

Naval Station Ingleside

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Navy Chief Selectees refurbish Girl Scout building

Wednesday, September 15, beginning way before the sun rises, 54 Chief Petty Officer Selectees stationed at the Navy's "Mine Warfare Center of Excellence," will refurbish a building that has been donated to Girl Scout Service Unit 683 by the Ingleside VFW Post 6386. The building is located at 1663 12th Street, near the intersection of 361 & 12th Street, in Ingleside. The Sailors will:

- * remove the roofing and then re-roof the building with new shingles, felt and drip edge with a nailing pattern that will meet windstorm requirements;
- * sheetrock/repair the building's ceiling;
- * paint the interior and exterior of the building;
- * repair two toilets; and
- * do other minor repairs to the building and grounds.

This community service project has turned into an Ingleside community event. Some of the Girl Scouts in the unit, as well as members of Keep Ingleside Beautiful's Youth that Care (YTC), will come out and help when school lets out at 3:30 p.m.

Businesses in the local community are also involved with donations. Gulf Coast Contracting is overseeing the roof repairs to ensure it meets windstorm requirements. BFI is donating a dumpster for debris. Moose Lodge #2063 members are cooking lunch for the volunteers. All Out Septic is donating the use of two port-a-potties. Roofing materials are being donated by Ingleside Councilwoman Stella Hermann and Bill Coomer with Martin Homes. There are even more involved with donations to help pay for all the materials being used.

This project is affording these Sailors an opportunity to give back to the community they call home. All of the Sailors are stationed at various commands aboard Naval Station Ingleside. They will be pinned Chief Petty Officers during an official ceremony on Sept. 16. Attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer is a significant accomplishment in the U.S. Navy. The Chief Petty Officer component is often referred to as the "backbone of the Navy," because of the vast experience and high caliber of the Sailors who comprise this cadre of seasoned professionals.

Media are encouraged to witness this community service project. Perhaps the best opportunity will be when the children arrive on hand to help at about 4 p.m.