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NNOA Sponsored Students Visit Naval Support Activity Mid-South

(MEMPHIS, Tn.) –28 Students and 3 chaperones from Southside Middle School visited NSA Mid-South on 10 May 13 for a tour of the base, visit Navy Recruiting Command (NRC), and meet/talk with RADM Earl Gay, Commander, Naval Recruiting Command.

The visit started with a welcome by Rear Admiral Gay followed by a short aviation presentation and remote control helicopter demonstration. The students were given a Navy gift bag consisting of navy sponsored items such as rulers, pencils, and bumper stickers along with a \$10 gift card courtesy of NNOA Memphis. All participants, Sailors and students, journeyed to the off-base gym to play basketball, volleyball, and engage in some one on one team building activities before they heading to lunch. RADM Gay and his wife graciously opened his home up for lunch. The students engaged the participating Sailors in all manners of conversations and mentoring while enjoying lunch to include dessert.



Students and Sailors who participated in the visit from Southside Middle School to NSA Mid-South in front of RADM Gay's residence.

When asked about the visit, Assistant Principal Tarcia Gilliam-Parrish said, “The Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment were a recurring theme throughout our visit. Our students couldn't stop talking about how much they enjoyed meeting and hanging out with each one of you. The group mentoring sessions during the cookout was by far the most beneficial.” It truly was a great event for everyone involved.

Participants from NNOA Memphis included Michael Hollister, LCDR Dewon Chaney, LT Deirdra Ponds, LT Tiffany Jackson, and LT Richard Pyfrom. NNOA Memphis supports Southside Middle School through events such as career days, mentorship and base visits.

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