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The Newest Chief Petty Officers



GROUP COMMANDER

To the NAVELSG FWD Sailors, Families, Friends and other Shipmates - Greetings from Camp Arifjan Kuwait! I write this letter on the eve of the arrival of our Headquarters replacement. By time you read this edition of the Newsletter, the November Headquarters will have turned over to the Oscar rotation to carry on the 15th rotation of NAVELSG FWD. It seems a very long day ago indeed from January 22nd, 2012 when we arrived in theater and even longer from when we first mobilized on December 2nd, 2011.

The time has gone by fast even though the days were long. Looking back, I am proud of all we have accomplished and even more proud of how our Command was able to mold a group of 560 randomly mobilized reservists from 45 different states, originating from over 40 separate Active Duty Commands and 120 separate Naval Operation Support Centers across the United States. NAVELSG FWD was the largest Navy group under Navy Central Command's cognizance and All Hands are to be commended for developing NAVELSG FWD into an effective provisional command within an extremely short span of time. To be sure, our operations spanned 23 sites in 7 countries – no easy feat.

NAVELSG FWD has proven to be one of the finest rotations to date and singled out for our exceptionally strong performance during this rotation. We have done remarkable work answering the call for challenging missions throughout the deployment and setting the example of ingenuity, agility, and perseverance in tackling and accomplishing the mission. At the same time, we have greatly exceeded our Customer's expectations in all that we do.

At times though, it felt like we were driving a car, and someone threw the steering wheel out the window, someone stepped on the gas, and people were fighting for the driver's seat. Still, the NAVELSG FWD Team was like the energizer bunny – the sailors just kept going, and going, and going, and going. I always thought of myself as having a lot energy and drive. But I admit, even I could not keep up with many of our sailors and leaders.

One only has to pick up a major newspaper or turn on CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC and find that values such as Honor, Courage, Commitment and Duty, Honor, Country are words that may seem to have gone out of fashion. Not with NAVELSG FWD. I am proud to say that those words were our mantra, our rallying call. Fashions may change, essential truths don't. We will always need our Navy to protect us. We will always need sailors like those who served with NAVELSG FWD to serve in her. On behalf of a grateful nation – I thank all sailors of NAVELSG FWD for a job well done

This deployment represents the character of the United States finest military persons – the willingness of our sailors to make a sacrifice for their country. The military man and woman and the military family is supposed to sacrifice. They sacrifice every day, "taken-for-granted" togetherness. When deployed, more often than not the most that can be done is a phone call and some emails, and then the deployed member and family behind both must move on with the work at hand - the deployed member with the military mission, the family member with the family recovery mission. Sacrifice!!

But what an honorable sacrifice we have made. What nation in the world other than the United States of America has the conviction, the compassion, the dedication to what is RIGHT and the capability to implement that conviction, compassion and unrelenting quest for RIGHT, around the world? NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT! No other Nation in the world can do what the United States of America is doing. No other Nation in the world can invest so much of its "riches", invest so much of its energies and so many of its men and women in the quest for freedom and liberty in faraway lands.

Bringing freedom and liberty to Afghanistan, ridding Afghanistan of decades of tyranny, and working to establish a free, open Afghanistan based on Afghan culture and Islamic religious principles CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. NAVELSG FWD's enabling of the war fighter in Operation Enduring Freedom by providing combat capability through logistics in the Global War on Terrorism, has made a major contribution. WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!.

CAPT Daniel Roman Pionk, SC, USN, Group Commander



The Deputy's Diligence

To all the friends and families of our deployed Sailors here with NAVELSG Forward, I'd like to take a moment and say thank you for enduring the absence of your loved ones. It is especially hard to be without those who are significant in your life, but we all have a commitment to serve and right now that service is taking place. I thank each of you for your sacrifice and never ending support.

I would also like to let you know that the Sailor in your life has been the gateway in Kuwait and Afghanistan for all the armed forces who have served in the Middle East since the beginning of the year. They have a great responsibility that they take seriously and give proper focus to ensure that we execute and complete our mission as assigned. I want you to know that I share that same pride that you feel towards them. This is a great group of Sailors who have performed at a very high level for a long time here in less than favorable conditions.

As a Naval Reservist you only have a few opportunities to lead such a large organization in a mission that encompasses such an enormous scope of activities. As the Deputy Commander on this deployment, I have met Sailors who have not only impressed me with their work ethic, ingenuity, innovation and discipline, but they have left a profound effect on me as well. These Sailors are such high quality individuals that they force you to take a look at yourself and assess areas where you can improve---areas that you can focus on to be better to the Sailors you lead in the future.

I hope you read this and understand that you have someone over here who has sacrificed the better part of a year to do something that is vital to all our Joint partners--Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. It often seems like a simple task and not complicated at all, but as we have found out from past years, it only takes one mis-step for things to go sour quickly. That Sailor who is over here for you avoided those mis-steps.

As I leave in the coming month, I am honored to have served with everyone here. It is a privilege that many will never understand. The military--and specifically the Navy--provides an esprit de corps that cannot be duplicated in other areas of life. Your loved one will return home with sea stories and adventures that will travel with them through life's journey. They will have met individuals who will influence them in all that they do from this moment. It is a unique part of life that few are allowed to enjoy. It hasn't been easy at times and I'm sure confidence has wavered, but as each Sailor here nears their time home, they can rest assured that they stood the watch, expertly and professionally.

Thank you to all the Sailors here at NAVELSG Forward NOVEMBER rotation and best wishes to all friends and families who will welcome them home upon their return.

Excelsior!

CDR Hayden



Master Chief

As the November ESS Rotation comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who worked hard and did their job without complaint. There were issues that needed to be overcome, but with patience and persistence they were. I use the words patience and persistence because I have found that those 2 qualities are essential while serving in the military. I would urge everyone to remember them when you hit a roadblock in your naval career, because with these 2 qualities, there is nothing that cannot be overcome.

During this deployment, I have had the opportunity to work with sailors from all over our great country and have found that we all have one thing in common. We all have a desire to serve and are willing to make personal sacrifices to do so. Some sailors volunteered for this mobilization, others didn't, but in the end they all came together and worked as a team to accomplish the mission. That is what we do when there is a job to get done.

To all the ESS and Customs personnel I have met, thank you for the job that you are doing and will continue to do. I want to thank all of the Chiefs in the Mess for their hard work and support. This Navy cannot function without Chiefs and you proved that yet once again.

Thank you all for your service to our country and Navy.

Very Respectfully,

AOCM Bob Garcia



Note From The Editor

Congratulations NAVELSG FWD November in reaching the milestone of successfully completing the Deployment. The PAO team has had the distinct pleasure of capturing the deployment from beginning to end featuring the accomplishments, achievements and events of the NAVELSG FWD November Mission across the CENTCOM AOR. We have worked hard to bring you and your families the moments and experiences of the deployment in our four newsletters and our 350 page Cruisebook.

The last two months have been an incredibly busy time for the Sailors of NAVELSG FWD. To date thirty members have qualified as Expeditionary Warfare Specialists, with 4 more members soon to be boarding when they arrive from Afghanistan before redeploying. Twenty seven sailors were promoted off the February Exam Cycle. Nine sailors were advanced to Petty Officer Second Class, Thirteen were advanced to First Class Petty Officers and Five Sailors were selected for Chief Petty Officers. Bravo Zulu to these sailors on their achievements. Ninety seven sailors took the fall advancement exams, best of luck to them on their exams.

We survived the long hot summer, and with the news of The Customs Mission not being turned over to the Army brought some relief to the Custom Sailors with the opportunity for R N R. Many Custom Sailors volunteered to stay on and continue the mission with the OSCAR rotation.

Welcome Aboard OSCAR!!! We are happy to see you and eager for you to continue the success of the NAVELSG FWD Mission.

It has been our honor and privilege to meet, work and serve with you all. Stay smart and safe, take care of your shipmates. We would like to wish you all Fair Winds and Following Seas. To quote my favorite song "Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh, Farewell to foreign shores, we sail at the break of day-ay-ay-ay. Through our last night ashore, drink to the foam, Until we meet once more, Here's wishing you a happy voyage home."

ITC(EXW) Michelle Broskovich

GO STEELERS!!!!

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The Chief Petty Officer

BY: GM2 RUDI HEINRICH

Undoubtedly, the greatest day in a sailor's career happens when they become a Chief Petty Officer. It's a peerless institution with rituals and nuances that can perplex members of other military branches at times. The mission of the Navy places unique demands on sailors which require wisdom, experience and special abilities rolled into a compact corps of leaders. Entering the senior enlisted ranks is often seen as a simple transition in pay-grade in other branches of the military, but in the Navy it's an honored rite of passage. I'll explore the origins of the Chief Petty Officer rank, identify the first Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy and the demands put on the sailors that serve in the Chief's Mess.

In the British Navy, from where we derive many of our oldest traditions, there wasn't a distinct rank of "Chief Petty Officer" or even "Petty Officer" until late in the nineteenth century. The same goes for our own Navy. Regulations for standardized ranks showed up in 1853. What we see on crew manifests are a series of titles like "Gunners", "Carpenters Mate", "Armorers", and "Master-at-Arms". Not much to go on as far as standards go, however, what we do find are titles such as "Chief Boatswain's Mate", "Chief Gunner's Mate", et. al., after the regulations were further amended in 1863, yet the grade of Chief Petty Officer itself still had not yet been created. It can be said that the designation of "Chief" or "Boatswain's Mate-in-Charge" represents the genesis of the distinction, yet the designation as we know it today hadn't emerged. 1893 is the banner year for the official establishment of the CPO grade, but it was specific to certain rates and certainly not the same solid institution we have presently. Consequently, the exact origin of the Chief Petty Officer is still a matter of some debate among both professional and amateur historians.

So who was the very first Chief? This is also hard to pin down. There was a Chief Cook designated as a Chief Petty Officer, but the title seems linked to the paymaster rather than a title of respect and authority. In 1893 almost all ratings that were First Class Petty Officers were shifted to Chief Petty Officer via a collective raise in pay. Thus, narrowing down precedence to one individual is amorphous, and for the sake of historical significance, perhaps not very important.

What is of lasting importance is what shaped the institution following the establishment of the grade; how the tradition as we know it today

developed and continues to evolve. So can we find the solid origins of the Chief Petty Officer? It can't be found in records or in the debates of historians. This is an institution that grew out of the unique demands of service on the sea, a philosophy of leadership that spawned from a branch of the military that has always had to do more with less and operate under severe conditions while isolated at sea. Where other branches have the luxury of numbers and specialization, the Navy must persevere in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds and rely on good leadership. By and large, it is the Chiefs themselves rather than any regulation or mandate from above that have shaped this philosophy, and along with it their own tradition. Like the human spine, those who don the fouled anchor on their uniform collar are connected to the wider organization through their bond with each other. They represent a uniform understanding, a clearinghouse of collective wisdom, and a solid leadership example for junior sailors. In short, they are the linchpin of Navy's combat readiness and the caretakers of its tradition and moral philosophy. As the story of the Navy Chief continues to be written, there's no doubt members of other services will continue to marvel at its peculiarity, most likely with more than a little envy.



Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony



ARIFJAN PROMOTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS
GM1 ERIC SMITH

BRAVO SAILORS OF THE QUARTER



YN1 LARHONDA FUSILIER
SENIOR SAILOR OF QUARTER



AWR2 DANIELS SNAPP
JUNIOR SAILOR OF QUARTER

BRAVO HARD CHARGERS



HT3 ZIEGLER, JEFFREY



BM2 ESCOBIDO, LEONARD



HT2 GORDON, DALE



OS1 RULO, MARK



ABF1 TRINH, ANDY



EN1 GILBERT, DONALD



BM1 BLACK, MONTY



MA2 WILLIAMS, DAVID



EM2 NEWCOMB, JOAO

CHARLIE HARD CHARGERS



GM2 LARKINS, LINDSEY



MR2 PIEDRA, JUAN



OS2 STOKES, TERRANCE



ABH3 CRUZ, NIKIWILLI



EM2 ABUNASSER, MOHAMMED



**OS2 STOKES, TERRANCE
JUNIOR SAILOR OF QUARTER**

The NAVELSG FWD FCPOA Hard Chargers Program

The NAVELSG FWD FCPOA (First Class Petty Officers Association) Hard Charger program is a monthly recognition program for E5 and below Sailors. It's a way for the First Classes to reward and recognize their junior Sailors for the work they do and their contributions to mission success.

Every month the FCPOA accepts nominations from all First Classes naming a Sailor they felt showed superior performance during the month. Once all nominations are received, a selection board is conducted which ranks each Sailor based off the write up submitted by the nominating First Class. It can be a hard task sometimes! Our Sailors do outstanding work! Two Sailors from HQ and two from Alpha Company are selected every month. Then the FCPOA hosts an 'awards ceremony' and the 4 Hard Chargers are recognized in front of their peers, LCPOs and OICs. They receive a certificate, FCPOA coin, and a 24 hour special liberty chit.

The FCPOA wanted to recognize the junior Sailors for their outstanding performance and accomplishments in the various tasks and mission they accomplish. At the end of the day, we are all a team. One's work affects the others, up and down the ranks. The job that our junior Sailors do doesn't go unnoticed and the FCPOA wanted to show that. NAVELSG's mission is a success everyday because of their efforts and hard work.



ARIFJAN HARD CHARGERS



PS2 MISTY PARKER



YN2 CHARLES SMITH



MM3 TRENT OOSTENDORP



ET2 ERIC PAULSEN



GM2 REBECCA ROPP



BM2 ASHLEY BEETEN



MM2 HOWARD TODD



ET2 TIMOTHY WALKER

Sailors



Blue Jacket Sailor (E4)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **AE3 VIJAY JAINAUTH**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **RESERVE**
3. Hometown: **NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ**
4. Years of Service: **9**
5. Deployment Goal: **My deployment goals are to Cross Rate to LS, advance to E-5, and to get the best experience I can.**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **The chance to serve in Afghanistan. I have made friends with the best people, people who would do anything for you.**
7. Mission billet: **MHE Operator/Cargo Handler, Logistics**
8. Favorite quote: **"I'm not in this world to live up to your expectations and you're not in this world to live up to mine." – Bruce Lee.**



Junior Sailor (E5)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **CS2 Angelito Morales**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**
3. Hometown: **Chesapeake, Va**
4. Years of Service: **8 1/2**
5. Deployment Goal: **Save money, pay off all debt, lose weight, EXW.**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **My goal is having my EXW pin while on deployment.....Goal accomplished.**
7. Mission billet: **MHE Operator/Cargo Handler**
8. Favorite quote: **Simple life, Simple living**



Sailors



Senior Sailor (E6)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **LS1 Marshall Klevorick**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**
3. Hometown: **Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**
4. Years of Service: **11**
5. Deployment Goal: **Obtain EXW Pin and return to my Fuels Unit to help my Shipmates obtain theirs. Improve physical condition, learn and apply new skills. Start the process for obtaining an MBA in Human Resources**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **Completed my EXW quals in July. In addition, completed several courses in preparation for and during this deployment. Previously most of my expeditionary skills were related to Fuels. This deployment has given me the opportunity to learn a lot about cargo handling and hazardous material. Met great people. I am proud of what the Air Cargo Team accomplished over the past 8 ½ months. Overall, a very good deployment!**
7. Mission billet: **Equipment Operator and Hazardous Material Transportation Certifier**
8. Favorite quote: **"Necessity is a powerful force".(My Father told me this when I was young)**



Blue Jacket Sailor (E4)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **QM3 Waleska Betancourt**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **RESERVE**
3. Hometown: **San Juan, Puerto Rico**
4. Years of Service: **9**
5. Deployment Goal: **To expand my horizons through the learning and development of new skills and to adapt to new cultural challenges positively.**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **Most rewarding experience would be to be able to get promoted to E5.**
7. Mission billet: **Washrack/Sterile**
8. Favorite quote: **Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by what is above him when he shows no mercy to what is below him?**



Expeditionary Warfare (EXW) Recipients



HM2(EXW) TIMOTHY SMITH



LS2(EXW) ANGELA THOMAS



HMC(EXW) DENNIS OSHEA



OSC(EXW) FRANCES OLDFIELD



LSC(EXW) ROY CUNNINGHAM



ITC(EXW) MICHELLE BROSKOVICH



ABF2 ERIC PANGILINAN



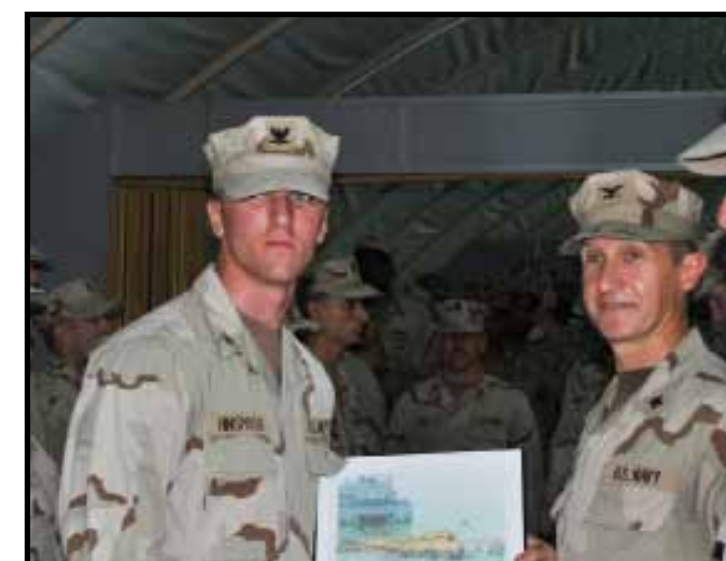
CS2 ANGELITO MORALES



LS2(EXW) TAKIA HARRIS



HM3(EXW) GEOFFREY GUTIERREZ-LAGUNDA



LS3(EXW) AARON HINSPATER



LS2(EXW) SEWLAIN BELGRAVE



A01(EXW) CLAUDIA CANNON



OSC(EXW) RICKY RAY LEE



AOCM(AV/EXW) ROBERT GARCIA



BeBe Winans Tours Kuwait



SAILORS
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN
SEPTEMBER



ET3 TIMOTHY WALKER 1 SEP	AD1 EDWARD YOSHIKAWA 17 SEP
A02 DAVID PRIETO 5 SEP	OSC FRANCES OLDFIELD 17 SEP
STGCS BRIAN HAVENER 5 SEP	ABH1 TIMOTHY SHERMAN 18 SEP
A02 JESUS SANDOVAL 5 SEP	A01 ERIC BEATTIE 19 SEP
ET2 ROBERT LEEP 7 SEP	EM2 JOAO NEWCOMB 19 SEP
GM1 CHARLES MORVANT 7 SEP	A02 JAVIER MENDIOLA 21 SEP
BM1 CARLOS EGUIA 10 SEP	QM3 DAVID CLOER 22 SEP
BMC JOHN AGUAYO 10 SEP	BMCS JOHN MATUZA 23 SEP
AE3 SERGIO MENDOZA 12 SEP	IT1 MELINDA JUDSON 23 SEP
BM2 ADAM PARROTT 15 SEP	LCDR DOUGLAS TURNER 24 SEP
AE2 JOSEPH PAPIN 16 SEP	GSE2 ANGELA HALL 26 SEP
YN2 DION THOMAS 16 SEP	BM2 EDGARDO NILAYAN 27 SEP
BM3 ANDREA MAHRENHOLZ 17 SEP	AME3 AGUSTIN MORENO 28 SEP

SAILORS
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN
OCTOBER

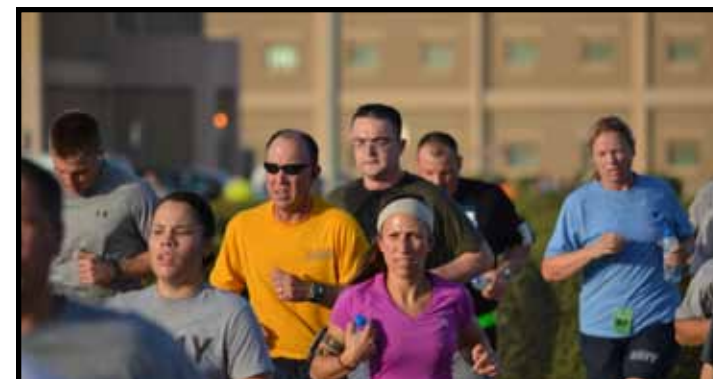


MM TRENT OOSTENDORP 1 OCT	LCDR MICHAEL BULLOCK 19 OCT
OS1 TRISHONE RANDALL 2 OCT	AT2 SAMUEL LAURENT 20 OCT
CM1 CARLOS BARAHONA 2 OCT	PR1 SCOTT VOSS 20 OCT
BM1 MONTY BLACK 4 OCT	HT3 JEFFREY ZIEGLER 20 OCT
ABFC DARREN LANTZ 5 OCT	YN1 MICHAEL KILLIAN 21 OCT
ABF2 ERICK PANGILINAN 7 OCT	AM3 LATEEPH ADETUNJI 21 OCT
LSC ROY CUNNINGHAM 7 OCT	BM3 FENENDO ALFRED 22 OCT
GM2 RUDI HEINRICH 8 OCT	BM3 LARRY MCDANIELS 25 OCT
AM3 ALEJANDRO ESCONTRIAS 10 OCT	BU1 PHU NGUYEN 26 OCT
BM1 MICHAEL TABBAKA 10 OCT	A02 MUHAMMAD RAFIQUE 27 OCT
ABF1 ALFREDO LARA 13 OCT	CS2 ANGELITO MORALES 28 OCT
ABF2 DAVID TUTTLE 13 OCT	YN2 ERIC FENSKE 28
BM1 EDWARD OSKINS 14 OCT	BMC GERARD COX 29
HMCS DEREK LINDSAY 17 OCT	HM2 JON JONES 29
LSS2 SELWAIN BELGRAVE 17 OCT	MR1 TOMMY BURNETT 30

Patriot's Day

5K Run/Walk

11 September Camp Arifjan



Charlie Fun

The Midway Deployment at KNB

Written By: AZ2 Thompson, Sereda PAO Charlie Company KNB

NAVELSG Forward Charlie Company...

In celebration of the 2012 Olympics which was hosted in London, Charlie Company MWR team members hosted a party on August 25th, 2012 with an Olympic theme. To commemorate the reaching of the half way point of the lengthy FWD November deployment. The Olympic Theme Party provided an opportunity for ESS, Headquarters, Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Company sailors to bring their competitive nature to KNB Camp Patriot.

The event featured the rhythmic fresh beats of DJ "Spin-City" (ET1 Castleman), hometown football team jerseys and ball cap apparel, creative sportswear, costumes, lively entertainment, fresh BBQ grilled by none other than Charlie Company's MWR Vice President HM3 Turner, MR1 Brunette, and CS3 Williams. The event also featured, games, sporting events (basketball shootout and volleyball), prizes, and Charlie's Company's very own snow cone machine.

The highlight of the evening was the game of Musical Chairs which not only gathered the attention of the Navy, but the Army and Coast Guard as well. The competitive nature really came alive once the game started. Navy vs Army vs Coast Guard made for a good time. Of course taking home the title and gift cards for each round were two fellow Navy Charlie Company sailors. Round one went to HT3 Cousins who was representing the Miami Heat basketball team. Round two went to PO2 Lloyd who was representing the Tennessee Titans.



Designer Sailor



Am High was what Winston Salem Sailor, QM2 David F. Cloer did during his deployment with NAVELSG FWD NOVEMBER. Petty Officer Cloer, a reservist with the Surge Main Unit out of NOSC Charlotte had set some goals for his deployment with the NAVELSG FWD where he is serving as the Safety Specialist and Assistant Leading Petty Officer for Training Department.

One of QM2 goals was to design a t-shirt for the Morale Welfare and Recreation 5k races held on the various camps in Kuwait. He took the initiative to find out the process by engaging Tara Rodriguez, the MWR Media Manger. He learned about the upcoming races for the rest of the fiscal year and QM2 chose to design a shirt in honor of his father, Hyot Cloer, a Vietnam

War Air Force Vet. Cloer came up with his design and submitted it through his chain of command and MWR for approval. His design was approved to commemorate the 65th Birthday of the United States Air Force on September 18, 2012. MWR produces about 1300 shirts for the deployed members who participate in the races. The race is scheduled to be run at 1900, 18 September at Zone 1 at Camp Arifjan.

In addition to meeting this goal of his deployment, Petty Officer Cloer was recently promoted to QM2 achieving another deployment goal. He was also selected as the NAVELSG FWD Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the Second Quarter, further proving his dedication to the NAVELSG mission.



Since his boots hit the sands of Kuwait QM2 Cloer was sought out by the command for his creativity and exceptional artistic skills being instrumental in the development of the NAVELSG FWD Command Coin, the NAVESLG FWD Chief Petty Officer Mess coin, the Supply Department Coin, and the NAVCENT HQ Kuwait Command Master Chief's Coin. He shared his artistic ability with various departments in the command by designing their individual department t-shirts. His artistic skills were utilized further by the command in designing operational posters to highlight sensitive items prohibited by US Customs for redeploying military personnel. These posters served to prevent injury or severe legal consequences for all transiting military personnel.

During his off duty hours QM2 continued to work on his deployment goals of getting back on track with his Bachelor's degree by completing 15 credit hours in his Environmental Management program. Cloer also strived to enhance his physical fitness by working out regularly and participating in the 5k Races, giving him the idea for the design of the shirt. He was a successful in Meeting the 4000 Push Up/Sit up Challenge sponsored by MWR. In his civilian life, QM2 Cloer is employed as an Environmental Health and Safety Officer with JPS Composites in Statesville, North Carolina. He is married to Lindsay Cloer and is the son of Hyot and Paulette Cloer. He is a 1994 graduate of West Iredell High School and 2008 Honor graduate of the Art Institute of Charlotte.

Sailors



Junior Sailor (E5)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **BM2 Tiffany Brown**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**
3. Hometown: **New Bern, North Carolia**
4. Years of Service: **7**
5. Deployment Goal: **Complete Degree In Culinary Nutrition**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **Being able to interact with a diverse group of people from all over the world.**
7. Mission billet: **Customs Border Control Agent (CBCA)**
8. Favorite quote: **"Never Put Off Until Tommorrow What You Can Do Today"**



Junior Sailor (E5)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **BM1 Coles**
2. Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**
3. Hometown: **Nashville Tennessee**
4. Years of Service: **13**
5. Deployment Goal: **I enjoy teaching sailors how to become well rounded Boatswains Mates. I feel that through my experiences than other sailors will have an easier time when it's time for them to acclimate to ship life. My second goal is becoming a first class Petty Officer. I feel that my leadership skills have been honed through my Navy career and that I am ready to take on this challenge. I have also been learning so much photography on this deployment and hopes to one day become a great photographer.**
6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **My most rewarding experience so far has been becoming part of the PAO team and helping so many sailors through Photo art. I believe that my photography helps our family back at home appreciate what we do out here and brings moral to everyone.**
7. Mission billet: **PAX**
8. Favorite quote: **Be easy my friend_/ Collie Coles!!!**



“A date that will live in infamy”

By: HTCS Mark Watts

These words were uttered on Dec 8th 1941 in reference to the attacks on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire. How ironic it is that these same words can be uttered about the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on what we all know as 9/11 nearly 60 years later.

Recently the Sailors deployed with NAVELSG FWD had the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of that day, a day that people can honestly say they will remember for the rest of their lives. Like many from the greatest generation that still say today that they remember exactly where they were and what they were doing on Dec 7th 1941 we too share that same numbing feeling today about 9/11. For some, myself included it was a day that completely changed our lives and turned them in a different direction.

September 11, 2001 was a beautiful fall morning with clear blue skies and a hint of autumn in the air. On the East coast this beautiful day would soon come to an abrupt end at 8:47 AM EST when reports that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City broke the airwaves and television broadcasts that were the usual norms for the day. At first most were in shock and disbelief at the very thought of it. Just a few minutes later their wonderment would turn to horror as a second plane struck the opposite tower in lower Manhattan. As the events that followed unfolded many Americans awoken to the news across the country as their days began. In time it would become painfully clear that this was a changed world. We were now the victims of the most blazon attack in American history. Technology aided in the fear and horrors of the day's events as live pictures were broadcast to news and media outlets around the world. As details poured in from multiple news sources many Americans were faced with no answers to unthinkable questions about the day's events.

My questions were many that day. As a father of three very small children ages four, two, and four months my thoughts were of the kids. Not just mine but the kids of the people that were killed or injured in the towers, the Pentagon, the planes, and on the ground. Sadly 3051 children



lost a parent that day, some lost both. I pondered on the issue of who picked them up from school or daycare and told them that Mommy or Daddy isn't coming home any more. Where did they sleep that night, who tucked them in to bed on the night of September 11, 2001?

Many people feel that it is time to turn the corner and move on, perhaps they are right. For the Sailors forward deployed on this day it was not a day to simply move on, it was a day to remember. Navy tradition has it that every year in the summer the Navy chooses its new Chief Petty Officer Selectees. This year's selectees, like those stateside lead the charge in remembering the tragic events of 9/11. The 12 Selectees from Commands in Kuwait planned and executed a very dignified and humble remembrance ceremony that began precisely at 8:47 AM EST as a symbol of respect and honor for the first casualties of the war on terror. As each perspective Chief Petty Officer took turns reading a timeline of the events that happened 11 years ago a single bell was tolled at key moments of time and a moment of silent reflection was held. Some in the audience were civilians at the time of the attacks and were compelled to reenlist or join for the first time because of a calling they heard from within to be involved in the defense of the very freedom we all cherish. Some were already serving and were quickly swept up in the immediate response to the situation, and some were too young to serve at the time of the attacks but had proudly stepped forward and volunteered to serve years after that fateful day in the fall of 2001. Regardless of the reasons why each of us was there we all shared a brief period of time to pause and remember. We remembered the fear, the pain, the feelings of helplessness, of anger, of patriotism, and those 3051 innocent children now missing a parent.

As the Sailors of NAVELSG FWD watched another 9/11 sink into the evening sky their thoughts were with their families and friends at home who were at that very time attending their local remembrance services, perhaps even thinking about the sacrifices made on their behalf by their loved ones so far from home on this day. September 11, 2001 is this generation's day of infamy and will be remembered for years to come by the next generations because of services provided by Sailors like those serving today around the world placing themselves between the citizens of America and those that want to do harm to them. We must never forget or fail to honor those souls lost on 9/11 and those that have given their lives since in the name of freedom.



Sailors



Junior Sailor (E5)

Rate First and Last Name: **Mohammed. Abunasser**

Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**

Hometown: **San Antonio, Texas**

Years of Service: **Nine years, eight months.**

Deployment Goal: **Fulfill Deployment Standings by completing the mission. Earn Veteran's Status. Create "Life Long Memory".**

Most Rewarding/ Significant experience on deployment: **Adapt to a challenging environment, and meet new people.**

Mission Billet: **CBCA, SPOD, Charlie Company.**

Favorite Quote: **"I served in the United States Navy" – John F. Kennedy.**

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I served in the United States Navy"—John F. Kennedy.



Junior Sailor (E5)

1. Name, Rate First and Last: **AZ2 (AW) Cooper, Malinda**

2. Status Active or Reserve: **Active**

3. Hometown: **Portsmouth, VA**

4. Years of Service: **8**

5. Deployment Goal: **Advance to Petty Officer First Class**

6. Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment : **Training Sailors and giving them the tools to become future leaders. Aiding Sailors with their FTS application, and finding out those Sailors had been selected and received orders to Active Duty.**

7. Mission billet: **Customs Border Clearing Agent**

8. Favorite quote: **"In the course of life I have often had to eat my own words, and I must confess that I found it to be a wholesome diet."**



The Newest NAVELSG FWD MEMBERS



ANTHONY DAVISON ALEXANDER HALL
CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVEN & HEATHER HALL



LILLIANA MARIE REYNA MUNOZ
CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTONIO MUNOZ



CHRISTOPHER OLOGBO
CONGRATULATIONS TO ABEL AND BARBARA OLOGBO



ALEXANDER MASON JONES
CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER AND EMILY JONES



**JEFFREY SCOTT LEE BEATTIE
CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC BEATTIE**

**ALSO
“THE LATEEPH FAMILY”
WELCOMED TWINS TO THE FAMILY “ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL”**



Blue Jacket Sailor: **(E4)**

Name: **EN3 RAMON J. MORALES**

Status Active or Reserve: **Reserve**

Hometown: **Orlando, Florida**

Years of Service: **11 Years, 6 Month**

Deployment Goal: **Advance to E-5, Apply for Warrant Officer Program, Enroll in as many Classes as possible to further professional portfolio, Attain EXW pin.**

Most Rewarding /significant experience on deployment: **ACFL for Charlie Company, Have helped over 12 fellow Shipmates in my mentoring program in achieving personal and professional fitness, Designed Command Logo T-Shirts, Qualified in M-9, 240 and 50 cal, CPR, Hazwoper, Spill Response, involved in Honor Guard drills, Won 1st place in 4 fitness competitions, Volunteered in 6 Frago missions and 2 Gear drops.**

Mission billet: **Customs Agent**

Favorite quote: **“Your talent determines what you can do. Your Motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.” - Lou Holtz”**



SHOTEX

Just in time for the flu season

On 19 Sep 2012, HM2 Timothy Smith, HM3 Geoffrey Gutierrez-Lagunda, and HM3 Brynn Dewey supported the wellness center by administering the influenza to over 150 service members from NAVELSG FWD, NAVCENT and Army personnel. When it comes to the flu, the goal is prevention as they continue to support mission readiness. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people get their seasonal flu vaccine as soon as vaccines are available in their community. It's best to get vaccinated before December, since this timing ensures protective antibodies are in place before flu activity is typically at its highest.





USO SUPERMODELS TOUR VISITS KUWAIT

US Navy Customs Camp LSA Kuwait

While completing our primary mission we had the opportunity to meet and greet actors, singers and other important people who visit the deployed armed forces members. Brooklyn Decker (American fashion model and actress) and Chrissy Teigen (American model) were on a USO tour trip in Ali Al Salem. Part of their visit included a tour thru the Navy Customs spaces by the Bravo Company Commander LCDR Anthonsen, ABF2 (AW) Ufkes and AE2 (AW) Papin.

They had the chance to see how the US Navy Customs conducts the processing of personnel leaving the Middle East Theater. Four areas of interest were the body scanner and wand, the baggage x-ray, the amnesty area and Freedom Yard. The body scanner or the wand, as explained allows Customs Border Clearing Agent (CBCA`s) to examine personnel. The baggage X-ray allows CBCA`s to examine personnel belongings. The Amnesty area is where all contraband is collected, accounted for, disposed of or kept for certain training evolutions to help better train CBCA`s. The last area of interest was the Freedom Yard, which includes restaurants on hand, free internet, other items provided to personnel transiting thru navy customs.

Near the end of the tour, the models met with many members of Bravo Company for individual and group photos.



Talk Like a Pirate Day
20 SEP 12

All hope abandon, ye who enter here. September 19th marks the spot of the 10th annual International Talk Like a Pirate Day, an occasion for much rejoicing , song, and setting quarrels with sword and pistol. The crew of BRAVO Company celebrated at the Bot-tom Notch, Ali Al-Selem.

Cap’n Sandfish (LCDR Anthonsen) was on deck to make sure no pirate took more than his share of the treasure to observe the pirate code, and to keelhaul anyone voted on by the crew in a 3/5th majority.

“Good order and discipline are essential on any ship,” he remarked, “and as pirates today we’re better than ever. All crewmembers are required to swear to the pirate code on cosed swords, be schooled to at least second grade, and cannot have shot another pirate in the past, unless it was deserved.”



Crewmembers Cannonball Lisa(YN1 Rowe) was in charge of all morale, esprit-de-corps, and food, including hot dogs, hamburgers, and two limes per day for scurvy.



We had an opportunity to sit down with an anonymouus crew member to ask what it’s like to be a pirate:

Q: Why do we need a Talk Like a Pirate Day?
A: Make no mistake. We do. Pirate has a certain swagger, an e’lan, denied to landlocked lubbers. Besides, its fun.

Q: How does one become a pirate?
A: One does not simply “become a pirate.” It is a hard life and it takes a certain set of qualities. Hard to explain, but there be several courses ye’ll do on Pirate Knowledge Online(PKO).

Q: Have you ever made anyone walk the plank?
A: Avast, we have not been able to get an off-plank memo in ages.

Q: Yar?
A: Indeed. Yea

This year several Army personnel were piped aboard to join in the fun. When asked how a land-based service could adapt to the pirate lifestyle, crewmember one-eyed Henry (AD1 Dudek) replied, “ At first it was strange having the king’s soldiers aboard, but after meetin’ me cat-o-nine tails we got on famously.”



Welcome Aboard OSCAR

CAPT CHARLES RINK
CDR JIMMY HAHM
CMDCM SCOTT QUAMME

HM3 ISAGANI ATANGAN
IT1 LAURA AVERY
CM3 JOSIAH BAKER
E02 CARLOS BARRETOCOLAN
LT JAVIER BENABE
MAC GINA BENNET
BM1 SAMUEL BISHOP
E01 GIAMPAOLO BORDONARO
CM2 DAVID CAHILL
HM1 COLIN CHRISTIAN
AB2 ANTONIO DELEON
BM3 JIMMIE DRAPER
QM1 KENTON DURHAM
CRD DANIEL FOSTER
CM3 COLIN FOX
LT LINDSEY FRASIER
LT ALONSO GOINS
CS3 ROBERT GREER

IT2 NICHOLAS GRUE
GS2 EARL GUMBS
LTJG JAMES HOLBROOK
YN2 CHRIS JOHNSON
LCDR MARILYN JOHNSON
MR3 ERICA JORDAN
YN1 TITUS LOVE
ABF2 BERNARD MAINOR
CSC ROBERT MASSEY
ETCS HAROLD MCBANE
MA2 MATTHEW NOVAK
LT RAFAEL OJEDA
QMC BETH RENIER
IT1 JASON RITCHIE
HMC JC SBRACCIA
GM2 JACQUELYN WILSON
LS1 JAMES ZVETINA



