faxing/printing/copying services.

### Featuring:

- · Arcade Games
- Bowling
- · Tickets & Travel
- Indoor Playground
- Pool tables
- Paintball
- · Outdoor Rentals



### M.T. MCCORMICK'S **OFFICERS' CLUB**

360-257-2521 Located on Ault Field, 1185 W Midway St., Bldg. 962

The Officers' Club is a deep dive into the history of NAS Whidbey Island and naval aviation! The O'Club displays military memorabilia

dating from World War II through the Gulf War. The full-service bar offers a variety of cocktails, specialty beers and more. Call or scan this QR code to learn more.



### SKYWARRIOR THEATRE 360-257-6684

Located on Ault Field, 955 W Midway St., Bldg. 118

Skywarrior Theatre features box-office movies, a snack bar, comfortable seating, a private room for families with young children and private party packages. Call or scan this QR code to learn more.



### MWR OUTDOOR PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

360-257-2432

Various Locations | More info at Convergence Zone: 3535 N Princeton, Bldg. 2510

**Costen-Turner Recreation Area** - Playground, gazebo and plenty of picnic tables.

**Disc Golf Course** - The 18-hole disc golf course starts and ends at PSD.

**General Quarters Paintball** - Adrenaline, strategy, skill and speed on two separate fields.

The Grind Skate Park - Challenging obstacles, including a half pipe, quarter pipe, grind box, pyramid and stairs.

Rocky Point Recreation Area Located just footsteps from the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Rocky Point beach.



### **GALLERY GOLF COURSE**

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A challenging 18-hole course layout with tree-lined fairways, rolling hills and stunning views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Vancouver Island. Call today to schedule your tee-time reservation.







## Upcoming

### **METHING FOR EVERYONE**

### **OCTOBER**

### **MWR Trunk or Treat**

Join us for a spooktacular evening of candy and costumes with our community trunk or treat event!

### **NOVEMBER**

### **MWR Turkey Trot**

Get into the Thanksgiving spirit and run or walk with us at our annual Turkey Trot race.

### **DECEMBER**

### **MWR Christmas Parade**

Enjoy the festive cheer as floats and performers light up the streets in our lively Christmas parade.

### **MWR Christmas Event**

Celebrate the season with family-friendly activities, music, and holiday treats at our Christmas Event.

### **MWR Christmas at** Cliffside

Experience the magic of the holidays with dazzling lights and seasonal delights at Cliffside's Christmas celebration.



### MWR Bike Run Row (BBR) Challenge

Test your endurance and courage in our winter Bike, Run, Row course challenge, the BRR Challenge!



From trips, crafts, fitness classes, tournaments and more, there is something for everyone! Scan here for event details.

### **JANUARY**

### **MWR Polar Plunge & Resolution Run**

Start the New Year with a splash by taking a refreshing dip into icy waters at our Polar Plunge event.

### **FEBRUARY**

### **MWR LIBERTY Super Bowl Watch Party** (E1-E6)

The ultimate place to enjoy the Super Bowl, complete with big screens, tasty snacks and the company of fellow football fans.

### **MWR Fitness Expo**

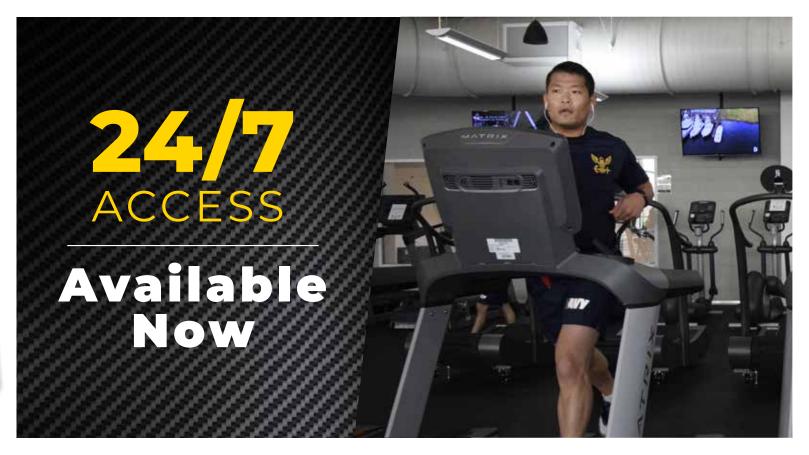
Discover the latest in fitness trends, gear, and workouts at our exciting Fitness Expo.

### **MARCH**

### MWR St. Patrick's Day Run

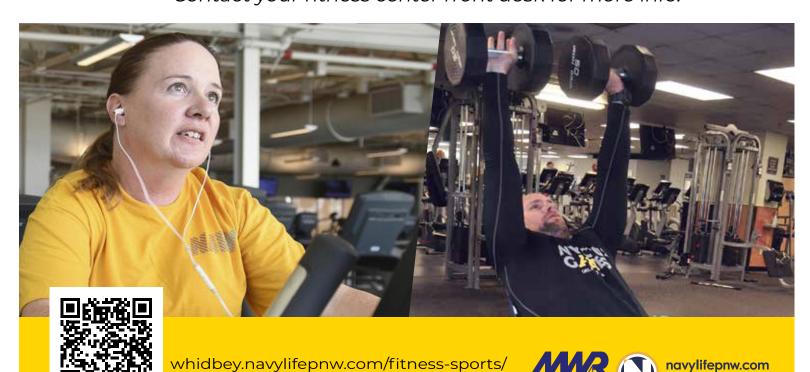
Lace up your green sneakers and join us for a spirited run in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.





### 24/7 access to NAS Whidbey Island MWR Fitness Center.

Register your military ID Card at the fitness center today. Contact your fitness center front desk for more info.



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The Benavides family
enjoyed a weekend of
snowshoeing at Lake
Wenatchee. MWR Outdoor
Rentals supplied the gear with snow boots,
snowshoes, poles, and jackets.
"This was our first-time

"This was our first-time snowshoeing with my parents and my daughter. Everyone really enjoyed it, especially my daughter. She can't wait to do it again!"

Parka and Pants/ Bib Set \$15

Pants/Bib \$9

reate new traditions this fall and winter season with help from your local MWR Community Recreation office!
While the weather gets chillier, don't let that hold you back from adventuring in the great outdoors. Get out your winter gear and head to the mountains for some skiing, snow tubing or snowshoeing the winter trails. If biking is more your speed, check out a mountain bike and explore some local trails. With outdoor recreation equipment from Community Recreation, there are many ways to embrace a new tradition in the Pacific Northwest.

For more information about equipment rentals, download the latest brochure or call the Recreation Center at 360-257-2432.

Prices based on full-day rate Weekend/3-Day Rate = Day Rate x 2 Week/7-Day Rate = Day Rate x 3

\*Availability varies by facility, please contact your local Community Recreation Center for details. All prices are subject to change.









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### **FEATURES**

- Bowling Lanes
- Bowling Packages
- Party Packages
- Command Party
- Indoor Playground
- Library and Toddler Story Time
- Billiards, Air Hockey, Ping Pong
- Xbox 360's & Nintendo Wii's
- Kegler's Bar & Grill
- General Quarters Paintball
- Outdoor Recreation Rentals
- Tickets, Trips & Tours







Veterans with Veteran Health Identification Cards (VHIC) have expanded access to commissaries, military exchanges and MWR retail privileges on U.S. military installations.



Eligible veterans must have a VHIC that states serviceconnected disability, a Purple Heart recipient or former prisoner of war. Also eligible are individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. Visit www.va.gov on how to qualify for a Veterans Health Identification Card or visit

MWR Facilities & Locations: www.navylifepnw.com

Commissary: www.mycommissaries.com

Navy Exchange: www.mynavyexchange.com









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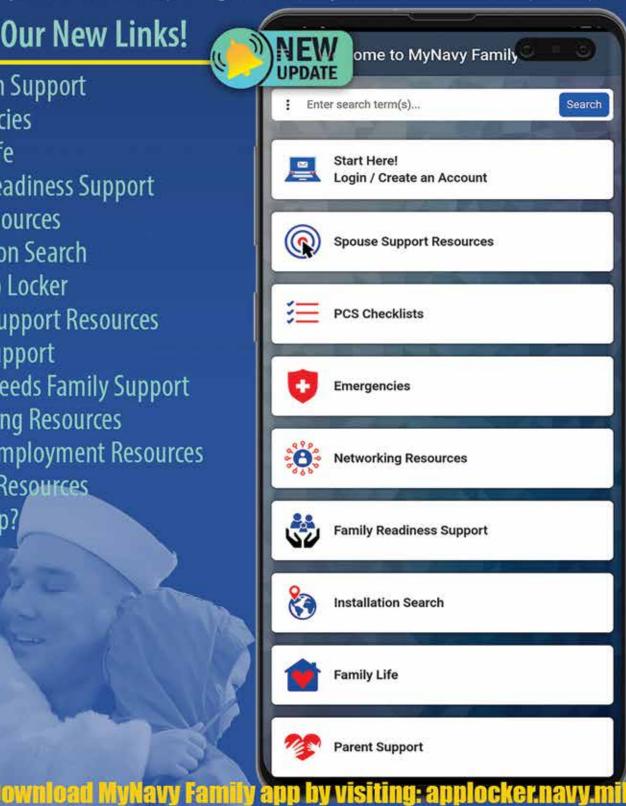
### MyNavy has an app for that!

The MyNavy Family app connects Navy spouses and families to information and resources to help them successfully navigate the complexities of life in a Navy family.

### **Explore Our New Links!**

- Education Support
- Emergencies
- Family Life
- Family Readiness Support
- Legal Resources
- Installation Search
- Navy App Locker
- Spouse Support Resources
- Parent Support
- Special Needs Family Support
- Networking Resources
- Spouse Employment Resources
- Survivor Resources
- Need Help?





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In the heart of the North Cascades, just a short drive north of Seattle, lies the Navy Getaway, Jim Creek Recreation Area. Nestled near Arlington, WA, this unique locale serves both as a Naval Radio Station and a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Jim Creek offers a sanctuary for active duty, reservists, retired military, DoD civilians, and their guests, providing a perfect backdrop for creating lasting family traditions.

Jim Creek is more than just a picturesque retreat; it's a hub of activity and adventure. Families return year after year to partake in the myriad recreational opportunities. From camping under the stars to casting a line in one of the pristine fishing spots, the options are endless.

Explore the serene waters in a canoe or kayak, while hikers and bikers can traverse the scenic trails that wind through the foothills. One of the standout features of Jim Creek is its commitment to seasonal events that foster family traditions.

The anticipation of winter events has become a cherished tradition for many. One such event that happens in January has captivated the hearts of children and adults alike is the







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annual Wizarding World of Jim Creek. This magical experience has become a must-do for families, creating a sense of excitement and wonder each year.

Climbing the Alpine Tower is another beloved tradition. Each year, kids and adults challenge themselves to reach new heights, literally and figuratively, as they scale the tower. This activity not only provides a thrill but also serves as a symbol of growth and achievement for many families.

At Jim Creek, the message is clear: "Come to Jim Creek to create your new traditions." This idea encapsulates the essence of what the recreation area offers. It's a place where families can come together, year after year, to partake in activities that will become cherished traditions.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a seasoned regular, Jim Creek provides the perfect setting to start new traditions that can be passed down through generations.













### RECREATIONAL LODGING

MWR proudly operates three DoD lodging facilities in Navy Region Northwest. Visit www.dodlodging.net or scan this QR code to explore these and hundreds of other DoD-owned properties around the world. Open to anyone with base access, including Retirees, guests and contractors unless otherwise noted.





### **CLIFFSIDE RV PARK & CAMPGROUND**

Front Desk: 360-257-2649 Located on Ault Field at the end of Intruder Street Watch for the directional signs on base

Nestled along the shoreline of Whidbey Island, Navy Getaways Cliffside offers an aweinspiring location, the ambiance of shoreline living, ever-changing marine environment and unparalleled sunsets. Enjoy the seasons with us in your very own RV

camper or relax in our RV campers, yurts, and tent sites with exciting programming all year long.





### JIM CREEK RECREATION **AREA & CAMPGROUND**

Front Desk: 425-304-5315/5361 21027 Jim Creek Rd., Arlington, WA

Located just outside of Arlington, WA, about 90 minutes north of Seattle and nestled in the foothills of the North Cascades, Jim Creek serves as a Naval Radio Station and regional outdoor recreation facility that is open year-round. Seasonal activities include fishing, boating and

the Alpine Tower climbing adventure (open Memorial Day through Labor Day).



### **PACIFIC BEACH** HOTEL, COTTAGES, RV PARK & **CAMPGROUND**

Front Desk: 360-276-4414x2 108 First St. N, Pacific Beach, WA

Gift Shop, a bar and more.

Located on the Pacific coast, 15 miles north of Ocean Shores, Pacific Beach features reasonably priced hotel accommodations as well as fully furnished 3-, 4- and 5bedroom cottages lining the ocean bluff, providing guests with panoramic ocean vistas. On-site amenities include Pacific Beach Café &













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### SPORTS, FITNESS & AQUATICS

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Whidbey Fitness Center offers new cardio machines from Life Fitness, Precor, Technogym Wave and the Hammer Strength line in our weight room. Additional indoor amenities include a sauna, racquetball courts, a basketball court, volleyball court, tennis court, a boxing/Judo room, a family fitness room and a NOFFS Zone. The Seaview Trail by our facility leads to Cliffside or Nortz Gate. We also have a football and soccer field with running track and three softball fields.

While we do not have aquatics facilities on base, we have partnered with two local pools — the Fidalgo Pool in Anacortes and the North Whidbey Parks & Rec Pool in Oak Harbor to offer you access to those facilities at no charge for active duty.

We also offer regularly scheduled team sports leagues and opportunities to participate in tournaments and regional sports competitions throughout the year. This includes the Admiral's Cup, the Captain's Cup and All-Navy Sports, a program for Sailors who possess the athletic skills to compete above the intramural level to compete against teams from the Marine Corps, Army and Air Force.

### WHIDBEY FITNESS CENTER

360-257-2420 3755 N Wasp St., Bldg. 117

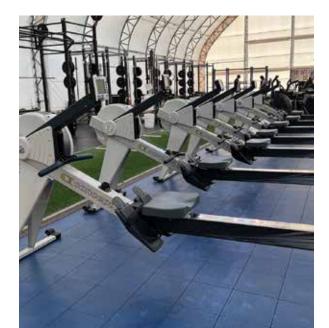
### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

360-257-4320 3755 N Wasp St., Bldg. 117

**Captain's Cup** - The Captain's Cup provides Sailors an opportunity to represent their commands and installations in a variety of different team sports and activities, while earning points toward the cup.

**Admiral's Cup** - The Admiral's Cup provides Sailors an opportunity to represent their commands and installations in Navy Region Northwest (NRNW) tournaments.

**All-Navy Sports** - For Sailors who possess the athletic skills to compete above the intramural level, in team or individual sports, this is a chance to represent the Navy at higher-level athletic competitions such as the Armed Forces Championship.







### **ALL-NAVY SPORTS: 2024 SPORTS CALENDAR**

For details and an updated calendar, visit: www.navyfitness.org/all-navy-sports



The very best Navy athletes may be selected to compete as members of the All-Armed Forces Team, and participate in the Military World Games, national and international competitions. All-Navy teams compete in the Armed Forces Sports Championships against teams from the Marine Corps, Army and Air Force.

The Navy Sports Program fields All-Navy teams in bowling, cross country, wrestling, basketball, soccer, triathlon, volleyball, softball, golf, rugby and marathon.

The Navy Sports Program also assists athletes who participate at the national or international level in activities that are not normally offered on a base, such as rowing, archery and shooting.

To apply, see your base Fitness/Athletic Director or the Navy Sports website. Ensure you have your command's endorsement.















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### CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

The mission of Child & Youth Programs (CYP) is to make sure you can do yours by providing high-quality child care and support services close to home. Visit whidbey.navylifepnw.com/child-youth or scan this QR code to learn more about our programs and services.



### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (CDC)**

Our Child Development Centers (CDC) are open to children ages six weeks to five years, for full-time or hourly care. Our classrooms provide fun, inclusive and engaging environments as we strive to meet each child's social, emotional and intellectual needs.

CLOVER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC) 360-257-3302, 365 W Clover, Bldg, 2679

### REGATTA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

360-257-6572, 220 NE Regatta Dr., Bldg. 2938

### **FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC)**

When you need professional care with the comfort of home, our FCC are here to help. FCC providers are self-employed individuals, certified by the state of Washington, operating a child-care business in their own home, and often have previous early childhood education experience. They're here to promote overall social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth – all while building school readiness skills.

### NASWI CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOMES

360-257-1877, 260 W Pioneer Way, Bldg. 13, Seaplane Base

### SCHOOL-AGE CARE (SAC)

We provide quality before-and-after school activities for children in kindergarten through 12 years old. Our programs are designed to enhance rather than duplicate the school day, and we work with dynamic organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H to offer the best available programming.

### SCHOOL-AGE CARE (SAC)

360-257-0889, 54 Wake Ave., Bldg. 2874, Oak Harbor

### YOUTH CENTER

54 Wake Ave., Bldg. 2874, Oak Harbor, 360-257-3150

Our teen programs not only offer fun learning activities that go above and beyond the regular school day, but they also provide a sense of community and a healthy social outlet. These programs are affiliated with Boys & Girls Clubs of America and often feature 4-H programming. We're proud to offer an important opportunity for teens to mature socially and emotionally, while focusing on character development, leadership skills, communication and self-esteem.

### SCHOOL LIAISON

When it's time to relocate, we're here to help the transition go as smoothly as possible for your children. Our School Liaisons help families with children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. They assist with everything from a school transfer and homeschool support, to meeting graduation requirements. For our elementary, preteen and teen community, the Youth Sponsorship Program adds in element of social support. We strive to contact youth before they move, so when they arrive, we can immediately connect them with peers who are already participating in the installation, school or community programs. Call for an appointment.

### NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND SCHOOL LIAISON

360-257-6863, 260 W Pioneer Way, Bldg. 13, Seaplane Base



Connecting Military Families, Commands and K-12 Schools

### Did you know?

School transition and deployment support is a Navy readiness and retention issue. The Navy benefits from having Sailors who are able to focus on their duties, whether ashore or deployed.

- Navy families move their children an average of every 2.9 years.
- Children of military personnel attend up to nine different schools by graduation.
- Military families are reluctant to disrupt high school youth in their senior year.
- Deployments can impact educational outcomes of children.
- Many families decide to "separate geographically" to keep children in their current school.

### Families.

### Contact Your School Liaison for Help with:

- Inbound/outbound school transfers
- Youth sponsorship
- Local schools and boundaries
- Finding the right school
- Understanding special education
- Meeting graduation requirements
- Finding military and local support services
- Homeschooling support
- Preparing for college and scholarship information

### Navy School Liaisons Provide SEVEN CORE SERVICES to Assist Families:

School Transition Services (PCS Cycle): School Liaisons assist families with school transfers and help "level the playing field" for military children and youth.

**Deployment Support:** School Liaisons connect educators with the military deployment support system to inform them about the cycles of deployment and the tools available to assist educators in working with military children.

Command, School & Community Communications: School Liaisons serve as subject-matter experts for installation commanders on K-12 issues, helping to connect command, school and community resources.

Homeschool Linkage and Support:
School Liaisons assist military families by
gathering and sharing information on homeschooling issues, policies and legislation from
local school districts, and help leverage military
Child and Youth Program resources to support
these families.

Partnerships in Education (PIE):
PIE creates a volunteer network of resources to support installation and community members who have a vested interest in the success of all youth.

• Post-Secondary Preparations: School Liaisons leverage installation and school resources to provide graduating military students with access to post-secondary information and opportunities.

Special-Needs System Navigation: School Liaisons provide information about installation and community programs and services, make referrals to the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), and offer assistance in navigating the administrative systems within local education agencies.

### **Online Resources:**

- Navy Before and After School Care www.militarychildcare.com
- Homeschool <u>https://washhomeschool.</u> <u>org/</u>
- Military One Source-Transition Information <u>www.militaryonesource.</u> <u>com</u>
- Military Kids Connect https://militarykidsconnect.health.mil/
- Department of Defense Education Activity <u>www.dodea.edu</u>
- Free online homework help www.tutor.com/military
- Special Education <u>www.wapave.org</u>
- Navy Exceptional Family Member
  Program (EFMP) <a href="https://community.apan.org/wg/exceptional-family-member-program/">https://community.apan.org/wg/exceptional-family-member-program/</a>

### Stay on Target with your School Liaisons

School Liaisons assist with K-12 related needs regardless of a family's proximity to a military installation. Contact the Navy School Liaison closest to you:

### **NAVY REGION NORTHWEST**

**360-396-4860** nrnw.sl@us.navy.mil Serving Central Kitsap School District

NAVAL BASE KITSAP

**360-340-2824** nbk.sl@us.navy.mil

NAVAL STATION EVERETT 425-304-3688 nse.sl@us.navy.mil

NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND 360-257-6863 naswi.sl@us.navy.mil

### WORLDWIDE SCHOOL LIAISON DIRECTORIES

https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/search?program-service=12/view-by=ALL



Visit navylifepnw.com for the latest School Liaison information. Select the installation, under Child & Youth drop-down tab.



### **NEW TRADITIONS IN THE NAVY:**

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In an era in which innovation and tradition converge, the U.S. Navy is charting a new frontier: esports. The Navy is embracing the digital age and weaving competitive gaming into its rich tapestry of traditions, promoting skills development and fostering camaraderie amongst Sailors.

Navy Esports is a new tradition, offering Sailors a platform to showcase their talents, compete against other military branches, and represent the Navy on a global stage. Organized by entities such as the U.S. Navy Fleet and Family Readiness, events like the annual Armed Forces Esports Championship exemplify this exciting evolution.

ABF2 Patrick Marquez, a dedicated Sailor and esports enthusiast, epitomizes this new institution. Marquez embarked on his esports journey in 2021, participating in numerous tournaments while diligently balancing his Navy duties. His story is a testament to the transformative impact of esports on military careers. Through dedication and perseverance, Marquez has excelled in competitive gaming, finding fulfillment and camaraderie within the Navy esports community.

Navy Esports is more than just a game; it unites Sailors regardless of location or rank. Online competitions and live events offer Sailors opportunities to connect with peers and friends globally, fostering new friendships and a sense of unity within the Navy. This sense of belonging is vital for morale and retention, as Sailors feel valued and supported in their endeavors both on and off the real and virtual battlefields.

In the fast-paced world of competitive gaming, Sailors learn to think strategically, communicate effectively, and work as a cohesive team. These skills are not only applicable in the virtual arena, but also translate seamlessly to real-world scenarios, enhancing Sailors' capabilities and readiness in their military roles, providing a unique platform for skill development and leadership growth.

For those interested in joining the Navy esports team, the opportunities are boundless. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or new to the esports scene, there is a place for you in this dynamic and inclusive community. With support from leadership and fellow Sailors, aspiring esports athletes can pursue their passion while still serving their country.

As Navy Esports evolves, it marks the beginning of a new experience that blends innovation with time-honored values. With a growing roster of talented Sailors and a commitment to excellence, our own Navy Esports Team is poised to make a significant impact in the competitive gaming world. By promoting teamwork, camaraderie and skill development, Navy Esports empowers Sailors and showcases the strength, skill and spirit of the Navy.

To all the Sailors out there, you can be a champion and join the Navy esports revolution. Together, we can highlight the Navy's enduring legacy on the virtual battlefield, forging new paths and creating extraordinary experiences. Join us today and be a part of this exciting journey into the new tradition.



### ESPORTS ORS





Choosing child care may be one of the most important decisions you'll make as a parent, and it can be hard o know where to start. Learn more about military child care program options and helpful resources below









### Start Here: MilitaryChildCare.com

MilitaryChildCare.com is a DoD website that helps families find and request militaryoperated child care anywhere in the world. Search for full- and part-time care, including before- and after-school care, as well as summer and holiday camps. Get started by creating an account at MilitaryChildCare.com and submit a request for care.

### **Child Development Centers, Family Child Care Providers** (FCC) and School-Age Care. You have options.





### Hourly child care? You've got it.

Through Military OneSource, parents now have free access to a national database to search for hourly, flexible and on-demand child care. You can even interview caregivers through the service. It's easy to access and is a virtual solution that allows you to choose, hire and pay providers on your terms.



### **Child Care In Your Home Fee Assistance Program**

Fee assistance for families who have determined that full-time, in-home child care is the best solution to meet their needs.

The Child Care in Your Home pilot program has a limited number of child care spaces and is only available in select locations. For assistance, call Military OneSource consultants, available 24/7/365, at 800-342-9647 or schedule a live chat.



### Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

### Fee Assistance for Community-Based Child Care

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As a military parent, you want access to affordable, quality child care. You may be eligible to receive fee assistance through Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN). The Department of Defense offers fee assistance to reduce the out-of-pocket expense of child care in the community.

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We offer free maps and faxes, pre-screened inbound and outbound community housing listings, personalized counseling to find what will work best for your situation, including any exceptional family member needs you may have, and free review and a plain English explanation of your lease terms. We can also help you negotiate favorable leasing terms. You can also access listings 24/7 via HOMES.mil, the only DoD-sponsored rental listing website used by Military Housing Offices worldwide. Use it to view pre-screened properties, compare listings and contact property managers directly.

### **HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES**

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### HOUSING SERVICE CENTER

Check in with us first before searching for community housing. We have local rental property listings!
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- Referral counseling to assess your housing needs
- PPV Family Housing Application
- Landlord/Tenant Resolution Services
- Navy Advocate for you and your family when housing maintenance, health or safety issues arise
- Outbound Services
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### **FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - NOR'WESTER**

866-854-0638 360-257-2271 360-257-6289 3675 W Lexington Bldg. 2556 Oak Harbor, WA

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888-509-8759

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360-914-7867/55

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### FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT

FFSC is here to meet the needs of Navy families at home and at sea with helpful programs and resources. Visit whidbey.navylifepnw.com/fleet-family/ fleet-family-support-center/ or scan this QR code to learn more about current offerings.





### **NEW SPOUSE**

So, you married a Sailor? Congratulations, and welcome aboard!

The Navy has its own language, traditions and customs. Everything can seem so different! How are you supposed to understand? Fleet & Family Support Centers (FFSC) are an invaluable resource for your new Navy adventure. You can attend a workshop and meet other new Navy spouses, gather informational materials, get help with finding a job or a volunteer opportunity or learn about educational opportunities.

FFSC is able to help connect you to your duty station Ombudsman. The Ombudsman communicates on behalf of the command to give timely information, through social media posts, care-line/info-lines, telephone trees and e-mails

You are setting forth on an exciting journey as a member of the Navy Family. We hope to connect you to fellow service-member families, and help you learn together, grow together, and succeed together. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.



### **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

We all experience ups and downs in life. At some point, just about everyone needs help coping with stress caused by life's many challenges. Stress can be caused by work, family hardships, marital conflicts, parent/child issues, money concerns, frequent moves, health and environmental factors, and other difficulties. Talking about our problems with family or friends can be helpful, but often this just isn't enough. Sometimes it helps to talk to an experienced counselor.

Fleet& Family Support Centers (FFSC) offer confidential (the command is not notified) counseling by professional, licensed clinicians. FFSC clinical counselors hold a master's or doctorate-level degree in counseling, social work or psychology. Their professional services are free of charge to active-duty personnel and family members.

If you are troubled and need someone to talk to, just ask FFSC for an appointment. You do not need a referral from your command or health-care provider. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.

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### **PARENTHOOD**

Becoming a new parent is a time for excitement and joy as well as confusion and anxiety. So many questions come up and even worse, there are usually a million different answers! If you are feeling anxious, this is common and you are NOT alone.

New Parent Support Staff, part of the Fleet & Family Support Center, can assist you with in-home visits after the baby is born to help smooth the transition to new parenthood. New Parent Staff can also help with parenting toddlers and preschool children up to age four.

To better prepare for the changes in the family dynamic, FFSC offers comprehensive parenting programs and early child development education classes to help foster healthy parenting practices so you can thrive as a healthy family.

Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more about classes such as Positive Parenting, Daddy Boot Camp, Baby Talk and pregnancy support groups.



### **EMPLOYMENT**

Fleet & Family Support Centers (FFSC) can help you pursue the career of your dreams! We understand the frustrations that are common to military families such as frequent moves. We can help you focus on a career that can follow you from base to base.

We offer FREE support with resume writing, interview techniques, job search strategies, workshops for teen employment, Myers Briggs Type Indicator to assist your future career search, WA state employment, Military Spouse Employment Program (MSEP), and Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO), including scholarship resources. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.

If you already have a career, FFSC has a wide variety of resources including information related to how professional licenses can transfer from one state to another.



### SERVICE MEMBER DEPLOYMENT

Deployments are a way of life for military service members and their families. Whether single or married, there are effective ways of meeting the unique challenges of a Navy lifestyle. Fleet & Family Support Centers (FFSC) work closely with commands, Ombudsmen, Family Readiness Groups, individuals, and families to provide resources and assistance during all phases of the deployment cycle.

Pre-deployment information is presented around five core elements that Sailors and their families should review and update as they prepare for deployment: documents, finances, communication, relationships and resources. Mid-deployment help for families include stress-reduction classes, mind and body mental fitness classes and countless other resources. Homecoming can also shed light on problems in a relationship, and FFSC understand those hurdles too and can provide support and resources to assist.

Any point of a deployment can be uniquely difficult and FFSC is here to help you get through it. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.



### LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

Life Skills education can help you recognize your unique abilities and take control of your life. We are now living in the "Choose Who You Are" era and nothing is more important than personal empowerment. Our core classes, Stress Management, Anger Management, Communication Skills and Conflict Resolution provide tools helpful in living a positive, empowered and fulfilled life. Mind-Body Mental Fitness (or MBMF) is a stress-resiliency program designed to help Sailors, their families, and their commands better understand how to cope with the stressors that are presented through the Navy lifestyle by learning to manage the four Domains of Resilience.



### TRANSITION & RETIREMENT

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is designed to make the move to civilian life smooth and successful. Fleet & Family Support Centers (FFSC) ensure service members and their families are well prepared for civilian life with extensive tools, education and support needed for a successful transition into the civilian community.

Regardless of how long you have served, FFSC understands the difficulties ahead, and how to help you find a new role in your community. The time you have spent in the military has extraordinary value in the civilian workforce, and there are resources to help you climb your next career ladder. Navy leadership is committed to effective transition assistance for all Sailors separating from the Navy. Note: Active duty must sign up through their Command Career Counselors.

Retirement planning might not be as easy as you think. Wherever your transition takes you, FFSC can help. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.



### **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Poor financial health can lead to diminished operational readiness, loss of security clearance, decreased choice of duty locations, administrative discharge, anxiety, stress and other negative effects. Compare this to the positive effects of good financial health that comes from knowing how to managing your personal finances: Freedom from anxiety. Freedom from stress. Freedom to do your best at your job in the Navy and advance on time.

Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) has Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE) accredited financial counselors on staff to assist you! Our highly qualified Personal Financial Managers (PFMs) provide courses and individual consultations for personal financial management, as well as provide General Military Trainings (GMTs) and Command Financial Specialist (CFS) Training.

Once your budget is managed, learn about your TSP and retirement goals for next-level financial planning! Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.



### **MOVING & RELOCATION**

Everyone in the military moves at one point or another. Preparation for such a big change is essential to the well-being of every military household. Whether you are settling in or departing, Fleet & Family Support Centers (FFSC) can help ease your transition to a new base.

If you are new to the area, FFSC should be your first stop. Grab a hospitality kit, brochures, maps and phone directories for the local area. We have a career center with Internet access and classes to help you find the right career for your family. We understand the housing, schools and resources you need to settle into your new home.

For those leaving the area, we offer Smooth Move classes and relocation workshops that can help plan for success. We have counselors for individuals or families who have trouble transitioning. Our career center can help you transfer your license to a new state or the tools to look for a new job when you get there.

Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more



### EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER SUPPORT

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) ensures service members will be assigned to a location where the special needs of the family will be met. EFMP is a mandatory program for spouses, children, and dependent family members, who require special medical, psychological, or educational services.

The Exceptional Family Member will then be assigned a category according to diagnosis, availability of care and intensity of care.

Category 1 is the least complex, while 5 is the most complex, Category 6 is for temporary placement in the EFM program, for example, high-risk pregnancy or a premature infant.

The category assigned to a family member will impact what duty stations a family can accompany their service member, however, enrollment in EFMP does not affect one's career, as promotion boards are unaware of EFM status.

The Fleet & Family Support Center can help with the needs of the whole family and the challenges families might face. Visit your FFSC or scan the QR code to learn more.







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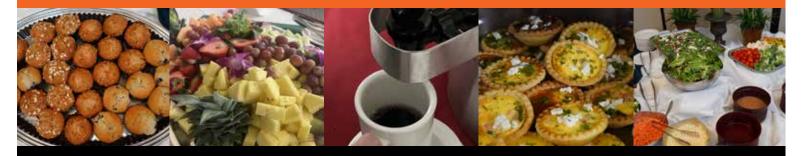


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### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Nor'Wester** 360-257-6289 or 360-257-2271

Base Information Line 360-257-1080

Base Operating Support Calls 360-257-3358

FFR General Directory 360-257-6300

**Emergency Operations** 360-257-3337

**Crisis Hotline** 800-584-3578 or 425-258-4357

**Fire Department** 360-257-2532

Fire Prevention/Inspection 360-257-6110

NASWI Quarterdeck 360-257-2631

Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

### **HEALTH RESOURCES**

TRICARE West Appointment Line 844-866-9378

Health Clinic 360-257-9500

Health Net Federal Services 844-866-9378

TRICARE Nurse Advice Line 800-874-2273

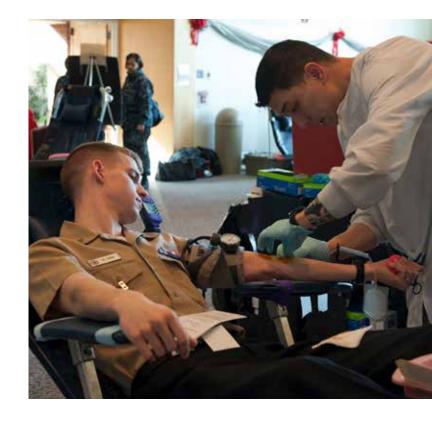
Active Duty Dental Program 866-653-4061

Retirees' Dental Program 888-838-8737

**Self-Help** 877-273-8255

### **BASE SECURITY**

Base Security 360-257-3893



### ADDITIONAL BASE RESOURCES

Air Terminal/Space-A Flights

360-257-2604

JBLM-McChord/SEATAC 253-982-7259/0555

Ombudsman Coordinator 425-304-3724

NASWI Flight Recording 360-257-2328

NAS Flight ReBase Access/DBIDS 425-304-3260

**Squadron Information** 

Electronic Attack Wing 360-257-1303

Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 360-257-0375

Autoport & Hobby Shop (Gas/Parts/Repair)

360-257-0629

Deers/ID Card Office (Ault Field)

360-257-1390/6770

**Chaplain** 360-257-2414

**Commissary** 360-257-3318

**Funeral Services** 360-315-3456

Honor Guard 360-315-3273/3275

**Legal Services (RLSO)**360-257-2126/2127

Navy Exchange 360-257-0600

Fleet Store 360-257-0503

Dry Cleaning/Uniform/Tailor Shop

360-257-0503

**Human Resources** 360-257-2979

**Public Works** 360-257-3348

Recycling 360-257-5481

**Tour Information** 360-257-2286

Veterinary Clinic 360-257-2001

**LODGING** 

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS) 877-628-9233

Navy Lodge 800-Navy-Inn or 360-653-6390

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Fraud, Waste & Mismanagement 800-522-3451

Navy Family Accountability and

Assessment System (NFAAS)

1-877-414-5358 or navyfamily.navy.mil

**Madigan Army Hospital** 253-968-1110/1145

Military OneSource 800-342-9647

or www.militaryonesource.com

Ready Navy 202-433-9348/DSN 288-9348 or

email readynavy@navy.mil, www.ready.navy.mil

Veterans Affairs 800-827-1000

### **NON-DOD RESOURCES**

**American Red Cross** 1-877-272-7337

**DSHS/Food Stamps** 877-501-2233

Immigration & Naturalization Service-

Military Helpline 877-247-4645

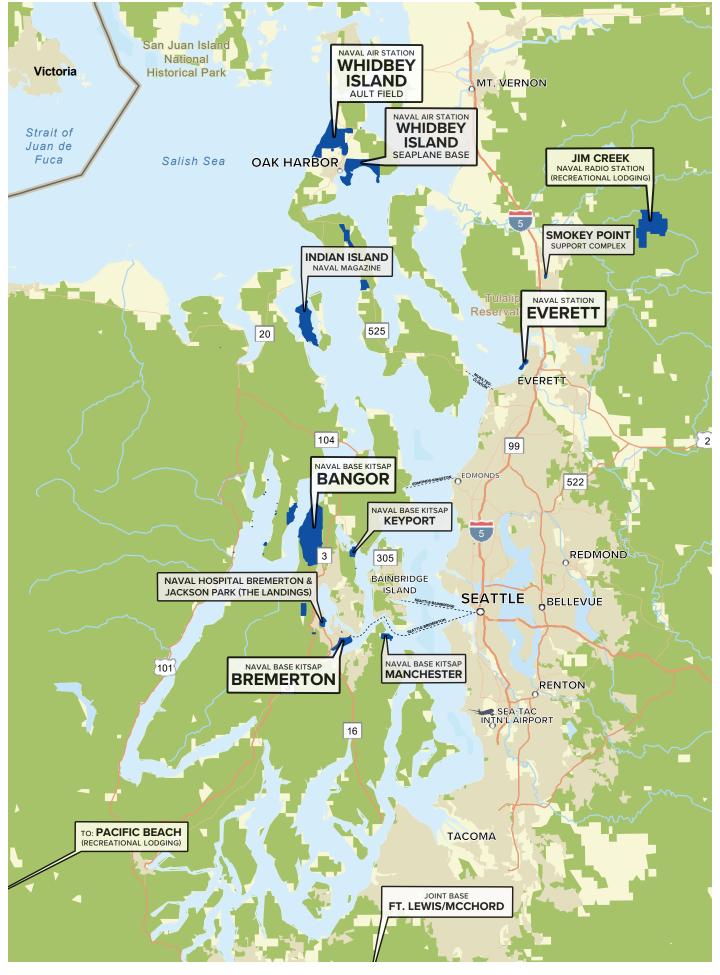
Victim Services Specialist 800-500-5513

Washington State Dept. of Health

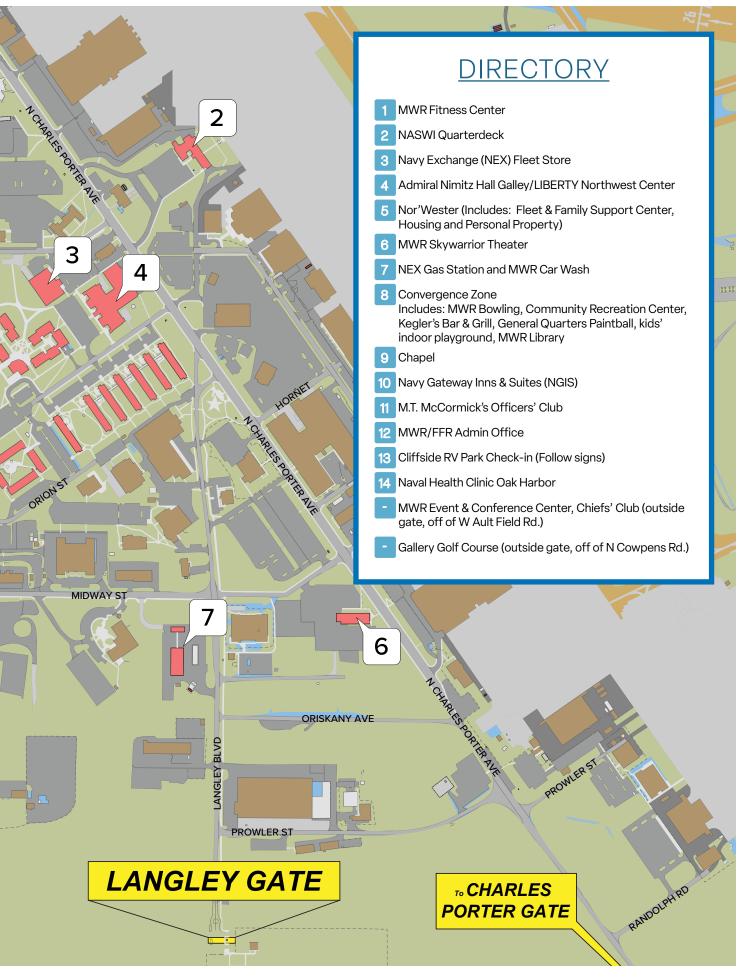
**Emergency Contacts** 1-877-539-4344 (24/7)

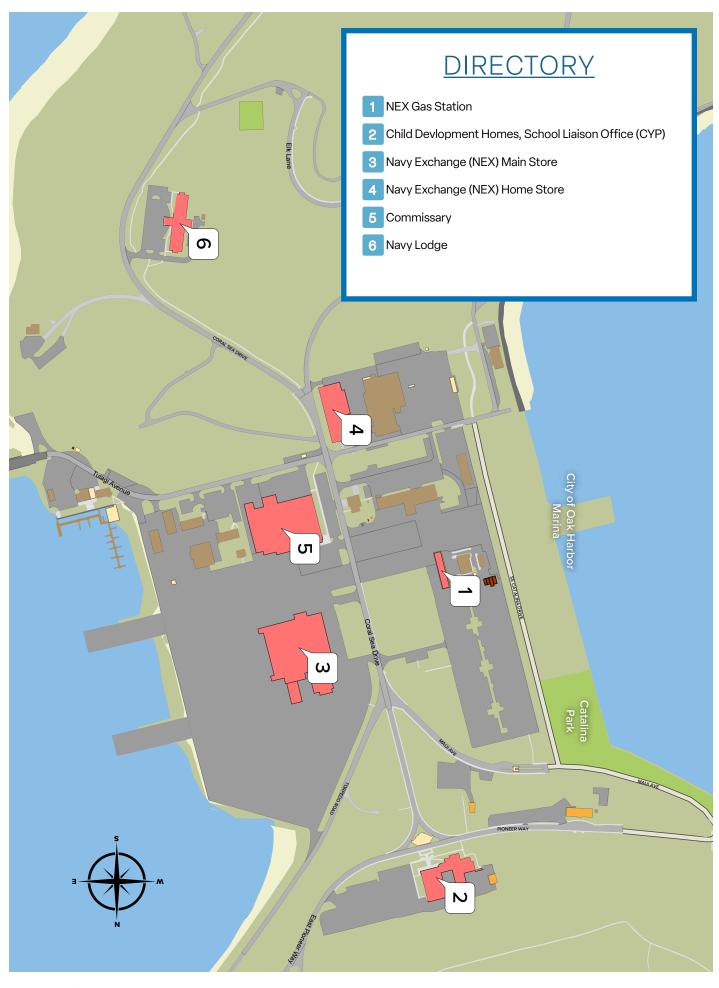
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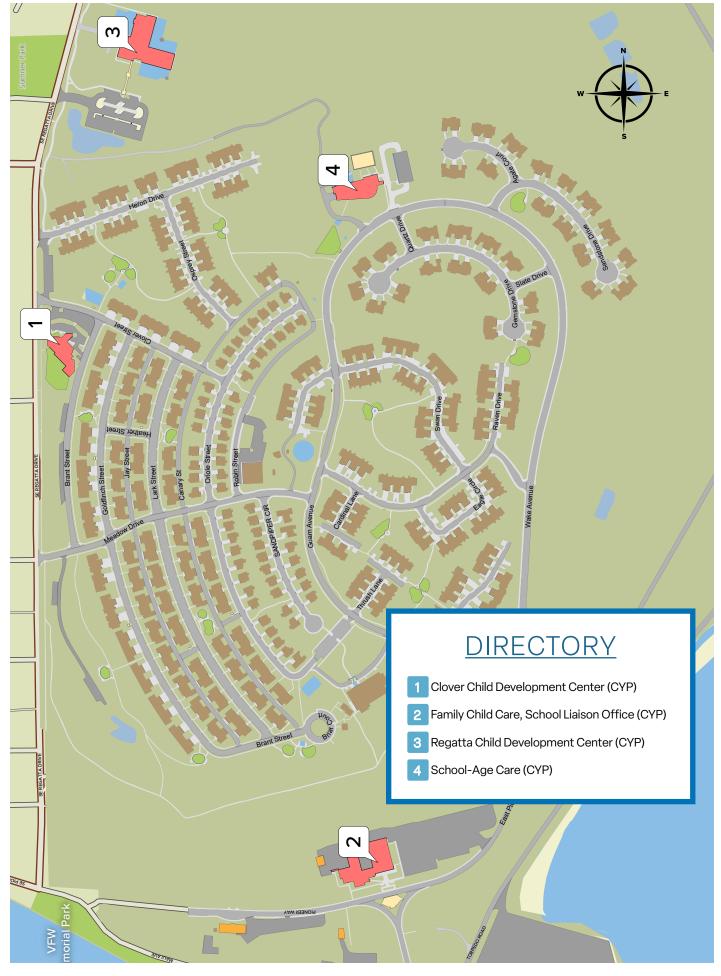
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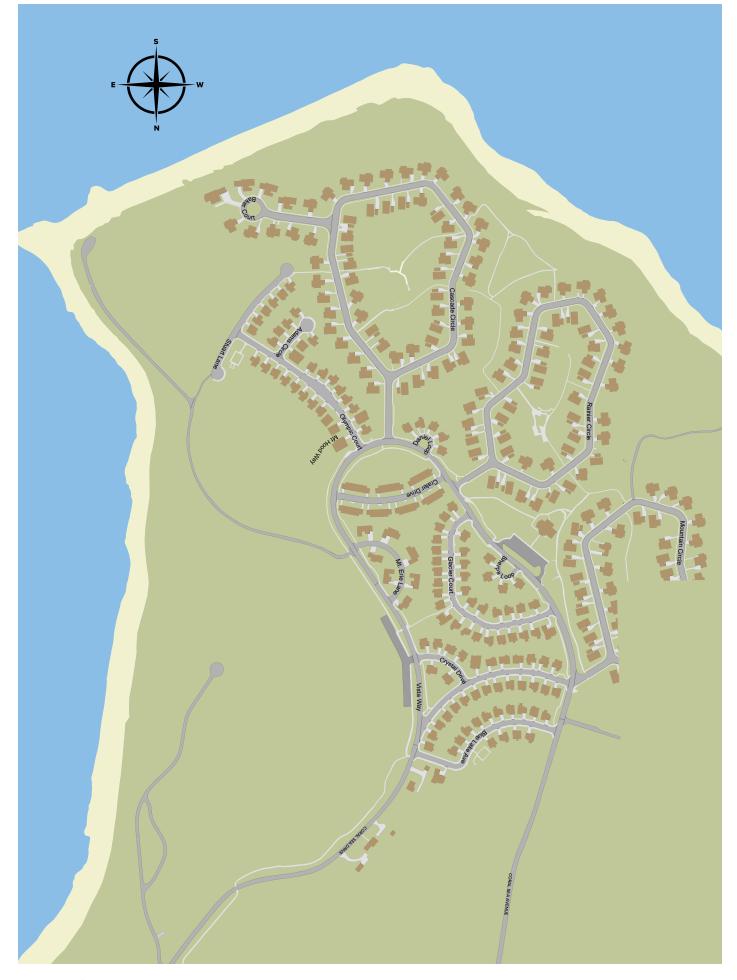
















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### RESTRICTED REPORTING

A reporting option that allows sexual assault victims to confidentially disclose the assault to specified individuals without triggering an official investigation. The individuals include SARC, SAPR VA, Deployed Resiliency Counselor, and healthcare provider. Victims can confidentially communicate with the Chaplain and Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC). Victims also have access to medical treatment, advocacy and counseling.

### UNRESTRICTED REPORTING

A reporting option where the victim's disclosure is reported to law enforcement and may result in an official investigative process. Victims can confidentially communicate with the Chaplain and Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC). Victims also have access to medical treatment, advocacy, counseling, Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP), protective orders and expedited transfer.

To Make a Report of Sexual Assault Outside of Your Chain of Command:

3675 W Lexington St., bldg. 2556

• 24/7 SARC: 360-914-7834

24/7 SAPR VA: 360-340-1340

**Legal Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault:** 

VLC: 202-993-6027/757-264-3684

CATCH A SERIAL OFFENDER PROGRAM



https://www.sapr.mil/CATCH



**Additional Support for Victims of Sexual Assault:** 

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