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Labor Day Hours For MWR

In recognition of Labor Day on Sept. 7, the following MWR facilities will be closed:

- Auto Skills
- Bingo
- CDC/CDH
- CPO Club
- ITT/Recreation Ticket Vehicle
- Ocean Breeze Conference Center
- Outdoor Adventures
- Recycling Center/Scrap Metal Yard/Vehicle Scale House
- Surfside Fitness
- Youth Activities Center
- Vehicle Storage
- Veterinary
- Beachside Community Center Computer Cove will be open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.;
- Castaways, 2 p.m.-1:30 a.m.;
- Bogey's, 6 a.m.-7 p.m.;
- Gym, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Mayport Bowling Center, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- Pelican Roost, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- Pizza Hut, 10:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.;
- Planet Mayport, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.;
- Pool, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Windy Harbor Golf, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Communicate At Mayport

DESRON 14 is hosting the 2009 Mayport Regional C51 Communicators Conference on Sept. 9-10 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Thursday. The two-day event will be held at the ATG Mayport auditorium, Bldg. 1842. For more information, contact ITC(SW/AW) Raddler or IT1(SW/AW) Hay at 270-5801 ext. 147/149.

Mentor At Duval Schools

Instructors from Duval County Public School (DCPS) system will hold a training session for the DCPS Mentor Program in the training classroom at Building One on Sept. 10 from 9:30-11 a.m. All military and civilian personnel are welcome to attend. Please respond by email to ernest.hopkins@navy.mil if you are interested in joining the mentoring team.

The mentor program provides an adult mentor to a child in grades K-12 who wants or needs a mentor. Needs will be determined by student, parent and educators.

Mentors will help meet the needs of a particular student, ranging from help with academics to dealing with social problems, support with sporting activities to just having someone to talk to.

Time commitment is around one to one and a half hours per week, depending on student/mentor availability.

NS Mayport recruits interested Sailors and civilians semi-annually with an orientation session held on base. Sailors will fill out profile sheet/questionnaire with their interests and availability. Background checks will be run.

Rules For Extensions To Change

By Katie Suich

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

The Navy will change the Short Term Extension (STE) policy Oct. 1, affecting obligated service (OBLISERV) rules for enlisted personnel.

According to NAVADMIN 242/09, the reason for the change is that the Navy has noticed during the past several years the number of STEs has risen substantially.

"The impact of this change is that more Sailors will be directed toward reenlistments, said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West. "It also gives our Sailors more flexibility to manage their careers early in the [career review board] process while taking advantage of monetary incentives. Standardizing the rules will assist our Sailors in managing their careers while allowing the Navy to better manage the force. We should have done this years ago"

The policy for Short Term Extensions (STE) is changing to direct more Sailors to enlist.

Currently, a Sailor has to obligate for 12 months when they receive orders to sea duty, unless DoD area requirements are greater. The new policy will require 24 months of obligated service, with these exceptions:

*Sailors with less than 24 months until their high year tenure date must only obligate for the amount of time needed to reach that date.

*Sailors will obligate for the requisite time-on-station requirements for PCS

orders to places that require less than 24 months, such as Diego Garcia and unaccompanied tours.

*All other obligated-service requirements will remain the same.

The maximum number of short-term extensions that a Sailor may now use will be two per contract. The length of an extension will be limited to 23 months, and the total of all extensions cannot exceed 24 months. Other rules include:

*Extensions counting against the Sailor's two-extension limit are those that help manage their careers or if they benefit to the Sailor. For example: Instead of reenlisting, a Sailor uses an extension to obtain OBLISERV so he/she can execute PCS orders.

*Extensions not counted are Navy-required ones, such as the PCS delay this past summer. Navy Personnel Command (NPC) can answer specific questions on what category an extension falls

into. NPC also has procedures in place to handle unique situations that might require more than two extensions per contract.

*Extension policy for Sailors taking individual augmentee/global war on terrorism support assignments (IA/GSA) orders remains the same. Once they have completed the GSA/IA assignment, they will fall under current detailing and extension policies

Sailors choosing not to obligate for the required 24 months but have more than 12 months of contract time left will be assigned based on the "needs of the Navy" or, if eligible, will be encouraged to voluntarily separate at end of obligated service {EAOS} or projected rotation date {PRD}, whichever is closer. Those assigned "needs of the Navy" orders will not necessarily stay at their present command.

Future CPOs Work On Ground Game



-Photo by Paige Gnann

Chief Select Master-at-Arms Darrell Shelton dresses up in a good-natured version of Popeye and works as a caddy for NS Mayport Commanding Officer, Capt. Aaron Bowman, during the annual CPO Inductee Golf Tournament on Aug. 27 at Windy Harbor Golf Club. The tournament, sponsored by Jack Daniel's and Sarvis, also featured the 99.9 Gator Crew broadcasting live from Bogey's.

Report Calls For Changes To NSPS

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

In its final report, a Defense Business Board task group has recommended a "reconstruction" of the National Security Personnel System.

Former Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy DeLeon chaired the group. Defense Department officials will use the board's recommendations as they ponder the system's future.

"We'll take the findings of the business board under advisement and study and work toward a decision on NSPS in the fall," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said today. The system, in place since 2003, must be rebuilt, the report says. "A 'fix' could not address the depth of the systemic problems discovered," according to the report. "The Task Group does not recommend an abolishment of the NSPS because the performance management system that has been created is achieving alignment of employee goals with organizational goals."

Any reconstruction needs to include input from the work force in making the needed changes, the report says. The task group called on the department to re-establish a "commitment to partnership and collaborating with employees through their unions."

The task group recommended that the Defense Department halt any more transitions from legacy personnel systems to NSPS. Specifically, the Defense Department must address pay pools and their lack of transparency. The department also must examine pay bands, especially Pay Band 2, which has a large portion of the defense work force. The group said that pay band lacks "clear linkage to career progression."

NSPS is eroding trust between supervisors and employees, the report says. The task group calls on the department to create a "collaborative process for [Defense Department] managers and employees currently in the General Schedule system to design and implement a performance management system that ties individual employee performance goals to organizational goals."

Part of this is to explore the replacement of the current General Schedule classification system.

USS The Sullivans Welcomes Aboard New Commanding Officer

By Ensign Kari Weniger

USS The Sullivans Public Affairs

Cmdr. Ryan C. Tillotson, Commanding Officer, USS The Sullivans, handed over the reins to Cmdr. Neil E. Funtanilla on Aug 28 during a change of command ceremony on board the ship.

Funtanilla was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1991.

From there he went on to serve aboard USS Scott (DDG 995), USS Biddle (CG 34), USS Stout (DDG 55), and USS Lake Erie (CG 70). Additionally, he served as Strike Officer/Maritime Operations Planner on the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12 and as Deputy Director, Joint Maritime Operations and Integration at the Missile Defense Agency/Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program Office. At the AEGIS BMD Program Office, he aided in the successful Standard Missile 3 Engagement of a failed satellite in February 2008.

Tillotson leaves The Sullivans after commanding her through a very successful seven month and seven day deployment. Some highlights of his tour include: representing the United States on the beaches of Normandy for the dedication of the first World War II monument in honor of the U.S. Navy; commanding a multi-ship surface action group into the Persian Gulf during the NATO Standing Maritime Group Two's maiden out-of area deployment;



-Photo courtesy of USS The Sullivans

Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 24, Capt. John Kersh, speaks during the change of command ceremony for USS The Sullivans. Cmdr. Neil Funtanilla relieved Cmdr. Ryan Tillotson during the Aug. 28 ceremony.

guiding The Sullivans in her first Seventh Fleet deployment, stopping in five Pacific ports of call; and representing the nation during Operation Indigo Serpent with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

In an emotional ceremony, Tillotson thanked the crew and declared them all heroes in his eyes.

The City of Jacksonville and the Beaches Cities have once again partnered with Naval Station Mayport to bring the Navy's aerial demonstration team, the Blue Angels, back for the Sea and Sky Spectacular on Nov. 7-8. This year, the city is hosting a "Week of Valor" that will begin with the arrival of the Blue Angels on Wednesday, Nov. 4 and conclude with the Veterans Day parade on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The Week of Valor will highlight the Sea and Sky Spectacular with a variety of events geared to recognize the honorable service that YOU bring to the table each and every day. A full schedule of the week's events will be published in The Mirror as we get closer. It's a working weekend for all of us but its always well worth it to show



Capt. Aaron Bowman

everyone what we are all about. Labor day is here in just three days and please remember that your safety is my number one priority. If you didn't notice, there was a sobriety check point on Mayport Road this weekend and not one driv-

er got by without getting to talk to the JSO and suspected drinkers were given a sobriety check on the spot. Throughout the Southeast Region, we had seven alcohol incidents this past weekend. That means seven of our shipmates will face NJP, severe fines and penalties, and for several of them a quick trip to becoming a civilian. Please don't drink and drive and please look after your shipmates. It amazes me that we can't get over 30 days at this base without someone coming through the gate impaired. Last Labor Day weekend, there were 38 reportable mishaps in the Navy and Marine Corps, one proved fatal when a Naval officer was killed in a motorcycle crash. Since 2004, we have lost six Sailors over the Labor Day weekend holiday. Many more

were injured. Please don't overdo it this weekend and if you are going to be near the water, be extremely careful as tropical depressions can and often bring dangerous rip currents to our beaches. Managing risks means considering what might go wrong and planning in advance to manage contingencies. Each of you on this team is vital to the successful operation of this base. I want all of you back safe and sound.

Are you ready for the Navy Ball? The 234th Birthday of the United States Navy will be celebrated at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront on Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. til midnight. In keeping with tradition, we will celebrate the Navy's birthday and honor our Sailors and Marines, Active Duty, Reserves and Retired,

who have sacrificed so much for this nation. The Tri-Base Navy Ball Committee is hosting the Ball for Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Mayport, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, as well as Navy Active Duty, Retired and Reserve Sailors. Please contact Chief Cruz at 270-6023 for more information on the event and ticket prices. The uniform for the Tri-base Navy Ball is service dress blue's with ribbons. Dual military, only one active service member has to wear uniform.

Exams kicked off today with the E-6 exam. The next round will be E-5 (Sept. 10) and E-4 (Sept. 17). All participants are to muster at the base gym no later than 6:30 a.m. in the uniform of the day and military I.D. card. Food, drink and wristwatches are not allowed

into the test site. If you have any questions at all, contact PSC Perez at 270-7614 ext. 107.

Finally, many thanks to Jon Fine for setting up a great CPO select golf tournament last week, and thanks to CMC Deb Davidson for getting "Gator Country" out here for the live remote. Steve, Eden and Amadeus continue to be very supportive of the military, and I appreciate their support.

Please keep an eye out while you go through your day and don't hesitate to let me know if you see a better (or safer way) to do business around the base. Your concerns are my concerns, so keep those suggestions rolling in to the CO's suggestion box located at the base galley, or email them to aaron.bowman@navy.mil.

Chaplain's Corner

Hey, why do people work anyway? An obvious answer: to survive. Work will bring the funds and the benefits that provide for a standard of living. Another view has been expressed in a popular bumper sticker that reads: "I owe, I owe/ so off to work I go." Many perceive work to be just that - a way to pay off the mountain of debts. Yet for others work is seen as mere necessity - empty of any pleasure or sense of fulfillment. For those in this dilemma work becomes devoid of any sense of excitement, purpose or vision for the future. "Drudgery" becomes a good way to describe work under these circumstances.



Chaplain Joe Molina
CDS40 Staff Chaplain

we do is important. We spend most of our time at work. We will spend more time socializing with co-workers than with some of our own family mem-

bers. And remember: work is here to stay!

So what I feel is needed during this Labor Day weekend is a serious reevaluation of our attitudes about "work." That is, let's have a "vision adjustment." Careful contemplation over the value and purpose for work could provide us with a healthier attitude and change the way we live our lives.

Work affords us the opportunity to be responsible. This clearly implies that stealing from an employer is not justifiable under any conditions. An honest and responsible attitude will instill rightness about our work. Through work we provide for our needs, develop skills, and contribute to the

community where we live. To work in a career that benefits others and at which we are skillful will bring a sense of satisfaction and self-esteem.

Work affords us the opportunity to help others. Often taken for granted, this opportunity is life fulfilling and enriching. Through our income we can be in a position to help the less fortunate in our society. Living in an economic environment that worships the "living-on-credit" ethic renders this opportunity difficult to achieve. Therefore, using our work to help others may require that we put our work responsibilities in a different perspective. When seeing it from this point of view, work can then become more of

a "sacred" opportunity than a necessary drudgery. Our work can become truly significant when we view it in terms of a "calling" in life. Seen from this vantage point, we may even approach our work with some sense of reverence because we've been placed there with a great purpose.

As we examine these reasons for our work, we will discover that what we do for a living can have a positive impact on the lives of people around us. This should challenge us to be responsible about what we do for a living. At the forefront of the work ethic is to see our job as the task that God has entrusted to us. Accomplishing our work in that spirit will imbue

us with a sense of confidence in knowing that we answer to a "Higher Authority." To be sure, our work can be experienced as an adventure directed by God himself.

I close with a quote from Dorothy L Sayers:

"I ask that work should be looked upon, not as a necessary drudgery...but as a way of life in which the nature of man should find its proper exercise and delight and so fulfill itself to the glory of God."

On behalf of **Commander Destroyer Squadron Four Zero**, have a restful and blessed Labor Day.

Homefront in Focus

By Beth Wilson

Military Spouse Contributor

PCSing is hard enough without adding in the worry of if your child(ren) will have problems enrolling in their new school or if they will meet the new standards. There are two great resources that can help ease your mind, The Interstate Compact and School Liaison Officers. The Council of the Governors is working pass the Interstate Compact in every state to help military children transition into their new schools with more ease. It is targeting the problem areas that can occur when you PCS. Some of the problems they are targeting are transferring records, graduation requirements, repetitive or missed entrance and exit exams and kindergarten and first grade age variance.

For example, if you receive a copy of your child's records from the school you are transferring from the school they are going to be attending may not accept hand carried records. This becomes a problem if your child is in advanced placement classes or has special needs. They may not be placed in the correct classes for them. This is where the Interstate Compact can help. The Interstate Compact provides that schools share records within a timely fashion to ensure the proper placement of classes and programs. Currently 25 states have fully enacted the Interstate Compact with nine more states in the introduction stage and working towards fully enacting it. The Council of the Governors is working to get every state to pass the legislation.1

Another great resource that is available is the School Liaison Officers. A school liaison officer networks, educates and works in partnership with the local schools to enhance the education experience. They are available to military parents to provide information and help regarding school information such as academics, activities, and any questions or concerns you may have.

The purpose of the school liaison officer program is to provide military commands with the necessary support to help military parents of with educational needs and to assist in solving educational problems. Some of their goals are to identify barriers and develop solutions, provide tools your child(ren) need to succeed and overcome educational hurdles that come from being in the military lifestyle and

to educate schools regarding the needs of military children.

To find out how you can get in touch with your local school liaison officer you can contact your local Fleet and Family Support Center. If you are in an area that doesn't have a Fleet and Family Support Center you can go to http://militaryK12partners.dodea.edu/reference_SLOexplained.html to find the directory of school liaison officers. 2

Having extra resources available is always a great way to ease your mind when you are dealing with a PCS move.

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Questions or comments for Beth? Email her at Beth@homefrontinfocus.com.

Know the Ropes

Most parents understand the importance of being actively involved in their children's education. But as children get older, parents frequently become less and less involved in their schools. However, research indicates that children are more likely to have a successful school year if the parents are involved in their children's school. One way to ensure that is to make a connection with the school by attending Open House.



Judy Cromartie
School Liaison Officer

teacher, for example, may have over 100 parents in attendance and, that is, if they teacher the core. Pity the poor physical education teachers who teach many more students than that.

Open House IS the night to listen to what the teacher wants to share with you about the structure of the curriculum, how the class will be organized, the texts that will be used, frequency of homework, test schedules, make-up policies, and, most importantly, how to get in touch with the teacher. Write all of this down! It will make it much easier to remind your child of an upcoming deadline or the need to study for those weekly spelling tests.

Now that you know the regimen, you'll be better prepared to talk privately with the teacher about your concerns about your child. And because you have the teacher's preferred method for contact, it will be much easier for you to set up a parent-teacher conference.

Active parenting takes time, but the time you spend at an Open House will help your children be personally and academically successful. Your positive involvement and time, your child's time, and your child's

teachers' time are all directly related to helping your child become tomorrow's successful adult.

- Local Open Houses**
Abess Park Elementary School, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m., K, 4, 5
Abess Park Elementary School, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m., 1, 2, 3
Alimacani Elementary School, Sept. 3, 6 p.m., All
Atalntic Beach Elementary School, Sept. 3, 6 p.m., All
Axon, J. Allen Elementary School, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., PK, K, 4/5
Axon, J. Allen Elementary School, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m., 1, 3, 4
Chets Creek Elementary School, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m., K, 2, 4
Chets Creek Elementary School, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., 1, 3, 5
Joseph Finegan Elementary School, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., All
Fletcher High School, Sept. 14, 6 p.m., All
Jax Beach Elementary School, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., K, 2, 4
Jax Beach Elementary School, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., 1, 3, 5
Kernan Middle School, Sept. 15, 6 p.m., All
Kernan Trail Elementary School, Sept. 10, 6 p.m., All
Landmark Middle School, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., All
Mayport Elementary School, Sept. 10, 6 p.m., All
Neptune Beach Elementary School, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m., K, 1, 2
San Pablo Elementary School, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., K, 1, 2
San Pablo Elementary School, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., 3, 4, 5
Seabreeze Elementary School, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., All



Chapel Call
 Command Chaplain:
 Cmdr. Phil Wyrick

SUNDAY
 Sunday School.....9 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Protestant Baptism.....As requested

TUESDAY
 M O P S (M o t h e r s o f P r e s c h o o l e r s).....9:30 a.m.
 (First and third Tuesday of the month)

WEDNESDAY
 Women's Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal.....7 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Men's Prayer Breakfast.....9 a.m.
 Youth Group 2, 4.....6 p.m.

Catholic Services:
 Friday Masses.....11:30 a.m.
 CCD.....8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

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-Photo by MC1 Heather Ewton

Robert G. Bradley Embarks Navy League Riders

By Lt.j.g. Rajiv Seth

USS Robert G. Bradley PAO

Two members of the Navy League, Ted Turowski and Ronald Gay embarked RGB for a recent underway to the Jacksonville Operating Area.

Turowski is the President of the St. Augustine council, and Gay is a member of the Mayport council.

The two Navy supporters received the oppor-

tunity to observe various underway operations to include deck landing qualifications by helicopter squadrons based in Jacksonville, a gun shoot with RGB's Close in Weapons System (CIWS) and the 76-mm gun, a full power run, and man overboard exercises and maneuvering.

"Everyone has been really helpful and very nice about showing us what they do while being out at sea," said Ted Turowski.

From Page 1

Alcairo will always remember, "his enthusiasm for tradition." Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class John Mertz remembers that, "he never gave up on the ship. He was always a presence."

Fire Controlman 1st Class Tayna Greene remembers, "he was always motivated for Command PT!"

Enthusiasm, presence, and motivation are just three ways in which Tillotson has made a lasting impression on The Sullivans.

The Sullivans

"Heroes are not just the people who get the Medal of Honor. Heroes are the people who do their job every day, just because it has to be done," Tillotson said. "I know the things Sailors are capable of accomplishing. [Their desire] turns them into an incredible team that can accomplish anything through amazing odds."

The crew has always been central to Tillotson's thoughts. Without their dedication and work ethic, none of the mis-

sions would have been successful.

"They aren't my accomplishments, they are the crew's. I'm just lucky enough to be a part of them," Tillotson said.

Whether tactical ship handling or coming alongside for an underway replenishment, Tillotson was a large part of The Sullivans' accomplishments. He always provided the backbone for the crew to rely on in the tough situations. Fire Controlman Second Class Jason

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USS Farragut Trains Warfare Systems

By MC2 Daniel Gay

Naval Public Affairs Support Element East, Detachment Southeast

Sailors aboard USS Farragut (DDG 99) are using innovative training initiatives to make sure they are ready to meet the challenges of a deployment.

The training is part of a Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet initiative to prepare ships to deploy to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet and independent of a traditional strike group. Training includes responding to a variety of different missions from Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations to launching Tomahawk missiles.

“Normally we operate and train in a carrier strike group atmosphere, and we do traditional naval strike group operations,” said Cmdr. Philip Sobeck, commanding officer of Farragut. “Although, we are seeing more and more are situations that don’t need the capabilities of a whole strike group, but just one ship that can steam independently and control a situation.”

For two days, the ship and her crew were presented with a myriad of challenges and training scenarios. They had to deal with a small boat attack that escalated from simple harassment to an active threat involving weapons. They participated in a VBSS boarding exercise. The ship also closed in on a simulated target boat as the crew fired rounds from their 5-inch gun to disable it. The target boat was targeted with .50 caliber machine gun fire and the training culminated with the launch of a Tomahawk missile from the Farragut’s forward missile deck.

“It was flat out the whole time, we were conducting training on pretty much all of our weapons systems and exercising most of our warfare See Training, Page 5



-Photos by MC1 Leah Stiles

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Kyle Cearley, simulates using a Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) during a small boat training exercise on board USS Farragut (DDG 99). This training exercise is part of a U.S. 2nd Fleet initiative to prepare ships to operate independently for non-traditional warfare missions such as counter-piracy and Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS).



Sailors aboard USS Farragut tend to lines after lowering a small boat.



Lt.j.g. Edward Curly secures gear prior to lowering a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) in preparation of a VBSS exercise on board USS Farragut.



Sailors lower a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) in preparation of a VBSS exercise on board USS Farragut.



A Tactical Tomahawk Cruise Missile launches from the from the forward missile deck on board USS Farragut during a training exercise.



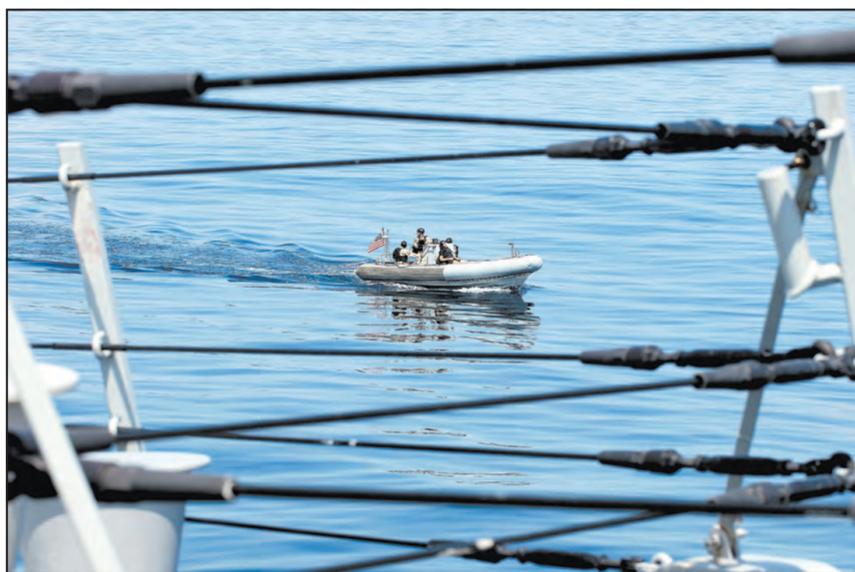
A VBSS team from USS Farragut approaches USNS Hunter during a VBSS training exercise.



Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jeffrey Drake observes USNS Hunter for signs of threats while manning a .50-caliber machine gun mount during a VBSS training exercise on board USS Farragut.



Fire Controlman 1st Class Darryl Shinault observes USNS Hunter for signs of threats during a Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) training exercise on board USS Farragut.



A VBSS team from USS Farragut approaches USNS Hunter during a VBSS training exercise.



Fire Controlman 1st Class Darryl Shinault watches USNS Hunter for signs of threats during a Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) training exercise on board USS Farragut (DDG-99).



USNS Hunter is observed in the distance during a VBSS training exercise on board USS Farragut.



Gunner's Mate 1st Class Matthew Davis fires rounds at a simulated target from a .50-caliber gun mount on board USS Farragut.



Smoke bellows from the barrel of 5-inch gun after firing a round at a simulated target on board USS Farragut (DDG 99).



Gunner's Mate 1st Class Matthew Davis fires rounds at a simulated target from a .50-caliber gun mount on board USS Farragut.

Training

areas at the same time," said Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Philip White. "It has been a very busy schedule, but it was really good training."

Some of Farragut's more junior Sailors also got involved.

"It has been very hectic, but I feel it is preparing me in case we had a real situation or a real casualty," said Damage Controlman Fireman Erin Lagos, who has only been on Farragut for four months.

The training is designed to help the ship work in a non-traditional warfare environment where Farragut may be part of a larger strike group - but operating independently from that strike group, said Sobeck.

"You can't imagine some of the things that ships have to deal with. Everyday it's a different set of rules," said Sobeck. "This training really helps us establish a management position of how we are going to handle our ship in all those different constraints we might face."

The Sailors aboard Farragut are being trained to react to a situation and call upon basic skills they already know to deal with the constant-

ly changing atmosphere of theater security and counter-piracy operations, Sobeck added.

"Thanks to the training I am learning new things that I didn't learn in boot camp and I am getting to put things I did learn in boot camp into practice," said Lagos.

"We have been working with our air assets, practicing with the 5-inch gun, and also training on VBSS, and all these things will increase our effectiveness while deployed, especially if we are working independently," said White.

Sobek said that the training is extremely useful because it helps his crew practice things they haven't done and also lets them establish a set of rules for all the possibilities.

"I really like the training, it is helping me understand things I have only read in books," said Lagos. "It helps because you can't really understand those things until you actually get a chance to do them for yourself."

Farragut is homeported at Naval Station Mayport, and is training for an upcoming deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet and U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations.

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FFSC Classes Geared To Military, Families

From FFSC

The following classes and activities are offered by the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and are free of charge. Pre-registration is required and childcare is not available. For more information about the classes or to register call 270-6600, ext. 110. FFSC is located in Building One on Massey Avenue.

Aug. 27, 9-11:30 a.m., **Sponsor Training**, FFSC

Sponsors play a critical role in retaining newcomers and increasing overall productivity and morale by making a newcomer's arrival at the command easier. The Sponsor Program is designed to help facilitate the relocation of Navy service members and their families creating a link between the service member and their new command. The primary goal is to ease difficulty and reduce the apprehensions normally associated with a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move.

Sept. 3, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 3, noon-4 p.m., **Leadership & Life Skills (E4 & Below)**, Base Chapel

Sept. 4, 9-11 a.m., **Car Buying Tips**, FFSC

Sept. 8, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

Sept. 8, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

Sept. 10, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Take Military Spouse 101

From FFSC

Are you new to NS Mayport, the Navy or newly married? If so, then you are invited to attend the Fleet and Family Support Center's Military Spouse 101 on Monday, Sept. 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from the following base services will present information and provide lots of handouts for your use: TRICARE, Branch Medical Clinic, Personnel Support Detachment, Navy College Office and Learning Center, Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, Red Cross, USO, MWR, Commissary, NEX, Navy Federal Credit Union, and Base Security/Pass and ID.

The Fleet and Family Support Center is located in Building One on Massey Avenue, across the street from the Post Office. Stop by to sign up for the class, or call 904-270-6600 Ext. 1701.

Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m., **Establishing a Sound Family Budget**, FFSC

Sept. 13, 1-4 p.m., **Leadership & Life Skills (E7 & Below)**, Building 460

Sept. 14-18, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Command Financial Specialist Training**, Building 1355

Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m., **Expectant Dad's Class**, USO

This program is designed for new Dads and Moms. The program will address, investigate, and discuss issues facing fathers in today's weird world. The attendees will look at being a father in the military, on care of newborns and toddlers and how to grow with your child and become the Dad you really want to be. The program will increase the participant's knowledge about child development and will also address relationship changes that accompany the birth of a child.

Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., **Military Spouse 101**, FFSC

The Fleet and Family Support Center offers this class to military spouses new to the area, and those new to the military way of life. Guest speakers from the military and civilian communities will present useful information to help you have a pleasant tour here at Naval Station Mayport.

Sept. 14-17, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Retiree Workshop**, Building One Room 104

Designed for Military personnel within 180 -90 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and how to successfully compete in the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes,

employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days of leaving the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

Sept. 15, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

Sept. 15, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., **Leadership & Life Skills (E5 & E6)**, Building 460

Sept. 16, 8-11:30 a.m., **Stress Management**, Wellness Center

Stress is a normal part of everyone's life. It can be energizing and a factor in motivating us. But too much stress, without relief, can have debilitating effects. This program is designed to provide participants with an understanding of what stress is and how it affects them. It will also help participants begin to look at their own lives and ways they currently cope with stress. Participants will be challenged to develop behavior and lifestyle changes that will improve their ability to cope with stress.

Sept. 17, 8-11 a.m., **Anger Management**, FFSC

What does *anger* do for you? Communicate for you? Keep people at a safe distance from you? Keep *you* in charge? For many people, anger serves them many uses, but all too often, it is at a high cost...usually of relationships, unhappiness in the workplace, and a general feeling of disdain. If you want to be able to break out of the "get angry/get even" syndrome, come to this class. Participants learn how anger and judgment are related, about irrational beliefs and faulty self-talk, what "E + R = O" means, and the roles of stress and forgiveness in anger.

Sept. 17, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to

address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

Sept. 22, 9-11 a.m., **Parenting Class**, FFSC

Sept. 22, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

Sept. 24, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 24, 9-11 a.m., **Home Buying Consideration**, FFSC

Sept. 28, 6-7 p.m., **Ombudsman Assembly**, USO

Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m., **Resume Walk-In Review Assistance**, FFSC

Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-noon, **FERP-Career and Employment Readiness Class**, FFSC

Sept. 28, 1-2:30 p.m., **FERP-Federal Employment Class**, FFSC

Sept. 28-31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., **TAP Separatee Workshop**, Building One Room 104

Designed for Military personnel within 180 -90 days of leaving the military. The seminar focuses on benefits for service members and their family members. Participants receive help in translating their military acquired skills into civilian language and are exposed to the civilian job market and

how to successfully compete in the civilian employment arena; learning about resumes, employment interviews and marketing themselves. If you are within a minimum of 180 days of leaving the military see your career counselor for a quota for this highly successful program.

Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-noon, **Tottletyme Playgroup**, USO

Parents and children together meet to share parenting concerns, ideas, and fun! The group invites professionals to address specific areas of concern such as nutrition, toilet training, etc. We even take field trips several times a year to local parks, museums and playgrounds. This group is designed for moms new to the area or moms who want their child to interact with other children their child's age. All children age four and below are invited to attend.

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Calendar

On Base

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Mayport Military MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Invites all moms of children ages 0-5 to join us for "Life on Planet Mom" beginning Sept. 2. MOPS meets every first and third Wednesday at the Mayport Base Chapel 9:15-11:30am. Free Childcare! No fees. Come see what it's all about! For more info visit: www.myspace.com/mayportmops

Out in Town

Thursday, Sept. 3

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 will hold their monthly General Assembly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. The Fleet Reserve Association is a world wide veteran's organization that represents nearly 165,000 active duty and retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard members. The FRA Branch 290 is called the "active duty Branch" because of the number of active duty members. If you have served in any of the maritime services - Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard - no matter how long, stop by the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL or call 246-6855. New members are always welcome.

Friday, Sept. 4

Come join the Fleet Reserve Association for a night of Karaoke on, at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. Featured will be host Doug Bracey, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The bar will be open for drinks and snacks.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. and learn about the life-cycle of the sea turtle and the importance of these creatures. The program will take place at pavilion two on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

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Monday, Sept. 7

In honor of Labor Day, The Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 290, will host a Holiday Cookout and Party from 2-6 p.m. at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served. A donation will be accepted for meals. There will be live entertainment from noon-4 p.m. In the evening, enjoy the music of Bill Bissonett from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Please note: there will be no bingo this evening.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

The Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 290, invites you to participate in its "Wings-N-Things" from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. Snacks will be available for a donation of \$1.50 to \$5. Then stay and enjoy the music of Doug Bracey from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

Come join the Fleet Reserve Association for a night of Karaoke at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. Featured will be host Doug Bracey, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The bar will be open for drinks and snacks.

Saturday, Sept. 12

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-04 as a public service is offering a Safe Boating Program at the Captain's Club located at 13363 Beach Blvd., between Hodges and Kernan. The program starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The program meets Florida State requirement for a Boaters Safety Card and costs \$25 including materials. Most insurance companies offer discounts to program graduates. Contact Mike at (904)-502-9154 for more information or to register. Log onto our website at www.uscgajaxbeach.com

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 290 is hosting Mexican Dinner on from 5-8 p.m., at the Branch Home at 390 Mayport Rd. A donation of \$8 is requested for each dinner. Carry out orders are accepted.

The public is always invited to dinner. Happy hour precedes the dinner from 4-6 p.m., all drinks are 50¢ off. After dinner, enjoy the music of Doug Bracey from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Join a Park Ranger at 10 a.m. for a leisurely paced hike to discover the island, natural communities. Participants are encouraged to bring bug spray and bottled water. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Join the Fleet Reserve Association as they cheer on the Jaguars against the Indianapolis Colts. Game time is 1 p.m.. The bar will be open for Happy Hour during the game - all drinks will be 50¢ off.

Monday, Sept. 14

Duval Extension is hosting a Fall Gardening Workshop from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Rd. Come learn about plant propagation basics, container gardening, and tips on growing citrus. The cost is \$10. Call 387-8850 to pre-register. Please mail payment to Fall Gardening Workshop, 1010 N McDuff Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32254. Make check payable to DCOHAC.

The Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 290, invites you to play Bingo on, at the Branch Home, 390 Mayport Rd. Games start at 6 p.m. and are usually finished by 8 p.m. Snacks will be available for a small donation.

Thursday, Sept. 17

A class will be offered by University of Florida specialists from 6:30-8:45 p.m. The program topics will include a pasture weed identification and control, hay quality, fly and pest control for horses. The program is free of charge and a meal will be served at 6:30 pm. The class will be held at the Florida Horse Ranch at 9330 Ford Road in Bryceville. Pre-registration is required for dinner. To register please call Becky Davidson at 387-8850 or beckyd@coj.net

Saturday, Sept. 19

Join the Springfield Animal Care & Rescue Club for the fourth annual Dog Days in the Park 2009 presented by Pet Supermarket from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Confederate Park (the city's new off-leash dog park). Adoptable animals from local rescue groups will showcase pets in Petco's Rescue Row. The event also features live entertainment (including the Disc-Connected K9's), food, drink, a silent auction, costume

contestanda children's play area. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Animal Care & Rescue Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating abandoned animals in the historic neighborhood. Admission is free.

The Jacksonville Huntington's Disease fifth annual Team Hope Walk-a-thon will be held at 9 a.m. at Ed Austin Regional Park, 11751 McCormick Road, Jacksonville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call Tina Hellum at 629-4448.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. for an intriguing presentation and gain insight into the spider, world. The program will take place at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. to learn about the many common species that inhabit the natural communities of the undeveloped barrier islands of northeast Florida. The program will take place at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

Saturday, Oct. 3

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Join a park ranger at 10 a.m. for an introduction to the basics of hiking. Weather, wildlife tracking, trail safety and proper gear will all be discussed. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Join a park ranger at 2 p.m. for a discussion on the different types of shark teeth that can be found on the area's beaches. The program will take place at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

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<p>Sports A Dusk to Dawn one-day softball tournament will be held Sept. 4 starting at 6 p.m. until dawn.</p> <p>Fitness A new fitness schedule for Sufside and the Gym is in effect. Water Aerobics schedule has also been added for the summer season. The new Surfside Fitness schedule is as follows: Monday</p>	<p>7 a.m., TRX with Ruthie and Emily 10:30 a.m., Broken Hearts 11:30 a.m., Step n Kick 1 p.m., Moms in Motion 4:30 p.m., Zumba Tuesday 7 a.m., IA Training 9:30 a.m. Lo Impact 11:30 a.m., Lunch Crunch 1 p.m., Strength Solutions & Flexibility Fix-ups 3 p.m., TRX Wednesday 6:30 a.m., Functional</p>	<p>Flexibility and Stress Management 10:30 a.m., Broken Hearts 11:30 a.m., Zumba 1 p.m., Moms in Motion 5:30 p.m., Kids Clinic 5:30 p.m., Kickboxing Thursday 11:30 a.m., Mind, Body (Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi) 1 p.m., Strength Solutions & Flexibility Fix-ups 2:30 p.m., Command Yoga Friday 7 a.m., Beach Bootcamp</p>	<p>11:30 a.m., IA Training The new Gym schedule is as follows: Monday 6:30 a.m., Weight Training for Warfighters 11:30 a.m., Circuit Senations 2:30 p.m., Command Row-bics Tuesday 6:30 a.m., Command Cardio Pump 11:30 a.m., Resistance 3 p.m., Conditioning for Running with LaPlace 4:30 p.m., Spinning</p>	<p>Wednesday 7 a.m., Cardio, Combat and CORE 11:30 a.m., Row-bics 2:30 p.m., Victory PRT Thursday 7 a.m., Command Jump and Jab 11:30 a.m., Spinning Friday 6:30 a.m., Command Spinning with Ruthie 11:30 a.m., Strength Training Basics for Women with Traci Water Aerobics schedule for the</p>	<p>Base Pool is as follows: Monday 9 a.m., Aqua Aerobics Wednesday 9 a.m., Aqua Aerobics (Regular & Deep Water) Thursday 9 a.m., Aqua Aerobics Friday 9 a.m., Aqua Therapy</p>
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Sand Between The Toes



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NS Mayport wins Men's Beach Volleyball: Pictured from left are ACAN Benjamin Finn, ACAN Matthew Winch, AC3 Austin Boettcher, AC2(AW) Carlos Sosa. Not pictured is ACAN Brian Eisenberg, AC3(AW) Julius Challenger, AC3 Alex Schimmelpfening..

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Sept. 3: College Football Begins. Watch your favorite college team with DIRECTV's ESPN Game Plan at Castaway's Lounge. (Free) 270-7205

Sept. 3: Karaoke Night. 8:30 p.m.-

12 a.m. at Castaway's Lounge. All Hands welcome. (Free) 270-7788

Sept. 4: Outdoor Movie (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, PG). New September start time is 8:30 p.m. every Friday at Sea Otter Pavilion. Light refreshments available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and bug spray, just in case. (Free) 270-5228

Sept. 6: Bowling Family Fun Night. New back-to-school time is 4-7 p.m. every Sunday at Mayport Bowling Center. Cost is \$9 per person and includes All-You-Can Bowl with

shoes, spaghetti dinner, music videos, light show and colored headpin bowling for prizes. 270-5377

Sept. 7: Bowling Labor Day Special. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center. Two hours of bowling, shoe rental, hotdog, chips and soda for only \$7 per person. 270-5377

Sept. 8: All Khaki Wings and Trivia Night. 3-7 p.m. at Foc'sle CPO Club with 35-cent wings, drink specials and all-you-can-drink soft drinks for \$1. All Khakis welcome (Chief Petty Officers, Officers and their guests). For CPO Club activity infor-

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Liberty Call

The following activities target single or unaccompanied Sailors. For more information, call 270-7788/89 or stop by Planet Mayport Single Sailor Center and pick up the monthly activity calendar with a complete listing of all upcoming Liberty events.

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Sept. 7: Barracks Break In. Pizza and a movie starting at 6 p.m. in the downstairs lobby of

Barracks Bldg. 2105. (Free)

Sept. 8: Karate Demo. 6-7 p.m. at Planet Mayport. Find out more about our upcoming karate class starting Sept. 22.

Sept. 9: Pool Tournament Wednesday. Pool tournaments at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at Planet Mayport. (Free)

Sept. 10: Fall Barracks Bash. 4-7:30 p.m. at the Barracks Quad (behind Bldg. 1586 and 1587). Food, fun and music. (Free)

Sept. 12: Rock Gym Trip. Trip departs Planet Mayport at 10 a.m. (Free)

Sept. 14: Barracks Break In. Pizza and a movie starting at 6 p.m. in the downstairs lobby of Barracks Bldg. 2105. (Free)

Sept. 15: Dinner and a Movie. Pizza served at Planet Mayport at 4 p.m. prior to departing for the theatre. Cost is only \$2.

Sept. 17: Comedy Zone Trip (David Alan). Trip departs at 6:30 p.m. from Planet Mayport. Cost is \$10.

Sept. 18-20: Universal Orlando Trip. Call Planet Mayport for various pricing options. Trip departs at 5 p.m. Friday and returns Sunday. Pre-registration required.

Sept. 19: UFC 103 (Franklin vs. Belfort). 10 p.m. in the Main Hall at Beachside Community Center. Live pay-per-view event open to All Hands. (Free)

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Sept. 4: Freedom Friday, Movie Night. 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center for elementary ages. Cost is \$7 in advance or \$9 the day of, if space. Early registration strongly recommended. 270-5680

Sept. 4: Teen Center Extended Hours, Movie Night. 7-10 p.m. at Club Teen for middle and high school ages. Popcorn and drinks included. (Free) 270-5680 or 246-0347

Sept. 5: Youth Fall Bowling Early Registration. Register 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mayport Bowling Center for USBC Fall Youth Bowling League (ages 3 and up). League meets Saturdays at

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HSL-42 Intercepts Over Ton Of Cocaine

From Commander, U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

Units assigned to U.S. 4th Fleet and the U.S. Coast Guard intercepted a high-speed "go-fast" vessel carrying more than one ton of cocaine Aug. 18.

The combined team of USS Carr (FFG 52), with embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) (HSL) 42 Det 8, and patrolling the Caribbean Sea when they intercepted a fishing vessel in the middle of the night, capturing

three suspected narcotics smugglers and the large cargo of cocaine with an estimated import value of \$22 million.

A search of the vessel revealed more than 45 bales of cocaine, which was seized by U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 409 as evidence in preparation for criminal prosecution.

The coordinated actions of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Joint Interagency Task Force-

South (JIATF-S) were instrumental to the successful interdiction of narcotics.

Carr, homeported in Norfolk, Va., is currently deployed in the Caribbean under the operation control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) and U.S. 4th Fleet, conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of JIATF-S, U.S. Law Enforcement, and the U.S. and participating nations' drug control policy.

Carr is also supporting the U.S. Maritime

Strategy by conducting Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) events, such as Community Relation (COMREL) projects, throughout Latin America.

For more information on Carr, go to <http://www.carr.navy.mil/>.

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Proud Warriors Play Host To Army Blackhawks

By Lt. Dan "DK" Kuratko
HSL-42 Det 8

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 42 Detachment Eight (HSL-42 Det 8), "Prestige Worldwide", participated in cross-forces training with USS Carr (FFG 52) and the UH-60L "Warriors" of the U.S. Army's 1-228th Aviation Regiment, Alpha Company (Talons) and U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment (USAAD).

Carr is currently deployed to the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) area of focus (AOF) for counter illicit trafficking (CIT) effort, offered an able hand and their flight deck to 15 U.S. Army pilots and 10 crewmen as part of their annual Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ).

The U.S. Army 1-228th is currently based in Soto, Honduras and supports Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR), Air Ambulance and CIT operations. The two UH-60L Blackhawks hosted by Carr and led by Officer-In-Charge,



-Photo courtesy of HSL-42

HSL-42 Detachment Eight personnel, currently deployed with USS Carr, direct a UH-60L Army Air Ambulance Detachment helicopter aboard the ship during cross-training.

Capt. Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi (USA), traveled overland to Belize, Honduras where they staged for less than 24 hours in preparation to support the Joint Helicopter evolutions between U.S. Army and U.S. Navy teams.

The 1-228th Operations Officer, Maj. Spencer Anderson

commented, "The opportunity to fly out and operate with U.S. Navy ships is one that we wouldn't miss. DLQ's afford us [the 1-228th Aviation Regiment] the certification required to fly logistics or Medical Evacuation flights whenever needed and the qualification enhances our support to the mission in the

SOUTHCOM AOF."

The Sailors of HSL-42 Det 8 confirmed their reputation as the premier maintenance and plane-handling team in the community, executing 72 flawless deck landings and takeoffs without incident. While two UH-60L Blackhawks from the Talons and USAAD sustained a

near-continuous orbit and landing pattern, aircrews, chock-and-chainmen, landing signal enlisted, and refueling personnel buzzed about the flight deck with poise and professionalism for over five hours.

The Carr crew played host, welcoming non-flying aircrews into its Wardroom for a noon meal and a chance to unwind from the flight operations. Lt. Jared "Slab" Slabicki played tour guide for his fellow aviators. "It's a great opportunity to see how they [Army pilots] operate around the ship, and we were able to talk about the finer points of landing on the Frigate as well as helicopter operations in general."

In a time-honored tradition between aviators, embarked pilots of HSL-42 Det 8 exchanged flight suit patches with the pilots of the 1-228th Alpha Detachment. As part of his tour, Lt. Dan "Dragon" Jones showed off the state-rooms aboard Carr to the Army guests. "They were amazed at how I was able to fit in those

little racks, but I told them once you got used to the small space, it was just like home," joked Jones, HSL-42 Det 8's Maintenance Officer. "They'll probably think about it and laugh when they get home tonight."

The men of HSL-42 Detachment 8 are scheduled to return home to Naval Station Mayport in October 2009. Carr, homeported in Norfolk, Va., is currently deployed in the Caribbean under the operation control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) and U.S. 4th Fleet, conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of JIATF-S, U.S. Law Enforcement, and the U.S. and participating nations' drug control policy.

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Doyle Resumes Southern Seas Deployment



Cryptological Technician (Technical) Seaman Apprentice Michael Catoe, left, Electronics Technician Seaman Jason Delaney and Electronics Technician 2nd Class Edwin Beaufond pull in the aft mooring line during a berthing shift aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39).

From USS Doyle Public Affairs

The guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) arrived in Santa Marta for a port visit Aug. 23-26 as part of Southern Seas 2009.

While in port, Doyle's crew accomplished a full schedule, incorporating Subject Matter Expert Exchanges with Colombian Military, a Community Relations Project, a Project Handclasp delivery, a Distinguished Visitor luncheon, and two sports events with the Colombian military.

Upon mooring in Santa Marta, Doyle began its schedule of events by conducting training with the Colombian Navy.

Both Damage Control Subject Mater Expert Exchange (SMEE) and Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) SMEE were conducted on the ship, enabling both militaries to integrate new ideas to procedures and allow for Colombians and Americans to see new techniques.

"Although we've done

Damage Control SMEE events in other ports with foreign militaries, there is always something new and interesting to learn," said Doyle's Damage Control Assistant, Lt. j. g. Geoffrey Hensley. "Every military does something differently and it's a great way to train the crew in Damage Control. The Colombian military were excited to see how we train our teams in pipe patching and fire safety. All in all, this was another success."

Along with the SMEE's throughout the day, Doyle's crew and members of the Colombian military participated in soccer and volleyball games.

"This was a great way to end a day of MIL to MIL (military-to-military) operations, by playing a couple of games and really being able to interact with the Colombians," said Doyle officer Ensign Heather Golightly.

The main event during Doyle's visit in Columbia was the Community Relations (COMREL) project at the



-Photos by MC3 Patrick Grieco

Damage Controlman 1st Class Andrae Johnson, a damage-control training team member aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39), explains the use and functions of the naval fire fighter thermal imagery device to members of the Colombian Coast Guard. Doyle is on a four-month deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean as part of Southern Seas 2009 supporting the U.S. Southern Command Partnership of the Americas.

Colegio Nicolas Buenaventura Sede Chimila II. The COMREL involved Doyle's crew offloading five Project Handclasp pallets to present to the school and repainting the school building. The Project Handclasp pallets consisted of various medical and hygiene materials, as well as toys to distribute to the small school which housed about 600 students.

After a presentation from the school children to the COMREL volunteers, Doyle's Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Corey Blaser presented the pal-

lets to the director of the school, Mrs. Fara Oliveya.

Twenty five Doyle volunteers and 15 Colombian military participants then proceeded to spend the day repainting the walls of the nine-classroom school building. While the newly painted walls dried, the crew spent the afternoon playing games with the students.

"This really makes such an impact on the community and most importantly the kids," said Religious Programs Specialist 3rd Class Jeffrey McMurray. "For future generations, the

impressions we make as visitors to their country will benefit us in the long run. Not only was the project gratifying to accomplish, it also contributes to making lasting friendships with the host country."

Following the COMREL project, Doyle crew members visited the memorial of Simon Bolivar, who liberated most of South America from the Spanish. A tour of the church where he passed away and a view of the monument enabled the crew to see an important historical site for many South

Americans.

Doyle is on a six-month deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean as part of Southern Seas 2009 in support of U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM)'s Partnership of the Americas maritime strategy.

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Doyle, Colombian Military Serve Community

By MC2(SW) Patrick Grieco

Destroyer Squadron 40 Public Affairs
Sailors from the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) and Destroyer Squadron 40 and members of the Colombian military conducted a multinational community relations (COMREL) project at the Buena Aventura school in Santa Marta, Colombia, Aug. 25.
Members of the Colombian Army and Coast Guard assisted Doyle Sailors with repainting the school's nine different classrooms, as well as offloading medical supplies and toys provided by Project Handclasp donations.
Project Handclasp is a Chief of Naval Operations program that allows non-governmental organizations to donate supplies for delivery by the U.S. Navy.

"We are very happy and grateful because these improvements were necessary in order to create a better learning environment for the children," said Sarah Olibella, the school's principal.
"The children needed some assistance," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Gavin Hawthorne of Doyle's Operations Department. "They might not have the sufficient manpower to help improve their school, so we volunteered to work with the Colombian military to come out here and help them."
Hawthorne said the event was his first COMREL, and he found it very rewarding. He said helping to better the lives of children makes him feel better inside.
"It's always a good thing

to pull into a foreign port and help better someone's life," said Hawthorne. "We are out here to build friendships after all. I think putting the Colombian Army and Coast Guard together with the United States Navy for a major event is really rewarding."
Olibella said the Sailors and Colombian service members are examples of a stronger bond between the United States and Colombia.
"I feel extremely excited and grateful because it shows a lasting relationship between our two countries," said Olibella. "This was also very convenient to make it easier for us to strengthen these relations between Colombia and the United States."
Olibella said the school and its staff graciously welcomed

the United States to return.
"You are always welcome here," said Olibella.
Doyle is on a six-month deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean as part of Southern Seas 2009 (SS09), in support of U.S. Southern Command's Partnership of the Americas maritime strategy. SS09 focuses on working with partner nations in the region conducting exercises, military to military engagements and theater security cooperation engagements to enhance interoperability. The SS09 deployment includes Doyle, USS Kauffman and USS Ford. SS09 is executed by Destroyer Squadron 40 as Commander Task Group 40.0.



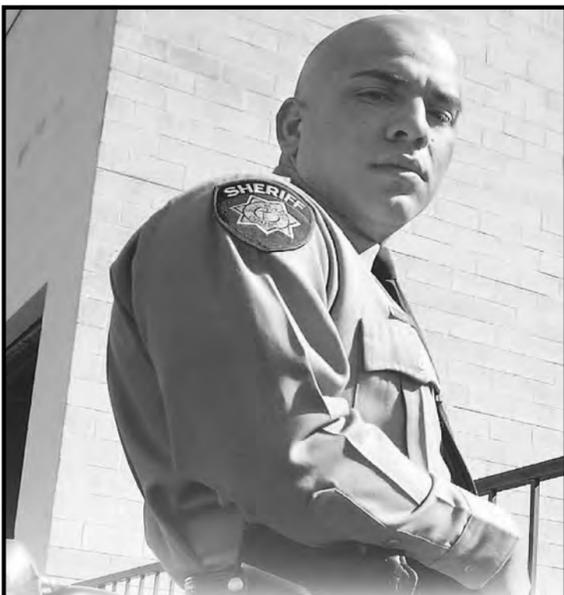
-Photo MC3 Patrick Grieco
Ensign Cassandra Richardt, assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39), plays with Colombian children during a community service project at a school.



-Photo MC3 Patrick Grieco
Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) and the Colombian Coast Guard offload Project Handclasp supplies at a local Colombian school during a Southern Partnership 2009 community service project. Doyle is on a six-month deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean as part of Southern Seas 2009 supporting the U.S. Southern Command Partnership of the Americas strategy.



-Photo MC3 Patrick Grieco
Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) move Project Handclasp materials onto a Colombian Coast Guard vessel. The toys, medical supplies and hygiene products will be delivered to a Colombian school during an upcoming Southern Partnership 2009 community service project.



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By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Got questions you'd like to pose directly to the defense secretary or chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? Now is your chance!

Robert M. Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen have launched interactive, virtual town hall sessions through the Internet.

The initiatives are part of a broad administration effort to connect more closely with the military, the American public and people overseas. The goal, officials explained, is to provide a forum for people to ask questions or offer suggestions or insights and get direct feedback. The new Defense Department home page that went live this week features a prominently placed "Ask the

Secretary" section.

Anyone visiting <http://www.defense.gov> - military members, American citizens, people overseas - can submit a question to Gates. Questions will be accepted for two weeks, then participants in the town hall will have another two weeks to vote on the questions submitted. The secretary will answer the five to 10 questions that top the list.

Meanwhile, Mullen launched an "Ask the Chairman" venue Aug. 18 that enables anyone to pose a question to him via YouTube. The virtual town hall is open to everyone, whether they're in the military or a military family or simply care about military issues, officials said.

Viewers can ask questions about whatever is on their minds - the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq,

what the military is doing for wounded warriors and families, the new Post-9/11 GI Bill or another topic of interest - by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/dodvclips>.

"The chairman really wants to have a conversation with the troops akin to the way he does all-hands calls at bases all over the world," Navy Capt. John Kirby, Mullen's public affairs officer, told American Forces Press Service. "He wanted that conversation to be as interactive as possible and reflective of what is on their minds."

Aug. 31 is the deadline to submit video questions. After the deadline, Mullen will watch questions submitted by YouTube viewers, then respond in a podcast, officials said. Price Floyd, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense

for public affairs, said taking advantage of new media tools will enable Pentagon leaders to engage in an important two-way conversation with the public.

"We do live in a democracy, and that feedback from people is important to know what they're thinking, what they believe is important," he said. "It's their national security policy, it's not ours. It's theirs. The president was elected, and he appointed people here at the Defense Department to lead, but it starts with the American people."

The White House is planning a similar interactive venue for President Barack Obama to take questions directly from U.S. troops deployed in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

IA Web site Relunched

By MCC (SW/AW)
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U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs Office

U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), the Executive Agent for the Individual Augmentee (IA) Continuum, re-launched an updated and more comprehensive version of the Navy's IA website Aug. 27.

The website, www.ia.navy.mil, provides direct communication and resources to IAs, families and commands before, during and after IA tours.

"We take very seriously our commitment to make the IA experience a positive one for our Sailors who take on that challenge," said Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., commander, USFF. "Sailors may be deploying outside the familiar Navy lifelines, but remain a Sailor first, and we are dedicated to keeping the lines of communication open with them, their families, and Navy commands throughout this process."

USFF redesigned and added

more information and links to the website for IA Sailors, their families, commands, and employers, keeping with USFF's goal to streamline and standardize oversight of all IA support programs and processes Navywide.

"We're very excited to present these resources in new and innovative ways," said Kate Perlewitz, USFF director, Strategic Plans & Fleet Personnel Transformation. "IA Sailors and their families are an integral part of the Navy and mission success in current conflicts. We're doing our best to ensure that they receive the continuous, comprehensive support they need to succeed."

The redesigned website contains sections for Sailors, families, commands, and employers of Reservists with content specifically tailored for each group. Additionally, the site provides links to Navy IA pages on two social media sites, Facebook and Twitter, allowing the Navy

to reach out to and interact with IA Sailors and their families.

"The goal of the website is to be the one-stop shop for all things IA," said Perlewitz. "IA Sailors, their families and the Command IA Coordinators will find this website very helpful throughout the IA continuum process."

The IA Continuum is a four-step process involving pre-deployment, training, deployment and redeployment or demobilization. With more than 79,000 Sailors who have served as IAs since 2002, it's imperative to continually provide the most up-to-date information.

For more information go to www.ia.navy.mil. Follow IA news at www.facebook.com/NavyIA and Navy IA Twitter page at http://twitter.com/Navy_IA.



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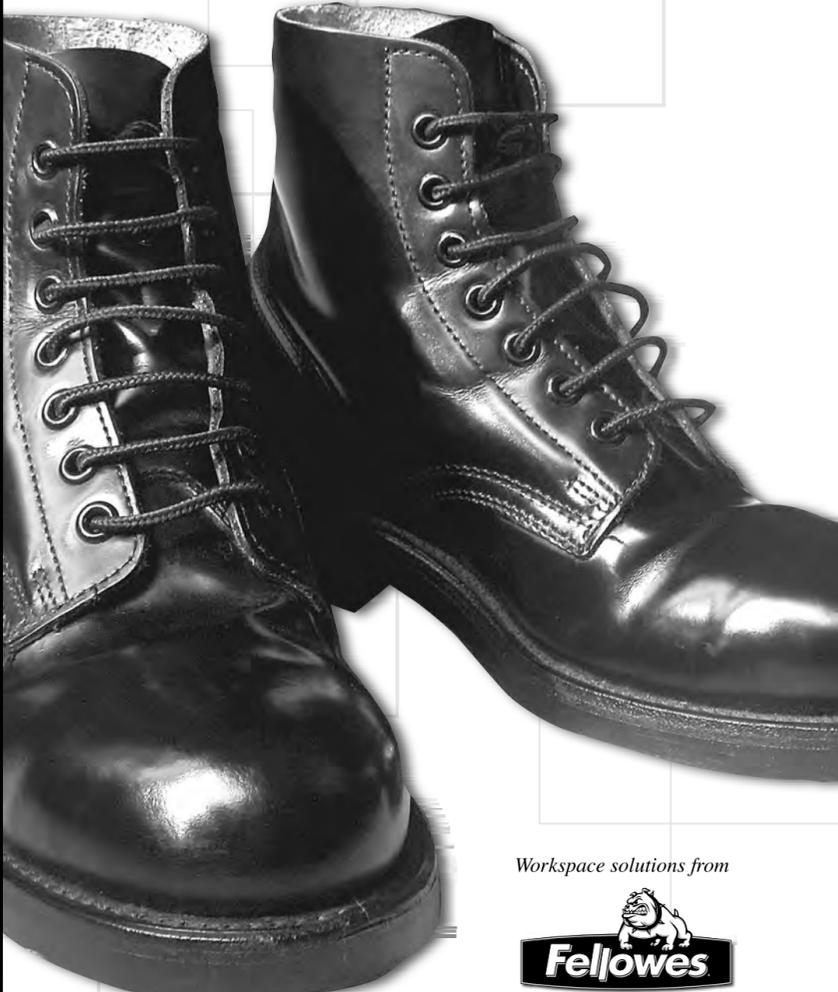
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Girl Scouts Learn Navy Life On USS Hue City

By Lt.j.g. Monica Iannacone
USS Hue City Navigator

"Request permission to come onboard," each Girl Scout confidently said as she boarded USS Hue City. On Aug. 21, 11 Girl Scouts and 4 Troop Leaders from Jacksonville Beach's Cadette Troop 207 arrived onboard USS Hue City (CG 66) for an in-depth ship tour and overnight visit.

These young and ambitious Girl Scouts, led by Girl Scout Troop Leaders Sara Russo, Sherry Chaney, Donnie Chaney, and Betty Anderson, spent a day learning about USS Hue City's capabilities, weapons, mission, and Sailors.

"We are all very excited and the girls are extremely excited about your ship! Some of the girls have even Googled USS Hue City to read up on the ship's history," said Troop Leader Sara Russo about their overnight tour. "I think this experience will be life changing for our Cadettes, and from this experience some may choose the Navy as their career."

The girls are already planning for college and their possible opportunities in the Navy. One of the girls, Julia Russo, aspires to be a Medical Officer in the U.S. Navy.

"I want to be a Plastic Surgeon to help children with physical deformities," she said while eating breakfast in the Wardroom.



Girl Scout Cadette Troup 207 received patches and certificates signed by Hue City Commanding Officer, Capt. A.W. Swain.

After meeting in the ship's Wardroom and asking Commanding Officer, Captain A.W. Swain, several questions about his 25 years in the U.S. Navy, the Girl Scouts, ranging in age from 9-13, toured USS Hue City. The duty section, including Ensign Andrew Broyles, Ensign Chris Waltz, Fire Controlman 2nd Class Casey Grooms, and Sonar Technician Surface 3rd Class Nicole Fattendeau, conducted an in-depth tour of the Bridge,

Combat Information Center, 5-inch guns, Helo Hangar, and Wardroom.

On the bridge, the Girl Scouts learned about the use of flags, reviewed the Mayport Chart, observed the Voyage Management System for electronic charts, drove the helm, and sat in the CO's chairs.

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Eric Santiago explained anchoring to the girls and Information Systems Technician 1st Class Willie Self explained how the

Sailors communicate with their families and with other ships during deployment.

While on board USS Hue City, the Girl Scouts also honored retired U.S. Navy Command Master Chief Leland Anderson, who passed away on Aug. 3, 2009, with a flag ceremony.

Anderson's granddaughters, (Girl Scouts Rose Agresta, Mary Agresta, and Hannah Ptaszynski) performed evening colors with an American flag in



Girl Scouts Rose Agresta, Mary Agresta, and Hannah Ptaszynski fold a flag in memory of their late grandfather, retired Command Master Chief Leland Anderson.



Girl Scouts take turns at the helm as Julia Russo at the helm onboard USS Hue City.

memory of him and then presented the flag to their grandmother, Betty Anderson.

"This means more to me than you will ever know," she said

following the flag ceremony.

Overall, the Girl Scouts had an amazing experience onboard USS Hue City during their overnight visit and tour.

Hue City Hosts Blood Drive



-Photo courtesy of USS Hue City

Operations Specialist 1st Class James White of USS Hue City donates during the ship's blood drive.

By FC3 Benjamin Diller

USS Hue City hosted an Armed Service Blood Program Blood Drive on Aug. 27 in conjunction with the Army personnel of the Georgia Bloodline.

"It was a troops supporting troops...this is free blood for service members" said Sergeant (SGT) Shwitzerhoner. 182 units of blood were obtained, with 120 donated by USS Hue City.

"Hue City did really well this time; in fact it was the best she's ever had," said Chief Hospital Corpsman Edward Lennon.

There were no problems or incidents, and overall the operation went as smooth as planned. I personally look forward to donating blood more regularly knowing the fact that I could be helping service members over in Afghanistan and the Middle East.



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Senior Chief Information Systems Technician Shannen Kippers and Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Kiley Sosbe cut the cake.

USS Hue City Celebrates Women Equality

By FCC(select) Jennifer Birt

USS Hue City

USS Hue City celebrated Women's Equality Day on Aug. 26 with a commemoration on the Mess Decks.

In 1971, Congress approved the day as a national observance to commemorate the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The 19th amendment was ratified by the States in 1920, 72 years after the fight began to gain the right to vote for women.

The U.S. was the 17th country to allow women to vote. Three states, Kansas, Oregon, and Arizona had already allowed women to vote in state elections for many years before they were granted the right to vote in federal elections. The day also brings light to the struggle women still face in achieving equal rights and treatment.

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USS De Wert Selectees run the Carrabba's Italian Grill 45th Annual Summer Beach Run in Jacksonville Beach on Aug. 22. Chief Select Engineman Dennis Calhoun (carrying pennant), Chief Select Yeoman Laccardius Randall, Chief Select Information Systems Technician Abel Gonzales, Chief Select Boatswain's Mate Vernon Beeks, and Chief Select Damage Controlman Ellis Pargo

CPO Selects Complete Carrabba's Run

By Lt.j.g. Ashley Wyckoff

USS De Wert (FFG 45) PAO

USS De Wert's Chief Petty Officer Selectees and CPO Mess participated in the Carrabba's Italian Grill 45th Annual Summer Beach Run on Aug. 22.

The course was five miles long, and the De Wert team finished the run in one hour and two minutes.

Prior to this event, the De Wert CPO Selectees' furthest run as part of their rigorous CPO Selectee physical fitness training was 2.5 miles.

Last Saturday's event was the longest course any of the Selectees had ever individually completed, and they were able to do so thanks to teamwork and the support from De Wert's CPO Mess.

De Wert's CPO Selectees completed their second five-mile run this past week, and look forward to becoming even more physically fit as they finish their training that will prepare them to become Chief Petty Officers in the United States Navy.

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Sailors' Online Records Key For GI Bill Transfer

By Pam Warnken

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

With the gate opening Aug. 1 for eligible Sailors to transfer their GI Bill benefits to spouses or children, the Navy has processed about 7,500 applications with priority given to family members attending college this fall.

"We've taken care of approving the transferring of benefits for students attending classes right away so our doors are open to those attending in the near or distant future," said Kathy Wardlaw, GI Bill program manager at Navy Personnel Command. NPC added temporary staff for a few months to handle the influx.

Transferability requires an additional service obligation unless the Sailor is leaving due to a normal retirement or high year tenure limits, Wardlaw said, citing NAVADMIN 203/09. Otherwise, Sailors generally must have served at least six years in the Armed Forces and agree to an additional four years. See the NAVADMIN for exceptions. Those who retired on or before Aug. 1 of this year are not eligible for the transfer benefit.

"The transferability benefit was designed as a recruiting and retention tool," Wardlaw said. Another important requirement to note, is that Sailors who want to transfer must do so while they're still affiliated with the armed forces.

Before submitting their transferability requests, their obligation requirement must reflect in their electronic service record (ESR), according to Wardlaw, or the request will be rejected until corrected. Sailors can review their ESR at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil/>.

Qualified active and Reserve Sailors may elect to transfer

benefits to a spouse or children, with some or all benefits allocated to those named. In addition to the ESR, the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) is used to validate a Sailor's eligibility to transfer.

Family members must be in DEERS and eligible for benefits in DEERS before a Sailor can request transferability. This means those dual-military members whose children are reflecting under only one sponsor's record, must reflect under both sponsors. For example, to establish a child as a family member under both military parents, the children be enrolled in DEERS under one parent for benefits and under the other parent as a child "drawing benefits from another military sponsor."

Wardlaw said the most common error is Sailors failing to choose the number of months to transfer to each family member or not annotating the dates the transfer entitlement is to be used.

"If you have young children and are just guessing at what you will want to transfer to each, it's okay to put one month for each. Registration is what's important here," said Wardlaw.

The months transferred to each person or the dates of use can be changed later. More importantly, a Sailor cannot add a new dependent after separation or retirement from the Service. Distributing the benefit among the children enables the Sailor to move the months of entitlement between children after separation.

"Remember, if you did not transfer entitlement to that child while in the armed forces, you can't add the child when you get out," Wardlaw explained.

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Vicky Gallagher, a drilling Reservist

with the Office of Naval Intelligence unit in Millington, Tenn., cracked the code and is drawing nearly \$10,000 for her daughter.

"My daughter is attending Mississippi State University. Seventy percent of her entire tuition and fees of nearly \$10,000 will be paid for by the VA.

Because she is going more than half time, she receives 70 percent of the basic allowance for housing rate for an E-5 living in that area - more than enough to cover her monthly housing costs."

Because her daughter hopes to go on to veterinary school, Gallagher is ecstatic about the financial help.

"At first I wasn't sure I'd qualify, but the more I read the fine print, the more excited I became," she said.

The percentage of benefit is based on time on active duty after September 10, 2001. Gallagher advises people to pay close attention to the program rules and instructions as they fill out the online forms.

"And once you get your notice of eligibility and transfer benefits using the Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) Web site, your work isn't yet done. Make sure the student contacts the [Department of Veterans Affairs] rep[representative] at the school and presents a copy of the TEB and their filled-out 'Application for Transfer of Entitlement,' VA Form 22-1990E, available on the VA Web site," she said.

Sailors can request eligibility determinations for the Post 9/11 GI Bill at the VA Web site, <https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> and sign up for transferability of benefits at www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/. Visit the NPC Web site for all rules.

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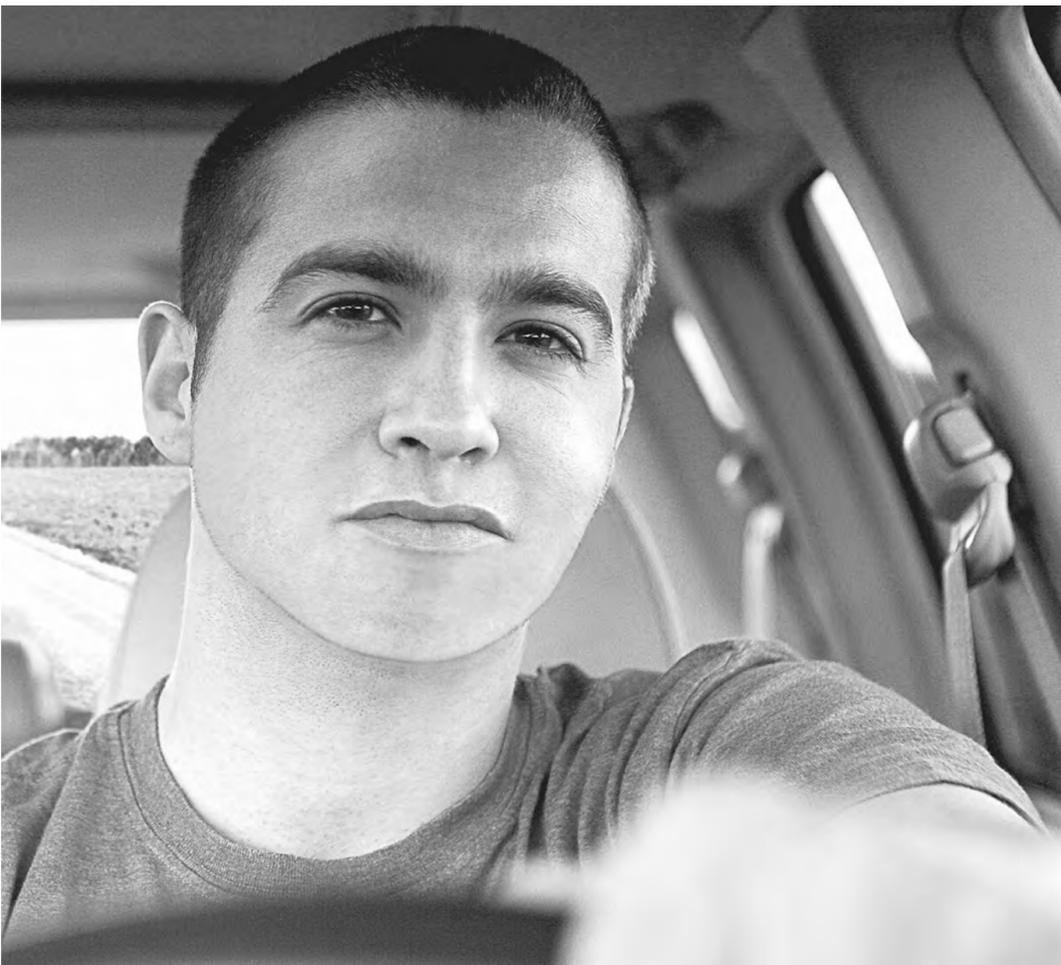
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Detailing Window Shortens

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Under NAVADMIN 249/09, Sailors can expect a shortened orders-negotiation window beginning this fall.

According to the NAVADMIN, the most relevant change is that the detailing window will be seven-to-nine months before one's projected rotation date (PRD), providing a three-month window to negotiate for orders before a Sailor is considered to be eligible for an involuntary "needs of the Navy" assignment.

Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) is the tool for negotiating assignments. In July, the Web-based system introduced a Sailor self-apply option. While visually CMS/ID and the advertising mechanics stay the same, most changes will be apparent.

Currently Sailors negotiate from nine-to-five months prior to their PRD.

If a billet isn't selected by the fourth month, "needs of the Navy" applies.

"This change encourages more aggressive participation by Sailors in negotiating orders. It also allows NPC better responsiveness to fleet demands and current Global War on Terror Support Assignment deadlines," said Rear Adm. Shoemaker, the head detailer at NPC.

One benefit is that Sailors placed into "needs of the Navy" assignments will know at the seven-month window where they are going instead of the five-month window. Assuming a stable PCS budget, another advantage is earlier issuance of orders, giving Navy families more time for PCS moves.

Sailors in their negotiation window now will not be disadvantaged by this change. Detailers are ensuring applicants have no less than three months to consider options:

* Sailors with a PRD between August 2009 and January 2010 are unaffected and should already be under orders or pending separation.

* Sailors with a PRD between February 2010 and April 2010 will be managed as if their "needs of the Navy" window is January 2010.

* Sailors with PRDs of May 2010 and beyond will fall under these new rules.

Planners built in a buffer zone of time so Sailors can react. They emphasize that Perform-to-Serve (PTS) and the CMS/ID process go together.

"Sailors will not be allowed to negotiate orders without Perform-to-Serve approval. We realize some Sailors don't get PTS approval until six months prior to their PRD, so they will negotiate directly with their rating detailer. They can negotiate in

the green zone for one month, before entering the 'needs of the Navy' window.

"The key," said Randy Miller of BUPERS 3, "is for Sailors to put in their PTS applications 12-to-15 months prior to EAOS or PRD. Doing this will give them a full three months to negotiate."

To improve Sailor choice, CMS/ID will advertise more requisitions each cycle, displaying more priority readiness requisitions, mostly in the green zone. GSA requisitions will continue to show in the purple zone. The red zone will now display the most critical fills - billets that could directly degrade mission capability if unfilled.

"NPC will fill every red zone requisition every month. All Sailors in the negotiating window (PRD minus 9 months) will be considered eligible for assignment, perhaps involuntarily,

to red zone requisitions." But red zone requisitions will not exceed two per rate (e.g., two YN3, two YN2, two YN1) for both sea and shore requisitions.

"Our goal is to make CMS/ID more agile, and responsive to new and changing fleet requirements," said head detailer, Shoemaker. "These initiatives bring advantages to both our Sailors and to the commands they serve, improving odds for success in Naval operations world-wide."

The NPC Customer Service Center is the first stop for questions. Call (866)-U-ASK-NPC or (866) 827-5672, weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sailors may also e-mail the Customer Service Center at cscmailbox@navy.mil.

SRB Rewards Critical Skills, Top Performance

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award levels were announced in NAVADMIN 250/09 for active duty and Reserve full time support Sailors which are scheduled to take effect Oct. 1.

Approximately 18,000 Sailors holding 179 critical skills will be eligible to reenlist with SRB awards up to \$90,000 next year.

"We value Sailors with certain skill sets and recognize that they are in high demand throughout the workforce," said Rear Adm. Dan Holloway, director of per-

sonnel plans and policy. "The SRB program allows Navy to provide top performing Sailors with an additional incentive to stay Navy and advance mission success and their careers."

In addition to announcing SRB award levels, the NAVADMIN introduces enhancements designed to not only retain personnel with critical skills, but to reward top performers within those critical skill sets.

For the first time, Sailors who receive an "early promote" rating on their most recent regular evaluation may reenlist early for SRB anytime during the fiscal year (FY) of their

end of active obligated service (EAOS).

"When a Sailor says, 'I've been recognized as a top performer, I want to reenlist for a bonus, but I'm not eligible until the third or fourth quarter; isn't there an option for me?' Now our answer is, 'yes,'" said Holloway.

In addition, three tiers, have been established to formally prioritize and rank enlisted ratings/skills according to replacement costs, difficulty to replace, and existing manning shortfalls.

Enlisted community managers evaluated each skill and zone on individual manning requirements; how well reen-

listment goals were achieved in FY09; prevailing market conditions; private sector competition and the costs of training; and replacing skilled Sailors. A comprehensive comparison using these criteria was balanced against the risk of not retaining enough Sailors in each skill in order to form the baseline of the three tier system.

Each tier contains a range of SRB award multiples and

awards early reenlistment opportunities using different criteria. The SRB program as a whole also maintains several previous initiatives such as authorizing Sailors serving in combat zones to reenlist early at anytime during the FY of their EAOS.

Officials remind Sailors that SRB is a market-based incentive and will be monitored and strategically adjusted as reten-

tion needs dictate.

"We are going to continue to monitor the program closely next year to enhance our ability to size, shape and stabilize the force and ensure taxpayer dollars go where critical skills are needed to get the most bang for our buck," said Holloway.

To read the complete NAVADMIN, visit: www.npc.navy.mil.

Zone B PTS Results Out

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Commands of the first group of Zone B Sailors selected for retention through Perform-to-Serve (PTS) received results last week.

Based on the PTS results, 11,154 Sailors were retained in their current ratings and 377 will be converted to other more critical ratings.

"The PTS results show that we are on the right track in sustaining a performance-based force," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel. "Less than one percent of those evaluated were separated as a result of PTS and an indicator that we largely have the right force with the right skills to accomplish our mission today and in the future."

Of the 489 Sailors being separated, 192 Sailors indicated they did not want to reenlist, 213 are E-3s and E-4s facing their high-year tenure gate and 84 are E-5s serving in overmanned ratings, who were not rated as top performers in recent

performance evaluations.

"We value the service of our Sailors," said Ferguson. "Those with over six years of service who requested to reenlist, but are denied reenlistment, may be eligible for separation pay."

In addition, Sailors who were separated because they are in an overmanned rating or applied to a closed field are encouraged to continue naval service through the Navy Reserve.

PTS is a centralized reservation system that helps the Navy manage reenlistments of Sailors. The program was expanded in NAVADMIN 017/09, from first-term Sailors to all E-6 and below with 10 years of service or less.

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Missile Defense Technology Moves From Tests To Fields

By Fred W. Baker III

American Forces Press Service

Boosted by a few strong years of testing successes, much of the United States' missile defense technology that once was questioned is now ready to be fielded.

"A few years ago the question was, 'Could you even hit a missile with a missile?' We have proven we could do that well over 35 times," Army Lt. Gen. Patrick J. O'Reilly, the director for the Missile Defense Agency, said in an interview at the Pentagon today.

O'Reilly said that 39 of the last 45 tries at stopping a test missile were successful. The failures were mostly at the start of the testing, and in the past few years, all hit their mark, except one that had a manufacturing problem. It was fixed, and three weeks ago successfully hit its target in a test, O'Reilly said.

Most of the new technologies fielded will be to bolster missile defense for deployed troops. Right now, O'Reilly said, forward deployed bases are exposed to missile threats and there is a large gap in U.S. capabilities to protect them.

This summer, both Iran and North Korea tested their ballistic missiles systems. And several other nations have as many as a few hundred such missiles in their arsenals.

"We want to provide the same level of protection against ballistic missiles that we enjoy today against cruise missiles or against aircraft," O'Reilly said.

The Defense Department recently committed an additional \$900 million toward fielding the Army's theater high altitude area defense mobile missile defense system. The agency has finished seven of eight required tests of the system, and O'Reilly said he expects to see it in the field next year. The Army also will get some new radar systems.

The Navy's Aegis-class ballistic missile

defense ships are being equipped with some improved missiles. The Aegis ship's capability was demonstrated to the world when it stopped a crippled reconnaissance satellite over the Pacific Ocean before it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere in February 2008. The Aegis ships will have a second-generation interceptor fielded next year, O'Reilly said. And the Pentagon has proposed converting six more Aegis-class ships to provide additional theater missile defense coverage.

"This capability will provide protection in the theater against ballistic missiles - short-range missiles, medium range and missiles up to ranges greater than 3,000 kilometers," O'Reilly said.

As much as \$8 billion is slated for additional missile defense technologies in the future, the general said.

Two demonstrator satellites will be launched into space next month. The pair of satellites will "talk" to each other, extending the capabilities of other sensors in place to detect missiles. By 2012, the agency will test the satellites, launching an interceptor from an Aegis ship toward a test target. This will allow the ship to fire at a target that is beyond its own radar ranges.

Eventually, O'Reilly said, the pair will be part of a larger constellation of connected satellites. Plans are to develop a satellite system that tracks missiles around the world.

"It's just an extremely exciting area," he said. "And all theaters across the world now are receiving missile defense command and control and will soon be receiving the capability."

In the next few years, extensive testing will take place with more than 56 flight tests, many including multiple missiles in the air at the same time, across the entire Pacific Ocean. In that testing, the agency will use a mix of satellites, unmanned aerial vehicles, ships and ground-based radars.

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Somali Pirates Fire On Navy Helicopter

From U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs
 At approximately 8:00 a.m. local time, Aug. 26, Somali Pirates aboard Motor Vessel (M/V) Win Far, fired what appeared to be a large caliber weapon at a U.S. Navy SH-60B

Helicopter from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 49, embarked aboard USS Chancellorsville (CG 62). No rounds of ammunition struck the SH-60B. The SH-60 crew did not return fire. No personnel injuries resulted from

the incident. Win Far is a Taiwanese-flagged vessel that was pirated April 6. During the past 135 days it has been used as a "mother ship" to conduct other known pirate attacks, most notably the U.S. flagged

Maersk-Alabama in April. The helicopter was conducting a routine surveillance flight of M/V Win Far currently held at anchorage by Somali pirates south of Garacad, Somalia, when the incident occurred. During the flight, air-

crew observed activity but could not ascertain they were fired upon until their return to Chancellorsville and review of Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) video, which recorded the incident. The helicopter was approximately 3,000

yards from Win Far when it was fired upon. More than 30 crewmembers remain as hostages aboard the pirated vessel M/V Win Far.



-U.S. Navy Photo from Video/Released
 Somali pirates aboard Motor Vessel (M/V) Win Far fire upon a U.S. Navy SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Scorpions of Light Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 49. The Helicopter, embarked aboard the cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), was conducting a surveillance mission near the anchored M/V Win Far south of Garacad, Somalia. The video, from Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR), shows the pirates firing a large caliber weapon at the helicopter. No rounds struck the Sea Hawk and no one was injured. Link to video clip on FLICKR U.S. Navy Gallery: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usnavynvns/3862516548>

-U.S. Navy Photo from Video/Released
 A Somali pirates aboard Motor Vessel (M/V) Win Far is clearly seen in an offensive posture as he fires upon a U.S. Navy SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Scorpions of Light Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 49. The video, from Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR), shows the pirates firing a large caliber weapon at the helicopter. No rounds struck the Sea Hawk and no one was injured. (U.S. Navy Photo from Video/Released) Link to video clip on FLICKR U.S. Navy Gallery: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usnavynvns/3862516548/>

Navy Historian Traces Major Rise In Piracy

By Judith Snyderman

Special to American Forces Press Service

Pirates often are in the news for their criminal activities at sea, but their antics are far from new.

Pirates have been around since man first took to the high seas, and a type of sea raider known as a privateer made a mark between the 15th and 19th centuries. Michael Crawford, a senior Navy historian, traced the rise of privateering and touched on strategies to combat modern pirates during an Aug. 24 "DoDLive" bloggers roundtable.

"A privateer is a private man of war who has a license from his sovereign government to attack the ships belonging to citizens of a country with which he is at war," Crawford said. "If he does capture an enemy ship, he has to go through all the legal requirements; he has to bring the ship into port and have it tried in an admiralty court."

Crawford traced the rise of privateering to the 15th century, when members of the merchant marine appealed to their kings after losing property in attacks at sea. The monarchs issued them letters of "marque and reprisal," giving them permission to retaliate and recoup their losses. The use of privateers eventually expanded from peacetime to wartime, Crawford said.

"The kings realized they could take advantage of these private merchant men who had armed ships to supplement their navies."

Privateers played a key role in the War of 1812, he said. Crawford estimates that the U.S. State Department issued a few thousand privateer ship commissions during the conflict with activity centered around Boston and Salem, Mass., and in Baltimore. The Baltimore privateers used highly maneuverable schooners and deployed them in pairs, Crawford said.

"One of these Baltimore clippers would go off and try to distract the British warships that were guarding the convoy of merchant men, and while that privateer was occupying the protecting ships, the other privateer would swoop in onto the merchant men and try to pick off as many of them as it could," he explained.

As a result, Crawford said, "the attack on Baltimore was, in large part, because the British hated the city for its role in sending out the privateers, which were actually doing a lot of damage to British commerce."

International conventions drafted in the 19th century effectively ended the recognition of privateering as a legitimate form of warfare. However, pirates continue to attack commercial and naval ships and to threaten regional security.

On Aug. 26, Navy officials reported that Somali pirates aboard a hijacked ship fired at, but did not hit, a Navy helicopter from the USS Chancellorsville. Somali pirates hijacked the Taiwanese-flagged Win Far vessel in April and have since used it as a "mother ship" to conduct attacks, including an attack on the U.S.-flagged Maersk-Alabama in the Indian Ocean south of Garacad, Somalia. Meanwhile, Dutch Navy Commodore Pieter Bindt, commander of the European Union counter-piracy task group, visited the Combined Task Force 151 flagship USS Anzio at sea earlier this week to discuss counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden. About 30 ships from 17 nations are taking part in missions to deter, disrupt and suppress acts of piracy off the Somalia coast.

"Piracy is a threat to the security of all nations," Navy Rear Adm. Scott Sanders, task force commander, said. "We are committed to continuing operations with our naval counterparts to create a lawful maritime order and deter acts of piracy activity here."

The strategies used to fight privateers in centuries past still hold true today, Crawford said.

"One is you can't fight pirates with large warships. You have to have ships that have shallow drafts that can go in and chase the pirates close to shore," he explained. "And the other thing we learned is that it's best to hit the pirates in their shore facilities. It's easier to stop their depravations ashore than it is to do it on the high seas."

(Judith Snyderman works in the Defense Media Activity's emerging media directorate.)

Navy Accepts Delivery Of Future USS Dewey

From Naval Sea Systems Command

The Navy officially accepted delivery of the future USS Dewey (DDG 105) Aug. 17 from Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (NGSB) during a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss.

In June, the guided-missile destroyer completed a combined builder's and acceptance trial, also called "super trials," after spending three days in the Gulf of Mexico.

"This is the second DDG we've delivered this summer," said Capt. Pete Lyle, DDG 51 class program manager in the Navy's Program Executive Office, Ships (PEO Ships). "That's really a testament to the benefits of serial production."

The future USS Dewey is the 57th destroyer in the Arleigh Burke class and is scheduled to

be commissioned in December. Designated DDG 105, the new destroyer honors Adm. George Dewey who is best known for his valor during the U.S. victory in the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

DDG 51 class destroyers are the most advanced, state-of-the-art warships built in the world. These destroyers are equipped with the Navy's Aegis Combat System, the world's foremost integrated naval weapon system. The ship is able to conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management, to sea control and power projection. USS Dewey is capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and possesses multiple offensive and defensive weapons systems

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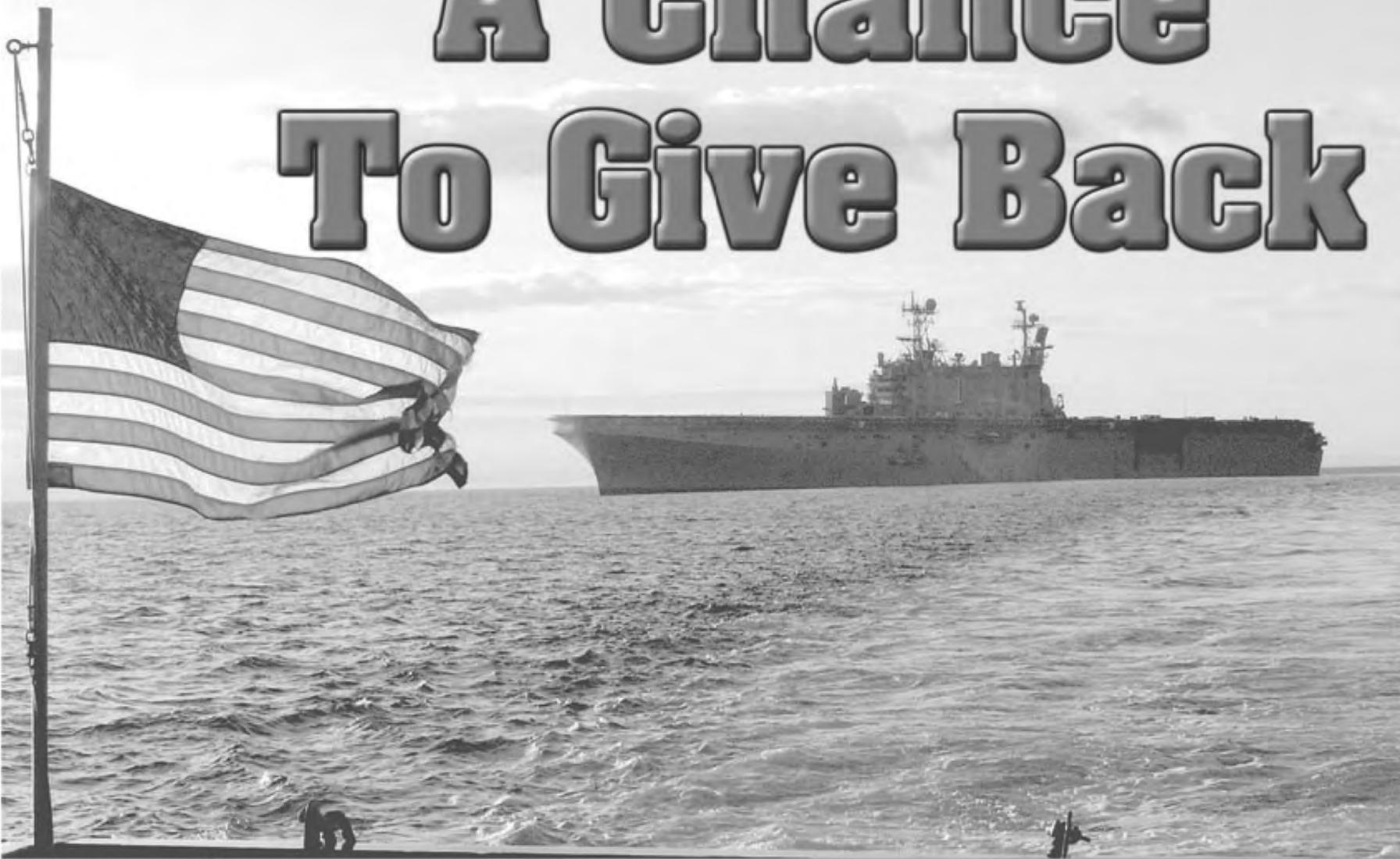
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