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HUMAN RESOURCES

Open Enrollment is coming!

2023 Open Enrollment will run from October 10th – October 28th. We have streamlined the process for the greatest accuracy and ease for Pender County employees. The first step will be to find what benefits you currently have, and make note of which benefits you like as they are, and which benefits you might like to change. More details about the Open Enrollment season will be coming soon!

HR welcomed four new employees to the Pender County family on Monday July 11: James Sanderson, Jaquaisa Murray, Kira Frawley and Abby Modlin. Welcome!

We also welcomed seven new employees on July 25th. Please welcome Katryne Leubner, Jeremy Drummond, Brianna Luckett, Mary Parker, Ladria Wright, Bianca Huish and Cameron Jones!

OPEN 2023 ENROLMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 10TH-28TH 2022

EMPOWER.

LegalShield

CREATIVE worksite solutions

DELTA DENTAL

Aflac.

CEC community eye care a VSP company

Flores Better Benefits Experience.

MetLife

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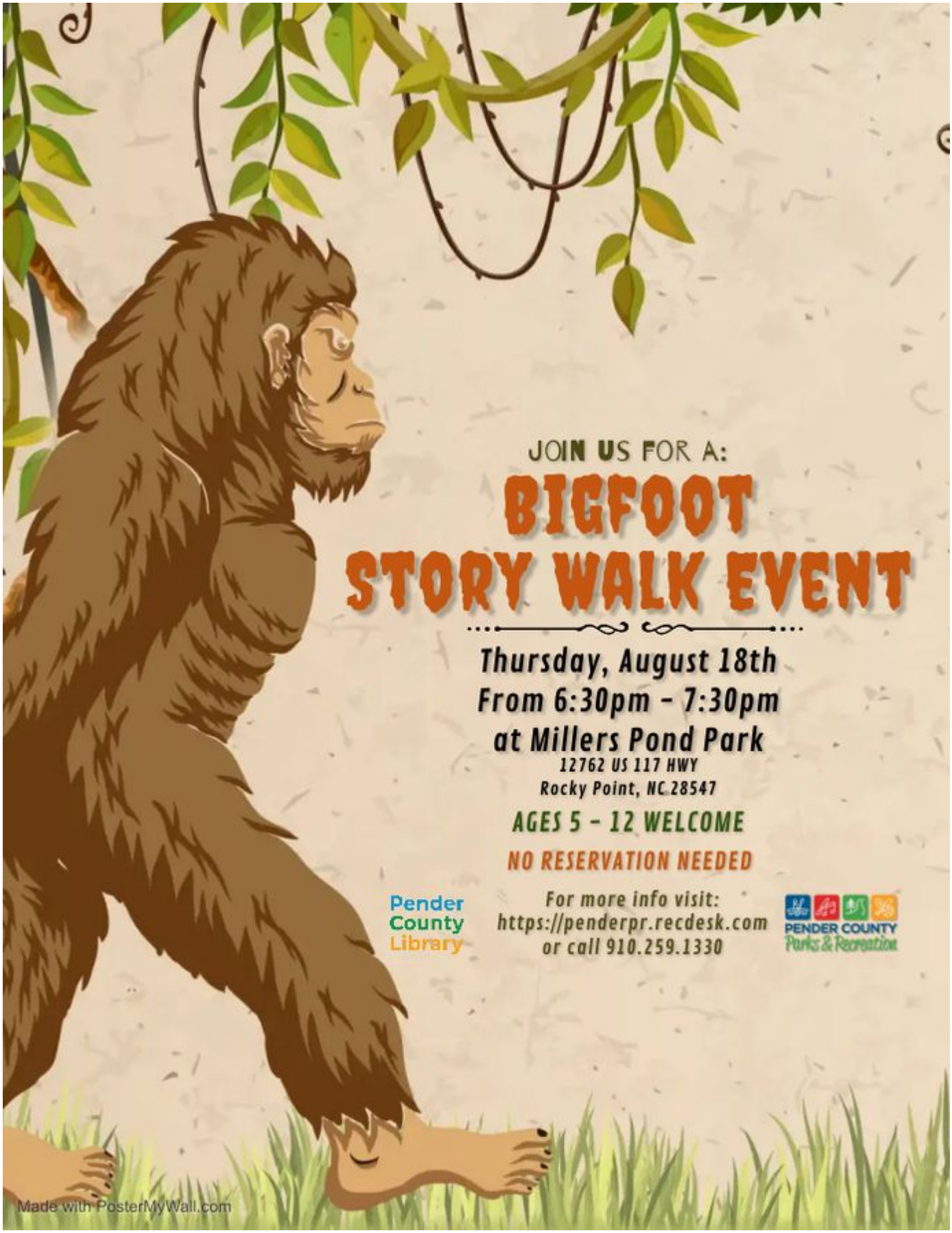
PARKS & RECREATION

- Summer Camp continues at Topsail Elementary School. The last day of Summer Camp is August 12th.
- Join us at Millers Pond Park as we read about Big Foot and take a walk around the pond to hopefully find him! This program is recommended for children ages 5-12 with their family. Located at Millers Pond Park located at 12762 US 117 Highway Rocky Point, NC 28547.This event is in partnership with Pender County Library. For more information contact Pender County Parks and Recreation at 910-259-1330.
- Our rescheduled concert featuring The Blackwater band for Hampstead Alive After Five is September 9th.
- Our next Topsail Sounds concert is August 23rd featuring Bacon Grease.


JOIN US FOR A:
BIGFOOT
STORY WALK EVENT
Thursday, August 18th
From 6:30pm - 7:30pm
at Millers Pond Park
12762 US 117 HWY
Rocky Point, NC 28547
AGES 5 - 12 WELCOME
NO RESERVATION NEEDED
Pender County Library
For more info visit:
https://penderpr.recdesk.com
or call 910.259.1330
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Parks & Recreation

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

2022

BLACKWATER BAND

RESCHEDULED

see you on...

SEPTEMBER 9

HAMPSTEAD KIWANIS PARK
FRIDAYS FROM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

For more info and upcoming events visit:
https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Page

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TOPSAIL SOUNDS
2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH NORTH CAROLINA
PENDER COUNTY Parks & Recreation
MAY 24 THE CRUISE BROTHERS BAND
JUN 28 DOS EDDIES
JUL 26 HEART STOP
AUG 23 BACON GREASE
SEP 27 THE MANGO BAND
From 6:30pm - 8:30pm
at Topsail Beach Town Center
624 S. Anderson Blvd
Call 910.328.5841 or visit
www.topsailbeachnc.gov
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

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REGISTER OF DEEDS 07/01/2022 TO 7/31/2022	
Maps Recorded	16
Marriage License Issued	34
Passport Applications	79
Passport Photos	82
Notary Oaths Issued	19
Deeds of Trust Recorded	290
Deeds Recorded	365
Vital Certificates Issued (Birth/Death/Marriage)	365
Miscellaneous Documents Recorded	533
Total Fees Collected	$247,211.20

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TOURISM

8.5.22 Tourism/County Update

Pender County visited the point where **Pender, Bladen, and Sampson counties** meet. The setting is beautiful on the Black River, which has been deemed one of the most pristine rivers in the nation. At this point is Black River Camping Ventures, a primitive camping site. This is important because it is 10 miles from the Mountains to Sea Trail and close to Atkinson. We wrote a blog about the site and posted photos on social media, which is garnering a lot of attention.

Tourism met with Stella Spera at the historic **Assembly Building** to discuss the sharing of website links. The Assembly Building, where rockets were assembled in Operation Bumblebee, is a successful gathering place for events.

Tourism attended the NC Blueberry Festival **volunteer appreciation dinner**.

We met with Francis Brown, owner of **Southern Fusion Restaurant in Atkinson**, to learn about her business and to ensure we have information for the 2023 Visitor Guide.

We continue to update and promote **Beach Week**, a campaign designed to inform visitors of things to see, do, and dine in Pender County.

Pender Tourism is a member of **NC Coast Host**, an organization dedicated to promoting destinations, attractions, and events east of Interstate 95. As chair, Tammy updated materials for the organization. We appear on the organization's website and have input on the programs.

The **North Carolina Beach, Inlet, and Waterway Association** is preparing for its fall conference. This November Sir Tyler Terraces will host the two-day learning event. Pender Tourism is involved in this organization, representing tourism, and assisting in planning the conference.

The **Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail Board of Directors** met Friday, Aug. 5, in Raleigh. The board meets quarterly for day-long sessions.

Pender Tourism continues to promote the **CF Pope Project**, a project that produced a documentary on the school during segregation. Pender Education Partnership secured a $3500 matching grant. The effort was a collaboration between PEP, Stack Stories, the CF Pope Alumni Association, Mike Raab and Patrick Ogelvie. The documentary will be shown at Cape Fear Community College and various locations throughout the county. On Aug. 4, the documentary was shown at the Depot – thanks to the partnership of the Town of Burgaw- with a dinner catered by MeMa's. A panel of alumni answered questions and shared memories of the school.

Pender County Tourism Development Authority board met via Zoom with the county's contracted auditors. This is the first time the auditor separated the TDA from the county's audit.

Communications

Tammy participated in the **IPZ tabletop exercise** involving the Brunswick Plant. The nuclear training

materials were informative.

We worked with planning and a journalist from Raleigh who is working on a piece about the Hazard Mitigation grant programs and recovery after Matthew and Florence.

We have issued several press releases in the last two months. Our departments are providing programs and services – such as the **library's** upcoming program featuring Dr. Chris Fonvielle and **Veteran's Affairs** starting a collection program for retiring worn American flags.

We fielded many inquiries from various media.

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UTILITY OPERATIONS

PENDER COUNTY UTILITIES (PCU) & WATER DISTRICTS:

PCU had 2 staff vacancies occur in the last 2 weeks. We also have 3 new positions for FY23 that have yet to be filled. We are currently recruiting for a Solid Waste Maintenance Technician and Utilities Clerk. The new WWTP Maintenance Technician position recruitment just closed, and we are now reviewing candidates for interviews. We recently held some interviews for the Water & Sewer Locator position and are reopening recruitment. We plan to recruit for the new Well Operator position next month.

Elevated Tank & Wells project: We anticipate funding approval from NCDWI and the LGC in September for additional financing needed. PCU hopes to begin construction in October.

US 421 Sewer to Blueberry Road project: Geotechnical investigations are scheduled to begin next week. Design is ongoing.

Pender Commerce Park Water & Sewer Extensions project: A pre-construction conference was held with 274 Construction Group on 7/28. Work should begin within the next few months (delayed due to supply chain issues).

Maple Hill Water Interconnection with ONWASA project: We are still waiting on the County Attorney to finalize a related property acquisition. Project is complete and operational.

Field staff work and status updates since last report:

- 4 new water taps completed by staff
- 445 locates in last two weeks
- New flushing hydrant installed on Bahama Dr by staff
- Two new automatic flush valves installed on Royal Tern Dr. and Bahama Dr.
- Extensive water line flushing in the Hampstead area
- Lowered Topsail water tank level by five feet more to increase disinfectant level

- Cleaning up site at 210 ground storage

- Inspected sewer lift stations and all air relief valves

- Mowed water tank sites and booster stations, sprayed weeds at sites

- Staff responded to 4 after-hours emergency calls

- 100 plus work orders completed, 28 water meter inspections completed, numerous water meter sets completed, meter reading county-wide

- Automatic flush valves on Riverland Dr, Michigan Ave, Old Landing Rd

- Started interviews for the Utility Locator position

WATER PRODUCTION NUMBERS:

March 2022 Daily Avg: 1.32 MGD from WP, 0.223 MGD from Wallace, 0.835 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.007 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 0.843 MGD for Hamp/SH)

April 2022 Daily Avg: 1.40 MGD from WP, 0.356 MGD from Wallace, 0.980 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.126 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.107 MGD for Hamp/SH)

May 2022 Daily Avg: 1.50 MGD from WP, 0.480 MGD from Wallace, 1.019 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.393 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.411 MGD for Hamp/SH)

June 2022 Daily Avg: 1.59 MGD from WP, 0.402 MGD from Wallace, 0.908 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.560 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.467 MGD for Hamp/SH)

July 2022 Daily Avg: 1.68 MGD from WP, 0.059 MGD from Wallace, 0.751 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.444 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.195 MGD for Hamp/SH)

August 2022 Daily Avg (thru 3rd): 1.77 MGD from WP, 0.248 MGD from Wallace, 0.916 MGD to Hamp/SH (thru 210 BPS), 0.571 MGD from Annex & Kiwanis Wells (Total 1.486 MGD for Hamp/SH)

MAPLE HILL WATER SYSTEM & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Staff has been cleaning up and cutting grass at the water tower and the transfer station wastewater facility, as well as performing maintenance at the Maple Hill wastewater treatment plant. Currently working on report for last month, sampling for water and wastewater, flushing lines, and cleaning

probes and UV lights for this month's samples.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Hach was on-site to perform quarterly calibration and verification of the turbidimeters and chlorine analyzers. The water plant passed our annual Fire Inspection.

Staff installed new CL17sc chlorine analyzers and SCADA controllers (pictured). Backwashed GAC vessel #3. Staff installed new lighting system in the downstairs filter gallery.

Total water production for July: 52.15 million gallons for an average of 1.68 MGD. Projected usage for the month was 52.04 million gallons.

Water production numbers for August through the 3rd: 5.3 million gallons for an average of 1.77 MGD

PCP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - MKKAES (Melinda K. Knoezer Adaptive Ecosystem)

The wastewater plant is running well.

- We replaced a control board on our effluent compositor
- We made repairs to the outfall access walkway
- We started installing conduit for probe project
- We had FLW onsite to discuss probe project
- We attended construction meeting at cold storage jobsite
- We had BFPE onsite inspecting fire extinguishers
- We had a fire inspection from the Fire Marshal

SOLID WASTE

- The Transfer Station scale house is operating well.
- Waiting time at scales is about 3 minutes in and 4 minutes out.
- We have not been as busy lately, possibly due to the heat.

- We are once again in need of a Solid Waste Maintenance Tech. The job has been posted.
- We are still waiting on desks for the scale house.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE FOR JUNE 2022

MSW Kitchen trash collected	2,406.81 tons
Construction & demolition	612.83 tons
Recycling	112.43 tons
Tires recycled	62.53 tons
TV & Electronics	10.49 tons
Scrap metal recycled (shreds)	100.62 tons
Whitegoods recycled	4.43 tons
Out of County	5.84 tons

PCP_WWTP conduit installation for probe project

Walkway repairs

Control board replacement

Effl. sampler panel

Water Plant Cl2 analyzers & controllers

Water Plant alligator

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VETERANS SERVICES

Note: Schedule Changes for Both Offices as noted below:

Burgaw Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

Hampstead Office will be open Mondays and Fridays

Until Vacancy has been filled. Thank you for your patience.

July 11th- Matt Wesley accepted and received Flag Retirement box from American Legion Post 167 member who made by Eagle Scout Hayden Burns from BSA Troop 777 of Surf City. Box resides in the hallway of Hampstead Annex. Shout out to Eagle Scout Hayden Burns!

(Note we also have a collection box from NACo. Located at Central Administration Building in Burgaw.)

July 14th we assisted with Duplin Co. Stand Down at the Campbell Center along with our neighboring counties: Wayne Co., Lenoir Co., and Onslow Co. Provided benefits, health care information as well as Emergency Street Sheet for those in need. Networked with 30+ venders as well as assisting and serving the homeless Veterans from the county with clothing, food, sleeping bags, wellness checks, mental healthcare, and haircuts etc. Shout out to all the vendors from Pender Co. and our neighbors!

July 18th-we had a meeting with Abby from My Orthodontist and they donated snacks, water, and Gatorade for our clients in need. Shout out to Abby and My Orthodontist staff for your kindness and helping our Veterans!

July 20th- Sally Lawson met with Case Manager Melissa Fields from Pender County Christian Services, Inc. concerning needs of service while clients are pending approval from Department of Veterans Affairs.

July 22nd- Shout out to a Veteran who volunteered his time in providing transportation assistance for another Veteran to and from their residence so they could attend their C&P exams for benefits processing. They also assisted with getting donated items and donated a bicycle! Veterans helping Veterans- Thank you for your Kindness and Support!

July 26th- Sally Lawson attended PC Community Health Assessment Steering Committee (CHA) along with other county departments.

August 3rd- BREAKING NEWS for our VIETNAM and GULF WAR VETERANS. See message below from The *Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022.*

Good Afternoon.

The *Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022* is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The PACT Act expands health care and benefits to generations of Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazardous materials during their military service. VA is ready to deliver for these Veterans, and we encourage affected Veterans and eligible dependents to submit claims.

The PACT Act is quite expansive, however, I wanted to provide a few highlights:

- **Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras**

Adds two more Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

· Hypertension (also called High Blood Pressure)

· Monoclonal Gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Adds more than 20 NEW PRESUMPTIVE conditions for Burn Pits and other Toxic Exposures:

· **Presumptive Cancers**

o Brain Cancer

o Gastrointestinal Cancer of any type

o Glioblastoma

o Head Cancer of any type

o Kidney Cancer

o Lymphatic Cancer of any type

o Lymphoma of any type

o Melanoma

o Neck Cancer

o Pancreatic Cancer

o Reproductive Cancer of any type

o Respiratory (breathing-related) Cancer of any type

· **Presumptive Illnesses**

o Asthma that was diagnosed after service

o Chronic Bronchitis

o Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD)

o Chronic Rhinitis

o Chronic Sinusitis

o Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis

o Emphysema

o Granulomatous Disease

o Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)

o Pleuritis

o Pulmonary Fibrosis

o Sarcoidosis

· **Adds more presumptive-exposure location for AGENT ORANGE**

o Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9,1962 through June 30,1976

o Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30,1969

o Cambodia at Mimot or Krek Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969 through April 30, 1969

o Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9,1962 through July 30, 1980

o Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972 through September 30, 1977

· **Adds more presumptive -exposure location for Radiation**

o Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll from January 1, 1977, through December 31, 1980

o Cleanup of the Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons off the coast of Palomares, Spain from January 17, 1966, through March 31, 1967

o Response to the fire onboard an Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons near Thule Air Force Base in Greenland from January 21, 1968, to September 25, 1968.

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If you served during the above time periods, call us for an appointment to review you case!

Previous DENIED Cases must be refiled again to be eligible…..

We can be reached at 910-259-1203

or by email: **<span style="font-size:14.0pt; line-height:107%;font-family:" ink="" free";mso-bidi-font-family:calibri;="" background:yellow;mso-**

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Spread the word, thanks!

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MiniSquares
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34 original
15 strawberry
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6 Vanilla
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