



Today in Naval History

1917 - Destroyer Division 8, commanded by Cmdr. Joseph K. Taussig, arrives at Queenstown, Ireland, to protect convoy escorts against German U-boats.
1942 - The Battle of Coral Sea begins when Task Force 17 attacks the Japanese Tulagi Invasion Force at Tulagi, Solomons.
1945 - Marine Sgt. Elbert L. Kinser throws himself upon a grenade during the Okinawa Campaign and saves his fellow Marines. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.
1945 - Kamikazes attack and sink USS Luce (DD 522), USS Morrison (DD 560), USS LSM 190, USS LSM 194 during the Okinawa Campaign.
1961 - Cmdr. Malcom D. Ross, pilot, and medical observer Lt. Cmdr. Victor A. Prather, Jr., ascent in two hours to more than 110,000 feet in Strato-Lab 5, setting an altitude record for manned open gondola.

S. Korea To Build 3 More Destroyers Able To Thwart Ballistic Missiles

Story by Jeff Jeong, Defense News

In a critical step toward developing its naval capabilities, South Korea plans to construct three more 7,600-ton destroyers equipped with American-made Aegis combat systems and sophisticated ballistic missile interceptors.
Presided over by Defense Minister Jeong Kyung-doo, a top executive committee of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) endorsed April 30 the \$3.3 billion effort to acquire the additional destroyers by 2028.
The batch 2 ships of the KDX-III Sejong the Great-class are expected to be fitted with the Raytheon-built RIM-161 Standard Missile 3, or SM-3, according to DAPA officials.
“The construction [of more Aegis destroyers] will help the South Korean navy respond to potential maritime disputes more effectively as well as carry out peacekeeping missions more successfully, as the ships are supposed to have upgraded ship-to-air and underwater operational capability,” DAPA spokesman Park Jung-eun told reporters.
The new batch of Aegis destroyers, in particular, would have an up-to-date software suite for destroying incoming ballistic missiles, the spokesman added. The three batch 1 ships are equipped with the SM-2 interceptor designed to engage anti-ship cruise missiles during the terminal intercept phase.
The purchase of ballistic missile interceptors was included in South Korea’s five-year midterm force improvement plan, according to DAPA and navy sources.
The ship-based interceptor is a key part of the country’s own missile shield, dubbed the Korea Air and Missile Defense, or KAMD — a network that includes Patriot Advanced Capability 2 and 3 interceptors, ship-based SM-2 missiles and locally developed medium-range surface-to-air missiles.
The U.S. Army’s Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system was deployed

How The Navy Plans To Retain Officers With Special Skills

Story by Mark Faram, Navy Times

The Navy is shaking up Specialty Career Paths for unrestricted line officers, eliminating two skills from the program as well as discontinuing selection boards and command opportunities.
The changes were announced in NavAdmin 049/19, which was released by Vice Adm. Bob Burke, the Navy’s chief of personnel.
Burke’s move followed a complete review of a program designed to develop a cadre of officers with critical skills in eight key Navy mission areas. The Navy is looking to revamp the program in light of recent reforms to the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act that were approved in the Fiscal Year 2019 defense spending bill.
Those changes have hiked the Navy’s ability to retain mid-career officers who don’t screen for either promotion or command, but whose skills and knowledge are still needed by the service.
“Officers with skills that fall within the SCP program remain valued and important to Navy efforts and we will seek to retain their expertise in which we have heavily invested, to preserve our competitive advantage in the maritime security environment,” Burke wrote in the message.
The Navy already uses what Burke calls the “Up and Stay” program — the ability for officers to swerve off traditional career tracks that lead to command and instead try parallel but productive paths in their fields.

After Oil, Washington Weighs Sanctions on Iran’s Other Sources of U.S. Dollars

Story by Benoit Faucon and Ian Talley, Wall Street Journal

The Trump administration is considering a more-aggressive enforcement of its economic sanctions on Iran—targeting more companies and financial institutions that do business with the Islamic Republic in an attempt to cut off lucrative sources of U.S. dollar-denominated hard currency.
The new sanctions on banks and businesses would be aimed at choking off trade including Iran’s petrochemical sales to Singapore and its consumer-goods sales to Afghanistan.
The prospect of added pressure on Iran comes as Washington kicked off a fresh round of sanctions on Iranian oil exports. The U.S. ban is aimed at coercing Iran into reaching a new nuclear and security pact. In targeting the country’s crude—its main income source—the U.S. hopes to sever the financial and trade ties that are keeping Iran’s economy afloat.
Since the U.S. sanctions began in November, the Iranian government has missed out on more than \$10 billion in oil revenue, Brian Hook, U.S. special representative for Iran at the State Department, said.
The U.S. Treasury Department is now weighing targeted sanctions that would curb the flow of less-visible sources of the U.S.-denominated currency that Iran needs to pay for imports of basic goods—and to shore up its own flagging currency, U.S. officials said.
The sanctions under consideration include the targeting of financial networks that transfer U.S. dollars to Iranian companies as payment for petrochemical exports—the country’s second-largest source of revenue after oil.
Petrochemical sales also “generate the most profitable margins,” a person familiar with the proposed U.S. plan said. The financial networks the U.S. would target operate in Singapore, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and Armenia, another person familiar with the considerations said.
Petrochemical sales are a key component of Iran’s gross domestic product. The country hopes to generate an annual \$36 billion in such sales by 2021, up from \$19 billion in 2015, Iran’s oil minister Bijan Zanganeh said on Wednesday at an oil and gas conference in Tehran.
Petrochemical sales, including ammonia, methanol and urea, are banned under the existing U.S. sanctions, with companies and individuals outside Iran at risk of being sanctioned for any transactions with Iran’s second-biggest export industry.
But Washington would step up the targeting of foreign entities that deal with Tehran’s sanctioned goods—which then risk losing access to the U.S. financial system.
While the general ban against the petrochemical sales falls under the prohibition of petroleum products, U.S.-based Iran analysts said the U.S. could curb purchases of those exports in China and other nations by sanctioning the several dozen petrochemical companies that haven’t yet been called out by the Treasury Department.
The U.S. officials said they are considering more-aggressive sanctions against Iran’s trade in gold and other precious metals, its purchases of U.S. dollars and its car industry, which took effect in August. Those include sales of discounted goods in Afghanistan, a key source of hard currency in dollars for the Iranian government, one U.S. official said.
U.S. officials are also looking at shell companies and foreign-currency transactions operating in Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq as critical financial hubs for Tehran.
Many of Iran’s banned banks also have currency-exchange operations outside the country that help Tehran launder illicit revenue and secure dol-

lars that help fund its military operations around the region, U.S. officials said. Those exchange houses have relationships with other financial firms with branches in Tehran, Dubai, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Malaysia.
An Iraqi official said Washington is pressuring Baghdad to stop imports of automotive spare parts from Iran—a lucrative source of cash for Tehran. A Treasury representative said the department doesn’t telegraph sanctions or comment on prospective actions. Administration officials have issued public and private warnings in recent weeks that new sanctions would be forthcoming.
“We will continue to enforce sanctions and monitor compliance,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said last week as the administration said it would no longer issue waivers for the countries still importing oil from Iran. “Any nation or entity interacting with Iran should do its diligence and err on the side of caution.”
While the U.S. isn’t issuing new waivers, officials are considering whether to overlook existing contracts signed before the last waivers expired. Such a move gives the administration the ability to move toward its zero-exports goal while taking into account the logistical complications of shifting India and China completely off Iranian crude.
Allowing those contracts to be considered as part of the previous waiver quota could also help the U.S. avoid the additional diplomatic friction while the White House is negotiating with Beijing and New Delhi on other policy priorities such as a trade deal with China and stronger sanctions compliance in the North Korea program.
Furthermore, any revenue from those purchases is still diverted into special accounts Tehran can only access for humanitarian aid.

May The Force Be With You.

Peter William Mayhew
May 1944 – April 2019

Peter Mayhew Has Died

Story from Fox News
“Star Wars” stars and fans mourned the loss of actor Peter Mayhew on Thursday night.
The 74-year-old actor, best known for his role as Chewbacca in the “Star Wars” movie series, died on Tuesday, according to a tweet from his family.
“The family of Peter Mayhew, with deep love and sadness, regrets to share the news that Peter has passed away. He left us the evening of April 30, 2019 with his family by his side in his North Texas home,” the tweet posted Thursday read.
Mark Hamill, who starred alongside Mayhew in the “Star Wars” series as Luke Skywalker, penned a moving tribute to his former co-star.
“He was the gentlest of giants. A big man with an even bigger heart who never failed to make me smile & a loyal friend who I loved dearly. I’m grateful for the memories we shared & I’m a better man for just having known him. Thanks Pete,” Hamill wrote, alongside pictures of himself with Mayhew.
Actor Joonas Suotamo played Chewbacca as a double for Mayhew in 2015’s “The Force Awakens” and tweeted a simple “R.I.P.” on Thursday night, with a longer statement and a picture of the two actors.
“Peter’s warm welcome when I came aboard as his double in The Force Awakens meant so much to me,” his statement said, in part. “He was an absolutely one-of-a-kind gentleman and a legend of unrivaled class and I will miss him.”
William Shatner, known for his roles on the original “Star Trek” television series, tweeted his condolences to Mayhew’s family and reminisced about his friendship with the actor.
“I am so sorry to hear about Peter. We had so many fun and memorable tweets back and forth over the years plus seeing each other at a convention here and there. My deepest condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed!” Shatner tweeted.

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EVENTS

MWR TOUR SIGN-UPS

BRING COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO THE AFT MESS DECKS

MAY 5: 1530-1730, 2130-2330

MAY 6: 0230-0430, 0930-1130, 1530-1730, 2130-2330



“Shall Not Perish”



AMAN Larry Hoffman repairs a weather seal on the canopy of an F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Sidewinders" of VFA-86. Photo by MC3 Garrett LaBarge.



An F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Fist of the Fleet" of VFA-25 launches from the flight deck. Photo by MCSN Michael Singley.



MR2 Karla Morales makes bolts with a lathe in the machine shop. Photo by MC3 Garrett LaBarge.



HT2 Andrew Hipp welds a shelf in the hangar bay. Photo by MC3 Garrett LaBarge.

SPLIT PHOTO CONTEST

MWR is offering a photo contest while in Split, Croatia.

1. Only one photo may be entered per participant, per category.
2. The highest resolution camera setting must be used for best quality.
3. Photos that would put the photographer in danger are prohibited.
4. Submit photos to kathleen.varner@cvn72.navy.mil along with category (**Travel Photo, Group Photo, Selfie with a Local**).

Entries must be submitted no later than **May 17**.

Be creative, be courteous and have fun shooting!
For more information, visit the [MWR SharePoint page](#).



AMAN Joshua King and AM3 David Min repair stripped fasteners on an F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Fist of the Fleet" of VFA-25. Photo by MC3 Garrett LaBarge.

JEDI OF THE DAY

As primary workcenter supervisor, Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 2nd Class Ryan Ballance managed 12 personnel in the conduction of preventive and corrective maintenance on #1 Reactor and its primary systems leading to the flawless completion of 508 primary maintenance items, including the replacement of a critical reactor plant component while at anchor.

Additionally, as fill king, he flawlessly planned, trained and executed the semi-annual reactor fill system test, a system vital to safe reactor plant operation, impervious to the pressure of being one week before deployment.

Ballance is a motivated leader who maintains a high standard with his peers and subordinates alike and therefore is deserving of Sailor of the Day.



MMN2 Ryan Ballance

Reactor Department
Spring Valley, Calif.
Onboard for 3 Years

GALAXY REPORT



66°/61°

Thunderstorms
and Showers
Throughout the Day

PLAYOFF BOARD



BLUE JACKETS V. BRUINS
SERIES TIED 2-2

AVALANCHE V. SHARKS
SERIES TIED 2-2

HURRICANES V. ISLANDERS
HURRICANES LEAD SERIES 3-0

STARS V. BLUES
SERIES TIED 2-2

(1) GOLDEN STATE V. (4) HOUSTON
WARRIORS LEAD SERIES 2-0

(2) DENVER V. (3) PORTLAND
SERIES TIED 1-1

(1) MILWAUKEE V. (4) BOSTON
SERIES TIED 1-1

(2) TORONTO V. (3) PHILADELPHIA
FLYERS LEADS SERIES 2-1



GAMES

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

CH 13	CH 12	CH 16
Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace (136m)		The Family Man (125m)
	Logan Lucky (118)	The Gift (108m)
Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones (142m)	Wilson (94)	The Hunt for Red October (135m)
	Why Him? (111)	
Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith (140m)	Dangerous Liaisons (119m)	The Hitman's Bodyguard (111m)
		Leap (89m)
Solo: A Star Wars Story (135m)	Entourage (105m)	
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (135)	SECOND SHOWING	
	Logan Lucky (118)	The Family Man (125m)
Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope (121)	Wilson (94)	The Gift (108m)
Star Wars: Episode V The Empire Strikes Back (124)	Why Him? (111)	The Hunt for Red October (135m)
	Dangerous Liaisons (119m)	The Hitman's Bodyguard (111m)
Star Wars: Episode VI Return of the Jedi (134)	Entourage (105m)	
		Leap (89m)
Star Wars: Episode VIII The Last Jedi (134)		
Movies will begin playing at 0830		
*Movies will be paused as directed.		
Channel 15: Command Information Channel/The Boat Show		