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# Contractors Base Access Easier Process

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Naval Station Mayport is taking part in a Navy-wide initiative that will provide individuals without Department of Defense-issued Identification Cards access to the installation via a new system called RAPIDGate.

RAPIDGate will provide vendors, contractors and service/supply providers with the option of enrolling into an electronic security system database.



-Photo by Bill Austin

Base access will be changing for contractors and service providers thanks to a new security system called "RAPIDGate." Once enrolled in the system, contractors won't have to wait in long lines at Gate 5.

The vendors will be able to acquire a permanent access card for the base, instead of waiting for a daily pass permit. With this ID card, vendors will simply have their I.D. card scanned with a handheld device and it will determine whether or not the individual will be authorized access to the base.

Every day, behind the scenes, Naval Station Mayport Security Department regulates the hundreds of vehicles, work trucks and semi-trailers that request

access though Gate Five from A1A. Currently, the process involves providing the proper credentials and getting an access pass from the staff at Bldg. 48A. After the pass is acquired, vendors, service providers/suppliers and contractors have to take their vehicles to get a thorough screening for any possible threats to the safety of the installation. This process is usually long and grueling for most contractors, not to mention taking a lot of security

manpower to issue passes, conduct vehicle inspections, man the gate and keep the traffic moving.

RAPIDGate will change all of this.

"I view the installation of RAPIDGate as a win-win for Naval Station Mayport and our partner companies," said Naval Station Mayport Security Officer, Warrant Officer Charles Mogle. "It will standardize vendor/contractor access cre-

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## Which Team Will You Vote For?

From Scion

Public voting is open in the Scion unique car customization challenge strictly for active duty military personnel and teams from Mayport in the running.

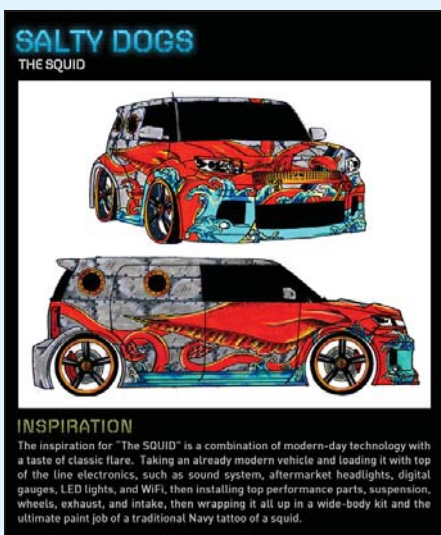
The "Battle of the Builds" contest taps into the creativity, teamwork and can do attitude of today's U.S. Military and challenge them to design a customized Scion xB. Two entries from Naval Station Mayport are in the contention, USS Carney's "The Squid" by its Salty Dogs team and HSL-46's "Scion xB SH-60 Seahawk" by its Grandmasters team.

From now until June 30, military personnel, as well as civilians, will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite customized Scion xB by visiting [www.battleofthebuilds.com](http://www.battleofthebuilds.com). The three finalists will be announced on July 5 and they will receive a Scion xB and \$15,000 to make their vision a reality.

Teams will have approximately 12 weeks to complete their build project. One car will be selected as the Grand Prize winner, and the team will be invited to the 2010 Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas to showcase their modified xB in the Scion booth.

On May 3, teams of dedicated service members were offered the chance to describe their vision of how they would customize a Scion xB based on a \$15,000 budget. After careful review of all entries, 22 Semi-Finalists were selected. Scion now needs your vote to select the finalists.

"Scion knows and appreciates the job our military does



Artist Rendition From Salty Dogs/Scion



Artist Rendition From Grandmasters/Scion

every day," says Jack Hollis, vice president of Scion. "Members of our military work as a team and have unmatched technical and mechanical skills. This contest is designed to let our service members showcase these talents in a fun and exciting way. Creating a design competition especially for the military is one of the ways Scion thanks and salutes our country's finest."

To support U.S. troops, Scion is working closely with

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps commercial sponsorship units and base Auto Skills Centers. Full contest details can be found at [www.BattleoftheBuilds.com](http://www.BattleoftheBuilds.com).

During the voting and build phases, the program can be followed on Scion's Facebook properties ([www.facebook.com/scion](http://www.facebook.com/scion), [/scionreleaseseries.com](http://scionreleaseseries.com)) and at [www.battleofthebuilds.com](http://www.battleofthebuilds.com).



-Photos by MC1 Darryl Wood

Lt. j.g. Amelia Abbett, assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Klakring (FFG 42), hands a bear to a preschooler during a community service project in Puerto Montt, Chile. Klakring is on a six-month deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean as part of Southern Seas 2010, a U.S. Southern Command-directed operation that provides U.S. and international forces the opportunity to operate in a multi-national environment.

## USS Klakring Ends Visit To Chile

By MC1 Michael J. Scott

CTG 40.0 Public Affairs

Task Group 40.0 waved goodbye to the friendly people and picturesque scenery of Coquimbo, Chile, June 15 following a five-day port visit during its 2010 Southern Seas deployment.

Coquimbo lies in the Northern part of Chile and is the capital of the Elqui Province, located on the Pan-American Highway in the Coquimbo Region of Chile. The name means "Calm Waters" in the Mapuche language and was the perfect backdrop for Klakring's 9th port call and third engagement with the Chilean Navy and local community.

The ship was greeted by Coquimbo's mayor, singers, dancers, and a band. The band performed several songs as the Wassos (cowboys) and their partners, dressed in traditional outfits, performed the "Cueca", a traditional folk dance from the Elqui province.

DESRON 40's Commodore Capt. Brian Nickerson and Klakring's Commanding Officer Cmdr.



A Chilean preschooler and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Joseph Christos, assigned USS Klakring, rest in the doorway during a COMREL project.

Scott Smith paid calls on Coquimbo's Mayor, Oscar Pereira Tapia; the Maritime Governor Cmdr. Eric Solar Olavarría; and the Commander of the

Carabineros Gen. Rodolfo Pacheco Kutz. The official calls normally provide insight into a city's history, culture, and people.

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## What's On The Shopping List?



Trish Loop of Mayport Environmental looks over office supplies and samples with Gator Supplies at the GSA Expo held last week at the Base Gym. More than 200 supply officers, government purchasing agents, government credit card holders and military and DoD personnel who use GSA products attended the event, which featured more than 100 GSA vendors.

-Photo by Paige Gnam

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dentials throughout the Navy and provide our forces with electronic verification system for enhanced security, while enabling deliveries through multiple Entry Control Points, decreasing the wait time for drivers, and ultimately saving the companies time and money."

All vendors will be required to undergo a background investigation to be eligible for ID card and base access. Each employee will be able to register at a kiosk located on base. The registration will take about 12-14 minutes to complete and then allow 14 days of enrollment time in which the information will verify employment, background/criminal check and to update the Entry Control Point database. Once completed RAPIDGate will issue an ID card that will be activated at Naval Station Mayport. Rapid Gate will also continually conduct background checks on the issued card holders every 92 days.

Identity validation includes a 10-year address history, a social security number check, felony convictions, registered sex offender checks, and anyone having an outstanding criminal warrant.

This is a voluntary program

for the vendors and contractors. If the company chooses to join, they will pay an annual fee to be given access into the RAPIDGate Program. If they choose not to, the contractors will have to undergo the grueling daily pass requirements at Building 48A via Gate Five.

All Commander, Navy Installations Commands (CNIC) will have this program fully enacted within 18 months. Mayport is second in the Southeast Region to get this program underway. Registration equipment will begin installation July 6 and the Security Department is planning to have the RAPIDGate program fully functional by the first of the year.

RAPIDGate will improve the safety and security on CNIC installations through the continuous vetting and the electronic verification of credentials. Not only will it improve security, but it will also improve business efficiencies and pass and decal stations.

"This system will bring a lot more eyes and ears to the process and much more insight as well," said Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Aaron Bowman.

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