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Chamber Celebrates Minority Enterprise Development Week



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The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce's mission is to be the voice of business in collaborative partnership that work to build and enhance a healthy business climate and a vibrant quality of life.

The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce's vision is to be recognized as a model in building collaborative partnerships that encourage business growth and sustainable community development.

New Members

SEPTEMBER

Coastal Carolina Wellness Connection

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Member Renewals

AUGUST

	Member Since		Member Since
Baymont Inns and Suites	January 9, 1989	MISSION BBQ	July 22, 2014
Affordable Suites of America	September 4, 2008	Movement Mortgage	May 17, 2012
Angry Ginger Irish Pub	May 12, 2015	Mr. Sam Bright	June 9, 2016
Black's Tire Service	October 27, 1997	Onslow County Republican Party	September 16, 2008
Booz Allen Hamilton	October 21, 2009	Orkin	October 26, 2015
Clean Force One	October 2, 2009	Shaun's Lawn Service	November 7, 2012
Comfort Heating & Cooling Service	February 22, 2012	Sherman & Miller, PA	November 23, 2010
Diamond Tek Vapor Express	October 14, 2014	Small Busines Technology Development Center at UNCW	April 26, 2011
Duke Energy	January 1, 1979	Stevenson Chevrolet	September 1, 1987
Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency	September 26, 2013	Storm Water Solutions, LP	May 11, 2015
First Command Financial Planning	September 12, 1996	Synergy Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine	May 15, 2013
GEICO	August 11, 2004	T & T Electric Company	October 14, 2011
Gentiva Home Health	April 18, 2000	Trinity United Methodist Church	November 15, 2001
I Need It Now Trophies	March 30, 2007	Veterans United Home Loans	May 10, 2012
Jacksonville Christian Academy	November 19, 2009	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	October 2, 2002
Johnstone Supply of Jacksonville, NC	November 29, 2011	Walgreens #07748	December 18, 2006
Jones Pest Control	October 31, 2014	Watkins Floor Covering, Inc.	September 27, 2010
Katrina Carrington, CPA, PLLC	September 23, 2013	Waymor, Inc.	November 22, 2005
LeBleu Bottled Water	June 12, 1998	Windsor Place	November 7, 2011
Logan's Roadhouse	March 18, 2000	Woodmen of the World	November 8, 2010
Mainstay Suites	April 3, 2013		



Ribbon Cuttings

For more information, please call 910-347-3141
or visit us online at www.jacksonvilleonline.org



October 14th

Princess for Paws
(Raising funds for the training of
service dogs)



October 18th

**Coastal Carolina Culinary and
Hospitality Management Program**



October 29th

All Sports Nutrition

October Ambassador of the Month Gerri Platt

Gerri is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce participating in the Ambassador Committee. Returning to the area after a year away, she came back charged and ready to get involved. Traveling from Havelock to participate in every Chamber Ambassador event you can count on her to be in every Ambassador photo with fellow committee members representing Orkin! Her ongoing participation, fun loving personality and willingness to help her customers and the Chamber make her October's Ambassador of the Month!



The Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce selects the Minority Entrepreneur of the Year and the Linda L. Richardson Minority Business Advocate of the Year based on Business Accomplishments, Chamber of Commerce Involvement, Community Service, and Achievements & Awards.

The 2017 Minority Entrepreneur of the Year is Katrina Carrington. Katrina Carrington is the founder and owner of Katrina Carrington, CPA, PLLC. The firm's emphasis has been to help small businesses and individuals better manage and understand their finances, stay compliant with government regulations, and achieve their financial goals. Her professional credentials include a Certified Public Accountant license, she received her formal education from Campbell University earning an MBA in 2004 and Bachelor's degree with a major in Accounting in 2001, graduating magna cum laude. In just a few short years she grew her business to 5 employees. Congratulations to Katrina.



Tiffany Choice and Katrina Carrington



Diana Barnes is this year's Minority Business Advocate of the Year. She is a true powerhouse in our chamber, the Richlands community and at Marine Federal Credit Union. As the Membership Development Manager for Marine Federal Credit Union, Diana King Barnes recruits businesses and individuals in Onslow, Craven, Carteret, and New Hanover Counties to become a part of the Marine Federal Family. She is the President of Richlands Area Chamber of Commerce, an active Member of New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, a VERY active member of the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee and the Minority Business of Services Committee. Congratulations Diana.

Diana King Barnes and Adrienne James



**Minority Advocate of the Year
Diana King Barnes with her family**



**Minority Entrepreneur of the Year
Katrina Carrington with her family**



**Chamber Chair-elect Cindy Edwards accepts
the Governor's Proclamation for MED week
from Trent Rawley from the NC Office for
Historically Underutilized Businesses**



**Trendsetters for the Chamber's Minority
Business Services Committee**

Million-Heir Williams former Chamber Vice-President
and former Onslow County Commissioner, Diana
Barnes 2018 Minority Advocate of the Year and
Arthine Thomas, 2018 Legend of Onslow



**Minority Business Services Committee
Chair Adrienne James recognizes
Legend of Onslow Jim Roddy**



**Legend of Onslow Senior Chief
Raymond L. Applewhite, USN (Ret)**



**Legend of Onslow Arthine
Thomas Owner of Uniquely You
Photography**



**Onslow County Commission Vice-Chairman
Royce Bennet joins Military Affairs Manager
Lisa Murabito and Minority Business Services
Committee Representatives Arthine Thomas,
Naomi Thompson and Diane Barnes at the
dedication of the First Baptist Church of Belgrade
marker on the African American Heritage Trail**



**A large turnout at the MED Week
Mingle to honor our Legends of Onslow**

Economic Indicators & Other Charts

How to read the Charts:
The Airport Passengers Chart, Tax Reports, Healthcare Stats and Utilities Connect and Disconnects are shown as monthly or quarterly comparisons on the specific rows. The totals shown at the bottom are the Year to Date totals for each year and does not include the numbers shown in Italics.

TAX REPORTS				
MONTHLY TAXABLE SALES: SOURCE: NC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE				
OCCUPANCY TAX: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY				
Monthly Report of Taxable Sales				
16-17	Taxable Sales	17-18	Taxable Sales	% Change
Jul-16	\$173,654,795	Jul-17	\$176,001,283	1.35%
Aug-16	\$171,787,640	Aug-17	\$175,923,030	2.41%
Sep-16	\$172,438,330	Sep-17		7.88%
Oct-16	\$157,979,134	Oct-17		.45%
Nov-16	\$149,558,400	Nov-17		3.74%
Dec-16	\$159,084,149	Dec-17		8.53%
Jan-17	\$188,820,250	Jan-18		7.65%
Feb-17	\$142,931,810	Feb-18		6.25%
Mar-17	\$152,227,168	Mar-18		4.26%
Apr-17	\$183,028,780	Apr-18		7.43%
May-17	\$167,072,441	May-18		6.88%
Jun-17	\$163,332,351	Jun-18		2.11%
YTD Total	\$ 345,442,431	YTD Total	\$351,924,313	1.88%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>				

Occupancy Tax Report			
	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	%
July	\$402,706.74	\$391,718.29	-2.7%
August	\$284,130.83	\$345,186.90	17.6%
September	\$157,461.01		
October	\$120,219.03		
November	\$83,262.30		
December	\$64,805.58		
January	\$67,525.27		
February	\$71,982.00		
March	\$92,556.64		
April	\$110,117.39		
May	\$154,642.07		
June	\$247,486.99		
Total:	\$686,837.57	\$736,905.19	6.7%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>			

UTILITIES				
UTILITIES: SOURCES: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE & ONWASA				
City of Jacksonville & ONWASA Water				
	Connects		Disconnects	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
1st Qtr	4,538	4,753	3,074	3,193
2nd Qtr	5,297	5,185	3,768	3,194
3rd Qtr	5,397	5,311	3,692	4,713
4th Qtr	3,696		3,003	
YTD Total	15,232	9,938	10,534	11,100
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>				

HEALTHCARE		
OMH ER: SOURCE: ONSLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		
OMH BIRTH: SOURCE: ONSLOW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		
NAVAL HOSPITAL ER: SOURCE: NAVAL HOSPITAL, CAMP LEJEUNE		
NAVAL HOSP BIRTHS: SOURCE: NAVAL HOSPITAL CAMP LEJEUNE		
Onslow Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Visits		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	15,173	15,609
2 nd Quarter	15,279	14,779
3 rd Quarter	15,616	15,124
4 th Quarter	15,160	
YTD Total	46,068	45,512
Onslow Memorial Hospital Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	363	365
2 nd Quarter	379	325
3 rd Quarter	412	388
4 th Quarter	384	
YTD Total	1,154	1,078
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>		

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Emergency Room Visits		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	12,638	13,326
2 nd Quarter	12,039	11,538
3 rd Quarter	12,840	13,686
4 th Quarter	8,938	
YTD Total	37,517	38,550
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 st Quarter	467	514
2 nd Quarter	522	483
3 rd Quarter	647	542
4 th Quarter	313	
YTD Total	1,636	1,539
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>		

TRANSPORTATION			
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: SOURCE: OUTS, JTS			
ONSLow NEW VECh SALES: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY			
ALBERT ELLIS AIRPORT: SOURCE: ALBERT J ELLIS AIRPORT			
Public Transportation Riders - 2017-18			Onslow County New Vehicle Sales
System	September	Fiscal YTD	
Onslow United Transit System	7,323	22,769	
Jacksonville Transit System	9,943	30,407	
Military Express	868	3,208	
Total	18,134	56,384	
	Ju1 17	Aug 17	
Cars	321	378	
Trucks	489	547	
Total	810	925	
			Year to Date
Cars	2,692		
Trucks	3,764		
Total	6,456		

Albert J Ellis Airport Total Passengers			
	2016	2017	% Change
January	20,658	22,039	-6.2%
February	18,832	22,607	16.6%
March	23,295	25,629	9.1%
April	24,831	26,552	6.4%
May	26,584	28,701	7.3%
June	27,482	27,385	-0.3%
July	29,374	28,753	-2.1%
August	27,903	29,818	6.4%
September	25,765	25,210	-2.1%
October	25,164		
November	26,296		
December	26,530		
YTD Total	224,724	236,694	5%
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>			

HOUSING	
ONSLow ABSORPTION RATES: SOURCE: JACKSONVILLE NC MARKET CENTER	
Onslow County Absorption Rates 2017	

Information provided by Coldwell Banker Fountain Realty, William Sanders.
As of 4/30/17, info obtained from the Jacksonville Board of Realtors MLS.
These numbers do not include: REO, Short Sales, & Townhomes.

Price of Home	# of Months	# Sold	Sales Rate Per Month	# Currently Active*	# of Month's Of Inventory
≤ \$150,000	9	676	75.11	287	3.82
\$150,001 - \$200,000	9	469	52.11	194	3.72
\$200,001 - \$250,000	9	218	24.22	114	4.71
\$251,001 - \$300,000	9	92	10.22	47	4.60
\$300,001 +	9	141	15.67	142	9.06
TOTAL		1596		784	

New Construction Price	# of Months	# Sold	Sales Rate Per Month	# Currently Active*	# of Month's Of Inventory
≤ \$150,000	9	7	0.78	5	6.43
\$150,001 - \$200,000	9	249	27.67	107	3.87
\$200,001 - \$250,000	9	159	17.67	135	7.64
\$251,001 - \$300,000	9	50	5.56	55	9.90
\$300,001 +	9	33	3.67	47	12.82
TOTAL		498		349	

BUSINESS STATS

COUNTY PERMITS: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY
CITY PERMITS: SOURCE: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

City of Jacksonville Building Permits

September 2017	#	Value
Residential	27	\$778,504
Commercial	66	\$988,527
Other	216	\$40,899
Total	309	\$1,807,930

County Building Permits

FY2017-18	Res BPs	Com BPs	Total Value
1st Qtr Totals	678	174	\$31,124,290
2nd Qtr Totals			
3rd Qtr Totals			
4th Qtr Totals			
FY Totals	678	174	\$31,124,290

FY2018-19	Res BPs	Com BPs	Total Value
1st Qtr Totals			
2nd Qtr Totals			
3rd Qtr Totals			
4th Qtr Totals			
FY Totals			

CAMP LEJEUNE & MCAS

NR GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS (GER) CAMP LEJEUNE, NC.

Camp Lejeune Area Active Duty USN/USMC Statistics

Location	1/15/2017	10/15/2017
Camp Lejeune	29,426	29,896
MARSOC	2,209	2,255
New River	6,728	6,454
TECOM Schools	6,412	4,748
Total	44,775	43,353
USMC Deployed Total	3,021	4,338



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Unemployment rates from NC Works - NC Dept of Commerce

Area Name	Onslow County
Year	2017
Month	August
Labor Force	63,951
Employed	60,817
Unemployed	3,134
Unemployment Rates	4.9%

ONSLow COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES, DEATHS, BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES FOR THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS. SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Register of Deeds

Assumed Names		Deaths	
2014	595	2014	751
2015	568	2015	786
2016	560	2016	812

Births		Marriages	
2014	3,948	2014	2,599
2015	3,718	2015	2,584
2016	3,519	2016	2,677

EDUCATION

SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Onslow County: Child Care Snapshot Sept 2017 (State Regulated for children birth to 12)

License Type	# facilities	# slots	# enrolled	Capacity	# staff
NC 5 star	20	2,575	2,296	89%	380
NC 4 star	8	218	178	82%	28
NC 3 star	21	565	484	86%	80
NC 2 star	2	13	11	85%	2
NC 1 star	11	131	114	87%	17
NC Religious	6	493	446	90%	82
NC Temporary	1	12	6	50.0%	3
NC Provisional	1	140	116	83%	23
NC Probationary	1	150	112	75%	24
Totals	71	4,297	3,763	80.8%	639

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A Celebration of Comfort & Joy

15th ANNUAL Festival of Trees

2017 FESTIVAL OF TREES . . .
a family-centered holiday tradition to help our neighbors in need.

Businesses, schools, civic groups, churches, families and individuals can sponsor a tree.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

American Legion Building
Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, NC

Admission: \$2

The Festival will feature:

- ★ Creatively Decorated Christmas Trees
- ★ Mini Tree Contest
- ★ Holiday Displays Showcasing Community Spirit
- ★ Entertainment Directed by TV & Stage Productions
- ★ Silent Auction (Saturday & Sunday)
- ★ Santa and The Gingerbread House
- ★ Gift Shoppe/Sweet Shoppe
- ★ Military Appreciation Area
- ★ Tickets for \$500.00 Visa Gift Card Drawing

Presented by Onslow Caregivers, Inc., a non-profit charity to help Home Health and Hospice patients in Onslow County with gift-giving donations for medical services, medicine, food and everyday needs. For more information about the festival or sponsoring a tree, call (910) 324-1650 or (910) 389-6220 or email jhcole@centurylink.net or TerryJarman@crproperties.com.

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Member Referral Program

Your Referrals = New Chamber Members + New Chamber Connections

The Member Referral Program is a continuous campaign to grow the Chamber and provide Rewards and Recognition Opportunities for participants who forward prospects to the Chamber that result in memberships.

Help Your Chamber Grow...Refer a Member!

How Does It Work?

- Identify a business, vendor or acquaintance that you feel would benefit from membership in the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce.
- Fill out the form below.
- We will contact the referred business and mention your company as the referring business.
- Upon receipt of payment, you will receive a special incentive.
- Your company will be recognized in the Chamber Connection Newsletter along with the new member announcement.

**Referred member must be a new member to the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber

...Onslow County, growing one business at a time...

YOUR INFORMATION:
(Needed for proper credit to be given)

Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
How has your company benefited from chamber membership? _____

REFERRED BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Contact Person: _____
Title: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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CACCE Honors two Chamber Leaders

The Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (CACCE) recognized The Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Current and Former President at their Annual Management Conference held October 12, 2017 at the Spartanburg Marriott in Spartanburg, SC.

Current Chamber President Laurette Leagon was honored as a recipient of the Certified Chamber Executives of the Carolinas (CCEC) designation.

The CACCE Certified Chamber Executives of the Carolinas exemplifies excellence and professionalism of Carolinas chamber executives. This designation is based upon experience, service to CACCE, training/continuing education and personal achievement. The designation strengthens career development, provides an opportunity for personal recognition, and measures individual progress of chamber professionals.

Susanne Sartelle Priddy, the former Chamber President from 1991 to 2001 was honored as the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

This pinnacle award – formerly known as Honorary Lifetime Membership – is bestowed by CACCE on individuals who have retired after respectable and stellar careers in chamber leadership.

CACCE is the professional development organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for chamber of commerce executives and staff members in North Carolina and South Carolina. CACCE equips chamber of commerce professionals with leadership skills and tools to build innovative chambers.



Mark Owens, 2017 CACCE Chairman and S.C. Governor Henry McMaster presents Laurette Leagon with the Certified Chamber Executives of the Carolinas (CCEC) designation.



S.C. Governor Henry McMaster Presents Susanne Sartelle Priddy with the CACCE Lifetime Achievement Award.

Saturday, November 18, 2017



PRESENTED BY:



SURF, SAND AND SANTA

62ND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARADE

The Christmas Holiday Parade will take place this Saturday, November 18, from 9:45am until 12:00 noon. The Jacksonville Police Department will close Western Boulevard at Coastal Carolina Community College at 9:00am. Following the conclusion of the parade, the streets will reopen no later than 12:00 noon. The parade will take place from Coastal Carolina Community College down Western Blvd. ending near Wells Fargo. Join us for a day filled with family-fun!

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onslow Bridal Expo

February 16 & 17, 2018

Jacksonville Commons Recreation Complex
100 Recreation Ln, Jacksonville, NC 28546
10am-3pm

Registration Form

Final Registration Deadline: February 1, 2018

Business Name _____
Contact Person _____
Email Address _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Website _____
Facebook/ Instagram Handles _____

Booth Spaces

	Member	Non-member	Total
Single Booth	\$300.00	\$350.00	_____
Double Booth	\$425.00	\$500.00	_____
TOTAL			_____

Please Select:

☐ No Table ☐ 8 Ft. Uncovered Table ☐ 8 Ft. Table with Linen

Submit Vendor Logo via email to: MAC@JacksonvilleOnline.org

Registration payments accepted by credit cards, cash, money orders or check made payable to Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce

Cancellation Policy: A 50% refund will be issued for cancellations until February 1, 2018, after which registration fees are non-refundable.

Signature _____

Return the registration form and payment to: Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce, 1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540

Phone: 910.347.3141 Ext.226 Fax: 910.347.4705 Or Register Online at engagedonslow.org

☐ By checking this box, I have read & agree to the rules & regulations of Engaged Onslow.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee location or other requests in advance.



Get Ready!

What's Included:

- 10x8' Booth Space with Pipe & Drape in White
- 8' Table with Linen & 2 chairs
- Single Electrical Outlet
- You must provide a Surge Protected Cord
- Insert in Engaged Onslow Magazine publication given out at the show and around Jacksonville
- Social Media Mention(s)
- Logo on website, Chamber Connection and in Event Map

Event Highlights:

Friday

- Vendor Mixer
- Taste Test your Rehearsal Dinner

Saturday

- Bridal Fashion Show
- Door Prize Giveaways
- Free Wedding Giveaway
- Pre-registered bride cruise giveaway
- Venue Tour

And Go!

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Now Accepting Nominations for the Chamber's Annual Meeting Awards

About the Awards



Jacksonville•Onslow Woman of the Year

This award is presented to a female who has demonstrated excellence in her profession and has devoted time and energy to the community. This award is sponsored by Marine Chevrolet.



Jacksonville•Onslow Golden Eagle Man of the Year

This award is presented to a male who has demonstrated excellence in his profession and has devoted time and energy to the community. This award is sponsored by Sanders Ford.



2018 Nomination Form

(Deadline for this form is December 31, 2018)

Please check the award you are choosing for the honoree.

_____ Jacksonville•Onslow Woman of the Year

_____ Jacksonville•Onslow Golden Eagle Man of the Year

Nominee:

Mrs. / Ms. /Mr.: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Title or Position: _____

Nominator:

Mrs. / Ms. /Mr.: _____

Company: _____

Work Telephone : (____) _____

Cell Phone : (____) _____

Please provide the information below.

1. Community Service:

Please include local, county and state level participation.

2. Chamber of Commerce Involvement:

Local community work, special assignments, seminar activity, involvement via sponsorship, time and/or service donated.

3. Business Accomplishments

Please indicate special recognition or special projects with nominee's business/organization. Include business-related affiliations, professional associations, directorships, trusteeships, or other designations and the dates of services associated with each.

4. Other Memberships, Achievements & Awards

Indicate memberships, achievements and awards not already covered in previous categories.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS NOMINATION FORM IS December 31, 2018

Email or fax completed nomination form and supporting materials to:

Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce, 1099 Gum Branch Road

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Attn: Selection Committee

Fax: (910) 347-4705

Email: specialevents@jacksonvilleonline.org

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Committee's purpose is to maintain and continually improve the relationship between the military and civilian communities.

October Service Member of the Month Petty Officer Second Class Joshua W. Tindell

Petty Officer Second Class Joshua W. Tindell is distinguished as the Service Member of the Month (SMOM) for the month of October by the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

HM2 Tindell is commended for his dedication and contributions to the Hadnot Point Branch Medical Clinic. His leadership describe him as a role model for junior and senior Sailors to emulate. They feel that he is head shoulders above his peers in his work ethic and job performance and is highly capable of handling any task assigned to him with great success.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Tindell enlisted in the United States Navy in December 2008. Upon his completion of Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL he attended Hospital Corps "A" School in Great Lakes, IL. In June 2009, Hospital Recruit Tindell's first assignment was Branch Medical Clinic at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL. While there, he streamlined the Deployment Health Process. Following naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL, Hospitalman Tindell attended Field Medical Training Battalion – East (FMTB-East) Camp Lejeune, NC, until his graduation in October 2011. After

his graduation from FMTH-East he was assigned to 2D Marine Division Camp Lejeune, NC, where Hospitalman Tindell deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan in January 2012 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF). In November 2012, he was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class while assigned to 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment. In May 2013, Petty Officer Third Class Tindell was attached as an Individual Augmentee to 2D Law Enforcement Battalion which deployed to Sanaa, Yemen in support of OEF where he authored the Standard Operation Procedures for the Medical Evacuation Plan and Casualty Evacuation Plan for the Sheraton Hotel. From February to September 2014 Petty Officer Tindell authored the Standard Operating Procedures for Service Treatment Record Processing Center, which saved Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune \$552,900 in ancillary fees. Petty Officer Tindell departed 2D Marine Division in November 2014 and was assigned to Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune where he was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class in September 2016. Currently he is the Assistant Leading Petty Officer of Hadnot Point Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune.

HM2 Tindell is married to Sheila Tindell, they were married in June 2009. Together they have two children.

Congratulations to the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee October Service Member of the Month, HM2 Joshua Tindell, USN.



Fish Fry



COLONEL JOHN ROBERT KOPKA USMC (RETIRED)

Keeping watch at the final fish fry of the season at Courthouse Bay



TOM MATTISON AND TOMMY ROGERS

The Hush puppy Experts.

From the desk of Kristen Loftin



The holiday season is here and there are always so many fun things happening in Onslow County! We hope you feel your freedom while exploring Onslow County during the most enchanting time of the year, from the countryside to our beautiful coast. As always, enjoy the very special and unique sense of community that is wrapped in our rich military history and tradition.

Having friends and family come into town? Here is a list of Holiday Happenings coming up in November & December throughout the county. We hope you are able to enjoy at least one!

November Events

Saturday, 11/11 – Swansboro By Candlelight:

Get a head start on shopping in Downtown Swansboro. Enjoy apple cider as you walk along the streets lined with luminaries and entertainment. Be sure to stay for the lighting of the Christmas tree at Olde Towne Square. The festivities begin at 5PM. Further event information can be found at www.swansborochamber.org.

Saturday, 11/18 – Jacksonville Christmas Holiday Parade:

Get into the Christmas spirit as approximately 200 floats travel

down Western Boulevard leading up to the arrival of Santa Claus. This year's theme, Surf, Sand, and Santa, embraces the regions geographical features. The parade rolls at 9:45AM starting at Coastal Carolina Community College to Brynn Marr. More information can be found at www.jacksonvilleonline.org.

Sunday, 11/18 thru Sunday, 11/19 – 15th Annual Festival of Trees:

Step into a winter wonderland of creatively decorated Christmas trees, holiday displays showcasing community spirit, live entertainment, kids activities and more. The fundraiser benefits Onslow Caregivers Inc., a private 501 © (3) nonprofit organization and is located at the American Legion building at the fairgrounds. The doors open at 10AM on the 18th and 11AM on the 19th. Visit www.hospiceonslownc.org/events for a list of everything to see.

Friday, 11/24 – Swansboro Christmas Flotilla:

Don't miss this spectacular parade of lights from the White Oak River. The parade begins at dusk and remember Santa Claus is sure to make his way on deck for a special visit! Visit www.swansborofestivals.com for further information.

Friday, 11/24 thru Saturday, 12/23 – Mike's Farm Festival of Lights:

Even if you weren't one of the lucky parties to get reservations at the restaurant, there are still Christmas activities to embrace at Mike's Farm. If you act quickly, you may still catch tickets to the Ho! Ho! Christmas Show! Regardless, we encourage taking a ride on the Festival of Lights Hayride. This 30 minute ride around the farm is accompanied by Christmas music and runs from Thanksgiving to December 23rd. There are encore presentations

from December 26th to the 30th. The rides starts at 6PM nightly (weather permitting). More information regarding tickets can be found at www.mikesfarm.com.

December Events

Friday, 12/1 thru Sunday, 12/3 – Jacksonville Winterfest:

Don't miss out on this family festive event taking place at Riverwalk Park in downtown Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Commons. Enjoy sledding, ice skating, and snowball fights as you wait for Santa to arrive and the lighting of the Christmas tree. At the same time, your loved ones can shop at the Arts and Crafts fair taking place inside the Jacksonville Commons gymnasium. Visit www.jacksonvillenc.gov for more information.

Saturday, 12/9 – MCCS Camp Lejeune Grand Prix Series Naughty & Nice 5K Run

Celebrate the holiday season with a fun celebratory 5K. Naughty or Nice5K is held aboard Camp Lejeune and takes place on a scenic route that begins at the Wallace Creek Fitness Center. Come dressed in your favorite holiday attire! So, which list will you be own? Register at www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/grandprix.

Saturday, 12/9 – Richlands Illuminated Christmas Parade

What's Christmas without an illuminated parade? Enjoy lit floats as they travel throughout Richlands. The parade rolls at 5:30PM. More information can be found at www.richlandsnccchamber.com.

We hope you are a tourist in your own backyard this holiday season!

Service Rewards

A community is only as good as the citizens that live and work within its borders. This month we celebrate the frontline employees that go the extra mile to make your visits an above average experience in Swansboro, Sneads Ferry, Richlands, and Jacksonville! The five individuals, representing five area businesses; have performed their duties with a positive outlook, a kind word, and valued information for our visitors and citizens - they went the extra mile! Onslow County Tourism and the Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce want to thank them for their efforts and encourage you to do the same. Good service is good business!



Joshua Hackney
Olive Garden



Danielle Miller
Buffalo Wild Wings



Ariel Puckett
Chick-Fil-A



Karen Sims
Dunkin Doughnuts, Hwy 17