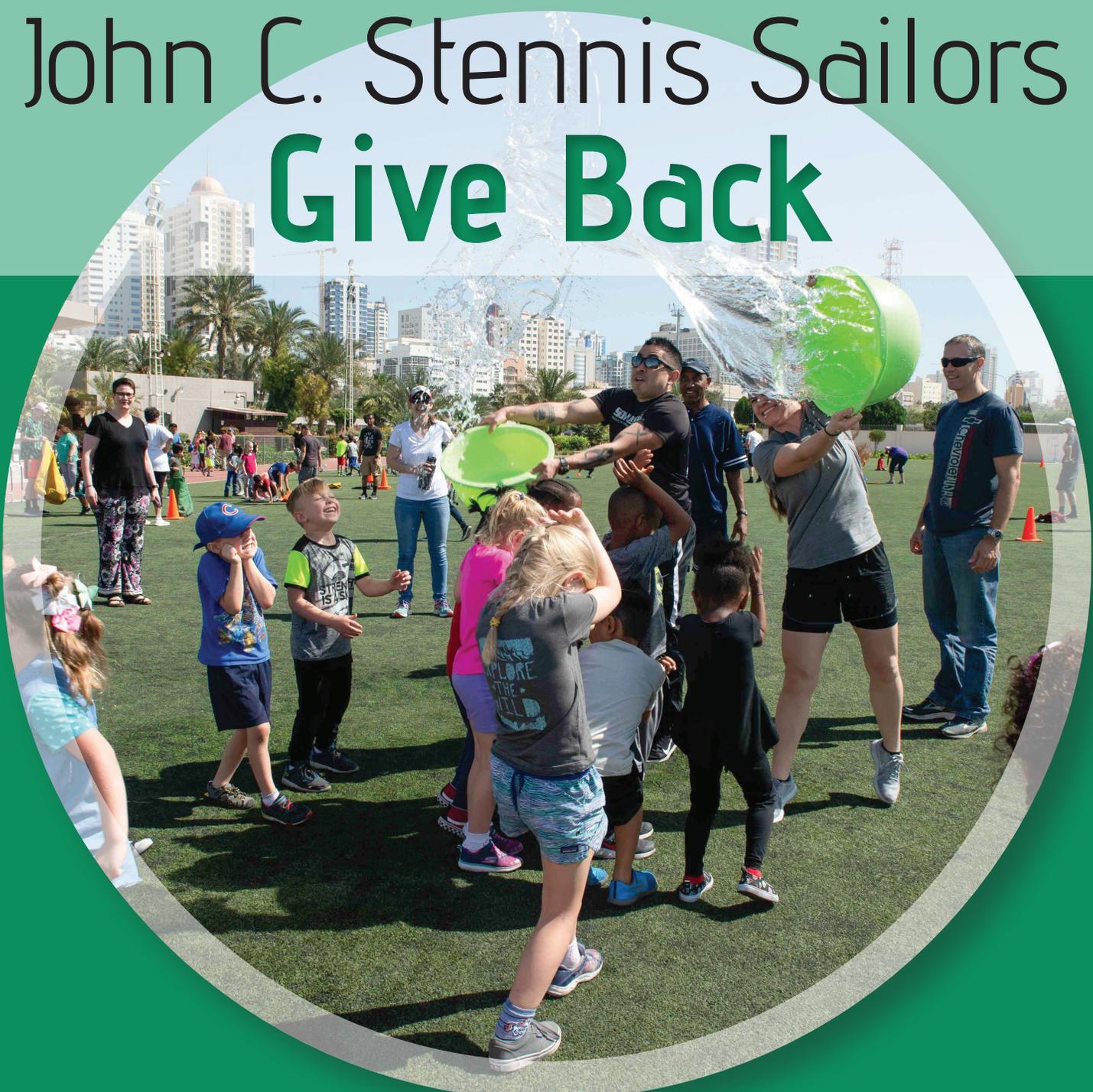


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Channel 4

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Channel 3

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 1130 & 2330 The Hate U Give
 1400 & 0200 Free State of Jones
 1630 & 0430 The Perfect Match
 1900 The Age of Adaline

Channel 4

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 1630 & 0430 The Family Man
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Channel 5

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 1400 & 0200 Trumbo
 1630 & 0430 Zoolander 2
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Channel 3

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 1130 & 2330 Terminator: Genisys
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 1630 & 0430 Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)
 1900 Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Channel 4

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 1130 & 2330 Captain America: The First Avenger
 1400 & 0200 A Dog's Purpose
 1600 & 0400 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
 1900 Aloha

Channel 5

0900 & 2100 The Big Short
 1130 & 2330 Trainwreck
 1400 & 0200 The Perfect Guy
 1630 & 0430 Kingsman: The Golden Circle
 1900 Spy

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Channel 3

0900 & 2100 Scout's Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse
 1100 & 2300 Early Man
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 1630 & 0430 Jason Bourne
 1900 Paul, Apostle of Christ (2018)

Channel 4

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 1100 & 2300 Rock Dog
 1300 & 0100 Inside Out
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 1700 & 0500 Tangled
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Channel 5

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 1700 & 0500 Rock the Kasbah
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Channel 3

0900 & 2100 Toy Story
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 1900 Baby Driver

Channel 4

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 1300 & 0100 The First Purge
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 1630 & 0430 Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again
 1900 Underworld: Blood Wars

Channel 3

0900 & 2100 Toy Story 2
 1100 & 2300 Indiana Jones Temple of Doom
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 1500 & 0300 Annabelle: Creation
 1700 & 0500 Pride and Prejudice and Zombies
 1900 American Made

Channel 4

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 1100 & 2300 Quija: Origin of Evil
 1300 & 0100 Creed II
 1530 & 0330 Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween
 1730 & 0530 Sherlock Gnomes
 1900 Magic Mike XXL

Channel 5

0900 & 2100 Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
 1130 & 2330 The Possession of Hannah Grace
 1300 & 0100 The Meg
 1500 & 0300 Nocturnal Animals
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 1900 Christmas with the Cranks

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 1130 & 2330 Batman Forever
 1400 & 0200 Bad Boys 2
 1630 & 0430 Wonder Woman
 1900 Justice League

Channel 3

0900 & 2100 Toy Story 3
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 1330 & 0130 Insidious Chapter 2
 1530 & 0330 Hoosiers
 1730 & 0530 The Lion King
 1900 Aladdin

Channel 4

0900 & 2100 The Nun
 1130 & 2330 Jurassic World
 1400 & 0200 Avengers: Infinity War
 1630 & 0430 First Man
 1900 The Spy Who Dumped Me

Channel 5

0900 & 2100 Bohemian Rhapsody
 1130 & 2330 Widows
 1400 & 0200 The Girl in the Spider Web: A New Dragon Tattoo Story
 1630 & 0430 PT 109
 1900 Jack Reacher: Never Go Back

Movies will be paused for GQ, drills and all-hands events. If interruptions run long, movies will be skipped to regulate the schedule.

Movies will not be played in port.

Movies are scheduled in advance and will not be played upon request.

Channels 4 and 5 repeat movies due to mechanical error, apologize for the inconvenience.

SAAPM

Schedule of Events

2-25 April 19	Daily SAPR Facts from Victim Advocates	(1MC during MCH)
2-25 April 19	SAAPM Information Booths	(Aft Vending Area)
2-25 April 19	SAAPM Virtual Marathon	(Various)
10 April 19	Wall Sit Fitness Competition	(Hangar Bay 3)
14 April 19, 1000	“Meet your VAs” Brunch	(Various Galleys)
14 April 19, 1000	Denim Day Event	(Fo’c’sle)
17 April 19	Pull-up Fitness Competition	(Hanger Bay 1/TRX)
24 April 19, 1800	Candlelight Vigil	(Chapel)
25 April 19, 1600	SAAPM Closing Ceremony	(Aft Mess Deck)

JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) SAAPM Events Description

a. Daily SAPR Facts from Victim Advocates. Each day during Material Condition Hour, a credentialed Victim Advocate will introduce themselves and share SAPR information and prevention guidance.

b. SAAPM Information Booths. A variety of sexual assault awareness information and activity booths will be available throughout the month for the crew to visit. Booths include ‘Air your Dirty Laundry’ prevention information, and art tables. Completed SAAPM art will be on display throughout the month.

c. SAAPM Virtual Marathon. All hands are invited to complete miles to reach the goal, the total number of reported sexual assaults in the Department of the Navy as of 2017. Participants will submit their hours in a competition for the overall win for the most miles logged by an individual. The winner will be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

d. Wall Sit Fitness Competition. All hands are invited to participate in a wall sit competition. Victim Advocates will be on hand to answer questions and share information about SAAPM and its purpose.

e. “Meet your VAs” Brunch. Victim Advocates will serve brunch in various galleys to greet the crew, answer questions and share information about SAAPM and its purpose.

f. Denim Day Event. Based on a sexual assault court case in Italy 1998; the case was overturned upon appeal to the Italian Supreme Court based on the fact that the victim wore tight jeans. “Because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” Wearing jeans on this day has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

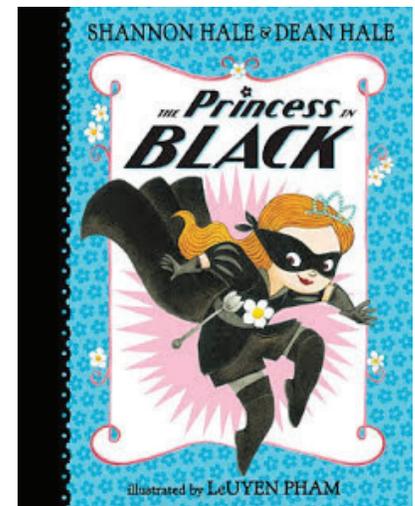
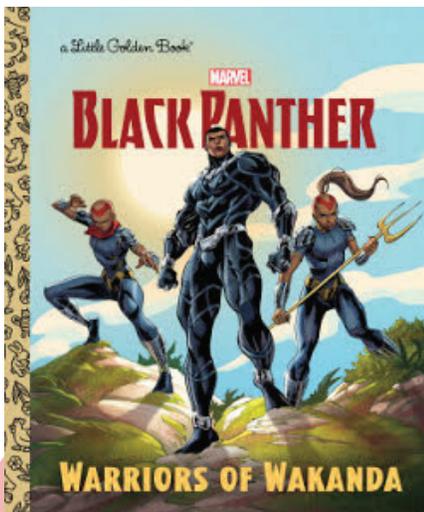
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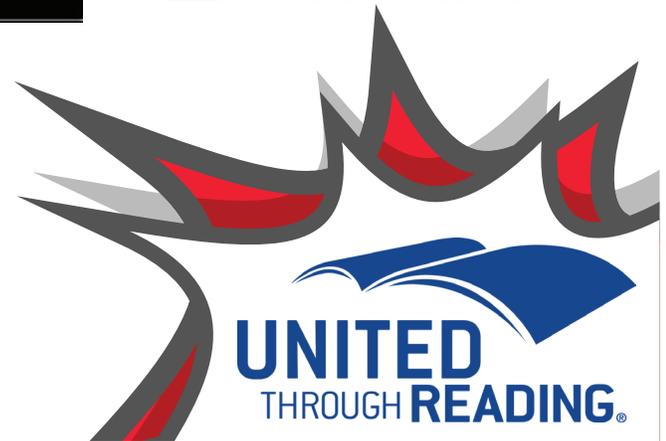
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Command AND Investigator

Story by MC2 Benjamin Woody

With an evidence bag in hand and a location that has been given to him through the Security department chain of command, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Travis Hyde, from Twin Falls, Idaho, enters a space with a clear objective; to gather facts and begin an investigation on what is presented to him.

“My job is to maintain good order and discipline through thorough investigation of alleged UCMJ (uniform code of military justice) punitive article violations,” said Hyde.

As the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis’ (CVN 74) command investigator, Hyde’s job is to find the facts surrounding any case that may be deemed an infraction of the UCMJ.

“Through a process that I have developed as my own style, I ask questions to better

understand the situation and then I give my professional opinion based on the evidence that I have found,” said Hyde.

Usually, a case is brought to him through the Security department after receiving information about a possible allegation. Hyde will then look into all possible avenues of information, to include, physical evidence, questioning and eye-witness accounts.

But, Hyde says, there are common misconceptions about his job.

“I’m not here to be a headhunter,” said Hyde. “People often believe that if they are brought down to the investigator’s office it means that they are going to walk out of here with a case against them. That’s not how it works though.”

Through a very deliberate set

of steps, Hyde is able to get a true understanding of the situation that is presented to him.

“There are many various cases that are brought up to me,” said Hyde. “Once I am informed of a possible case I begin by bringing in anyone that may help resolve the case, such as victims or witnesses. This often allows me to get the baseline of understanding for the matter at hand.”

When a victim or witness is brought in, the goal is to gather all the facts that surround the case. It is not about creating ‘what if’ scenarios. Hyde explained that he is only interested in the facts that can be proven.

“When someone is in my office, my goal is to get the story right,” he said. “I always tell them, ‘I know it’s hard to tell the truth, but it’s

harder to maintain a lie.”

The command investigator is an unbiased party in the process of determining if a UCMJ infraction has occurred. To earn the position of investigator Hyde had to show that he was capable of taking over the position previously held by Master-at-Arms 1st Class Cody Crane, from Cave Creek, Arizona. He needed to prove that he could handle a case without becoming emotionally invested and creating an unbiased determination based on the evidence at hand.

“This was a job that

I knew Hyde wanted,” said Crane. “Some of the traits that stood out about him were his attention to detail and his ability to conduct an investigation the same way every time. He didn’t waiver and that is a big part in the selection. Also, Hyde has great integrity and you need that for this job.”

Crane says that he and the Security Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Brian Finger, gave Hyde a case that would allow them to evaluate his level of capability. After going through the process, Hyde was found fully capable and given the job as command investigator.

“Being the command investigator is a tough job, because there are times when the weight of the situation can really take a toll on you,” said Crane. “But Hyde is able to handle all

emotions and professionally deal with each case.”

For Finger, other qualities made Hyde stand out as the leading candidate for the position.

“Professionalism and knowledge come easy for MA1 Hyde,” said Finger. “It was his care for Sailors and his determination to find the truth that made him the top choice to take over as command investigator.”

The command investigator position can be a lonely job but Hyde does the job with a sense of pride and professionalism that are integral qualities for anyone in his position. It is often a thankless job, but someone has to do it. Luckily for the John C. Stennis, their investigator has what it takes to provide a fair and consistent stance on what is right and wrong.



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Anchored in History: Operation Praying Mantis

Story by MC3 Grant G. Grady

Ever since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Iran and the U.S. have been in opposite corners of the ring. From the 1980 hostage crisis, the Iraq-Iran War, and Iran's attempt to become a nuclear power, the two nations have sparred sporadically over the last 40 years. The two countries have mostly traded verbal jabs and economic sanctions, but in 1988, amongst increased tensions, the U.S. and Iran went toe-to-toe in what would become the U.S.'s largest surface engagement since World War II: Operation Praying Mantis.

With the Iraq-Iran War in full swing in April 1988, the increased tensions required the U.S. to protect its allies transiting the waters of the Arabian Gulf through Operation Earnest Will. The guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) supported the operation by escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers through the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. On April 14, 1988, as the Samuel B. Roberts accompanied an oil tanker into the Arabian Gulf, disaster struck. A mine blew a 15-foot hole into the Samuel B. Roberts hull, nearly sinking the ship. In spite of the shock-and-awe, the crew kept the ship afloat allowing the Samuel B. Roberts to be towed to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, without any loss of life.

Following an investigation, the U.S. confirmed the mine as Iranian with numerous more placed throughout the Arabian Gulf, especially at the choke point in the Strait of Hormuz. The mines clearly threatened not just U.S. vessels but the freedom of navigation of others in the surrounding international waters.

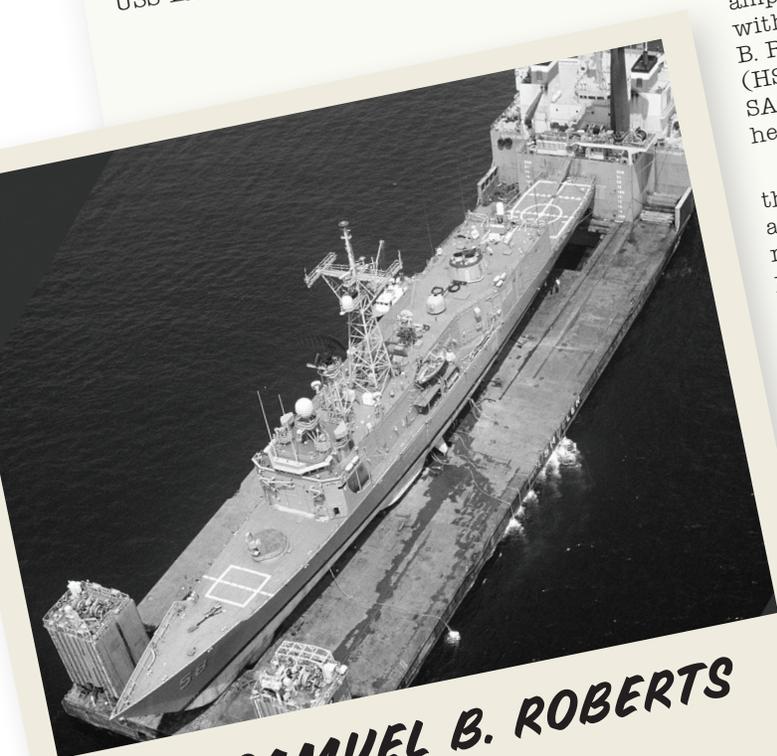
During the following days the U.S. formulated a response, an operation combining U.S. naval forces in region into three Surface Action Groups (SAG). Each SAG, named Bravo, Charlie, and Delta, along with aircraft from the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65), were to conduct separate missions in a coordinated strike on Iran's naval assets in the area.

SAG Bravo, comprised of the destroyers USS Merrill (DD 996) and USS Lynde McCormick (DDG 8), with the support of the amphibious transport dock USS Trenton (LPD 14) embarked with Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) 2-88, and Samuel B. Robert's Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Helicopter Detachment (HSL) 44, sailed toward Iran's militarized Sassan oil rig. The SAG was to issue a warning then destroy the rig along with its heavy guns.

At 0755 on April 18, 1988, SAG Bravo issued a warning to the personnel on the platform, giving them five minutes to abandon their post or be destroyed. The Iranian occupants responded with haste to the transmission. A tug loaded with personnel left almost immediately followed by another tug shortly after. At 0804, SAG Bravo issued a final warning that time was up. The Merrill aimed its 5-inch guns toward the platform and fired. Amongst the barrage of the Merrill's rounds, the remaining Iranian's returned fire with 23mm ZU-23 guns at the SAG. The Merrill responded by scoring a direct hit on the platform effectively ending the Iranian rebuttal.

After quashing the Iranian defense, SAG Bravo initiated the next phase of their mission. At 0925, U.S. Marines from MAGTF 2-88 fast roped onto the platform from UH-1 and CH-46 helicopters under cover from Cobra gunships. Nearly two hours later, the Marines left the platform having collected critical Intel and planting 2,500 pounds of plastic explosives. SAG Bravo completed their mission by detonating the explosives leaving the Sassan oil rig in a blaze.

Around the same time as the events at Sassan, SAG Charlie began its own attack on the Sirri oil platform. SAG Charlie, made up of the guided-missile cruiser USS Wainwright (CG 28) and the frigates USS Simpson (FFG 56) and USS Bagley (FF 1069), issued a warning in similar fashion as SAG Bravo. After allowing willing occupants to evacuate, the three ships



**USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS
(FFG 58)**

concentrated their fire on the platform. The Sirri platform, unlike Sassan, actively produced oil at the time. A round from the ships' volley struck a compressed gas tank destroying the platform before it could return fire.

With their primary mission complete, SAG Charlie began patrolling the area for Iranian contacts. Iran responded to the attacks by unleashing the fast-attack craft Joshan. Intel from the Bagley's helicopter squadron placed the Joshan's course toward SAG Charlie.

SAG Charlie issued a warning to the approaching Joshan to divert its course or be destroyed. The Joshan answered the warning with silence, followed by a Harpoon missile. The three ships of the SAG detected the launch and quickly maneuvered out of harm's way as the missile skimmed past the Wainwright's starboard side. The Joshan's fate was sealed. The Wainwright and the Simpson launched a torrent of four Standard Missiles (SM). All four missiles swiftly met the Joshan crippling the Iranian vessel. Further gunfire from the SAG plunged the Joshan into the depths of the Arabian Gulf.

As the Joshan sank, two Iranian F-4 aircraft entered SAG Charlie's range. The Wainwright locked onto the F-4s launching two extended range SMs. The strike damaged one F-4 and repelled both to return to land. SAG Charlie retired with their mission completed.

The third wing of the attack, SAG Delta, encountered less Iranian activity than the other two SAGs. SAG Delta had spent the day searching for the Iranian frigate Sabalan to no avail. As SAG Delta continued its search for the Sabalan, a U.S. civilian tug and oil platform came under attack from Iranian small attack craft. SAG Delta raced toward the site to confront the Iranians. With intelligence provided from SAG Delta, American A-6 aircraft from the Enterprise destroyed one attack craft and repelled the remaining attack crafts back to Iran's coast. Iran countered by sending the frigate Sahand to the area. A-6s on patrol spotted the Sahand and reported their location to SAG Delta. The A-6s proceeded to dodge Iranian anti-aircraft fire and returned fire with a Harpoon missile, a Skipper missile, and laser-guided bomb toward the Sahan. The A-6s' swift maneuver left the limping Sahan at the mercy of the A-6s and the fast-approaching SAG Delta. SAG Delta and the A-6s linked their fire power to launch the first ever coordinated Harpoon attack in history. In the midst of a devastating attack, a Harpoon pierced a weapons magazine on the Sahand causing a blast that condemned the Sahan to the bottom of the sea.

All three SAGs retired for the day with the mission complete, but the sparring continued. The Sabalan finally showed face by launching surface-to-air missiles at A-6s patrolling the area. The A-6s avoided the strikes, then delivered the final blow of Operation Praying Mantis. A Mark 82 laser-guided bomb from an A-6 found its way into Sabalan's stack consuming it in flames and knocking the Sabalan out of the fight.

Operation Praying Mantis effectively floored half of Iran's operational navy in a precise coordinated attack. The operation's success hinged on the extensive training from all the naval assets in each SAG. All of the effort from the work-up cycles, underways, and eventual deployments allowed the commanders and crews of the SAGs to be ready when the critical moment to strike came. Their ability to stay focused, even in the fog of a deployment, enabled them to complete the mission with outstanding success and with little to no collateral damage.

Operation Praying Mantis serves as a reminder to the crew of the John C. Stennis just how important staying proficient is. At any moment, world events can mold the routine, into conflict.



DESTROYED IRANIAN SASSAN OIL PLATFORM



DESTROYED FRIGATE SAHAND



John C. ... Sai... **Give**

Story by various MCs from

Stennis Colors Back

from the Media Department



“It was quite an honor to represent the fleet and set a fine example for community relations.”



Forward deployed elements of the United States armed forces rely heavily on the good will of host nations. The United States Navy’s need to have partnerships around the world is the reason the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) is able to enjoy some of the comforts from home, sample different cultures’ commodities, and appreciate rest and relaxation around the world.

During a port visit to Bahrain, John C. Stennis Sailors volunteered throughout eight communities in the area through community outreach (COMREL) events in an effort to show gratitude to our host nation and help to maintain partnerships.

Sailors were able to give back to Saint Christopher’s Anglican Cathedral Charity Centre by organizing the center, March 26.

For two days, Sailors sorted clothing, books, and labeled boxes for easy viewing in their thrift store. The store primarily helps the migrant worker population.

“Each group, over two days, was composed of 10 Sailors, and each took part in unpacking, stocking, cleaning and generally encouraging the work here,” said Lt. Cmdr. David Duprey, from Sheridan, Wyoming, a chaplain on the John C. Stennis.

“We are providing quality items at reasonable prices for lower income households in the Bahrain community,” said Dr. Angel Afolabi, from Harlem, Georgia,

manager of the St. Christopher’s Anglican Cathedral Charity Centre. “The items we provide range from clothing, shoes, and basic household items.”

One Sailor appreciated the chance to help organize the charity centre.

“Everyone wants to have fun in port, but I like to help out and provide to other people; and this is a really good opportunity to help out,” said Aviation Machinist’s Mate Airman, Amanda Avillan, from Boston.

Dr. Afolabi expressed appreciation for the cooperation between Sailors and the local community.

“This is a wonderful initiative, and I’m thankful for the opportunity for me to meet you all and to get the help from you all,” said Dr. Afolabi. “It’s nice to talk, interact and share the charity centre with them [Sailors] while we all work.”

While Sailors helped out at the charity center, others spent time at the Regional Institute for Active Learning (RIA). The Institute caters to students with special needs that might otherwise not get the proper attention in school systems.

“In the beginning they were a bit shy and nervous, but once they saw how interactive we all were, they were like our own children,” said Aviation Machinist’s Mate 1st Class Rodney Forbes from Rivera Beach, Florida.

The activities varied with RIA’s day and the

classrooms within. Sailors had the chance to be involved with arts and crafts, time on the playground, and educational courses.

“The most enjoyable part of the COMREL for me was working with kids, because we all created artwork and I got to see how intelligent they were,” said Interior Communications Technician Seaman Javier Alcover from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

Whether this was their first COMREL this deployment or their fourth, Sailors found this experience memorable.

“It was quite an honor to represent the fleet and set a fine example for community relations on how the Navy is indeed a global force for good,” said Forbes.

After the first two COMRELS, Sailors continued to strengthen Navy partnership and showed they cared on the third day in port, with a trip to the Bahrain Elementary School’s field day.

Sailors helped run Bahrain Elementary School’s annual field day. Sailors and students participated in various games, such as an egg race, catch the chicken, and a tricycle race.

“Coming out here today was all about helping the kids,” said Naval Air Crewman (helicopter) 1st Class Derek Barnum. “The age group we are working with is the same age as my kids. It means a lot to be here with these kids, because I can’t be home with mine.”

While some Sailors assisted kids during their field day, others shared a dinner with Bahraini migrant workers from Bangladesh.

The Sailors were invited to the nine migrant workers’ two-bedroom apartment and provided a dinner, called Biryani, for the Sailors.

The Sailors and the migrant workers were able to share stories of where they come from thanks to a translator. By providing a meal for the migrant workers, Sailors from the John C. Stennis were able to share a meaningful experience.

COMRELS strengthen relationships between military and civilian communities becoming an essential part of preserving the all-volunteer force, and inspiring future generations to serve.

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Featured Photo



U.S. Sailors conduct a low-power turn on an F/A-18E Super Hornet, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 14, in the hangar bay aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis in the Arabian Gulf, March 30, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jarrod A. Schad)



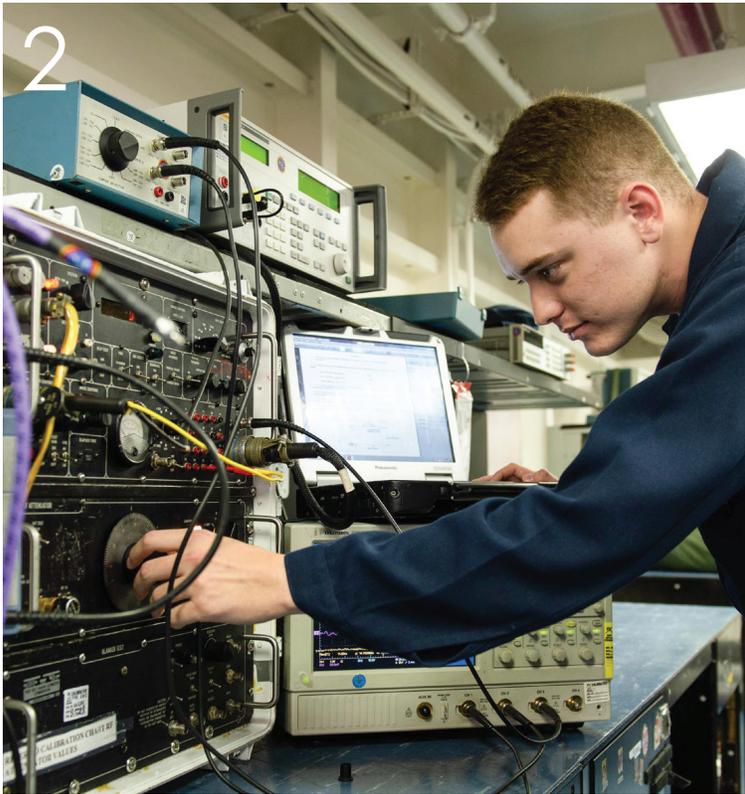
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U.S. Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Nathan Ramirez-Rodriguez, from San Diego, communicates with a sound-powered telephone on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, March 30, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Grant G. Grady)





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Photo Review Captions

- 1 U.S. Sailors prepare for a replenishment-at-sea in the hangar bay aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, March 28, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Jordan Ripley)
- 2 U.S. Navy Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Richard Dell, from Pittsburgh, calibrates a radar altimeter aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, April 2, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Skyler Okerman)
- 3 U.S. Navy Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Alexandra Elder, from Louisville, Kentucky, prepares chicken salad sandwiches in the Chiefs Mess aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, April 1, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jarrod A. Schad)
- 4 U.S. Sailors direct an aircraft toward a steam-powered catapult as an F/A-18F Super Hornet, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41, launches from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, March 30, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Grant G. Grady)
- 5 U.S. Sailors prepare to taxi aircraft as an F/A-18F Super Hornet, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41, launches from the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf, April 1, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jeffery L. Southerland)
- 6 An F/A-18E Super Hornet, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 14, catches an arresting gear wire while landing on the flight deck of the John C. Stennis in the Arabian Gulf, March 29, 2019. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Grant G. Grady)

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