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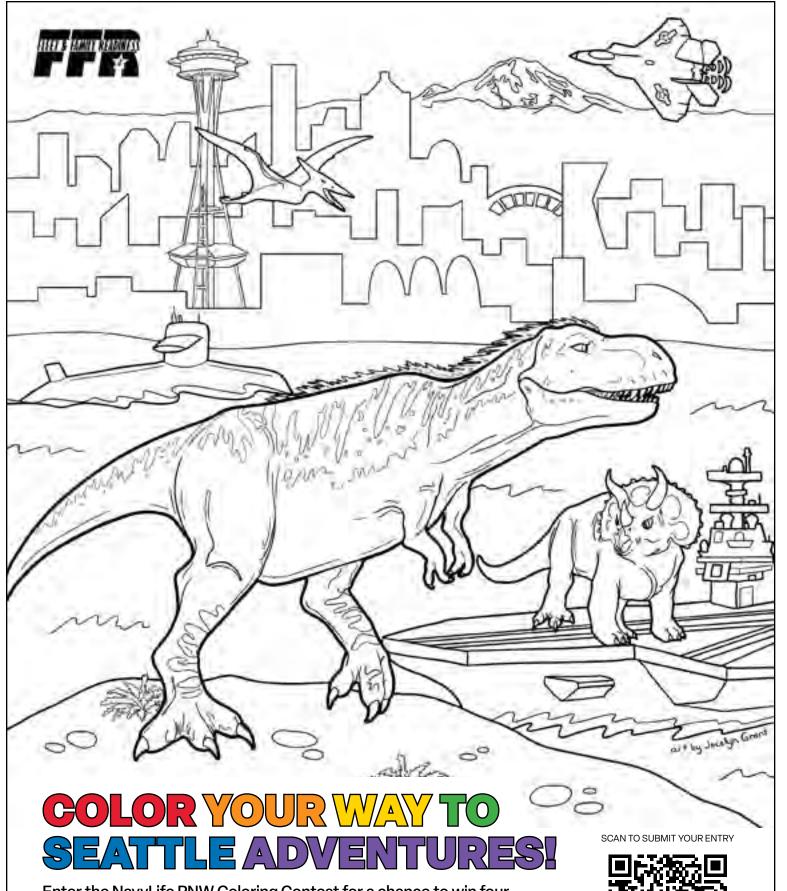
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NAS Whidbey Island

elcome to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island! As we step

into the vibrant Spring and Summer seasons, it's the perfect time to rediscover the hidden gems around us. In this edition of NavylifePNW, we explore lesser-known spots, events, and programs that are often overlooked but offer incredible experiences right here in the Pacific Northwest.

From secret hiking trails tucked away in the lush forests to local eateries offering a taste of the region's best-kept culinary secrets, there is so much more to explore beyond the typical tourist destinations. We've also uncovered some exciting and unique programs for service members and families that provide a sense of community, relaxation, and adventure.

At Fleet & Family Readiness, we are committed to supporting you and your family in discovering all that this area has to offer. Whether it's a hidden park to unwind in or an overlooked event that's sure to bring joy, we hope this issue sparks curiosity and inspires you to explore new places that will quickly become favorites.

I encourage you to step off the beaten path, embrace the surprises around every corner, and take full advantage of these hidden treasures. They're here for you to enjoy, and they're waiting to be discovered!

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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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

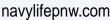
### **FFSC**

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.

## HOUSING

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









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

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- On-base restaurant apps
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# ADMIRAL NIMITZ HALL **GALLEY**

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360-257-2505

Conference Center

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### **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,

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# **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**

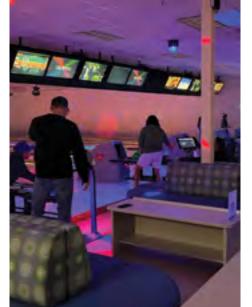
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Located on Ault Field, 1185 W Midway St., Bldg. 962

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 EVENTS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

# **APRIL**

**Shower the April Powers Lifting Competition** Compete in strength challenges at this exciting lifting competition.

# MAY

# **Gold Star Command Challenge**

Test your strength and agility with truck pulls, tire flips, and obstacle courses in this action-packed challenge.

# JUNE

# **Summer Sprint Triathlon**

Kick off summer with a competitive triathlon featuring swimming, biking, and running.

# **Great Navy Campout**

Enjoy a weekend of camping under the stars with family-friendly activities and outdoor fun.





**EVENT** 



# **FFSP Color Run**

Run, walk, or jog through a vibrant 5K fun run filled with color and excitement.

# **AUGUST**

### **Summer Concert**

Relax and enjoy live music performances in a beautiful outdoor setting.

### **Growler 8K**

Challenge yourself with an 8K race through scenic routes, perfect for runners of all levels.

# **LIBERTY Barracks Bash**

Celebrate with fellow sailors at a fun-filled party featuring music, games, and food at the barracks.

# **SEPTEMBER**

## Open House and Flight Line 5K

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# PERFECT VACATION

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Planning a vacation can be both exciting and a bit daunting, especially when trying to keep your budget in check. Did you know there are hidden gems right at your fingertips to help make your dream vacation a reality?

Service Members, retirees, dependents, and DoD civilians have access to two invaluable resources:

MWR Community Recreation and American

Forces Travel (AFT). These programs offer exclusive deals and expert support to help you craft a vacation that's not only affordable but also unforgettable.

# MWR Tickets & Travel: Your Vacation Resource

The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Community Recreation office is a key resource for vacation planning. Whether you're dreaming of a weekend getaway or an extended family trip, MWR offers discounted tickets for theme parks, local attractions, concerts, sporting events, and travel packages. Here's how MWR can help:

- Exclusive Discounts: Save big to places like Disneyland, Universal Studios and others. MWR also offers cruises, hotels, car rentals, and airfare deals.
- Expert Travel Advice: MWR staff are knowledgeable about popular vacation destinations and can offer travel tips and help arrange your trip.
- Local & Global Adventures: Whether staying close to the base or traveling abroad, MWR provides affordable packages for unforgettable experiences.



For more ticketing information, contact 360-257-2432.



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# American Forces Travel: Exclusive Online Travel Deals

In addition to MWR, take advantage of **American Forces Travel (AFT)**, the Department of Defense's official online travel platform.

- **User-Friendly Platform:** Easily compare prices, read reviews, and book everything in one place.
- **Travel Savings:** Get discounts on flights, hotels, car rentals, vacation packages, and cruises.
- Global Destinations: Whether local or international, AFT offers competitive rates worldwide.
- Support for MWR: Proceeds from AFT bookings are reinvested into MWR programs, benefiting the military community.





# **Financial Preparation with FFSC**

For active-duty military members and their dependents, the **Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC)** offers financial counseling to help you prepare for your vacation. FFSC's free financial planning services can ensure your trip doesn't strain your budget. Here's what they offer:

- Budgeting Assistance: FFSC experts can help you create a vacation budget without stressing your finances.
- Savings Strategies: Learn how to save while covering other financial obligations effectively.
- **Debt Management:** If you're concerned about existing debt, FFSC can assist with managing it while still planning for your vacation.
- Emergency Fund Planning: FFSC counselors can help you establish an emergency fund to cover any unexpected expenses during or after your trip.

With the support of MWR Community Recreation, American Forces Travel, and FFSC Financial Services, families can plan a vacation that's both affordable and stress-free. It doesn't matter if you are a service member, retiree, dependent or DoD civilian. Start planning your dream vacation today!



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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











FOR MORE INFO, CALL: 360-257-1567



# GREAT MEMORIES START with MWR!

# SAVE ON SPORTING EVENTS • LEISURE TRAVEL ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

Before planning your next vacation, check with your local MWR Community Recreation office for discounted tickets.



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# New Look & Links!

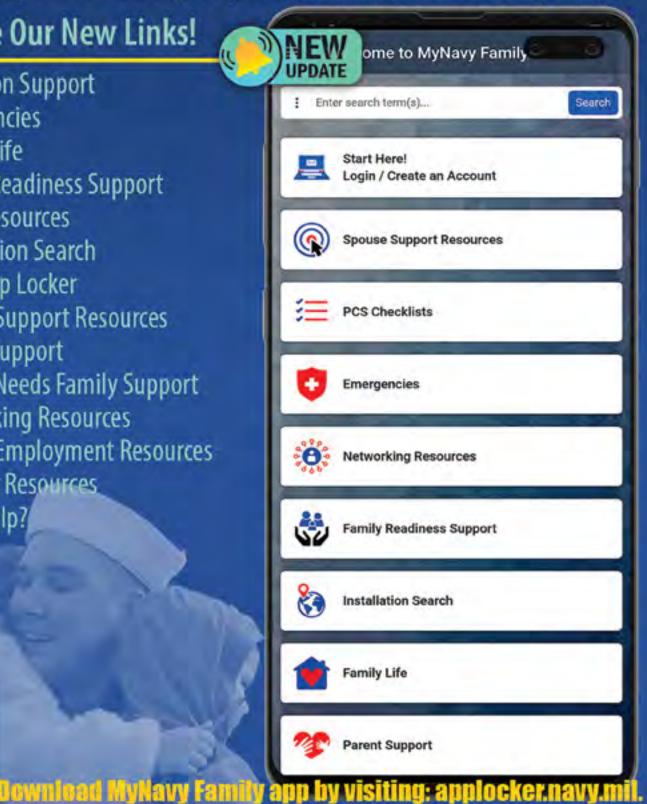
# MyNavy has an app for that!

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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# 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: 2025 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.

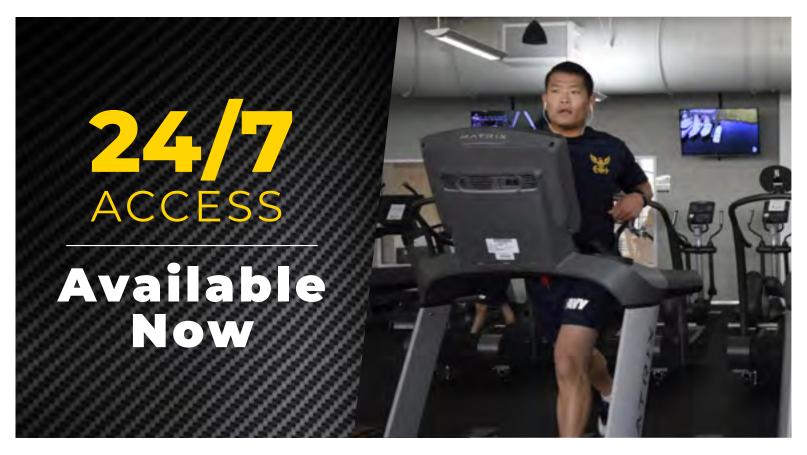
The Navy Sports Program also assists athletes who participate at the national or international level in activities that are not normally offered on a base, such as rowing, archery and shooting.

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









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

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# RECREATIONAL LODGING

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# 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 5-bedroom cottages lining the ocean bluff, providing guests with panoramic ocean vistas. On-site amenities include Pacific Beach Café &

Come stay, play and relax

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# Cliffside RV Park's Best-Kept New Cabins

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Tucked away on Whidbey Island's scenic coastline, Cliffside RV Park's new cabins are a hidden gem offering both comfort and natural beauty. Ideal for families, couples, and friends, these cozy cabins sleep up to six people and provide all the amenities you need for a peaceful getaway.

Each cabin features a private bedroom with a queen-sized bed, a bunk bed with twin mattresses, and a pull-out couch that sleeps two, making it easy to accommodate everyone comfortably. Inside, you'll find a fully equipped kitchen stocked with plates, pots, utensils, and everything else needed to prepare meals just like at home. There's also a dining area where you can enjoy meals together or play games in the evenings. Outside, each cabin has a fire pit perfect for evening gatherings under the stars, allowing you to end each day with s'mores, stories, and relaxation.

The cabin setup makes it easy to enjoy the natural beauty surrounding you while having a cozy, private retreat to return to each night. And with nearby access to the park's recreational areas, beach, and hiking trail, your days can be filled with as much adventure or relaxation as you choose.



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# **More Stay Options to Suit Every Camper**

Alongside its new cabins, Cliffside RV Park offers additional lodging options for those looking for different ways to enjoy the outdoors.

- Yurts: For a unique camping experience, Cliffside's yurts offer comfort and charm, combining indoor amenities with the feel of camping. Each yurt is set up with beds, nearby picnic tables, and fire pits, making them ideal for those who want a rustic vibe without sacrificing comfort.
- Campsites: If classic camping is your style, Cliffside provides spacious campsites with fire pits and picnic tables, all located just a short walk from the beach. It's a perfect setting for traditional campers eager for beach access and stunning sunsets.
- RV Spaces: With full hookups and easy access to showers, laundry facilities, and recreational areas, Cliffside's RV sites are perfect for travelers on a Pacific Northwest road trip.

Whether you're seeking the comforts of a cabin or the simplicity of camping, Cliffside RV Park's hidden gems offer the perfect Pacific Northwest escape. Book today and start your next adventure!







# 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 FAMILY CHILD CARE**

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

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# NAVY CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Choosing child care may be one of the most important decisions you'll make as a parent, and it can be hard to 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 military-operated 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.

Child development centers, or CDCs, are located on installations and generally offer care for infants through pre-school age children. Family Child Care Providers (FCC) are certified professionals who provide child care for infants through school-age children in their homes, located either on or off an installation. School-Age Care, or SAC, programs provide care to children in kindergarten through sixth grade.



# 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.





# Facing delayed child care availability after your PCS?

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# The Navy School Liaison (SL)

The Navy School Liaison (SL) is a hidden gem that many families might not realize they have at their fingertips.

# HOW THE SCHOOL LIAISON SUPPORTS HOMESCHOOLING

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When it comes to homeschooling within the military lifestyle, the Navy School Liaison (SL) is a hidden gem that many families might not realize they have at their fingertips. With frequent relocations, state-specific requirements, and curriculum challenges, homeschool families face unique hurdles—and that's where the SLO steps in as an invaluable resource.

# Your Homeschooling Ally on the Move

- Moving every few years can make maintaining a consistent homeschool program daunting. But your SL is here to simplify homeschooling as you transition. Whether you're new to homeschooling or wellpracticed, they provide essential support, including:
- ♦ Understanding State Requirements: Each state has unique homeschooling regulations, and your SL can provide the latest guidance on what's needed in your new location.
- ♦ Connecting You with Curriculum Resources: SLs can introduce you to curriculum options that align with your goals and state guidelines, saving hours of research.
- ♦ Educational Opportunities and Connections: Homeschooling can sometimes feel isolating, but the SL connects you to local co-ops, group activities, and field trips, enriching your child's learning experience.
- ♦ Help with Transcripts and Records: Whether transitioning to or from homeschool, the SL assists with organizing transcripts and records, keeping your child's progress seamless.

The SL is more than a school contact—they're an ally in ensuring your child thrives academically, no matter where the Navy journey takes you.

# Other Key Services the SL Provides

- ♦ In addition to homeschooling support, the School Liaison offers a range of services to help military families navigate educational transitions:
- ♦ School Transfers: The SL coordinates paperwork and records to make school transfers smooth and stress-free.
- School Selection Assistance: With knowledge of local districts, the SL can help you find the best school options and answer questions about enrollment and boundaries.
- Special Education Support: If your child needs specialized services, the SL guides you through processes to secure the right resources and connects you with local support.
- Graduation Guidance and College Prep: For high schoolers, the SL ensures your teen stays on track for graduation and offers guidance on college admissions, scholarships, and prep resources.

The SL is more than a school contact—they're an ally in ensuring your child thrives academically, no matter where the Navy journey takes you. So, whether you're homeschooling, preparing for college, or just seeking a smooth school transition, don't overlook this hidden gem. Your SLO is ready to help!



Jaime, NAS Whidbey Island School Liaison, helps military families navigate the often complex world of education and community resources. She works to ensure school success for all military children, connecting families with the support they need. "Every day is different, which makes the job both challenging and rewarding," she shares.





# NAVY HOUSING SERVICES

Your Housing Services Center team knows the area and will help you make the most of your housing benefits. Visit whidbey.navylifepnw.com/housing/ or scan the QR code to learn more about this free service.



# HOUSING SERVICE CENTER

877-340-9055 or 360-257-3331 Nor'Wester, 3675 W Lexington, Bldg. 2556

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**

360-447-5800 whidbeyislandfamilyhousing.com

#### **UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING**

#### CHECK-IN: UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING OFFICE

360-257-5513

1040 Intruder St., Bldg. 2701

After-hours Emergency Maintenance: 360-257-5513

# ONLINE BARRACKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Available 24/7, residents can submit non-emergency maintenance requests using the building-specific QR code located on the inside of your barracks room main door and on flyers located throughout your barracks buildings' common areas.









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**988** provides easier access to the 24/7. free and confidential Lifeline network and related crisis resources, which are distinct from 911 (where the focus is on dispatching Emergency Medical Services, fire and police as needed).





The Lifeline accepts calls, texts/chat from anyone who needs support – a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care for anyone experiencing mental health related distress.











# **FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - NOR'WESTER**

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

# **NAVY GOLD STAR CALL** CENTER

888-509-8759

# 24/7 SAPR ADVOCATE

360-914-7867/55

# 24/7 SEXUAL ASSAULT **RESPONSE COORDINATOR** (SARC)

360-914-7834

# **DOD SAFE HELPLINE**

877-995-5247

# 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 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.



### **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.



## **DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT**

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**

A key contributor to fleet and family readiness is having a solid financial plan in place. 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



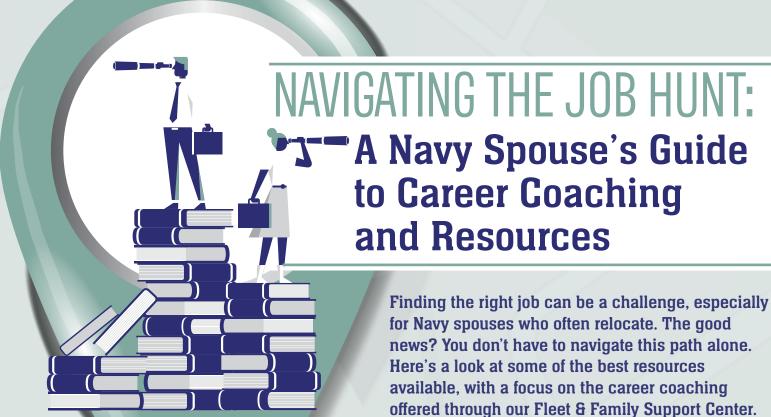
# EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

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.

Qualifying special needs include, but is not limited to, family members who require any kind of specialty medical care or doctors and/ or any type of educational support services, either of them lasting longer than 6 months. Some examples of qualifying services: early intervention services, 504/IEPs, referrals to speech/occupational therapy, clinical counseling, required adaptive equipment assistive technology devices and services and/ or wheelchair accessibility.

EFMP Case Liaisons are located at the Fleet & Family Support Center and 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.





## Career Coaching: Getting personalized guidance to take your career to the next level.

- Fleet and Family Support Center offers personalized coaching through phone, email, or in-person sessions.
- Hire Heroes USA provide resume writing, mock interviews, and mentoring.
- SECO (Spouse Education and Career Opportunities), which offers tailored career coaching through Military OneSource.

## Job Boards: Discovering opportunities beyond LinkedIn Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) connects spouses with employers committed to hiring them.

- The APAN Career Page serves Navy Region Northwest and features local job openings, upcoming job fairs, and a variety of helpful resources.
- USAJobs.gov, where military spouses benefit from the Priority Placement Program for federal positions.
- Fleet and Family Support Center. Employment specialists often curate job listings and provide additional support.

## Skill Building and Certifications: Expanding your opportunities.

- Onward to Opportunity (O2O) offer free certifications in fields like IT, Business Management, and Customer Service.
- MyCAA Scholarship is another great option, offering \$4,000 for educational expenses to spouses of service members up to E-9, W-3, or O-3 pay grades.
- LinkedIn Learning is free for a year during your PCS or through a subscription via your local library.
- The military offers up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for licensure, certification, or business costs incurred due to relocations, supporting military spouse employment and entrepreneurship.

If you're a Navy spouse searching for a job, you don't have to do it alone. You have a wealth of resources at your fingertips. Take advantage of some of these hidden gems, and you'll be well on your way to finding the right job for you.

#### Resources

Military Souse Employment Partnership / Military One Source, https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/
APAN Career and Employment, https://community.apan.org/wg/ffsc-careerandemploymentcenter/
USAJobs Federal Government Jobs, https://www.usajobs.gov/
Fleet & Family Services, https://www.navylifepnw.com/
Career Coaching Hire Heroes, USA, https://www.hireheroesusa.org/
SECO -Military One Source, https://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment/s



## 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.

#### Virtual clinical counseling helps with:

- Separation
- Grief
- Deployment
- Relocation
- Relationship issues
- Parent-child interactions
- Other challenges related to military and family life

To schedule an appointment, call 1-855-205-6749. If calling outside of regular business hours, leave a message. Your call will be returned within one business day.









# SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

NAS Whidbey Island 24/7 SAPR Response Line: 360-914-7867/7855

#### 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



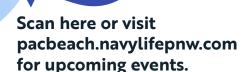
**Additional Support for Victims of Sexual Assault:** 

DoD Safe Helpline: 877-995-5247 Text 55247, click safehelpline.org



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#### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

As a member of the Navy community, you are never alone. There are programs to support you in a variety of situations, including victim assistance, emergencies en route and service-specific relief societies.



#### **FOR EMERGENCIES 911**

#### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

Fleet & Family Support Center Centralized Scheduling & Urgent Respite Care

866-854-0638

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

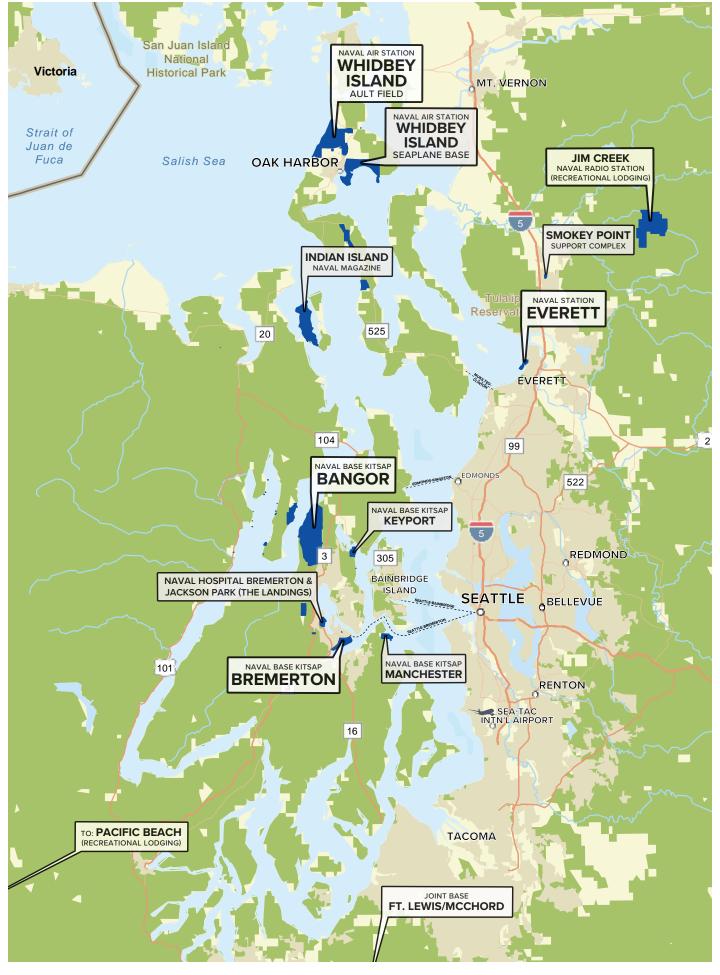
Victim Services Specialist 800-500-5513

Washington State Dept. of Health

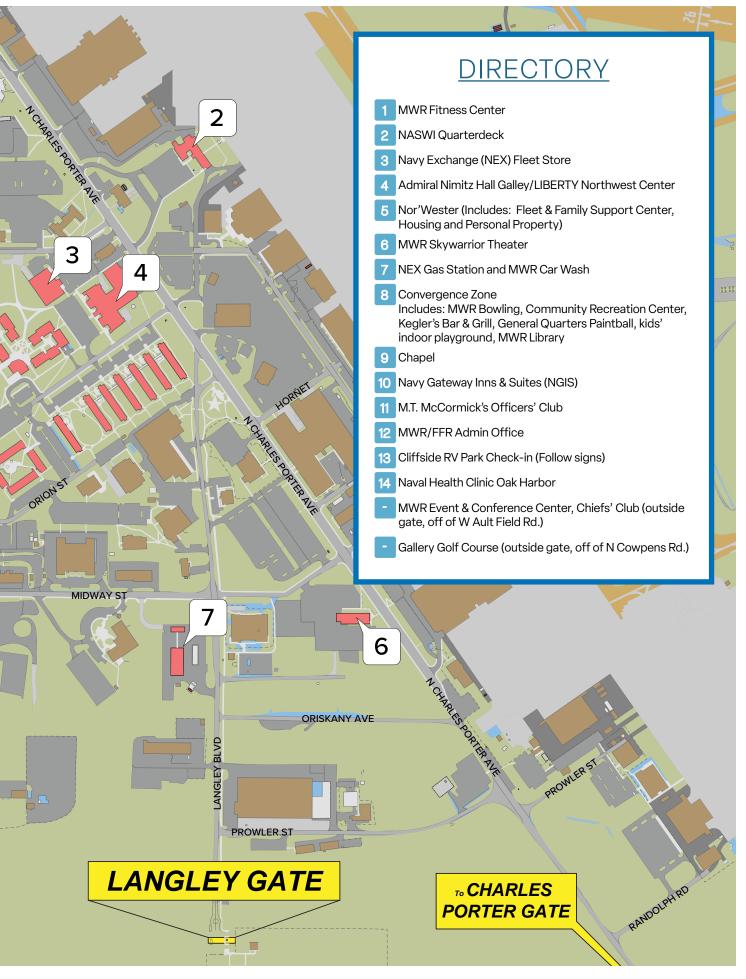
**Emergency Contacts** 1-877-539-4344 (24/7)

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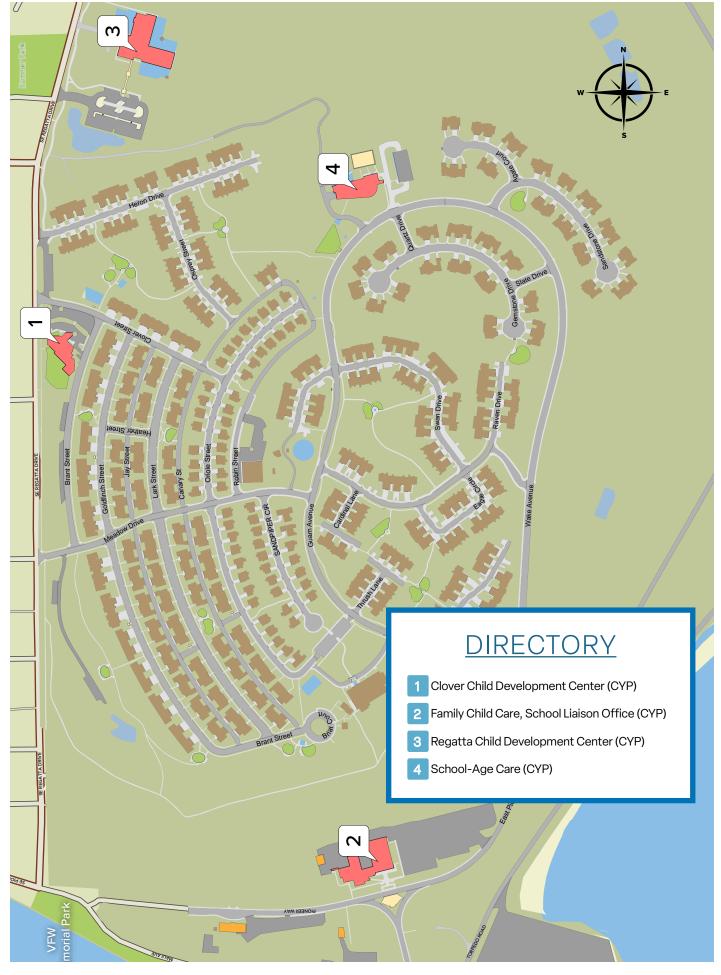
www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies

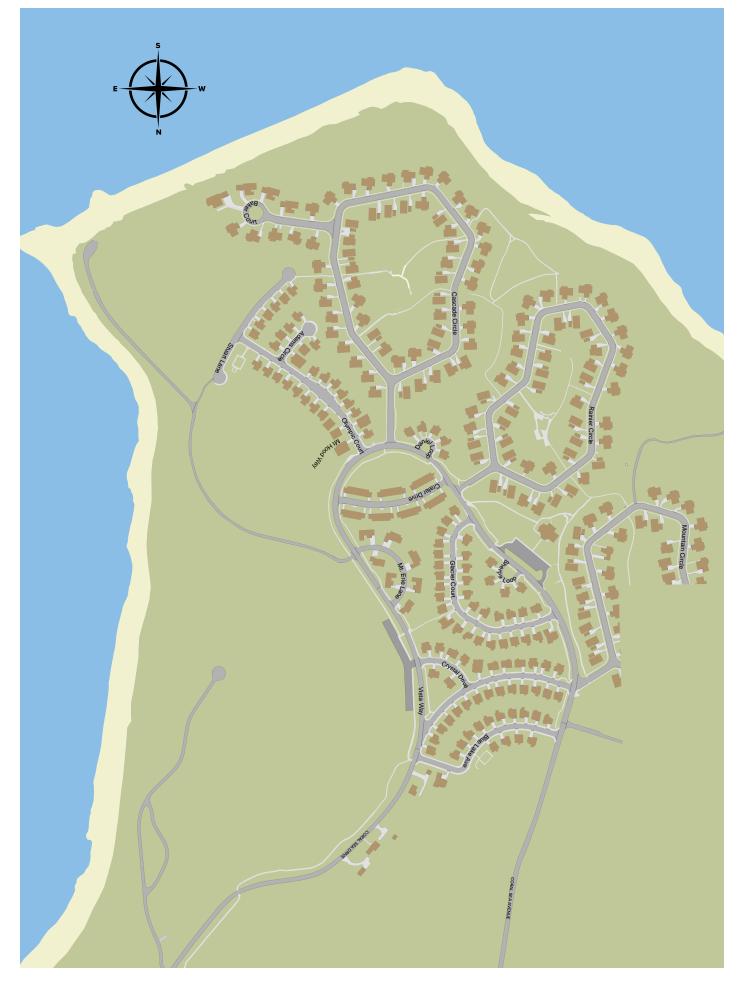




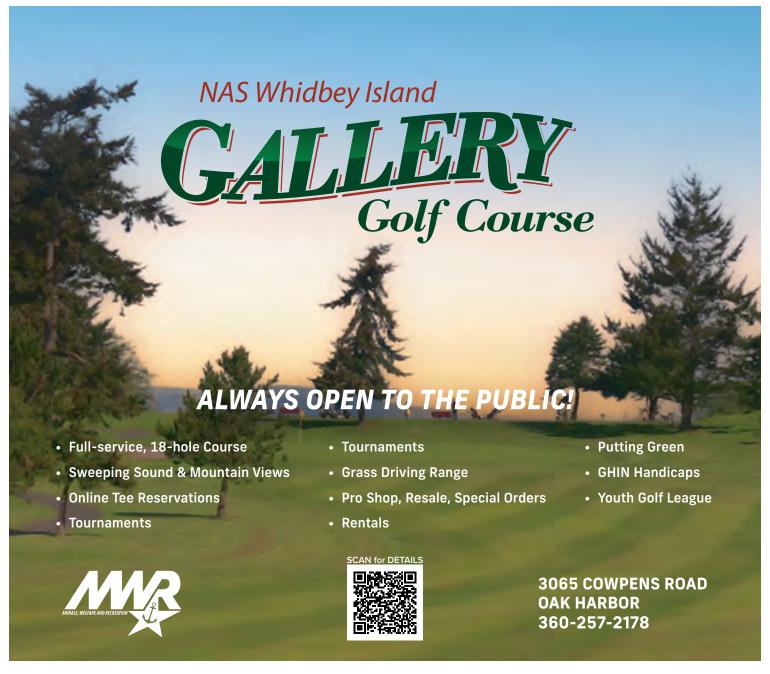














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