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USS Georgia Blue changes command

Capt. Daniel Christofferson relieved by Capt. William Breitfelder at Kings Bay

From Commander, Submarine Group Ten Public Affairs

The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Georgia (SSGN 729) (Blue) held a change of command at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Jan. 10.

Capt. William Breitfelder relieved Capt. Daniel Christofferson as commanding officer of USS Georgia (SSGN 729) (Blue). Christofferson, a Bellingham, Wash-

ington native, said his crew did an exceptional job this deployment.

Christofferson reflected on the sacrifice and dedication of the founding fathers of our nation. Some of those sacrifices include specific trials and tribulations they had to endure such as losing homes and losing family members.

"The sacrifice by our founding fathers continues to motivate us today as we defend the country they established," Christofferson said.

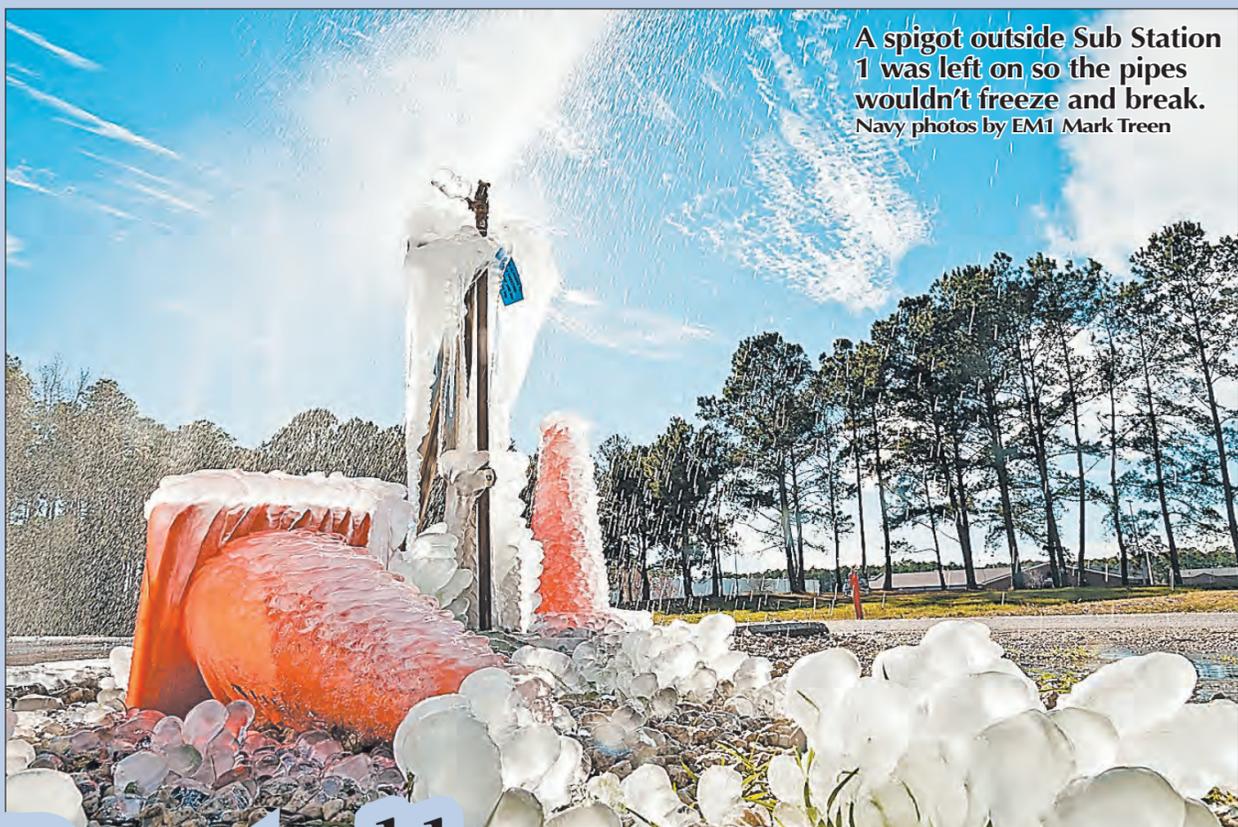
Christofferson also thanked the families of Georgia Blue for their support and

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Capt. William J. Breitfelder, left, and Capt. Daniel G. Christofferson shake hands during the change of command for USS Georgia (SSGN 729) (Blue), while looking on is Capt. Howard Warner, deputy commander for Training, Submarine Squadron 16.

Navy photo by MC1 Rex Nelson



A spigot outside Sub Station 1 was left on so the pipes wouldn't freeze and break.
Navy photos by EM1 Mark Treen

Recent cold snap generates savings

NSB Kings Bay turns on generators when temperatures dip

By MC2 Ashley Hedrick
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Public Affairs

It may be chilly in the South during winter time, but it is not very often that temperatures drop below freezing.

Early last week, icicles could be seen dangling like daggers along gutters and water spouts, or formed along the grass where the dew froze in the early morning.

All 50 states were affected by the polar vortex which swept down across the nation Jan. 6 and 7.

While no damage from the freezing temperatures was reported, the record-setting low temperatures had families cranking up the heat to stay warm during the passing of the cold front.

Due to the high-energy expenditure, Georgia Power and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay teamed up for the benefit of both the area and on-base residents.

They did that by partnering in an agreement called Interruptible Service, in which Kings Bay uses its own power to spare more electricity for the power company when it's needed.

Although Kings Bay has generators that can supply the base with

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NSB Power Generation Specialist Tim Carter at the control panel.

Mabus talks to Sailors

Navy secretary has All Hands Call in San Diego

By MC2 Stacy Atkins Ricks
Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus held an all-hands call at Naval Base Coronado's Lowry Theater, Jan. 9.

The live event, transmitted worldwide via Navy Live Stream, addressed the questions and concerns of local Sailors as well as those of Sailors stationed outside of the San Diego-area. Out of town Sailors were given the opportunity to submit their questions online during the event.

The call began with the SECNAV delivering an appreciative message to the Sailors in attendance and to their families at home.

"It has been the greatest honor of my life to lead the Navy and Marine Corps," Mabus said. "We are America's away team...on behalf of the people you protect, I say thank you."

Mabus discussed his four priorities of people, platforms, power, and partnerships and why they are important to the Navy, Marine Corps, and civilians.

"We aren't just in the right place at the right time; we are in the right place all the time," Mabus said. "To keep giving America that type of presence we have to work on [the] four P's."

The floor was then opened to questions on topics ranging from budgeting and spending to fleet operation impact and safety.

Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 3rd Class Matthew Blach, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), opened the question and answer session with his question on military retirement benefits.

"It was a huge issue because it's not one of those share the wealth type of things, but it affects so many Sailors in their career," Blach said.

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Battle E earned by Pacific submarines

Honors to be awarded to USS Nebraska, Ohio at Bangor, Wash.

From Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet announced the recipients of the 2013 Battle Efficiency award in an official message to the submarine force Jan. 1.

The Battle "E" is an award of merit presented to the most proficient submarine crew in each

squadron and recognizes sustained superior technical performance and continual combat readiness throughout the year. The awards are presented by the commodore of each squadron to the submarine under their command which has demonstrated the highest level of battle readiness during the evaluation year.

"The competition for Battle Efficiency awards was extremely tough," said Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, in the message to the force. "These awards recognize commands

which were evaluated during the past year to have attained the highest overall or departmental readiness to carry out their wartime tasks. Each crew member of an award winner can be justifiably proud of their contribution to improve Pacific Submarine Force readiness. I am extremely proud of your outstanding performance."

The Pacific Force Battle "E" winners and their homeports are:

■ Commander, Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 1 (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii) - USS

- Greenville (SSN 772)
- SUBDEVRON 5 (Bangor, Wash.) - USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23)
- SUBRON 7 (Pearl Harbor) - USS Cheyenne (SSN 762)
- SUBRON 11 (San Diego) - USS Albuquerque (SSN 706)
- SUBRON 15 (Guam) - USS Chicago (SSN 721)
- SUBRON 17 (Bangor) - USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) (Blue and Gold)
- SUBRON 19 (Bangor) - USS Ohio (SSGN 726) (Blue)

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Now hear this!

TRICARE changes procedures

TRICARE military health plan service centers will end administrative walk-in services at Naval Branch Health Clinic Kings Bay April 1. Beneficiaries can accomplish any administrative task online or by phone. The change will not affect any TRICARE medical benefit or health care service. What it will do is allow is allow global savings throughout the Department of Defense because all TRICARE service centers are closing in all three branches. About half of the visits to the centers are for in- and out-processing and requests to change primary care providers. The rest involve billing-related questions. This type of customer service can be handled more efficiently by phone or online. TRICARE Web site has run tests to ensure the site and call center can handle the expected increase in volume. Beneficiaries can get more information and sign up for updates at www.tricare.mil/tsc

MOAA dinner meeting Jan. 21

The Kings Bay chapter of the Military Officers Association of America's monthly dinner meeting begins with social hour at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 21 at Osprey Cove's Morgan's Grill, St. Marys Road, St. Marys. Cost for the meal is \$20 per person; payable by cash or check to KBMOAA. The guest speaker will be Howard W. Sepp Jr., FACHE, vice president and administrator of Camden Campus, who is administratively responsible for the Health System's Camden Campus. RSVPs to Capt. Orren Crouch, USN (Ret.) at (912) 729-2389 or orren.crouch@tds.net.

Legion Aux book drive Jan. 20

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 511 in Kingsland will have a book drive on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20. The goal is to ensure that every child in Camden County owns at least one book. The auxiliary will be collecting new and gently used books for any age range and genre. Any children's books will be kept within the area and any books collected for adults will be donated to Operation Paperback which sends books to service members both deployed and stationed overseas. The event will be at the American Legion Post 511, 5121 Hwy 17 N, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wild West Express train in Feb.

Wild West Express featuring sharpshooters and an Indian village will be Feb. 1 and 8. Trains depart from Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne Street in St. Marys at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. both Saturdays. Tickets can be purchased at www.stmarysrailroad.com or by calling (912) 200-5235.

Base lost & found has found items

There is lost and abandoned property, such as watches, rings and cell phones, at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Navy Security. If you have any information reference to any items, contact Detective Michael Palmer, Monday through Friday, at (912) 573-9343 or by e-mail, Michael.J.Palmer@Navy.mil.

Flu shots at Kings Bay clinic

Naval Branch Health Clinic Kings Bay is now providing annual influenza vaccine to service members, retirees and families. Patients can walk-in for flu vaccine 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Flu vaccine walk-ins will be conducted from 7 to 11 a.m. only, on the last Friday of each month, to facilitate command training. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov. To find out more about NBHC Kings Bay, visit the command Web site at www.med.navy.mil/sites/NavalHospitalJax.

Jax boat show Jan. 24 to 26

The Jacksonville Marine Association will hold its 67th Annual Boat Show Jan. 24, 25 and 26. The Prime Osborn Convention Center will have over 75 exhibits of boats, boating accessories and supplies, yacht brokers and a myriad of vendor booths displaying boating and outdoor activity gear. The show will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 25 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26. Jan. 24 is Military Day, when all military families with Military ID may enter at the special 50 percent off admission rates. Children 12 and under accompanying adults will be admitted free of charge.

Farmers market coming Jan. 18

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, on N. 7th Street in historic, downtown district of scenic Amelia Island. For more information, visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com, find the Fernandina Beach Market Place on Facebook or call (904) 557-8229.

Navy-Marine Relief earns award

From the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

Since 2002, using data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating.

In 2011, Charity Navigator added a second dimension of Accountability and Transparency to its rating methodology, and now reviews 17 governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, providing information on its web site for each of the charities it evaluates.

The A&T metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities have "best practices" that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders.

"Navy-Marine Corps Relief Soci-

Navy-Marine Relief

ety's coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Ken Berger, President and CEO, Charity Navigator. "Out of the thousands of non-profits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars — a rating that, now, with our new Accountability and Transparency metrics, demands even greater rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating."

"It's very important our donors trust that we're using their contributions wisely to provide financial assistance to active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families," said Admiral Steve Abbot, President and CEO Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our sup-

porters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously."

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

More-detailed information about Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.

Since 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has provided financial assistance and education to active duty and retired members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, their eligible family members and survivors — when in need.

Headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, the Society is a non-profit, charitable organization that is staffed by nearly 3,700 volunteers, and a small cadre of employees, in offices around the world — ashore and aboard ships.

For more information about the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, visit www.nmcrs.org.

Getting tuition assistance easier

By Terrina Weatherspoon

Defense Media Activity

Here are the top five things you need to know about filing for tuition assistance

1. Be on active duty. Enlisted Reservists ordered to active duty for 120 days or more are eligible. Reserve officers ordered to active duty for two years or more who agree to remain on active duty two years beyond the expected completion date of any TA funded course(s) are also eligible.

2. Ask yourself these questions:
 - a. Have I reviewed NAVADMIN 105/10 and 245/10, as well as NETC Instruction 1560?

- b. Have I completed one year on-board my first permanent duty station?

- c. Will my course end before my EAOS/retirement date?

- d. Have I passed my most recent PFA?

- e. Am I recommended for advancement?

- f. Is my command satisfied with my warfare qualification progress?

If the answer to these questions is yes, you are ready to apply for TA.

3. Get an Education/Degree Plan. Contact your servicing Navy College

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Office or Virtual Education Center and receive counseling either in person, virtually, or by phone or email. They'll help you develop a degree plan and determine which courses are eligible for TA funding. You must also have completed the WebTA training at https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/WebTA_Training/courseLaunch.html within the last two years.

4. Complete a TA application in WebTA. Here is where you will list the courses you want to take and the tuition and fees associated with the courses. Sailors starting a class without an approved TA voucher risk being financially liable for their tuition.

5. Monitor your WebTA account to ensure your TA request is command approved and authorized by the VEC prior to the class start date. TA pays up front the tuition and fees for course enrollments — 100 percent of tuition costs for courses applicable to the completion of a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. For other education levels, there is an FY credit limit of 16 Semester Hours, 24 Quarter Hours, or

240 clock hours per individual per fiscal year. Payments for tuition/fees will not exceed:

- a. \$250 per semester hour
- b. \$166.67 per quarter hour, subject to change with future budgets.
- c. \$16.67 per clock hour

Helpful Links:

■ CPPD homepage: <http://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>

■ Navy College Program: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>

■ WebTA access: <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/eta/menu/welcome.do>

■ WebTA training: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/WebTA_Training/courseLaunch.html

■ TA: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.aspx

■ TA messages: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.aspx#messages

■ Navy College Office locator: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ncp/findnco.aspx>

■ VEC: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/dsp_vec.aspx

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Card protected from Target breach

From Naval Supply Systems Command

Navy officials say Sailors and Marines who used their Navy Cash/Marine Cash cards at any U.S. Target stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15, 2013, are not liable for any transactions that occur as a result of the unauthorized access to card data reported by Target Corporation in December.

Navy Cash/Marine Cash cardholders affected by the breach are protected by the card networks and Regulation E, which sets rules, liabilities, and procedures for electronic funds transfers and establishes customer protections associated with using electronic funds transfers.

"We partner with the U.S. Department of the Treasury and its financial agent to manage the Navy Cash/Marine Cash program," said Naval Supply Systems Command Commander Rear Adm. Jonathan Yuen. "Data reports show 58 cardholders used their Navy Cash/Marine Cash cards at Target stores during the affected period. These accounts have been flagged and are being monitored for unusual activity."

Disbursing officers on ships with

Naval Supply Systems

members impacted by the breach are being notified to issue new cards to affected cardholders.

Navy Cash/Marine Cash combines a chip-based electronic purse with a traditional magnetic strip. The electronic purse replaces currency aboard ships.

The magnetic strip and branded debit features afford users access to funds in their Navy Cash/Marine Cash accounts worldwide via Automated Teller Machines and point-of-sale devices at merchants who accept debit cards.

Cashless ATMs aboard ship provide 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week access to Navy Cash/Marine Cash accounts.

The cashless ATMs also provide off-line access to accounts at financial institutions ashore and the ability to move money electronically to and from Navy Cash/Marine Cash accounts and those financial institution accounts.

"We are deeply concerned about the inconvenience the data breach

may have caused our Sailors and Marines," Yuen added. "We take this matter very seriously and are doing all we can to ensure our Sailors' and Marines' privacy and information is protected now and in the future."

For questions regarding specific transactions, Sailors may contact:

Navy Cash/Marine Cash Transaction Services Unit

Tel: (866) 362-8922

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email: NavyCash@ezpaymt.com

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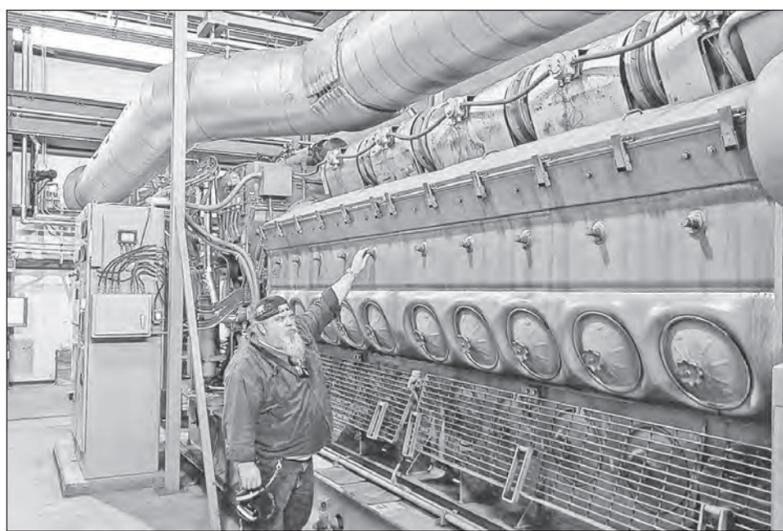
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Power

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power, it is more economical to run the base on commercial power. That is, unless special circumstances draw more power outside the base, driving up the demand for power.

"Interruptible Service is a contract between Kings Bay and Georgia Power, in which Georgia Power has the ability to request Kings Bay to reduce our electrical demand from Georgia Power to zero," Kevin Tucker, the electrical commodity manager for Kings Bay, said. "This contract has been in effect since the early '90s. Kings Bay Utilities also has the ability with a separate agreement with Georgia Power to see the Real Time cost of electricity. We use this to our advantage by setting a limit in which it is more cost effective to run our generators than to



Tim Carter checks one of 12 EMD 2-stroke diesels at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. Each provides 3 megawatts of electricity.

purchase power from the utility company. The price had risen so high during the cold spell we were alleviating the strain on the total grid as well as saving the tax payer dollars."

Tucker said in order to meet the base's consump-

tion needs, Kings Bay has 12 diesel generators providing the ability to generate up to 34.5 megawatts of electricity. Over the span of the cold snap, the

base generated electricity for a total of 12.5 hours.

Taking into account the maintenance and fuel cost of running Kings Bay's generators, the base saved

approximately \$55,000 over that 12.5 hour time, Tucker said.

After that half-day time span, the base returned to Georgia Power, which had gone back down to 30 to 33 cents less per kilowatt hour, than power generated by NSB generators, Tucker said.



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Dr. Grant Stokes, head of Aerospace Division at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, left, speaks with Gen. William Shelton and Col. Joseph Gaines at the airfield on Roi-namur in the Marshall Islands.

DOD high ground on move to space

By Jim Garamone
 American Forces Press Service

Space is fundamental to the economy, the military and the way of life in the United States and officials must continue to guard against challenges in the domain from adversaries, the commander of Air Force Space Command said Jan. 7.

Gen. William Shelton shared with students at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. some of his worries and concerns. In the past 60 years, space has grown from a domain with a lone satellite beeping across the heavens to a \$300 billion economic engine.

"The advent of space systems has allowed citizens and governments to engage routinely in the world around them, communicate at the speed of light and to tap sources of information previously unavailable to them," Shelton said.

Satellites are now essential parts of the 21st century way of life for all nations. Weather forecasting, precise navigation, instant communications and many other capabilities tie space to Earth.

These are incredibly important during crises.

The death tolls from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Japanese tsunami in 2011 would have been even higher had not satellite surveillance and communications been available, he said.

Space has also changed the military.

"In all of recorded history, when armies met on the battle field, they fought for the coveted high ground because of the obvious advantage it gave them over the adversary," Shelton said. "Later, balloons performed that function and even later, airplanes were used as observation platforms."

Space is the ultimate high ground, he said.

Shelton's command has a global mission with global responsibilities reaching all corners of the planet and

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"It feels really good that I'm able to speak with the SECNAV about this, it's an honor in and of itself."

Several others including an online submitter used this opportunity to air their concerns about uniform changes, mission readiness of new plat-

forms, international operations, and shipboard safety.

The session ended with Mabus thanking service members for their sacrifices and reinforcing his faith in the Navy and Maine Corps. "We have the best training, the most dedicated, the most competent force that we have ever had, and we've got to make sure that we keep that," he said.

San Diego.

Winners of each of the Battle "E" competitive categories were also announced.

Those categories included the Engineering Red E, Weapons Readiness White W, Strategic Readiness White S, Supply Readiness Blue E, Personnel Readiness White P, and Repair Readiness White R.

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■ Submarine Tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39)
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USS Georgia Blue

Change of Command

Jan. 10, 2014



Krista Callahan sings the *National Anthem* during presentation of the colors.



*Navy photos
by MC1 Rex Nelson*

Guest Speaker Rear Adm. Richard P. Breckenridge, director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97), addresses the audience.

Family members, crew members and guests listen as Rear Adm. Richard Breckenridge speaks during the USS George (SSGN 729) (Blue) Change of Command ceremony Jan. 10 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay's Chapel.



Georgia

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his own family for enduring all of the hardships during his 25-year Naval career.

Breitfelder, a Cincinnati, Ohio native, makes his first trip to Kings Bay, previously serving as commanding officer on USS Maine (SSBN 741).

His last assignment was senior member of the Commander, U.S. Submarine Forces Pacific Fleet Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team.

"I am excited to be joining Team Georgia Blue and look forward to continued success supporting our na-

tion's security goals," Breitfelder said.

Rear Adm. Richard Breckenridge, director, Undersea Warfare Division served as the guest speaker for the event.

USS Georgia is the third U.S. Navy ship to be named for the State of Georgia and the 4th of 18 Ohio-class submarines.

USS Georgia was commissioned Nov. 5, 1982.



Capt. Howard Warner, deputy commander for Training, Submarine Squadron 16, salutes Capt. Daniel G. Christofferson while Capt. William J. Breitfelder looks on.



Capt. Howard Warner, deputy commander for Training, Submarine Squadron 16, presents Capt. Daniel G. Christofferson with a Legion of Merit while Capt. William J. Breitfelder stands at attention.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation happenings



Periscope file photo

The My Little Valentine father and daughter dinner-dance is Saturday, Feb. 8.

NAU ski trip Feb. 14 to 17

Unleash your Inner Beast when Navy Adventures Unleashed goes skiing in Gatlinburg, Tenn., the long weekend of Feb. 14 to 17. One Day Ski is \$190, One Day Snowboarding is \$210, Two Day Ski is \$250 or Two Day Snowboarding is \$280. A deposit of \$75 is due on Jan. 15 with balance due on Feb. 7. Cost includes transportation, hotel, tram tickets, ski lift, rentals plus one lesson. Participants must bring own money for food and souvenirs. Trippers will leave Big EZ on Friday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact NAU at (912) 573-8972.

■ **Campout at Etowah** — On

Jan. 25 NAU is offering a campout in Etowah Park. Enjoy horseshoes, corn hole and other activities with family and friends. Stay overnight, or stop by for a few hours. Bring your own makings for s'mores and fire wood. Reserve your spot and camping supplies at the Outdoor Adventure Center by Jan. 17. For more information, call (912) 573-8972.

■ **My Little Valentine** — The father and daughter dinner and dance is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8. Tickets are being sold at Information, Tickets and Travel for \$15 adults, \$12 for children ages 3 to 12. Door prize drawings,

flower for each daughter, music, dancing, photos and a buffet served from 5 to 7 p.m. The buffet will include but is not limited to chicken fingers with dipping sauce, mini pizzas, finger sandwiches, mac and cheese nuggets, corn nuggets, fried veggie sticks, rotini pasta salad, franks in blanket, fresh fruit and veggie trays, chocolate fountain, ice cold bottled root beer, "Shirley Temples," ice tea and water. For more information, call (912) 573-4564.

■ **Ten Dollar Tuesday at Rack-N-Roll Lanes** — It's 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesday nights. \$10 will get you shoes and all the bowling you can handle.

■ **Tae Kwon Do** — It's at the Fitness Complex Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. for

Smurfs 2 movie for kids

Free Movies for the Kids Weekend is ongoing. The 1 p.m. movies for January are *Smurfs 2* Jan. 18 and 19 and *Over the Hedge* Jan. 25 and 26. All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Snacks, foods and beverages are available for purchase. If 15 minutes after the scheduled start time no one else comes in, the movie area will be available for open viewing. For the latest information,

Just for kids

call (912) 573-4548.

■ **The Combined Federal Campaign season has started** — Kings Bay's Child and Youth Program team are two of the organizations you can support with your giving. The numbers are Youth Center School Age Care #37328 and Child Development Center #47018.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 2



PARKING LOT AT FITNESS/BOWLING CENTER

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Fleet & Family Support Center workshops

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The Fleet & Family Support Center

Parenting classes offered on Mondays

Are you frustrated with your children? Would you like suggestions on how to stop temper tantrums or how to get your teen to complete chores without asking them 14 times? We believe parents are the experts on their children. But, children don't come with a manual! So, sometimes you need help to figure out what to do with them. Meet with the parenting class from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27. Enrollment in this six-week class is ongoing. Attendees must complete all six weeks in order to receive a certificate. A minimum of six participants is needed in order for a new class to start. Registration required at 573-4512.

SAPR Advanced Training, Refresher offered

The Advanced/Refresher training is for all individuals that are current Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates. This training is applicable to the 32 hour bi-annual training requirement. The individuals attending are appointed by their Command and will represent the Command in all assigned sexual assault cases. This training is 8 a.m. to noon, Jan. 22. Registration is required by calling (912) 573-4512.

Home buying workshop scheduled for Jan. 23

Buying a home can be the one of the largest financial decision someone can ever make. This interactive workshop is designed to increase the knowledge and comfort level for anyone entering the housing market. This class is 1 to 4 p.m., Jan. 23. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 573-4513.

Anger management seminar Jan. 29

Anger is not an effective method for getting what you want and is often a smoke screen for other emotions. This workshop is slated for 8:30 a.m. to noon, Jan. 29. It can help you focus on identifying the feelings anger hides and explore behaviors helpful in resolving primary issues. Pre-registration is required. Call 573-4512 for details.

Credit reports and scores workshop upcoming

Credit has become a normal part of everyday personal financial management for most Americans. Used appropriately, it can be an excellent tool, but



used the wrong way, it can bring the financial wheels of your life to a grinding halt for a long time. This two-hour workshop provides the importance of managing your credit. It will be at the Fleet and Family Support Center 2 to 4 p.m., Jan. 29. Registration is required. For more information call 573-4513.

Ten Steps to a Federal job examined

Gain information on the federal employment process, salaries and benefits. Learn how to interpret job announcements and determine whether you are eligible to apply. Attendees will be provided guidelines, information, samples and tips on completing the electronic Federal resume. This class is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 23. Registration required by calling 573-4513.

Transition GPS class upcoming

Transition GPS is a seminar for those separating, retiring or contemplating leaving the military. The five day seminar provides information on benefits, job search skills, employment resources, resume writing, interviewing and other skills. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Retirement Transition GPS is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 27 to 31. You must be registered by Command Career Counselor. For more information, call 573-4513.

Million Dollar Sailor program upcoming

The Million Dollar Sailor Program is personal wealth building for sailors and their families. This course assists those attending on how to navigate successfully

through financial challenges that accompany them. This training was created to specifically combat the most common financial issues facing Sailors today. It will provide you with financial management skills that can be used over their lifetime. This training is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 21 and 22. Registration is recommended. For more information call 573-9783.

New Moms and Dads Support Group to meet

A New Mom's and Dad's Support Group will meet every Tuesday at the Fleet and Family Support Center throughout the month. These workshops are scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 21 and 28. This workshop is an opportunity to share experiences, meet and gain support from others, and exchange new ideas. To register, call 573-4512.

Car-buying strategies examined Jan. 30

This two-hour workshop provides in-depth training on looking for a car, how not to get taken for a ride and the important dos and don'ts before you step onto the car lot. Topics include negotiating, trade-ins, discounts, financing and high-pressure sales tactics. This class is for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 30. Registration is recommended. For more information, call 573-9783.

Smooth Move Workshop CONUS/OCONUS soon

Smooth Move Workshops are designed to help personnel with military relocations and transfers. Areas covered include transportation, travel pay, allow-

ances, and important forms and documents, housing referral office and relocation services. All service members and their spouses are encouraged to attend six months before their transfer date. Due to limited seating, please do not bring children. The workshop will be for OCONUS moves 2 to 4 p.m., Jan. 21. For more information, call 573-4513.

Sponsorship training for command reps

FFSC is offering Sponsorship training to all command representatives. The goal of the workshop is to ensure that designated command personnel have the necessary education and training to successfully fulfill the role of command sponsor. It presents an overview of the benefits of sponsorship, a list of sponsor duties and responsibilities, and a timeline to assist in streamlining the sponsorship process. The workshop is scheduled on 1 to 2:30 p.m., Jan. 30. Registration is required as class is limited to 20 seats. For more information call 573-4513.

Fleet and Family offers classes on site

FFSC will take most of its regular workshops on the road if a unit can furnish a conference room or classroom and guarantee a minimum of five participants. Additionally, personnel will tailor presentations to cover a unit's General Military Training requirements when those requirements deal with human resources and social issues. Counselors also can create a presentation in response to a unit's area of special concerns. Personnel are available to participate within areas of expertise in the indoctrination of newly assigned personnel and family members of active duty personnel. All classes listed here are held at the Fleet and Family Support Center, unless otherwise noted. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays.

Veterans Affairs rep visits Kings Bay

A Department of Veterans Affairs representative for Kings Bay is in the office from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are required. Service members wishing to participate in the Benefits Delivery at Discharge program should be within 60 to 180 days of discharge or retirement and be available for an exam by the VA. To set up an appointment, call Katherine Fernandez at 573-4506.

U.S. helping Iraq in fight with terrorists

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department remains committed to helping the government and people of Iraq to root out terrorists seeking safe haven, Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Steven Warren told reporters in Washington, Jan. 6.

"We're working closely with the Iraqis to develop a holistic strategy to isolate al-Qaida-affiliated groups so that tribes, working with security forces, can root them out of populated areas," he said.

Warren noted some "early successes" along those lines in Ramadi.

"Tribal forces and police, with the Iraqi army providing overwatch, appear to have isolated the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant] in pockets of the city," he said. "It's still early, however."

In working closely with the Iraqi government, Warren said, the primary assistance has come through the State Department's foreign military sales program.

"We're also continuing to accelerate our ... foreign military sales deliveries with an additional 100 Hellfire missiles ready for delivery this spring," he said. "These missiles are one small element of

DOD speeds delivery of surveillance assets

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

The United States is speeding delivery of unmanned aerial vehicles Iraq purchased under the foreign military sales program to help in tracking and thwarting al-Qaida-affiliated groups, a Pentagon spokesman said Jan. 7.

"We're expediting delivery of 10 operational ScanEagles for part of the original purchase, as well as an additional four nonoperational ScanEagles, which will be sent to help facilitate maintenance of the original 10," Army Col. Steven Warren told reporters.

The ScanEagle is a small and low-cost unmanned surveillance aircraft capable of up to 24 hours of flight.

Warren also reported that the original purchase included delivery of 75 Hellfire missiles in mid-December, with another 100 to be ready for delivery by spring. Officials also anticipate an additional 48 Raven surveillance unmanned aerial vehicles to be delivered in the spring, he added.

The Defense Department is committed to promoting stability in Iraq, Warren said, noting the delivery of more than \$14 billion in equipment, services and training to the Iraqi government since 2005.

a more holistic strategy." They've proven effective at denying ISIL terrorists the safe-haven zones they've sought to establish in western Iraq, he added.

Warren said the Defense Department is committed to promoting stability in Iraq, and that more than \$14 billion in equipment,

services and training have been delivered to the Iraqi government since 2005.

For example, in the last year, Warren said, the United States delivered six C-130 aircraft, a rapid Avenger surface-to-air missile battery, 27 helicopters, and 12 P301 patrol boats.



Army photo

An honor guard from the 3rd Battalion, 41st Iraqi Army brigade presents arms during a ceremony.

"And we've expedited delivery of those 100 Hellfire missiles, along with 10 ScanEagle [unmanned aerial vehicles], which will be delivered this spring," he said.

Warren also reiterated Secretary of State John F. Kerry's recent message that no U.S. forces are being sent to Iraq.

"I think Secretary Kerry was pretty clear this weekend that we will not be sending forces into Iraq," he said. "But we, ... like I said, are very much committed to the Iraqis."

The colonel added that the Iraqi army is very capable, and that its capabilities are increasing, largely due to the foreign military sales equipment the United States has sent there.

Warren said service members working in the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq and Marine Corps security forces at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad number between 100 and 200.

U.S. forces are not doing mission planning, he added, noting that the Office of Security Cooperation

works at the ministerial level.

"It is the line [of communication] that we have from the department into Iraqi security forces and the Iraqi army apparatus," said he explained.

Despite media reports, Warren said, he has confidence in the Iraqi army.

"Ramadi is already back under Iraqi control, so I'm confident that the Iraqi army is a very capable force," he said. "[And] I think Secretary Kerry said it best: this is [the] Iraqis' fight to fight."

Space

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up to 23,000 miles in space and geosynchronous orbit.

"We get space-derived information to all sorts of users, including the military operators of our nation's Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines — those who rely on timely and accurate data," he said.

Intelligence, logistics and other operationally relevant data flow seamlessly to the front lines in Afghanistan as well as to other parts of the world where U.S. forces are operating.

"I can't think of a single military operation across the full spectrum from humanitarian relief operations all the way to major combat operations that doesn't somehow depend on space for mission success," Shelton said. "But frankly, this dependence on space has also

become quite a bit of a double-edged sword. Our potential adversaries have been going to school on us during these many years of combat operations."

Adversaries are mimicking American procedures and looking for chinks in American armor, the general said.

"More concerning, as they've watched us, we've watched them develop systems to challenge our advantages in space," he said.

"Because space launch is so expensive, we loaded as much

as we could onto our satellites — multiple missions, multiple payloads," Shelton said. "After all, we were operating in a relatively peaceful sanctuary in space."

Not today. "As I look at the next 20 years in space, we have a difficult, uphill climb ahead of us," he said. "I equate this to the difficulty of turning the Queen Mary. You send the rudder command and the delayed response tries your patience."

To sustain space services, the

United States must consider architectural alternatives for future satellite constellations.

"These alternatives must balance required capability, affordability and resilience," he said. "There are many options that we're actively studying right now. The notion of disaggregation is one. And what we mean by this is moving away from the multiple payload, big satellite construct into a less complex satellite architecture with multiple components."



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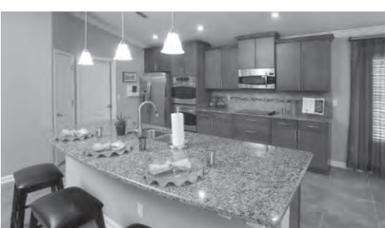
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Pirates Cove Galley menus



Sausage Links
Hashed Brown Potatoes
Pastry Bar
Asst. Yogurt

Lunch
New England Clam Chowder
BBQ Chicken
Tempura Battered Fish
French Fries
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Green Bean Almandine
Simmered Succotash
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Cornbread Muffins
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Grilled Cheeseburgers
Grilled Hamburgers
Baked Beans
Burger Bar
BBQ Chicken
Pulled Pork
BBQ Ribs
Bratwurst
Cole Slaw
Macaroni Salad
Potato Salad

Dinner
Doubly Good Chicken Soup
Roast Turkey
Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Steamed Rice
Savory Bread Dressing
Seasoned Corn
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Hot Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lyonnais Carrots
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Grilled Sausage
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar
Pastry Bar

Dinner
Chicken Rice Soup
Prime Rib au Jus
Fried Shrimp
Cocktail Sauce
Twice Baked Potatoes
Wild Rice
Cheese Sauce
Steamed Broccoli
Corn on the Cob
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Hot Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Eggs To Order
Waffles w/ Asst. Syrup
Grilled Bacon
Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
Cream of Wheat
Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
Omelets to Order
Texas Hash
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Pastry Bar
Asst. Yogurt

Lunch
Texas Tortilla Soup
BBQ Ribs
Grilled Chicken Breast
Chicken Gravy
Steamed Rice
Mac & Cheese
Simmered Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Corn Bread Muffins
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Chicken Tacos
Beef Tacos
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Taco Bar

Dinner
Beef Noodle Soup
Chicken Alfredo
Blackened Salmon
Wild Rice
Buttered Linguine
Corn O'Brien
Steamed Broccoli
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Toasted Garlic Bread
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Grits
Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
Grilled Steak
Pancakes w/ Asst. Syrup
Asst. Breads & Spreads
Asst. Fruit Bar
Hash Brown Potatoes

Lunch
White Bean Chicken Chili
Baked Italian Fish
Chicken Parmesan
Cream Gravy
Rice Pilaf
Boiled Pasta
Mixed Vegetables
Club Spinach
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
French Bread
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Hot Dogs
Grilled Hamburger
Grilled Cheese Burger
French Fries
Baked Beans
Burger Bar

Dinner
Chicken Noodle Soup
Meatloaf
Turkey Pot Pie
Egg Noodle
Mashed Potatoes
Brown Gravy
California Medley
Steamed Peas
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Hot Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Hash Brown Potatoes
French Toast w/ Asst. Syrup
Pastry Bar
Asst. Yogurt

Lunch
Black Bean Soup
Fried Pork Chops
Grilled Salmon
Noodles Jefferson
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Steamed Green Beans
Steamed Zucchini
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Cornbread
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Chicken Pattie Sandwich
Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
Grilled Pepper and Onions
Baked Beans
Chili
Cheese Sauce
Sandwich Bar
Cold Cut Sandwich

Dinner
Minestrone Soup
Meat Lasagna
Grilled Italian Sausage
Marinara Sauce
Bow Tie Pasta
Mixed Vegetables
Herbed Cauliflower
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Garlic Bread
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Thursday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Eggs and Omelets to Order
Grilled Bacon
Asst. Instant Oatmeal & Grits
Rolled Oats
French Toast w/Asst. Syrups
Sausage Patties
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Asst. Yogurt
Pastry Bar

Lunch
Chicken Noodle Soup
Fried Shrimp
Hot Rolls
Creole Macaroni
Franconia Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Simmered Carrots
Steamed Peas
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Assorted Condiments
Cocktail Sauce
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Chicken Pattie Sandwich
Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
Grilled Peppers & Onions
Baked Beans
Chili
Cheese Sauce
Sandwich Bar
Cold Cut Sandwich

Dinner
Cheddar Cheese Soup
Beef Stroganoff
Fried Catfish w/Tartar Sauce
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Buttered Egg Noodles
Seasoned Corn
Herbed Broccoli
Toasted Parmesan Bread
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Cocktail Sauce
Hot Rolls
Buttermilk Biscuits
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar



Saturday

Brunch
Cream of Chicken Soup
Chili Dogs / Hot Dog Bar
Chili w/o beans
Chicken Nuggets
French Fries
Steamed Broccoli
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Oven Fried Bacon
Eggs & Omelets to Order
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Hot Dog Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Pastry Bar
Assorted Beverage Bar

Dinner
Minestrone Soup
Asst. Pizza
Asst. Wings
French Fries
Baked Beans
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar



Friday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Eggs to Order
Grits
Omelets to Order
Blueberry Pancakes w/ Syrup
Grilled Bacon
Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
Cottage Fried Potatoes

Sunday

Brunch
Tomato Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
French Fries
Oven Fried Bacon

Monday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Assorted Oatmeal
French Toast w/ Asst. Syrup
Omelets to Order
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Grits
Eggs to Order
Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
Grilled Bacon
Breakfast Burritos
Hash Brown Potatoes
Pastry Bar
Asst. Breads & Spreads
Asst. Fruit Bar
Asst. Beverage Bar
Asst. Yogurt

Lunch
Crab Bisque
Fried Fish
Beef Brisket
Roasted Red Potatoes
Orange Rice
Hush Puppies
Glazed Carrots
Simmered Peas
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Tartar Sauce
French Bread
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Lunch speed line
Asst. Pizza
Potato Bar
Chicken Tenders

Dinner
Asian Stir Fry Soup
Beef w/ Broccoli
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Shrimp Fried Rice
Boiled Pasta
Stir Fired Vegetables
Egg Rolls
Healthy Choice Salad Bar
Assorted Salad Dressings
Hot Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Asst. Fruit Bar
Assorted Breads & Spreads
Assorted Beverage Bar

Tuesday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereals



Wednesday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereals
Eggs & Omelets to Order
Grilled Bacon
Corn Beef Hash
Asst. Instant Oatmeal & Grits



Thursday

Breakfast
Breakfast Juice Bar
Ready-to-eat Cereal
Eggs & Omelets to Order
Grilled Bacon
Asst. Instant Oatmeal / Grits
Rolled Oats
Soft/Hard Cooked Eggs
Sausage Patties

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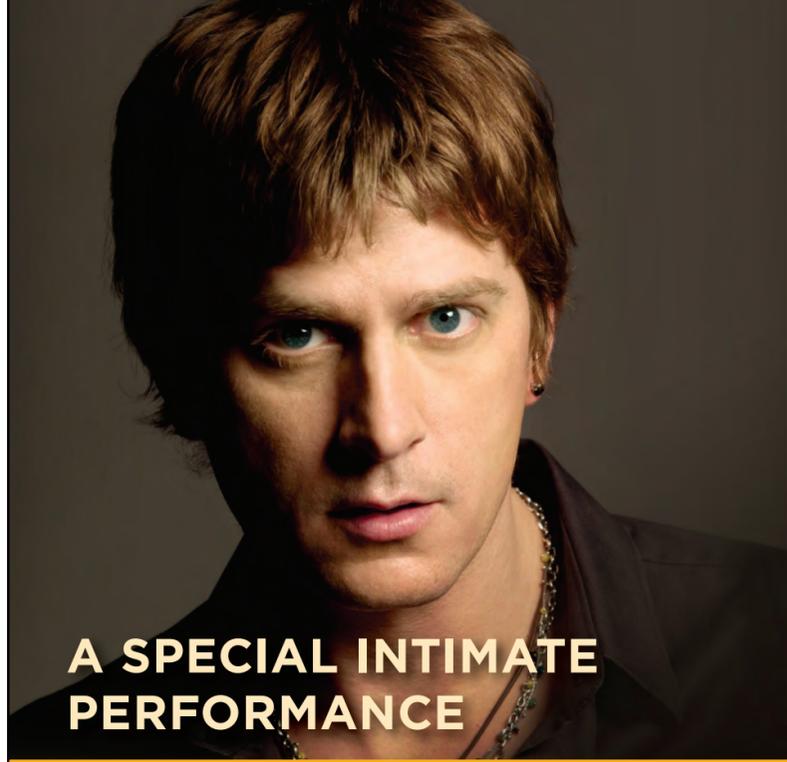
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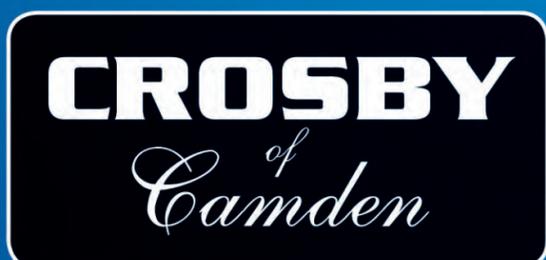
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Soup or salad when ordering your dinner?

I wanted to start the year with an easy question, and this is a pretty common choice most people have faced. Soup or salad? When I was a kid, I used to

order cottage cheese with fruit cocktail. Now, it depends on what the meal is and what my mood is. I'd take a nice chowder or gumbo most of the time. But faced with

French onion or tomato soup, give me a salad. Same with dressing. I like French, Thousand Island, Ranch, Bleu cheese. It just depends.



MASN Sean Hill
Marine Corps
Security Force Battalion
New Milford, N.J.
"Salad, plain. No dressing."



Jean Sydnor
Family member
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"Salad, with Italian dressing."



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"Soup. Cheese and broccoli."



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USS Florida Blue
Sebastopol, Calif.
"It depends. I'd probably go for a salad with Cesar dressing."



Lance Cpl. Stephan Cavanaugh
Marine Corps
Security Force Battalion
Columbia, S.C.
"Soup, corn chowder."



MASN Daniel Johnson
Marine Corps
Security Force Battalion
Florence, S.C.
"Salad, with ranch dressing."

Minnesota goes to Groton

From Submarine Group 2 Public Affairs

Virginia-class attack submarine USS Minnesota (SSN 783) completed a two-day transit Jan. 10 from Norfolk, Va., to its new permanent homeport at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn.

Minnesota was built in Virginia under a teaming arrangement between General Dynamics Electric Boat and Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Construction began in February 2008, and the building team delivered the submarine in just over five years last June, 11 months ahead of schedule.

The Navy commissioned the 10th Virginia-class attack submarine at Naval Station Norfolk in September.

In October, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced that female officers will report to Minnesota by early 2015 as part of the fleet's first effort to integrate women on attack submarines.

Female officers joined Ohio-class submarine crews in 2011.

The women reporting to Minnesota will consist of two nuclear-trained officers and a seasoned supply lieutenant, who will serve as their mentor.

Minnesota is equipped to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters and other sea-based forces.

Minnesota can also perform anti-submarine and anti-ship warfare; deliver and support special forces; and conduct mine delivery and minefield mapping operations.

More than 130 Sailors operate the 377-foot-long vessel, which is capable of diving to depths greater than 800 feet and operating at speeds in excess of 25 knots when submerged.

Minnesota was designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the 30-plus years of planned life.

The submarine will soon begin a post-shakedown availability at Electric Boat for scheduled maintenance, repairs, alterations and testing.

Minnesota joins 15 Virginia- and Los



Navy photo by Lt. Timothy A. Hawkins
At-the-time Pre-Commissioning unit Minnesota (SSN 783) pulls into Port Canaveral. The boat was designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the 30-plus years of planned life.

Angelas-class attack submarines already homeported in Groton. Crewmembers and their families will reside in the southern Connecticut area, home to nearly 10,000 Navy Sailors and civilian personnel.

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Capturing a U-Boat one-of-a-kind feat

From Navy History and Heritage Command

On June 4, 1944, a hunter-killer group of the United States Navy captured the German submarine U-505.

This event marked the first time a U.S. Navy vessel had captured an enemy vessel at sea since the nineteenth century.

The action took place in the Atlantic Ocean, in Latitude 21-30N, Longitude 19-20W, about 150 miles off the coast of Rio De Oro, Africa.

The American force was commanded by Capt. Daniel V. Gallery, USN, and comprised the escort Carrier Guadalcanal (CVE-60) and five escort vessels under Commander Frederick S. Hall, USN: Pillsbury (DE-133) Pope DE-134), Flaherty (DE-135), Chatelain (DE-149), and Jenks (DE-665).

Alerted by American cryptanalysts, who, along with the British, had been decrypting the German naval code, the Guadalcanal task group knew U-boats were operating off the African coast near Cape Verde.

They did not know the precise location, however, because the exact coordinates in the message were encoded separately before being enciphered for transmission.

By adding this regional information together with high-frequency direction finding fixes (HF/DF) — which tracked U-boats by radio transmissions — and air and surface reconnaissance, the Allies could narrow down a U-boat's location to a small area.

The Guadalcanal task group intended to use all these methods to find and capture the next U-boat they encountered through the use of trained boarding parties.

The task group sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, on May 15, 1944 for an anti-submarine patrol near the Canary Islands. For two weeks they searched unsuccessfully, even steaming as far south as Free-town, Sierra Leone, in a vain effort to locate a U-boat.

On Sunday, 4 June 1944, with fuel running low, the warships' reluctantly turned north and headed for Casablanca.

Ironically, not 10 minutes later at 11:09 A.M. that morning, USS Chatelain (DE-149), Lt. Cmdr. Dudley S. Knox, USNR, made sonar contact on an object just 800 yards away on her starboard bow.

Guadalcanal immediately swung clear at top speed, desperately trying to avoid getting in the way, as Chatelain and the other escorts closed the position.

In the minutes required to identify the contact definitely as a submarine, however, Chatelain closed too rapidly and could not attack — as its depth charges would not sink fast enough to intercept the U-boat. The escort held its fire instead, opened range and setup a deliberate attack with its "hedgehog" (ahead-thrown depth charges which explode on contact only) battery.

Regaining sonar contact after a momentary loss due to the short range, Chatelain passed beyond the submarine and swung around toward it to make a second attack with depth charges.

As the ship heeled over in its tight turn, one of two General Motors FM-2 Wildcat fighter planes launched overhead by Guadalcanal, sighted the submerged U-boat and dived on it, firing into the water to mark the submarine's position.

Chatelain steadied up on its sound bearing and moved in for the kill. A full pattern of depth charges set for a shallow target

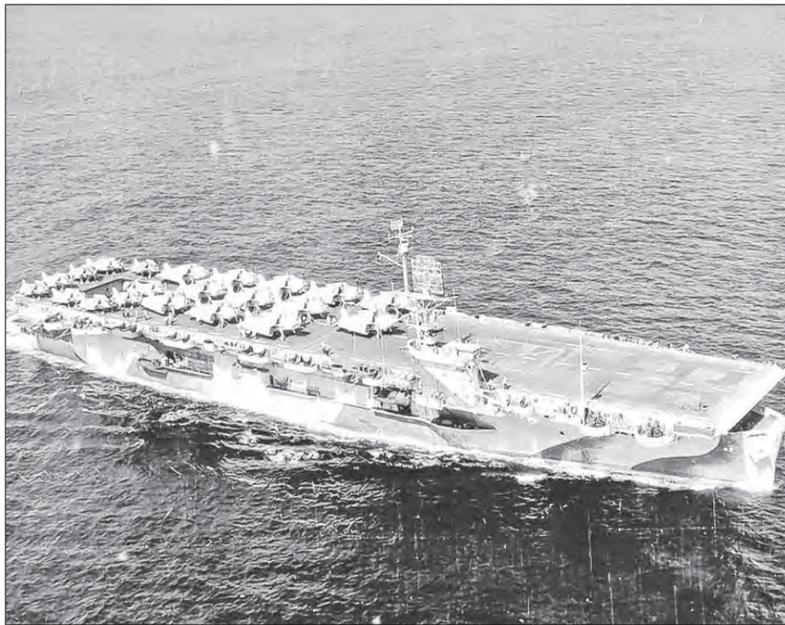
splashed into the water around the U-boat.

As their detonations threw geysers of spray into the air, a large oil slick spread on the water; the fighter plane overhead radioed "You struck oil! Sub is surfacing!"

Just six and one-half minutes after Chatelain's first attack, U-505 broke the surface with its rudder jammed, lights and electrical machinery out, and water coming in.

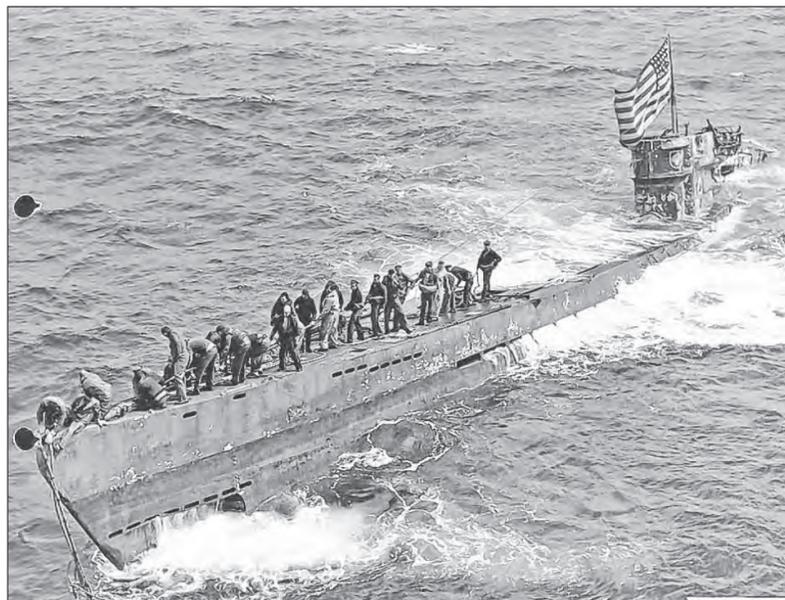
As the submarine broached only 700 yards from Chatelain, the escort opened fire with all automatic weapons that would bear and swept the U-boat's decks.

Pillsbury, Lt. George W. Casselman, USNR, and Jenks, Lt. Cmdr. Julius F. Way, USN, farther away, and the two Wildcats overhead all joined the shooting and added to the in-



USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60), an escort carrier, along with five escort ships, caught the U-505 by surprise attack and captured the German submarine when its crew abandoned ship.

Navy photo



Sailors from USS Pillsbury (DE-133) and USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60) work topside to secure a tow rope on the partially flooded U-505.

Navy photo

tense barrage.

Wounded in the torrent of fire and believing that his submarine had been mortally damaged by Chatelain's depth charges, the commanding officer of U-505 quickly ordered his crew to abandon ship. So quickly was this command obeyed that scuttling measures were left incomplete and the submarine's engines continued to run.

The jammed rudder caused the partially-submerged U-505 to circle to the right at a speed near seven knots.

Seeing the U-boat turning toward him, the commanding officer of Chatelain ordered a single torpedo fired at the submarine in order to forestall what appeared to be a similar attack on himself. The torpedo passed ahead of U-505, which by now appeared to be completely abandoned.

About two minutes later, the escort division commander ordered cease fire and called away Pillsbury's boarding party.

While Chatelain and Jenks picked up survivors, Pillsbury sent its motor whaleboat to the circling submarine where Lt. j.g. Albert L. David, USN, led the eight-man party on board.

Despite the probability of U-505 sinking or blowing up at any minute and not knowing what form of resistance they might meet below, David and his men clambered up the conning tower and then down the hatches into the boat itself.

After a quick examination proved the U-boat was completely deserted, except for one dead man on deck who was the only fatality of the action, the boarders set about bundling up charts, code books and papers, disconnecting demolition charges, closing valves and plugging leaks. By the time the flood of water had been stopped, the U-boat was low in the water and down by the stern.

Meanwhile, Pillsbury twice went alongside the turning submarine to put over tow lines and each



USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60) begins towing U-505. Fleet tug Abnaki (ATF-96) later took over on what turned out to be a 1,700-mile trip.

Navy photo

time the escort's side was pierced by the U-boats' bow plane.

Finally, with three compartments flooded, Pillsbury was forced to haul clear to attend to its own damage.

The boarding party was then reinforced by a party from Guadalcanal. Led by Cmdr. Earl Trosino, USNR, the carrier's men completed temporary salvage measures, and took a towline from Guadalcanal.

The salvage crew was later joined by Cmdr. Colby G. Rucker, USN, who arrived with the seaplane tender Humbolt (AVP-21).

In an ingenious solution to the heavy flooding, the salvage crew disconnected the boat's diesels from its motors. This allowed the propellers to turn the shafts while under tow.

After setting the main switches to charge the batteries, Guadalcanal towed the U-boat at high speed, turning the electric motors over which recharged the boat's batteries. With power restored, the salvage crew could use the U-boat's own pumps and air compressors to finish pumping out seawater and bring her up to full surface trim.

After three days of towing, Guadalcanal was relieved of her burden by the fleet tug Abnaki (ATF-96).

Arriving with the tug was the tanker Kennebec (AO-36), sent to provide much-needed fuel to the hunter-killer group. On Monday, June 19, U-505 was brought into Port Royal Bay, Bermuda, after

a tow of 1,700 miles.

Fifty-eight prisoners had been taken from the water during the action. One man had been killed and three (the commanding officer, executive officer, and one enlisted man of the U-boat) wounded.

For his part in saving the abandoned submarine, Lt. j.g. David was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Torpedoman's Mate Third Class A. Knispel and Radioman Second Class S. E. Wdowiak, each received the Navy Cross and Commander Trosino received the Legion of Merit.

The task group itself was awarded the Presidential Unit citation, in part because of the unique and difficult feat of boarding and capturing an enemy warship on the high-seas, something the U.S. Navy had not accomplished since the 19th-century.

More significantly, however, the capture of codebooks on U-505 allowed American cryptanalysts to occasionally break the special "coordinate" code in enciphered German messages and determine more precise locations for U-boat operating areas.

In addition to vectoring in hunter-killer task groups on these locations, these coordinates enabled Allied convoy commanders to route shipping away from known U-boat locations, greatly inhibiting the effectiveness of German submarine patrols.

Adm. Royal E. Ingersoll, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, cited the Task Group as follows:

"For outstanding performance during anti-submarine operations in the eastern Atlantic on June 4, 1944, when the Task group attacked, boarded and captured the German submarine U-505.

"Setting out on an anti-submarine sweep with the stated purpose of capturing and bringing back to the United States a German submarine, all units of the Task Group worked incessantly throughout the cruise to prepare themselves for the accomplishment of this exceedingly difficult purpose. Locating a single U-boat

after a long period of fruitless searches, the entire Task Group participated in intensive search and hold down operations which terminated in the sighting of the submerged submarine by an airplane. An extremely accurate initial depth charge attack by the USS Chatelain forced the U-boat to surface where it was subjected to the combined automatic weapons fire of three destroyer escorts and two aircraft. This anti-personnel attack completely achieved its pre-conceived objective in forcing the entire enemy crew to abandon ship while inflicting relatively minor material damage on the submarine.

"Completely unmindful of the dangers involved all units of the Task Group then proceeded to carry out their assigned duties in accomplishing the actual capture. The USS Pillsbury, badly damaged in a series of attempts to go alongside the erratically maneuvering submarine in order to transfer a mass boarding and repair party, was forced to withdraw and to transfer necessary personnel by small boat. Undeterred by the apparent sinking condition of the U-boat, the danger of explosions of demolition and scuttling charges, and the probability of enemy gunfire, the small boarding party plunged through the conning tower hatch, did everything in its power to keep the submarine afloat and removed valuable papers and documents. Succeeding, and more fully equipped, salvage parties, faced with dangers similar to those which confronted the first group to enter the submarine, performed seemingly impossible tasks in keeping the U-boat afloat until it could be taken in tow by the USS Guadalcanal. After three days of ceaseless labor the captured U-boat was seaworthy and able to withstand, with constant care, the vigors of a twenty-four hundred mile tow to its destination.

"The Task Group's brilliant achievement in disabling, capturing, and towing to a United States base a modern enemy man-of-war taken in combat on the high seas is a feat unprecedented in individual and group bravery, execution, and accomplishment in the Naval History of the United States."

As the U.S. Navy was far more interested in the advanced engineering design of fast underwater U-boats, such as the streamlined German Type XXI and XXIII sub-

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Coast Guard retires cutter

By PO3 Christopher Yaw
Coast Guard Compass

They stood side by side, one last time, on the back of the great white beast as they entered the quiet waters of Charleston Harbor.

For the last 72 days, they had toiled together under the Caribbean sun far from home and hearth in service to their country.

It had been a hard journey, but a fruitful one. However, for now, they were left only to gaze out into the harbor, each with their own thoughts.

As they drew closer they could see the banners of their nation flapping gently in the soft December breeze.

A crowd had gathered; some were holding signs, while others waved.

Just before reaching their destination, the tugs took over and began to maneuver them toward the pier.

The crew sprung to life and set to work mooring their vessel, one last time.

They had made it; they were finally home. The last patrol of Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin and its crew had come to an end.

However, the story does not end here. More remains to be told.

Gallatin was built in 1967 at Avondale Shipyard in New Orleans.

On Jan. 2, 1969, it was commissioned as the sixth cutter to bear the same name.

The cutter was named after the fourth and longest serving secretary of the treasury, Albert Gallatin, who held the position under then presidents Jefferson and Monroe.

Secretary Gallatin emigrated from Switzerland in 1780, and led a long life of dedicated public service that include: U.S. secretary of the treasury, terms in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and U.S. minister to France and United Kingdom.

He helped found the University of New York and was also instrumental in brokering the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

Just like the man it was named after, cutter Gallatin's story holds a rich history of service to the United States.

From its first patrol to its last, Gallatin crews can lay claim to 63 separate narcotics seizures, three during its final patrol.

"It's great to come out here and do the mission that you are here to do and not just punch holes in the ocean," said Capt. Caleb Corson, the commanding officer of Gallatin. "As soon as the turbines kick on and we're chasing something, everyone wants to know what's going on. It really builds a lot of excitement."

Corson, who has served as the Gallatin's commanding officer since 2011, remembers well the

first time he took the ship to sea.

According to Corson, the ship had been underway for only six hours when they came upon a vessel carrying six people. They had left from Jamaica and became victims of an act of piracy.

They were left to float on the open ocean for 30 days with no food.

"We saved six lives," Corson said. "The day after my change-of-command, and we are already saving lives."

Other than saving lives, Gallatin has been tasked with many other missions throughout its 45 years of service.

The ship's crew has crossed the Atlantic many times, transited the Panama Canal and served in the Pacific.

In 2012, during Hurricane Sandy, Gallatin and its crew assisted in the search for survivors when the storm sank the tall ship HMS Bounty, and provided further support in the New York area.

"We anchored maybe 5-600 yards off the Statue of Liberty," Corson said. "For some of the crew, it was the first time they had seen snow."

However, whatever the weather, the cutter's crew continued its legacy of exceptional performance, unsurpassed dedication and superior teamwork into its final patrol as a Coast Guard cutter.

On Oct. 1, 2013, Gallatin



Coast Guard photo by PO3 Christopher M. Yaw

Petty Officer 2nd Class Travis Webb lowers the national ensign during evening colors aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Albert Gallatin.

tin left its homeport of Charleston, S.C., and headed south to begin its final patrol.

Along the way to their operating area, they took aboard a helicopter from Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron.

Not long after, Gallatin disrupted a go-fast vessel that was ultimately caught by the Colombian navy.

On Nov. 4, Gallatin's crew made its first seizure and took aboard detainees as well. All told, the crew made three drug seizures and interdicted a total of 1,016.7 kilos of cocaine worth more than \$33.85 million.

But it wasn't all work for the crew.

Over the course of their deployment, they also made three port calls: one in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, one in Bocas Del Toro, Panama, and their final one in Key West, Fla.

"It's my first boat right out of boot camp," said Seaman Rachael Martin, a member of Gallatin's deck division, who joined the cutter in April.

"We got to do some cool things and visit some cool places."

One crew member even received a phone call on Thanksgiving, while the ship was underway, from President Barack Obama.

Though, as with all good things, they must eventually come to an end. Gallatin's final stop, before heading home for the last time, was at Naval Station



Coast Guard photo by PO3 Christopher M. Yaw

Lt. Cmdr. George Fulenwider, engineering officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin embraces his family on the pier.

Mayport, Fla., to offload ammunition.

With rain falling, at around 2:30 p.m., on Dec. 10, Capt. Corson gave orders to get Gallatin underway one final time.

For Chief Petty Officer Shawn Borland, an operations specialist in Gallatin's communications division, the final transit home was a unique one.

"This is going to be a special time for me because I'm a Gallatin sailor," Borland said. "I got my permanent cutterman's pin on Gallatin."

Borland had previously served aboard the cutter from 2001 to 2003 as a telecommunications specialist.

"Every time I walk up and down the passageway of every day, I remember the faces of the people that were here previously," Borland said. "I look at a corner and recall a conversation I had there."

There were many lasts during the trip.

The crew experienced the last sunset, the last underway meal and the last watch, among many others.

The upside to this is that the ship isn't being made into a reef, said Corson.

It will live on and join the former Coast Guard Cutter Chase, now part of the Nigerian navy.

Following its scheduled decommissioning at the end of March 2014, Gallatin will be replaced by the newest national security cutter, Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton.

"There are a lot of benefits to the new ships," Cor-

son said. "They have more sensors, a larger flight deck and two hangars."

When it is finally commissioned, Hamilton will take up where Gallatin left off, including taking some of Gallatin's current crew as its own.

"I'd really like to cross-deck to Hamilton because I really like being on a boat," said Seaman Zach Copley, a member of Gallatin's deck division. "I think the crew has a lot to do with it too; it's really like family."

But the replacement is still a somber thing to think about for some.

"It's kind of an honor to be the decommissioning commanding officer," Corson said.

For others, their thoughts turn to the shipmates they have served with.

"Whatever happens to this vessel after the Nigerians take it, it's just a vessel," Borland said. "Even if I were to take Gallatin home with me, and put Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin in my backyard, without the crew onboard it's an empty hull. The crew is what makes it special."

The one constant for Gallatin is that the mission will go on. Just like the wind and tide ever changes the shore, so too, changes the Coast Guard.

From its humble beginning as the Revenue Cutter Service to today's modern fleet, Coast Guard men and women will continue to stand a taut watch and press forward in the name of service. Just like Gallatin, power with ability.



Coast Guard photo by PO3 Christopher M. Yaw

Crewmembers man the rail aboard Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin just prior to mooring at the cutter's homeport. It was the last time Gallatin would moor as a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

U Boat

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marines, rather than the familiar fleet-boat types illustrated by the U-505, the captured submarine was investigated by Navy intelligence and engineering officers during 1945 and then promptly slated for disposal.

The intention was to use the hull for gunnery and torpedo target practice, a fate similar to those of many other captured enemy submarines.

In 1946, however, Father John Gallery learned of this plan from his brother, then Admiral Daniel Gallery, and called the Chicago Museum of Science

and Industry President Lenox Lohr to see if MSI would have an interest in saving U-505.

The museum, established by Chicago businessman Julius Rosenwald as a center for "industrial enlightenment" and public science education, specialized in interactive exhibits, not just view displays and artifacts.

Lohr immediately revealed 10-year old plans to include a submarine in the exhibits of the museum and began a plan to bring the U-505 to Chicago. The people of Chicago raised \$250,000 to help prepare the boat for the tow and installation at the museum.

In September 1954, U-505 was donated to Chicago at no cost to the U.S.



Navy photo

USS Guadalcanal (CVE-60) Capt. Daniel Gallery, left, commanded the task force that captured U-505. Lt. j.g. Albert L. David, right, earned the Medal of Honor leading the boarding party.

Government.

On Sept. 25, 1954 U-505 was dedicated as a war memorial and as a permanent exhibit.

In 1989, the U-505, as the only Type IX-C boat still in existence, was designated a National Historic Landmark.

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Four Marines talk about Afghanistan experiences

By Cpl. Paul Peterson
Headquarters Marine Corps

The war in Afghanistan is the longest sustained conflict in American history.

For more than 12 years, Marines have cycled in and out of the country. Most Marines today have never known a time when deployments didn't loom on the horizon.

It's become a facet of their lifestyles, and it's shaped the people who lived through it.

Now, as the war in Afghanistan comes to an end, four Marines with 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment shared a little bit about who they are as members of that select community.

Their attitudes, leadership styles, experiences and reasons for serving are different.

They're honest and hopeful, rancorous and rash, proud and blunt. Three are combat veterans. One is serving his first tour overseas.

A squad leader, scout sniper, team leader and grenadier — they've all weathered enemy fire during this deployment. For the most part they are where they want to be, somewhere between loving their jobs and simply enduring the miseries of deployment.

Sgt. Bryan Early: Squad Leader

At 25 years old, this is Early's third deployment. He uses his past experiences to lead his Marines today.

A Libby, Mont., native, the Marines know Early by his natural, happy mood. He tries to think of his men as little brothers to remind him he is responsible for the lives of other people's sons. He has a wife and a two-year-old son.

Question: What thoughts run through your head when planning patrols?

Answer: The other squad leaders and I sit down and focus mostly on the safety of our Marines. When we make our plans, we look at all the intelligence we have and plan around that while also keeping the commander's intent in mind.

Q: When you're going through a fire-fight, what kind of squad leader are you?

A: I try to be as aggressive as possible. I know that's hard for some people to wrap their heads around, but as an infantryman our mission is to locate, close with and destroy the enemy with fire and maneuver. So I try to instill that as much as possible in my Marines. If I show them that I'm scared, then they're not going to be willing to follow me into that gunfire, but if I'm aggressive and happy and I'm the man to step out into the fire, then that shows the Marines that [leading from the

front] concept and makes them more willing to follow me.

Q: Do you approach everything with that aggressive mentality?

A: Yeah, especially in the Marine Corps. I try to be as aggressive as possible, but life outside of the Marine Corps you've got to step back and not be as aggressive. I've tried the aggressive approach, and it normally doesn't go over well (laughing).

Q: Why are you the first one through the door and in front of all the other Marines?

A: I'd rather be the first one through the door so that if anyone has to take a round I'd rather it be me. You put so much hard work in training these guys; you want to give them the opportunities to not only succeed in the Marine Corps, but in life. If anyone has to take the bullet, I'd rather it be me. This is my third deployment, and I have six plus years in the Marine Corps. I've already had my time.

Q: How does it feel watching your Marines operate on patrol?

A: I saw it when we took our first contact [with the enemy] that it was muscle memory for these guys. They never hesitated or choked and that's the best feeling to have.

Q: Do you regret coming into the Marine Corps right after high school?

A: Absolutely not.

Q: Why is that?

A: Being a Marine was one of my dreams as a small child. My mom has pictures of me when I was four or five walking around in old Marine Corps tri-colors [fatigues] with a pellet gun at shoulder arms (laughing).

Q: What kind of camaraderie do you have with your junior Marines?

A: One of the big things I learned as a junior Marine is that you train your Marines like they're your little brothers. Always keep in the back of your mind that's someone's son. Treat your Marines accordingly, and they'll give you the respect that you deserve. If I get hit, I don't want them running out there to get me just because I'm another Marine. I want them running out there to save me because I'm Bryan Early.

Cpl. Charles Kristel: Team Leader

He's blunt and authoritative but also respected. Kristel, a Schenectady, N.Y., native was wounded during his previous deployment to Afghanistan. A stocky, deep-voiced man of few words, many unrepeatable in print, Kristel joined the military at the age of 20. After only three and a half years in the Marine Corps, he's elevated himself to a position of leadership through strength of will, demonstrated



Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Austin Long

Sgt. Bryan Early, a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, crosses a field while under fire in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Dec. 22.

competence and unbending character.

Q: What were some of the traits you saw in your leaders coming up in the Marine Corps that made them successful?

A: I would say doing whatever's necessary. They made a point to do their job in the best manner possible and just succeed, as opposed to being mediocre because mediocre usually fails.

Q: You hold a pretty senior position, how did you get to that point?

A: Being awesome at my job.

Q: Did you ever picture you'd be who you are now?

A: Yeah, this is pretty much who I was before I joined.

Q: What were conditions like during your first deployment?

A: It was a good time. It was considerably more miserable than this. Week one, we [moved into] a compound and lived in there for four months in north Helmand. It rained a lot and was very uncomfortable.

Q: Why do you like working with the infantry?

A: Well, the infantry is the backbone of the Marine Corps. It's what defines it.

Q: There's a lot of trust placed in you and other non-commissioned officers on patrol, how do you earn that trust?

A: Through my conduct it should be pretty evident that I know what's going on. I make a point to make it obvious I'm not an idiot.

Q: Would you say that you're a confident person?

A: Confidence lets me know I'm making the right choice.

Q: How do you delegate responsibility?

A: You delegate accordingly. [New Marines] only listen to you if they have some modicum of respect for you. So you need to distinguish yourself as either someone who knows what's going on, or somebody who doesn't.

Q: How do you share leadership and break up responsibility?

A: We just converse. It's a matter of what needs to be done, and who can get it done the best.

Q: How often do you lead people?

A: Every day.

Q: How do you encourage leadership in others?

A: It's always said make them into leaders. People who obviously distinguish themselves as being competent, they will

naturally grow into leaders. It's not about the people above them.

Q: If you recognize you've got somebody who's a strong leader, what do you do?

A: Let them do their thing.

Q: What's more important, your rank or your personal authority?

A: Your authority. I'm filling a sergeant's billet.

Q: How did you become versed in all those things that just seem second nature today?

A: Well, when I was [new], I just made an effort to learn as much as I could so I would be efficient as I picked up rank.

Q: Is there satisfaction for you in leading?

A: When things go well.

Lance Cpl. Patrick Tomassi: Grenadier

An Odessa, N.Y., native, Tomassi can't seem to ever stop smiling, even when told to. He's been in the Marine Corps for two years, and this is his first deployment to Afghanistan. Being the new guy, he's often called on to complete miscellaneous projects. His goofy smile fades from time-to-time, but Tomassi's go-to-it attitude and optimism carry him.

Q: What do you think about being so young in the infantry on your first deployment?

A: I'm 20 years old, I'm in the Marine Corps, and my job is very important. I have a bunch of responsibilities on my shoulders. I've always been told just because you're younger you can't do this. But out here we're proving them all wrong. I've got 17 and 18-year-old friends here holding [rifles], running towards gunfire. I'd rather have those guys protecting my back than anybody else.

Q: When you're going on a patrol, what are some of the thoughts going through your mind?

A: The safety of the guys around me and doing my best to assure we return with the same guys uninjured.

Q: What kind of connection do you have with the guys you work with?

A: I definitely have a strong connection with all the guys. I've known these guys since January when I came to 1/9. We've been through [extensive] training and all the ups and downs of the Marine Corps.

Q: Do you self-criticize or take critique from others and apply that to the next

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Sgt. Bryan Early provides security for Marines moving to the next compound during a patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Dec. 22.

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Marines

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trol?

A: I try to learn from my mistakes and the mistakes of others just so nothing bad happens the next time, and I try to use that to better myself and the other Marines I'm with.

Q: What have been your favorite parts on this deployment?

A: Hanging out with the guys and all the experiences we've gone through. Even if it's a bad time, it's an experience I'm able to share with the guys. I wouldn't have it any other way. These guys are my family. I couldn't see myself doing anything without them.

Q: What thoughts run through your head when you guys get fired at by the enemy?

A: The first thing is get down (smiling) and then try to find out where the fire is coming from. Hopefully we get through this, take down the enemy, and get home safe.

Q: What type of camaraderie do you have with the Marines?

A: Going through the worst times possible has brought us close. We were [training in] Bridgeport, Calif., and it was from -15 to 15 degrees, and we went through that together. Having to rely on each other to survive brought us close.

Q: Would you take a bullet for these guys?

A: I'd definitely take a bullet for these guys, in a heartbeat.

Q: Why?

A: They come before me. Most of these guys have a wife and kids. And that's why I signed up, to protect them.

Q: Could you imagine doing anything else?

A: I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I'm protecting and serving my country. I'm doing what I like to do and just knowing everyone's back home safe and that I'm here just makes me feel a lot better.

Cpl. Dennis Cox: Scout Sniper

This is Cox's third deployment and his second to Afghanistan. The New York City native enlisted at the age of 18, inspired in part by the events of 9/11. He left for his first deployment as a rifleman. Now, at the age of 24, he's returned to Afghanistan as a sniper supporting Marines conducting foot patrols in Helmand province. Cox is both serious and relaxed but fun loving at the same time. He wants to continue his line of work after the military.

Q: Why did you come into the Marine Corps?

A: I've always wanted to do it. I always wanted to do something as far as serving

my country.

Q: Did you ever think of doing anything else?

A: Not really.

Q: What's unique about your job that sets you apart from other people?

A: I have the long gun, and I can see a lot further. I remember when I did my first deployment to Afghanistan I was a [rifleman]. I was like, "I can barely see these people. It was like shooting at little dots."

Q: What about your job do you like most?

A: Operating. I love being out there. I don't know. It sucks that your boys are out there with you, but it's like brotherhood through misery. It definitely helps. You don't want to go through that experience alone. Not only out here, but even in garrison, you have a lot of stuff you have to deal with. You just deal with it together.

Q: Have you seen yourself grow over the last several years?

A: Oh yeah, I've definitely got thicker skin. I never really changed, just got thicker skin.

Q: Have you seen how you fit into the bigger picture?

A: [We] definitely instill some fear in the enemy. When you can get that close shot to them, and they watch [their guy] go down, it's like, "We got to back off because these guys can reach out and touch me."

Q: Could you imagine doing anything else other than what you do now?

A: Not really.

Q: Have you found the Marine Corps a place you really fit into or

A: I definitely think I was like this before the Marine Corps. I've kind of grown as far as dealing with things. You can't just complain about everything. You just have to truck on and roll with the punches. It kind of helps you in life, too.

Q: Have you had people who inspired you along the way?

A: I've had [them] all throughout my Marine Corps career. You always take the good things from people and just try and instill them in yourself. If you see the bad things, you're just like, "Hey, I'm never going to be like that."

Q: What are some of the traits you've seen in successful leaders?

A: [They're] kind of like one of the guys, but [they're] firm too. You don't want to upset them because you feel like you let them down and that hurts you more than anything.

Q: What characteristics make you good at what you do?

A: I don't know. I'm just me. I'm competent (laughing).

Q: What's it like to go into the field and perform your mission?

A: I love operating. Not all [missions] are home runs, and you do have some



Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Austin Long

Squad leader Sgt. Bryan Early is responsible for planning the squad's patrols, the safety of his Marines and achieving his commander's intent, before, during and after an operation.

snoozers. It happens. But whenever things do go down, I love it. You get that adrenaline pumping.

A: How do you cope with the unpleasant things?

A: We just have to vent to each other ... We'll just talk to each other. That's it because our peers are all we've got out here.

Q: What kinds of people succeed in the Marine Corps?

A: Like I said, you don't want to do anything to upset them if you're under them. It's hard to explain. They have to be guys who stand their ground.

Q: How does the training and experience help you distinguish leaders?

A: We're going to find out if you're worthy or not. It's kind of like the Spartans. You need that experience because we're

going to find out. Either you're going to go into baby mode or you're going to become a man.

Q: Have you found fulfillment in your job?

A: This is what I always wanted to do. It's definitely like a life achievement goal. It's one of those things where I don't want to have to think, "I wish I did this" or something. I can grow old and happy knowing I made it.

The Marines selected for these interviews were chosen for their varied experience and leadership roles within their unit. They were told to stay true to themselves. None were in the military when the war in Afghanistan began, but they will be some of the last Marines to see combat in Afghanistan.

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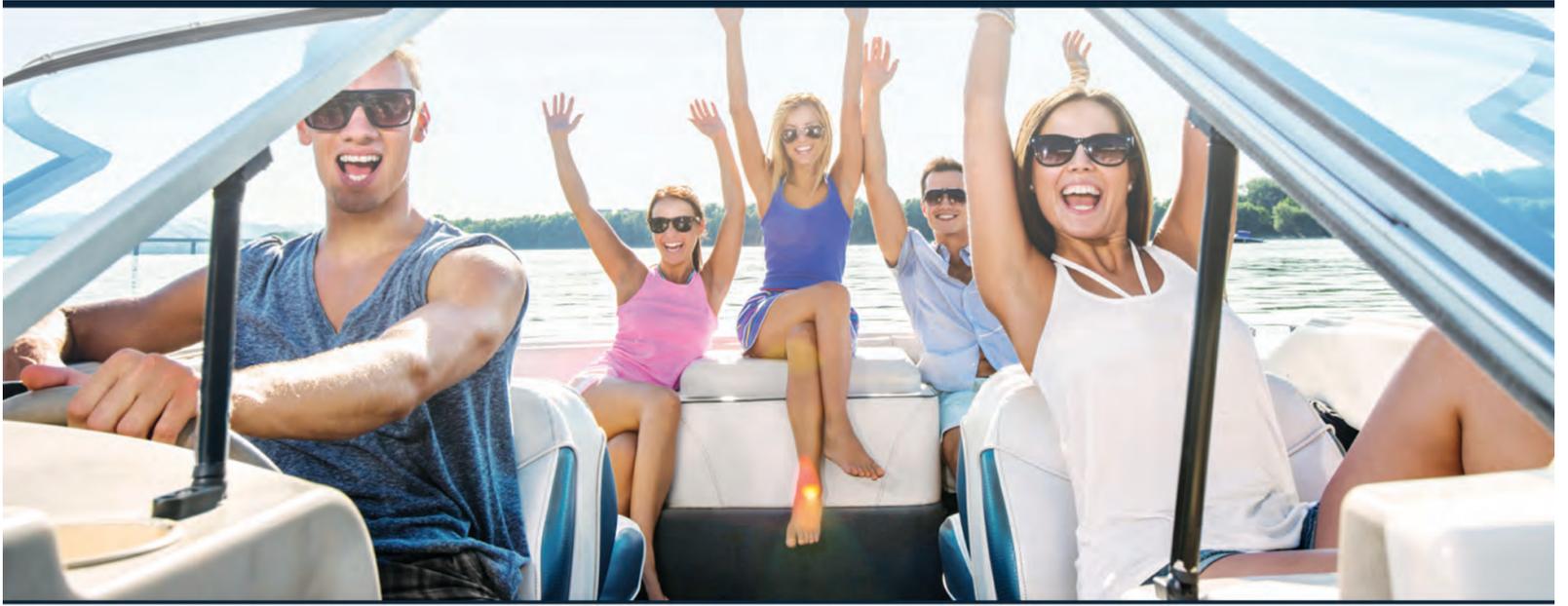
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