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NAVY **ADDRESSES PROBLEMS** WITH **MILITARY** HOUSING

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From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The Navy is aggressively working to address unresolved complaints associated with housing, especially those identified during the "100 percent Sailor contact" and completion of requested home visits.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John M. Richardson, directed command leadership Feb. 23 to contact every Sailor residing in privatized or government housing to ask about their current living conditions and offer for leadership to conduct a home visit.

"As we close out this initial surge in contact and visitation, I want to thank Navy leaders for reaching out to our Sailors and their families, listening to them, and addressing their housing concerns," Vice Adm. Mary Jackson, Commander, Navy Installations Command, said.

Based on town hall meetings and home visits, common issues in privatized family housing include poor workmanship, lack of follow-up, inconsistent customer service, addressing symptoms rather than the root cause of problems, and minimal or absent government oversight. Immediate actions taken since Feb. 13 include increased Navy oversight to hold public private venture (PPV) partners accountable for timeliness benchmarks, improved customer service, efforts to address root causes instead of symptoms, and more thorough measurement of resident satisfaction after service

To speed up fixing the deficiencies, the issues identified during Chain of Command residence visits were entered into existing trouble call systems, as well as the enterprise military housing data base. The Navy also has direct access to the property managers' trouble call databases, and is able to monitor trouble calls throughout the housing enterprise.

Additionally, the Navy commissioned an independent, thirdparty firm to conduct a survey for Navy privatized housing residents. This "out-of-cycle" survey

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MC2 Kelly M. Agee/MC2 Kelly M. Agee

Marialena Theodoraki, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, housing representative, performs a housing walkthrough with Chief Logistics Specialist Christopher Saulsberry, Feb. 28, 2019. NSA Souda Bay is an operational ashore base that enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to be where they are needed and when they are needed to ensure security and stability in Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia



Christina Lewis, right, assigned to Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic fields a question pertaining to Project Inquisitor, her advanced data analytics demonstration in the Navy Information Warfare Pavilion at the 2018 Sea, Air and Space exposition (SAS).

Navy to showcase innovative information warfare capabilities at the Navy Information Warfare Pavilion at Sea-Air-Space 2019

By Elisha Gamboa SPAWAR Public Affairs

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD.

Eleven commands from across the Navy's Information Warfare (IW) community will come together to demonstrate the Navy's commitment to the information domain at the Sea-Air-Space (SAS) Exposition at the Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland May

The IW Pavilion is designed to educate conference attendees on facets of Navy information warfare, including the key commands that lead, acquire, prepare and fight to secure the information domain.

"Our Defense and Navy Strategies, as well as 'A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority v2.0' all emphasize that we are in an era of Great Power Competition, with a return to a maritime warfare focus," said

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PPV housing survey extended to May 9

mand Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Sailors or their families living Public-Private Venture (PPV) housing now have until May 9 to complete their resident satisfaction survey.

"The iron is hot and we need you to strike," Commander, Navy Installations Command Force Master Chief Petty Officer Steven Timmons, said. "Your voice is a powerful tool and we need to leverage it to effect change. If there was ever a time to take a survey that will directly impact you and your families, the time is now. Please don't miss this opportunity.'

Everyone living in the approximately 116,000 housing units that the Navy oversees has a voice.

- The survey for the approximately 39,000 privatized family housing units throughout the U.S., including Hawaii, runs through May 9. As of April 30, the survey has a 21.6 percent response rate.

- The survey for the approximately 6,000 privatized unaccompanied housing units in San Diego and Norfolk runs through May 9. As of April 30, the survey has an 8 percent response rate.

- The survey for the approximately 8,300 government operated family housing units around the world runs through June 6. As of

From Commander, Navy Installations Com- April 30, the survey has a 14.3 percent response rate.

- The survey for the approximately 63,000 government operated unaccompanied housing units around the world runs through June 20. As of April 30, the survey has a 6.4 percent response rate.

The resident satisfaction surveys are designed to accurately identify the current state of Navy housing, so that we can make informed decisions. In addition to identifying immediate health or safety concerns, the Navy is looking at larger trends, such as reoccurring issues, the level of customer service, and government oversight.

Surveys are being conducted by an independent third party, CEL & Associates, and take about 10 minutes to complete. Participants will remain anonymous unless they choose to identify themselves.

For those living in PPV housing, surveys are electronic. Residents who have not received the survey are encouraged to email NavyPPVHousingSurvey@celassoci-

ates.com and include name and home address.

For all other residents who have not received the survey or need more information, they are encouraged to contact their housing manager, building manager or Navy Housing Service Center.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, www.navv.mil/local/cni/.



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Enjoyourcoverage of the events and highlights from last week's NATO Festin Norfolk.

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USS America, USS New Orleans to forward deploy to Japan; USS Stethem, USS Wasp to return to U.S.

The amphibious assault ship USS America and landing platform dock USS New Orleans will become part of the U.S. 7th Fleet forward-deployed naval forces (FDNF) in »See B1 Sasebo, Japan.

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Holocaust **Remembrance Day** 2019

From Defense Equal Opportunity **Management Institute**

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLA.

In observance of the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork available for download from DEOMI's public website, www.deomi.org.

This year, the Holocaust Days of Remembrance week will be observed from April 28 - 5 May, 2019. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Thursday, May 2, 2019. This is observed each year during the week of Remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

The theme for 2019 is "Learning from the Holocaust: Beyond Religious Boundaries."

The poster this year depicts an alternating blue and white vertically striped cloth typical of the pattern used in the uniforms worn by many holocaust prisoners. Situated on the background are various symbols used by the Nazi's to categorize their prisoners. Starting in 1938, Jews in the camps were identified by a yellow star sewn onto their prison uniforms, a perversion of the Jewish Star of David. After 1939, and with some variation from camp to camp, the categories of prisoners were easily identified by a marking system combining a colored inverted triangle with lettering. The badges sewn onto prisoner uniforms enabled guards to quickly identify prisoners based on their back-

For an explanation of the badges on this poster please visit:

https://www.deomi.org/DownloadableFiles/humanRelations/ documents/508-

DOR20190313.pdf.

For a complete listing of all the badges used during the Holocaust please visit:

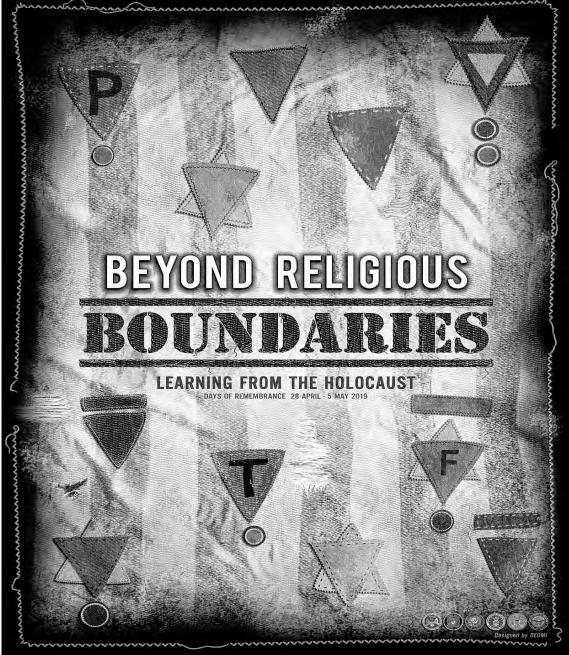
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The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Muse-(USHMM) http:// www.ushmm.org, as a permanent, living memorial to those victims.

According to the USHMM, the Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews, as well as the millions of non-Jewish, by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire."

In 1980, Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the



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United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the Museum.

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National Days of Remembrance: FAQs

From DEOMI

Frequently Asked Questions about Days of Remembrance:

What is Days of Remem-

The U.S. Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. In accordance with its congressional mandate, the Museum is responsible for leading the nation in commemorating Days of Remembrance and for encouraging appropriate observances throughout the United States.

What is the Holocaust? Who are we remembering?

The Holocaust was the statesponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims—six million were murdered; Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), people with mental and physical disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi Germany.

Why is Days of Remembrance observed in the United States?

In 1980, Congress unanimously passed legislation to establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the Museum. The Council, which succeeded the President's Commission on the Holocaust, was the Holocaust and created the charged with carrying out the following recommendations:

- That a living memorial be established to honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust will be taught in
- · That an educational foundation be established to stimulate and support research in the teaching of the Holocaust
- That a Committee on Conscience be established to collect information on and alert the national conscience regarding reports of actual or potential outbreaks of genocide throughout the
- That a national day of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust be established in perpetuity and be held annually

What is the significance of the Days of Remembrance theme?

Choosing a theme for commemoration can help narrow the vast historical subject of the Holocaust. Each year a new theme is set for the observance year.

Why do the Days of Remem-

brance dates change from year to

The Israeli Parliament (Knesset) established Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah), to be observed on the 27th day of Nisan of the Hebrew calendar. The Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar so the date changes each year in the United States. Observances and remembrance activities occur throughout the Week of Remembrance, which runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday. Please view the Museum's Remembrance Day calendar for future dates.

How can I participate in Days

of Remembrance? Every year during Days of Remembrance, ceremonies and activities are held throughout the United States—in local communities; at state and local government offices; on military bases; and in workplaces, schools, and religious institutions. You may be able to take part in a commemoration already planned in your community, or if such a communitywide event is not currently planned, you may encourage your local and state officials to issue a proclamation indicating their support for commemorating these events. For information about the many other ways to get involved see More Ways to Remember.

When planning a commemoration, what are appropriate and inappropriate approaches/activ-

Because Days of Remembrance is meant to memorialize the millions of victims of persecution and mass murder, it is important to organize commemoration activities that show respect for the victims and survivors and that recognize the scope and scale of the Holocaust. Such activities may include remembrance ceremonies, names readings of the victims of the Holocaust, creating displays, inviting a Holocaust survivor to speak, or even organizing book clubs or film series focused on some aspect of Holocaust history. Simulations (e.g., asking participants to wear a yellow star to create a sense of solidarity with Jewish victims, etc.) are not appropriate. Even when great care is taken to make such activities seem solemn, they can often be perceived by survivors and others as a trivialization of the history. To learn more, see our Guidelines for Teaching about the Holocaust.

Should refreshments be served at a Days of Remembrance commemoration?

Days of Remembrance is about memorialization and gathering as a community. Refreshments may be served but are not necessary. Theme-specific food is not appro-

We are planning a Names Reading ceremony in my community. How do we find lists of names?

The Museum has a list of 5,000 names of victims of the Holocaust on its website on the Resources at a Glance page.

Can we participate in Days of Remembrance events at the Museum or the U.S. Capitol?

The National Days of Remembrance Ceremony held at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda is closed to the public, but the museum encourages public participation Names Reading. This weeklong ceremony takes place in the Museum's Hall of Remembrance throughout Holocaust Remembrance week.

Why is the date of Days of Remembrance different from the date of International Holocaust Remembrance Day?

In 2005, the United Nations established January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. January 27, 1945, was the day that Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops. Holocaust Rebembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) was established in 1951 by the Israeli Parliament (Knesset). The date was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and with the liberation of the concentration camps in western Europe.

Where can I find more resources for a Days of Remembrance commemoration or general information on the Holocaust?

Please visit www.ushmm.org.



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On behalf of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Staff Sgt. Nakelia Ramey, Staff Sgt. Chris Lynch and Staff Sgt. Aaron Gellos present a Nintendo Switch and games to NMCP's Pediatrics Ward.

NMCP Pediatrics Department receives donation

By PO1 Laura Myers Naval Medical Center - Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Members of the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Sergeant Audie Murphy Club donated a Nintendo Switch to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Pediatrics Ward.

"The purpose behind the donation is to give the kids that go there for treatment something to do while they are up there receiving their infusions or other procedures," said Army Staff Sgt. Chris Lynch.

Lynch said the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is designed to acknowledge noncommissioned officers who have achieved the highest level of leadership.

"The purpose of the club is to be

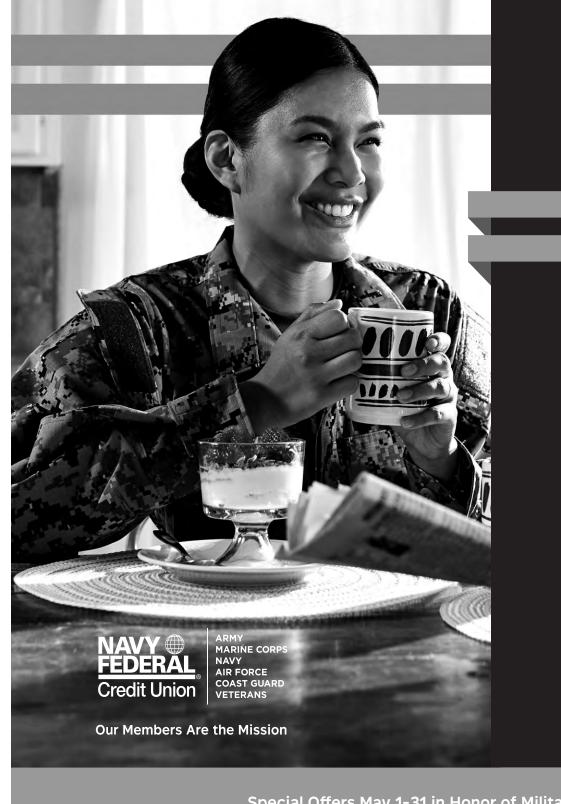
stewards of the Army profession by doing community volunteer events, mentoring younger leaders and giving back to the community, as well as building the noncommissioned officer corps," Lynch said.

As the U.S. Navy's oldest, continuously-operating military hospital since 1830, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth proudly serves past and present military members and their families. The nationally-acclaimed, state-of-the-art medical center, along with the area's 10 branch health and

TRICARE Prime Clinics, provide care for the Hampton Roads area. The medical center also supports premier research and teaching programs designed to prepare new doctors, nurses and hospital corpsman for future roles in healing and well-



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Norfolk NATO Festival: A celebration of culture, diversity and partnership

From NATO-Allied Command **Transformation Public Affairs**

NORFOLK

From April 25 to 29, numerous events took place throughout Norfolk to spotlight the 70-year-old North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Alliance during the annual Norfolk NATO Festival. The theme for this year was, "A Salute to the Women of NATO."

The City of Norfolk, and the region as a whole, serve as exceptional hosts to military and civilian personnel from NATO member and partner nations who are posted to NATO Allied Command Transformation at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads. NATO and the Hampton Roads region have collaborated for 66 years and the Norfolk NATO Festival is an annual celebration that highlights the command's influence and impact in the area. NATO Allied Command Transformation serves as NATO's only strategic headquarters in North America.

On April 25, NATO's Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk NATO Festival Committee, Virginia Arts Festival and the City of Norfolk launched the 2019 Norfolk NATO Festival with a vibrant and colorful Flag Raising Ceremony at Scope Plaza in Downtown Norfolk. During the ceremony,

NATO's 29 Member Nations presented national flags, while the United States Fleet Forces Band performed a cultural sampling of music, a demonstration of the diversity and strength of the NATO Alliance.

"NATO Night" at the Virginia International Tattoo in the Scope Arena immediately followed the Flag Raising Ceremony. The spectacular performance celebrated the NATO Alliance and featured an international cast of military bands, drill teams, dancers and choirs from NATO nations, partner nations and local community groups.

On April 27, the 66th annual Parade of Nations and the International Village celebrated NATO's assorted and inclusive culture, emphasizing the Alliance's commitment to enhancing relationships between its Members on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, based on shared values and close friend-

Following the parade, attendees continued the celebration at the International Village located in Town Point Park which featured tents from each of the NATO Member Nations. Visitors had the opportunity to meet Member Nation representatives and interact with NATO Allied Command Transformation staff to learn more about NATO and the specific work of Allied

Command Transformation NATO's Home in North America.

In the spirit of international friendship, the Festival's next event was the Rugby Exhibition Match on April 28 between the French Army's XV du Pacifique team and the hometown Norfolk Blues. As part of the event, a ceremonial haka dance of the Maori culture was performed by a cohort of Pacific Islanders! The French Army's XV du Pacifique team won the match 24 –

The Norfolk NATO Festival concluded with a NATO Festival Banquet hosted by the Greater Hampton Roads World Affairs Council and NATO Allied Command Transformation. At this event, U.S. Ambassador to NATO, The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, addressed the importance of the transatlantic link and identified NATO as the most successful Alliance in history.

For more information on the annual festival, please visit https:// www.vafest.org/norfolk-nato-fes-

Stay tuned - Next year's Norfolk NATO Festival dates will be released mid-June! Hope to see you

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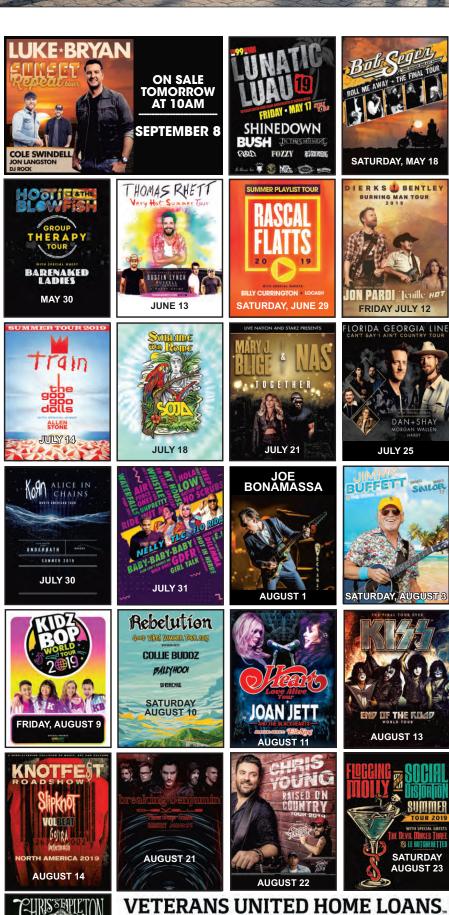


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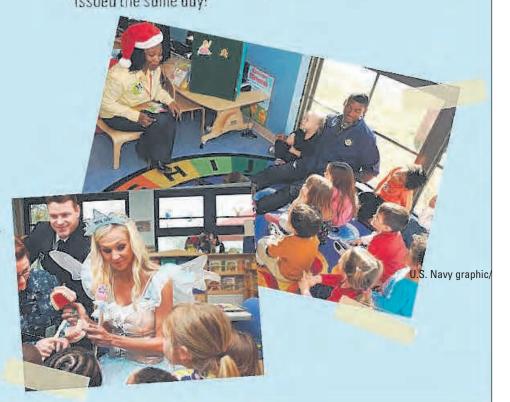
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HOUSING / Navy addresses problems

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was directed by the Navy and is different than past annual surveys conducted on behalf of the compa-

Open and honest communication is critical as the Navy works toward long-term, sustainable solutions. Sailors and their families are encouraged to use the current trouble ticket processes and inform their installation Housing Service Center and/or chain of command if issues are not being resolved.

"Any perceived or real indication of retaliation or retribution associated with a resident voicing a concern will not be tolerated and will be immediately investigated," Jackson said.

Collectively and individually, the Navy's PPV partners are engaged and are taking appropriate actions, such as hiring more people, adding maintenance supervisors and oversight personnel, and replacing personnel, needed.

The Navy oversees approximately 113,000 housing units worldwide, which are divided into four categories: privatized family

housing (also known as public private venture, or PPV housing), government-operated housing, privatized unaccompanied housing, and government-operated unaccompanied housing.

Five partner companies operate more than 39,000 PPV family housing units throughout the U.S., including Hawaii. As a result of the 100 percent contact of Sailors directed by the CNO, 17% of residents living in Navy privatized family housing reported an issue with their residence with 5% asking for a home visit by their chain of command.

Of the families living in the approximately 8,300 governmentoperated family housing units overseas, 7% reported an issue with their residence and 2% asked for a home visit.

Two partner companies operate approximately 6,000 privatized unaccompanied housing units in San Diego and Norfolk, Virginia. The Navy leadership received a 14% request rate to visit PPV unaccompanied housing. 2% of the Sailors living in the approximately 63,000 government-operated unaccompanied housing units, both overseas and stateside, requested a



MC1 Sarah Villegas

Chief Yeoman Jayna Sampson, flag writer to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Russell Smith, observes the condition of military housing at Naval Station Rota, Spain. Smith visited Rota, Spain for a fleet engagement to answer questions, collect feedback, and thank Sailors for serving forward in support of U.S national security interests in Europe and Africa.

leadership visit.

While the Navy has made great strides in identifying and fixing residence issues during this recent surge, it is worth reiterating that Sailors and their families may always request command involvement to solve housing issues to

include Chain of Command visits, and direct involvement from Installation Commanding Officers and housing personnel as needed.

For more information on Navy housing, go to www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/housing.html

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Vice. Adm. Matthew Kohler, deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare (OPNAV N2N6) and director of naval intelligence (DNI). "They also note that 'information' is key to warfighting across all domains sea, air, space, and cyberspace and is a warfare area in itself."

Representatives from the following commands will make up the Information Warfare Pavilion located at booth #2746 in the SAS exhibit hall:

- The Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2N6)

- Naval Information Forces Command (NAVIFOR)

- U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/ U.S. TENTH Fleet (FCC/C10F)

- Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR)

- Naval Information Warfare

Center Atlantic (NIWC Atlantic) - Naval Information Warfare

Center Pacific (NIWC Pacific)

- Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (PEO C4I)

- Program Executive Office Space Systems (PEO SS)

- Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS)

- Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NMOC)

- U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO)

Together these commands will provide a glimpse into the Navy's information warfare community through the Navy IW theater

speaking series, the Navy IW engagement zone and Navy IW technology demonstrations.

Navy IW Theater

The theater in the IW Pavilion will hold a speaker series all threedays of the conference and exposition. Topics range from digitizing the Navy, to enabling 'compile to combat in 24 hours,' to increasing cybersecurity resiliency, to providing insight into the IW community status and mission areas.

The IW Pavilion speaker's series schedule:

Monday, May 6

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm: Vice Adm. Matthew Kohler, OPNAV N2N6/ DNI and Vice Admiral Brian Brown, NAVIFOR

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm: Rear Adm. John Okon, NMOC

Tuesday, May 7

10:00 am - 10:45 am: Rear Adm. Christian Becker, SPAWAR 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm: Rear Adm. Michael Vernazza, FCC/C10F

Wednesday, May 8 11:00 am – 11:45 am: Rear Adm.

Danelle Barrett, OPNAV N2N6 Navy Information Warfare Engagement Zone

Situated in the middle of the IW Pavilion, the engagement zone will allow attendees to informally meet program managers and subject matter experts from multiple IW commands for short blocks of time. No appointments are neces-

Navy Information Warfare Pa-Technology Demonvilion strations

The IW pavilion will also feature 12 technology demonstrations spotlighting systems and capabilities that facilitate infor-



Norm Heuss, Chief of Staff, Program Executive Office (PEO) Space Systems exchanges business cards with an interested naval officer while discussing nanosatellites in the Navy Information Warfare Pavilion at the 2018 Sea, Air and Space exposition (SAS).

mation warfare, from seafloor to to equip our warfighters with the space. This includes swarm modeling and control technologies, position, navigation and timing technologies, military satellite and nanosatellite communication advanced military systems, mobile applications and more.

"Today, our Navy and our nation are experiencing an unprecedented degree of competition in the information warfare domain," said Rear Adm. Christian Becker, SPAWAR commander. "It's vital that our Navy adapts to this reality and responds with urgency and creativity to increase naval agility and sustainability. The IW Pavilion provides a platform for our community to engage with the best and brightest to discuss how

most advanced technologies possible, to give them an unfair advantage today and for decades to

Throughout the IW community's evolution over the last 10 years, it remains organized under three core pillars - battlespace awareness, assured command and control and integrated fires. Each of these areas aims to take advantage of information-related capabilities in an integrated fashion, to make decisions faster than the adversary throughout the full spectrum of Navy missions, from peacetime to conflict.

The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition was founded in 1965 as a means to bring the U.S. defense industrial base, privatesector U.S. companies and key military decision makers together for an annual innovative, educational, professional and maritime based event located in the heart of Washington, DC. Sea-Air-Space is now the largest maritime exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support. For information about the event, visit http:// www.seaairspace.org/welcome.

For more news from Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/

SMWDC welcomes newest amphibious warfare WTIs to the fleet in Norfolk

Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) Public Affairs

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Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) welcomed the newest group of Amphibious Warfare (AMW) Warfare Tactics Instructors (WTI) to the Surface Fleet in a ceremony at SMWDC's AMW Division,

SMWDC's WTI program offers a gateway for wellqualified SWOs to develop deep tactical expertise in AMW, Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD), Mine Warfare (MIW) or Anti-Submarine Warfare / Surface Warfare (ASW/ SUW).

"You know have greater responsibility to yourself and to the sailors you lead," said Rear Adm. Dave Welch, commander

SMWDC. "Do not shy away from that responsibility, accept it, and impart your knowledge to the fleet for the betterment of the amphibious community and the Navy as a whole."

While talking to the graduating class and attendees, Welch also emphasized the impact that the that deliberate development of tactical expertise that SMWDC along with the Navy's four other Warfighting Development Centers (WDC) are bringing to bear in the Navy's ability to deliver combat power in support of the National Defense Strat-

The graduating WTIs were the first to earn distinctive AMW WTI patches emblazoned with a gator in 2019, and they did so only after completing a refined Battle Problem as their culminating event of the course. The Battle Problem drove the candidates to synthesize and use all of the knowledge learned during the course to effectively plan AMW operations to achieve a defined mission. One of the ways the WTI candidates test their plan is through a war game. War gaming is a critical step in the Navy Planning Process and allows the students to test the effectiveness of their proposed courses of action (COA), doctrine, and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) against expected adversary COAs.

"The battle problem has continued to evolve over every course of instruction," said Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Petersen. "The execution of the six-step Navy Planning Process, layered with amphibious doctrine and TTP's allows the students to methodically approach the completion of the mission, and shows them how detailed amphibious planning

All WTI candidates complete a two-week Instructor and Tactics Course followed by a tailored course of instruction in one of the four Surface Warfare specialty areas. AMW WTI course focuses on the intricacies of sea control and power projection of the Navy and Marine Corps team. Post qualification, WTIs complete a two-year production tour where WTI skills mature in the classroom and at sea during Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercises and other fleet training events.

Production tours are an important part of the WTI experience, and where new WTI cadre are able to take classroom learning and bring it back to the Fleet to provide training, write doctrine and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP), provide operational support, and inform future requirements in order to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Sur-

face Force. The newly

patched AMW WTIs will support these lines of operation through training events which include the Ship Self Defense System (SSDS) simulators at Wallops Island, Virginia, Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) SWATT planning and execution, as well as doctrine and TTP development, reviews, and refinement.

Lt. Christopher Yee was selected as the course's honor graduate and will report to SMWDC's headquarters in San Diego to complete his production tour.

"This course has challenged me more than any other Navy course I have attended," said Yee. "The material covered in the last 15 weeks has opened my eyes to the growing importance of new TTPs in amphibious warfare, and the complexities inherent to our mission. I am excited to take this new knowledge and apply it during my production tour at SMWDC Headquarters."

Lt. Andy Gomez also received the Iwo Jima Leadership Award for displaying superb leadership qualities throughout the fifteen-week course of instruction.

Applications for the WTI

program are taken on a rolling basis. Contact the SMWDC WTI Program Manager SWO_WTI@Navy.mil for more information, or to request a ship visit by SMWDC's WTI cadre and senior mentors.

SMWDC is a subordinate command of Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and exists to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Surface Force across all domains. SMWDC headquarters is at Naval Base San Diego with four divisions in Virginia and California focused on Sea Combat, Integrated Air and Missile Defense, Amphibious Warfare and Mine Warfare.

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The amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) and its amphibious ready group (ARG) are moored at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ARG arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 22 and 23, for the final port call of their deployment to the Indo-Asia- Pacific, Horn of Africa, Mediterranean and Middle East.

From Commander, Naval Forces Japan Public **Affairs**

SASEBO, JAPAN

The U.S. Navy announced today that the amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) and landing platform dock USS New Orleans (LPD 18) will become part of the U.S. 7th Fleet forward-deployed naval forces (FDNF) in Sasebo, Japan. The guided-missile destroyer USS Stethem (DDG 63) will shift its homeport to San Diego for its midlife modernization and the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) will shift its homeport to Norfolk to undergo scheduled maintenance.

America is capable of supporting the Joint Strike Fighter (F-35B) as part of an embarked U.S. Marine Corps Air Combat Element (ACE).

The United States values Japan's contributions to the peace, security and stability of the Indo-Pacific and its long-term commitment and hospitality in hosting U.S. forces forward deployed there. These forces, along with their counterparts in the Japan Self-Defense Forces, make up the core capabilities needed by the alliance to meet our common strategic objectives.

The security environment in the Indo-Pacific requires that the U.S. Navy station the most capable ships forward. This posture allows the most rapid response times possible for maritime and joint forces, and brings our most capable ships with the greatest amount of striking power and operational capability to bear in the timeliest manner.

Maintaining an FDNF capability supports the United States' commitment to the defense of Japan and the security and stabil-

ity of the vital Indo-Pacific region. America will provide the Marine Corps with a means of combat operations utilizing the newest technologically advanced aircraft Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35B Lightning II. New Orleans is capable of ship-toshore movement by tilt-rotor and helicopter. In addition to combat operations, both ships can conduct humanitarian-assistance operations. Maintaining the most advanced ships is vital to support the United States' commitment to the security, stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region.

NAVSUP prepares logisticians for great power competition

By Samantha Lohr NAVSUP Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Naval Supply Systems Command (NAV-SUP) members from locations around the world gathered for a Logistics Planner workshop onboard Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania April 15-19.

The training provided students with baseline knowledge in maritime logistics capabilities and limitations, along with practical exercises in development of logistics staff estimates, and operational orders' logistics paragraphs and annexes. The class included active duty and Reserve military personnel, and civilian personnel who worked together to create a plan from a case study provided.

The workshop fills the gaps in the planning process by helping students with their career progression in logistics. "This class is a stepping stone to help grow planners who understand their roles and the roles of the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Centers (FLCs) in support of theater operational plans," said Lt. Cmdr. Ruben Chavira, NAVSUP future operations officer/plan-

Chavira added that over the last several months, as a part of NAVSUP's reform efforts to focus on developing and training people to be the next generation of leaders in sustainment, NAVSUP logisticians have been looking at FLC readiness and their ability to support major theater operational plans.

"The course is very realistic and shows situations we plan for day-to-day," said Cmdr. Tom Gerstner, SC, USN, the course's instructor and an instructor at the U.S. Naval War College. "It's great teaching this group. They're very engaged."

Rear Adm. Michelle Skubic, Commander NAVSUP and 48th Chief of Supply Corps had an opportunity to address the class, "We need to have a planner operational focus from day one and build upon this skill set. Don't let the learning stop here. Help develop solutions."

"As a new member to the NAVSUP community, the Logistics Planner Course has been a tremendous introduction to the NAVSUP fleet logistics support planning processes and how they contribute to readiness and sustainment of the fleet, said Cmdr. Chris Bushhorn, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support. The key planning principles are presented in a way that highlight the critical factors that must considered such as responsiveness, sustainability and feasibility."

"The NAVSUP Logistics Planner Course was outstanding. The overview of the planning process, in-depth review of the various areas of supply, working through staff-estimates, and problem-solving as a class expanded my knowledge of the big-picture process. The opportunities to level-set and network with members of various commands provided valuable insight into how the fleet operates and executes the planning process," said Lt. Cmdr. Cara Howes, NR C7F Logistics Readiness Center.

NAVSUP plans to continue hosting this course periodically for military and civilian personnel to further enable NAVSUP, the Supply Corps, and the Navy to be best prepared for military operations in the

context of great power competition. Headquartered in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and employing a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 22,500 military and civilian personnel, NAVSUP's mission is to provide supplies, services, and quality-of-life support to the Navy and joint warfighter.

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A group of Tunisian military leaders observe flight operations aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft

Tunisia, U.S. strengthen partnership during coalition exchange

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Delegates of the Tunisian armed forces worked hand-in-hand with components of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12 in efforts to strengthen partnerships on land and at sea during a coalition exchange.

The focus of the exchange was two-fold, involving an embark of Tunisian military leaders aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and joint training with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7.

"Tunisia is a very important partner to the African and Mediterranean regions," Capt. William Reed, commander of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, said. "It was a mutually beneficial opportunity for both of us to work together."

During the exchange, 11 senior delegates of the Tunisian armed forces, including Tunisian Air Force Chief of Staff Brigadier General Mohamed Hajjem and Tunisian Navy Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Abderraouf Atallaha, embarked Abraham Lin-

The embark was particularly significant because it allowed Tunisian and American forces to gain a better understanding of the competencies each group brings to the part-

"I think there is a point where you've heard and read about it, but when you actually get to see an aircraft go into full power and take the catapult, come back around and do an arrested landing after completing its mission — it's amazing," Reed said. "It helps us to say we are partners, we want to work with you, and they know that we've got their back."

The visit focused on military operations, aircraft maintenance and partnership building and included observing flight operations on the flight deck.

"It was an absolute pleasure to show off Abraham Lincoln to our Tunisian allies," Lt. Osbaldo Ibarra, Lincoln's flight deck officer who led a tour of the ship, said. "They were very professional and genuinely interested in how we operate. The time

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Transitioning by way of bridges

By Lisa Smith Molinari

I slow down through the toll booth just long enough for my EZ Pass to trigger the bar to lift and the light to blink from red to green. My car picks up speed on the ramp's incline. The road rises higher and higher, over the mammoth concrete bridge piers and toward the first suspension tower soaring skyward. The land on either side of the roadway falls quickly beneath me. In my peripheral vision I sense the navy blue of the bay's deep waters, which sparkle brightly at this time of the day.

This part of the bridge always makes me feel like I am taking off on an airplane, hurtling toward the sky. On my way somewhere far, far away, but exciting nonetheless. Worries are left behind, replaced momentarily by a sense of adventure.

In reality, my trip is only a few miles. From our house to the navy base which sits on the other side of the bay. And my adventure is grocery shopping.

But as my car reaches the bridge's apex, I have a view of the whole world.

My world.

My island town is behind me on my right, its marinas dotted with clusters of boat masts that look like sewing pins at this distance. It seems as though I can see the entire east passage of the Narragansett Bay, shimmer-

ing 200 feet below me. I see the hazy outline of remote Block Island, 13 miles beyond the point where the protective bay meets the wild ocean. I see my destination, Newport, chockablock with colonial houses, buildings, bars, restaurants, supermarkets, museums, church steeples, boats, schools, beaches, and tourists. I see the military base where we lived before my husband retired from the Navy two years ago, with its familiar mishmash of buildings, base housing, and marching grounds decorated with glossy painted cannons, torpedoes and ships' anchors.

As I pass under the second tower, I remember why we stayed here. After many PCS moves, we wanted to settle in a place where we could finally buy a permanent home, find new jobs, integrate into the community, and try to become locals. But we knew transitioning to civilian life wouldn't be easy. Twenty-eight years of military life seeps into ones' blood. We picked a home only a bridge away from the Navy base, where, when we sip our morning coffee on the front porch, we can hear the national anthem floating over the bay.

To stay connected to the military culture that was still dear to us, my husband joined the our town's posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. We started a local social group of Navy veteran couples we dubbed "The Old Salts." We keep in

touch with the friends we made at old duty stations. We support military causes. I write about military issues. We shop at the commissary. We bank at Navy Federal. My husband uses the VA Clinic. We drop by the O' Club for a drink every now and again.

The periodic rumble of the expansion joints rouse me from my thoughts. I realize that this bridge to the Navy base is not the only link we've relied upon to ease our transition from active duty to civilian life. When leaving the military, one can easily become an island unto oneself, cut off from what was once so familiar. It's important to find the bridges that span the distances between the military community, the civilian community, and family and friends.

The suspension cables flash by as my car coasts down the final slope toward Aquidneck Island and the Navy base. One day soon, this bridge will take us on a trip to London to see our daughter who is studying there, to our favorite summer vacation spot in North Carolina, to Providence to go to an Italian restaurant, to New York City to deliver our daughter for a summer internship, to the train station to pick up my mother, to Boston to see my husband's best friend, to Pittsburgh to see mine.

And, when my errands are done today, my car will climb to the top of my world again, where this bridge will take me home.

Navy Housing

Q. I didn't receive a PPV housing survey. What do I do?

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Preteens, teens target audience for HPV vaccine

From Military Health System Communications Office

Donna, the mother of three children, kept hearing about a vaccine that health care experts recommend for preteens and teens. With her own twins approaching middle-school age, she wanted to learn more. So she did some research on the vaccine for human papillomavirus, or HPV.

Donna discovered the HPV vaccine is safe

and has few, if any, mild side effects. It's most effective for adolescents before they're exposed to the virus. Most significantly, Donna learned the vaccine is almost 100 percent effective in preventing HPV infections, which eventually may cause several types of cancer.

Armed with this knowledge, Donna got her twins vaccinated at their local military treatment facility. She said she'll also ensure her youngest child receives the vaccine in a few years, as recommended.

"This wasn't a difficult decision for me at all," said Donna, whose real name is not being used to protect her family's privacy. "The HPV vaccine is part of preventive health care."

HPV is very common, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Approximately 79 million Americans have at least one of about 120 different HPV strains. The virus spreads through intimate, skin-onskin contact.

Nearly 14 million new cases of HPV infection occur every year, with about half of all new infections among 15- to 24-year-olds, said Dr. Bruce McClenathan, the medical director of the Defense Health Agency Immunization Health Care Branch's South Atlantic Region Vaccine Safety Hub, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"HPV can cause many different types of cancer," said Air Force Lt. Col. Ruth Brenner, deputy chief of the DHA's Immunization Health Care Branch. "For successful cancer



Lance Cpl. Drake Nickels

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Maryann Jose, administration specialist with Alpha Company, Head-quarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, gives commands to students during the Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD) Day at the Paige Fieldhouse, MCB Camp Pendleton, California, Oct. 17, 2018.

prevention, people need to receive the vaccine before they're exposed to the virus."

McClenathan said studies have shown the vaccine caused HPV infection rates to decline 64 percent among teenaged girls ages 14 to 19, and 34 percent among women ages 20 to

Usually, people don't exhibit any signs or symptoms of an HPV infection, according to the CDC. Also, most don't develop health problems related to HPV, and the virus typically goes away on its own after a couple of years.

But there's no way to predict who will clear the virus and who won't, McClenathan said. If an HPV infection persists, it eventually may cause genital warts – and worse. Almost all cervical cancer is HPV-related, he said.

"At least we have the Pap smear as a good test for cervical cancer," McClenathan said. "With other HPV-related cancers, there really aren't any good screening tests."

About 90 percent of all anal cancers, 72 percent of all throat cancers, and 1 percent of all vaginal and vulvar cancers are also linked to HPV, he said. So are about 71 percent of

penile cancers.

"The HPV vaccine is a very effective cancer-preventing vaccine," McClenathan said. "Widespread vaccination for HPV would have huge potential to reduce many types of cancer."

Only one HPV vaccine, Gardasil 9, currently is used, McClenathan said. The vaccine is recommended for girls and boys as young as age 9, and women and men up to age 26. Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved expansion of the vaccine to adults up to age 45, McClenathan said.

For HPV vaccination of service members, the Department of Defense follows guidelines published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

"Medical providers should have frank discussions with their patients about whether this vaccine is appropriate for them," Brenner said.

TRICARE covers the HPV vaccine as recommended by the CDC. More information about the HPV vaccine can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine.html.

Final service

By Cmdr. Tom Porter

Navy Region Northwest Reserve Component Command Public Affairs

SIOUX FALLS S.D.

Water Tender 2nd Class Porter Leigh Rich was on his honeymoon in the fall of 1941, when he was summoned back to San Diego with orders to depart for Hawaii aboard USS Oklahoma (BB 37).

The ship was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when it was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The Oklahoma quickly capsized after multiple torpedo hits, taking the lives of Rich and 428 other Sailors aboard during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

Over the next year and a half, the remains of the crew were recovered and interred in the Halawa and Nu'uanu cemeteries in Hawaii. The American Graves Registration Service, charged with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. military personnel, disinterred them in 1947 to attempt to identify the remains, but was only able to identify 35 of the Sailors. The unidentified remains were then buried in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, and they, including Rich, were designated as unrecoverable.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died in the war. As of April, 2019, there are still over 72,000 service members unaccounted for. The number of unidentified remains has steadily declined due to the determined efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). In 2015, the Department of Defense directed the disinterment of the unidentified USS Oklahoma Sailors.

To identify the remains, DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System use mitochondrial DNA analysis, dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence. To date, nearly 200 remains from the ship have now been identified — including Rich.

When a Sailor is identified, the Navy's role comes into play as they provide personnel to ensure the remains are memorialized according to the family's wishes. Navy military funeral honors is a total force mission supported by both active duty and Reserve members. Funeral honor details perform, at a minimum, a ceremony including the folding of a U.S. flag, presentation of the flag to the designated recipient, and the playing of taps.

Providing funeral honors is an enormous honor and lesser known responsibility of the Navy Reserve. Last year alone, more than 9,500 Reserve Sailors rendered honors at 7,036 funerals.

When a Sailor is re-interred, many times Reserve Sailors and staff from Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSCs) perform the important and time-honored tradition of bringing the shipmate home to rest.

Navy Region Northwest covers 11 northwest states and has 16 NOSCs spanning from Minnesota to Alaska. Since DPAA's USS Oklahoma mission, northwest Reserve Sailors have conducted funeral honors for 13 of the identified Sailors.

"We're so incredibly fortunate that today's technology and science enables these USS Oklahoma Sailors, and many other service members, to be identified and finally laid appropriately to rest," said Capt. Jonas Jones, commander of Reserve Component Command Northwest. "I'm extremely proud of the role our Sailors have served in this process, finally bringing closure to so



Cmdr. Tom Porter

Sailors from Navy Operational Support Center Sioux Falls perform military funeral honors for Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Porter Rich in Lake Preston, S.D. Rich was killed in action during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor aboard the battleship USS Oklahoma (BB 37).

many families."

Rich's family was among those to receive closure. After 76 years, a son who was never able to meet his father, was able to lay Rich to rest.

"This is a tremendous honor for us," said Lt. Cmdr. Julian Carswell, commanding officer of NOSC Sioux Falls. "Being able to serve our fallen Shipmates and helping to bring closure to their family is one of the most important duties we could have."

For the personnel of NOSC Sioux Falls, it is an enormous honor to play a role in bringing

these Sailors home.

"It's always a sad day when we perform a service for a fallen shipmate, but when you see the whole town come out to pay their respects and support the member's family, it fills us with pride to be a small part of bringing

closure to their family," said Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Patrick Schwab, who performed honors for Rich.

Schwab's team has performed these honors many times. Last year, with 25 NOSC Sioux Falls Sailors, they provided more than 200 military honors funerals throughout South Dakota and the surrounding areas.

At a farmhouse in Lake Preston, South Dakota, Rich's family gathered the day before the funeral. They shared the story of their lost relative, recalled memories of his youth, perused old letters he wrote home, and glanced over a Thanksgiving menu from the holiday meal Rich had enjoyed just days before his untimely death.

Rich's memorial at the Lake Preston high school's gymnasium had mementos from his life on display for visitors to view. The State's Lieutenant Governor Matt Michels and family members spoke, as other family members, veterans, farmers, students and others recalled Rich's life.

On the frigid, sunny afternoon following the memorial, Rich was buried with full military honors at the Lake Preston Cemetery. The NOSC Sioux Falls Sailors, including Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Dean Mazur, brought the flag-draped casket to the burial site, bringing a long awaited end to Rich's story.

"It is never easy to be called upon under circumstances like these," said Mazur, "but it is an honor for us to render military honors for a fallen shipmate and to bring closure to their family."

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Military Sealift Command's USNS **Guam christened in Okinawa**

By Grady Fontana Military Sealift Command Far East

NAHA, JAPAN

Military Sealift Command (MSC) christened the highspeed transport USNS Guam (T-HST 1) during a ceremony at Naha Military Port in Naha, Japan, April 27.

Key speakers were U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Harry B. Harris Jr.; Guam Rep. Michael San Nicholas; Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith, commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF); Rear Adm. Robert T. Clark, deputy commander of MSC; and USNS Guam's sponsor, Mrs. Bruni Bradley, a 25-year Navy veteran and wife of Harris.

"The Navy has a glorious history of naming ships after heroes, epic battles and key places in the U.S.; and this ship is no exception," said Ambassador Harris, who is also a former Navy Admiral. "Guam is the site of one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific campaign (of World War II).

"Although most of the greatest generation are no longer with us, we can hear their stories of duty, honor and courage. Their spirits walk among us, and with us, and call out to us. Today, we've answered their call with an innovative ship, which serves as a reminder of their heroism and a tribute to a beautiful place called Guam, U.S.A," said Harris in a

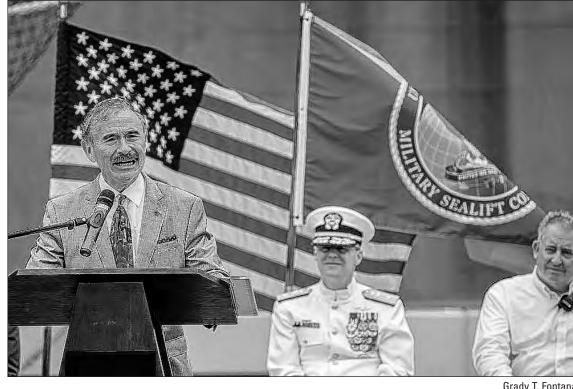
The ceremony was capped by a time-honored tradition, when Bradley officially declared the Guam christened prior to breaking a bottle of sparkling wine against the ship's side railing of the main deck.

The Guam was acquired by the Navy from the Department of Transportation in 2012 and underwent renovations before it became operational in late 2017 when it replaced the Westpac Express as a III MEF asset.

Earlier plans to christen the ship in Guam were thwarted by unforeseen typhoons in the region and a high tempo by the ship's schedulers. Due to additional operational requirements on the ship, effort to have the christening in Guam was not possible.

USNS Guam is an aluminum catamaran designed to be fast, flexible and maneuverable, even in austere port conditions, making the vessel ideal for transporting troops and equipment quickly.

According to Smith, the value of USNS Guam to the III MEF is that the ship can be quickly reconfigured for any cargo requirement: from supporting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; to transporting Marines, Sailor and equipment throughout the Indo-Pacific theater.



U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Harry B. Harris Jr. speaks to a crowd during the christening ceremony of Military Sealift Command's high-speed transport USNS Guam (T-HST 1), April 27. USNS Guam is an aluminum catamaran designed to be fast, flexible and maneuverable, even in austere port conditions, making the vessel ideal for transporting troops and equipment quickly.

"This ship is vital to us," said Smith in a speech. "It carries the most precious cargo that there is...the Marines and Sailors of the III MEF."

The USNS Guam is preceded in service by the patrol gunboat USS Guam (PG 43), which was renamed Wake in 1941 and captured by the Japanese later that year, the Alaska-class large cruiser USS Guam (CB 2) in service 1944-1947, and the Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship USS Guam (LPH 9) in service 1965-1998.

MSC operates approximately 125 non-combatant, civiliancrewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners.



Bruni Bradley, sponsor to Military Sealift Command's high-speed transport USNS Guam (T-HST 1), breaks a bottle during the christening ceremony of USNS Guam, April 27. Bradley, a 25-year Navy veteran, officially declared the Guam christened after breaking a bottle of sparkling wine against the ship's side railing of the main deck.

IWTS Pacific Northwest instructor recognized as 2019 Regional **Outstanding Uniformed Victim Advocate**

By Lt. Jeremiah W. Hall Information Warfare Training Site Pacific Northwest Public Affairs

EVERETT, WASH.

Naval Station Everett held a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony to recognize SAPR Victim Advocates (VA) assigned to support 30 commands across 11 states in Navy Region Northwest, April 24.

The event was held in conjunction with April being Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and this year's theme, "Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission."

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Eureka S. Johnson, attached to Information Warfare Training Site (IWTS) Pacific Northwest was awarded a flag letter of commendation in recognition as the 2019 Regional Outstanding Uniformed VA by Rear Adm. Christopher S. Gray, commander,

Navy Region Northwest. Johnson dedicated 1,704 hours of SAPR unit VA duty for Sailors and family members of Naval Station Everett, 14 tenant commands, six Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps units

and 14 navy operational support centers. She also trained 14 prospective unit VAs from nine commands across Navy Region Northwest that resulted in 24/7 response capability and the promotion of sexual assault awareness and prevention. Johnson is a trained VA that dedicates her off-duty time to the regional SAPR DoD Safe Helpline and volunteers to help sexual assault victims through the entire process of dealing with traumatic events.

"CTR1 Johnson went above and beyond the duties of a unit VA to ensure that the personnel standing watch were trained and

the Sailors, Marines and their families from the Pacific Northwest Region received the help needed," commented Catherine Hix, the sexual assault response coordinator for Naval Station Everett. "CTR1 Johnson sets the standard for what a uniformed VA is and deserves to be the 2019 Uniformed Victim Advocate of the Year."

Johnson is a native of Long Beach, California, and is studying towards a degree in psychology. Her interest in social behavior and cognitive processes directly contributes to her compassion to help those who are victims of abuse, violence, or assault.

IWTS Pacific Northwest is a learning site under the Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC), San Diego. IWTC San Diego, as part of the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT), provides a continuum

of training to Navy and joint service personnel that prepares them to conduct information warfare across the full spectrum of military operations.

With four schoolhouse commands, two detachments, and training sites throughout the United States and Japan, CIWT is recognized as Naval Education and Training Command's top learning center for the past three years. Training over 21,000 students every year, CIWT delivers trained information warfare professionals to the Navy and joint services. CIWT also offers more than 200 courses for cryptologic technicians, intelligence specialists, information systems technicians, electronics technicians, and officers in the information

warfare community. For more news from Center for Information Warfare Training, visit www.navy.mil/local/cid/.



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U.S. presents shark boats to Bangladesh Navy

By MC2 Christopher Veloicaza Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific

CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH

Rear Admiral Joey Tynch, commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, presented five metal patrol boats to the Bangladesh Navy during a ceremony at the Special Warfare Diving and Salvage (SWADS) Headquarters in Chittagong April 25.

Tynch, Joel Reifman, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission to Bangladesh and senior delegates from the Bangladesh Navy held a ceremony with the Bangladesh Sailors who will operate the boats, passing a symbolic key to commemorate the exchange of the ownership of crafts and celebrating the long-standing partnership between both nations.

The fast-response Metal Shark boats are capable of reaching up to 35 knots and are large enough to operate in coastal and nearshore environments in various conditions, while also allowing for expeditionary operation in a wide range of climates. The boats will be utilized by SWADS teams as

multi-purpose vessels in various scenarios to include anti-piracy and counter-terrorism.

Tynch, who had recently visited Bangladesh's Naval Academy in November 2018, remarked on the timing of the ceremony.

"I grew up on a farm" said Tynch. "And I find it fortuitous that these boats have been delivered in April - the beginning of the planting season here in Bangladesh and around the world – and, like those seeds being sown in the fields, these boats represent the future. I've seen the tremendous seamanship on the Bangladesh Navy in action and I look forward to seeing the future accomplishments of these Sailors tomorrow, with the seeds we have planted here today."

The boat handover presents the U.S. and Bangladesh Navies with future training and subject matter exchange opportunities for long-term maintenance and tactics with the patrol boats.

"We work together with our Bangladeshi partners because we share a common belief in rulesbased order and a commitment to NG CEREMO BOX L

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Rear Admiral Joey Tynch, commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, left, presents a symbolic key to Bangladesh Navy senior delagates during a ceremony at the Special Warfare Diving and Salvage (SWADS) Head-quarters in Chittagong. Five metal patrol boats were handed over to the Bangladesh Navy and a ceremony was held commemorating the exchange of the crafts and celebrating the long-standing partnership between both nations.

maritime security, and these boats are important to both," said Tynch. "Without the ability to maintain awareness of the maritime environment, that rules-based order cannot be enforced."

In addition to the presentation of crafts, Tynch visited Ashar Alo,

a school financed and directed by the Bangladesh Navy for special needs children.

The U.S. and Bangladesh routinely work together across several bilateral and multilateral maritime exercises, to include Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), Southeast Asia Cooperation Training (SEA-CAT), and the Rim of Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

For more news from Commander, Task Force 73, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf73/.



Lt. Col Matthew A. Kohler

Rear Admiral Joey Tynch, commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, and Joel Reifman, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission to Bangladesh, pose for a photo with U.S. representatives and local students at Ashar Alo primary school. Tynch visited Ashar Alo, a school financed and directed by the Bangladesh Navy for special needs children, following a ceremony commemorating the exchange of five metal patrol boats and celebrating the long-standing partnership between both nations.

Navy reserve ratings run toward worldwide fires

By MCC Brian MoralesCommander, Navy Installations Command
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WASHINGTON

On a ship, every Sailor is expected to be able to fight fires while underway. On land, five Reserve detachments train to support shore-based fire stations worldwide for Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC).

Twenty-one Navy Reservists earned the title "firefighter" after completing 360 hours of training in Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) Academy at Naval Support Activity Annapolis, on April 19.

"We're here to mark a very significant accomplishment," said Capt. Moira E. McCarthy, commanding officer of Navy Reserve CNIC. "While your graduation marks the end of one thing, it really marks the beginning of another. These Sailors, these fire fighters began a process of preparation. This process of preparation which really has only one role and that is to make these Sailors ready for an emergency during an actual disaster...And these Sailors are getting a lot and they're going to do some extremely important job.

Naval District Washington's F&ES team instructed an eightweek training course, which normally takes 16 weeks, at NSA Annapolis Naval Air Station Patuxent River. The firefighting students received firsthand training in: Fire Fighting 1, personal protective equipment and basic gear knowledge; Fire Fighting 2, practical live firefighting; Hazardous Material Awareness; Hazardous Material Operations, mitigation of hazardous material; and Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF), airfield and aircraft familiarization.

Since graduating from the academy, these students will join the more than 110 F&ES Reserve Sailors that augment fire stations on installations around the world and earned the Navy Enlisted Classification Code D13A, shore base airport and aircraft firefighter.

"Even if you're not an ABH (aviation boatswain's mate [handling]), if you're in(on) the ship, you get a good amount of shipboard firefighting training,' said Hospital Corpsman (HM) 3rd Class Mark Sumabat, a former active duty ABH from Manila, Philippians who cross-rated to HM in the Reserves. "When I went back to the Reserves, I was assigned to a firefighting unit. Regardless of your rating in the Navy, you train for the billet."

The Navy's shore base airport and aircraft firefighter qualification is normally awarded to personnel in the ABH rating, only on active duty but has been available to primary non-ABH personnel assigned to Navy Reserve CNIC F&ES since 2015.

"Honestly, being a firefighter and being a corpsman, kind of



U.S. Navy photo craft crash on

Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Fire & Emergency Services Gulf Coast respond to a simulated aircraft crash on the NAS Pensacola Forrest Sherman Field Transient Line, as part of a regularly scheduled training exercise.

goes hand and hand," said Sumabat. "(They) kind of compliments each other because I believe the corpsman training, right now, the first part would be EMT [emergency medical technician] basic and being a firefighter, it also requires you to at least get your EMT basic certification to work in the ambulance, and to be able to handle patients."

"The 'AB' (aviation boatswain's mate) experience I had helped with this course because we talked about firefighting on the flight deck and all that," said Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Samantha Him, from Jacksonville, N.C., referring to her prior experience of aircraft fire fighting on active duty. "But I had to also erase it blank. Not apply it

here because it's different firefighting techniques and learning that process here."

The Reserve F&ES program was created in 2007 with 60 Sailors and only two detachments; A in Fort Dix, N.J. and B in San Diego. Since then, three more detachments were formed to provide worldwide installation support; C in Jacksonville, Fla., D in Norfolk and detachment Europe-Africa Southwest Asia in Fort Worth, Texas.

Fire stations on Navy installations are primarily manned by a civilian workforce, with a small contingent of active-duty Sailors. The F&ES Reserve Sailors are fully trained and equipped to provide support when and where needed - especially in the case of a

natural or manmade disaster.

The Navy Installations Command team is comprised of approximately 3,500 Reservists spanning a wide range of units around the world. These reservists help augment the Navy Installations Command team of active duty Sailors and civilians that are responsible for the operations, maintenance, and quality of life programs to support the Navy's fleet, Sailors, and their families. The Reserve force's flexibility, responsiveness, and ability to serve across a wide spectrum of operations clearly enhances the Navy total force.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.

Gateway to the Mediterranean: Rota port operations

By PO1 Benjamin Lewis Naval Station Rota, Spain

ROTA, SPAIN

A busy place by nature, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain, Port Operations Department, is not your typical Navy shore duty billet. With the amount of ship traffic that comes through the base harbor, this department's Sailors and civilians work 24/7 in support of the fleet and fighter. Join me on this small glimpse into a busy and important world of what happens day-to-day with the Sailors and civilians keeping port operations running smoothly.

NAVSTA Rota Port Operations provides port infrastructure, services, as well as Command, Control, and Communications (C3) in order to support the onward movement and integration of vessels, cargo, and munitions of U.S. and allied missions. They support operational readiness in the 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility, providing facilities and services to enable mission accomplishment.

Before coming to Rota, Engineman (EN) First Class Reynald Salazar, leading petty officer of NAVSTA Rota Port Operations Department, had been the leading petty officer of the Avenger class mine countermeasures ship USS Chief's (MCM 14) main propulsion division, obtaining the highest engineering qualification, Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) qualification as a second class petty officer. Now he says his job is "100% different." Salazar said that now he performs duties typically done by Sailors of other rates such as boatswain's mates, personnel specialists, yeomen, and machinist's mates.

Port Operations handles dock-

ing, undocking, installing the oil boom containment for transferring fuel, oil, or oily waste for supply and NATO ships, and Navy warships. They provide harbor pilot services, and have a strong hazardous spill response capability. They also maintain six harbor security boats to support NAVSTA Rota's harbor patrol unit and five utility boats for their oil spill response mission, and support all homeported and visiting assets with port services. Port Operations is also a critical part of the installation's intermodal operations. Intermodal operations leverage multiple modes of transportation to reduce cargo handling, improve security, minimize damage and allow quicker freight transportation.

Still following? Good! Because this broad overview is just the beginning.

"The most stressful part of the job is the constant changes to our schedule," said Salazar. "It could vary 48 hours prior to less than 12 hours prior." He adds that his favorite part of the job is "getting my department the liberty that they deserve after all their tasks for the day are completed."

Port operations is 24/7, and one of those many Sailors working long days and nights is Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Kathryn Rivera, a port operations control dispatcher and small boat coxswain.

"Whether it be communicating between the small boats and ships during evolutions, or even the small day-to-day seamanship tasks like repairing anchor lines and maintaining oil response booms, it's really easy to see how all of the minuscule tasks we accomplish every day add up to the bigger picture," said Rivera.



MC1 Benjamin A. Lewis

Engineman 2nd Class Lucas Jocewicz, assigned to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain's, Port Operations Department, drives a harbor pilot to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Nitze (DDG 94) as it pulls into NAVSTA Rota.

Robert Hedrick, NAVSTA Rota's port services officer, marine transport specialist, has a long history with port operations, having been active duty Navy stationed here from 1986 to 1989 and 1995 to 1999. He retired from the Navy in 2009 and began his current job in early 2017.

Hedrick schedules arrivals and departures of all home-ported and visiting ships for Rota's harbor. There's only one U.S. owned pier and two U.S. designated berths so he assigns the ship's berthing arrangements in coordination with and approval from the Spanish Port Captain. His favorite part of the job is living in Spain with his family and being able to work with service members to provide customer service to the fleet, "as well as working with my Spanish national dock workers, many whom I have known and worked with since 1986," he added.

Engineman 2nd Class Lucas Jocewicz is primarily Port Operation's pilot coxswain and shore installation management basic boat coxswain (SIMBBC) instructor.

"I like all the new skills I've learned since I've been there [Port Operations], and everyday brings

new challenges for us to solve," said Jocewicz. "It's nice working in a place knowing that what we do there has a pretty big impact on operations in the region."

There are plenty of challenges for Jocewicz and the team. Challenges that Keith McDowell, Rota's U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC) representative, is a part of solving. He retired from the Navy in 2000 and began his current job in 2016. He supports all MSC missions and ships calling on Rota and other ports in Spain, and serves as the local subject matter expert and point of contact for all MSC related issues. This includes coordinating husbanding services, tracking shipments, arranging base access and providing escorts for deliveries, visiting ships in port, assisting crew needs and attending every MSC sponsored ships' arrival and departure.

McDowell says one of the most challenging parts of the job is "ships always have short or no notice requirements for supplies, provisions, personnel, or repairs. Arranging short notice base access for contractors, technical representatives, or regulatory body inspectors is challenging."

Rivera said that, at times, these different challenges can become overwhelming.

"When we come in early and stay late for days on end, even through holidays and days off. But every now and then we get to wave people off or witness families reunited pier-side and huge smiles as people pull in for the first time in months. For me, those little moments, seeing people at their best, doing the job civilians see us do on TV with a proud smile and incredibly accurate symphony like precision and coordination—that makes it feel like I'm doing something bigger than feeding a line around a bollard or towing 600 feet of gear through the ocean from point A to point B."

When you run into someone who works in Port Operations, they may have played a role in getting your ship the services it needed to get back to homeport or made it possible for your shop to get the supplies they need. Give them a high-five (or whatever appropriate greeting you prefer), maybe a cup of coffee, or just a 'thanks.'



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spent showing various aspects of one of the most lethal warships in the fleet was a great investment in our mutual partnership."

The exchange also included a unique opportunity for bilateral training. Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5, one of the nine squadrons of CVW 7, trained with the Tunisian air force on key missions including over land search and rescue, insertion/extraction, maintenance, corrosion control, ordnance handling procedures, and troubleshooting with aircraft avionics systems.

The collaboration brought a valued form of bilateral training to the table for HSC 5, which, while deployed at sea, was able to conduct land search and rescue train-

"What we are gleaning from it, as far as the strike group goes, is a currency and proficiency for our team to get over land — landings in the dirt that we can't do out here (at sea)," Cmdr. Chandra Newman, HSC 5 executive officer, said. "It's always good for a helicopter squadron to work with external assets. The fact that they have professional ground forces that we can work with adds realism and value to the training."

With HSC 5's primary mission being search and rescue over water, which isn't necessarily typical for Tunisian forces, the training proved invaluable.

"We were able to show our gear and tactics for conducting nightover-water-flying, fast-ropingover-water, as well as night search and rescue to the Tunisians," Newman said. "They were incredibly welcoming, and as excited to have the training as we were excited to have that experience with them."

When developing interoperability amongst partners, building trust is a key component, according to Reed.

"During this opportunity with our Tunisian partners, we gained a better understanding of how critical it is to work with our allies in our new operating environment," said Reed. "This is especially important with great partners like Tunisia, where we get training as well as the chance to build trust. This positions us to be even more ready and do even more next time we work together."

Tunisian naval forces recently participated in Phoenix Express 2019, which was designed to bring together North African, European, and U.S. maritime forces as part of a global network of navies to enhance cooperation and expertise in maritime security operations. Ongoing collaboration in future iterations of Phoenix Express and other coalition exercises remains a priority for U.S. forces in the re-

"Our Tunisian allies are critical," Reed said. "They push out stability in the region; it's essential to have partnerships that bring that to the table."

Abraham Lincoln is deployed as part of an ongoing rotation of forward-deployed forces in support of maritime security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th, U.S. 6th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operation. With Abraham Lincoln as the flagship, deployed strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group 12, Destroyer Squadron 2, Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7; as well as Álvaro de Bazán-class frigate ESPS Méndez Núñez (F

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/.



MC3 Amber Smallev

Cmdr. William Lane, air boss of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), speaks with a group of Tunisian military leaders.



Rear Adm. John Wade, commander of Carrier Strike Group 12, speaks with Rear Adm. Abderraouf Atallah, chief of staff for the Tunisian navy.



U.S. Navy photo

The crew of the future USS Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG 1002) pose for a photo outside of the Dairy Queen in Topsham, Maine. Sixty-two members of the crew visited the site where, in 1966, President Johnson, their ship's namesake, stopped on his way to an event in nearby Lewiston, Maine. To this day, the Dairy Queen proudly displays a sign stating, "LBJ ate here."

Namesake's legacy provides sweet stop for crew of future Lyndon B. Johnson

From Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. **Pacific Fleet Public Affairs**

TOPSHAM, MAINE

The crew of the future USS Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG 1002) made a confection connection with their namesake, April 25, when they visited a Dairy Queen in Topsham, Maine.

Sixty-two members of the crew visited the site where, in 1966, President Johnson stopped on his way to an event in nearby Lewiston, Maine. To this day, the Dairy Queen proudly displays a sign stating, "LBJ ate here."

The crew arranged an outing to eat ice cream, pose for a command photograph under the sign, and continue

building their bond with the legacy of the former president and the communi-

"It's reassuring that people out there do care and notice what we do and we can make a good impression. We get caught up with all the work we do and forget how everyone else sees us. It was cool to see an ear to ear smile on the face of a local little girl when she got to stand with some of us in uniform. To her, it was a special day too," Gunner's Mate Seaman Madison Reynolds of Jacksonville, Illinois.

"The community support has been amazing, and we're proud to be part of bringing this warship to life," said Capt. Jeremy Gray, DDG 1002's prospective commanding officer. "We're

proud of the re-live a moment in the legacy of our namesake."

The future United States Navy ship is named in honor of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, who served in office from 1963-1969. She will be the first ship to bear the name of the former

president. A Texas congressman, Johnson was the first member of Congress to enlist in the military following the start of World War II. After his naval service, Johnson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1948, where he served as both minority and majority leader before being

elected vice president Nov. 8, 1960. Following President John F. Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22 1963, Johnson succeeded to the presidency,

finished the remaining term, and was reelected for a full presidential term.

Zumwalt-class destroyers feature a state-of-the-art electric propulsion system, wave-piercing tumblehome hull, stealth design and are equipped with the most advanced warfighting technology and weaponry. These ships will be capable of performing a range of deterrence, power projection, sea control, and command and control missions while allowing the Navy to evolve with new systems and missions.

The ship is the third in the Zumwaltclass of destroyers and was christened during a ceremony, April 27, at General Dynamics-Bath Iron Works shipyard in Bath, Maine. Previously, the ship was launched Dec. 9, 2018, at the shipyard.

For more information on this class of ship, visit the Navy fact file at http:// www.navy.mil/navydata/fact_display.asp?cid=4200&tid=900&ct=4

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By MCC Erica Gardner Navy Office of Community Outreach

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BAHRAIN

Petty Officer 2nd Class Shawnte Merrell, a Newport News, Virginia, native, was provided options to join the military from his cousin who serves as a recruiter in the Army, but his influence to join came from his 10th grade science teacher. He served in the Navy and spoke of the opportunities the Navy has.

Now, 10 years later and half a world away at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, Merrell serves as the leading-edge of the Navy the Nation Needs.

"It is challenging being away from family, like my mom, but I do have my wife is here with me," said Merrell. "Serving here is more work than people think, but it is exciting at the same time."

Merrell, a 2008 graduate of Heritage High School, is a hospital corpsman at NSA Bahrain, forward-deployed to the Arabian Gulf region in the Navy's U.S. 5th

"Caring for our fellow sailors and Marines is the most important part of our job," said Merrell. "I am a physical therapy tech and care for service members who are injured and I help with the rehabilitation aspect of returning them back to performing their jobs."

Merrell credits success in Bahrain, and in the Navy, to many of the lessons learned in Newport News. "My hometown has taught me to basically hustle," said Merrell. "If you don't go out and get it, no one's going to do it for you. There will be help along the way, but it is up to to you to go after your goals and achieve what you want."

U.S. 5th Fleet directs naval operations to ensure maritime security and stability in the Central Region, which connects the Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Ocean through the western Indian Ocean. They work with partner nations to ensure freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in international waterways.

NSA Bahrain enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. 5th Fleet and allied forces in support of Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia's mission to provide services to the fleet, warfighter and family.

"My job is important because they did not have physical therapy here two years ago and we need to have people here to help them get fit for full duty and back in the fight," said Merrell.

The Navy's U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of ocean, and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. This expanse, comprised of 20 countries, includes three critical choke points; the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab al Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

"Being in a different country is the most unique part of my serving," said Merrell. "I have been



Jackson Brown

stationed in a different country which was a U.S. territory but being in a country and exposed to the culture is very unique."

Serving in the Navy means Merrell is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of

the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Merrell is most proud of earning his degree in Health Care Administration in December

"Getting a degree while working full-time is not easy, but I am blessed to be able to take advantage of the benefits I have," said Merrell.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Merrell and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes contributing the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy means making my family proud," said Merrell. "I have accomplished so much in my lifetime. I plan to keep achieving my goals and continuing to make my family proud."

5 ways to make your graduate feel great this season

From Brandpoint

In keeping with tradition this time of year, parents across America are getting ready to celebrate the graduation achievements of their children, nieces, nephews and other friends and relatives.

Many will be moving forward from preschool, elementary school or middle school. A whopping 3.3 million will graduate from high school. And at the college level, students are expected to have earned an impressive one million associate's degrees; 1.9 million bachelor's degrees; 780,000 master's degrees and 182,000 doctor's degrees over the 2018-19 school year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Because these milestones are such an important part of life, your graduate will want to preserve memories of friends, accomplishments and key experiences gathered along the way. If you're a proud parent helping your student celebrate this transition into the next phase of life, here are some ways to make it feel extra special.

- Share the great news. Even if you're not planning a huge event, you can still show pride in your grad's achievement by mailing

out personalized announcements that include graduation photos. Friends and family will appreciate hearing that your student has passed a milestone and moved on to the next stage of life. And the photo will give them a tangible memento they can display and keep.

and keep.

- Plan a personalized grad party. Honor your graduate's individuality by creating customized signs, banners, tableware, balloons, favors, candy, a cake and/or other party gear that features their name, image, hobbies, school colors and logos, etc. You might even spring for a life-sized standalone cut-out of the guest of honor. Many personalized products can be easily created at the self-service Kodak Picture Kiosks available at most CVS and Target stores across the nation. In fact, most can be completed and returned on the same day they're

- Serve up your grad's favorites. In American culture, love is often expressed through food. Whether your celebration will consist of a big party or a small, private family affair, putting your grad's favorite food and drink on the menu will show him or her you care. Of course, that's made easy now that graduation parties feature such a



Brandpoint image

wide range of cuisines; consider ordering take-out from your grad's favorite BBQ restaurant or having your local supermarket hand-craft beautiful sushi platters to serve

- Make a personalized playlist. Compile and record a selection of your grad's favorite music to play at his or her celebration party. Sprinkle in other songs that may bring a smile; consider childhood favorites, tunes with sentimental lyrics, school fight songs and/or music associated with band, orchestra, theater or dance performances.

- Commemorate friendships through photo gifts. Your grad and his or her class-

mates will treasure their school memories well into the future if you custom-create gifts featuring their favorite photos. Digital photos can be brought to better light, and create more smiles, when they're turned into functional items like keepsake boxes, calendars, mugs and magnets on KodakMoments.com.

Your child will remember his graduation celebration for years to come if you personalize every element. Start planning the details now so you can be ready by the end of the school year.

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Melissa Etheridge - The Medicine Show

- May 3, 8 p.m. \$643 (VIP Package), \$293 (VIP Package), \$103 (VIP Package), \$03, \$73, \$6
- (VIP Package), \$193 (VIP Package), \$93, \$73, \$63 Sandler Center for the Performing Arts,
- 201 Market St., Va Beach.
- www.sandlercenter.org

Reunited with celebrated producer John Shanks, who has also worked with Keith Urban, Bon Jovi, and Kelly Clarkson, Melissa sounds as rousing as ever, bringing a new level of artistry to her 15th studio recording. Known for her passionate and dynamic live performances, she will embark on a U.S. tour in support of the new album, kicking off March 29 in Florida. The Medicine Show deals with universal themes of renewal, reconciliation, reckoning, compassion and, most profoundly, healing. The Medicine Show is scheduled to releaseon April 12. Additionally, Melissa has selflessly dedicated herself as an activist for human rights, LGBTQ issues, breast cancer awareness, and alternative medical approaches.

NSAHR Portsmouth - Grill Your Own Steak Night

- May 3, 5:30 p.m.
- Community Recreation Center, May St., Bldg. 256 Portmsouth, Va.
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Grill your own steak at River's Edge on Friday, May 3. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$12 per person and includes 12 o.z. steak, corn on the cob, bakes potato, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Pre-register at rh Liberty Center by Monday, April 30. Limit one order per person. Open to active duty E-1 to E-6, geographical bachelors, and one guest age 18 or older. For more information please call 757-953-5095.



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Atlantic Coast Kite Festival

- May 4 & 5. Free.
- Va Beach oceanfront, on the beach between 16th and 18th Streets.
- www.beachstreetusa.com

Kite fliers and spectators of all ages will experience a visual feast at the Atlantic Coast Kite Festival. This popular event features a variety of activities appropriate for all ages and all levels of kite aficionados.

Spring Town Point Virginia Wine Festival

- May 4 & 5, 11 a.m. 6 p.m.
- Town Point Park, Downtown Norolk waterside
- www.festevents.org

Spend a spring weekend on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront in Town Point Park, sampling a variety of over 200 wines from dozens of premier Virginia wineries! Feast on gourmet foods, shop from specialty merchants and enjoy live music at the most anticipated wine festival of the Spring season. All wines presented during the festival are available for purchase by the bottle or case throughout the day.

New to the festival this year is the Cork & Fork V.I.P. Grand Tasting, a celebration of the amazing eats and drinks across Virginia on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



2019 USO Warrior Classic Golf Tournament

- May 17, 7:15 a.m. Open to the public.
- Aeropines Golf Course, Naval Air Station Oceana ■ 757-390-6719

Father Nicholas Habets Assembly 1505 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to host the 2019 USO Warrior Classic. USOHRCV receives no government funding and relies primarily on the generosity of local donors who recognize the sacrifices of our local service members and their families. We need them. They need us. We need you to be the force behind our local forces.

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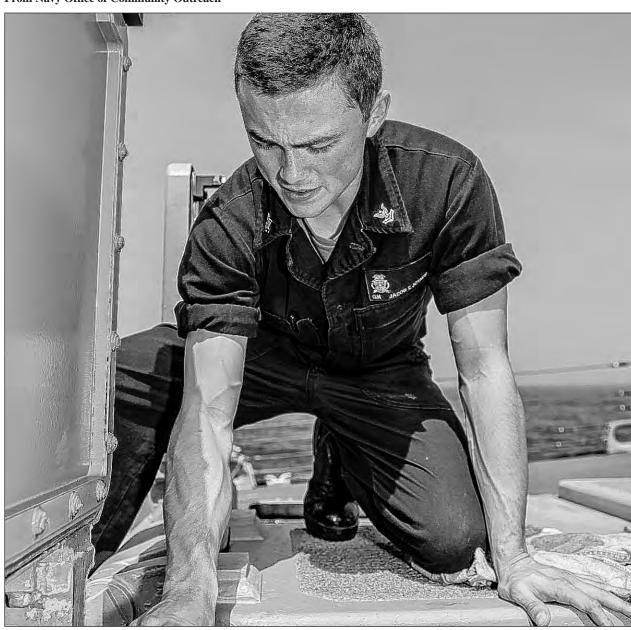
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Virginia Beach sailor serves on the USS Bainbridge

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From Navy Office of Community Outreach



MCSN Jason Waite

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jacob Joyner, from Virginia Beach, Va., cleans the missile deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96). Bainbridge is underway as part of the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (ABECSG) deployment in support of maritime security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th, U.S. 6th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operation.

Virginia Zoo names first Zooperlative award recipients

 $\frac{\text{By Ashley Grove Mars}}{\text{NORFOLK}}$

After careful consideration, the Virginia Zoo has chosen classrooms from Saint Patrick Catholic School and Cape Henry Collegiate as the first winners of the Zooperlative Award.

The Zooperlative Award.

The Zooperlative Award recognizes

Hampton Roads students from the 3rd

– 5th grade and 6th – 8th grade levels
for their outstanding contributions
toward work that encompasses environmental impact, sustainability or
conservation. Several classrooms submitted their annual projects for consideration, which were then judged by the
Virginia Zoological Society's Community Engagement Committee.

"The Virginia Zoo is proud to recognize these two area schools for their

efforts to create meaningful projects to improve our local ecology and environment," said Sue Roady, Chair of the Virginia Zoological Society's Community Engagement Committee. "These two award-winning projects and the others we evaluated from area schools'submissions are examples of the ongoing stewardship to the environment in Hampton Roads," Roady added.

Dr. Richard Strauss's students from Saint Patrick Catholic School were chosen for their greenspace projects. The class created a wildflower garden with soil retention, pollinator attractors, run-off protection and participated in hands-on learning about how different plants work together. The students also care for a beehive and recently started raising seed oysters. The garden not only has an impact on the students and school, but has encouraged several partnerships within the local community.

Ms. Rebecca Schnekser's 4th grade class from Cape Henry Collegiate was selected for their trout project. The students are raising Brook trout, which is native to Virginia and is an indicator species of water quality. The class has created partnerships with local environmental organizations and studied the health of Virginia water sources to replicate the ideal environment for the trout to thrive in a habitat in their classroom until they are released this Spring.

Both winners will be presented with a custom plaque and hand-crafted Flip-Flop Animal created by Ocean Sole, a field trip to the Virginia Zoo and a pizza party for the class.

Nauticus' 6th Annual Frisky on the Wisky event raises funds for youth sailing program

From Nauticus

For the sixth consecutive year, hundreds will gather on the fantail of the Battleship Wisconsin for "Frisky on the Wisky," a festive fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, from 7 – 10 p.m. benefiting Sail Nauticus Academy. Propeller Club, Port of Norfolk is the presenting sponsor of this year's event, which offers "the best view on the downtown Norfolk waterfront," and will include delicious tastings from local restaurants, an open bar, live entertainment by MOER, dancing, games and a silent auction.

VIP tickets were available this year, allowing for early admission from 6 -7 p.m. with exclusive tastings by select participating restaurants and complimentary valet parking before the main event begins. These tickets have sold out, but tickets to the main event are still available

All proceeds benefit the Sail Nauticus Academy, a Nauticus program providing local underserved youth with the opportunity to develop leadership and teamwork abilities, explore STEM concepts, learn water safety and build confidence - all through the art and science of sailing.

"We're so proud to do our part to support the youth of our community," said Propeller Club President, Dana Truxell. "The skills Academy students learn today will carry them to great heights throughout their adult lives."

Participating restaurants include Chef by Design, Hummingbird Macarons & Desserts, Jody's Popcorn, Rodman's Barbecue, Guy Fieri's Smokehouse, Todd Jurich's Bistro, S'mores Amore and Slide Thru #Fam.

Featured silent auction items include a hands-on sailing experience through the beautiful waters of the San Diego Bay for 2 on the famous America's Cup yacht, Stars & Stripes USA 11. The package includes roundtrip airfare and hotel.

This year's sponsors are the Pro-

peller Club Port of Norfolk; General Dynamics NASSCO-Norfolk; The Port of Virginia; TowneBank; S.B. Ballard Construction Co.; Virginia Pilot Association; Waterside District; Wolcott, Rivers, Gates; Bischoff Martingayle PC; Capital Concrete; Crofton Industries; GROW; Hampton Roads Shipping Association; Harbor Group International; Mike & Andria McClellan; Navy League of Hampton Roads; Palladium Registered Investment Advisors; PIMCO; Southern Bank; Virginia Maritime Association; Ware Insurance; Garrett Berger; The New Leaf; Kory Lee Photography; Dead Reckoning Distillery; Tito's Handmade Vodka.

Frisky on the Wisky will be held rain or shine. VIP tickets are \$110 per person; Frisky on the Wisky tickets are \$85 per person, and all tickets include a commemorative cup. Prices will increase April 29. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit sailnauticus.org or call (757) 664-1011.



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35th Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival Blooms in Norfolk, May 18 & 19

From Cindy Mackey

NORFOLK

Hope House Foundation hosts the 35th Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival, a free two-day community event featuring 125+ artists, musicians and food vendors. The Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival, presented by Union Bank & Trust, takes place in Stockley Gardens Park at the corner of Stockley Gardens and Olney Road in Norfolk on May 18 and 19.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Stockley Gardens Arts Festival has been named as one of the top two outdoor art festivals in Eastern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine readers for six years.

Artists present works in various media including painting, glass, sculpture, photography, and jewelry. This year's judge is Lorraine Peltz who teaches at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Everyone is welcome to the free Art Party sponsored by O'Connor Brewing Company. This fun event recognizes artists awards and features the band the Delirious George on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. with a cash bar.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18

- 11:30 a.m. Kayce Laine McGehee / Acoustic & Piano Pop
- 12:30 p.m. Holly Kirsten / Singer-Songwriter

- 2:00 p.m. Cole Stevens and the Delta Draggers / Delta Blues
- 3:30 p.m. Rachel and the Jelly-
- Cats / Burlesque Soul
 5:00 p.m. Delirious George / Precision Funk

Sunday, May 19

- 12:00 p.m. Jarvis Griffin / Rock
- 12:30p.m. Narissa Bond with Michael Glass / New Folk
- 1:45 p.m. Luca Burgalassi Band / Folk Blues
- 3:30 p.m. J.D. Silvia Band / Electric Blues

There are also activities for children throughout the weekend with clowns, musicians and art activities.

Hampton History Museum exhibit of Civil War watercolors and maps extended through May 27

From Hampton CVB HAMPTON, VA

"Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden" has been extended at the Hampton History Museum through May 27, 2019.

Organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture in Richmond, the touring exhibition was originally scheduled to close on April 21. It will go into deep storage when it leaves Hampton. This is the public's last chance to see these images for the foreseeable future.

Eyewitness accounts and images from the Civil War memoir of Union soldier. cartographer, and Confederate prisoner of war Robert Knox Sneden are showcased in an exhibition of 45 watercolor maps and drawings with views of battles, battlefields and military life that provide a unique and mesmerizing perspective on the Civil War. Local imagery includes a rendering of Hampton after its 1861 destruction by fire, a depiction of Fortress Monroe, as well as maps and views of the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, along with other extraordinary scenes.

The entire Sneden collection, a 5,000-page memoir, four scrapbooks and 1,000 watercolors, represents perhaps one of the largest collections of Civil War soldier art ever produced. The collection forms one of the premier treasures of the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (formally known as the Virginia Historical Society). His scrapbooks came to light

in 1993 after having lain for more than sixty years in a bank vault. Research on them led to the discovery in 1997 of the five-volume diary-memoir in a mini-storage unit outside Tucson.

Robert Knox Sneden (1832-1918) was born in Nova Scotia and later moved to New York City, where, in the summer of 1861, he enlisted in the 40th New York Infantry Regiment. Sneden served with the Army of the Potomac in Virginia during the Peninsula Campaign and the Seven Days'Battles and in Washington, D.C., as a topographical engineer on the staff of Maj. Gen. Samuel P. Heintzelman. In November 1863 he was captured by Mosby's Rangers and spent the next thirteen months as a prisoner of war in various Confederate prisons including Andersonville in Georgia. After his exchange in December 1864, he was discharged and returned to New York City where he compiled a diary/memoir and a scrapbook of images documenting his service in the Civil War. He died at the Soldiers Home in Bath, N.Y., in 1918.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. Open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. -5 p.m. Closed major holidays. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, active military, active NASA, AAA, children 4-12, free to children under 4.

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5 simple breakfast hacks for a hassle-free morning

From Brandpoint

Weekday mornings can be rough, trying to get yourself and your family up and dressed, fed, then out the door in time for school and work. It's tough to make sure everyone gets something healthy to eat before dashing out to start the day. What if there were a few simple things you could do to make your morning routine run more smoothly, all while making delicious breakfast choices?

Try these breakfast hacks to help simplify your morning and nourish everyone at the

Prep for the morning before going to

everyone choose and set out their next-day outfits the night before, to avoid last-minute closet and laundry room scrambles. Then program your coffee maker. It sounds simple, but how many of us actually do this? Most coffee makers can be preset to start at a certain time in the morning. Even the most basic coffee maker can be fitted with a filter and prefilled with grounds and

water, ready to go when you wake up. This way at least the adults in the household will be fully awake.

Make a blender smoothie the night be-

Want to be sure the kids drink some milk and get a little fruit in their breakfast? The night before, blend milk and/or yogurt with the kids' favorite fruits or fruit juice. Include some ripe berries or bananas and add a little honey or agave for sweetness, if needed. Store in the fridge and give it a quick mix in the morning to be sure it's blended before

Provide fresh fruit daily.

Set out a fruit bowl with apples, bananas and tangerines - then if kids don't choose one for breakfast, grab a couple to put in lunch boxes to give them another opportunity to eat fresh fruit. Luckily, these fruits come in their own packaging!

Make a hearty breakfast ahead.

Bake a hot breakfast the day before that you can heat up in the morning. Try this delicious recipe that your kids will love. One bowl and one pan are all you need.

Cheesy Potatoes

20 minutes prep time, 80 minutes total time. Makes 8 servings.

Ingredients

1 package Simply Potatoes Shredded Hash Browns

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1 can cream of potato soup 1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup sliced green onion

1 tablespoon butter, melted 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a two-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir to mix well. Spread in prepared pan. Bake uncovered 55-60 minutes or until potatoes are tender and center is heated through. (An 11 x 7-inch rectangular or 8-inch square baking dish can also be

Make a breakfast to go.

The day before, bake a delicious, portable breakfast that can be eaten on the drive to school. These Mini Hash Brown Casseroles can be baked in muffin cups so that kids - or you - can take them along when you're pressed for time.

Mini Hash Brown Casseroles

10 minutes prep time, 30 minutes total time. Makes 24 servings.

Ingredients

1 package Simply Potatoes Shredded Hash Browns

1 pound Bob Evans Original Roll Sausage

4 large eggs

1/2 cup milk

3 tablespoons butter, melted

1 cup ham, cubed

1 cup red pepper, diced 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a skillet, cook sausage according to package directions. Lightly grease two 12-cup muffin tins or use muffin cups. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Fill muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake for 27-30 minutes.

With a little planning ahead, plus making sure your kitchen is stocked with good ingredients for breakfast, your mornings can go much more smoothly. Preparing hearty, delicious breakfasts ahead of time will save a lot of hassle and hurry - and everyone will

5 best strategies to beat the heat and save energy this summer

From Brandpoint

When the temperatures start going up, so do your energy bills. If you're looking for ways to save energy and keep your house cooler at the same time, there are a number of strategies you can use that will save you money and make you and your family more comfortable all summer long.

1. Get smart about air conditioning

Cool your home using the latest smart technology. LG Electronics'smart window and portable room air conditioners are a great option to beat the summer heat, as they deliver up to 40% more energy efficiency than the minimum Energy Star requirement. Unlike traditional room air conditioners that turn on full blast and then shut off completely to cool a room, LG's new Dual Inverter Compressor(TM) technology adjusts its speed constantly to maintain desired temperature levels - saving energy and reducing your energy bill. They have options for just about any room size, from portunits like the LG LP1419IVSM that can cool an area up to 800 square feet, to window units like the LW2217IVSM that cool areas from 800 to 1,300 square feet.

For even more energy efficiency, LG's room air conditioners allow for remote control through their SmartThinQ mobile app from anywhere, so you can start or stop cooling, change the mode or set temperatures using your smartphone. It also works with the Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa, so you can change your air conditioner settings with voice commands at home.

2. Block the sun It may seem obvious, but the heat of the sun each day is what can make rooms in your house unbearably hot. Take a look at the window treatments you currently have, starting with the ones that see the most sunlight during the day. Using effective blinds, shades, shutters or curtains can help shield especially south-facing rooms from getting overly hot. Likewise, smart landscaping outside those windows can also help. Consider planting trees and shrubs strategically in your yard to help shade your home, which can also help shelter your house from harsh winter winds. Effective planting can be a great long-term aid in keeping your home cooler. A good



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landscaping consultant may be able to help you develop a plan.

3. Keep hot air out, cool air

Just as you want to keep out cold air in the winter, it's a good idea to check all your windows, doors and insulation for their ability to keep hot air out and cooled air in. Replacing old, leaky windows or using caulk to seal up drafty spots can be a very effective energy saver in the summer as well as the winter. A professional energy audit conducted by your energy company can help you find leaks that may add up to a lot of wasted energy. Then you can develop a plan to replace or repair any windows, doors or areas of insulation where you are losing the most cooled air in the summer.

4. Turn off what you're not

You'd be amazed how much energy you can save just by consistently turning off all the lights and other electronics when they are not being used. It's also a good idea to replace your old lightbulbs - which produce heat - with LED bulbs, which are both cooler and use less power.

5. Use appliances strate-

gically

Avoid heating up the entire house by not using your oven on hot days. Instead, cook with your microwave, on the stovetop, using a toaster oven or grilling food outdoors. Run the large appliances such as your clothes washer, dryer and dishwasher during off-peak hours, like during the evening.

All of these approaches can help you save tons of energy as well as money, and will keep you and your family cooler throughout the summer. Looking for a new air conditioner before temps heat up? Visit



Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

The Annabelle doll in New Line Cinema's horror film "Annabelle Comes Home," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

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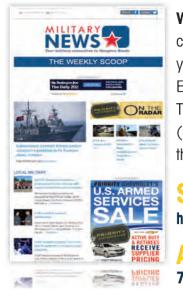
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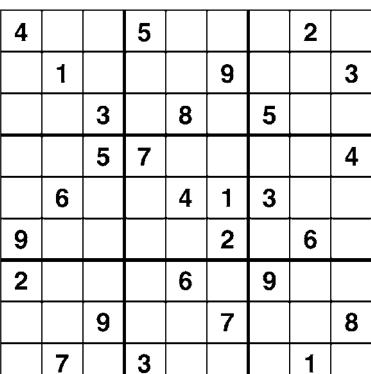
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