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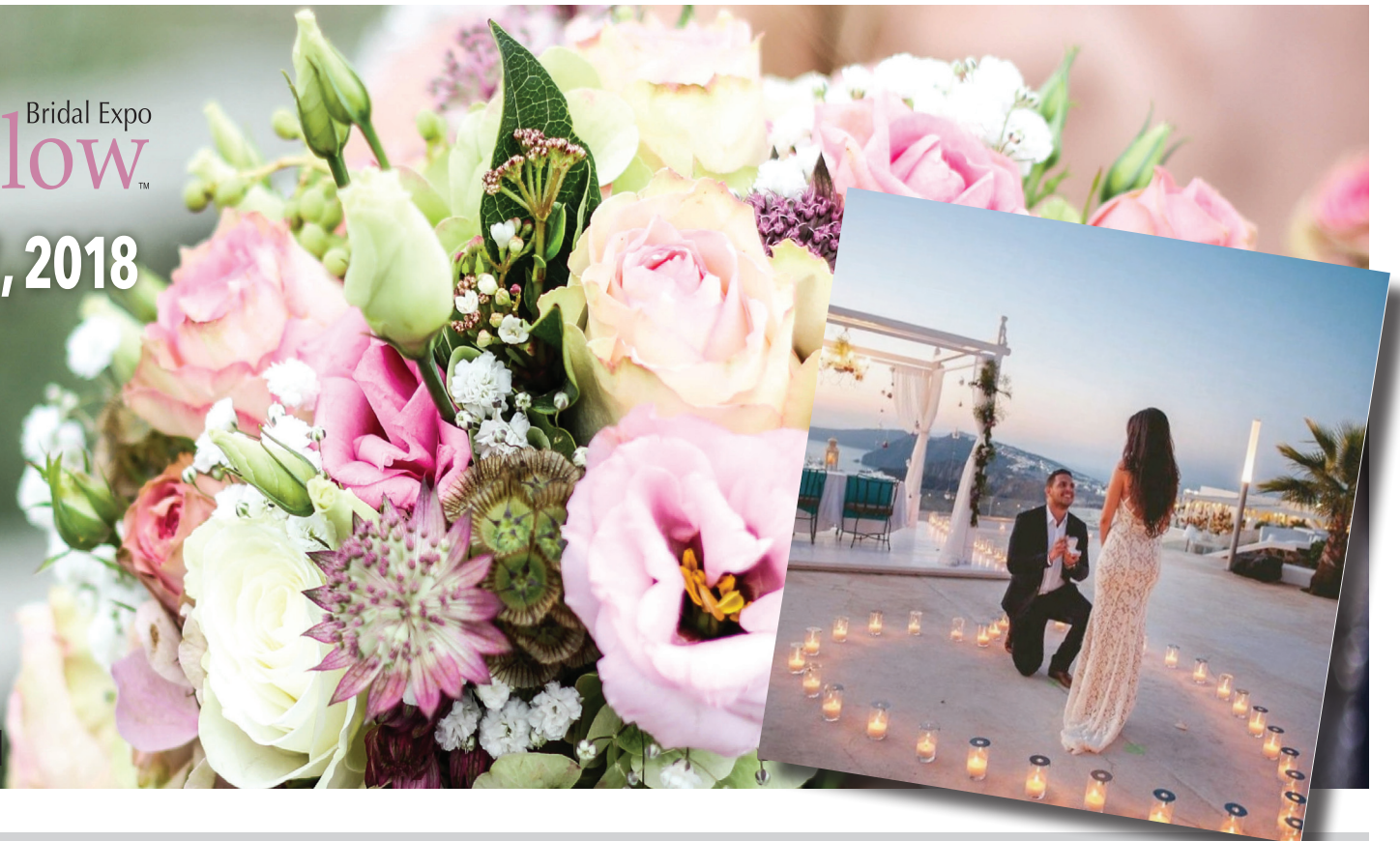
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1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville NC 28540

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 DECEMBER

- Double K Lawn Care Inc.**  
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- Moe's Southwest Grill**  
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Construction Companies - Homebuilders, Commercial & General Contractors

# Member Renewals DECEMBER

	Member Since		Member Since
17blue Digital Agency	August 1, 2005	Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville	January 20, 2012
910 Sign Co.	January 12, 2015	HMCS Raymond L. Applewhite, USN (Ret)	July 6, 1998
Aman & Peters, PA	May 1, 1982	Hope For The Warriors	October 6, 2006
Bear Trail Golf Course	March 10, 2008	Hungry Howie's Flavored Crust Pizza	December 18, 2014
Bob's Graphics	December 21, 2009	LtCol Steven J. Land, USMC (Ret)	June 25, 2012
Bradley's Jewelers	December 2, 2005	Mancini Orthodontics	June 16, 2011
Business for Business Referral	July 28, 2016	Marine Corps Community Services, Lejeune-New River	February 1, 2002
Castle Productions Sound and Lighting Professionals	February 6, 1998	Marshall Chapel Missionary Baptist Church	December 13, 2016
Clinton's Body Shop Inc.	December 11, 2000	Mine Safety Appliances Company	July 15, 1979
Coastal Diagnostic Imaging	September 13, 2002	Mr. Dan T. Oliver	August 23, 2012
Col Bill Garrett, USMC (Ret)	November 28, 2016	Mr. Ralph Leeds	January 4, 2016
Col Jerry Yanello, USMC (Ret)	July 18, 2014	Mr. Ty Hart	February 7, 2011
Col John B. Sollis, USMC (Ret)	March 12, 2015	Peak Performance Sports and Physical Therapy	December 21, 2004
Col Mike Williams, USMC (Ret)	May 18, 2010	Rooted in Wellness LLC.	December 15, 2016
Cracked It! Escape Games	December 7, 2015	SgtMaj Bill Oldenburg, USMC (Ret)	November 15, 2016
Crystal Coast Insurance Group	June 22, 2015	SgtMaj Scott T. Booth, USMC (Ret)	April 7, 2015
Dr. Ronald K. Lingle	December 8, 2016	Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q	October 10, 1994
Duke Energy	January 1, 1979	Sound Bank	August 30, 2012
Dunkin' Donuts	February 17, 2010	The Escape Trials, LLC	December 21, 2016
E.C. Barton & Co. dba Surplus Warehouse	May 19, 2008	Victor Gatewood Plumbing, LLC	February 2, 2015
Fairway Outdoor Advertising	December 1, 1985	Wells Fargo Bank	September 25, 1979
H. Donald Scott, C.P.A. PA.	December 1, 2010		

COME & CELEBRATE THE  
**74TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
CELEBRATION**

We will recognize the Golden Eagle Man of the  
Year, Woman of the Year, Civic Honoree,  
Ambassador and Hospitality person of the year.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
MARSTON PAVILION, CAMP LEJEUNE

6:00 PM COCKTAILS  
7:00 PM DINNER CEREMONY  
COST IS \$27.00  
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Your Chamber Leadership

**2018 Executive Committee**

**Chair-** Cindy Edwards 17blue Digital Agency

**Chairman-Elect** Tiffany Choice Chick Fil A

**Past Chairman** Anthony Harvey First Command Financial Planning

**Division Chairman Governmental Affairs** Robert Dickerson Marine Federal Credit Union

**Division Chairman Community Development & Partnerships** Dr. Ronald K. Lingle

**Division Chairman Administration (Treasurer)** Richard Jefferson Coastal Bank & Trust

**Division Chairman Investor Relations** Matt Ray ABA Rental Properties

**Division Chairman Military Affairs** Bob Dupuis Flying Dutchman Travel Agency

**Executive Committee At-Large** Ed Garriss First National Bank

**Executive Committee At-Large** Jeff Clark Marine Federal Credit Union

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Bridal Expo

February 16 &amp; 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	\$325.00	\$375.00	_____
Double Booth	\$450.00	\$525.00	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>		_____

Please Select:

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

**Submit Vendor Logo via email to: [MAC@JacksonvilleOnline.org](mailto: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.

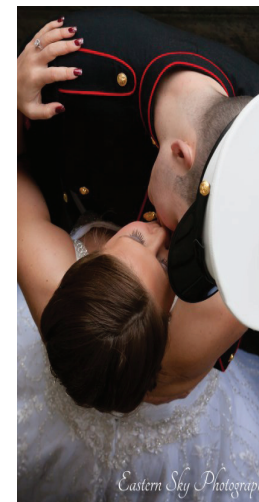
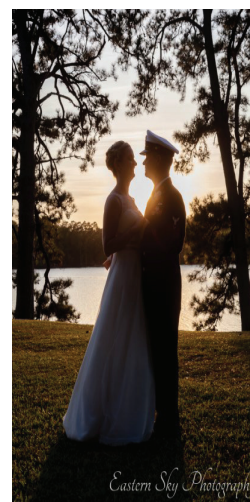
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://engagedonslow.org)*

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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!

[EngagedOnslow.com](http://EngagedOnslow.com)



# JUMPSTART YOUR



# JOB SEARCH

**January 22nd and January 23rd, 2018**

**Commerce Center, 1099 Gum Branch Rd, Jacksonville, 28540**

*An interactive, practical, one-on-one preparation,  
boot camp for job seekers!*

## DAY 1:

**JANUARY 22nd 9:00AM-11:00AM, *Lunch*, 12:00PM-2:00PM**

**SESSION 1: NETWORKING**

**AND HOW-TO JOB SEARCH BASICS:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

*LUNCH BREAK 11:00am-12:00pm*

**SESSION 2: CREATING A RESUME:**

**12:00pm-1:30pm**

**SESSION 3: DEVELOPING INTERVIEW SKILLS:**

**1:30pm-2:00pm**

## DAY 2:

**JANUARY 23rd 9:00AM-12:00PM**

**SESSION 1: ONE-ON-ONE MOCK INTERVIEWS**

**SESSION 2: REVIEWING RESUMES**

*\*There are no specific  
timeframes for these  
sessions.*



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March 30, 2018  
7:30 a.m. Registration Begins  
8:30 a.m. Tournament Rules  
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start!  
More details coming soon!

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BEAR TRAIL GOLF  
AT SOUTHWEST PLANTATION

The Chamber brings business owners and other members together to celebrate, connect, and network during various events throughout the Year. The 2017 Christmas Holiday Celebration sponsored by First Bank was a huge success and it enabled the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce to make new contacts and spread the Christmas Cheer.

New toys were collected during the event and were distributed to children in need through Onslow Community Outreach Christmas Cheer. Thank you to all the members who attended and donated to this very worthy cause.



# MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

## December's Service Member of the Month Sergeant Daniel W. O'Neil

Sergeant Daniel W. O'Neil is distinguished as the Service Member of the Month (SMOM) for the month of December by the Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Sgt O'Neil serves at Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Marine Unit, New River, in an instructor billet for the MV-22 Flightline Organizational Maintenance Course. His leadership states that his is an exemplary instructor who is skilled and respected by peers and superiors alike.

Sgt O'Neil's future plans include finishing his Aviation Systems Technology degree at Craven Community College, then transferring to the University of North Carolina to pursue a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While at CNATT, he would like to become a Master Training Specialist within the year, and submit a Warrant Officer package.

Sgt O'Neil cares about his community. He re-created the CNATT Adopt a Highway Program. They own the sections that runs from across MCAS New River and 2 miles south. Sgt O'Neil married his wife Katherine in 2011 and they have one son. Together they like to hike, go to the beach, visit the local aquariums, and go camping.

Sgt O'Neil's personal awards include 2 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, 2 Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, 1 National Defense Service Medal, 1 Global War on Terrorism Medal, 4 Certificates of Commendation, and 2 Letters of Appreciation.

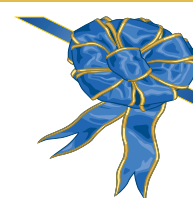
Congratulations to the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee December Service Member of the Month, Sgt Daniel O'Neil, USMC.







# Ribbon Cutting



*December 1st*

**Chica's Corner**



*December 5th*

**Veterans Thrift Store of America**



*December 13th*

**Z.E.C.A School of Arts and Technology**



*December 15th*

**10 Rounds of Fitness**

## Chamber Ambassadors Giving back to Community



It is important, not only during the holidays, but all year long to be grateful for all that you have and to give back when you can. During the Chamber's Annual Oysterfest Business After Hours Event in October the Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber was able to raise \$1000 for Onslow Community Outreach.

Not only did the Chamber raise the money, but The Jacksonville Onslow Chamber Ambassadors Committee volunteered their time to Onslow Community Outreach Soup Kitchen "AND" present the \$1,000 check.





# 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	\$170,773,046	-0.97%
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	\$ 517,880,761	YTD Total	\$522,697,359	0.93%
*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	\$184,118.54	14.4%
October	\$120,219.03	\$121,179.13	.7%
November	\$83,262.30	\$95,052.77	24.4%
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:	\$1,047,779.91	\$1,137,255.63	7.8%
*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	2,942	3,003	2,788
YTD Total	15,232	18,191	10,534	13,888
*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 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	15,173	15,609
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	15,279	14,779
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	15,616	15,124
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	15,160	10,154
YTD Total	46,068	55,166
Onslow Memorial Hospital Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	363	365
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	379	325
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	412	388
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	384	245
YTD Total	1,154	1,323
*YTD Total does not include numbers in <i>Italic</i>		

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Emergency Room Visits		
	2016	2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	12,638	13,326
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	12,039	11,538
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	12,840	13,686
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	8,938	9,894
YTD Total	37,517	48,444
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Live Births		
	2016	2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	467	514
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	522	483
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	647	542
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	313	174
YTD Total	1,636	1,713
*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	November	Fiscal YTD	
Onslow United Transit System	7,052	37,843	
Jacksonville Transit System	11,232	52,671	
Military Express	1,298	5,392	
Total	19,582	95,906	
	Aug 17	Sept 17	
Cars	378	326	
Trucks	547	476	
Total	925	802	
			Year to Date
Cars	2,692	3,018	
Trucks	3,764	4,240	
Total	6,456	7,258	

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	27,400	8.2%
November	26,151	25,138	-3%
December	26,530		
YTD Total	275,998	289,232	4.5%
*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	11	824	74.91	233	3.11
\$150,001 - \$200,000	11	574	52.18	162	3.10
\$200,001 - \$250,000	11	262	23.82	95	3.99
\$251,001 - \$300,000	11	112	10.18	35	3.44
\$300,001 +	11	171	15.55	125	8.04
TOTAL		1943		650	

New Construction Price	# of Months	# Sold	Sales Rate Per Month	# Currently Active*	# of Month's Of Inventory
≤ \$150,000	11	11	1.00	4	4.00
\$150,001 - \$200,000	11	292	26.55	123	4.63
\$200,001 - \$250,000	11	199	18.09	129	7.13
\$251,001 - \$300,000	11	65	5.91	65	11.00
\$300,001 +	11	43	3.91	45	11.51
TOTAL		610		366	

**BUSINESS STATS**

COUNTY PERMITS: SOURCE: ONSLOW COUNTY

CITY PERMITS: SOURCE: CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

**City of Jacksonville Building Permits**

December 2017	#	Value
Residential	11	\$56,150
Commercial	53	\$5,046,867
Other	155	\$309,275
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>\$5,412,292</b>

**County Building Permits**

FY2017-18	Res BPs	Com BPs	Total Value
1st Qtr Totals	678	174	\$31,124,290
2nd Qtr Totals	513	78	\$27,533,098
3rd Qtr Totals			
4th Qtr Totals			
<b>FY Totals</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$58,657,388</b>

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

**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	October
Labor Force	64,537
Employed	61,475
Unemployed	3,062
Unemployment Rates	4.7%

**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	2,410	94%	380
NC 4 star	8	218	191	88%	28
NC 3 star	21	565	500	88%	80
NC 2 star	2	13	10	77%	2
NC 1 star	12	139	123	88%	19
NC Religious	5	459	433	94%	66
NC Temporary	1	12	8	67%	3
NC Provisional	1	140	123	88%	23
NC Probationary					
Totals	70	4,121	3,798	92.0%	601

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**COLDWELL BANKER**  
**PREMIER OFFICE**

**SAVE the Date****Ribbon Cutting**

Tuesday, January 16th @9:30am

Shell Building #2

Burton Business Industrial Park

723 Luther Midgett Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540

**Ribbon Cutting**

Tuesday, January 16th @3:00pm

Onslow Fitness Weight loss Clinic

1106 Henderson Dr. Jacksonville, Jacksonville, NC 28546

**Small Business Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 18 @8:30am

Commerce Center

1099 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville NC

**Member Reception**

Friday, January 19th @ 11:30am-2:00pm

11:30pm-1:00pm

Sports Hall of Fame Meeting Room, 1099 Gum Branch Rd. Jacksonville NC

Open to new, existing or businesses interested in learning more about the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber.

Networking, win prizes and get a refresher course on your benefits!

1:00pm- 2:00pm

Light Lunch sponsored by Missy Rhodes – Aflac

Regional Director

Learn about employee benefits and how you can protect your family's future~

**Ambassador Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 24th @12:00– 1:00pm

Logan's Roadhouse

1177 Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28546

Operation Thank You following meeting from 1:00-2:00pm

(Open to all Chamber Members)

**ABA**

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# Councilmember Angelia Washington Appointed to National League of Cities Committee

Jacksonville City Councilmember Angelia J. Washington, has been appointed to the National League of Cities Council for Race, Equity and Leadership.

Previously, Councilmember Washington had served on the Human Development federal advocacy committee for three years, and most recently served as vice chair. Washington was the first African American Jacksonville City Council member to be appointed to a NLC leadership position.

The appointment was announced by NLC First President Mark Stodola, Mayor, Little Rock, Arkansas. This committee has the responsibility for strengthening the knowledge and capacity of local elected officials to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial tensions, and build more equitable communities.

“I’m excited as councilwoman to continue my leadership at the national level,” said Washington. “This appointment allows me to collaborate with municipal leaders across America in garnering support from Congress in establishing the 13th Amendment as a national holiday. Advocacy for our nation’s citizens further supports action by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address violence among young African American males, improving educational outcomes for disadvantage students, and ending homelessness for civilians, veterans, and immigrants.”

The Council is comprised of members who represent leaders from the policy and advocacy committees, constituency groups, member networking councils, and other advisory groups. It is a one-year appointment with



options for reappointment.

A native of Jacksonville, NC, Washington is a Ph.D. candidate, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, NC. She possesses a Master of Social Work (Clinical Social Work), Smith College, Northampton, MA; Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.



# From the desk of Kristen Loflin



Happy New Year! Did last year fly by to you too or was it just me?

What a crazy entrance into 2018 as well. How about a little snow to welcome us into the year? Though the ice made exploring a little hard, we have enjoyed seeing pictures of our snow-covered county. I am sure there are even more that we haven't seen. Please share your snow days with us by emailing me at [tourd@jacksonvilleonline.org](mailto:tourd@jacksonvilleonline.org), messaging our Facebook page, Onslow County Tourism, or hashtag on Instagram at #OnlyInOnslow.

Now that we have all started to thaw out, we have many projects that are starting to ramp up. Besides implementing our Travel Writer program that we wrote about last month, we are also underway with more digital marketing. Our general campaign for the next few months will target those looking for their Spring break and Summer vacation

plans. What better place to spend some family time than at the beach? By focusing on affordability, pet-friendly, and regional location, we hope those looking for a new bargain beach will roll in starting in April.

Our other digital campaign promotes the Engaged Onslow Bridal Expo. Yes, it is that time again. This year's expo will take place on February 16th and 17th. We are starting the festivities off with the Rehearsal Dinner tour throughout Jacksonville and Swansboro. Limos donated by Excel and Diamond will chauffeur guests to four locations to enjoy a taste of what the venue offers. It is a separate ticket to participate in this tour, so interested parties should buy early. Seats will sell out. On Saturday, the expo will take place at the Jacksonville Commons once again. Brides will be able to meet and mingle with vendors, enter for giveaways and enjoy two fashion shows. Though tickets are sold at the door, pre-registered brides are entered into a giveaway for

a free bachelorette cruise. A big thank you to our partner, Bayonet Enterprise Cruises, for donating an amazing prize. In addition, all brides attending the expo will also be entered to win 2,500 dollars to spend toward an Engaged Onslow vendor or vendors. As someone who isn't too far removed from planning her wedding, I would have loved (and my parents) to win that giveaway! Visit [www.engagedonslow.com](http://www.engagedonslow.com) for further information regarding the expo. Share with any future brides and get those tickets now!

Following the expo, I will be heading out to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Manager to start our heavy recruitment for future military reunions. As we have previously informed, this initiative is a joint effort between the Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Tourism Development Authority and Onslow County Tourism. We are officially members of Your Military Reunion Connection (YMRC), an organization that serves as a resource to unite planners and exhibitors by providing training and tradeshow. I am personally looking forward to my first YMRC tradeshow as they are well known throughout the tourism industry. We hope to meet with at least 20 planners about hosting their next reunion with us in Onslow County. After all, we have four already planned for 2018!

As you can tell, we are starting this year off with a bang. Before we know it, it will be Spring! I look forward to seeing how these initiatives develop and what future projects may come out of them! Hope everyone has a wonderful January. Who knows, we may have some more winter fun!



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