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Robert Lattanzi CNRNW N9 | FFR Director NAS Whidbey Island

s we transition into the fall and winter months here at NAS Whidbey Island, we're reminded that every season brings change – not just in weather, but in our routines, relationships, and responsibilities. For our Sailors and their families, this time of year can bring both reflection and new challenges. Whether settling in, preparing for deployment or navigating the demands of military life, you're not alone.

Military service is a journey of courage, commitment and adversity. Taking care of your emotional and psychological well-being is not only vital, but also a form of strength. Our N9 programs offer confidential counseling, stress reduction workshops and personal development tools to help you stay grounded and focused.

We recognize that strong families make strong service members. N9's family

support programs help you weather challenges so you can celebrate the joys of military life. From parenting support and deployment readiness, to relationship enrichment and youth programs, we are committed to every military family in our community.

Cold weather and shorter days can make it easy to feel isolated, but our community is here for you. Join us for fitness classes, wellness initiatives, volunteer opportunities and community events to build meaningful connections and stay active.

Whether you're a new arrival or a seasoned Sailor, the journey through military life is both difficult and proud. Let this season be a time to reflect, recharge, and reconnect. Explore everything available to you through MWR, Fleet & Family Support and community programs.

From all of us at NAS Whidbey Island, thank you for your service and strength.

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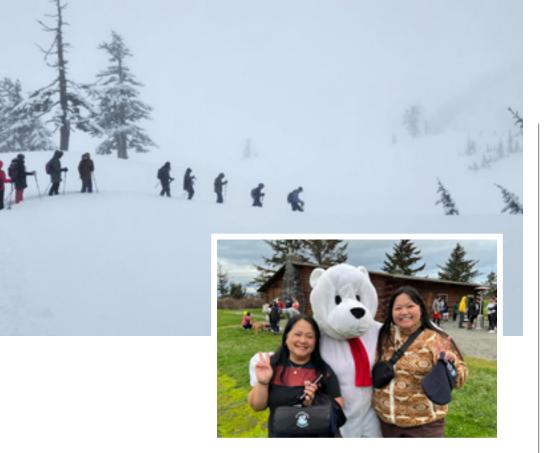
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Discover how FFR programs help military youth find connection, stability and emotional strength in a life defined by constant change.



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.

On the cover: Clam digging at sunset, Pacific Beach, Washington. Photo courtesy of Pacific Beach staff.



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

Kegler's Bar & Grill is a casual, quick-service restaurant inside the community recreation center, the Convergence Zone. Serving pizza, wings, burgers, wraps, and more, along with weekly specials! Kegler's Bar & Grill also provides catering for a variety of events. Bring your

friends to the bar and enjoy playing pool or darts. Scan the 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.





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

SkyWarrior Theatre features blockbusters, free movies, and advance screenings. Enjoy our snack bar, cozy seats, and a family room with activities for kids. Private birthday parties, movie screenings are available. 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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3065 N Cowpens Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98278

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.







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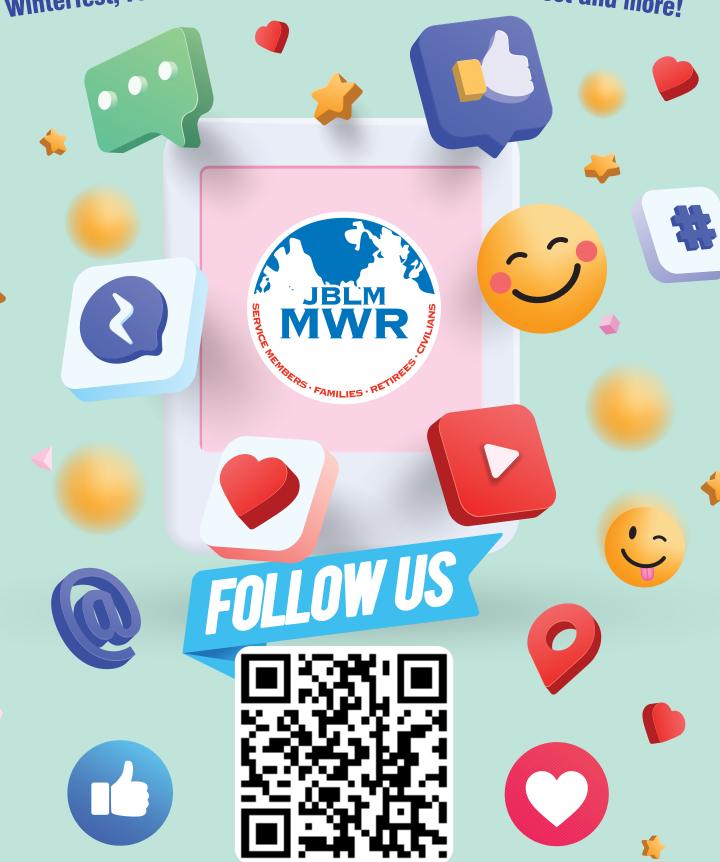








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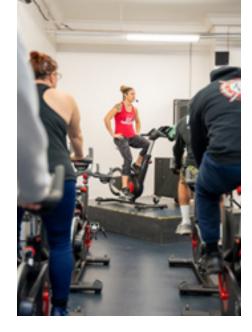
Victoria and family enjoy a moment together atop an overlook.

When you live a life shaped by frequent moves, long deployments and constant change, community becomes more than a comfort, it becomes essential. For many spouses and military dependents, that sense of community has come alive through the walls of Fleet and Family Readiness (FFR) with programs like Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

"It started with our kids running up to each other and introducing themselves, which ignited a conversation," Victoria says. Victoria is a Navy wife of 16 years and mother of two. "These programs give us a sense of home, even when we're miles away from where we came from."

That moment of kids connecting on the playground while parents exchange smiles and shared experiences is more than a social nicety. It can be the perfect kindness in a world where friendships often must be forged fast. FFR facilities and programs serve as gathering places where strangers become friends, and sometimes, friends can become family.

"Since the majority of these events are free it is paramount that families take advantage of these unique experiences, which in turn could potentially meet new people, creating lifelong friendships," Victoria says.



Whether it's through youth sports classes, fitness classes or the various small craft and activity events offered, FFR brings people together with shared purpose and proximity. And it doesn't take long for those repeated encounters to create a deeper sense of belonging, helping to make the Pacific Northwest actually feel like home.

At first glance, a base gym or recreation center might seem like just another facility, but for many, it's where some of their most important relationships have formed. Shared interests like intramural sports or yoga offer more than fitness. They provide a rhythm and familiarity that can be hard to come by in military life.

"Sports and Fitness has a component at every level, from professional training and classes for all eligible patrons, in addition to partnering," Tara Dotson says. "This allows the fostering of positive memories and shared experiences to cultivate a sense of accountability and kinship, especially as the military thrives on supporting a healthy lifestyle as an outlet for the stressful challenges families incur," she says. Tara, the NS Everett Fitness Manager, is a Navy veteran, Navy spouse and mother



of three, and has served the Navy in various capacities for 24 years.

These aren't just surface-level friendships. The shared backdrop of military life, the understanding of deployments, reintegration and temporary duty orders, creates a kind of shorthand. There's no need to explain why your partner is gone again, or why you're solo parenting for months. That mutual understanding, reinforced in FFR spaces, often accelerates closeness.

FFSC workshops, too, offer more than just practical skills. Parenting support groups, resume building sessions and deployment readiness classes often become springboards for creating stronger connections. When people gather to learn or prepare together, conversation flows naturally. Vulnerabilities are shared and support is offered without needing to be asked for.

"We can help with anything from life skills education, counseling, support during deployments, parenting, and many other skills to improve quality of life." Amanda Henson Land says. She is the NAS Whidbey Island Fleet and Family Support Center Installation Program Manager.



"Our programs are designed with you in mind, to help build connections, increase community networks and help you with anything needed to make you more resilient and ready for everything the military lifestyle throws your way," Henson Land says.

These moments matter, often more than the recipients realized was necessary. They create a network of support that strengthens the overall well-being of sailors and their families. When relationships flourish, resilience does, too. In communities where people are always coming or going, connection becomes an intentional act. FFR makes it easier to take those first steps, giving people a place to show up, to introduce yourself and to get involved.

The climb through military life is not always linear, and it's rarely easy. But it is steadied by the people who walk alongside you. Victoria's story is one of thousands, all rooted in shared experience, resilience and friendship. And built within FFR walls.

As Victoria puts it, "Military families are the backbone of our service members," she says. "Programs like MWR keep us strong, united and supported, and that strength makes all the difference."

And that is the quiet power of FFR. Not just the events or services themselves, but the space they create for community to grow. Because when the journey feels steep, having someone to climb it with makes all the difference.

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The Convergence Zone is truly a place where a range of interests, an array of people and a variety of entertainment come together! It offers bowling lanes, gear rental, indoor playground, toddler play area, pool tables, air hockey, ping pong, computers, video gaming, resource center, faxing/printing/copying services, a multipurpose room, and gathering areas for groups and organizations.

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





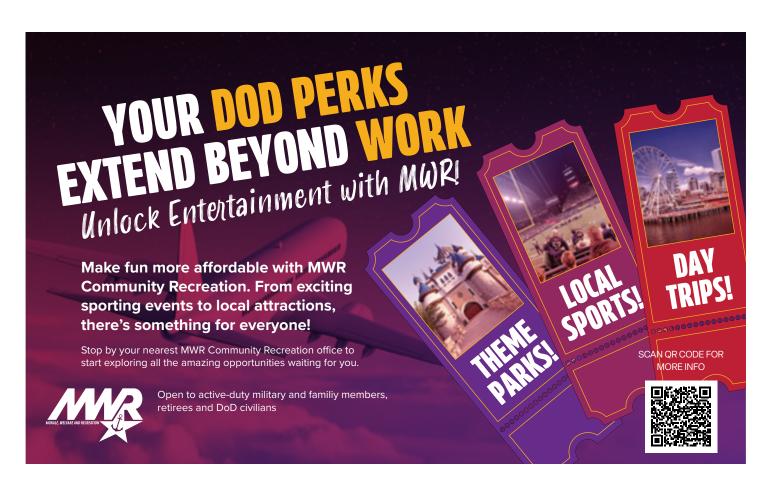






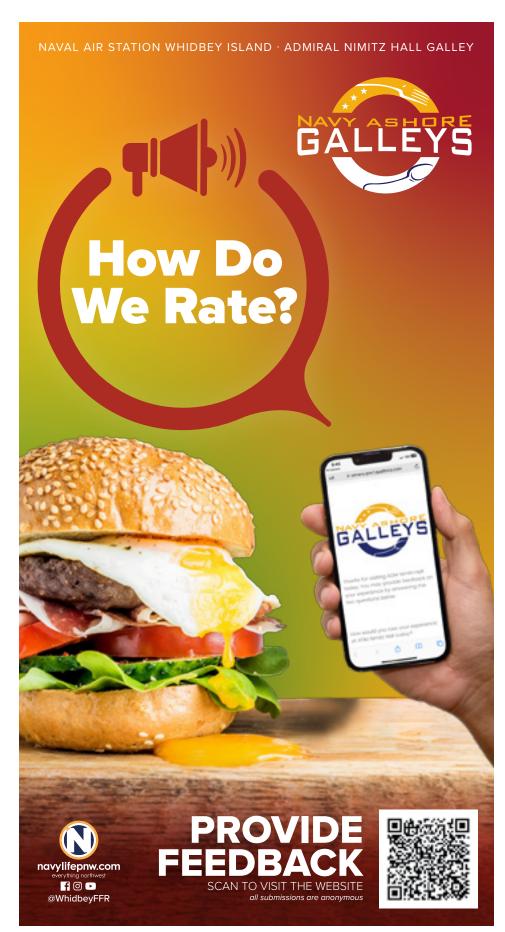
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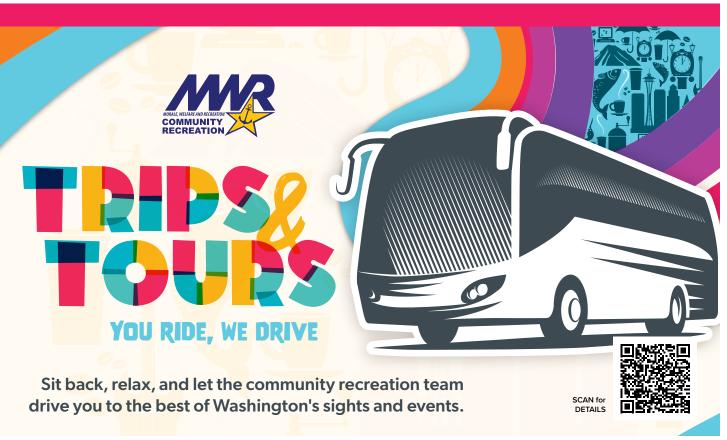














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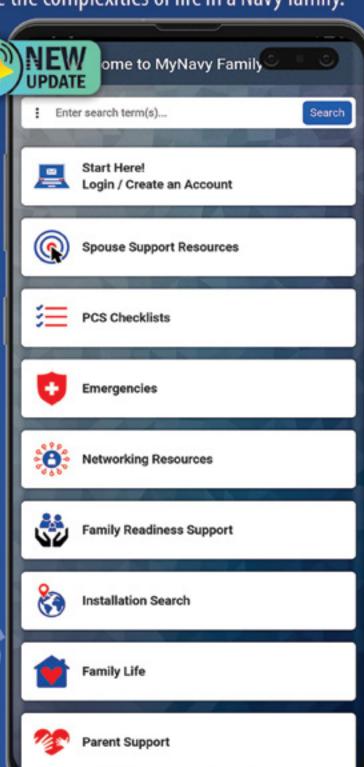
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The MyNavy Family app connects Navy spouses and families to information and resources to help them successfully navigate the complexities of life in a Navy family.

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- Family Readiness Support
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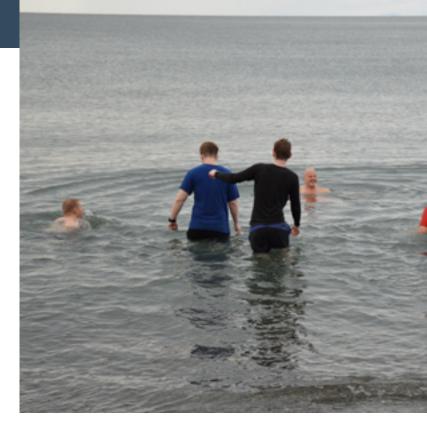


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SPORTS, FITNESS & AQUATICS

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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

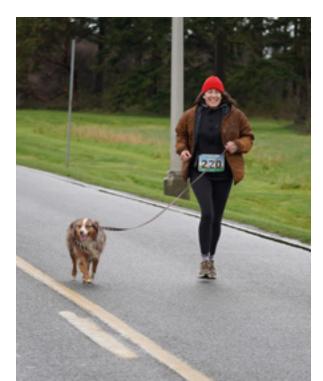
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

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.







In the early years of Navy life, fresh out of boot camp or newly stationed in the Pacific Northwest - or simply adjusting to new independence the path can feel dizzyingly steep. Young Sailors face everything from long hours to the subtle sting of missing home. But new relationships with other young Sailors are within reach, and for them, Life Is Better Everywhere Recreation Takes You.

The MWR LIBERTY Program offers something more than just a break. It offers a rising step and a way for Sailors to belong. In a lifestyle defined by constant movement, LIBERTY provides connection, which is something grounding and necessary.

Our LIBERTY Center is more than just a place to kill time; it's a retreat. Outfitted with video game consoles, movies, Wi-Fi and quiet spaces to relax and unwind, it's a pressurefree zone where Sailors can just be. Walking through those doors can feel like exhaling for the first time in days or weeks for young Sailors just arriving, not yet knowing a single person.

But LIBERTY doesn't stop inside. It invites Sailors out into the world, with FREE and low-cost trips and adventures that give them a chance to connect beyond the center walls. Snowboarding in the Cascades, kayaking through coastal inlets, catching a concert or professional sports game in the city, or just sharing a meal somewhere off-base, each outing is more than recreation. It's a shared story and friendship in the making, creating memories that lift the weight off the day-to-day.

"Definitely one of the positives (of the LIBERTY Program) is making new friends, as well as getting to know the people who work here," AS2 Anthonie Williams says. "I've definitely talked with and laughed with all of the people who work here, and it definitely makes you want to come back."

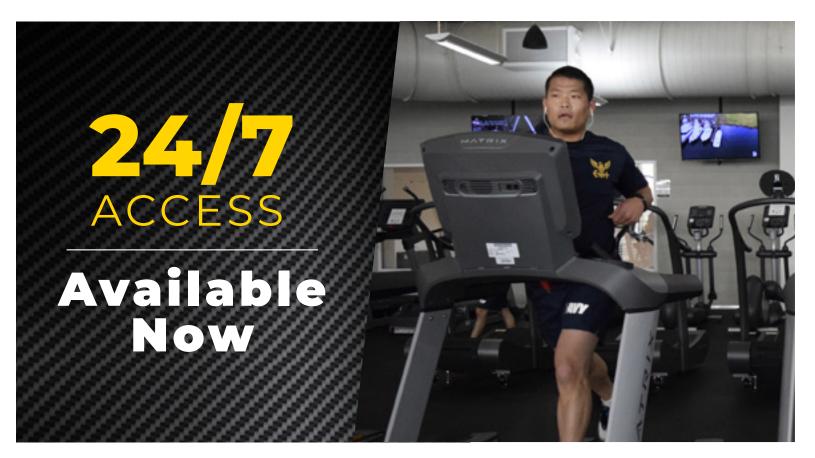
For many Sailors, participating in LIBERTY activities is a reminder "The Journey Up" doesn't have to be made alone. Growth isn't just about your career or where you're going, but about who's going alongside you. Because life really is better everywhere recreation takes you, especially when it takes you upward, together.

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Disclaimer: *LIBERTY Programs provide discounted or complimentary activities for LIBERTY-eligible patrons (E1-E6). Geo-bachelors are welcome.

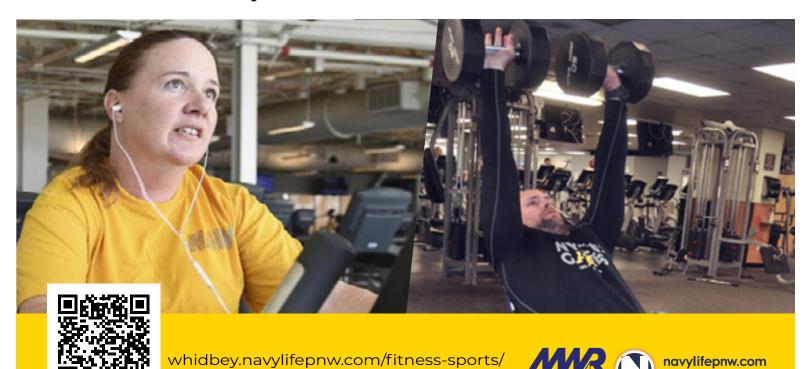


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CLIFFSIDE RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

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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 &





RESTAS READINESS

That time away from stress is not just a luxury – it's a form of resilience.

Sometimes the most important part of the journey is knowing when to slow down.

That moment might arrive quietly or more suddenly than expected, after months of keeping it all together from the rigors of military life. Or the realization that the Pacific Northwest has too much to offer not to stay and play, even in winter, might lead you to a quiet drive down the coast for a few nights by the ocean, where nothing is expected of you.

Cozied along the rugged coastline of Moclips, Wash., lies a destination perfect for slowing down. Navy Getaways Pacific Beach isn't just your regular vacation spot. For service members and their families, it's where the only mission is rest.

"Military life can be nonstop, so it's important for families to take intentional breaks," Navy Getaways Pacific Beach Front Desk Manager, Carrie Riley says. "Pacific Beach is the perfect reminder of how intentional downtime can help support mental health."

Olympic National Forest adds a sense of adventure for those wanting to explore deeper into Washington's wilderness. And on stormy days, the resort's indoor amenities offer a cozy retreat.

"Just having something to look forward to at the end of the day/mission gives service members and their families some light at the end of the tunnel," Pacific Beach Manager, Brian Jansma says. "We are a central overnight location for diverse outdoor opportunities! The Beach,

Rain Forests, the Olympic National Park are all within

walking/driving distance."

A break at Pacific Beach offers more than just scenery. It's a restorative journey. A chance to catch your breath and realign. Families can rediscover small joys like kite flying, or try your hands at razor clam digging, which draws guests to the beach in boots and headlamps, turning low tide into a treasure hunt.

"Be prepared to be awed by the power and beauty of our surroundings," Jansma says.

The holidays are a cheerful and exciting time to visit. Discover a collection of family activities beginning with a costume contest in the fall, and cruise into the most wonderful time of the year with free cocoa, cookies and crafting nights. Wind down the year and ring in 2026 with a quiet seaside escape instead of the roar of large crowds and parties.

Fleet & Family Readiness understands that readiness isn't just about

physical training or technical

proficiency. It's also about emotional resilience, and locations like Pacific Beach offer more than a vacation. They provide a change of pace that's vital for mental health.

Taking time to rest isn't indulgence. It's an investment in one's mental and physical well-being. And when sailors and families return from places like Pacific Beach, they often come back with clearer heads, stronger minds, and more grounded for all of life's challenges.

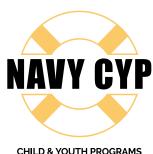
"The Journey Up" isn't always about climbing higher. Sometimes, the most important part of the journey really is knowing when to slow down. And sometimes, all it takes is a weekend by the winter sea to remember how.

Accommodations range from cozy hotel-style rooms to RV sites and pet-friendly cottages, many with ocean views. There is no neon light buzzing in the night, or bustling crowds. Just the calming and soothing sound of the surf and beachside wildlife.

There are seasonal activities, too. Local trails wind through mossy forest and open to dramatic views of the coast. A short drive inland to Lake Quinault or the







CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

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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 program is here to help. FCC providers are selfemployed individuals 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.





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eing a military family means living a life in constant motion. Changing homes, reestablishing routines, and learning how to maneuver through a lifestyle in which goodbyes are too frequent represent just a few of the challenges military families must battle. For military youth, these shifts shape their social lives and emotional wellbeing during a time when just ordinary growing up is challenging enough.

Military-connected children move an estimated three times more often before high school graduation than their civilian counterparts, adjusting to new schools and entirely new support systems. With each move, they leave behind friends and familiar routines, forcing them to develop adaptability and character at an early age.

For Heather, whose husband has served for more than 16 years,

the journey has been filled with deployments, transitions and emotional milestones. Together with their two children, ages 12 and 8, they've learned to adapt, build resilience and find strength in repetition, connection and emotional honesty.

"They've learned it's okay to feel sadness and joy at the same time, especially during those emotionally complex moments," Heather says.

The emotional toll of these transitions, combined with extended separations from deployed parents, can be profound. This is where FFR Child & Youth Programs can make a meaningful impact through programming that offers consistency, community and belonging to reinforce emotional perseverance.

"Being able to work together collaboratively within their age group and knowing they have support within the community (helps)," NAS

Whidbey Island CYP Director, Tina Sparks says.

According to the Military Child Education Coalition, children of service members often express stress differently than adults. Sadness may appear as irritability. Worry may look like withdrawal or acting out.

"When my kids are 'off,' I try to pause, breathe and ask what might really be going on underneath," Heather says.

Fleet and Family Support Centers offer tools for parents navigating their children's emotional needs during deployments, moves or reintegration periods. FFSC's parenting workshops and consultations provide insight into child development and communication strategies that help educate parents about emotional regulation.

"The New Parent Support Program can help families navigate military and community resources to access services that can be helpful to them," NAS Whidbey Island New Parent Support programmer, Jane King says. "The services are flexible and can be provided in the home to be more convenient."

Routine also matters.

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"Family dinners at the same time every night, keeping the same bedtime schedule – those familiar rhythms give our kids something to count on," Heather says.

CYP also understands the benefit of kids helping kids. CYP activities and events give youth the opportunities to be surrounded by peers who get it. Kids who have also packed up and started over.

With opportunities to be leaders provided through the School Liaison Program, including participating in Anchored4Life Clubs and Youth Sponsorship, youth and teens are able to pass on the emotional knowledge they have acquired throughout their lives as a military kid.

"Youth Sponsorship is peer-to-peer support," Region School Liaison, Kelly Scheese says. "Having a friendly connection helps youth feel welcome and supported when arriving to a new location.

Anchored4Life Clubs are part of our Youth Sponsorship Program.

A4L helps youth build resiliency and life skills," she says.

Developing leadership skills are also a pivotal part of A4L and can help youth build more confidence.

"A4L Team Leaders also improve their leadership skills through speaking in public and leading small groups," Scheese says. "A4L provides an instant connection to welcome new youth and supports them through their journey of military life."

Looking back, Heather says she is most proud of how her kids have grown. They are more self-aware and emotionally strong, reminding her it's okay to feel uneasy when the journey gets tough."

They've taught me that asking for help isn't weakness, it's a kind of courage," she says. "They've shown me that resilience doesn't mean holding it all together. It means falling apart sometimes and knowing it's safe to do that."

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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

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.



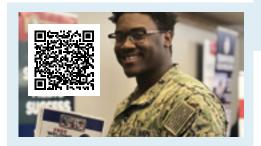
PARENTHOOD

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.









BOOST YOUR CAREER: ATTEND AN FFSC JOB FAIR!

Whether you're transitioning from active duty, exploring the next step in your career or just looking to secure your family's future, FFSC Career Fairs are a vital stepping stone on the path to success.

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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:

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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:

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24/7 SARC: 360-914-7834
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Legal Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault:

VLC: 202-993-6027

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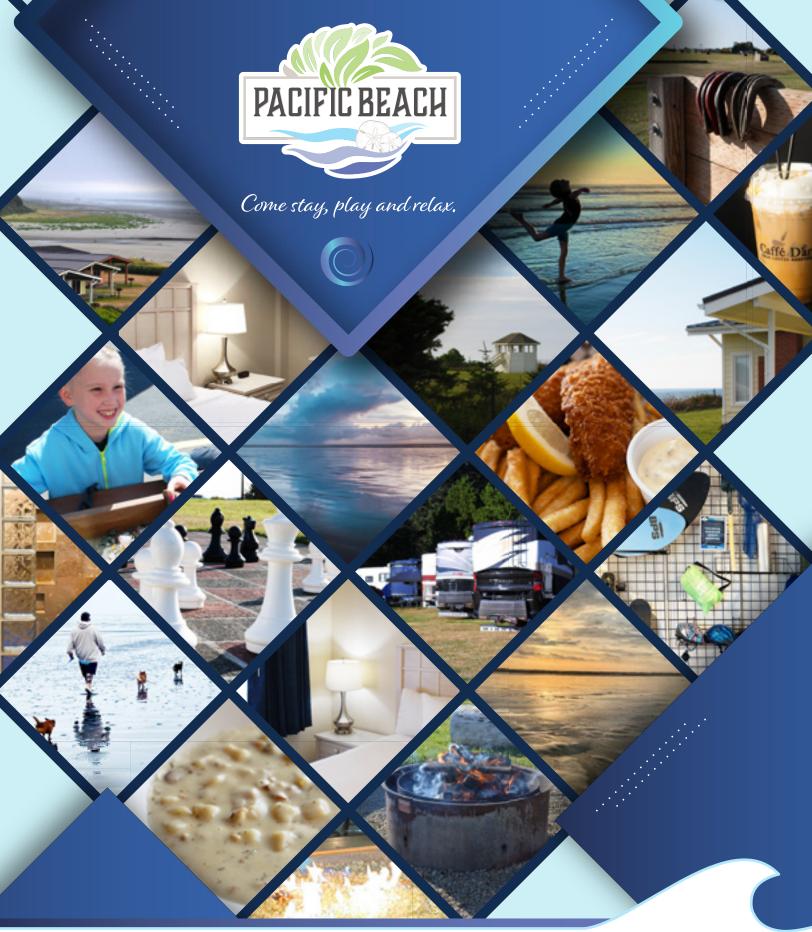


https://www.sapr.mil/CATCH



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Fire Department 360-257-2532

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NASWI Quarterdeck 360-257-2631

Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

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Health Clinic 360-257-9500

Health Net Federal Services 844-866-9378

TRICARE Nurse Advice Line 800-874-2273

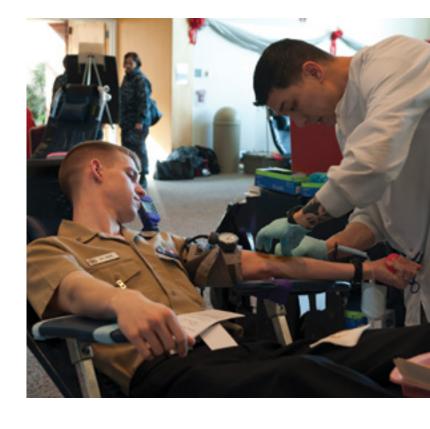
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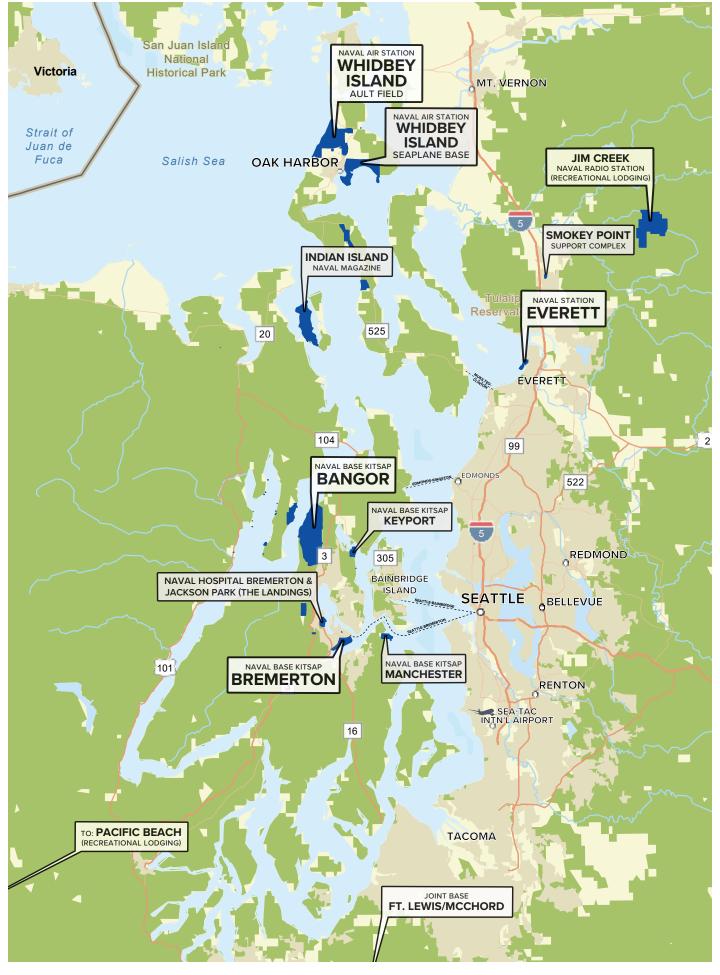
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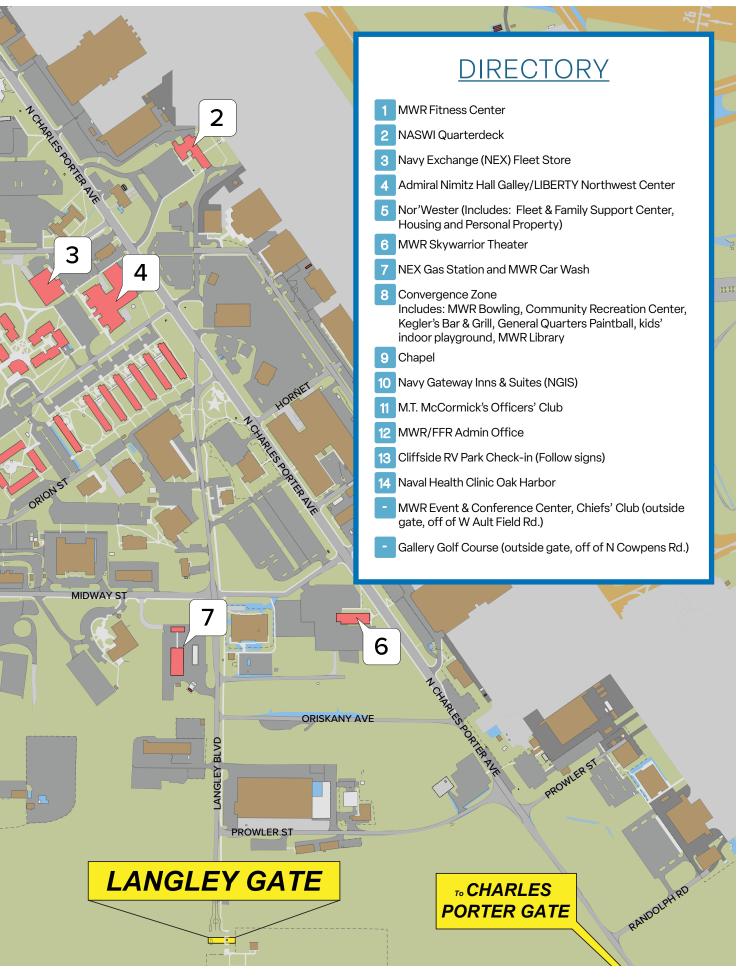
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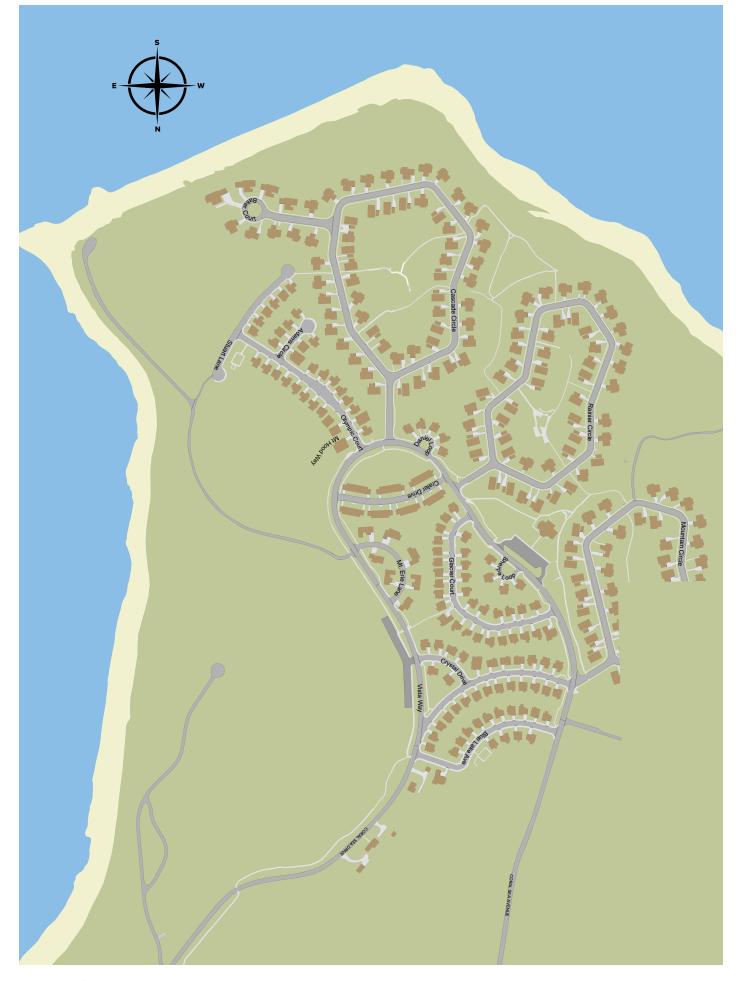




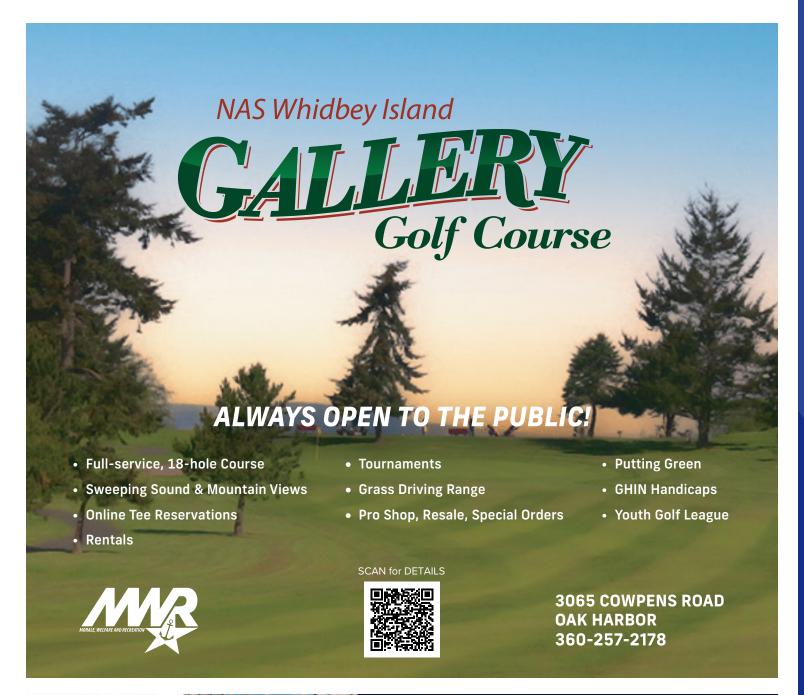














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